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Edington & District Gardening Club Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 7th September Parish Hall
open to the public 2.30pm
Teas & cakes available!

Something for everyone to try their hand at
FLOWERS FRUIT VEG CAKES HANDICRAFTS
ART PHOTOGRAPHY

11 and under CHILDRENS CLASSES FREE!
Under 16 Trophy

Put something in! Have some fun, don't say

I COULD HAVE DONE THAT!!



Welcome to the fifty-first edition of the Edington Village News produced by villagers for the village of Edington.

This coming month we have two major village events. Firstly we have the Edington Music Festival taking place in the Priory Church between Sunday 18th and Sunday 25th August. Then the not to be missed either as a spectator or as a participant, the Edington and District Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 7th September.

If you are on the committee of a village organisation please make sure that details of your coming meetings and events are sent to the newsletter for future publications. We need your support in making this newsletter a success.





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

The new online consultation option is now available! SystemConnect has now replaced e-Consult.

You can access SystemConnect via your SystemOnline account if you have one.

SystemConnect allows you to request help with a new or existing health condition; follow-up on a recent consultation or send us in a query you may have about your medication. You can also request a letter from the doctor, repeat medications, a new or renewed Fit Note and query recent test results.

Anything you might usually call us to discuss can be done using SystemConnect. If you already have a SystemOnline account, you can access SystemConnect once you have logged-in to your SystemOnline account. Look towards the bottom left side of the page for 'Online Consultations' and click on 'Launch SystemConnect' once you have logged-in. Accessing SystemConnect this way will allow the software to pre-populate some of your demographic data, name and address etc.

NOTE: You do NOT have to have a SystemOnline account to access SystemConnect – you can go straight to the SystemConnect option by clicking on the link at top right of each page. With multiple IT options now available to patients, how do you decide which is best for

you?

The NHS App is very good and the options on there are likely to increase over time and will expand to cover your healthcare across NHS England; not just at the surgery. For example, you may have seen that recently that NHS hospital average waiting times have been added to the App.

If you already have a SystemOnline account then you are probably best advised to keep this and then access the SystemConnect option from your SystemOnline account whenever you have a health concern or query you wish to raise with us. This will provide you with a good combination of all the available options for online contacts with the surgery. If you do not already have a SystemOnline account we would recommend that you request one from the surgery.

Remember that it is you using these systems; if, therefore, you are happy with what you are currently using and it does everything you need it to do, you may well consider remaining as you are. We have previously advised that the surgery wants to move increasingly to using electronic forms of communication as the default, and we see this as a natural progression of this. We encourage each and every patient to consider using these options wherever possible.

We would like to assure all our patients that we will still continue to send letters to those of you who do not have an email address or mobile phone number on their record.

If you have any queries on this matter please email Craig Massey at

bswicb.wgppatientvoice@nhs.net

The detail below may help to inform your decision.





	See your records?	Online consultation?	Request your medication?	Book appointment?
SystemConnect	No	Yes	Yes (you will have to type out which medications you wish to order).	No
SystemOnline	Yes	No	Yes (you will not have to type out which medications you wish to order).	Cervical Screening appointments only at this time
NHS App	Yes	No	Yes (you will not have to type out which medications you wish to order).	Cervical Screening appointments only at this time

Dr Edwards & Partners

westburygp.co.uk

Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington
Telephone 01380 813 300



For medical emergencies dial 999

Our clinical team

Dr Helen Osborn is the Nominated GP for all our patients. She has clinics throughout the week.

Dr Kate Craufurd, is usually with us on Wednesdays & Fridays. Some of these sessions may be done from home.

Dr Hussein Alibhai is with us on Thursdays and Fridays, alongside working from home.

Dr Kemi Oluwakemi is a GP registrar with us is going to be staying with us until October.

Visiting Locums – we have regular locums, Dr Peter Phillips, Dr Elizabeth Parry, Dr Michelle Hall and Dr Anne Lashford.

Nurse Jo Addison (Monday to Thursday) is our senior nurse currently undertaking an MSc in

Advanced Clinical Practice. At the end of her course Nurse Jo will be qualified as an Advanced Nurse Practitioner providing triage, prescribing and same day appointments, while continuing to administer all baby immunisation. She is also an independent Nurse Prescriber.

Erica Compton is a newly qualified nurse who is working closely with our practice nurse Jo Addison.

Lisa Drewitt is now an Assistant Practitioner. Lisa also deals with blood tests, dressings, INR tests for those on warfarin, and various other injections. Alongside supporting the Leg Club in Devizes to help those with leg ulcers, and she is our Stop Smoking Advisor.

Sharon Bailey is an experienced healthcare assistant who deals with blood tests, dressings, INR tests for those on warfarin, health checks and various other injections.

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

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



Wiltshire Police



Some recent stories from Specialist Operations at @wiltshirepolice

#RPU spotted the driver of this HGV with his phone in hand texting whilst travelling along the M4. Driver on 3 points for speeding, impending 3 points for another recent speeding offence & now with 6 more looming he's off to court. #NoExcuse #Fatal5 #RoadSafety



Supermarket delivery driver stopped by #RPU in Trowbridge this morning as they sailed past the unmarked car on the phone. The traffic offence report was delivered safely. #fatal5

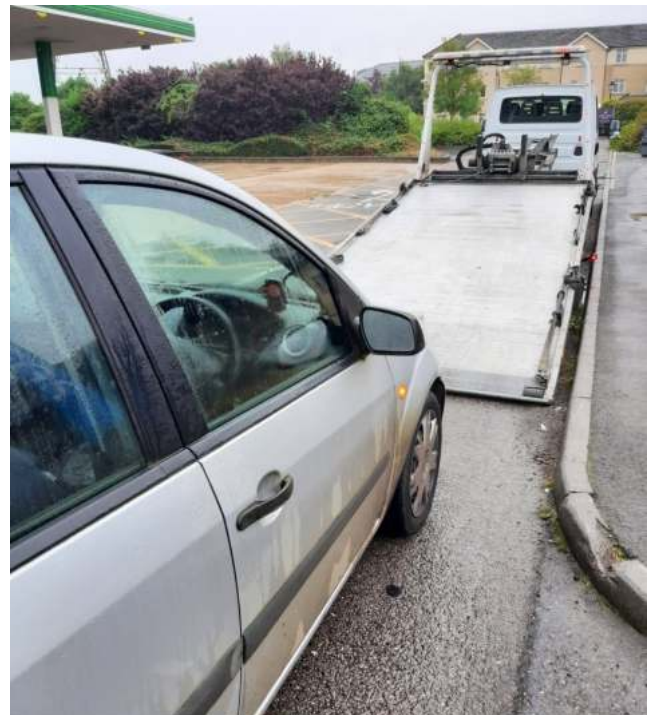


An off duty officer sent a notice to a driver after witnessing prolonged phone use whilst driving. The keeper stated he couldn't recall who was driving at the time.

Most amusing when the same Driver (and keeper) pulled up next to the same officer at the fuel pumps! #Priceless



#RPU's first stop of the day on #projectzero was this Fiesta. Driver was borrowing his parent's car to commute to work in Chippenham but chose not to insure it. #seized



You can view more tweets from Wiltshire Police roads policing and armed response teams at [@WiltsSpecOps](https://twitter.com/WiltsSpecOps)



Wiltshire Council

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Published 13 August 2024

Wiltshire Council has issued three separate Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) totalling £1,600 to a business that fly-tipped waste on the A303 westbound layby near Chicklade Bottom.

The waste found at the site led the council's Environmental Enforcement Officers to a business based in Southampton, and the business admitted to dumping the waste in the layby.

In addition to this offence, the business was unable to produce a waste carriers licence and could not produce any waste transfer notes, which would show how it was lawfully disposing of its waste.

The business was issued with three FPNs: £1,000 for fly-tipping, £300 for failing to produce a waste carriers licence and £300 for failing to produce waste transfer documents. As FPNs are not a conviction in court, the business cannot be named.

Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways and Street Scene, said: These fines highlight our continued efforts to tackling fly-tipping here in Wiltshire and we're determined to further reduce this environmental crime.

Our Business Plan objectives outline our zero-tolerance approach, and we will continue to spread this clear message that if you fly-tip you will be caught and prosecuted.

Our fly-tipping campaign We're Targeting Fly-tippers (WTF) Stop at Source (SAS) aims to make people aware of their responsibility in ensuring their waste is lawfully disposed of at an authorised site. Always check the waste carriers



licence, get a receipt, and note the registration, make and model of the vehicle being used to take the rubbish away.

Everybody is responsible for their own waste, and we urge residents and businesses to responsibly dispose of it - or we will take action.

Exciting new trails added to the Explore Wiltshire heritage app

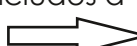
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Two new towns and a village have been added to the Explore Wiltshire app for visitors and residents alike to explore their heritage, landscapes and amenities this summer.

Melksham, Tisbury and Wilton are the latest to feature on the free app with new trails, hunts and events listings for each location, depicted by photos, audio walkthroughs and video clips.

First launched in June 2023, the app already has walking trails and visitor information for Bradford on Avon, Chippenham, Cricklade, Devizes, Marlborough, Malmesbury, Pewsey, Salisbury, Trowbridge and Warminster.

The app is location-aware and features information on nearby landmarks, cultural sites and significant historical events. An audio introduction to each location is provided by Wessex Archaeology's Phil Harding who was a member of popular Time Team programme on Channel 4.

The latest update to the app also includes a treasure hunt based on Warminster's 



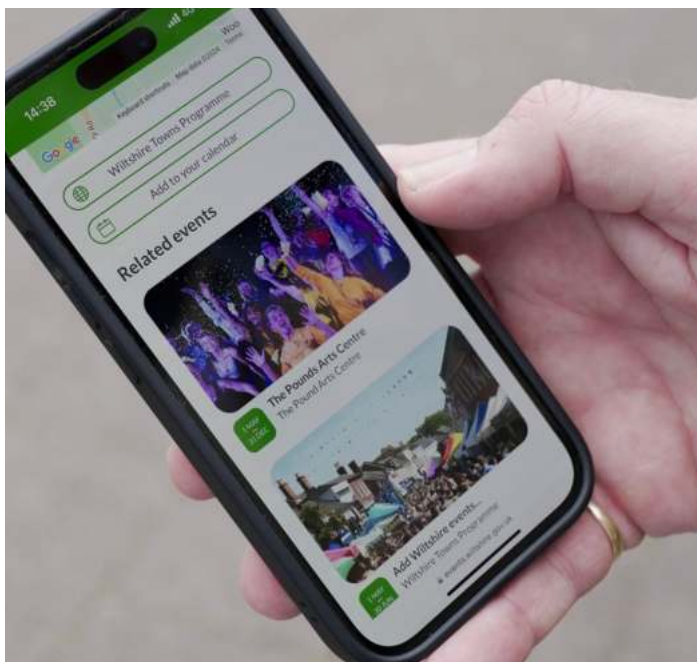
Longleat Safari Park. Users can locate 14 special posters of animals found at the park at businesses around Warminster town, with a prize for one of the lucky winners.

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council and Cabinet Member for Heritage, Arts and Tourism, said: "Whether you are visitor or a resident, the Explore Wiltshire app is a great way to discover the rich and diverse heritage of Wiltshire and get active this summer.

"Vibrant, well-connected communities is a key priority for us and the app is a great way for people to support the local economy as they visit local amenities found along the trail."

The Explore Wiltshire app was created by Wiltshire Council in collaboration with town and parish councils and Bristol-based app developer Calvium. It was developed on the Place Experience Platform which supports the local and visitor economy. Initial content was researched and written by the Archives and Local Studies team at the Wiltshire & Swindon History Centre in Chippenham.

The app is free and available to download from the Apple App Store or Google Play.



Deadline extended to 13 September to register interest in Solar Together for solar panel installation at lower prices from trusted installers

Published 9 August 2024

Due to a higher than projected uptake of the Solar Together scheme, the deadline has been extended to Friday 13 September 2024. This will allow more time for people to register their interest and take advantage of considerable savings on solar panel, battery and EV charger installations from qualified installers.

Following the success of the 2022 and 2023 schemes, Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council are working in partnership with iChoosr, independent experts in group buying, on the third Solar Together scheme which has already seen over 3,700 residents sign up.

Solar Together gives residents and businesses the opportunity to invest in renewable energy from a trusted provider to reduce their energy bills and improve their carbon footprint. The scheme utilises group buying to leverage cheaper solar panel and installation costs from vetted providers. The core principle is that coming together as a group provides enhanced buying power and allows the approved providers to offer a better price than individual home or commercial business owners might get from entering the market alone.

The initiative offers rooftop solar panels (also known as solar PV) with optional battery storage and electric vehicle (EV) charge points. It also offers battery storage installation for residents who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to maximise how much of their self-generated energy they can use at home and become less dependent on electricity from the grid.

To register their interest or for more information including likely costs and the amount of energy people can expect to generate, people can visit the Solar Together site:

[Solar Together Wiltshire](#)



Village Musings

Summer in Edington is wonderful! Among many other events, we have recently had Well Dressing, village fete, and the Gardening Club summer social event on the allotments, and we have enjoyed watching the farming year unfold as it should. Haymaking in our beautiful field in the heart of our village emphasised the



importance and fun of living in a successful farming community as we do.



The following poem was composed by Lyndall Henning-Marsh after she and her family came and enjoyed the Well Dressing at the village pond recently:

The Tradition of Well-Dressing

Honey-gold sunshine and rustic floral bunting,

***A dozen fingers pressing soft petals into wet
clay,***

While children tie posies which rest, resplendent,

in glass milk bottles and jam jars.

Fragrant tea and the scent of home baking,

As the spirits of old England gurggle their laughter,

Through the clear waters of a spring line village.

Mercedes Henning





THE EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL



Hildegard of Bingen
18–25 August 2024
A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC WITHIN THE LITURGY



THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL is founded upon the goodwill of the participants and the generosity of the parishioners of the benefice and festival's visitors.

The Friends of the Priory Church of Edington exists to support the Vicar and PCC in maintaining the Priory Church for future generations. Further information can be obtained from Mrs Susie Hancock, Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Wiltshire BA14 6AX (01225 754626). The Festival Association ensures the long-term future of the festival—further information can be obtained from Mrs Sue Lowery, 10 High Street, Steeple Ashton, Wiltshire BA14 6EL (01380 871549). Please help support the parish and festival through these bodies.

The Musical Evening and Supper will take place on Wednesday 21 August 2024, 6.30pm for 7pm, in the field to the West of the church by kind permission of Edington Parish Council. A light-hearted and convivial evening, it helps fund parish facilities that are much relied on by both village and festival. Tickets at £30 are available from 1 June via Hugh Hancock musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org or Dunge Farm (details as above). Payment is by cheque, made out to Edington Music Festival Society, or ask for BACS.

The Committee will try to ensure guests can sit with friends if notified when booking. Please mention any dietary requirements and if you need a disabled car parking space.

Car parking is provided on the verge opposite Monastery Gardens, and will be signposted. Parking permits for disabled visitors are available by sending your name, car registration, make and colour, and details of the services you are attending via e-mail to parking@edingtonpriory.church or by sending these details and a stamped addressed envelope to Dunge Farm (as above). If facilities (wheelchair access, specific seating etc.) are required in church, please include this information in your application. Further information and late bookings can also be dealt

with on 07970 962823.

For one week in August since 1956, Edington has hosted a festival of music within the liturgy in its magnificent fourteenth-century Priory Church. Singers from many of the great cathedral and collegiate choirs sing the daily services. There are **no tickets** for the services and **seats cannot be reserved**.

The Offices of Matins and Compline are sung to plainsong by the Schola Cantorum (directed by Peter Stevens, Assistant Master of Music, Westminster Cathedral), while the principal services are led by a Nave Choir (conducted by Matthew Martin, Precentor & Director of College Music, Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge) and a Consort (conducted by Jeremy Summerly, Director of Music, St Luke's Church, Chelsea). The festival is directed by Robert Quinney (Organist & Tutor in Music, New College, Oxford).

The 69th festival is centred on Hildegard of Bingen and based on seven of her sequences and songs contained in the *Symphonia armonie celestium revelationum* – 'The Symphony of the Harmony of Celestial Revelations'. Full details can be found in the companion booklet, priced at £5 & available from Monday 5 August. If you would like a copy posted, please send a cheque for £7 (to cover p&p), made payable to the Edington Music Festival Society, to the Information Secretary, John d'Arcy, The Old Vicarage, Edington, Westbury, Wiltshire, BA13 4QF (01380 830512) or ask for BACS details via an e-mail to info@edingtonfestival.org.

Hildegard of Bingen
18–25 August 2024

A FESTIVAL OF MUSIC WITHIN THE LITURGY



—EDINGTON MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024—

Sunday 18 August

9.15pm Compline

Te lucis ante terminum THOMAS TALLIS

In manus tuas JOHN SHEPPARD

Nunc dimittis GUSTAV HOLST

Salve regina HERBERT HOWELLS

Monday 19 August ○ Ecclesia

9.00am Matins

11.30am Solemn Eucharist

Missa brevis GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

Wie lieblich sind deine Wohnungen
HEINRICH SCHÜTZ

Locus iste ANTON BRUCKNER

7.30pm Music before the service Alexander Pott

8.00pm Solemn Evensong

○ Ecclesia HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Preces & Responses PLAINSONG

Second Service KENNETH LEIGHTON

How lovely are thy dwellings JOHANNES BRAHMS

9.15pm Compline

Tuesday 20 August ST BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX

○ ignis spiritus

9.00am Matins

11.30am Solemn Eucharist

Missa Dum complerentur

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

Come, Holy Ghost JOHN HARPER

Veni Sancte Spiritus WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

7.30pm Music before the service Robert Quinney

8.00pm Solemn Evensong

Litany to the Holy Spirit PETER HURFORD

Preces & Responses SASHA JOHNSON MANNING

Short Service ROBIN ORR

○ ignis spiritus JOANNA MARSH

9.15pm Compline

Wednesday 21 August ○ viridissima virga

9.00am Matins

11.30am Solemn Eucharist

○ doctor optime STEVIE WISHART

Mass X PLAINSONG

A tender shoot OTTO GOLDSCHMIDT

Drop down, ye heavens DAME JUDITH WEIR

4.00pm Choral Evensong

recorded live for BBC Radio 3 doors close at 3.55pm

○ viridissima virga HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Preces & Responses SASHA JOHNSON MANNING

Short Service ROBIN ORR

Virga Jesse ANTON BRUCKNER

○ viridissima virga HELEN ROE

9.45pm Compline

Thursday 22 August ○ presul vere civitatis

9.00am Matins

11.30am Solemn Eucharist

Missa tertia, octavi toni GIOVANNI CROCE

Blessèd city, heavenly Salem SIR EDWARD BAIRSTOW

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

SIR EDWARD BAIRSTOW

7.30pm Music before the service Peter Stevens

8.00pm Sequence of Music and Readings

○ presul vere civitas HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Nuper rosarum flores GUILLAUME DUFAY

Hear my prayer MOSES HOGAN

9.15pm Compline

Friday 23 August ○ Eucharist

11.30am Choral Matins & Sermon

○ hearken thou ROXANNA PANUFNIK

Preces & Responses WILLIAM SMITH

Venite (Short Service) WILLIAM BYRD

Benedicite in G FRANCIS JACKSON

Benedictus in C SIR CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD

Deus, Deus meus ROXANNA PANUFNIK





7.30pm Music before the service Matthew Martin

8.00pm Solemn Requiem

Requiem GABRIEL FAURÉ

9.15pm Compline

Saturday 24 August ST BARTHOLOMEW

O Jerusalem

9.00am Eucharist Mass IV PLAINSONG

11.30am Choral Matins

O Jerusalem HILDEGARD OF BINGEN

Preces & Responses MATTHEW MARTIN

Te Deum & Benedictus (First Service)

THOMAS TOMKINS

Let all the world KENNETH LEIGHTON

7.30pm Music before the service Charles

Maxtone-Smith

8.00pm Solemn Evensong

Cantique de Jean Racine GABRIEL FAURÉ

Preces & Responses PLAINSONG

Magnificat for double choir

SIR CHARLES VILLIERS STANFORD

I was glad SIR HUBERT PARRY

9.15pm Compline

Sunday 25 August Columba aspexit

9.00am Matins

11.30am Solemn Eucharist

Mass for four voices WILLIAM BYRD

Lauda Sion FELIX MENDELSSOHN

Ego sum panis vivus

GIOVANNI PIERLUIGI DA PALESTRINA

Corpus Christi Carol JUDITH BINGHAM

Ave Maria ROBERT PARSONS

FRIENDS' FESTIVAL LUNCH, Saturday 24 August 1pm

The Friends of the Priory Church host an informal two course lunch in the marquee on the Coal Path Field beside the church. Wine and soft drinks will be available at a cash bar. Open to everyone, it is a chance to sit down and enjoy the company of other Festival-goers and also to meet our afternoon's speaker.

Tickets are £20 and available from Susie Hancock (secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk or 01225 754626) or Wendy Pollard (wendy@thepollards.co.uk or 01380 830441). You can use cheque or BACS.

FRIENDS' TALK, Saturday 24 August 4.15pm with tea and homemade cakes served from 3.45pm

'Symphonia: Hildegard of Bingen and the Theology of Everything'

Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle's theme was inspired by that of the Festival and will be very interesting. Canon Jepson-Biddle was Precentor at Wells Cathedral, but is now Director of the Kew Institute for Theology and Gardening.

The talk will be wide-ranging on the subject of Hildegard of Bingen who was a polymath of the 12th Century, certain to be very interesting.

Entry is open to everyone and free. Although contributions to the tea kitty and to the Friends would be very welcome.



FRIENDS' FESTIVAL LUNCH

following Matins (approximately 1pm)
on
Saturday 24 August 2024
in the
Festival Marquee on the Coal Path Field.

Two courses,
with wine and soft drinks available at a cash bar.

Tickets £20

Available from

Wendy Pollard – wendy@thepollards.co.uk or 01380 830441

or

Susie Hancock – secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk or 01225 754626

We look forward to seeing you!

(Please give any dietary requirements at time of booking)

The Friends' Annual Meeting will follow the lunch at 1415

Charity No: 1199368

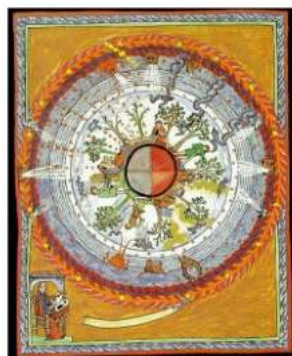


FRIENDS' TALK

Saturday, 24 August 2024
at 4.15pm

Canon Nicholas Jepson-Biddle will take as his theme

‘Symphonia: Hildegard of Bingen and the Theology of Everything’



All welcome
Entry Free

The talk is preceded by tea and homemade cakes

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Wildlife trip to Costa Rica – Part 3

I have been madly interested in animals all my life and have got to know a wide range of species very well. Some of my earliest memories of are visiting the Groote Schuur Zoo in Cape Town where I was enthralled by all the exotic animals. I suppose I also remember it because at the age of about 4 years I was pecked by a blue crane who mistook one of my fingers as food when I was trying to feed it a peanut. As wonderful as zoos are for viewing weird and wonderful animals, they are not the same as seeing them in their natural habitat.

So, I have marvelled over the wonderful Central and South American animals in zoos, books, photos and films, but none of this beats seeing them in the wild. Seeing sloths hanging from a branch at Longleat is nowhere as exciting as trying to see them in the canopy of their natural rainforest. We were particularly lucky to find sloths wherever we went in Costa Rica. We found them in the grounds of the University of Costa Rica (both two and three toed sloths), in secondary rainforest on the slides of a volcano, in a car park, and in a tree next to our hotel. The locals were also amazed to see them and called others to come have a look.

Two of the world's six sloth species are found in the tropical rainforests of Costa Rica: the herbivorous brown-throated three-toed sloth and the omnivorous Hoffman's two-toed sloth. Three-toed sloths are more active during the day, so you have a better chance of sighting one than the mainly nocturnal two-toed sloth.

Sloths are folivores which means they feed mainly on leaves, twigs and buds. Because the animals don't have incisors, they trim down leaves by smacking their firm lips together. They have a low metabolic rate which means sloths can survive on relatively little food; it takes days or even weeks for them to process what other animals can digest in a matter of hours. More

leaves can only be eaten once there is enough room in the stomach, and this is often full making for as much as 37% of its body mass. Sloths have a large, four-chambered stomach, like a cow. Bacteria in their gut help digest the large amount of plant matter they eat.

One of the other most notable adaptations of sloths is their reduced muscle mass. In most mammals, up to 40-45% of body weight is composed of muscle, while in sloths, this figure is closer to 25-30%. This reduction in muscle mass is a significant factor contributing to their slow movements, but it also means that sloths require less energy to maintain their bodily functions.

Sloths, like all living things, need to defecate, which usually happens once a week. Defecating upside down might seem an easy option, but sloths are incredibly fussy about their hygiene. In the wild they make a slow arduous journey from the tree canopy to the bottom of the same tree to defecate or urinate on the forest floor. Perhaps they don't fancy eating leaves that have been defecated on from above by themselves or other sloths.

We saw our first Hoffman's two-toed sloth in a patch of rainforest on the University of Costa Rica campus. Our guide was surprised to see it so active during the day as they are usually nocturnal. The one we saw actually climbed from one tree canopy to the next. Later on in our trip in Manual Antonio we saw another 2-toed sloth with a baby in a tree in the grounds of a hotel.



Hoffman's two-toed sloth climbing in the canopy





Although named the two-toed sloth, these sluggish creatures have two long, curved toes on their front feet, and three curved toes on their back feet. In contrast to the three-toed sloth, the two-toed is nocturnal, larger, and has a longer, pig-like snout. They love to hang upside down in between tree branches within rainforest canopies. Their diet consists mainly of leaves but occasionally they will eat fruit and they have been known to eat bird eggs, lizards and insects.

Walking back across the Costa Rica University campus we were all surprised to see a crowd of students looking up at three brown-throated three-toed sloths clambering in a large tree near one of the buildings. Again, our guide was surprised to see three sloths interacting with each other in such a way. She said the sloths are usually found just hanging from a branch.

I think it was probably two competing males and a receptive female. Sex is the only thing sloths do quickly. In fact, copulation lasts less than a minute. After it is over, the dominant male will stay nearby for several days, mating with the female frequently and fighting off any other males that wander too close. This is possibly what was happening here. We tried to get some good close-up pictures by photographing through our guide's telescope



Brown-throated three-toed sloth photographed through guide's telescope.

We saw our next sloths on a walk through the secondary rainforest growing up through the volcanic rock on the slopes of the Arenal Volcano. Halfway through the walk Mercedes saw a female 3-toed sloth with her baby in a tree next to the path. In no time at all several other groups stopped and joined us watching the sloths in the branches.



Female three-toed sloth with her baby in the secondary forest on Arenal Volcano

Brown-throated three-toed sloths have a distinctive brown neck and black markings around dark eyes. It is the most common sloth species to spot. They typically weigh 8 – 9 pounds, have a round head, short snout, small eyes, long legs, tiny ears and a stubby tail.

Another mammal that we came across more than once in our travels around Costa Rica was the white-nosed coati. It was an animal I knew well as we had one in our Animal Centre at Wiltshire College Lackham when I worked there several year ago. It was a favorite of most of the





students. I was delighted to see it in its natural habitat.

They are the Costa Rican version of a raccoon. Raccoons are found in Costa Rica as well, but because coatis are diurnal, people have a better chance of seeing them. Coatis are reddish in colour and spend most of their time looking for food on the ground. We saw them foraging along the roads and encountered them on a walk in the Monteverde Cloud Forest just wandering along the path we were following.

Coatis are curious, adaptable mammals that inhabit various regions of the country. They are medium-sized mammals, typically measuring between 16-28 inches in body length, with a long bushy tail that can be almost as long as their body. Their fur is reddish-brown to grey, with a distinctive white snout and facial markings. Coatis have a slender body, strong limbs, and sharp, curved claws, which they use for climbing and foraging. One of its most remarkable adaptations is its prehensile tail, which acts as a fifth limb, providing balance and support when climbing trees or navigating the forest canopy. The tail also serves as a form of communication within the band, with coatis raising their tails to signal their location to other group members.



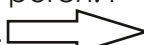
White-nosed Coati which we saw next to the road.

Coatis are omnivorous, with a diverse diet that includes fruits, insects, small vertebrates, and even carrion. They are excellent foragers, using their long flexible snouts and sharp claws to probe into crevices, dig up soil, and overturn rocks in search of food. Their keen sense of smell and dexterous front paws aids them in locating and manipulating food items.

As already mentioned, coatis are part of the raccoon family and there are in fact two other species of raccoon in Costa Rica. One is the northern or common raccoon which is the same species as those in North America. Again, we had a pair of these at Lackham and they were very intelligent and escape artists. One escaped and lived on the estate avoiding captured for more than a week. When we first got them, they were quite young, and the Animal Centre Manager kept them in his house for the first week or so. But these inquisitive animals soon trashed his house opening up cupboards in the kitchen looking for food. We did not keep them very long and they were passed on to a larger zoo.

The northern or common raccoon ranges throughout the whole of Costa Rica and overlaps with the crab-eating raccoon's range which is on the Pacific coast.

The crab-eating raccoon or South American raccoon is a species of raccoon native to marshy and jungle areas of Central and South America. It is found from Costa Rica south through most areas of South America east of the Andes down to northern Argentina and Uruguay. Despite its name, this species does not feed exclusively on crabs, and the common raccoon also seeks and eats crabs where they are available.

One evening we went for a walk down to the beach at Manuel Antonio on the Pacific coast. On the way down to the beach we saw a crab-eating raccoon moving around on the eaves of a house. It was only about 10 feet away from us. It was lovely seeing a raccoon in its "natural habitat" of someone's front porch. I presume it was there foraging for food. 



Crab-eating raccoons are normally found in bushy areas or woodlands, usually near water. They are generally solitary and nocturnal. They are primarily terrestrial but will spend a significant amount of time in trees and also swim very well. They use hollows in trees, rock crevices, old stumps, crawl spaces in buildings or dens abandoned by other animals for shelters. Their diet includes crayfish, crabs, other arthropods, frogs, fish, nuts, seeds, acorns, and berries. Their hands and feet have a highly developed sense of touch and are extremely dexterous. Often they will pick up food with their hands and place it in their mouths. Crab-eating raccoons have often been observed dipping their food into water before eating.



Crab-eating raccoon in the eaves of a house.

Stephen Henning.



Four Villages Link

Call **07852 256939** if you need a lift to the doctor, hospital, shops or for any other reason. Our volunteers are also happy to help with jobs around the house and garden, or keep you company over a cup of tea. Services are free of charge but we welcome donations. If you would like to join our group of volunteers please call the same number; mileage is reimbursed.



Edington Under Fives

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**



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

During 2023, one third of the kitchen fires attended by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) were in the homes of people aged over 65 and living alone. To combat this alarming statistic, DWFRS is launching a new safety campaign, with a focus on preventing cooking-related incidents and making residents safer at home.

'Cook with Care' has four key themes to help reduce kitchen fires:

- **Prepare** - Before you start cooking, create a clear space to prepare your meals safely. Keep tea towels and cloths away from the cooker and hob, and take care if you're wearing loose clothing.
- **Prevent** - Never put anything other than pots and pans on your cooker hob; even after you've finished cooking, the hob will remain hot for some time. Never put anything metal into the microwave. Saucepan handles left sticking out create a danger; there's a risk they could be caught, leading to the pans being knocked off the hob.
- **Focus** - Don't leave cooking unattended. Avoid cooking if you are tired, have been drinking alcohol or are taking medication that leaves you drowsy.
- **Stay Safe** - Keep the oven, hob and grill clean as a build-up of fat or grease can catch fire when hot. Switch off the oven and/or hob when you have finished cooking and take pans off the heat.

It's vital that we do all we can to protect our communities, especially those people who are perhaps more vulnerable because of their age or where they live. By highlighting some of the potential dangers

in the kitchen, DWFRS hope to encourage safer cooking behaviours amongst those most at risk.

There is more information on the DWFRS website about safety in the home, www.dwfire.org.uk/safety-at-home and anyone with an older friend or relative who lives alone is asked to share this advice with them.

If you are concerned for someone's safety, you can contact the DWFRS Safe & Well team – call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk/safe-and-well-visits

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Cook with Care

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alone, you are more likely
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Edington & District Gardening Club

Reports on our summer visits.

In July we had a lovely social evening at the Allotments. Drinks, nibbles and chatter and reasonable weather in the end. Thanks to the 'Allotmenters' for showing us their wonderful plots and achievements, certainly puts my veggie plot to shame! No excuse for not entering the Flower and Produce Show this year from you all at the allotments.

It was nice to give a special welcome to Carol Mussell and her daughter Helen who came along. (Roger Mussell allowed the area to be used as allotments initially).

We also accepted the invitation from Steeple Ashton Gardening Club to go along to Penny Hornsey's beautiful courtyard garden at Stable Cottage.



Abbotsbury Gardens were wonderful, and the weather was very hot. We had a guided tour by the deputy head gardener, it was her first tour, which she did wonderfully, but we were treated to having the head gardener too!

We had another glorious day for the trip to Forde Abbey. We had a private guided tour around the house, and then we saw the gardens at leisure for the rest of the day. The fountain is spectacular.

In August we went to the Taunton Flower Show, celebrating 140 years, one of the oldest shows. Again, we had good weather, and it was



good to see other activities in the Showing, although one of the falcons did decide to go awol! The sheep dogs behaved themselves though. There was plenty to see in the Show tents, and

yes, I did buy a plant!

Unfortunately, the trip to Simpson Seeds, on the August 8th, was postponed, and will be rearranged.



See you at the Flower & Produce Show (only number 18!) on September 7th.

Jacky



Edington & District Gardening Club Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 7th September Parish Hall

open to the public 2.30pm

Teas & cakes available!

Something for everyone to try their hand at
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'I COULD HAVE DONE THAT!!'





Edington arts

THREE OF THE UK'S FINEST TO PLAY AT EDINGTON

The Britten Sinfonia is one of the UK's most respected and dynamic orchestral ensembles in the UK, with a reputation far beyond these shores. On Saturday October 19th three of their Wind Principals, all well-known soloists and chamber ensemble players in their own right, are coming to perform at Edington Priory Church as the Britten Sinfonia Wind Trio.



Nicholas Daniel (oboe), Sarah Burnett (bassoon) and Joy Farrall (clarinet) have put together a great programme for this relatively unusual combination of instruments, from a Beethoven Trio and a Divertimento by Mozart to pieces by Ibert, Milhaud and Poulenc. There will be music for a wide range of tastes, performed by three outstanding instrumentalists. Edington Arts is incredibly privileged to be able to welcome



them to the Priory Church.

Tickets for this concert are on sale now from £11 to £25 with a 10% discount for Edington Angels on all seats, and can be secured through the What's On page on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, or by phoning Chrissy on 01380 831256. Students 18 and under come free. The performance starts at 7.30pm and will end at approximately 9.30pm, including an interval.





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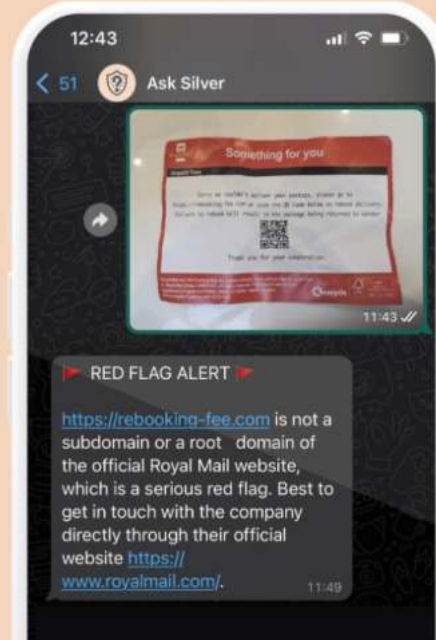
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- Louise Baxter MBE Head of the National Trading Standards Scams Team

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Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club

As the club moves into the month of August, thoughts now move to the final games of the season and the end of another cricketing year. But with 3 league games left to go and plenty of Sunday and midweek cricket to play, there is still plenty of time for more runs to be scored, wickets to be taken and catches to drop! The league side find themselves down the bottom of Division 2 in desperate need of a win to secure their place for next year. It's fair to say that performances have not gone as expected for the 2024 season and a departure of regular players and a lack of availability early season found us often playing with 9/10- you're not going to win many games if you don't have a full team. To say it's been a frustrating time is an understatement with a lack of commitment and enthusiasm to play not only affecting Saturdays, but also Sundays and midweek. The need for recruitment of new playing members has never been more important for the club over this winter and is a process that we will be really focusing on this year.

However, it's not been all doom and gloom and once again we have had a fantastic season with the juniors this year. Our numbers have increased dramatically meaning that we were regularly having 30+ youngsters enjoying some cricket up at The Walled Garden. Next year, we intend not only to build on these numbers again, but look to have a proper junior side, playing against other local clubs. We are also looking to hold winter net sessions for the juniors early next year- the first time in the club's history we have done this. This is very exciting for the club and will hopefully

produce some good cricketers who will in a few years time be ready to play for the adult sides. A huge thanks to all youngsters, parents and coaches who have helped out this year and made it another success and a well done to Harry D who won the cricket bat at the end of the season.

As always, the annual cricket club tour proved to be a long weekend filled with sunshine and cricket. We had 4 amazing days down in the New Forest winning our first 2 games and closely missing out on the last 2. Yet, the highlight of the weekend has to be playing Wattlesprigs CC from Australia on the Friday who were led and coached by the great Merv Hughes. It was a great game (and win) for the Erlestoke team but 'Big Merv' was everything we hoped he'd be- warm, welcoming, funny, full of stories and coaching tips and pointers for some of our players. A thanks to all 16 members who came along this year and a special mention to Charlotte Morrison who experienced her first tour and played exceptionally well. We are all already looking forward to next year's Tour!

The next phase of the pavilion project has also started with the block work now underway. Although we are immensely pleased with the work and money raised so far, there is still plenty of work to be done in order to get us over the line. The donations and support through our just giving page have been great to see but it's a little disappointing that there has not been more contributions from our playing members. Every little helps and we hope that this support and awareness from within the club's members grows over time. To everyone who has visited and donated so far, a huge thank you for your generous help. We won't be able to do it without you.

In line with this, the club continues to look for ways to raise money, not just for the pavilion project but also the general day to



day running and we had a fantastic Quiz Night hosted by The Three Daggers in July. It was a really successful event and we look forward to holding more in the future. Thanks to Zuzie and The Daggers for hosting and providing a great top prize, as well as Jonny for organising the questions.

As always, if you're harbouring a desire to dust off some dormant cricketing skills or just fancy giving it a go, please do get in touch and come along to a game. We have welcomed 6 new members this past month, all of whom have enjoyed rediscovering a love for the game. It's never too late so don't let age, ability or experience put you off!

The suns out, the pubs open soon, let's play some cricket.

Joe Dorgan
Chairman, Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club

LOCATION

THE CLUB HOUSE
The Walled Garden
High Street
Erlestoke, Devizes, Wiltshire
Wiltshire
SN10 5TX

Forthcoming roadworks around Edington.

Westbury Road, Bratton

22 Aug 09:00 - 17:00 - Road Closure
Scottish and Southern Power Distribution - Utility Repair and Maintenance Works

Hillside Farmhouse, 45 Westbury Road, Edington,

27 Aug 07:30 - 28 Aug 15:30 - Traffic control (two-way signals)
Tree felling works

Bratton/Steeple Ashton crossroads to Steeple Ashton Road

27 Aug 07:00 - 30 Aug 17:00 - Road Closure
Verge Overrun works to stabilise and improve the roadside verges following years of overrunning having taken place.

Steeple Ashton Road

2 Sep 07:00 - 13 Sep 17:00 - Road Closure
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TVM is also available for village groups to hire (contact Pauline on tel:830013).

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday

September 11th

Joy Fraser (830426)

September Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding a two course Harvest Themed Lunch (with a choice of Pies & a Selection of Puddings)

on **Wednesday September 11th at 12.30pm.**

in Edington Parish Hall.

Price £8.00 in aid of Edington Parish Hall.

All will be most welcome to join us.

Please let Pauline know (by Friday September 6th) if you are



coming, as this helps with

catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door transport.



Please book your place with Pauline

Shopping Trips starting at Edington

Destination	September	Start Time	Cost
Devizes	Thursday 5th	9.00am	£3.20
Warminster	Tuesday 17th	1.25pm	£2.80
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.30pm	£2.30
Salisbury	Saturday 7th	9.30am	£5.00

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Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
August			
18th August - 25th August		Edington Music Festival	Priory Church
September			
5th September	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
7th September	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
7th September	2.30pm	Flower & Produce Show	Parish Hall
11th September	12.30pm	Lunch in the Parish Hall	Parish Hall
17th September	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
Weekly			
Every Tuesday	10.00am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
Every Thursday	10.00am	Edington Under 5's	Parish Hall
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

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

Contacting us

Email the newsletter at
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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.

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Deadline for articles 10th of the month.

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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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