



MERRY CHRISTMAS



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Edington Parish Council



Invite you to the turning on of the
Christmas tree lights with carol singing
led by Bratton Training Band



Where: - Village
Playing Field

When: - Friday 9th
December

Time: - 6.30pm

Minced pies and mulled wine

Tree generously donated by
The Three Daggers



Welcome to the thirty-second
edition of the Edington Village
News.

The editors would like to thank all
of those villagers who have
contributed to this newsletter over
the last year and wish all of our
readers a very Happy Christmas
and New Year.



Pauline and John





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

Posted on 14 November 2022

Dear Patients

Just to let you know that from 5th December 2022, we have again introduced an on the day appointment system at Westbury Group Practice for all GP and Acute Care Team appointments for the duration of this winter. We have done this to ensure that we have some flexibility to meet both patient demand and staff availability over this winter.

Given the unpredictable progress of winter illnesses, we are not able to book appointments fully in advance, as we cannot rely on past experience to estimate demand for appointments. This is also affected by staff availability: alongside all other reasons that could affect staff absence, as NHS staff, we are still required to self-isolate for at least 5 days should we contract Covid 19, and whilst we have strict infection control measures in place to

reduce our risk at work, we know it is not always avoidable. We acknowledge that this reduces some convenience for patients, but it does mean that you can call for an appointment on a



day that you are available to come in for review, and not a day dictated by a routine booking system. However and especially if you are requesting a specific clinician, we may not be able to offer you an appointment on the first occasion one is requested.

We have also changed the way our clinics are run to meet the need for acute respiratory illness in anticipation of increased demand. We would also like to reassure you that this "on the day" system is very similar to the one Westbury Group Practice has successfully utilised over the festive period for several years, and that it remains under constant review.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we continue to adjust to the ongoing pressures that we as a Practice and the wider NHS face.

White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery will be closed on the following days over the Christmas period:

Monday 26th December 2022

Tuesday 27th December 2022

Monday 2nd January 2023

All other days will remain unchanged and both surgeries will be open at their normal times. Please be mindful of any repeat medications you are prescribed. While we normally advise ordering a week prior to allow pharmacists to receive and dispense your prescriptions, both our own staff and pharmacists may experience increased workloads so therefore we would advise ordering up to two weeks prior to running out.

Thank you

Dr Edwards & Partners

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Lavington**

Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

[The latest news from the surgery - Our Practice Leaflet can be read here.](#)

before getting the behind the wheel of a car is not worth the risk. We see first-hand the devastation felt by families whose loved ones have been killed on our roads, often at the hands of a drink driver, and it is difficult to even put into words just how heart-breaking this can be. Please, don't be responsible for tearing a family apart this Christmas."



The month-long operation targeting drivers under the influence of drink or drugs began yesterday (1/12) and will run for the entire festive period.

Last Christmas, we arrested 45 drivers on suspicion of drink driving and 31 for driving under the influences of drugs.

And between 1 January 2022 and 31 October, 583 drivers have been arrested for drink driving offences and 329 for drug driving in Wiltshire alone. – that's a total of 912 people. The 2021 total was 1,071.

"We anticipate this coming weekend will be a busy one across towns in Wiltshire," said A/Insp Ayres.

"Please remember that you may feel ok the morning after a big night out, but you may still be over the limit. Don't put yourself, your passengers and other road users at risk."



Wiltshire Police

**Operation targeting drink and
drug drivers over the festive
period begins**

As the first weekend of December approaches, officers are reminding drivers not to get behind the wheel after drinking or taking drugs.

Our Roads Policing Unit will be stepping up patrols over the festive season, working closely with partner agencies from the Road Safety Partnership, to target those who fail to abide by the law.

Officers from RPU will also be out and about in the community for a number of interactive sessions in various town centres to explain the dangers of drink and drug driving, starting in Highworth High Street tomorrow (3/12) from 9am until 2.30pm.

Acting Inspector Will Ayres said: "We hold a zero tolerance approach to drink and drug driving all year round, however, we know that as Christmas approaches everyone is getting into the festive spirit with lots of parties planned over the coming weeks. While we want everyone to enjoy the festivities as much as possible, it's really important that this is done safely.

"Please plan your journey home or have a designated driver within your group. Consuming alcohol or drugs



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday

10.30 - 11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.

Transport available

contact

Pauline or Joy.





9.30pm, at Holy Trinity Church, Trowbridge, to raise funds for Breakthrough Trowbridge.

Tickets costing £5 (under 16 s free) will be available on the door or can be reserved by emailing choir@wiltshire.gov.uk. A raffle will take place during the interval and wine and soft drinks will be available.



Latest News from Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council Singers raising money for Breakthrough Trowbridge and remembering Ukraine at Christmas

Published 1 December 2022

Wiltshire Council Singers are holding their annual Christmas concert on Friday 16 December, a fun filled informal evening of Christmas songs. They will be raising money for the homeless charity Breakthrough Trowbridge and remembering Ukraine.

In addition to traditional favourites and more recent Christmas songs the choir will be joined by special guest, Nicole Medin who performed at the choir's concert for Ukraine in March. Nicole's family are in Lviv and she will be singing traditional songs sung in Ukraine at Christmas. With one of the songs being, Take Me Home for Christmas, this will be a very emotional and thought provoking moment.

Denise Drew, Choir Leader said; "Our annual Christmas concert is an opportunity to hear some fabulous Christmas music, and also to join in with an informal singalong. We warmly invite everyone to come and join us and get Christmas off to a fantastic start."

"We are also inviting all Ukrainian families spending their first Christmas in Wiltshire and their hosts to come along."

The concert will take place on Friday 16 December, 7.30 -



Wiltshire Council secures Department for Education funding to create two new community-based children's homes

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The new homes will help to provide places for up to 12 children and young people, helping them to stay in Wiltshire, and near to local schools, friends and support networks.

Wiltshire Council will fund 50% of the cost of purchasing and adapting the two homes, with 50% match funding secured from the Department for Education's (DfE) £19.5m grant programme to buy or refurbish children's residential homes to meet growing demand. The homes will be operated by a private or charitable care provider.

The DfE has recently announced it would provide Wiltshire Council with over £930,000 towards the cost of the homes and any refurbishment costs.

Laura Mayes, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Children's Services, said: "While we always try to place children in care





with foster carers, for various reasons this is not always possible. In these situations, a children's home can provide a safe home where young people can feel secure and are close to

their education, friends and communities."

"We are pleased to have received the DfE funding to help secure these homes in the county and we will now move forward with the next step in preparing to either bring children currently placed out of county back into Wiltshire or for new children requiring a children's home environment to remain with Wiltshire. These are our young people and we want them to continue to be within their communities in Wiltshire."

Claire Coutinho, The Minister for Children and Families, said: "Every child should have a stable and loving home with a good school, friends and community nearby. I'm over the moon that we've been able to help build two new children's homes in Wiltshire to do just that for local children."

"I want to make sure that every child in England gets the same which is why we are committed to reforming the children's social care system."

Christmas waste and recycling collections

Waste and recycling collection dates will be delayed by one day over the Christmas period. Waste collection crews will not be working on Bank Holiday Monday 26 December, but will be working on Tuesday 27 December 2022, and Monday 2 January 2023.

Residents can check their waste, recycling, and garden waste collection days online on our [Waste collection calendar](#).



Rescheduled collection dates



Normal Collection Day	Revised Collection Day
Monday 26 December 2022	Tuesday 27 December 2022
Tuesday 27 December 2022	Wednesday 28 December 2022
Wednesday 28 December 2022	Thursday 29 December 2022
Thursday 29 December 2022	Friday 30 December 2022
Friday 30 December 2022	Saturday 31 December 2022

Garden waste collections over the festive period

Garden waste collections will cease for two weeks over Christmas. The last collection will take place on Friday 23 December 2022, and will resume on Monday 9 January 2023.

People who pay to have their garden waste collected can put out their real Christmas tree (fake ones will not be collected), alongside their garden waste bin on their first scheduled collection in January.

Your tree will go to be composted if you put it out for us to collect, or you can support local charities by paying a small donation to have your tree collected by the [Just Helping: Charity Christmas tree collection](#).

HRC Christmas opening times

Household recycling centre (HRC) opening days and times over the festive period. HRCs opening times change over the festive period, [opening hours can be found here](#).

They will be open as normal on Friday 23 December, and normal opening hours will resume from Monday 2 January 2023.





Edington Parish Council News

Community Speed Watch

Over the last year we have undertaken 67 sessions and in those sessions 165 motorists were travelling at 36 - 39 mph, 40 at 40 - 45 mph and one over 45mph; a total of 206 motorists significantly exceeding the speed limit. A total of 15,598 vehicles passed in those sessions which equates to around 232 vehicles per session.

This equates to an average of over 3 vehicles per session exceeding the 36mph threshold and this of course doesn't include all of those between 31 and 35mph. An average of 1 in 75 vehicles is travelling in excess of 35mph. From our observations some of the drivers exceeding the 30mph limit were residents of the village!

The Parish Council would like to thank the 11 volunteers for their efforts over the year in helping to make Edington a safer place. We are always looking for more volunteers, if you would like to join us please contact the Parish Council.

Don't forget the turning on of the village Christmas Tree at 6.30pm on Friday 9th December on the playfield,

Finally the Edington Parish Council would like to wish all villagers a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email

parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



Where to get cost of living support



healthwatch
Wiltshire



To help people get through these tough times, Healthwatch Wiltshire have put together a guide to local support in Wiltshire where people can get help with the cost of living, including:

- Free, independent advice
- Warm spaces and food banks
- Keeping on top of your finances

They will continue to update this guide through the winter and beyond.

Read the guide
by clicking on
this link





Village Musings

Part of living in a small, close and supportive community like Edington is that there is always a project in hand to make things even better. Whether that has to do with lowering the speed limit, improving footpaths, recruiting Link drivers,



setting up local WhatsApp groups, arranging quiz evenings, tidying the shared spaces or sharing skills and expertise in various fields, there is always something going on to make our lives a little better here.

And most recently we have the Warm Spaces project running in the village hall – a chance for anyone to come to the hall on Thursdays between 2pm and 4pm for a cup of tea, cake and a chat with other villagers and those from surrounding villages. It is a lovely event, with



lighthearted games for those who would like to take part, (though the Jenga competition is quite fiercely fought!) or just to have a conversation with the



other people there. The spicy, sticky gingerbread is particularly delicious and I believe will be offered most Thursdays! There is no charge but a donation plate is available. Everyone is most welcome.

Also, as you pull on your warm coat and wellies for a walk, do take a map of our village Advent Calendar with

you (available at the post office and farmshop, and on the church and village websites) and, as you have a tramp around the village, take a look at the little window and pavement displays that will be on view. A new one will be put out each day, as numbered on the map, so you can see something new each time you walk around the village.

As we enjoy the cold days and long, cosy nights, it is fun to gather for these warm, bright events, celebrating the closing of the year with warmth and friendship. Christmas is a great



celebration, whether you are Christian or not, and a good time to enjoy the community. There are many events coming up over the next few weeks, with church services and carol singing, nativity celebrations and lighting up the Christmas tree for you to enjoy. A very happy Christmas to you all and blessings on your new year.

Mercedes Henning





Edington & District Gardening Club,



First Thursday in the month

7.30pm Parish Hall

Our speaker for the November meeting was Rupert Wade from Easterton Sands, whose talk covered pruning shrubs and small trees. Rupert began with a series of dos and don'ts when approaching pruning. He had with him a number of small bits of branches and twigs to provide examples of the right and wrong ways to prune. Cuts should always be made as close as possible to the trunk or major branch, adjacent to the branch collar to allow the plant to heal over the wound with as small a hole as possible. Any material that has not been cut close will likely die and cause die back in that part of the plant.

Rupert covered ornamental and productive subjects and gave a lot of information on the correct time and method to prune fruit trees and canes, including the training of cordons, fans, and espaliers to encourage cropping and allow ease of picking.

The use and care of pruning tools was described – secateurs, which need careful sharpening, loppers, which tend to be less useful for most pruning, and pruning saws. Rupert's advice was to buy the best saw that you can afford, as they give a much better cut and make for a smoother and easier cut.

Members took great advantage to ask questions about their own pruning problems and Rupert did not disappoint with his helpful and

considered answers. There is one key point to remember – does the plant flower/fruit on new or old wood?



Christmas Social

Following a dreary fogbound, cold day, it was warm and festive for 20 of our members to enjoy our Christmas social evening on the 1st December, including our 2 thespians, David and Suzanne, hot foot after the Bratton Village Panto success, Cinderella. Dandino (and the Mighty Oak) and The Fairy Godmother no less!



Thanks go to those who supplied raffle prizes and thank you to the committee who organised the drinks, mince pies and the quiz, also to the Under 5's who had decorated the Christmas tree earlier in the day.

Marie and Sarah, provided a lovely supper, thank you, and for washing up!

Thank you for the comments received from members and as one put it... It was a very enjoyable time as usual and a good start to the festive season.

If you would like to come along to any of the meetings you are most welcome, we open the Hall at 7.00pm for refreshments and a chat.

There will be no meeting in January, but the February meeting will be all about Houseplants. We look forward to hearing from Pilea Plants of Frome.

Please look on the Village Web site for further information.

On behalf of Edington and District Gardening Club, I would like to wish all our members and those of you who read our reports a Very Happy Festive Season and a Peaceful New Year!

Have a good Christmas and New Year and stay warm!

See you in February.

Jacky Hiscock





From the Kinship and Fostering service from Wiltshire Council.

I would like to reach out to ask for your support in helping us to recruit more foster carers in Wiltshire. There is a substantial shortage of foster carers in Wiltshire particularly in Trowbridge, Devizes, Chippenham, Amesbury, Calne, Westbury & Salisbury. This means that some Children in Care are not able to live in their local community and may even have to be home outside of County. Therefore we're asking people in Wiltshire to consider fostering.



Ready for a **new**
opportunity?

BECOME A FOSTER CARER
and
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE



Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.

The Christmas Carol Service will be held at Edington Priory Church on Saturday 17th December at 4.30pm. Come and sing all your favourite carols, plus choir items from John Ireland, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Lennox Berkeley and John Rutter.





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INSPIRING WOMEN



Meeting every second Tuesday of the month 7.30pm.

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

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Contact Jan Billinge 07309 117686

email: janet.billinge1@gmail.com



CHECK OUT YOUR HANDWRITING!

The speaker for November was John Jameson Davis who works as a handwriting expert, largely for the courts. His talk was entitled 'The Secrets of Handwriting.' This is based on a study of graphology, which he stressed was more of an art than a science.

Writing engages frontal parts of the brain neurons reinforced with repeated writing, therefore, stimulating the thinking part of the brain. Typing does not engage these parts of the brain which may, in time, prove problematic to those who use electronic methods of writing almost exclusively

'We are what we write, we write as we are' - when writing we unconsciously express a lot about our personality. 2-3 pages of handwriting are needed to be able to accurately read anything in to. A detailed count of all the features is made before a conclusion. The act of movement across the page leaves a trail which shows energy and emotion in time and place, e.g. a lot of pressure on the page indicates anger, while bold colour size suggests wanting to be seen.

Next was to examine the Form; how the writing is structured, how big the spaces are between words and also the spaces between the rows, i.e. are the spaces equal, what is the level of indentation ... Letters that show a left slant may indicate a childhood trauma. Upright letters tend to suggest that the writer is centred in the present and is a self-contained individual - this is the most common British form. Writers with letters that slant to the right tend to be more emotionally attached, caring individuals that look to the future. Wide spaces indicate

openness. Rows slanting upwards indicate optimism (for example, Boris Johnson's writing has a distinct upward slant!) In addition, if the indentation begins partway across



the page might suggest confidence, whereas starting at the edge indicates shyness.

The form of the letters are split into 3 zones; upper, lower and equal height. The spaces between the words are also significant. The formation of the letters is also important (John made an interesting comparison between the writing of Princess Diana (open, rounded letters indicating a nurturing character) and that of Putin (little to no spacing between letters suggesting an introverted, secretive person).

After a brief run through of the basics, John showed a selection of famous peoples' handwriting.

- A famous composer had beautiful flow, everything evenly spaced with long upper zone letters. A poet had very long upper strokes and short lower strokes indicating that he lived in imagination rather than reality.

- Trump's writing was all capitals, as if shouting, he always uses a black marker pen. All letters were separated with very short stokes; indicating a demand to be heard but with poor imagination.

- Prince Charles' writing was evenly spaced with left slanting letters closely spaced; indicating introversion.

- The Queen's showed confidence and authority but, in the sample that we saw, was starting to sloop down towards the end. This was almost certainly an indication of her growing tiredness since it was written earlier this year.

- Rolf Harris's writing indicates lack of awareness of personal space.

It was a fascinating talk and I expect many of us went home to look at our own handwriting and to surmise what it might reveal!

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm when we will share food for a Christmas celebration.





Wildlife trip to South Africa – Part 1

As I am writing this there is thick mist swirling around the house – winter has truly arrived. It makes me think with nostalgia that a month ago I was enjoying spring in South Africa.

We recently returned from a two-week trip to Cape Town in South Africa and were again surprised how different the climate, landscape and wildlife is to that round in Edington. The Cape Floral Kingdom is one of only 6 floristic kingdoms in the world. It is also the smallest and richest in species for its size. The wildlife there is also amazing.

I spent most of my time in South Africa at Betty's Bay about 50 miles along the coast east of Cape Town in the heart of fynbos.



Photographing an elephant from one of the safari trucks

However, before going to Betty's Bay, we headed north from Cape Town to visit a private Game Reserve in the karoo. The karoo is a semi-desert natural region adjacent to the fynbos. It can best be defined by its vegetation, which consists of assorted succulents and low scrub bushes. The area is



devoid of surface water, and its name is derived from the Khoisan word meaning "land of thirst." The game reserve we visited had to build dams to provide enough water for the animals in the reserve.



At the game reserve there were all the normal large animals one would expect to see in South Africa – elephants, white rhinos, lions, hippos, Burchell's zebra, eland, Cape buffalos, springbok, white-tailed wildebeest, blesbok and so on, but what was more interesting to me were the birds, insects, reptiles, and small mammals we encountered.

The first bird to attract my attention in the reserve was a blacksmith lapwing foraging along the edge of one of the dams. This was a familiar bird from my childhood in Johannesburg where I spent many happy watching them scampering around marshy areas. Its behaviour is pretty similar to our British lapwing we all know so well.



Blacksmith lapwings were common foraging for food along the water's edge

Also there, swimming on the dam, were Egyptian geese. I did not realise they occurred this far south. They turned out to be everywhere and I even found them swimming on the sea at Betty's Bay. It appears they are found pretty much on





water everywhere in South Africa, just like the Canadian Geese are in the UK.

The main predaceous bird on the game reserve was the black eagle which I only saw in the distance on this trip. I know this eagle very well as we had a pair nesting on a cliff just a couple of miles from where we lived in Gauteng.



Egyptian geese were common on the dams

The other large predatory bird I saw in the reserve was the white-necked raven which I saw a few times around the dam. Interestingly I saw no other corvids while I was there – not like here in Edington where we regularly see six different species of corvids.

I also enjoyed seeing a herd of ostriches consisting of the black male and several drab females with their chicks. Our guide brought them close to the truck by tossing out some apples which some of them swallowed whole. We could actually see the apples travelling down their long thin necks. In ostriches, each male has a primary or dominant female who

takes turns incubating eggs with him, even though other females will lay eggs, potentially from different males, in the same nest. The dominant female will lay



around 7-10 eggs in the centre of the nest, and the other females place their eggs to the outside. The communal nest may have as many as 60 eggs in it! Usually the drab-colored main hen takes incubation duty during the day; the black-



White necked ravens were common in the reserve

plumed male takes over and incubates at night.

One bird that I saw that took me by surprise – the winchat - a familiar face from Wiltshire. They breed in the UK and Europe during the summer but in the cold northern winter migrate to the



We photographed a male ostrich and its chicks in the game reserve





warmer climates of Africa. This little winchat I saw at the game reserve in October had probably arrived in South Africa only a couple weeks before.



A winchat – a familiar face from home

In the reed-lined pond near the lodge at the game reserve we found southern red bishop birds' nests. The nests were closed with a side entrance under a small projecting 'porch' and suspended between reeds. The Southern Red



Among the reeds of the pond at the lodge were red bishop bird nests



Bishop belongs to the weaver bird family and the males weave these beautiful nests. At the start of the breeding season, the

males build several of these nests to attract females. They are polygamous and mate with several females. I think the black and red males are one of the most beautiful birds one can find. The females are just a drab brown colour. They often roost in mixed flocks with other members of the weaver family. They are fairly gregarious, nesting in colonies and foraging in flocks. They feed on seeds and some insects.

Among the reeds of the pond at the lodge were red bishop bird nests. Insects were also fascinating – not many around though as there is not much for the insects to feed on in the arid Karoo.



A toktokkie beetle we found in the grounds of the lodge at the game reserve

One beetle we found ambling along in the grounds of the lodge was a toktokkie beetle. A group of several species of flightless tenebrionid beetles in which the males strike their abdomens on the ground in order to attract mates that respond with their own tapping, thereby making a rapid tapping sound ("tok, tok") from which it gets its common name. Some other toktokkie beetles have specific behaviours that allow them to survive in arid environments like the Namib Desert. Most of the beetles perform "headstands" to obtain moisture from the fog





that rolls in from the Atlantic Ocean. Toktokkies time their movements around the fog, which usually rolls in during the late evening and early morning. The beetles will climb a dune

and perform a "headstand" facing the west and collect fog on their entire body.

Another interesting insect we found was a dead "koppie foam" grasshopper near the car park at the lodge at the game reserve. It was about 7-8 cm long and had striking black and red coloring that is a signal to warn other animals know it is poisonous. It is poisonous because it produces toxic foam from glands on its thorax if it is handled or attacked and that is why it is called the "foaming grasshopper".



Holding the dead koppie foam grasshopper we found – colours faded because it was dead

Also running round the grounds of the lodge were several species of carnivorous tiger and ground beetles. They were difficult to photograph as they run so fast. The largest one I found was the ten-spotted ground beetle which was about 3-4 cm long. They are a predator of other ground-dwelling insects and are found in sandy areas of the karoo and fynbos. These beetles often move about with their bodies lifted high up off the



ground to avoid the heat of the substrate. Their mandibles, although large, are not strong enough for defence. Instead, they squirt a strong jet of acid



A living koppie foam grasshopper showing its true colours

fluid from the anus to disable their enemies. I once had a carabid beetle squirting a stream of acid across my face but fortunately, I had my glasses on. Where the fluid touched my face it burnt my skin – the red marks lasted for days. These defensive spray capabilities give rise to another common name for the group,



Ten-spotted ground beetle found running around the grounds of the lodge

"oogpister" – an Afrikaner word that translates broadly (since this is a family publication) to "eye squirter."

After three days at the game reserve, we set off for Betty's Bay to visit my brother for a week. The vegetation and wildlife of Betty's Bay could not have been more different from that at the game reserve, and I will describe what I found there in next month's newsletter.



Dr Stephen Henning



Parish Hall Curry and Quiz Night

After a break of two years due to Covid, it was good to welcome 10 teams to the Parish

Hall to pit their wits against one another to win the bragging rights for the next few months! Soon the hall was abuzz with whispered voices (and the chink of glasses) as the first table quiz featuring Shakespeare quotes was attempted whilst waiting for the main quiz to start. "..... I know this one but cannot think of the play – it will come to me..." was frequently heard.

John, the quiz master for the evening, and his 'glamorous' assistant Clare took charge of the quiz – Clare's word being final should any disputes arise! Victoria, the other 'glamorous assistant' for the evening, welcomed people and did an excellent job persuading them to contribute to 'the Lucky Bucket'.

Soon silenced reigned as the quiz got underway with 8 varied and challenging rounds ranging from Science and Sport to Guess the year and an interesting picture round where political figures had part of their faces covered. Of course, once the answers were read out the disputes started and Clare generously awarded some half marks which proved crucial in deciding the overall winners.

After 4 rounds there was a break to enjoy chicken, lamb or vegetable curry and rice and all the accompaniments.

As everyone tucked in there was another table quiz – Identify famous landmarks on a map of the UK – just to keep the 'little grey cells' ticking over. All teams scored more highly with this one than they did with matching the Shakespeare quotes to the correct play.

The last 4 rounds continued to test everyone's knowledge and again thanks to Clare's generosity some half marks were awarded!



So which team would be crowned the winners? It was VERY close. Coming third with 87.5 marks were the Tinhead Mafia, second with 95.2 marks were Oops (Peter, you should have listened to Helen re the cricket ball!!!!!!) but the overall winners with 93 marks were The Tinheads. The Tinheads also won the prize for the most points scored for the table quizzes. Congratulations to them and to everyone who took part.



Thank you to John for devising the questions and being our quiz master and to Helen, Clare and Victoria for their help and support in making the event such a success

The next event in the Parish Hall will be the second Carpet Bowls Taster/ technique improvement session on Saturday 14th January 2023 from 10am to 12 noon. We hope to see you there.

Thank you from the Parish Hall Committee to Edington Station Yard Limited for their kind donation to the Parish Hall Improvement Fund; their continued support of the Parish Hall is very much appreciated.

Thank you also to all of the village groups who regularly meet in the hall, the occasional users and everyone who has supported the events held during the year.

The committee would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Wendy Pollard

Sample quotes:-

"To be or not to be ; that is the question"

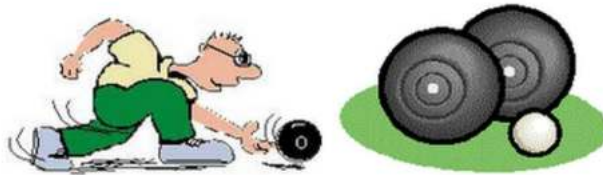
"Now is the winter of our discontent"

"We are such stuff as dreams are made on; and our little life is rounded with a sleep"





**WHY NOT MAKE A NEW YEAR'S DATE FOR THE NEXT
CARPET BOWLS SESSION IN THE PARISH HALL?**



**TEST YOUR SKILL ON THE
TARGET MAT.**



When: Saturday 14th January 2023

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10 am – 12 noon.

**Bacon or sausage butties and tea and
coffee will be available for a small charge**

**WHY NOT COME AND TRY A NEW SPORT IF YOU
COULD NOT MAKE THE FIRST SESSION - Friendly
tuition and advice available for those new to the
sport or those wishing to improve the skills
acquired in the first session.**





The Under 5's have been having fun creating lovely seasonal displays for the Parish Hall as well as decorating Halloween Biscuits- even the adults tried their hand at spider web icing!



Spooky Biscuits



Remember, Remember the 5th
of November



The Parish Hall is Ready for
Christmas



Remembrance Poppies





Edington Advent Windows.



During December we are creating a kind of Advent Calendar around the village. Every day a new image will be posted in a window or front garden in the village, until by Christmas Eve there are 24 pictures to view – just like opening a door each day on an Advent Calendar.



Days 1 to 5 on the next page







Edington Parish Hall
Thursdays 2pm-4pm
All welcome!

Starting on Thursday 24 November 2022
A warm welcome at the warm space place
come and join everyone and enjoy cake and a cuppa!





Four Villages Link



With some 40 requests in a month, 500-800 miles to drive and the winter weather coming up, we still need more drivers – we currently have about 14, but most have lots of other commitments.

Clients are most grateful for this service and it is a pleasure to spend some time with them.

We can also help with clients' Christmas preparations: lifts to shops, hairdresser, hanging decorations, getting the house ready etc. You may need leaves sweeping or (hopefully not) snow shovelled.

Please call 07852 256939 to volunteer or request a service and see more information at <http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/>

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

Alternatively email parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk or phone 01380 830441. We look forward to welcoming you to the hall.



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





THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



Some of our passengers still feel more comfortable wearing a face covering but the option is left to everyone. A

hand sanitiser is still available for use when entering the minibus.

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 now resume if groups wish to do so.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding a 2 Course Lunch (with a choice of beef or chicken casserole with dumplings and a selection of puddings) on Wednesday January 11th at 12.30pm in the Parish Hall, Edington.

Price £8.00 in aid of the Three Villages Minibus.

All will be most welcome to join us.

It is essential to let Pauline (tel: 830013) know, by Friday January 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	December	January 2023	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 1st	Thursday 5th	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 20th	Tuesday 17th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 10th	Saturday 14th	9.30am

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Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place





Edington What's On Diary



Date	Time	Event	Venue
9th December	6.30pm	Village Christmas tree lights turn on	Play field
10th December	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping - TVM	
10th December	7.30pm	Advent Concert	Priory Church
12th December	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
17th December	4.30pm	Nine Lessons and Carols	Edington Priory Church
20th December	1.25pm	Warminster shopping - TVM	

Happy New Year 2023

5th January	9.00am	Devizes Shopping - TVM	
11th January	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
14th January	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping - TVM	
14th January	10.00am - 12 noon	Carpet Bowls	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
newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk
or via the village website
www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



Future editions

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

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Deadline for articles 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.

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