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Welcome to the twenty-fourth edition of the Edington Village News, yes it was two years ago that we started this venture.

This month we have our usual articles including more about the owls of Edington along with information about various village clubs including the WI and the Gardening Club. We also have the potted history of the May Ball which resumes this year.

As we approach our second birthday of this publication we would welcome suggestions as to how you would like to see this publication develop in the future. Please send us an email with your suggestions to the usual address or drop into the Post Office and talk to Pauline, all suggestions welcome. Remember this will only continue if we receive articles for it from the village.





## Local surgeries latest

**REMEMBER YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILST IN THE BUILDINGS**

**White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery**



**Westbury surgery TELEPHONE 01373 828330**

**Bratton Surgery TELEPHONE 01380 831911**

**For medical emergencies dial 999**

*We are seeing more and more patients arrive for appointments without a face covering. We know it is easy to forget them but please be reminded that you are still required to wear a face covering whilst visiting us at the White Horse Health Centre or Bratton Surgery*

*Covid19 has not gone away and NHS staff are still required to isolate should they become infected or be in close contact with a positive case.*

*Face coverings and hand hygiene will help protect our staff and the service we able to provide.*

*Thank you*

**FROM 1 APRIL**

**FREE SYMPTOMATIC COVID-19 TESTING WILL CONTINUE FOR AT-RISK GROUPS**

**FREE COVID-19 TESTING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR:**

### **1. PATIENTS IN HOSPITAL**

where a PCR test is required for their care, to provide access to treatments, and to support ongoing clinical surveillance for new variants

### **2. PEOPLE MOST AT-RISK FROM COVID-19**

who are eligible for community COVID-19 treatments.

People in this group will be contacted directly.

### **3. PEOPLE LIVING OR WORKING IN HIGH-RISK SETTINGS**

where infection needs to be identified quickly to prevent outbreaks, or before being discharged from hospital into care homes and hospices.

### **ASYMPTOMATIC LATERAL FLOW TESTING**

will also continue to be used to protect people during periods of higher prevalence in some high-risk settings, where infection can spread rapidly.

**Dr Edwards & Partners**

[www.westburygp.co.uk](http://www.westburygp.co.uk)



**Courtyard Surgery West Lavington**  
**Telephone 01380 813300**



## **A guide to the spring booster for those aged 75 years and older and older residents in care homes**

Updated 24 March 2022

Courtyard Surgery will be running COVID vaccination clinics from the end of April.

Who is being offered a spring booster? COVID-19 is more serious in older people and those with a weakened immune system. Protection from the vaccine may be lower and may decline more quickly in these people. For this reason people aged 75 years and over, those in care homes and those aged 12 years and over with a weakened immune system are being offered the spring booster.

Although vaccines are expected to provide good protection against severe COVID-19 disease, protection against mild infection with the Omicron variant seems to decline quickly, even after the booster dose.

This spring booster is being offered as a precaution to those at extremely high risk, most of whom received their first booster around 6 months ago. If the number of infections increases over the summer, this booster should help to reduce your risk of being admitted to hospital with COVID-19. Residents in care homes.

You should be offered an appointment around 6 months (and not before 3 months) since your last dose of vaccine. The surgery will track your relevant dates and contact you to book you into a clinic.

You will be given a booster dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine. Both vaccines boost well and have already been given to millions of people in the UK.

Studies have shown that you only need a half dose of Moderna to boost the immune system well. This half dose of Moderna is expected to have a low rate of side effects including myocarditis.

You will be offered the right vaccine for you, which may be the same or different from the vaccines that you had before.

If you have not yet had either of your first 2 doses of the vaccine or third dose (for those with weakened immune system) you should have them as soon as possible.

If you missed your first booster you should have this spring booster as soon as possible.

You may need another booster as well as your usual flu injection in the autumn.

## **Are you a patient of Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington?**

Would you like to be a part of - The Friends of Courtyard Surgery

This social and fundraising group has raised much needed funds to buy equipment to help us provide additional services to our patients. The machines that are lent out for home blood pressure readings are funded by the Friends. They have also raised enough money to replace the surgery defibrillator. This is rarely used but lifesaving equipment, many will remember Dr Craufurd loading it and other equipment into her car to successfully treat someone who had collapsed near DAPS. FOCS are also funding equipment that will allow Drs and Nurses to do home ECG recordings. In the last few weeks, the Friends have bought the Defib and ECG and extra Blood Pressure machines have been ordered for our patients to borrow.

We meet bi-monthly and have a yearly AGM, we discuss equipment needed and fundraising events, which are usually 2 times a year and generally take place at the surgery.

If you would like to join this sociable fundraising group please either come along to the AGM on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 6.30 pm in the Churchill Arms, next to the surgery, and get an idea of what we do, or contact Sue Zaman on **01380 830423/** [sueandroyz@msn.com](mailto:sueandroyz@msn.com).



## Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire's Police and Crime  
Commissioner



**Making Wiltshire Safer**  
**Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Plan**  
**2022 – 2025**

Since starting in this role, my mission has always been to make Wiltshire a safer place to live, work and visit.

Now is the time for Wiltshire Police, and my office, to go back-to-basics and deliver exactly what our residents want – a quality, frontline, policing service which tackles the crimes which matter most to them.

Making Wiltshire Safer sets out the direction for policing focus and priorities until 2025 as well as showing you the funding I receive and how it will be spent during my first term in office:

**Priority 1:** A police service that meets the needs of its communities

I am prioritising:

Increasing public confidence, trust and our policing engagement with communities  
Provide a quality of police service to all our communities  
Giving the Police the right tools for the job

**Priority 2:** Reduce violence and serious harm

I am prioritising:

Violence reduction and domestic abuse  
Violence Against Women and Girls  
Child abuse and Child Exploitation  
County Lines and Serious Organised Crime and exploitation

**Priority 3:** Tackle crimes that matter most to local communities

I am prioritising:

Anti-social Behaviour  
Road safety

Rural crime and heritage crime  
Fraud, cyber crime and hate crime

**Priority 4:** Improve the experience of victims and deliver justice

I am prioritising:

Victim care and support  
Mental Health  
The criminal justice system  
Restorative Wiltshire  
Reduce re-offending

From the start, I was determined my police and crime plan – and the strategic policing blueprint for Wiltshire Police – would be informed by you, Wiltshire and Swindon's residents, to deliver a service that you have told me is important to you and that you deserve. This is what has happened.

I consulted widely with the people of Wiltshire and Swindon via Use Your Voice and opportunities for you to download copies of the draft plan and participate in public discussions on social media.

I listened to our key stakeholders and partners using Focus Group sessions, and heard what the Chief Constable and colleagues within the Force telling me what needed to be included, during several internal meetings, before publishing my Police and Crime Plan – approved by Wiltshire and Swindon's Police and Crime Panel.

Our new police and crime plan is as closely aligned with your concerns and aspirations as possible and this has been balanced with advice from the Chief Constable as well as

My office is currently working on the results from my Use Your Voice survey and we will publish the results here in the spring.

The Youth Commissioners also had great impact and their survey and report informed Making Wiltshire Safer from their perspective.



## Wiltshire Council

### Latest News from Wiltshire Council

#### **Wiltshire Council will be using the bank details of those who are set-up to pay their council tax by direct debit to pay the rebate money into their accounts**

*Published 31 March 2022*

Wiltshire Council is advising households eligible for the energy rebate announced by the Government, that those who pay their council tax via direct debit will start to receive their rebate payment from the end of April.

In February, the Government announced that all households in England whose primary residence is in council tax bands A to D are entitled to a one-off council tax energy rebate payment of £150.

Wiltshire Council will be using the bank details of those who are set-up to pay their council tax by direct debit to pay the rebate money into their accounts.

Around 80% of households in Wiltshire choose to pay council tax by direct debit as it is a safe, simple and quick way to pay and there is still time for people to sign up to pay their council tax by direct debit if they haven't already.

There are around 40,000 households eligible for the energy rebate that don't currently pay their council tax by direct debit, and it will take a little longer to make payment to these households.

A letter will be sent to these households inviting them to submit their bank details so that this one off payment can be paid into their bank account. People will be able to submit their details via the council's website, or send their details to us, however submission via the website is the most secure method. People do not need to call us; we will write to them before the end of April.

#### **Wiltshire Council is ready and has plans in place as Ukrainian families are starting to be matched with people offering up their homes in the county**

*Published 30 March 2022*

Wiltshire Council is ready and has plans in place as Ukrainian families are starting to be matched with people offering up their homes in the county.

The council is aware of 136 Wiltshire households who are offering homes through sponsorship to Ukrainian refugees and around 1,500 who have applied through the Government website after the Homes for Ukraine scheme was launched and the number is growing every day.

The system to settle in the UK involves a series of steps, including government checks on those arriving from Ukraine before they can travel to their accommodation.

The government has given local authorities a key role in helping refugees settle. In response, Wiltshire Council has staff ready to carry out accommodation and safeguarding checks and also to liaise with schools and other services. The council is putting in place caseworkers and working on payment mechanisms for sponsors and emergency support for new arrivals. It is also working closely with partners in the NHS, Department for Work and Pensions and town and parish councils.

There is also ongoing work with voluntary groups and charities, who are helping to co-ordinate responses and ways to ensure when families arrive they have the support they need and feel truly welcome.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council, said: "We know people throughout Wiltshire are ready to provide a helping hand to Ukrainian refugees - that could be by providing a place for a family to stay or donating to a good cause. I want to thank communities across the county also for joining together and being ready to provide support when it is needed."



## Cllr Suzanne Wickham



This month my message is definitely 'one for the girls'! Did you start the year with every good intention to get a bit fitter, join a group and meet new friends, but somehow you haven't managed to fit it all into your busy life? Well fear not – a new kind of group exercise class is launching at Wiltshire Council leisure centres from 25 April. The sessions, created by Sport England are called This Girl Can and have been specifically designed to provide a welcoming introductory programme where 'getting it wrong is totally alright'.

During the classes women are introduced to a variety of different group exercise styles, each with different moves and skills to try. These include dance fitness, box fitness, yoga-inspired stretch, and variable intensity interval training.

Each forty-five-minute class starts with a gentle warm up, followed by two different blocks of exercise, with a break in between. The activities will be different each week, giving women a taster of several exercise class styles. The class ends with a cool down and guided mindfulness.

All classes are £3.10 per class and will run on an initial 12-week programme.

Research from the This Girl Can campaign revealed that fear of judgement, fear of not being fit enough or feeling body conscious can

stop women from getting active. These classes have been designed to help women overcome these fears by building confidence and fitness levels, while

encouraging friendship and having fun. The instructors are specially trained to create a warm and supportive atmosphere.

27 instructors from across the county have passed their training and will be delivering these exciting classes.

At This Girl Can Classes, you can be reassured that there are no wrong moves, and everyone can take it at their own pace. Local classes will be held in Westbury Trowbridge and Devizes leisure centres.

Full details and timings for the new This Girl Can Classes and other Wiltshire Council classes can be found: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-classes>.

Booking is available at each centre up to seven days in advance. To book in for a class or other leisure activity, you should go to: <https://leisure.wiltshire.gov.uk/LhWeb/en/Public/home> or contact your local leisure centre.

All contact details of the council's leisure centres are available at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-leisure-and-sport-centres](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-leisure-and-sport-centres).

Why not join up with a friend, but most importantly - have fun!

Best wishes

**Suzanne Wickham – Wiltshire Councillor – Ethandune**

Email: [suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Tel: **07967 213336**





## Edington Parish Council News

The Annual Parish meeting will take place on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. This meeting is an opportunity for all electors of Edington Parish to find out about the work that the Council has undertaken in the last year and what is planned for the coming year.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Volunteers group who meet on the third Wednesday of the month to undertake a variety of tasks around the village to help maintain and improve the village landscape. Having rested over the winter months the group will be meeting again on Wednesday 20th April at 9.30am in the Church car park before setting out on the various tasks around the village. They are always looking for more volunteers to help with the growing lists of jobs.

Following the successful bid for funding from the Westbury Area Board and donations from villagers and the Priory Church PCC the second village defibrillator will shortly be installed on the outside of the toilets in the Church car park. This will then provide for the villagers at the western end of the village.

We have heard that there were no objections to the 20mph limit being imposed around the village and now we just have to wait for the necessary work to be undertaken to implement the changes.

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email

[parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

## EDINGTON PARISH HALL 100 CLUB

Promoter Mr David Pike

**Lottery registration number: LN/000012959**

Many thanks to all of our members for continued support of the 100 Club over the past year and a reminder that subscriptions for 2022-2023 are due this month. Membership costs just £12 per year, with a draw taking place on the last Tuesday of the month and three lucky winners sharing a jackpot of over £50! Money raised through the club is invaluable in helping to meet the day to day running costs of the Hall, which is such an asset to the village and its many groups.

Payment: Cheque to: Edington PCC Parish Hall or Cash payable to me or to Pauline at the Post Office

To join the 100 Club or for any further information, please contact me at any time

**Helen O'Donoghue**

Edington PH Committee

[helenod42@gmail.com](mailto:helenod42@gmail.com)

**01380 830501**



We meet every Thursday  
in  
Edington Parish Hall  
between  
10am and 12 noon.

The first session is  
free, and only £2 per family  
thereafter (to help with  
running costs). For more information  
contact Emily on **07910228383**



## **Easter Lunch in the Parish Hall**

We are holding a 2 Course Easter Lunch  
(with a choice of Lamb or Chicken casserole and a  
selection of puddings)

**on Wednesday April 13th at 12.30pm.  
in the Parish Hall, Edington.**

**Price £8.00**

(In aid of the Parish Hall Heating Improvement Fund)

All will be most welcome to join us.

**Booking is essential, so please book your  
place with Pauline at the Post Office  
(tel: 830013) by Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

TVM will provide door to door transport

Please book your place with Pauline



## *Village Musings*

We recently had a high hedge trimmed and suddenly, from our upstairs windows, we have a glimpse of view out to the north east, towards Roundway hill and the Marlborough downs. Although it is the merest glimpse, it brings me huge delight every morning. I love that it is just a fragment of the whole view, nestled between the roofs of our neighbour's homes. It changes with the light, the mist and unfolding of spring.



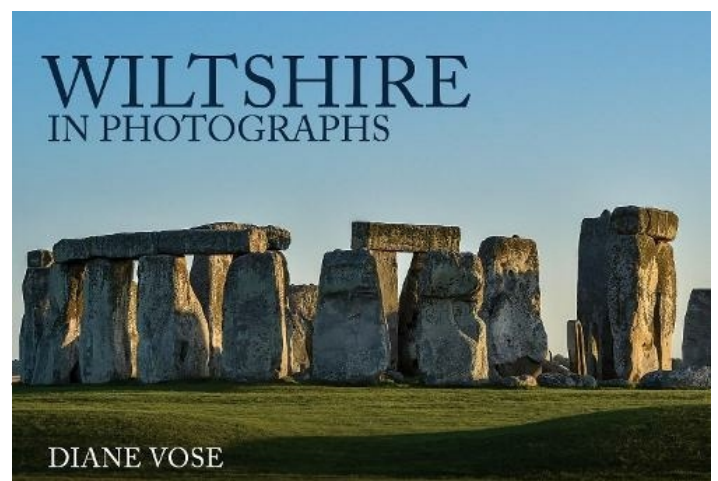
Wiltshire has some of the most gorgeous views in the world, and a sudden moment of beauty can leap into view at any moment as we walk or drive through the lanes. In Edington we have some of the richest landscape treasures of all. Whether we walk up onto the downs, or stroll



along a well-used footpath, whether we are sitting in the park with our children, or pausing at the village pond, there is always something to bring us joy as we look around.



In our village we have a very talented photographer, Diane Vose, and she has the gift of finding and capturing some of those views with her camera. In February she had a book published called *Wiltshire in Photographs*. It is a superb book to have if you love those sudden perfect images that seem to be the special feature of our area.



**Mercedes Henning**



## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

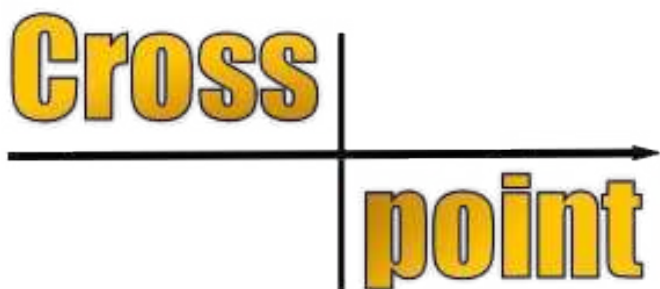
Meeting every second Tuesday of the month at  
the Parish Hall

[www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinheadwi](http://www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinheadwi)

Contact Jan Billinge for further information

[Janet.billinge1@gmail.com](mailto:Janet.billinge1@gmail.com)

We had an informative talk about Crosspoint at our WI meeting in March and the details of the organisation and its work are outlined below.



With the rising cost of living, changes to National Insurance rates and further energy price rises on the way, it is likely that times are going to get tougher for many local people.

Crosspoint is a local charity staffed by volunteers and set up +10 years ago to support people in the community. We are based in the Market Place in Westbury and are open three half days each week but can also arrange home visits if you are not able to travel. We are here to help!

Would you like someone to support you with completing any of the following Government forms:

Blue Badge applications, Personal Independence Payments (PIP), Attendance Allowance, Carer's Allowance, Universal Credit registration and updates, Pension Credit and also just to help you understand the benefits that you are entitled to.

In Wiltshire, 26% of people who challenge an initial decision by the Department of Work & Pensions receive the benefits they had claimed after just one stage in the appeals process. Of the people who were forced to go as far as a formal Tribunal with their benefit claims, 78% are then successful.

Crosspoint can also provide support with things like CV preparation, job searches, Winter Fuel Payments, and formal responses to communications you have received. We also provide a counselling service for adults and young people which is free of charge. Waiting times are currently 6-8 weeks, but we are currently looking to recruit more counsellors as the demand for the service has increased significantly in the last couple of years.

So please feel free to get in touch with us if you would like support with any of the above. We are always on the lookout for volunteers too!

Email: [info@crosspoint-westbury.co.uk](mailto:info@crosspoint-westbury.co.uk)

Tel: **01373-824330**

**Kevin Fairman**  
Chair, Crosspoint

## Coffee Morning Drop In



Every Tuesday,  
10.30 - 11.30 am  
in the Three Dagers.  
Transport available contact  
Pauline or Joy.



## Owls of Edington

Last month I wrote about the Barn Owl, but it is not the only owl you can find around Edington. One of the most iconic sounds of a summer evening in Edington is the 'to-whit-to-wooo' of the tawny owl. We have had a pair living in the trees around our house ever since we moved into Edington. They are mainly woodland birds or live in farmland with mature trees, and also parks and large gardens. They nest in tree-holes or rock crevices and even occasionally in a hole on the ground. They lay their rounded white eggs from March onwards.

The tawny owl hunts its prey from a tree perch and when it detects something will swoop down



**Tawny Owl (del. S.F. Henning)**

on silent wings. It has extremely sensitive ears and eyes and can locate its prey in very dim light. Its prey are usually small mammals, but it also catches small birds, frogs, worms, and large insects.



**Little Owl (del. S.F. Henning)**

The little owl was introduced to Britain from mainland Europe during the late nineteenth century. They spread rapidly and are fairly widespread over most of England and Wales. They first started appearing regularly in Wiltshire in the early 20th century and by the 1920's they were established over the whole county. Numbers in Wiltshire remained stable until the end of the century. Since then, over the past twenty years or so there has been a sharp decline, possibly due to changes in farming practices leading to decreased food supply.





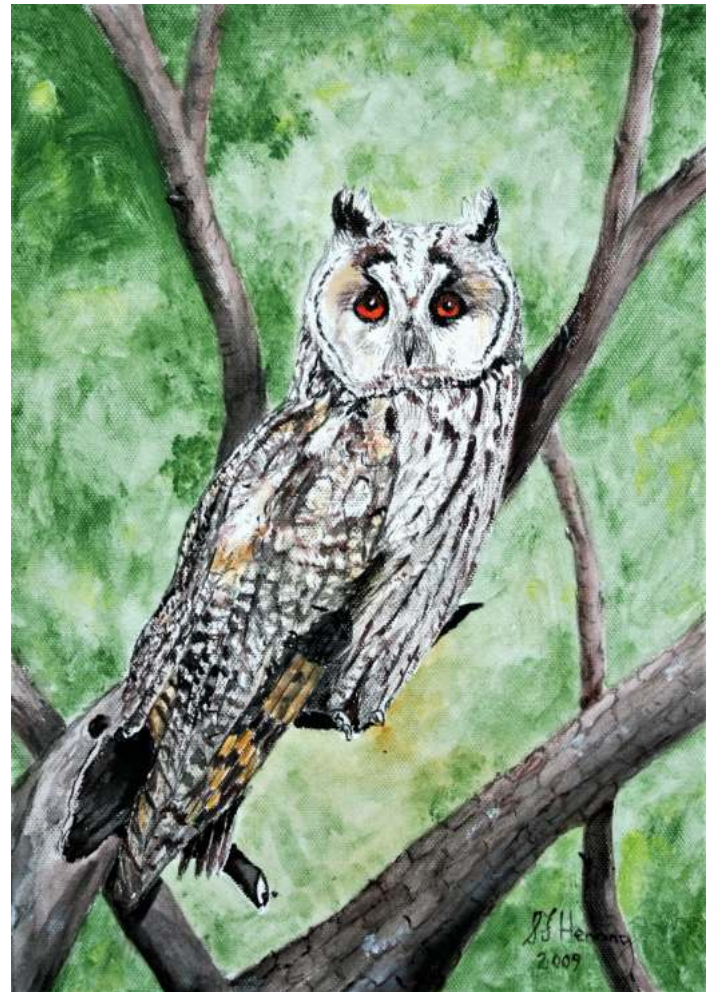
Little owls can mainly be found on agricultural land where there are plenty of hollow trees and farm buildings, which provide nesting sites. They lay their white eggs on the bare floor of the nest cavity. The chicks hatch after a month and are fed by both parents.

They usually hunt at night or at dawn. However, they can often be seen during the middle of the day, basking in the sun on a fence post, dead tree, or outbuilding. Rather than hunting on the wing, little owls usually hunt from a perch, typically a fence post or tree stump. When prey is spotted, they sometimes 'bob up and down' a few times before launching into a typically short, low, undulating flight to the ground where they sometimes pursue prey on foot. Their main prey are insects like large beetles, earthworms, snails, and occasionally some small mammals.

I first saw a long-eared owl in Edington about 20 years ago. We were walking along Court Lane from Cowlease Lane when we suddenly saw it sitting on a fence post. It was absolutely still watching us with its orange eyes and 'ears pricked'. It looked like what one would imagine a wise old owl from children's stories would look like. We were no more than 2 metres away when we saw it. We stood mesmerised by this beautiful owl just sitting there looking back at us. We must have watched it for about 20 minutes before we quietly moved on along the road. I only wish I had a camera with me or even a mobile phone like I would have had with me these days.

Long-eared Owls hunt mainly by flying slowly over open grassland, clearings, and fallow fields. They rarely hunt in woodlands where they roost and nest. They hunt mainly from late dusk to just before dawn, flying low to the ground (1-2 m), with the head canted to one side listening for prey. They feed on voles, mice, and small birds

In Wiltshire, Long-eared Owls are rare breeders. When they do breed it is from late February onwards. They have a fairly elaborate courtship display involving wing clapping and



**Long-eared owl (del S.F. Henning)**

flying with slow, exaggerated wingbeats. They usually use the old nest of some other large bird of prey and will even use an old squirrel drey. The time from the laying of the eggs to the chicks fledging is about 7-8 weeks.

In Wiltshire short-eared owls visit regularly in winter, being found mainly on Salisbury Plain in numbers fluctuating according to the availability of voles. They prefer rough grassland and other open country. They hunt in daylight or at dusk by low-level flying listening for the faintest rustle in grass by prey. Their prey consists of small rodents such as short-tailed voles, shrews, small birds, and insects.

A few short-eared owls have been recorded remaining throughout the summer in Wiltshire, although it was not until 1964 that breeding was first confirmed near Tidworth. Since then, there





**Short-eared owl (del. S.F. Henning)**

has been the odd record of them breeding in Wiltshire. They breed from April onwards and lay their white eggs in shallow unlined hollows on the ground among long grass.

**Stephen Henning**



## Edington & District Gardening Club

**First Thursday in the month from 7.00pm Parish Hall**

It was good to be back in the Parish Hall, the chatter showed how much we had missed this! Nineteen members and one visitor came along to hear Paul Jupp.. Paul from Meadow in my garden told us how to plan wildflower areas. Meadow in my garden is a community interest-based company and supplies seeds to individuals but also to projects in the community, 98% of wildflower meadows have been lost since the second world war so it is imperative to replace this loss. The flowers help our pollinating insects and brighten up our landscape and gardens. The best time is to plant the seeds in prepared, cleared areas in September and October although early spring is not too late, flowers coming 6-8 weeks after sowing in April. No area is too small or too large, too sunny, or too shady, there are different seeds to suit all types of areas and soil types. Why not try some in your plot!

The next meeting is Thursday April 7th. Peter Biggs from Wanborough Nurseries will be talking Herbs. He will be bringing along plants to sell too. The Hall is open from 7.00pm for refreshments and a catchup before the speaker at 7.30pm. Our speaker in May is Richard Rickitt who will be giving a talk entitled "A buzz in the garden".

Check out the village web page for up-to-date details or changes.

**Diary Date:** Saturday September 3rd Flower & Produce Show.

Schedules available next month.

**Jacky**

**(830133** for further details)



## **Edington Charity May Ball Returns for 2022 – Fun and Fundraising for the Local Community + Support for DEC Ukraine Appeal By Paul Millard**

In 2005 – the year following the devastating Boxing Day tsunami in Indonesia – Tom and Vicki Faulkner, the then landlord and landlady of The Lamb at Tinhead (now the Three Daggers) wanted to hold a charitable event – the event was to be their Swansong as they were leaving the pub they had made a roaring success after just 18 months.

Initially, the idea had been to raise funds for victims of the Boxing Day tsunami but there had been a terrific, global, response to that particular disaster and, in the end, we decided to concentrate our fund-raising efforts on local causes. At the time our daughter, Jess – who had worked as bar manager at The Lamb – was undergoing an intensive and protracted, but, ultimately, successful course of chemotherapy at Bath Cancer Unit and the choice of what charity to support ultimately made itself.

Our aims were modest and we formed a small committee to sell tickets around the village and to organise a marquee, band, catering, auction and raffle and we had hoped in that first year to raise £1,000. In the event we raised £4000 surpassing all our expectations.

We were allowed the use of the playing field and we called in every favour we could to keep our costs low – but it was a terrific event, pulling people together providing a focus and common cause and it laid the foundations for an event that has proved a popular as it is timeless.

The lockdown years caused the only break in continuity – but now its back for 2022 and that news is being met with enthusiasm and

encouragement from all quarters.

During the last 17 years, the Ball has evolved and, although some of the original organising committee members are still there, younger people are coming on board to inject new ideas and enthusiasm. We expanded our horizons to encompass many more charities particularly local and village charities and organisations and we have been able to provide support for the Three Villages minibus, the Playing Field, The Royal British Legion and Wiltshire Mind to name but a few.

Over the last 17 years The Edington Charity May Ball has managed to raise well over £100,000 which has been donated to a wide range of charities and organisations. We've been able to do that thanks to the generosity of so many people giving us raffle prizes and auction promises that money simply cannot buy – from dinner on the deck of HMS Victory to a private tour of St Paul's Cathedral or a day spent in the kitchens of our local Indian Restaurant.

Throughout all that time the support from the village and particularly from the Three Daggers has been immense. The Three Daggers now provide us with the catering and the bar as well as donating fantastic lots to our auction.

We have continued our donations to the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group whose efforts enable the Royal United Hospital to provide such incredible care and support for so many of our friends and family. But we have also looked beyond local, our chairman, John Matthews' connection to the Armed Forces and our treasurer, Phil Davies's involvement with the Royal British Legion have prompted us to support Armed Forces Charities such as The Felix Fund and Help for Heroes and we continue to process suggestions and requests for support.

This year, the poignant images of the despair and suffering being endured by ordinary people in the Ukraine have pulled at all our heart strings and the organisers have decided that, however worthy the charities we usually support maybe,





the people of Ukraine have a greater need and determined that at least 50% of the proceeds from this year's May Ball should go the DEC Ukraine Appeal.

Above and beyond anything, this is a community event, providing a great night out within the village while raising funds that will benefit others as well as our own local community.

The event is due to take place this year on Saturday May 21 and the £55 per head ticket price includes music from live bands, a sumptuous two-course dinner plus a charity auction and raffle.

If you'd like to reserve a place or a table of 10 contact John Matthews

[john.matthews@me.com](mailto:john.matthews@me.com)

If you're able to donate a raffle prize or auction lot, please contact Paul Millard [paul@orpr.co.uk](mailto:paul@orpr.co.uk)

## EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI



### WHAT IS HOMEOPATHY & HOW TO USE REMEDIES AT HOME WITH ANNE TOTTINGHAM HOMEOPATH



**Edington Parish Hall  
Tuesday 12th APRIL  
7:30pm  
All Welcome!**

### EDINGTON PARISH HALL

At the top of Monastery Road, is available for hire at very reasonable rates and has the benefit of a car park opposite the hall. Suitable for parties, meetings, family celebrations, funeral wakes and other events.

For more information or to book the hall, using the online booking system, go to [www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall](http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall) Alternatively email [parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk) or phone 01380 830441. We look forward to welcoming you to the hall.

## Four Villages Link AGM



The Annual General Meeting will be held at 10.30 on Tuesday 17th May at Edington Parish Hall, with refreshments available from 10.

The purpose of the meeting is to accept annual reports from the FVL Officers, and to re-elect the Management Committee. The AGM affords a great opportunity to learn about what the FVL provides for our communities, and how our volunteers contribute. The agenda will be published nearer the time, however if you would like to attend, please contact our secretary [fourvillageslink.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:fourvillageslink.secretary@gmail.com) or leave a message via the Contact page on our website <http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/> so that we can gauge numbers and send you relevant information.

**Catherine Elliott**



## Edington Landscapes exhibition

"There are many examples of artistic skills shown by residents dotted around the village but they are rarely on public view.

With this in mind, it is proposed to hold an exhibition entitled "Edington Landscapes" in The Parish Hall, possibly in late June. The material could include paintings, sketches and photographs.

Before deciding whether to proceed, it would be helpful to ascertain likely interest in the number of exhibits. Multiple items would be welcome.

We are planning to hold it on Friday 3rd June in the Edington Parish Hall between 2pm and 4.30pm.

If you are interested in participating in the project, it would be helpful if you could discuss your ideas with Pauline at the Post Office.

**George Fraser.**

***More news on this and other events in next month's edition.***

## Saturday 16th April – Edington Coffee Morning 10-12 on Easter Saturday



Delicious refreshments, good company and the opportunity to make a miniature Easter Garden in Edington

Priory Church – come along and have fun! All ages welcome.



## Six-month warning over £20 and £50 paper notes

The Bank of England has urged people to spend or deposit their paper £20 and £50 notes before the notes stop being legal tender in six months.

The Bank is replacing the paper notes with more durable plastic ones featuring artist JMW Turner and mathematician Alan Turing.

More than £17bn worth of paper notes remain in circulation, the Bank said.

But after 30 September, people will not be able to use the paper notes for payments in shops and other businesses.

From October, people with a UK bank account will still be able to deposit the paper notes into their account.



## THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



We prefer to still be mindful that the covid virus is still around and ask everyone to wear a face covering

(unless, for medical reasons you are exempt) and hand sanitise before entering the vehicle.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to all resident of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

Group hire can also now resume if they wish to do so.

We appreciate the support of Edington Parish Council who have kindly sent a donation to the minibus.

**Joy Fraser (830426)**

## Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding an Easter Celebration lunch (with a choice of casseroles & a selection of puddings) on **Wednesday April 13th at 12.30pm.** in the Parish Hall, Edington.

Price £8.00 in aid of the Parish Hall funds.

All will be most welcome to join us but you must book your place with Pauline by Friday April 8th to help catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door transport

(The lunch the following month will be on May 11th)

### Shopping Trips starting at Edington on

Destination	April	May	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 7th	Thursday 5th	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 19th	Tuesday 17th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 9th	Saturday 14th	9.30am

**All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to all resident of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place**



## Edington Under 5's preparing for Easter

The latest activity for the Under 5's saw them decorating Easter biscuits and nest cakes, below are some of the finished ones, before they were eaten!





## Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
11 April	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
12 April	7.30pm	WI talk - WHAT IS HOMEOPATHY	Parish Hall
13 April	12.30pm	Easter Lunch	Parish Hall
13 April	6.30pm	Friends fo Courtyard Surgery AGM	Churchill Arms, West Lavington
16 April	10 - 12 noon	Coffee Morning	Priory Church
19 April	1.25pm	TVM - Warminster shopping trip	
25 April	7.30pm	Annual Parish Meeting	Parish Hall
5 May	9.00am	TVM - Devizes	
5 May	7.30pm	Gardening Club talk	Parish Hall
11 May	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
17 May	10.30am	Four Villages Link AGM	Parish Hall
21 May		May Ball	Playfield

***TVM trips - please Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place***

**For these and future events please check the village website for more details.**

### Contacting us

Email the newsletter at

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or via the village website

[www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

### Future editions

We welcome your comments on this new 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](mailto:newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

**Deadline for articles 5th 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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website

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and you will be added to the mailing list.