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plus this month's recipe - Chocolate Roulade.

Some events not to be missed in the coming weeks in the village include the Advent Concert by the choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge in the Priory Church next Saturday at 7.30pm and the Traditional Festival of 9

Lessons and Carols in the Priory Church on Saturday 23rd December at 6pm.



Finally can we wish all of our readers a very Happy Christmas.

Pauline and John



Welcome to the forty-fourth edition of the Edington Village News.

In this month's edition we have our usual selection of articles ranging from a new online and telephone system at White Horse Surgery, another local business - the restaurant at Erlestoke Golf Course, the Under 5's

having fun making Christmas biscuits and decorations.

Anne's last item about homeopathic remedies





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

New online system and phone system

We have two exciting new projects to tell you about. Earlier this year we advised of our plans to introduce both a new online system to replace the existing e-Consult, and a new telephone option. Our new online option for patients is called PATCHS and we are introducing this on 1st February 2024. The link on our website to the existing patient online option (e-Consult) will be replaced with the link to PATCHS in time for that February date. In the meantime, there is lots of work for us to do to ensure we are using the process to give you the very best service possible; as well as integrating it to our own surgery processes. We want to encourage as many patients as possible to sign-up for this new service; again, we will keep you posted on when you can start doing this.

We are all very aware of the difficulties when contacting the surgery by phone; especially at the start of the day. We firmly believe that the new system will benefit those who are comfortable using IT by avoiding the need for them to contact us by telephone and so save their time. We hope that this will be more



convenient too for those patients who have to get to work in the morning, have the school run to do, or who cannot phone from work.

The more patients who use PATCHS to contact the surgery will mean a reduction in the number of calls received and so we hope this will reduce the waiting times for those patients who are not comfortable using IT, or who do not have access to it.

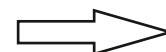


We will be publicising more details on how we intend to use PATCHS and we will keep you informed as we progress. This will be via us sending you a text message with a link to our website to see the latest updates. We will also ensure we publicise this information in the Waiting Room at the surgery. In advance we are asking you now to ensure that we have your up-to date email address; our Reception team will ask you about this and we will also be considering how else we can get this information from you.

We are also starting to introduce appointments that can be booked online. The process is for us to send you a text message with a link so that you can book a specific appointment; for example a blood test or a medication review telephone appointment. There is more information on the Appointments page on our website.

The NHS in England is currently updating all phone systems in doctors' surgeries to ensure they are cloud based which integrates with the clinical system, provides good remote access for those working away from the surgery and to help manage high demand. There are a multitude of other benefits. We have now selected our new telephony supplier and we're currently in the early stages of discussion with them. It's likely that we will sign a contract with them in the next month or so and look to introduce it in the New Year also.

In order to assist us in contacting you, please ensure you update us with your mobile number and e-mail address. This can be done any time you have a contact with a member of staff or send it to us via bswicb.wgppa-tientvoice@nhs.net





Redesign of NHS App

The NHS App has been redesigned to make it more intuitive and simpler for patients

to find and access services.

Over the next few weeks, patients will be prompted to update their NHS App. They will see an updated home page, simpler structure, and easier-to-understand language within the NHS App. We're hoping to start the roll out before Christmas.

Some services have moved within the NHS App, but all the services patients need are still available.

Online appointments

We are slowly introducing the option to book some of our appointments via a link in an SMS message that we will send you. To start with we will be doing this for blood test and telephone Medication Review appointments in order to ensure that your medication continues to be prescribed safely.

Please note that the links to book these appointments are valid for only 7 days, after which you will have to call the surgery to book the appointment.

We are very aware that there are multiple scam messages, emails and SMS that you may receive and that you will be rightly concerned about clicking on links in messages that you are not completely sure about.

We therefore wanted to make you aware that we are sending these SMS and that they are genuine. We are sending these link messages as we believe it is a quicker and easier way for you to book these



appointments. In addition, every appointment booked in this manner takes the pressure off the Reception team, and so makes it easier for patients to call us for other appointment types, or any other query they may have.

As this process becomes more and more used, we hope to extend the range and number of appointments that can be booked in this way.

[More information about online appointments, eConsult and booking appointments can be found on this link.](#)

Dr Edwards & Partners

www.westburygp.co.uk



Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington



Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

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

The website has been updated and is easier to use from a smart phone. Also, more of the pages link direct to nationally managed NHS England webpages, so they will always be up to date.

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





**Wiltshire
Police**



**Acting Inspector Gemma Rutter
writes:**

You may have heard recently that Wiltshire Police will be making changes to how resources are going to be deployed from January 2024. Which may pose the question, what are the changes and how will they impact me as a member of the Warminster, Tisbury, Mere and Westbury Community?

After consultation and review of how Wiltshire Police was currently serving you, it was decided that we needed a stronger, more visible, and more resilient policing model.

This was followed by a large scale 'Target Operating Model' review focusing on how front-line teams were configured and if they were aligned to the recognised demand. The results of this review showed that there was an opportunity for us to work better if we embraced change. It established that a change would allow us to provide our communities with greater resilience by improving resource levels.

Response officers will now start each shift at a hub station before filtering out to the surrounding stations where they will remain in the community. For you, this means that the Response officers covering Warminster, Tisbury, Mere and Westbury will start at Trowbridge and then filter out to each of our towns where they will work within the community using IT allowing for remote working, or from your local police station.



Response teams are also going from five to four which will assist in pooling resources together and improve staffing resilience. Joint briefings at these hub stations will help

every officer receive detailed and relevant intelligence and information to shape their shift.

The Community Investigation Teams will take an increased number of prolonged investigations away from Response teams, freeing them from paperwork and allowing them to be visible and proactive. This will make a big difference in improving our response capacity and for you, it means you will see us more and be able to engage with us more easily.

The Neighbourhood Teams will also go through changes to drive improvement in the service we provide. In the New Year, we will deliver and share with you our Community Commitments, which you will be able to hold us accountable to. If we aren't actively working towards solving your community issues, you can refer to the commitments and ask why?

Working alongside our Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner has also provided funding for two additional neighbourhood engagement vehicles, enable us to reach our rural communities more frequently. This allows us, the Warminster Policing Team for both response and Neighbourhoods, to better serve you.

As the changes roll into place, there will be opportunity for you to engage with us. You can contact us through our website which also offers you access to a range of services; Community Messaging; by visiting one of our enquiry offices (check online to see opening times); through the Your Area Neighbourhood Policing site on the main Wiltshire Police website or by calling 101 in a non-emergency.

**A/Insp Gemma Rutter
Warminster, Tisbury, Westbury &
Mere Community Policing Team**





'Don't risk it' warn officers as our Christmas Drink/Drug Drive campaign gets underway



'Don't risk it' is the message we are sending ahead of our Christmas Drink and Drug Drive campaign.

Published: 01/12/2023

As the first weekend of December approaches, we are urging people to plan their journey home in advance if they are heading out to celebrate the festive season approaching.

Our Roads Policing Unit, neighbourhood teams and special constabulary will be stepping up patrols over the coming weeks working closely with the Road Safety Partnership, to target those who get behind the wheel of a car having drunk alcohol or consumed illegal drugs.

Acting Inspector Will Ayres said: "As Christmas approaches, we know everyone is getting into the festive spirit with lots of parties and get together's planned over the coming weeks. We want everyone to enjoy themselves but to do so safely.



"Drink and drug driving is not

worth the risk. Whilst we hold a zero tolerance approach all year round, our December campaign will see our officers conducting extensive operations targeting drivers travelling in and out of our towns, cities and more rural locations of a night time, especially at weekends."



Last December, a total of 112 drivers were stopped by officers suspected of drink or drug driving. Eleven of these drivers came to police attention after being involved in collisions.



Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson said: "I find it impossible to understand what makes anyone think they're capable of driving when they're under the

influence of alcohol or drugs. As well as putting themselves at risk, they're putting the lives of their passengers and the wider public in total jeopardy.

"We want everyone to make it home safely and our Roads Policing Unit works hard to make sure those who drink and/or drug drive are apprehended, but I want anyone who thinks it's acceptable to drive under the influence of drink or drugs to think about what they're doing before they're either taken off the road in the back of a police car or worse still, an ambulance.

"It's just not worth the risk and cracking down on this type of behaviour will save lives and make Wiltshire safer."

If you suspect somebody of drink or drug driving, please report your concerns to www.wiltshire.police.uk or 101 for all non-emergencies. In an emergency, always call 999. Please try and give as much information as possible, including a description of the driver, the vehicle and direction of travel.





Wiltshire Council

News from Wiltshire Council

Household waste, recycling, and garden waste collections over Christmas

There will be changes to your collection days over the Christmas period.

Waste collection crews will not be working on Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January.

Garden waste collections will pause for two weeks, the last collection will take place on Friday 22 December. Service will resume Tuesday 9 January, and your normal collection day will be delayed by one day, starting with collections which would normally have taken place on

Monday 8 January.

Normal service will resume for all collections on Monday 15 January.

Make sure you know when you should be presenting your household waste, recycling and garden waste bins by checking your online waste collection calendar or by checking the graphic below:

Household Recycling Centres operating hours

All of our Household Recycling Centres (HRCs) have now switched to their annual winter opening hours.

The opening hours of all ten of our HRCs is now 10am to 4pm on each day that they're open.

If you are visiting one of our recycling centres, remember to sort out your waste before you arrive so that together we can recycle as much as possible.



Your normal collection day	Rescheduled household waste and recycling collections	Garden waste collection
Monday 25 December (Christmas Day)	Wednesday 27 December	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 26 December	Thursday 28 December	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 27 December	Friday 29 December	⊗ No collection
Thursday 28 December	Saturday 30 December	⊗ No collection
Friday 29 December	Tuesday 2 January	⊗ No collection
Monday 1 January	Wednesday 3 January	⊗ No collection
Tuesday 2 January	Thursday 4 January	⊗ No collection
Wednesday 3 January	Friday 5 January	⊗ No collection
Thursday 4 January	Saturday 6 January	⊗ No collection
Friday 5 January	Monday 8 January	⊗ No collection
Monday 8 January	Tuesday 9 January	Tuesday 9 January
Tuesday 9 January	Wednesday 10 January	Wednesday 10 January
Wednesday 10 January	Thursday 11 January	Thursday 11 January
Thursday 11 January	Friday 12 January	Friday 12 January
Friday 12 January	Saturday 13 January	Saturday 13 January
Monday 15 January	Normal schedule resumes	Normal schedule resumes



Wiltshire Council

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling





Did you know what happens to your waste?

Reusing or recycling waste are our top priorities, but where waste can't be managed this way, we treat the waste to generate energy from it.

We work hard to reduce the amount of waste that is sent to landfill, with only 15.6% of household waste being sent there last year. Most of Wiltshire's household residual waste is actually diverted to energy recovery facilities. The waste that does go to landfill mostly comes from our household recycling centres and large item collections. Sometimes non-recyclable items that are put in blue-lidded recycling bins also has to go to landfill, that's why it is so important to put the right things into recycling bins.

Recycling tip of the month

Are you having more deliveries than usual this month? With Black Friday, Cyber Monday and Christmas being so close together, the number of online deliveries inevitably increases and with that, so does packaging.



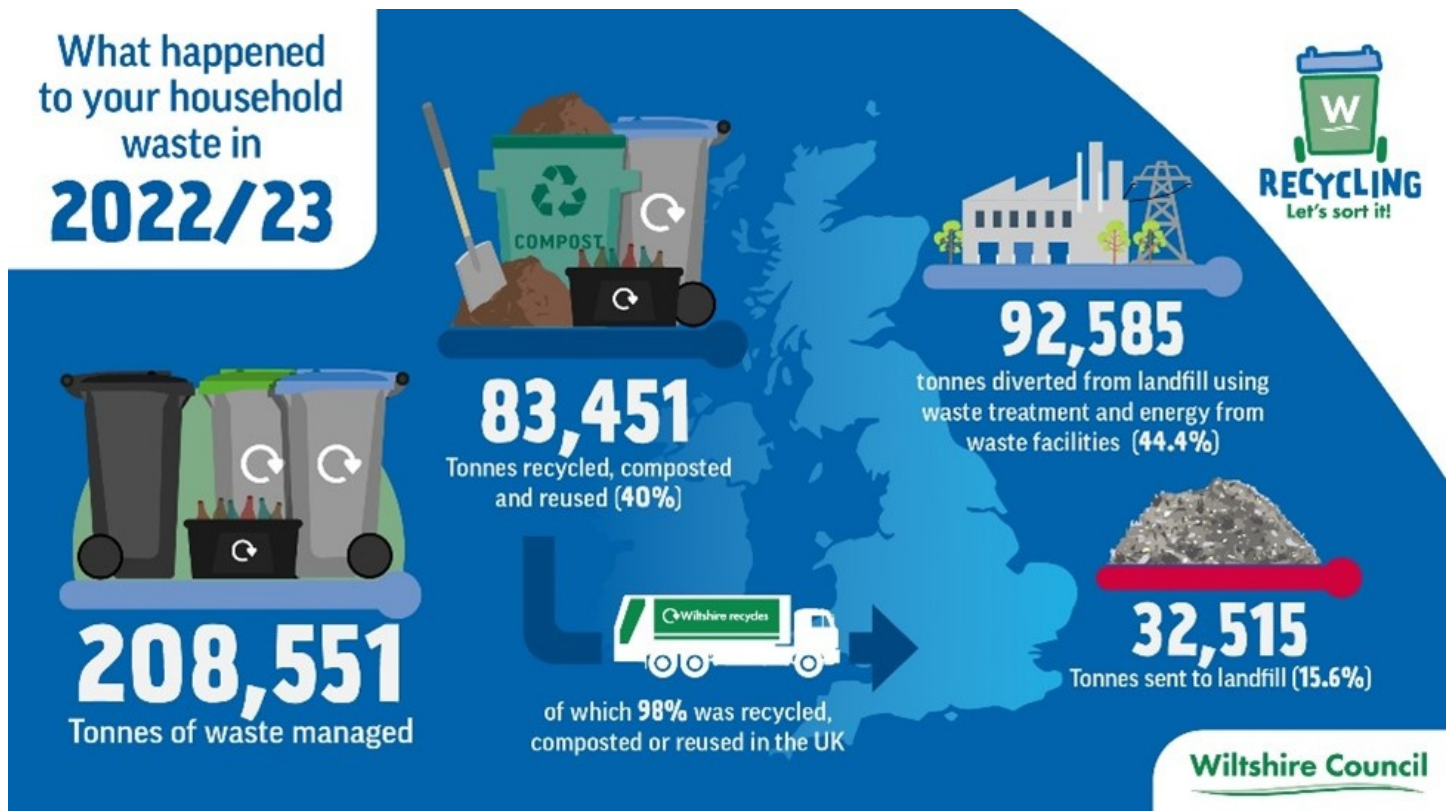
The great news is that cardboard boxes can be recycled from home in your blue lidded bin, but it is important to make sure you are recycling these correctly.

Here are some useful tips:

Remove all non-cardboard/paper packing such as bubble wrap or polystyrene.

Break down your cardboard boxes so that they can fit inside your bin.

Keep your recycling clean and dry, we may not collect your cardboard if it is wet as it can't be recycled.





Recycle your unwanted electricals

Out with the old and in with the new? With ever-evolving technology, the number of our unwanted electrical items increases. Anything with a plug, battery or cable can be recycled.

If you have unwanted small rechargeable electricals that you need to get rid of, remember to use our small rechargeable electrical collections for unwanted items. If it's a rechargeable device, i.e. has a rechargeable battery and would 'fit in a shoe box', we will collect this from home. These items should be presented in a supermarket carrier bag by the side of your blue-lidded recycling bin, or blue recycling sack.

This includes:

Smart speakers (these must not be mains powered such as devices and Google assistants)

Mobile phones

Tablets and E-readers

Laptops

Find out more about which items we will collect.

All other electrical items can be recycled at your local HRC.



Christmas 2023 opening times for Wiltshire Council services

All customer service desks and hub buildings will be closed on Monday 25 December, Tuesday 26 December and Monday 1 January.

Opening times for Wednesday 27 December - Friday 29 December will be 9am to 5pm. Although the main reception desks will be staffed during this period, hub staffing is likely to be limited.

Normal opening hours will resume from Tuesday 2 January.

Libraries:

All libraries, including the mobiles libraries, will be closed Monday 25 December to Tuesday 26 December, and Monday 1 January.

Recycle your old electricals this Christmas

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/christmas-waste-and-recycling

Wiltshire Council





Edington Parish Council News

Representatives from the Parish Council recently met with highways officers from Wiltshire Council to discuss options to reduce the speed of traffic entering the village along the B3098 from the Bratton direction and on Lower Road from the West Ashton direction. Hopefully this meeting will bring forward some measures that will have an impact on the speed of traffic coming into the village which at the moment makes some village roads unsafe for users both in vehicles and on foot. More information on these conversations as they progress in 2024.

The Community Speed Watch group have now completed their work for this year and the speed gun is now residing in Bratton. Unfortunately the results of the groups work show a disturbing pattern that many motorists are choosing or forgetting to observe the speed limits in the village. In November we ran 16 sessions and recorded 176 motorists exceeding the speed limits. Of these 176, 20 were recorded on Lower Road in the 20mph area in one hour. To be recorded a motorist has to be exceeding 25mph in the 20mph areas and 36mph in the 30mph areas. Over the entire year the group have run 82 sessions and recorded 520 motorists exceeding the limit by at least 5mph. There were also a number of motorists recorded by the police speed enforcement officers and police traffic officers when visiting the village. Please make sure that we do not record your vehicle travelling through the village at an unsafe speed. (We have recorded more than one villager over the year and their vehicle details have been passed to Wiltshire Police in order that they can receive a warning letter or a visit from the police if a repeated offender).



Potholes and blocked road drains. Can we encourage all villagers to report any potholes that they encounter or blocked road

drains to Wiltshire Council on the [MyWilts app](#) or via the [Wiltshire Council website](#).

Please don't assume that someone else will report it. For those of you who use the app will know that it doesn't always work perfectly but we have been informed that a new version will be available early next year. If the council don't know about a problem they won't do anything about it! You can also use the app to report fly-tipping, litter bins that haven't been emptied and numerous other things.



Hopefully the residents of Court Lane have now returned to normal following the sudden appearance of white lines in the wrong place. We hope that the new black lines that have been painted over the incorrect white lines don't wear out too quickly!

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



Forthcoming roadworks.

Common Hill, Ashton Common

6 Dec 09:00 - 15 Dec 15:00 each day - Road Closure

Urgent Drainage and associated works.

Advanced notice

Steeple Ashton Road - Station Yard rail bridge

17 Feb 2024 22:00 - 25 Feb 2024 07:00

Network Rail Infrastructure will be closing the bridge for associated works.

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

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email

parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org
[.uk](#)





Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols



Thank you to Edington Brass for providing the music, Three Daggers for the tree, mulled wine and mince pies and those villagers who came to the tree lighting and carol signing on Friday evening. Below are some photos of this year's event and the illuminated tree.







Village Musings

December has brought wonderful winter weather, just what we would expect before Christmas, with frosts and mists and chilly weather. On these days, the countryside has fragile, ephemeral decorations



drifting over hedges and plants as the frost touches everything with silver and white delicacy. It is such a joy to walk the lanes during the cold, misty days, seeing things differently as the distant views are veiled and we can see only what is nearby in sparkling detail.

So many preparations are already being made for Christmas! The Christmas lunch in the parish hall, the lighting up of the Edington tree on the playground near the pub, music from our own brass



band, and of course, all the church events that evoke a real sense of celebrating a feast that has been, in some form, part of human society since the dawn of



Edington Priory Church

Christmas Services

Advent Service of Light Sunday 3rd December 6.30pm From Darkness to Light in Carols and Readings	Informal Carols & Tea Wednesday 20th Dec. 2.30pm Come and join us in the Parish Hall
Carol Service Saturday 23rd December 6pm Traditional Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols with lots of Christmas Favourites!	Crib Service Christmas Eve 4pm Dress Up and join in as we Build Up the Manger Scene
Midnight Mass Christmas Eve 11.30pm Join us for a Traditional First Celebration of Christmas	Christmas Day Communion Christmas Day 9.30am A Family Celebration of Holy Communion for Christmas Day

civilisation. There is a poster outside the church giving details of those church events, and other dates will be available on posters around the village or in this newsletter.

Christmas is a wonderful time to come together as a community – do feel free to attend the events that suit you best. You will be received with a great welcome. All good wishes for very merry Christmas and a happy new year to everyone.

Mercedes Henning





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arts

THE EDINGTON ARTS
ADVENT CONCERT



This year's Advent Concert in Edington Priory Church will be on Saturday 16th December, starting at 7.30pm. The choir of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, will sing beautiful music for Advent and Christmas, under their deputy Conductor, choral director and broadcaster Jeremy Summerly, well known to Edington choral workshoppers and visitors to the Edington Music Festival.



The choir is a mixed ensemble of 24 men and women, and is one of the UK's leading collegiate choirs, with an

international reputation for performances of exceptional quality but also for innovative and adventurous recordings. It tours regularly in the UK and across the world. The College's two organ scholars will also contribute to the concert.

As always there will be mulled wine and mince pies during the interval, and this year ticket bookings and payments can be made online at www.edingtonarts.org, as well as by phone from **01380 831256**.





Geese around Edington

As Christmas approaches this is a good time to talk about geese, as roast goose was the traditional Christmas dinner choice in England. In Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol" he describes the Cratchits' Christmas dinner of stuffed goose, potatoes, and pudding.



The domestic goose was derived through selective breeding from the greylag goose.

Historically goose was used as the meal's main food on the feast day of Michaelmas. This celebration came on the winter solstice and honoured the end of the harvest and the change of seasons.



In the old children's poem, roast goose was the traditional

Christmas choice in England:

"Christmas is coming. The goose is getting fat.

"Please put a penny in the old man's hat....."



Also, not to be forgotten are the "six geese a-laying" that the true love presents on the sixth day of Christmas, perhaps to replenish all the geese eaten over Christmas.

Even earlier than that, roast goose was an offering to Odin and Thor in thanks for the harvest. It was also ritually eaten in ancient Greek culture in order to ensure good crops in the months to come. It was only natural for goose to become the roast of choice for the Christmas feast, which eventually replaced ancient winter solstice festivities.

After having feasted on harvested grain, geese were at their fattest and tastiest toward the end of the year. The goose has the softest fat of its type of animal, making it easier to cook and its fat easier to consume. Also, geese were the only animals that kept their weight or even increased it when they were driven to market as they would graze along the roadside as they went along.

For the early American settlers, the turkey took the goose's place at Christmas time because it happened to be available on their new home soil. Being native to the Americas, it was introduced to Europe in 1550. Turkey first appeared on Christmas tables in England in the 16th century.

The ancestor of domestic geese are the wild greylag geese. They were derived through selective breeding from this species. These geese are widespread in the United Kingdom. It is the ancestor of most breeds of domestic goose having been domesticated at least as early as 1360 BC. Its cackles and honks in flight are similar to the sounds of domestic geese.





Greylag Goose

They greylag was once the only goose that bred in the United Kingdom. It was widely distributed but by the late 19th century, agricultural development, and drainage of their nesting sites. destroyed their breeding grounds in the south and they were driven back to a few areas in Scotland. However, in recent times, the greylag has been re-introduced to many of its old areas and is now even found along parts of the south coast of England again. The local population is joined by winter visitors from Iceland. These migrants arrive in September and October and return to their breeding grounds in April or May.

'grey' goose in the United Kingdom. Its upper parts are dark brown, closely barred with buff, while the underparts of the head and neck are buff. It has pink legs and an orange bill. It breeds near freshwater and their nest is simply a scrape on the ground near water. It grazes on land or takes floating vegetation such as pondweed. On land it eats leaves, stems, roots, flowers, and the seeds of plants such as grasses.



Graylag flocks fly in 'V's or lines and their flight is strong and powerful. It runs further than other geese when taking off.



Photographing a pair of greylag geese and their goslings



The male greylag took umbrage of my photography and advanced towards me and hissed as he tried to protect his family from a suspicious intruder.



Greylag goose (del S.F. Henning)

The graylag goose is the largest and most frequently seen



Happy
greylag
goose
family



cropping the grass at Fountains Abbey

White-fronted Goose

The White-fronted Goose is a grey goose, and smaller than a greylag goose. Adults have a large white patch at the front of the head around the bill and bold black stripes on the belly. The legs are orange and Siberian birds have pink bills, while Greenland birds have orange bills. This species does not breed in the UK. Two types visit the UK in winter – birds that breed in Greenland and birds that breed in Siberia. The birds breeding in Siberia are the ones we would mostly likely see here in Wiltshire. They usually winter on wet grassland near lakes and river valleys, including wet pastures and flood meadows. They also feed on agricultural land and eat a variety of vegetable matter including grass, grain, potatoes, seeds of a variety of



White-fronted goose (del S.F. Henning)

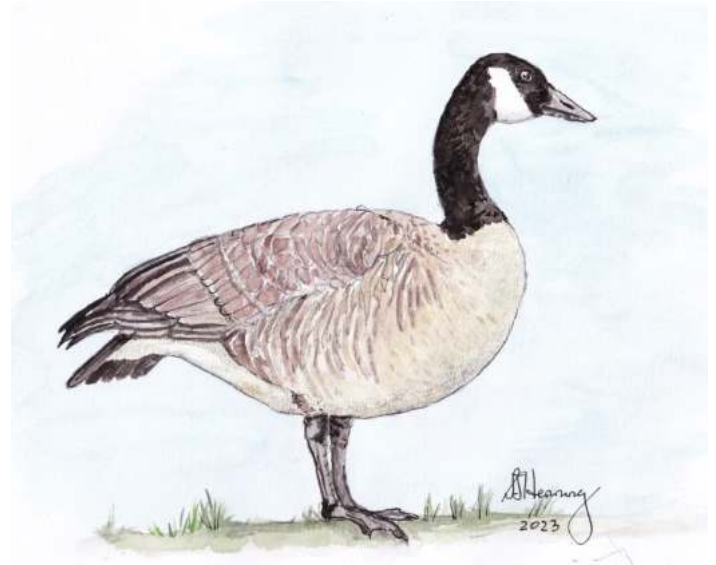


plants and so on. They usually feed during the day but will occasionally also forage at night.



Canada Goose

The Canada goose is our largest goose and certainly our most familiar. They are a common bird across most of the country, nesting on park lakes, flooded gravel pits and reservoirs. The nest is a lined hollow beside the water and often on an island. Canada geese are not native to this country, having been introduced from North America about 300 years ago. They are very gregarious outside the feeding season. They feed on a large variety of vegetable matter including aquatic vegetation, grass, roots, tubers stems, leaves, fruits, cereals, grain, and so on. Roosts at night in large flocks on water or mud banks.



Canada goose (del S.F. Henning)

Robin

I cannot talk about wildlife over Christmas without mentioning what is probably my favourite bird – the robin. You see it everywhere at this time of year – on Christmas cards, window displays, and so on. The story goes that robins became associated with Christmas





because postmen in Victorian Britain were nicknamed "Robins" because of their red-breasted coloured uniforms. However, robins have been long associated with Christianity. Legend has it a robin pulled a thorn from the crown of Christ whilst he was on the cross and sang to relieve his suffering, it was Christ's blood that created the robin's red

doing its breast was scorched by the fire. Since that time all robins have had a red breast.



I think of these stories whenever I see the little feisty robin in my garden chasing away the other birds from the bird feeder. Or, when he sits on my spade as I try to dig in the garden, getting irritated that I am not digging up worms fast



A robin looking slightly grumpy that there is cold white stuff everywhere (del. S.F. Henning)

breast. Another folklore story is that when the baby Jesus was in his manger in the stable, the fire which had been lit to keep him warm started to blaze up very strongly. A brown Robin,

noticing that Mary had been distracted by the inn-keeper's wife, placed himself between the fire and the face of baby Jesus. The Robin fluffed out its feathers to protect the baby, but in so

enough. Our little robins are surely a joy over Christmas.

Dr Stephen Henning.





Edington & District Gardening Club



Christmas came a little early at our November meeting when Pam Lewis came along to give us a talk and demonstration on wreath making, 12 of our members joined in with the practical workshop and ended up taking home their wonderful wreaths. Pam is a very talented lady and has been a long-standing member of Devizes Flower Club. Our own club visited her wonderful garden in Marston a few years ago.



members and supporters a very Happy and Prosperous New Year and that you all enjoy the festive Christmastime.



Keep gardening!
Jacky

December will see members meeting at a local restaurant for the Christmas social this time, which has already been booked. There is no meeting in January, although the committee will be meeting to discuss next year's programme (from June – May.) If anyone would like us to include a particular speaker or visit, please contact one of the committee members.



It will be our 20th birthday next year, so we hope to make it a very good year!

I would like to wish all our



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





Charity Christmas Card Sale

Thank you so much for your tremendous support.

This year over £850 was raised between the charities. This time we had stalls from Guide dogs for the blind, Alzheimer's, RNLI, Happy Landings Animal Sanctuary, MIND, British Legion, Kennet & Avon Canal Trust, The Church, and the refreshment proceeds went to Julia's House.

Everyone enjoyed the morning chatting over refreshments (warm mince pies and cream – yummy!)

Thank you to Rachel who helped us in the kitchen.

See you next year!

Jacky and Pauline.



Erlestoke Eagles are flying



Its nearly Christmas, the weather is definitely turning colder, but for the cricket club the games continue. After a year's break, the Erlestoke Eagles are once again playing in the indoor league running every Tuesday at Dauntsey school. With a squad of 10 eager members, the Eagles have already played 4 games winning 2 and losing the others on the last ball. Yet on closer inspection admin errors on our part showed to cost us these games - not filling in the paperwork correctly! But it's been great to get back into the cricket and keep those skills going through the winter. The league runs through until March, with a 2 week break over the Christmas period.

And as Christmas fades in January we can look forward to the New Year and our first Winter Net session. So if you're keen to get involved or see if you still have some cricketing abilities left to show off, then why not get in touch and come along for a practice. We are always happy to welcome new members of all ages and abilities.

YOGA WITH MARILYN

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

Then why not join the new Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am



Four Villages Link

With the Christmas season upon us, do contact us if you would like help with shopping or putting up decorations. Or taking them down in January! We will of course continue with trips to appointments. Best wishes to all clients and volunteers for the festive season and New Year. The coordinator is reached on 07852 256939.

Catherine Elliott





Edington and Tinhead WI



November 14th – Crafts At Christmas

With many thanks to Sue Zaman, we enjoyed a convivial evening of Christmas crafting. Sue had prepared a varied range of Christmas decorations, with all the necessary materials. We were able to select and complete a number of items, as well as learning some simple techniques.

In December we will be meeting at the Dagers to share a pre-Christmas meal together.

On 9th January we are looking forward to hearing Jonathan Bailey speak to us about the work of the SOE (Special Operations Executive). The SOE was a secret organisation created in July 1940. We would encourage everyone to come along regardless of gender and/or WI affiliation.

collection my final one.

I have contacted the Society explaining my decision, they have suggested if you would still like to support them the information on how to do this is on their website.

Therefore, my final coffee morning/ box collection will take place in the Spring of 2024. I have contacted Jess Meale who is our Community Relationships Manager South-West, and she informs me that since the early nineties the Bratton Benefice Support Group (which includes Edington) have collected over £86,000.00 through many different fund-raising events.

Lord Spencer Loch who was living in Bratton House in 1985 suggested we held a Christingle Service at our Family Service in February (close to Candlemas) in St James Church where everyone receives a Christingle orange, and the collection is for The Children's Society, we have done so every year since 1986!

Our next Christingle Service will be 4th February 2024.

As a result of these annual collections, I have a large quantity of foreign coins and notes which the Children's Society do not collect. However, the Royal National Institute for the Blind have a scheme for collecting these and use them to support their charity, they will provide a pre-paid box enabling me to forward these coins providing I have more than 3kg in weight. I currently have 2.75 kg! Please could you help me reach the 3kg by looking around your home for any notes and coins that you may have from your holidays abroad and helping the RNIB at the same time, I will be happy to come and collect!

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THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

For the past eight years I have organised a coffee morning for the annual collection and counting of the Children's Society's home collecting boxes. Sadly, this annual event has been affected by the coins in your purse or pocket being replaced by online payments, debit and credit cards or the mobile phone. Another difficulty is a majority of the local banks are now closed making it very difficult to pay in money from these collecting boxes. Post Offices cannot take the cash. Therefore I have taken the decision to make the next annual





Recipes of the Month – December



This month's recipe is a rich chocolate dessert for Christmas that could also be the base for a Bûche de Noël. It can be frozen so allows for advanced preparation!

CHOCOLATE ROULADE

Ingredients

4 large eggs
140g (5oz) caster sugar
38g (1 ¼ oz) cocoa powder

For the filling

175g (6oz) dark chocolate
2 eggs
300ml double cream
Raspberries for decoration



Method

1. Light oven 180C, Gas 4. Line a Swiss roll/ shallow baking tin approx. 32cm x 23 cm (13" x 9") with baking parchment
2. **To make the roulade-** Separate the 4 eggs. Place the egg yolks and caster sugar in a bowl and whisk until thick Sieve the cocoa into the egg yolk mixture and fold in using a metal spoon.
3. Whisk the egg whites until stiff.
4. Gently and gradually, fold the whisked egg whites into the mixture and pour into the prepared tin. Level and bake in the oven for 18-20 minutes until firm to touch.
5. Remove from the oven, cover with a damp tea towel whilst still in the tin and leave to cool
6. **Meanwhile, make the chocolate mousse filling.**
7. Separate the 2 eggs.
8. Melt the chocolate in a bowl with 1 tablespoon of water and beat in the two egg yolks.
9. Whisk the two egg whites and fold in to the chocolate mixture. Allow to chill in the fridge.
10. Whisk the double cream until it forms soft peaks.
11. **To assemble** – turn the roulade onto a sheet of baking parchment dusted with icing sugar Trim the edges.
12. Carefully spread the chocolate mousse over the roulade and top with 2/3 of the whipped cream.
13. Roll up from the short side, using the baking parchment to help roll the roulade and dust with icing sugar. Chill overnight or open freeze before wrapping.
14. To finish, sieve icing sugar over the top and pipe with the remainder of the whipped cream, adding fresh raspberries if liked.



Bûche de Noël

Cover the roulade in a chocolate ganache or chocolate frosting.





EDINGTON AND TINHEAD W.I.

Invite you to a talk on Tuesday January 9th
2024 at 7.30 pm
in Edington Parish Hall

ELIANE PLEWMAN & SOE

BY JONATHAN BAILEY



"I would do anything for England" Eliane Plewman, c. 1942

Jonathan Bailey will talk about the short but dramatic life of the 'MONK Circuit' of Special Operations Executive (SOE), in Marseille 1943-44. He will focus on the story of a family member, Eliane Plewman (*Gaby*), her betrayal and death, and unresolved mysteries.

It is a tale of action, betrayal, horrors at the hands of the Gestapo, and a further monstrous betrayal which has never been adequately explained.

Everyone welcome, open to all.

Come along for an interesting and informative evening, free admission.





**edington
arts**

Saturday 16th December 2023 at 7.30pm

Advent Concert

By the choir of

Gonville & Caius College,

Cambridge

Conductor:

Jeremy Summerly

Tickets £20/15/10

Under 18 free

Online at www.edingtonarts.org

or Tel: 01380 831256





The Under 5's have been having Christmas Fun in the Parish Hall.



Thank you to the Under 5's for so beautifully decorating the Christmas Tree in the Parish Hall, for the snowflakes on the windows and the well-placed tinsel and garlands on the windowsills and notice boards. The hall looks very festive and will be enjoyed by everyone who meets in the hall during December.

The Christmas Party was a great success and it was great to welcome siblings and previous Under 5's children to join in the fun and games. Thank you, Emily and Dee, and not forgetting Father Christmas who managed to drop in despite his busy schedule!

A rather sticky biscuit and cupcake decorating session was greatly enjoyed by the Under 5's (as well as the over 5's!!) Some amazing independent decorating skills by the children can be seen in the photos.

On Thursday 21st December, we will meet in the Church to make decorations for the Christmas tree, help to decorate it and enjoy snacks and a story. Please see the separate poster for more details.





EDINGTON UNDER FIVES

Present their CHRISTMAS EVENTS



ALL UNDER 5s (Past, current and new members and their older siblings) are invited to join us for our Christmas Activities!!

THURSDAY 21st December 2023



at 10am – 12 noon at Edington Priory Church



Decorate the church Christmas tree, make tree decorations, snacks and story

Normal £2 per family, please let me (Emily Greening) know you are coming on 07910 228383

We also meet every Thursday in Edington Parish Hall between 10am and 12 noon. We usually play, make a craft, sing, eat snacks and have fun. The first session is free, and only £2 per family thereafter (to help with running costs). If you would like to join us with your under 5 (we welcome parents, grandparents or carers) contact me, Emily Greening on 07910 22838.



HALL FOR HIRE

EDINGTON PARISH HALL

PARTIES - MEETINGS - PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

Nearby private carpark

For more information and to book online go to

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall

or email parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

phone 01380 830 441





Edington Parish Hall



As there seems to be an increase in the number of cases of Covid in the local area as well as the possibility of seasonal flu, coughs and colds, please do not attend any events in the Parish Hall if you feel unwell as this will help to prevent any infections spreading especially in the run up to Christmas and the New Year. Thank you

On an inclement November evening nine teams gathered in the Parish Hall to do battle for the bragging rights of the year and of course to enjoy a curry supper!

A table quiz on British TV shows got the "little grey cells working" as everyone gathered and then the serious quizzing started. The rounds covered topics from Food and Drink, Music (Fireball XL5 scoring full marks in this round) and Geography to Sport and Science which gave the teams food for thought when deciding on which round to play their joker. Luckily there were not too many disputes about the correct answers but some pleading for ½ marks all of which kept Clare the adjudicator on her toes. After a break for supper and another table quiz on Breeds of Dogs, the final four rounds would determine the winners.

The winners of the Table quizzes were "The Tinhead Mafia" (I wonder who they could be!!!!) who scored full marks on British TV shows and 18 / 20 on Breeds of Dogs with "The Gems" coming second and "The Tinheads" coming third.

However, the overall winners of the quiz with 116/144 were "The Don and the Three Degrees" with "Fireball XL5" coming second and "The Tinhead Mafia" third. Congratulations to all of the winners and to everyone who took part.

Thanks to John the quiz master and Clare and Helen the glamorous assistants for their hard work in making the evening so enjoyable and to everyone who



came and helped raise £300 for the Parish Hall improvement fund. Thank you to the winning team, one of whom also won the Lucky Bucket, for their generosity in making a donation from their winnings to hall funds – it was much appreciated.



Hall Hire Charges At a recent committee meeting it was decided that for as long as possible in 2024 we would keep the hire charge to £10 an hour but there would be a small increase to the additional charge per booking if full use of the kitchen was required, from £10 to £12 from 1st January 2024. However, these charges will be kept under review especially with regard to the cost of services such as electricity.

New Parish Hall Advertisement Our new look advertisement for the Parish Hall appears for the first time in this newsletter. Thank you to Holly for this great design. Why not consider booking the hall in 2024? Do get in touch.

Thank you, The Parish Hall Committee would like to thank everyone, who has booked the hall this year, the Village groups, Edington Music Festival, those who run the classes and those who used the hall for social events and family events, your support is much appreciated and helps us maintain the hall as a valuable community asset.

Thank you to Edington Station Yard Limited for their kind donation to the Parish Hall.

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year and we hope to welcome you to the hall in 2024!

Wendy Pollard
Parish Hall Committee Chair.





HOMEOPATHY CORNER with Anne Tottenham Homeopath

Contact: tottenhamanne@gmail.com or mobile:
07905748359

The last item about homeopathic remedies

Over the last few months I have shared remedies and ideas to help with your "First aid homeopathic kit".

If you want to attend a homeopathic first aid course where you can find remedies to suit you and your family do get in touch. I will not be publishing any more "first aid" remedies.

Homeopathic remedies can cover a wide variety of conditions be they physical, mental or emotional. It's always important to know the cause of any problem as that can get to the right remedy with enough "detective work". A headache could be as a result of an accident many years ago and the introduction of Arnica can get rid of it. This was the experience of a client of mine a number of years ago.

I always listen to how the person tells their "story", the words that are used to express their concerns

To make this final article seasonal, I am including two remedies below which you could ask me about for free if you felt they might suit you.



Frankincense

This remedy can help to relax where you are in a stressful situation. It is a great trauma remedy and can help to guide you through. You may feel low, irritable, depressed, sad especially at Christmas for whatever reason. The remedy helps to create a state of calmness, peace and understanding. It can help with sleeplessness where there are too many worries and anxieties. Physically you may have stress headaches, problems with digestive disturbances and can calm the nervous system.

Holly

For those who are prickly on the outside but extremely soft on the inside hiding their great insecurity. Can be useful for hot flushes with prickly feelings. (**There are many other remedies to assist with hot flushes**). It can help any joints and extremities where they are achy and restless. The skin could be dry and itchy, especially the face. The nerves could be frayed with frustration.

I wish you all a peaceful time through the next month.



Coffee Morning Drop In



Every Tuesday
10.30 - 11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.





Local businesses

Arnie's Restaurant at Erlestoke Golf Club



If you are looking for somewhere different to go for lunch, coffee or a cake then you might do what the TVM pub lunchers did and visit Arnie's Restaurant at Erlestoke Golf Club. It is definitely worth a visit. Freshly cooked food at very reasonable prices and a beautiful view over the course. No requirement to have any knowledge of golf or to wear eccentric clothing. The new local owners are working hard to make the club welcoming and part of the community – so why not give it a go!



Arnie's Restaurant



SANDWICHES

ADD FRIES TO ANY SANDWICH 3.5

CLUB 8

Chicken, Lettuce, Bacon, Mayonnaise

TOMATO & MOZZARELLA (Ve) 7

Fresh Tomato, Mozzarella, Basil Pesto

BLT 8

Bacon, Lettuce, Tomato

NEW YORK 10

Sirloin Steak, Gherkin, Mustard, Crispy Onion

BURGERS

All come with lettuce, crispy onion, coleslaw and fries.

ERLESTOKE CLUB BEEF (Gfo) 12.5

Steak Burger, Cheddar Cheese, Bacon, Tomato, Gherkin

MEXICAN CHICKEN (Gfo) 11.5

Grilled Chicken, American Cheese, Salsa

SWEET POTATO & BEAN (Ve, Gfo) 11

Sweet Potato & Bean Burger, Lemon Mayo, Tomato

MAINS

SCAMPI & CHIPS 11.5

Breaded Wholetail Scampi, Chips, Garden Peas, Salad, Tartare Sauce

ERLESTOKE GOLFERS BREAKFAST 12

2 Sausages, 2 Bacon, 2 Hash Browns, 2 Eggs, Beans, Toast

MUSHROOM & TRUFFLE PASTA (V) 14

Mushrooms, Truffle Cream Sauce, Tagliatelle

HADDOCK & CHIPS (Gfo) 16.5

Beer Battered Haddock, Chips, Mushy Peas, Burnt Lemon

8OZ SIRLOIN STEAK (GI) 22.5

8oz Sirloin Steak, Garlic Mushroom, Grilled Tomato, Chips, Salad

SALADS

HOUSE SALAD (Ve, GI) 6

Mixed Leaf, Sun Blushed Tomato, Spring Onion, Cucumber, House Dressing

CAESAR SALAD 7

Mixed Leaf, Anchovies, Croutons, Parmesan, Caesar Dressing

ADD CHICKEN 5

If you have a food allergy please notify us

V – Vegetarian, Ve – Vegan, GI – Gluten-free, Gfo – Gluten-free option



This is the another local business in an occasional series that we are hoping to run highlighting local businesses. If you run a local business and would like to be featured in a future issue please contact us at the usual address. newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk





THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



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

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

Groups within our villages can hire TVM if they have a driver who satisfies our criteria; please contact Pauline on 830013.

The next Edington lunches will be on December 13th (sold out) and January 10th 2024.

Joy Fraser (830426)

January Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding a 2 Course Lunch (with a choice of casseroles with dumplings and a selection of puddings)

on Wednesday January 10th at 12.30pm.

in the Parish Hall, Edington

Price £8.00 in aid of Edington Parish Hall

All will be most welcome to join us.

It is essential to let Pauline (tel: 830013) know, by Friday January 5th 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 2024	Start Time	Cost
Devizes	Thursday 7th	Thursday 4th	9.00am	£3.20
Warminster	Tuesday 19th	Tuesday 16th	1.25pm	£2.80
Westbury	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm	£2.30
Salisbury	Saturday 9th	Saturday 13th	9.30am	£5.00

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 What's On Diary



	Date	Time	Event	Venue
	11th December	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Hall
	16th December	7.30pm	Advent Concert	Priory Church
	19th December	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
	20th December	2.30pm	Informal Carols and Tea	Parish Hall
	23rd December	6.00pm	Carol Service	Priory Church
	24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service	Priory Church

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	4th January	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
	9th January	7.30pm	WI Meeting	Parish Hall
	13th January	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
	15th January	7.30pm	Parish Council Meeting	Parish Hall
	16th January	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
	20th January	2.30pm	Wassailing Ceremony	Coal Path Field
	Every Tuesday	10.00am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
	Every Friday	10.30am	Yoga	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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website and enter your details

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