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Edington Village Fête
Saturday 7th June, 2pm
Coal Path Field
Entry & Games Free

Stalls
Games
Races
Bouncy Castle
Balloon Creations
Cream Teas and more

Antiques Valuations by
TV Presenter Paul Martin
plus Edington Brass



Welcome to the sixtieth edition of the Edington Village News produced by villagers for the village of Edington.

Yes, we have been producing this for the last five years and it all started with Covid!

In this month's edition we have reminders about the Edington Village Fete and for everyone to ensure that their part of the village is clean and tidy ready for the Best Kept Village Competition judging, which will take place from now and into the next few weeks.

Deadline for articles 10th of the month



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Local surgeries latest



White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery

Westbury surgery TELEPHONE 01373 828330
Bratton Surgery TELEPHONE 01380 831911
For medical emergencies dial 999

Despite requesting information from the surgery they have not sent us anything and their new website no longer has a latest news section so unfortunately we cannot provide any news from the Westbury White Horse Health Centre.

Editors

Dr Edwards & Partners

westburygp.co.uk



Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington

Telephone 01380 813 300
For medical emergencies dial 999

Courtyard surgery continue to produce a monthly newsletter for their patients and it can be found on the link below.

[Latest surgery newsletter can be found here.](#)

<https://www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk/>



Wiltshire Police

Specialist Operations at @wiltshirepolice

Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps
Some recent "encounters"

This Bulgarian HGV was seen stationary on the Hard Shoulder of the M4.



RPU officers went to enquire as to the reason for his presence, only to discover him to be highly intoxicated, providing a roadside reading of 100µg! Arrested, HGV removed to a safe location.

Spec Ops stopped a car in Marlborough. The driver, who was wanted on court warrant,



admitted being disqualified and taking the vehicle without consent. He was further arrested on suspicion of drug driving.





Continued calls for victims and witnesses to report crimes as latest ONS stats published

Published:28/04/2025

We are encouraging victims and witnesses to continue to report crimes to us as the latest Office of National Statistics crime data was released.

The latest ONS figures, published on Thursday (24/04) and covering the year ending December 2024, show Wiltshire continues to have the lowest overall reported crime rate in the country, per 1,000 of population. According to the latest report, the number of total recorded crimes in Wiltshire fell by -5.6% - a decrease of 2,276 from 41,903 to 39,627— compared to the previous year.

The figures also showed that the number of crimes relating to violence against the person decreased year-on-year by -3.8% (total 16,316), robbery by -29.6% (total 214 and theft by -10.4% (total 10,895).

Within the theft category, burglary crimes reduced by -7.1% (total 1,645.)

Other categories which saw decreases are possession of weapons by -13% (total 366), and public order by -3.6% (total 3,496).

Reported sexual offences increased by 7.7% year on year (total 2,060 an increase of 148 from the previous year), which remains the lowest number per 1,000 population compared to other forces in the south west and other similar sized forces.

Other crime groups which increased include drugs by 10.8% (total 1,148 up from 1,036, an increase of 112 from the previous year) and miscellaneous by 13.2% (total 925).

Wiltshire Police Deputy Chief Constable Mark Cooper said: “While it is encouraging to see that Wiltshire continues to have the lowest number of crimes per 1,000 population of the 43 forces, we remain determined throughout the organisation to continue to drive

improvements and build trust with our communities.

“We are constantly reviewing and refining our processes, training and working in partnership to ensure that we deliver the best service possible for our communities, and it’s pleasing to see this ongoing work is contributing to the decrease in volume of some of the crime types.

“Regarding sexual offences, we know that it is an underreported crime. Over the past year we have done a significant amount of work within the Violence against Women and Girls (VAWG) space to encourage not only victims to report any offences to us, but also for members of the public to report when they see concerning behaviour. This helps us gather intelligence on those who potentially pose a risk of causing sexual harm in our communities.

“I would continue to encourage victims of sexual offences to have the confidence to come forward and report it as soon as possible so we can provide you the appropriate support and bring perpetrators to justice.”

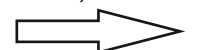
Man jailed for four years for setting fire to a barn in Bratton

Published:23/04/2025



A man has been sentenced to four years in prison for deliberately setting fire to a barn in Bratton.

Liam Jones, 29, of no fixed abode, was sentenced at Swindon Crown





Court on April 22 for arson.

Jones called police shortly after committing the offence at around 3pm on January 24 this year, admitting that he had set fire to the barn on Quarry Lane. He pleaded guilty to the offence at Swindon Magistrates Court on January 25.

Once released from prison Jones will remain on licence for three years. He was also ordered to pay a surcharge of £228.

In a statement read out in court, the farmer said, "The impact that this has had on me and my business has been vast. The fire caused stress to young cattle that were housed in the adjoining building to where the fire was. The cattle were affected by the smoke, and some developed a cough caused by the smoke. This may also have long-term health damage to them and may even cause restrictions to their growth rate.

"Due to the fire, I had to find alternative housing for the cattle, which proved to be an enormous task, as they were of different age groups and I had to mix male and female cows together.

"My main barn has completely burnt down which housed all my feed that I required until Springtime. This included around 300 feed bales and 30 more large bales of straw, which was needed for bedding. The estimated cost of the lost feed and bedding was around £25,000.

"The whole incident has caused huge stress to my family and especially my two young children, who were extremely upset to see the aftermath of the fire and the impact that this thoughtless and inconsiderate act has had on my family and my business."

Local crime investigator Maria Doyle said, "This reckless and dangerous incident of arson has caused a significant financial loss to the farmer as well as causing issues with feed for his animals.

"This was a serious offence that could have easily gone out of control.

"Tackling rural crime remains a priority of Wiltshire Police, and we will not hesitate in bringing charges to court."

International recognition for Wiltshire Police's ICT team for use of robotic automation

Published: 12/05/2025

Wiltshire Police's ICT Robotic Delivery Team has received international recognition for its pioneering use of robotic process automation (RPA), winning a prestigious award at the SS&C Blue Prism Customer Excellence Awards held in New York.

The team was named the winner in the Rising Star category, an accolade that celebrates emerging leaders in intelligent automation. The awards are judged by a panel of global industry experts, including analysts, consultants, and journalists, and recognise organisations that are using RPA to deliver innovation, impact, and operational efficiency.

Under the leadership of Mark Levitt, Head of ICT, and Lynsay Birkett, Robotic Delivery Manager, the team has successfully implemented 25 automated processes using Blue Prism RPA, transforming how the force delivers services and supports frontline policing.

Chief of Corporate Services, John Derryman, commented: "This well-deserved award reflects the transformative work carried out by the team in this area."

"By embracing developments in automation, our Robotics Team has been able to free up time for colleagues to focus on supporting front-line policing."

In its commendation, the judging panel remarked:

"Wiltshire Police is setting a national benchmark for intelligent automation, saving £1.11 million in the first year and freeing up 27.6 FTEs to focus on frontline policing. With 23 processes planned by 2025, they've scaled at record pace, achieving full ROI (Return On Investment) in just six months."



This cycle sportive, organised by Iconic Cycling Events, will give the opportunity for hundreds of cyclists to ride one of three fully supported routes of 27, 54 or 77 miles into the beautiful Cotswolds whilst raising money for their favourite charity or for our nominated charity, the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance.

Fraser Normington, Fundraising Manager at the Charity said, "We're so grateful to the team at Iconic Cycling Events for choosing to support Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity at their Bike Bath event this year. We provide critical medical care by land and air across Wiltshire and Bath. But we can't do this vital work without the support of our local communities. The support of Bike Bath and the cyclists taking part makes a huge difference to our Charity."

Richard Edwards at Iconic Cycling Events commented, "We are very excited to return to The Rec and to be able to support such a fantastic local charity. We are also very grateful to our Bike Bath corporate partners, Milsted Langdon, HPH Commercial Property, Bath Clinic and Bath Rugby who recognise the benefits being associated with this cycle event will provide."

So why not get together with a group of friends for a bit of fun or use this as a fundraising opportunity to support Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity.

[Click here for more information](#)

Find out where we have been carrying out our lifesaving work across Wiltshire, Bath and surrounding areas recently.

06 May 2025

Trauma injury relating to an assault

06 May 2025

Trauma injury relating to a fall, land assisted to hospital

05 May 2025

Road traffic collision involving a car

05 May 2025

Trauma injury relating to a fall, joint mission with the other critical care car

05 May 2025

Trauma injury relating to a fall, joint mission with the other critical care car

04 May 2025

Other trauma injury

04 May 2025

Neurological/Epileptic medical incident





Wiltshire Council

Latest news from the Council

Council prosecutes fly-tipper caught on car park CCTV

Published 9 May 2025



Fly-tipping prosecution Westbury car park Wiltshire Council has successfully prosecuted a Wiltshire resident who was caught on CCTV fly-tipping tyres in a Westbury car park.

Mr Roger Burgess, of Warminster Road, Westbury, appeared at Salisbury Magistrates Court on Thursday 24 April and pleaded guilty to fly-tipping tyres in Warminster Road Car Park, Westbury, on 2 November 2023. He was fined a total of £500, including costs.

The council's Environmental Enforcement Team received a fly-tipping report from Warminster Town Council, which also monitors CCTV in Westbury and had captured a man fly-tipping the tyres on its cameras.

The footage showed a male arriving in the car park in a Vauxhall Astra and unloading objects from the rear of the vehicle. A second vehicle later joins, and the occupants are seen exchanging objects between the two vehicles. As the Astra leaves the car park, dumped tyres are visible at the rear of the car park space.

Officers traced the vehicle back to Mr Burgess, with the second vehicle traced to another owner, who cannot be named. When

the second owner provided evidence that the fly-tipped tyres belonged to Mr Burgess, he was interviewed under caution and gave the excuse that he had removed the tyres to unload other items and then forgot about them when he left. He was issued with a fixed penalty notice of £400 (the maximum penalty fine at the time), which was not paid and therefore resulted in conviction in court.

Start your fostering journey. Wiltshire Council takes to the roads to encourage more foster carers to come forward.

Wiltshire Council's fostering team is touring the county this Foster Care Fortnight asking people to take the leap and foster for their local council.

Published 9 May 2025

Monday 12 May marks the start of Foster Care Fortnight with this year's theme The Power of Relationships. The team will be joining key events, markets, shopping centres and libraries among other places so people can drop in and have a chat with the team, with foster carers also attending some events providing first-hand experiences.

Thursday 15 May - Devizes Market - 9am - 2pm

Friday 16 May Chippenham Market - 10am - 2pm

Saturday 17 May Castle Combe Steam Rally from 10am and also People in the Park Salisbury - 10:30am - 4:30pm

Sunday 18 May - Trowfest 2025 at Trowbridge Rugby club 12 noon - 4pm.

For more information on fostering visit <https://fostering.wiltshire.gov.uk/>





People invited to have their say on plans to protect the impact of development on Stonehenge and Avebury

Published 7 May 2025



A consultation is under way on a draft Setting Study for the Stonehenge and Avebury World Heritage Site (WHS) which, if adopted, will be used to ensure that developments in Wiltshire do not adversely impact the internationally significant monuments and the area they are located in.

The proposal is to introduce a Supplementary Planning Document and if it is brought in, it will become a 'material consideration' and would be taken into account when deciding any planning application in the area.

People and stakeholders are able to provide their thoughts on the possible introduction of the Supplementary Planning Document via a consultation, which is now open and runs until 5pm on 17 June.

Sarah Valdus, Wiltshire Council Director - Environment, said: We encourage people to provide their thoughts on this proposed document, that, if adopted, will help safeguard the World Heritage Site and ensure any planning decisions and developments are in its best interests.

For more details on the consultation, people can visit

<https://consult.wiltshire.gov.uk/kse/>.

Marlborough builder sentenced to 18-month community order for fraudulent works

Published 29 April 2025

Mr O'Shaughnessy fraudulent works
A Marlborough builder has been handed an 18-month community order requiring him to complete 300 hours of unpaid work after pleading guilty of three counts of fraud.

James O'Shaughnessy (41), who traded as EJ Build and Renovate, appeared on Tuesday 29 April at Salisbury Crown Court. At the hearing, the judge ordered Mr O'Shaughnessy to pay £114 compensation to the victims, equal to the victim surcharge which was waived. He was also warned that if he breached the community order, he would receive a sentence of two years and three months imprisonment.

Salisbury farmers sentenced following mistreatment of cattle

Published 25 April 2025

Two farmers from Orcheston, near Salisbury were sentenced at Salisbury Magistrates Court on Thursday 24 April after previously being found guilty of animal welfare offences and breaching a disqualification order.

Michael Babey (69) was sentenced to 20 weeks imprisonment suspended for two years. He was ordered to pay costs of £5,000 and a victim surcharge of £154. Julia Babey (52) was sentenced to a 12-month community order, fined £100 and must pay a victim surcharge of £114 plus £200 costs. Both have also been disqualified from keeping all animals except cats, dogs and cockatiels for 10 years.

All the charges relate to cattle kept on land at Tanners Lane in Shrewton.



Household Recycling Centre summer opening times



Our Household Recycling Centres are now open from 9am each opening day instead of 10am as part of our summer opening times.

Our sites in Salisbury, Trowbridge and Stanton St Quintin (Chippenham) will also open for an additional day per week.

Save time by sorting your waste before visiting. If you don't have time at home, make use of the sorting tables while on site.

Monthly Myth Buster



Myth - all recyclables must be perfectly clean.
Fact - while it's good to rinse items, they don't need to be spotless. A quick rinse is usually enough.

Never put batteries or electricals in any bin



Batteries and electricals contaminating bins can cause fires.

Unfortunately we have experienced three incidents of waste catching fire in our refuse vehicles in the past month. Thanks to the prompt action of the crew, there have been no injuries or significant damage to the vehicle.

Never put batteries or electricals in any bin, instead make use of the kerbside services available to you:

Electricals smaller than a shoe box can be collected at the kerbside, by placing these next to your recycling bin in a supermarket carrier bag.

Recycle larger electricals by bringing them to a recycling centre.

Recycle batteries by leaving them in a clear sealed bag on top of your blue-lidded bin or next to your blue sack on collection day.





Village Musings

We have such a strong and welcoming community in our village, with activities, clubs and social events that help to engage as many people as possible in village life.



On 5th May Bank Holiday our village celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day with a street party on the village green next to the pond. The centre piece of the day was the well dressing, where an amazing art installation was created in clay by a very talented village artist and then was decorated by lots of




villagers, adults and children, with flowers, shells, seeds, cones and other natural materials. Children arranged containers of flowers around the well, there was tea and



cake on offer, there were old fashioned games like sack races and egg and spoon races as well as crafts for the children, there was a sing along of war time songs and short speeches by a representative of the British Legion and by the parish council chair. It was a wonderful village event supported by many of our village families, enjoying each other's company and having fun. We are grateful to all those who worked so hard to make sure everything came together so perfectly on the day.



There are so many events and activities that people can choose to join in our village. We are always looking for people to help with village maintenance, meeting once a month to help keep our village beautiful and tidy. We also have a monthly lunch in the 



The countryside charity
Wiltshire

Best Kept Village Competition

Edington will be entering the Council for Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Best Kept Village Competition this year.

The Judges will be visiting the village from 12th May to 8th June.

We will be judged on a variety of factors including, the tidiness of the village and absence of fly tipping and litter, in all areas including Public open spaces and Footpaths. Notice Boards will be checked including looking for any out-of-date material which is still advertised, and our bus stop will be checked for cleanliness. The exterior of public buildings including the Priory will be visited. We can all play part, by ensuring that the area around our homes is free of litter and that verges are tidy. If you spot anything that you think is relevant and you are unable to remedy it, please do let me know and hopefully it can be dealt with.

We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful village and we hope that the Judges will appreciate our community, and everything that is available to residents and visitors alike.

Please feel free to contact me if you have comments or questions about the competition this year.

Best wishes and good luck to Edington!

Suzanne Wickham.

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Mobile: 07967 213336

Parish Hall for everyone who is free on that day, there are Tuesday coffee mornings in the pub, Christmas carols in the village field at Christmas, many different church services, and wassailing in early spring. There are art and music events through the year. More details for these events are published in this newsletter.

There are also lots of special interest clubs that people might like to join – among them, Bell Ringers, Edington and Tinhead WI, Edington Arts, Edington Brass, Edington Music Festival, Edington & District Gardening Club, Edington Priory Church Choir, Let's Move Dance Fitness and Yoga with Marilyn.

For such a small village, we certainly do offer a huge variety of activities. Please do come along to anything that takes your interest. This is where the community is built.

Mercedes Henning



Edington Village Fête

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Coal Path Field

Entry & Games Free

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www.edingtonpriory.church



Waders around Edington – Part 4

Waders are the most magnificent group of birds. I don't think there can be any better sight on a cool autumn morning seeing flocks of waders scurrying across the mud flats in search of food and with any slight disturbance sending them swirling into the air before landing again.

The British Isles is blessed with some 78 species of waders of which about half have been recorded here in Wiltshire. The best time and place to see waders in Wiltshire is at Langford Lakes during the winter months, as it's a well-known site for wintering waders. The Cotswold Water Park also offers a variety of waders, especially Green Sandpipers.

Identifying waders can be challenging, as many of them vary their plumage with the seasons and are superficially similar to one another in both appearance and name. In some species of waders, the breeding plumage significantly differs from their migration plumage. This is primarily due to enhancing their attractiveness for breeding and for camouflage while migrating. Breeding plumage is often more vibrant and striking, while migration plumage is more muted and blended with the environment. The following species have been recorded in Wiltshire over the past couple of years.

Little Ringed Plover

The Little Ringed Plover is a small plover with a distinctive black and white head pattern. It has a black beak and pale yellowish legs and a distinctive yellow eye-ring. It is found mainly in man-made freshwater habitats and feeds chiefly on insects, spiders and other small crustaceans found in or close to shallow water,

It first bred in the UK in 1938 and is now a year-round resident of a large part of England and Wales – thanks to man-made habitats such as gravel pits, mining areas, reservoirs

and sewage treatment works. It has recently been recorded at Eysey in Wiltshire on the 16th of April 2025 and the 20th of August 2024



Little Ringed Plover (del S.F. Henning)

Spotted Redshank

The Spotted Redshank is a medium sized elegant wading bird. In summer, the adults have breeding plumage that is almost entirely black, save for some white spotting on the wings, and a striped tail. In winter, they have a grey back and paler under parts, with a prominent white eye stripe.

When feeding it frequently wades into deep water. Submerging its whole head in its search for food or simply skimming the surface with its bill. It sometimes chases after prey which may be the adults or larvae of water beetles and flies, or small fish. It will also feed on shrimps, shellfish and worms. It will readily swim and is usually found singly or in small groups.

It breeds in the Arctic tundra on bogs and marshes in woodland, so we are unlikely see its dark breeding plumage here in Wiltshire. It migrates from northern European and Siberian breeding areas to winter in Europe, Africa, China and south-east Asia. In Britain it is mainly a passage migrant, seen in both spring and autumn. Here it can be found on freshwater sites inland such as





shallow pools, reservoirs, lakes but also can be found on coastal marshes. It was recorded last winter on the Thames path between Eysey and Castle Eaton in Wiltshire on the 11th of November 2024



The Spotted Redshank in its winter plumage (del S.F. Henning)

Wood Sandpiper

The Wood Sandpiper is a medium-sized wading bird, with a fine straight bill, yellowish legs and a conspicuous white stripe from the bill over the eye to the back of the neck



Wood Sandpiper (del S.F. Henning)

Generally, it occurs singly or in small groups on freshwater marshes, often where vegetation emerges above the water. It feeds mainly on beetles, flies and dragonfly nymphs, caddis flies, mayflies and moths.

It is a passage migrant in spring and autumn, breeding in Northern Europe and wintering in Africa. A few pairs breed in the Scottish Highlands. It was recorded from Eysey, Wiltshire on 19th of July 2024

Common Green Shank

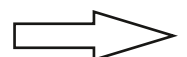
A medium-sized slim wader with greyish plumage and white belly. Its green legs and slightly up-turned bill help to distinguish it from other waders. It calls regularly making a “tewtew.” call and is seen on its own and in small groups.

It feeds mainly by striding in water, picking and sweeping with its bill. In Wiltshire it will feed mainly on beetles, worms, snails, dragonfly nymphs and small fish.

It breeds in Scotland and across northern Europe into Asia. It migrates and overwinters in Africa, southern Asia and Australia occurring in varied wetland habitats. Most Scottish birds overwinter in Southwest Britain and Ireland. It was recorded on the 22nd of September 2024 at Swindon in Wiltshire.



Common Green Shank (del S.F. Henning)





Lesser Yellow Legs

The Lesser Yellowlegs is a grayish brown bird with vivid yellow legs. They have fine, grey streaking across the head and neck, a white eye ring, and white spots on the back and wings. Bill is entirely dark.

It typically inhabits wet areas like marshes, mudflats, and shallow ponds. It feeds mainly on aquatic and terrestrial invertebrates, including insects like flies and beetles, as well as crustaceans, molluscs, and small fish.

It is a rare vagrant recorded sporadically throughout the year, though with slightly more regular occurrence in autumn. Some birds overwinter. It usually arrives between July and October when it should be migrating between north and South America but gets caught up in strong easterly airflows. It was recorded on the 11th of November 2024 on the Thames Path between Cricklade to Roundhouse and at Cricklade on the 6th of July 2024



Lesser Yellowlegs (del S.F. Henning)

Knot

The Knot is a dumpy, legged, stocky wading bird. In winter, it is grey above and white below. In summer breeding plumage the chest, belly and face are brick-red.

It is mainly a bird of the seashore,

especially estuaries and mudflats. It is rare inland, although single birds, often juveniles will appear on the edges of lakes and reservoirs. It feeds by probing in the mud with its bill for small shellfish and snails. It will also feed on a wide range of flies, beetles, worms and plant material.

Large numbers of knots visit the UK in winter from their Arctic breeding grounds. It forms huge flocks in winter, and it is a spectacular sight to them flashing their pale underwings as they twist and turn. The knot uses British estuaries as feeding grounds, both on migration and in winter. It has been recorded at Langford Lakes with one record being from the 13th of May 2022.



The Knot in winter plumage (del S.F. Henning)

Sanderling

The Sanderling is similar to the knot, but is smaller and paler, with a dark patch on the shoulder and with black, rather than greenish-yellow, legs. In the winter, it is silvery-grey, almost white, with a bright white belly and a short straight black bill.

It is most easily recognised by its behaviour, scampering about on the sand rather than walking and probing in the mud. It feeds in small flocks at the water's edge, sprinting backwards and forwards after the waves, looking for marine crustaceans, fish





and even jellyfish to eat.

It visits the UK in winter from its Arctic breeding grounds but can also be seen as it passes through on migration during spring and autumn. Despite its diminutive size, it flies thousands of miles to spend the winter on the Solent coast, all the way from the Siberian Arctic and Greenland. Individual Sanderlings have been known to make annual round trips of nearly 20,000 miles between their breeding and wintering grounds. It was recorded at the Cotswold water park on the 13th of May 2022.



Sanderling (del S.F. Henning)

Dotterel

The Dotterel is a medium-sized wader which has largely grey-brown upperparts and bright chestnut belly, with a white chest band, throat and eyestripe which contrasts with its dark cap. It is unusual because the adult female is brighter than the male, mirroring the role-reversal seen in how they raise their young. The male is the one who incubates the eggs and looks after the chicks when they hatch.

The Dotterel is related to plovers and migrates here in early summer from southern Europe and North Africa to breed amongst the rocky and mossy wastes of Britain's highest mountains in Scotland and northern England. Small groups of these migrating Dotterel can

turn up on low-lying arable farmland, hills and areas of short grass such as golf courses. These are known as 'trips', where the birds stop to feed before heading on up to the mountains. It eats spiders, worms, beetles, sawflies and crane flies. It can occasionally turn up in Wiltshire where it was recorded at Broad Mead Brook on the 6th of May 2019.



Dotterel (del S.F. Henning)

There are also several other wader species recorded from Wiltshire over the past 25 years. A number of these are from the Cotswold water park namely the Black-bellied Plover, Temminck's Stint, Curlew Sandpiper, white-rumped Sandpiper, spotted Sandpiper, buff-breasted Sandpiper. Other species are the Kentish Plover and the Red-necked Phalarope which was recorded from The Crammer in Devizes on the 3rd of October 2005. There is also a record of the Pectoral Sandpiper, a rare visitor from America which was recorded last winter on the Thames path between Eysey and Castle Eaton in Wiltshire on the 5th of November 2024.

Stephen Henning



Edington Village Fete Saturday 7th June
Come and enjoy a cream tea



homemade cakes and a selection of hot
and cold drinks.

You will find us in front of the Church
Raising money for the Parish Hall
Improvement Fund.

(cash or card payment accepted)



First Round Judging - 12 May

to 8th June.

*Please help the village to win by
making sure that your garden
and the surrounding pavement
and road is tidy and free of litter.*



Edington Parish Hall

Continuing our new feature of looking at groups that use the Parish Hall, this month we have two groups in focus.

FOCUS ON: THE FOUR VILLAGES LINK

The Four Villages LINK Scheme is a voluntary group which offers local community support should you need it. There is no charge for services but donations are gratefully received



Transport can be provided for: Medical Appointments, Shopping, Visiting relatives or friends in hospital, Social visits, Attendance at Luncheon Clubs, Day Centres, Organised Activities etc

Collecting: Shopping, Prescriptions, Library books
Volunteers also offer practical help for small tasks in the home or garden and caring support e.g. befriending or reading to a visually impaired client.

The LINK Scheme responds to the needs of the community and uses the skills offered by volunteers - if we can, when we can and how we can.

**MORE VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED CAN YOU HELP?
Call 07852 256 939 to Volunteer or to request a service**

FOCUS ON: EDINGTON & TINHEAD W.I.

- Meeting every second Tuesday of the month at 7.30pm, in Edington Parish Hall
- Not just for Edington and Tinhead. Members and visitors from our neighbouring villages of Coulston and Erlestoke would be most welcome to join us.
- At our monthly meetings we hear from speakers on a wide range of subjects, discuss topics of immediate interest from a local to national level, as well as catching up with friends and neighbours.
- We participate, as a group, in village activities and as groups or individuals attend local, county and national events, organised by the W.I.



**For more information Contact Anne Tottingham 07905 748 359
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Recipe of the month - May

RECIPE OF THE MONTH – CITRUS CAKE

A delicious alternative to a Lemon Drizzle Cake that combines lemon curd and orange zest and juice in the cake, finished with a tangy lemon glaze icing.

Why not come and try a piece while enjoying a cup of tea at the Village Fete on Saturday June 7th?

Cake Ingredients

175g(6oz) caster sugar
175g (6oz) butter or baking spread
3 medium eggs
2 oranges
175g (6oz) self-raising flour
5 tablespoons lemon curd

Icing Ingredients

150g (5oz) icing sugar
Finely grated rind of 1 lemon
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice

Oven temperature: 170C, Gas 4

Cooking Time: approx. 35 minutes



Method

1. Pre heat the oven. Grease and line a deep, round 20.5 cm (8 inch) cake tin.
2. Finely grate the oranges and squeeze out the juice.
3. Put the caster sugar and butter in to a mixing bowl and cream together until light and fluffy
4. Whisk the eggs together and gradually beat into the creamed mixture.
5. Beat in 2 tablespoons of the orange juice with 1 tablespoon of flour. Sieve the remaining flour and gradually fold in to the creamed mixture with a metal spoon or spatula.
6. Spoon the cake mixture in to the prepared tin.
7. Put the lemon curd in to a basin and stir in the finely grated orange rind and dot randomly across the top of the cake.
8. Using a fine skewer or a cocktail stick swirl the lemon curd mixture through the cake.
9. Bake in the oven for approximately 35 minutes until risen, golden brown and firm to touch. A fine skewer when inserted into the cake comes out clean. Allow to cool in the cake tin for 10 minutes and then carefully turn out on to a wire rack. Allow to cool completely.



To make the icing

Finely grate the lemon rind and squeeze out the juice.

Sieve the icing sugar into a bowl, add the lemon rind and approximately 1 tablespoon of lemon juice and mix to make a spreadable icing. Cover the top of the cake with the icing, allow to set and enjoy!



Edington & District Gardening Club

First Thursday in the month
Parish Hall, 7.00pm doors open.

Report for May 8th 2025, AGM and meeting.

Two new members joined us for the AGM and meeting. We welcome Shelagh and Donna, we hope you enjoy our meetings. There were no pertinent items to be brought up by members for the AGM, so the meeting quickly dealt with the items on the agenda. The Treasurers report and the existing committee members were all approved, and a report of the past year was read out. Thanks were given to the hardworking committee and the members who are always willing to help. Roses of Devizes and Bratton Plant Centre were also thanked for their support, and Lisa Parmley was thanked for sponsoring the village tubs for her 3rd year. A special thanks go to the Village Squad for helping with the damaged village box and to those who plant them up.

Charlotte Howard – Capability Charlotte Gardens then gave us a fascinating insight into her move from retail and sales into garden design! Following a very mixed and eccentric life she entered Lackham as a Mature student, especially enjoying the garden design module. Her first Show Garden was at the Bath & West in 2005, which won a gold medal! Charlotte completed a RHS Master's degree in 2016-2019. The main essence of garden design has 5 areas of interest - People, Space, Garden elements, Plants, and Sense of place. Charlotte then went on to explain each of these areas in more detail. The talk finished with a case study of one of her clients.

Members were given the dates through the summer months for various visits. June, July and August will see us visiting Cortington

Manor, Forest Lodge, Yeo Valley, Milton Lodge and Simpson Seeds. We are back in the Parish Hall for our regular meetings in October.

Don't forget the Village Fete on June 7th. Please bring along any spare plants you might have for the Plant Stall. Thank you.

The Flower & Produce Show Schedule is now available and is open to all. We look forward to seeing your entries in September!

If you would like to join us, please contact 830133 for more details.

[The full show schedule can be downloaded here.](#)



Edington & District Gardening Club

19th Flower and Produce Show

Saturday 6th September 2025

To be held in the Parish Hall

Show Open to the Public from 2.30pm

Admission: Adults 50p, Children: free

Refreshments available

9.00am	Parish Hall opens to exhibitors for staging
10.45am	Hall closed Exhibitors to leave Parish Hall
11.00am	Judging commences
2.30pm	Open to the Public
4.00pm	Prize Giving
4.30pm	Exhibits may be removed

Thank you for your support.



Edington Village Volunteers *Working to keep your village tidy*

April update

Jobs completed this month

1. Blanket weed cleared from pond and area tidied ready for the "Well Dressing" event, plus lots of strimming required around the pond area.
2. Cut back the over growth of vegetation etc. on the footpath leading from Westbury Road towards the pond.
3. Replaced broken step, from playing field into The Daggers.
4. Weeded "wildflower bed" Court Lane.
5. Prepared the old area and refilled new Village Box at Hudd's Mill Bridge. Refitted existing sponsor name board.

**Next session Wednesday 21st May 2025.
Meet at 9.30am in the Parish Hall car park.**

Come along and help keep **YOUR** village tidy





View from the Boundary

With the early summer time sun beating down, the cricket clubs season has well and truly got under way and what a brilliant start it has been. The preseason nets and April centre practices gave the clubs playing members plenty of opportunity to get out and find some form before the games got underway. The season opener, an interclub game, saw over 25 members of the club get together at The Walled Garden to christen the 2025 season. It was a great opener, and the success has continued to grow.

Our juniors are now into their 4th week and once again we have seen an amazing level of support from our youngsters. We have welcomed back lots from last season and attracted some new faces meaning that we have over 40 turning up on a Monday evening to play. We are really excited about the opportunity this year to play some friendly U9 fixtures and have already begun to focus on these skills and game play in our sessions. Its not too late to come along if you're interested in getting involved, so please get in touch if you have any questions.

The Wednesday side, this year led by Matt Grist, was the first official game of the season and saw us heading over to Horningsham for a T20. On a lovely evening, we batted first and managed to put together a good score for our first outing. It was particularly nice to have some new players in the team, including Cooper Webster who has joined us from Australia for the year, and they all managed to score some runs. With a score to defend, Skipper Grist rotated the bowlers well and

Horningsham came up just short in the end. A win and a great first game, not to mention the excellent way we were treated by our hosts, both during the game and in the pub afterwards.

Eager eyes then turned their attention to the Saturday side who would start their season playing away at newly promoted Bishops Cannings. On a glorious day in Coate, Bishops Cannings won the toss and elected to bat first. However, wickets fell regularly and the fielding of Erlestoke ensured that the home side were in the end restricted to 224. Special mention to Cooper Webster, who on debut took an impressive 5 wickets. An outstanding knock from the Bishops Cannings captain Stan Alsop of 118 was the standout performance with some mighty 6's being dispatched around various parts of the ground. Erlestoke started the chase patiently and soon were underway. Two quick wickets meant that Cooper now had a job to do with the bat and with Toby Dorgan, proceeded to chase down the runs. The end of Toby's innings of 53 brought older brother Joe to the crease and with Cooper, the total was chipped away. However, when they both fell in quick succession (Cooper 46, Joe 56) there was still some work to do. But Jonny Marrion and Joe Moloney were the perfect candidates to see us home and with a few overs to spare we had won by 5 wickets, a brilliant start to our season and an all-round team effort. Cooper deservedly took Man of the Match and enjoyed a few beers after in our celebrating first win. A huge credit to Bishops Cannings who were great hosts and didn't give up until the end. We wish them all the best in their season and look forward to welcoming them to The Walled Garden later in the summer.

The Sunday side then had a lot to live up too! 2 wins from 2 and heading to





Spye Park, Darryl Pearson was confident that he had an XI that could do a job. But the late-night celebrations of the night before might have been too much for some as we were not able to ever really get going. Batting first, we were only able to set 113 with George Greeves, a new player to the club, showing how it should be done with an impressive 46. Although there were breakthroughs, Spye Park were never in any real danger and chased down the total with some ease. Never mind- you can't win them all and it was back to the pub for a debrief and a reset.

Across all the games played so far it has been amazing to see so many new faces to the club, some playing their first game in over 10 years. It's a sign that we are heading in the right direction and doing the right things to keep our club going from strength to strength.

To this end, the new pavilion will be a huge draw for members in the coming years and we are excited that in the next few months, the start of the second phase, the timber structure construction, will be getting underway. It is a testament to the hard work by our members behind the scenes in the fundraising events that have been organised recently that we are in the position to press the button and start erecting the frame. It's going to be an exciting summer, and we can't wait to see the building come to life.

With a cricket packed summer ahead of us there is plenty of cricket to be played and we are always looking to welcome new players. So if you are new to the area or have just not played for a while, don't let that put you off coming along and having a game. We would love to welcome you to the club.

Joe Dorgan
ECC Chairman



Can you help the Salisbury Soroptimists please?

They are collecting gently used bras / maternity bras to be sent to Africa for girls and women who cannot afford them.

Last year the Salisbury group collected over 6,000! I will take any donations- just leave them by my door or in a box at Edington Priory Church.

Cut off date to donate will be
Thursday, June 26 th.

Thank you.

Janet Swain 07568 501 940
3, Salisbury Hollow,
Edington BA13 4PF

**Soroptimist International is a
global movement of
women....**

**..... all working together to
make the world a better place
for women and girls**

Being a Soroptimist is about making a difference to the lives of women & girls both here in Salisbury and in the wider world. Find out how, by joining SI Salisbury, you can make a difference too.

Apart from monthly meetings, we raise funds to support our two main charities (currently Salisbury Womens' Refuge and EdUKaid, a charity based in Downton working with girls in rural Tanzania) and work on Programme Action, or projects.

[Find out more about us here](#)



Edington and Bratton Bell Ringers



Ringling can be fun and is an activity for all ages, generally from 10+ You don't need to be musical, strong or religious.

It's an enjoyable, satisfying and exhilarating workout.

We need more ringers in our village, give it a try.

Come along to our practice night on Tuesdays 7-00 to 8-30.

Contact - John Richardson 01380
830902



Forthcoming roadworks

Salisbury Hollow - Byway 26 (Part), Edington - Emergency Closure of the Byway 9 Apr - 29 Oct All the time

The current condition of the public right of way poses a safety risk to both pedestrians and vehicles due to the extensive cracking of the surface.

A360 Church Street West Lavington 21 May 09:30 - 23 May 15:00

Surface Dressing and associated works
6 Jun 19:00 - 9 Jun 06:00
Reinstatement of road studs and other associated maintenance works

Edington to West Ashton road, from East Town Road to Crossroads Farm

2 Jun 09:00 - 13 Jun 15:00

Drainage CCTV investigation survey and associated works

Edington Road to Steeple Ashton

16 Jun - 17 Jun All of the time road closure

Wessex Water - box and associated works

You can find out about roadworks across Wiltshire by going to <https://one.network/>

Four Villages Link



Please call 0785 25 6939 to offer your services or if you are requesting help. Thank you.



Let's Move!

Dance Fitness

Low Impact Dance Fitness

Edington Parish Hall

Tuesdays 10-10:45am



A monthly meet-up
to explore
the **big questions** of life
- all faiths and none

What is God like?

Whatever we choose?

All views welcome. Tell us what *you* think.

Saturday 31st May, 5-6pm

Edington Parish Hall

Hot drinks served from 4.30pm



Keevil school news – for April 2025

• Our Ofsted report is in. While this was an ungraded inspection, we were very proud and pleased to receive confirmation that we have maintained our ‘good’ standards. The full report is available on the website, but some personal highlights include “The school is ambitious for pupils, including those with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)” and “Pupils’ service to the school and the wider community is commendable” which both confirm that the inspectors really understood the school and what makes us special.

• Following our SIAMS inspection in January, we were delighted to hear that the inspector who visited us has flagged Keevil School to the national team for our exemplary practice, particularly in terms of living out our vision and enabling the children to flourish. Keevil School will be asked to contribute to a library of case studies that show excellence in certain areas. This is a great honour and testament to the hard work put in by the staff and the pupils to uphold our school values every day. Congratulations to everyone!



• We can’t wait to see you all at the 2025 Keevil School Scarecrow Trail – come and join us on Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th May. Parking my kind permission of The Manor House in the Cricket Club parking field. Follow the signs. Donations of bottles, raffle prizes, cuddly toys and cakes are still being accepted. If you would like to sponsor a scarecrow for £100, please get in touch via the school office.





• In other news, our classes had another busy month with lots of trips and excursions. Spring class enjoyed a short walk up to the church with Rev Jake for a session about Holy Communion. Spring and Summer classes both enjoyed trips to Woody's Farm to learn more about where food comes from and looking after the environment. Autumn class 'enjoyed' a trip to Sevington, a Victorian school. See photos.



Lindsey Hermon, Headteacher
Caroline Noonan, Chair of FoKS

• If that wasn't enough, there was an Easter bonnet parade and lots of litter picking to be done around the village as part of the Great British clean up.

• Congratulations to Kestrels for winning the house cup this term – all members of Kestrels got to enjoy a special Forest School session up in the field, complete with plenty of mud and s'mores (but not together!)

• Finally, a thank you to FoKS for donating an Easter treat to each pupil on the last day of term before the Easter holidays!

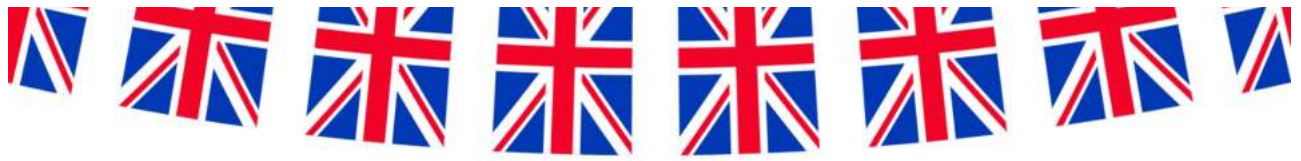


Remember we are in it to win it!

First Round Judging - 12 May to 8th

June.

Please help the village to win by making sure that your garden and the surrounding pavement and road is tidy and free of litter.



Friends of Keevil School invites you to the 2025

Keevil School Scarecrow Trail

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th May

10:00 - 16:00

This year's theme is:

British Literary Characters

Come and join us at the school and in the village for



Charity number: 1101055



WHITE HORSE NEWS

As you may have noticed the White Horse News is no longer delivered to properties in Edington, however we have been in contact with the publishers and they are happy for the Edington Village News to fill the gap and with their permission we will now be publishing extracts from their newsletter in our publication every month.

You can always read the full online edition at :- www.whitehorsenews.co.uk

Banking hub confirms community banker schedule

The schedule for when community bankers will be available at Westbury's new banking hub has been confirmed.

The hub, currently in a temporary location at The Reading Room in The Laverton, is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

Lloyds will be available on Mondays, NatWest on Tuesdays, HSBC on Wednesdays, and Barclays on Thursdays. Plans are in place for Halifax to attend on Fridays.

The hub offers everyday banking services and a community banker service, giving customers the chance to speak privately to a representative from their own bank on specific days.

Although the hub is now operational, Cash Access UK has confirmed it is working to secure a permanent location in the town, which will offer the same range of services.

Gareth Oakley, CEO of Cash Access UK, said, "The hub is available for everyday banking transactions throughout the week, and for more specific or complex enquiries, a community banker will be on-site to assist on designated days."

CCTV hub manager eager for new recruits to help tackle crime



Volunteers from Westbury have been encouraged to join a dedicated team which keeps a watchful eye over the town.

The Warminster and Westbury CCTV partnership operates 45 high-definition cameras which span over Warminster, Westbury and the West Wilts Trading Estate.

Mark Chalmers, who previously worked for the army and Avon and Somerset Police, heads up a team of paid and volunteer staff at a special location in Warminster, which isn't publicised due to security reasons.

He said, "There's a lot of teamwork here and a strong feeling of wanting to give back to the community."

"I started about three-and-a-half years ago in a completely different building with an old analogue system. The cameras were robust, but the images weren't much good."

"Councillors agreed we needed an update and we updated the system about two years ago. It's totally different now, the images are incredibly clear."

A standard shift at the CCTV hub might see staff scanning screens for missing persons, anti-social behaviour, car accidents, shoplifting or movement of drugs through the area.

[Read more here](#)





Cars damaged by ‘absolutely awful’ potholes in Westbury



Residents in Westbury are urging Wiltshire Council to address the persistent potholes on their streets, which they say have caused significant damage to their cars.

Locals from Green Lane, The Tynings, and Warminster Road have voiced their frustrations, citing ongoing issues with road defects.

One resident explained, “We are once again complaining to Wiltshire Council about the awful potholes in Green Lane. We want the road closed, if necessary overnight, to repair it properly – not just patched up as it has been in the past.

“I’ve had to balance my car wheels three times in the past four years, and now there’s a knocking sound that needs to be fixed. I believe it’s all due to the potholes, which are absolutely awful.”

Using the My Wiltshire app, the resident has reported the potholes to the council and has shared screenshots of her reports from 2022 to 2025 with the White Horse News.

She is encouraging others on Green Lane, The Tynings, and Warminster Road to report the potholes as well. “Loose chippings have been used to fill the potholes in the past, but that’s not been a long-term solution. Heavy rain just washes the gravel away,” she said.

[Read more here](#)

Plans for taller chimney at waste treatment centre come under fire



A planning application to increase the height of the chimney at Hills’ waste treatment centre in Westbury has sparked concern among residents and councillors.

Hills Waste Solutions has applied to raise the chimney at the Northacre Resource Recovery Centre, on Stephenson Road, from 15 metres to 27 metres. Locals say the new height would be an eyesore and are demanding reassurance that the change will help stop future occurrences of the notorious ‘Westbury whiff’ — the foul smell from the plant that has affected local residents.

The application forms part of an upgrade to the site’s biofilter system. The Northacre Mechanical Biological Treatment (MBT) facility, which opened in 2013, processes up to 90,000 tonnes of residual household waste each year, turning it into solid recovered fuel (SRF).

In 2021, the Environment Agency received around 500 complaints over a seven-month period about the “rancid” smell coming from the facility. In December 2023, Hills was issued with a warning letter for breaching its environmental permit. However, an EA investigation later concluded it was “not in the public interest” to prosecute.

Hills now says it has been working with the Environment Agency on upgrades to the plant, and the increased stack height has been identified as a way to improve pollution control.

[Read more here](#)





Westbury to be included in a priority area of new national forest



Westbury has been included in a priority area in the creation of a major new national forest, the first of its kind in 30 years.

The Western Forest will see over 20 million trees planted across the west of England with over 6,000 acres of new woodland across Wiltshire, Somerset, Gloucestershire, the Cotswolds and the Mendips. One of five priority areas will cover western Wiltshire, running from north of Chippenham to south of Warminster, taking in Westbury and the surrounding countryside.

“This is a very exciting opportunity for the town council, and we will be keen to be involved,” said town clerk Deborah Urch. “As Wiltshire Council has agreed to transfer the freehold of much of the open space in Westbury, we are well positioned to support this project, subject to the relevant criteria. The opportunity will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting of our Climate Emergency and Management of Services Committee.

“The town council declared a Climate Emergency in 2020, with one of our key actions being to increase tree cover across the town. We have already been working towards this goal through planting initiatives at Vivash, Penleigh, and Grassacres Parks and we have recently secured a grant from the Woodland Trust for 420 mixed trees.

“Our lead ranger has carefully selected a diverse range of species to further enhance Westbury’s green spaces through the

Woodland Trust’s Free Trees for Schools and Communities programme.”

Spearheaded by the Forest of Avon, one of England’s Community Forests, and supported by £7.5million of government funding, the Western Forest is the result of a successful regional partnership with contributions from more than 40 organisations including the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust.

[Read more here](#)

White Horse Soapbox Derby returns to Westbury next weekend



Westbury is gearing up for the eagerly anticipated return of the White Horse Soapbox Derby, taking place next Saturday, 17th May.

Twenty high-spec karts will hurl themselves down the steep hill near the iconic White Horse, cheered on by huge crowds.

The thrilling route has been described as “one of the gnarliest, most technical and bendy soapbox tracks in the country.”

Attendees should also keep an eye on the skies, as the Red Devils Parachute Team will perform a spectacular display at 2pm.

Alongside the race, visitors can enjoy live music, a funfair, a climbing wall, a kite festival and helicopter landings, making it a full day of entertainment.

Ryan Child, events manager at Westbury Town Council, said, “We’re really happy with the planning this year and have an incredible event set up — more racers than ever, parachutes, food from around the world.



Edington Parish Council

SID says - April 2025

April was another busy month for traffic flowing through Edington, despite the fact that for 2 weeks of the month the B3098 was closed at the Erlestoke end of the village during weekdays as tree felling was conducted.

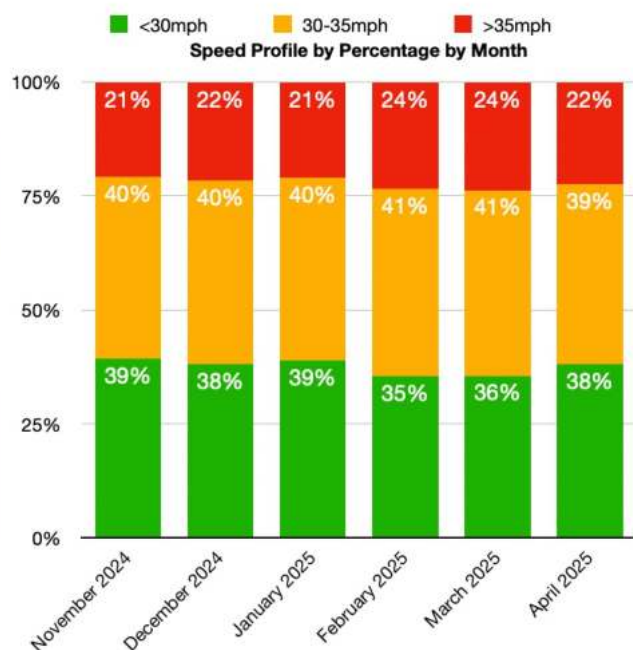
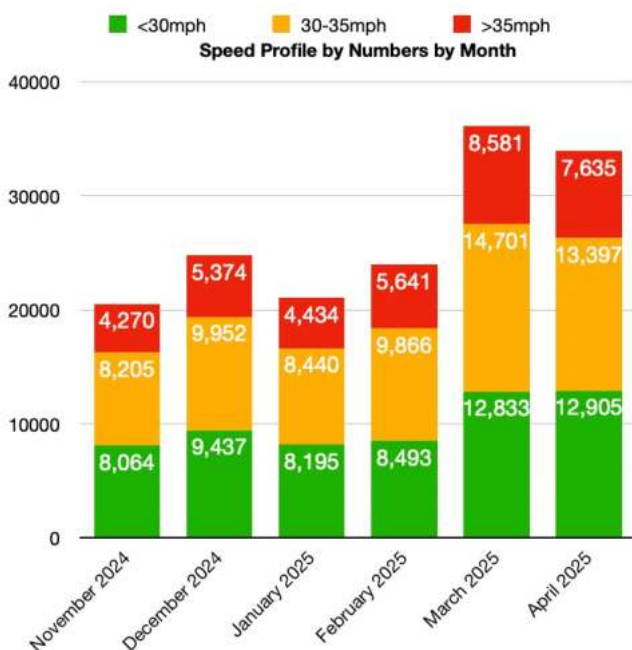
The data from SID tells us that 33,937 vehicles were sensed as they approached the western end of the village from Bratton in April. This was slightly down on the 36,115 vehicles detected in March, but there was one day less in April, and the Easter holidays will also have undoubtedly meant that there was less commuting over that period.

SID has been stationed at the west end of Edington for 6 months now as we try to gather a meaningful set of data to present to the Wiltshire Highways / Council traffic group. As can be seen from the graphs, it's a fairly consistent story of 21-24% of drivers exceeding 35mph as they approach the village from Bratton, with about 40% in the 30-35mph speed band.

If we allow for the fact that those 13,397 of drivers in the 30-35mph range might unintentionally just not have been paying sufficient attention or were distracted at the time and nudged above the speed limit, there's absolutely no excuse for the 7,635 drivers who were in excess of 35mph - on average about 250 per day...

The maximum recorded speed in April was 62.4mph (on Sunday 6th April in the hour of 8pm to 9pm). Remember, the recorded speed shown by SID is the speed that drivers had slowed to as they passed SID, not their entry speed to the SID sensing area.

Wiltshire Council and Highways run quarterly meetings called the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG), and the Parish Council attends the Westbury version of these. The last meeting was on 10th April and we represented our views about traffic speeding on the B3098, Lower Road and Tinhead Road. The Wiltshire Council Principal Engineer agreed to conduct a site visit to discuss options to address speeding and, in order to validate our SID data, we've asked for traffic surveys to be conducted on these 3 roads. We'll let you know what the





outcomes are once the surveys have been actioned.

We also raised our concerns about the Bratton Road/West Ashton Road crossroads given the number of accidents there have been there in recent times. The Principal Engineer agreed to review the junction priorities following our suggestion that there should at least be a 'Stop' rather than just a 'Give Way' for vehicles crossing the West Ashton Road. Sadly, there has been another accident at this crossroads since our representations, so we hope that that might also add stimulus to the review.

On a more positive note, we also pressed the Principal Engineer to get completed the previously agreed work to paint pedestrian demarcation lines on Lower Road and we're pleased to see that this has finally been done (apparently the contractor could not do so previously due to adverse weather conditions over the winter period).



YOGA WITH MARILYN

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your well being?

Then why not join the new Yoga class

in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

WE NEED YOU!

Can you spare a couple of hours a month? The Three Villages Minibus (TVM) needs more drivers!

The TVM regular shopping trips to Westbury, Warminster, Salisbury and Devizes rely on us having sufficient volunteer drivers.

A significant number of our current drivers are in the 70+ age group and so we need more drivers, especially from a younger age group, if the current level of service is to be retained in the years to come.

Please consider joining our pool of drivers otherwise we will be unable to undertake many of the much-valued services that we currently provide, let alone support new ones.

Please contact Pauline at the Edington Post Office if you can help.



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday

10.30 -11.30 am

in the Three Dagers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.



Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA) firing times: May 2025

The Headquarters of Salisbury Plain Training Area now has a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/HQSalisburyPlainTrainingArea/>

Twitter account [@HQSPTA](https://twitter.com/HQSPTA)

Monthly firing calendar for May 2025 (subject to late changes)

Live firing days on Warminster fixed firing ranges: 15 - 23, 27 - 30. Night firing 17, 20, 22, 27, 29.

Live firing days on Imber ranges, areas 1, 2, 3, 4 (East of Warminster): None

Information about June firing times should be available in the near future at the link further down this page.

Range opening times for the dates above (Subject to short notice changes)

Monday: 9am - 5pm

Tuesday: 9am - 11.30pm

Wednesday: 9am - 5pm

Thursday: 9am - 11.30pm

Friday: 9am - 5pm

Saturday: 9am - 11.30pm

Sunday: 9am - 1pm

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Full details of this information can be found at :-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter>

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Telephone 01380 830441





THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



Destination	May	Start Time
Warminster	Tuesday 27th	1.25pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.25pm
Destination	June	Start Time
Devizes	Thursday 5th	9.00am
Salisbury	Saturday 14th	9.30am
Warminster	Tuesday 17th	1.25pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.25pm

Please note that the Warminster trip in May is on the fourth Tuesday (the 27th) due to bus availability.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door.

These trips are open to **all** residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

TVM is also available for village groups to hire (contact Pauline on tel:830013).

In June there will be a special tea on
June 11th.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Early Afternoon Tea

We are holding a Special Tea (with a choice of sandwiches, cakes and other delicacies) on **Wednesday June 11th**

at 2.30pm.

in the Parish Hall,
Edington.



Price £7.00 in aid of the Three Villages Minibus.

All will be most welcome to join
us.

Please let Pauline (tel: 830013) know (by Friday June 6th) if you are coming as this helps with catering arrangements.



TVM will provide door to door transport.

Please book your place with
Pauline





Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
May 2025			
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14th May	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
17th & 18th June	10.00 - 16.00	Keevil School Scarecrow Trail	Keevil
21st May	9.30am	Village Volunteers	Parish Hall Car Park
27th May	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
331st May	5-6pm	Quest Meeting	Parish Hall
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June 2025			
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5th June	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
7th June	2.00pm	Edington Fete	Coal Path Field
11th June	2.30pm	Early Afternoon Tea	Parish Hall
14th June	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
17th June	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
18th June	9.30am	Village Volunteers	TBA
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Weekly			
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Every Monday	11.00am	Tai Chi	Parish Hall
Every Tuesday	10.00am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
Every Thursday	1.25pm	Westbury Shopping Trip	
Every Friday	10.30am	Yoga	Parish Hall
Every Friday	6.00pm	Edington Brass	Parish Hall
TVM trips - please Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place			
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Future editions

We welcome your comments on this venture, please send them to the address below. If you would like to contribute an article to a future edition of the Edington Village News please email us with details of your article and we will contact you or speak to Pauline in the Post Office.

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Deadline for articles 10th of the month.

Sharing the Newsletter

We are still hearing about villagers who say that they haven't heard about this newsletter, next time you speak to any of your neighbours and friends why not ask if they are receiving a copy and if not inform them that they can register for an emailed copy through the village website or send an email, the address is below. If they are unable to receive an electronic copy a paper copy can be obtained from Edington Post Office or perhaps you could volunteer to print out a copy for your neighbour.

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