

EDINGTON VILLAGE NEWS

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What's on in April

- **Thursday 2nd**
 - *Devizes shopping trip*
 - *Westbury shopping trip*
 - *Gardening Club meeting*
7pm, Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 8th**
 - *TVM Lunch*
12.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Thursday 9th**
 - *Westbury shopping trip*
- **Saturday 11th**
 - *Salisbury shopping trip*
- **Tuesday 14th**
 - *WI meeting*
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 15th**
 - *TVM AGM*
2pm, Parish Hall
- **Thursday 16th**
 - *Westbury shopping trip*
 - *Knitting Group*
7pm, Jackie Pike's home
- **Monday 20th**
 - *Annual Parish Meeting*
6.45pm, Parish Hall
 - *Parish Council meeting*
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 21st**
 - *Warminster shopping trip*
 - *Parish Hall AGM*
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 22nd**
 - *Walking Group*
10am, Church car park

New Village Website

Central Government are encouraging all Parish Councils to transition to '.gov.uk' website addresses and so we have made the move to a new village

website address as part of this initiative. We've also taken the opportunity to update the website by reorganising and updating much of the content.

Still a work in progress, the main elements of the new website are now in place and so we will be closing the old website to new postings at the beginning of April. We'll keep the old website going for a while as we move material to the new one, but there will not be any new postings on the old website as of 1st April; from then on, some of its information will therefore become out of date and should not be relied upon.

The new village website can be found at:

www.edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk

This new website address is a bit longwinded to type in but there are Government rules as to what it must include. It's probably easiest to just click on the link above and then save the website to your favourites/bookmarks so that you can just click on the associated link in future.

The new website has a simplified design that will hopefully mean that it is easier to navigate and find things. Why not have a look and explore? Please bear with us as we populate some of the areas and pages, we're prioritising the necessary Parish Council areas first, and will then be updating and populating the various other information and club webpages as soon as we can.

The new website address means that the contact email for submitting notices and material for publication has also changed. As of 1st April, all requests to the website (and this newsletter) should now be sent to:

webmaster@edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk



- **Thursday 23rd**
- **Westbury shopping trip**

- **Tuesday 28th**
- **PCSO Alice Moore at the Three Dagers drop-in**

- **Thursday 30th**
- **Westbury shopping trip**

Weekly events

- **Monday**
Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

Tai Chi - 11.00am - Parish Hall

- **Tuesday**
Let's move dance fitness - 10.00am - Parish Hall

Coffee morning drop-in - 10.30am - Three Dagers

Bell ringing practice - 7.00pm - Parish Church

- **Wednesday**
Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

- **Thursday**

- **Friday**
Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

Yoga with Marilyn - 10.30am - Parish Hall

Edington Brass Band - 6.00pm - Parish Hall

Notices & Forthcoming Events

Coffee Morning Drop-in

Every Tuesday in the Three Dagers Pub, 10.30-1130 am. Transport can be arranged by calling Pauline (01380 830013) or Joy (01380 830426)

A reminder to dog owners: please keep your dogs on a lead near livestock

With lambing season underway, we would like to remind all dog owners of the vital importance of keeping dogs on leads when walking in or near fields containing any livestock. Even the most well-behaved and obedient dog can behave unpredictably around animals, and the consequences can be devastating – for the animals, for farmers, and ultimately for owners too.



Pregnant ewes and newborn lambs are particularly vulnerable at this time of year, and even being chased without physical contact can cause serious harm or death. The law takes this issue seriously: as reported by the BBC, fines for owners whose dogs are found to be worrying livestock can now be unlimited. Please be a considerate neighbour to our local farming community – keep your dog on a lead, stick to public footpaths, and help ensure this lambing season is a safe one for all.

Three Villages Minibus (TVM)

Shopping Trips Schedule

Shopping trips are open to all residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. We will pick you up and return you to your door.



Shopping Trips start at Edington

Destination	Date	Start time
Devizes (£3.20)	Thursday 2nd April	9.00 am
Warminster (£2.80)	Tuesday 21st April	1.25 pm
Westbury (£2.30)	Every Thursday	1.20 pm
Salisbury (£5.00)	Saturday 11th April	9.30 am

All these journeys accept concessionary passes
To book a seat contact **Joy Fraser (01380 830426)**
The TVM is also available for village groups to hire. Book through Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013.

TVM Lunch

The monthly meal in April will be a 2-course lunch for £10 in aid of the Parish Hall, at the Parish Hall on

Wednesday 8th April at 12.30pm.

The TVM can do door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs. Please book your place at the lunch, and any pick-ups, with Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013 before Friday 3rd April.

TVM AGM

The TVM AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 2pm at the Edington Parish Hall. Please do come along to support this well-used village asset and offer your thoughts on what you'd like to see or what might be improved.

Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to attend.

If you are thinking of coming along please let Pauline at the Post Office know so we can get an idea of tea

Meet your local Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Alice Moore will be attending the Coffee Morning drop-in on Tuesday 28th April. The aim is to promote positive relationships and ensure that PCSOs gain a good understanding of the needs and concerns of local residents, supporting efforts to make our neighbourhood safer. Do come along to discuss crime and policing matters in our area and raise any concerns you might have.

Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 9th March.

Litter Pick

A huge thank you to the 14 helpers who turned out on Saturday 7th March to walk around the village collecting litter. We recovered quite a haul of various forms of litter and waste, all now sent to the dump. Thank you also to those who regularly care for our village by picking up litter when they are out walking.

Casual Vacancy

There is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council and we welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a councillor to fill the vacancy. If you are interested, please contact our Chair, Emily Greening, on 07910 228383 or email contact@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

A group of people from the village met up with Liz Pike to look at the needs of the village included in the Neighbourhood Plan. Work on the plan will progress as and when we have the capacity to do so: our recent Parish Council main efforts recently have been involved with the playfield land swap project and introducing our new website.

Policing

PCSO Alice Moore will be visiting the Coffee Morning drop-in at The Three Daggers from 10.30 to 11.30 on Tuesday 28th April to answer any questions you may have about support from her and the Warminster Area Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Playfield

The need for an archaeological survey has delayed the decision of Wiltshire Council on the playfield land swap planning application for The Three Daggers.

Malcolm Wieck, our Parish Clerk, has been working tirelessly through the release of documentation required for the Freedom of Information request. Legal advice continues to be required at a cost which has not been foreseen in our budgeting plans.

Separately, some playfield equipment repairs will be carried out soon to address some routine wear-and-tear issues.

Wiltshire Council Report

Mike Phillips, our Wiltshire Councillor, reported that there had been amendments to the budget at the decision-making finance meeting of the full council. The provision of a Melksham bypass has been reallocated to the Highways Department.

Changes are being made to the approach to work being undertaken on roads. Concerns were put to Mike about the condition of many of our village road marking which have deteriorated rapidly since they were applied, for example, the speed limit roundels. Also, concerns were expressed about the degradation of the edges of our village roads as they are used by an increasing number of large vehicles.

Parking charges in Wiltshire Council car parks are increasing.

It is the responsibility of residents to check the licence of a carrier when they use one to dispose of any unwanted materials.

Highway Matters / Footpaths / LHFIG

Crossroads Farm junction remains a matter of concern and we have recently received a response from Wiltshire Council as to the feasibility of making the side-road approaches STOP rather than GIVE WAY priorities. They do not support this change and have suggested that we contact the landowners around the junction with a view to removing hedges near the junction and replacing them with open fences. We will continue to pursue the matter, with Wiltshire Council at least conceding that there is a persistent safety concern at the junction, largely due to driver behaviour.

Wiltshire Council has agreed that the B3098 near The City meets the criteria for erection of a further SID pole. They will be doing so in the coming weeks and we will then purchase SID mounting plates so that we can place a SID on this section of the road with no pavements in the hope that we can encourage drivers to slow down at least to the published speed limit.

Speed Watch

Although Mark Burgess has been trained and accepted as our coordinator for Speed Watch he can't do it on his own. More volunteers are needed for Speed Watch to start again so don't just complain about the traffic, volunteer to help do something about it by joining the Speed Watch team.

Battle of Ethandun Commemoration

We are investigating organising a celebration in 2028 for the 1150th anniversary of the Battle of Ethandun. This defining battle shaped the course of English history, and our village, and so we hope to celebrate it in style with a programme of events, perhaps including a re-enactment, talks, music, performances, craft displays and more. But these things don't organise themselves, and so we are seeking volunteers to form an organising committee.

Areas that will need committee volunteers to provide their help will include: Publicity & Social Media; Finance & Grants; Infrastructure & Facilities (loos, car parking, stalls etc), Event Programme; Participant Liaison (re-enactment groups, blue-light services etc); and a committee Chair to coordinate it all.

Two years to go might seem a long time but we need to start making plans soon in order to establish the event. Please contact us at contact@edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk if you would be willing to spare some time to help.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 20th April in the Parish Hall following on from the Annual Parish Meeting. The public are welcome to attend meetings. Parish Council meeting Minutes can be accessed at this link <https://edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-meetings/>.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be at 7.15pm on Monday 20th April in the Parish Hall (refreshments available from 6.45pm). The meeting will review what has happened in the last 12 months and all are welcome to come along.

The LINK needs you and one day you may need the LINK!

The 4 villages link is in urgent need of more volunteers to meet a growing demand for its services; mostly providing transport for residents of our villages to attend hospital and medical appointments. Just a job a month would make a difference. If you think you may be able to help or to find out a bit more about us, contact one of our coordinators on 07852 256939 or Helen on 01380 830501.

Calling all knitters!

Join a new group whatever your ability meeting up on the 3rd Thursday evening monthly. The main aim is to begin knitting poppies for November, but there is an opportunity to knit hats for prem babies and anything else you fancy.

Initiated by Edington & Tinhead WI but not exclusive to the group although you can come to see what we do every 2nd Tuesday eve at the parish hall!

Contact Jackie by email: pikedjn@aol.com for more information.

Parish Hall Report

VOCAL EASE - Close harmony group Vocal Ease returned to Edington for the fourth time on Saturday and a packed Hall enjoyed a medley of songs that spanned the decades. The time and talents of the six group members were given free, in aid of Parish Hall funds, and the committee is grateful for this very generous gesture and also for the supper provided by Rachel, Chloe and Pauline. Thanks, of course, to all our friends and neighbours who came along on the night; somewhere in the region of £400 was raised for the Hall.

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO THE EDINGTON PARISH HALL AGM - Come and find out more about our work in 2025 and future plans. Tuesday 21 April 2026 at the Hall. Refreshments served at 7pm, meeting starts at 7.30pm. ALL WELCOME.

Win LOADSAMONEY! - Well, maybe not loads but if you are a member of the 100 Club lottery you do have a chance of winning a prize every month. If you use the Parish Hall, attend events there or simply want it to remain viable, please consider joining us; you do not need to be a resident of Edington. The 100 Club lottery is the fun monthly fund raiser for Edington Parish Hall. It costs just £12 P/A with half of the money given back in prizes and half to Hall funds; this is an invaluable contribution to our general bills and maintenance. Current membership is due for renewal in April. You may pay by cash [to me or at the PO] or BACS. The Hall committee is grateful to our many loyal and longstanding supporters. Do contact me for more information/BACS details. Registered Lottery No. LC202406-9353
Helen O'Donoghue, Parish Hall Committee, helenod42@gmail.com (01380 830501).

WI Report

Amy Levin - Artisan Chocolatier (amylevin.co.uk)



Amy entertained and delighted us with a demonstration of how delicious chocolate could be made which was entirely natural; free from gluten, wheat, dairy and refined sugars. She

brought a small melangeur (stone grinder machine), in which nibs (small, crunchy pieces of raw or roasted



cocoa beans) were gradually combined with cocoa butter, to illustrate the process. As the amount of cocoa nibs was being absorbed the chocolate aroma became more apparent.

We were able to taste a variety of chocolate nibs. It was interesting to note the different responses to the different flavours produced by beans roasted at varying temperatures.

Amy explained the difficulty in sourcing ethically grown cocoa, i.e. produced without child labour/exploitation and ensuring that farmers receive fair pay and work in safe, sustainable conditions. Climate change has increased cocoa prices to such an extent that a company called California Cultured now produces lab-grown cocoa!

To conclude, Amy kindly brought a variety of individual chocolate delights to celebrate the 88th Anniversary of Edington and Tinhead WI.

Bystanders Can be Lifesavers

This campaign calls on WI members to work together to increase public confidence and training in the delivery of CPR and to work with local organisations to help improve access to defibrillators in their communities. To this end we arranged for trainers from St. John Ambulance to come to the Village Hall on Saturday to demonstrate how to use a defibrillator and how best to support someone in cardiac arrest. 21 people from the community attended and kindly donated over £100 to the organisation. Very instructive and encouraging.

Other News:

- Thursday, 19th March, 19:00 - all knitters, and aspiring knitters, met at Jackie Pike's.
- Friday, 20th March, 19:00 - streaming of National TV Theatre at Home in Anne Ilsey's home to watch "Good" starring David Tennant.
- Wednesday, 25th March, 10:00, meeting at church car park - Edington Walk and Talk.

Edington & District Gardening Club Report

Edington
and
District
Gardening
Club



At the last meeting Leila Froud bounced in with her enthusiastic and extremely knowledgeable talk on soil. Leila works in the Soil Association and is a member of the British Society of soil scientists, she has a background in this field and is an agriculture and environment consultant, she was involved with the 'making' of the soil used at the 2012 Olympics site, just as many public gardens 'make' their soils to suit different areas for the types of plants they want to grow.

The best soils need organic matter, soil organisms, N P K water and air. Organic matter is the sponge to retain water; the no dig method is very good practise leaving lots of roots to keep in friable. The soil health team consists of Bacteria, protozoa, fungi. Nematodes, worms, arthropods. Snails and plants.

If you want to know more about the soil in your area of garden, go to the Cranfield University web site which will give you free access to maps showing the soil types across England and Wales, including your 'bit'. An excellent talk with lots of questions.

The programme for the 26 / 27 year is ongoing, summer visits so far will include Holme Gardens, Kettle Farm and Athelhampton House. All trips include a guided tour.

Aye the next meeting, Thursday 2nd April, Maureen Hinton will be talking on a wide range of topics – patio pots, alpines, ground cover. (see the separate poster). Visitors are always very welcome to come along.

Keevil School

There is lots of exciting news to share from Keevil School this month. We are delighted to announce that Mrs Helen Rutt will be joining the Keevil School staff as our new Headteacher! Mrs Rutt is currently Head of School at St Michael's C of E Primary School in Larkhill and has previously held positions at Crockerton CofE School and Christchurch School in Bradford on Avon, so she brings a wealth of experience with her. We are all very much looking forward to meeting Mrs Rutt when she starts her transition to our school after the Easter holidays.

We also extend a very warm welcome back to Mrs Baxter and Mrs Stainer who are taking care of Wildcat class until the end of the year. Mrs Baxter is currently doing her teacher training and has been away on a placement for four weeks. She is now back and doing a great job leading our Yr1 and Yr 2s who have recently been enjoying the book 'Meerkat Mail' by Emily Gravett. Sunny the (stuffed!) Meerkat has started his journey to visit the homes of all the children in the class. What fun!

Mrs Stainer has rejoined the school again to lead the reception children. She spent a huge amount of time and effort refreshing the classroom over the half term so now everyone can enjoy the wonderful learning space. Thank you, Mrs Stainer! And a huge thank you goes out to parent Sam Wilson for his help cleaning the outside space enjoyed by Wildcats too.

Everyone at school thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the World Book Day celebrations this year. We had a wonderful array of costumes at school! Mrs Brown also organised a special visit from science writer Jack Challoner as part of the celebrations (thank you to FoKS for supporting this financially). Jack led our morning worship session as well as workshops with each class where he demonstrated some fabulous science experiments!

Don't forget to come and see us for the Keevil School Scarecrow Trail on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. We are following a musical theme for our trails this year – check out all the details on Facebook. If you would like to promote your group or company, there is still time to sponsor a scarecrow and be seen by thousands of visitors during the weekend. Contact friendsofkeevilschool@gmail.com for more information.

Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair



Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club - The View from the Boundary



Junior cricket starts Monday 13th April, 5pm til 6pm, ages 5 to 11 welcome. Go to the [ECCC](#) website to sign up, or just turn up and have a look if you're not sure. The main cricket season starts in April with friendly mid-week matches and two Saturday teams, so there is cricket available for all levels of ability.

We know there are many people who would like to be able to support our village cricket club in some way, but who don't want to formally join as playing members. So why not become a **Friend of the Club**? To become a Friend, we ask for a £30 donation to Club Funds (as you will no doubt be aware we are continuing our fundraising to improve the ground and facilities). As a Friend you are most welcome to then use our car park when you visit and we will give you a permit to put on display in your windscreen if you've come up by car. Please scan the QR code to become a Friend of the Club.



Please come and support our fundraising Race Night and Quiz at 7pm on Friday 24th April at Great Cheverell Pavilion. There are lots of prizes to be won but numbers will be limited so please contact Darryl to book a table on eapearson64@gmail.com.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the cricket, enjoy the sun and take a tour of the ongoing new pavilion works. Exciting news this season is that we now have electricity from our solar panels on the old pavilion - so there will cups of tea available!

Joe Dorgan, Chairman ECCC, 07846 213702

Edington Arts



Such Stuff as Dreams are made on

General booking has just opened for Edington Arts' next concert, The King's Singers, probably the world's most famous vocal ensemble, who come to Edington Priory Church on FRIDAY May 15th for a fabulous concert starting at 7pm. Three of their number have in another life sung in the choirs at the Edington Music Festival, so in a sense are "coming home".

They will be bringing a programme of European Romantic masterpieces; chansons, lieder and part songs of the 19th and early 20th centuries, vehicles for the deepest expressions of human feeling, desire and fantasy. Be ready for extraordinary story-telling and compelling thoughts on life, love, nature, death, and even the supernatural, by Edward Elgar and Ralph Vaughan Williams, Hugo Alfvé, Felix and Fanny Mendelssohn and Franz Schubert, and Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel and Camille Saint-Saëns.

This will be followed by a second half of their signature exquisite close harmony which they will announce from the platform. At the end of the concert the Singers will stay on for a brief 'meet and greet' before heading back to London to resume their hectic schedule.



You can choose your seats, book and pay for your tickets through the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on, or by phone on 01380 831256. We're anticipating strong demand, so don't delay!

Noticeboard

Edington & District Gardening Club

Edington Parish Hall

Thursday 2nd April 2026

Doors Open at 7:00 pm



Maureen Hinton

Pots for the Patio, 4 Seasons, Alpines & Ground Cover

Members – entry £4.00

Visitors Welcome – entry £5.00

Refreshments are included

Reminder: use the SWAP SHOP – plants / seeds / books / other!



EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM ON:

TUESDAY 14th APRIL 2026

AT 7.30PM

IN EDINGTON PARISH HALL

When we learn what really happens to all that stuff that we recycle with a member of WILTSHIRE RECYCLE TEAM

WHAT A LOAD OF RUBBISH!



FREE FOR MEMBERS
DONATIONS FOR VISITORS

ALL WELCOME!

EDINGTON WALKING GROUP

(INITIATED by EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI)

INVITE YOU ALL TO WALK & TALK

Every 4th Wednesday Meeting at 10am at

EDINGTON CHURCH CAR PARK

The next walk will be on:

WEDNESDAY 22nd APRIL 2026

BRING FRIENDS, DOGS ON LEADS...

We will walk for up to 2 hours

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT:

VIA EMAIL: CATHIE: cab24holidays@gmail.com

Or:

ANNE: tottinghamanne@gmail.com

YOGA WITH MARILYN

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



Then why not join the Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Cost: £10.00 per session

All are welcome. If you already have a mat, please bring it with you.

For more information contact Marilyn on 07941 095236 or email maryoc1951@hotmail.com



Yoga focuses on the joining together of mind, body and spirit through three main practices: postures, breathing and meditation.



KEEVIL SCHOOL
SCARECROW TRAIL
16th & 17th May
10am - 5pm

Join us and enjoy:

- BBQ and bar
- 40 band-themed scarecrows
- 40 nursery rhyme clues for the children's trail
- Elsa, Bluey, Stitch meet and greet
- Live music on the stage in the village
- Tea and cake in the village hall
- Bouncy castle and football on the rec field
- Ice-cream van, Tombola and Face Painting
- Free Parking

FOLLOW THE MUSICAL FUN AROUND THE VILLAGE!

Charity Number: 1101055

Become a Friend of Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club

To become a Friend, we ask for a £30 donation to Club Funds (as you will no doubt be aware we are continuing our fundraising to improve the ground and facilities).

As a Friend you are most welcome to then use our Car Park when you visit and we will give you a Permit to put on display in your windscreen if you've come up by car.

Please scan the QR code below to become a friend of the club

Scan Me

Its back!!

RACE NIGHT & QUIZ II

at
Great Cheverell Pavilion

Friday 24th April
First Race 7pm

Tickets £15pp (inc. nibbles)
Bar available
Lots of prizes to be won

Numbers limited so please contact Darryl on gapearson64@gmail.com to book a table

All proceeds to go to Cricket Club's new pavilion fund

Help Keep Our Roads Safe – Volunteer Today

Are you concerned about speeding in our village?

Do you want to make a real difference in your community? We're looking for volunteers to join our Village Speed Watch Team!

- Work alongside friendly neighbours
- Help reduce speeding and improve road safety
- No experience necessary – training provided
- Flexible times to suit your schedule
- Make our village a safer place for everyone

Don't just complain – help stop speeding motorists!

How to get involved

Simply contact us at contact@edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk to express your interest.