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Bryan Mulligan-Scafe

Bryan and Margo moved to the village more than 30 years ago, and immediately immersed themselves in village life.

Bryan became a governor at Edington School, and was a champion of it, leading the fight to try and keep it open. He took on the editorship of the Magazine and built it up, from a small parish news into a "real magazine". After many years at the magazine's helm he was happy to hand it on to a new editor, Fiona.

Bryan was a stalwart of Edington Fair, always behind the ice-cream stall with his apron and scoop, and always happy to help behind the scenes where it was required. He loved his sport and enjoyed cricket and golf, becoming captain of Erlestoke Golf Club, and was an avid fan of Arsenal football club.

Perhaps Bryan's biggest gift to village life, however, was in helping co-found Edington Station Yard in 1993, along with Rupert Cooper and Peter Allanson-Bailey, and to spend over 20 years turning it into the successful and thriving business that it is today.

In later years, illness meant he had to withdraw from active village life, but was nevertheless encouraging and interested in everything that was going on.

As a tribute to Bryan we are republishing on page 16 the first article that he sent to the Newsletter about his early days in the Metropolitan Police whilst pounding the beat in the East End of London.



Welcome to the twenty-seventh edition of the Edington Village News. This month we have articles about the forthcoming Junior National Gliding Championships taking place at Keevil

airfield in August, the latest and forthcoming events for the Gardening Club, forthcoming events in the Parish Hall and Something Fishy in the Church.

There are also our regular features including this month Stephen's recent visit to the Farne Islands before they were closed to tourists.

We also have a series of gastronomic delights happening in the next few weeks starting with the Village Lunch on the 13th followed by Afternoon Tea on the 31st and on the 24th August the Musical Supper.





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



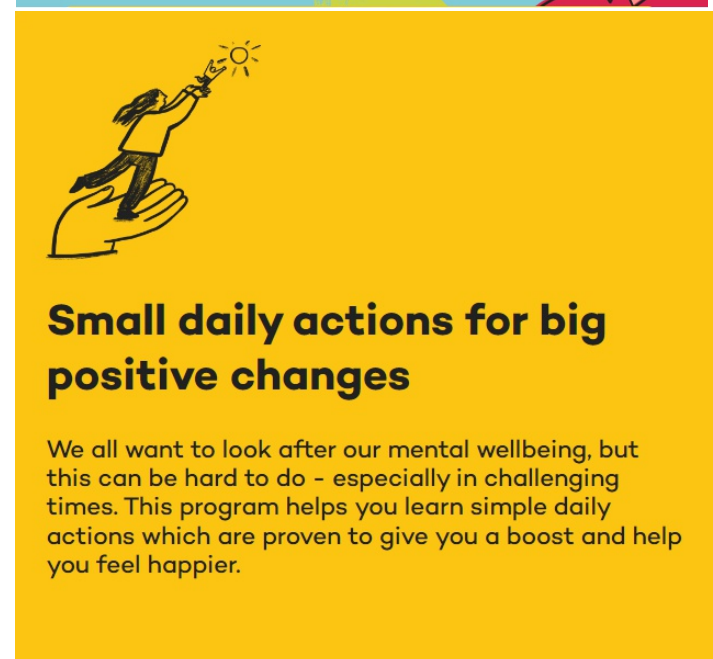
Due to the rising numbers of COVID infections, the practice have taken the decision that patients must wear a face covering whilst in the practice. We appreciate your co-operation to protect our patients and staff.

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

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

Action For Happiness – 10 Days of Happiness programme

Our very own Mental Health Nurse recommends the website "Action for Happiness" (<https://actionforhappiness.org/>) who have started a free programme called "10 days of happiness" (<https://10daysofhappiness.org/>) aimed to help you feel a little bit better about the world and everything going on. Why not give it a go?



Thank you

Dr Edwards & Partners

www.westburygp.co.uk



Courtyard Surgery West Lavington
Telephone 01380 813300

The July newsletter has just been published and can be [viewed here](#).

Carers Newsletter Summer 2022 can be [viewed here](#)

Message in a Bottle

What is 'Message in a Bottle'?

Should you need emergency treatment or to go to hospital due to a sudden illness or an accident, leave details of someone you wish to be contacted. Put the completed form into the bottle, put this in the door of your fridge. Put one sticker on the fridge door and the other inside the front door where it can be seen by Emergency services.

The bottles are available from Health Centres and GP surgeries.



HM Government

NHS

75 OR OVER?

If you had your **first booster 6+ months ago**, you can now **get a second booster**.

Don't wait for an invitation from your GP

BOOK NOW!

Call 119 or book online at:

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination

Wiltshire Police



Latest news

Regional operation continues to crack down on drug dealing across the South West

This week officers and staff across Wiltshire Police will be tackling drug dealing as part of the latest phase of a regional crackdown.

Earlier this year the five police forces across the South West combined their operational powers and launched Operation Scorpion.

This new initiative was designed to tackle drugs supply and criminal activity, and during the first week of activity back in March, saw 20

people arrested in Wiltshire, as well as drugs, cash and weapons seized.

The first phase of Operation Scorpion resulted in the following across the region:

194 arrests in connection with drugs related offences

55 warrants carried out

400 drug line disruptions

£404K (at least) of suspected drugs seized

£131K (at least) of cash seized

320 vulnerability / welfare checks carried out and people safeguarded

A vast array of weapons seized including tasers, knives and machetes.





Roads Policing Unit use unmarked HGV on M4 to target drivers during road safety operation

Officers from our Roads Policing Unit identified 87 offences on our highways in just four days, thanks to the use of an unmarked HGV this week.

The HGV, which was loaned to Wiltshire Police by National Highways, gives officers the ability to monitor drivers from an elevated position as they travel along the M4. It also allows for video evidence to be collected of drivers failing to abide by the law.

Conventional Police vehicles are then called in to stop vehicles found committing offences.

Over the course of just four days on the M4 this week, officers identified 87 offences, including 46 drivers not wearing seat belts, 23 drivers using mobile phones while driving, four people exceeding the speed limit.

There were also four overloaded vehicles, one red light jumper, one vehicle with a severely cracked windscreen and one person arrested for drug driving.

One of the most shocking cases was one HGV driver watching television whilst driving.

Sgt Will Ayres said: "It's amazing what you see on our roads when you are in an elevated position – this week, we identified 87 offences on our roads and the drivers stopped will be reported to court.

"It's really quite shocking that somebody would consider it acceptable to watch television whilst driving. The road requires your full attention at all times. If you are watching your favourite programme, no matter how good you are at multitasking, you are failing to concentrate on the road and you are significantly more likely to be involved in a collision. It's extremely selfish and shows no respect for other road users.



Keeping Your Home and Possessions Safe

As you may be aware there has been an increase in the number of burglaries linked to the warmer weather.


It is important to make sure you close and lock all doors and windows if you are going out. Also make certain that your garage and garden shed is securely locked when out or even if they are out of your sight when working in the garden. You will be able to find lots of helpful suggestions on how to protect your home on the Force website.

An opportunity to further protect your valuables

This is an early insight into a campaign we are launching in July to help people better protect their possessions. The campaign has the title Operation Siege and is a partnership between Wiltshire Police and SelectaDNA with the aim to reduce burglary by deterrent.

Selecta DNA manufacture an invisible DNA liquid that is used for property marking, a well-known means of deterring theft. But unlike the property marking pens you may have seen this product is unique to the person who has bought it. The company has shown that in other parts of the country, the use of their product has seen a reduction of burglary by up to 83%

The liquid can be seen under ultraviolet light and it contains a unique data tag. Each kit has enough liquid for you to protect up to 50 of your most valuable items and comes with 50 tamper resistant stickers, 4 window stickers and lifetime registration on the Secure Asset Register.

We have negotiated a special price of £25.00 per kit, including delivery, for the residents of Wiltshire. The recommended retail price is £60.00. Wiltshire Police do not sell the kits nor make anything from the sale of them. We 



do believe that it is a good product that it can help deter thieves and aid in the recovery of any items that may be stolen.

You can learn more about SelectaDNA and order your kit at the discounted price of £25.00 using this code: NHWAWILTSHIRE only through this link: [SelectaDNA Home Kit Offer](#).

Stay safe and #BeatTheBurglar



Wiltshire Council

Latest News from Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council thanks residents for their patience during waste collection disruption

Wiltshire Council has thanked residents for their patience amid the ongoing recent service disruption to waste collection services, which is due to a severe staff shortage at its contractor, Hills Municipal Collections.

The council is working hard with Hills Municipal Collections to mitigate the impact of the disruption, but for the time being some people could see a delay to their recycling collections of up to three days after their usual collection day, as the council looks to prioritise emptying general household, garden waste and clinical waste bins.

People are advised to leave their bins out if they are not collected on their scheduled day and they will be emptied as soon as possible. Residents are also encouraged to only report a missed bin collection if it is not emptied more than three days after their scheduled collection day.

The council has set up a webpage to provide a weekday daily update of any rescheduled collections and the locations affected - waste collection update. People are asked to check that webpage prior to reporting a missed bin collection to the council if they can.

Understandably, the council is receiving a high level of correspondence about the waste issues, and it does not have the capacity to respond to every one, but the webpage provides useful information and clarity for residents.

Hills Municipal Collections is working on Saturdays to catch-up on collections, and the possibility is being explored to operate a service on Sundays too.

Energy rebate payments made to 133,000 households so far



Have you received a letter inviting you to claim the £150 Government energy rebate? If so, please visit our website and submit your details if you haven't already done so.

We've written to 42,000 households that don't pay council tax by direct debit, explaining how to claim the one-off payment. So far more than 22,000 households that received a letter have contacted us to register for the payment.

If you're one of the households who are yet to make your claim then please visit our website to do so. You'll need your council tax account number which can be found on your council tax bill and the activation code that appears on the letter we sent.

[More information about the energy rebate payments and apply online now](#)



Edington Parish Council News

New 20mph speed limit around the village - we are still waiting to hear when this will be introduced, the relevant legal orders have been completed and we are now waiting for the erection of new signs etc.

Out of control dogs - Recently a number of villagers have reported being threatened by a dog when walking their own dog. We have contacted the police over this matter and have been advised of the following.

Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991

Section 3 of the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 relates to all dogs of any type or breed. This section makes it a criminal offence for the owner of a dog and any other person in charge of it at the time to allow any dog to be dangerously out of control in a public place or a private place where the dog has no right to be.

Under this section a dog is considered as being out of control if there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the dog will injure a person, whether or not it actually does so.

Dog on human attacks

Although rare dog on human attacks do occur. If you have been attacked by a dog you should report the incident immediately to Wiltshire Police on **101**. It is not the responsibility of the council's dog wardens to deal with dangerous dogs although we would assist the police should they require our help.

If the dog is still on the loose please ensure that the police are given this information so that steps can be taken to ensure public safety.

Dog on dog attacks

Generally dogs are very social animals. However, like humans, some do take a dislike to others. It is in a dog's nature to try and satisfy a hierarchy between members of its pack (this

includes animals it will come across whilst out on walks) and in order to do this there may ensue a scuffle between dogs. Most incidents are like this and both animals come away unscathed. However, sometimes things can escalate and serious attacks can occur leaving animals in distress or injured. The best way to avoid any confrontation is to ensure that your dog is kept under close control by keeping the dog on a lead. The vast majority of incidents that get reported to us involve both parties' animals being off the lead and therefore not under the complete control of the person walking it.

If you believe your dog has been seriously attacked by another person's dog please ensure you:

Check both dogs thoroughly for any wounds. If your dog is injured ensure you seek veterinary treatment as soon as possible. Do not continue to exercise your dog as the movement may cause any smaller tears to enlarge rapidly. Ensure you take down the other parties details in case it is needed for insurance or prosecution purposes

Any severe dog on dog attacks should be reported immediately to Wiltshire Council Dog Wardens on **0300 456 0107**.

Public footpaths and permissive paths - A number of the footpaths around the village have become somewhat overgrown with vegetation and the Parish Council are trying to get the problem sorted. Unfortunately the legal position as to who is responsible for keeping footpaths clear for walkers to use is confusing and we are trying to seek clarification on this issue. Hopefully we will be able to get the paths cleared in the near future.

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



Village Musings

Having just returned from holiday in the Lake District, the Yorkshire Dales and Northumberland, it was wonderful to realise that we saw nothing there more beautiful than our own beloved village in beautiful Wiltshire. Our county is somewhat "hidden", I think. People drive through it on the way to somewhere else and this makes it particularly special – a quiet, old fashioned, intimate place to live.



From the views over our spectacular downs, to the village wildlife pond, from the productive allotments to our quiet lanes, from the charming play park to the ever-changing fields, every walk brings breathtaking aspects to enjoy. I cannot



draw or paint with any talent, but if I could, I would spend my whole time trying to capture the vistas around our village in the different seasons and in changing weather. As it is, I hold them in my mind as treasures to remember.

A great Hindu mystic, Rabindranath Tagore,



wrote, "Today the summer has come at my window with its sighs and murmurs; and the bees are plying their minstrelsy at the court of the flowering grove. Now it is time to sit quiet, face to face with you, and to sing dedication of life in this silent and overflowing leisure."



I wish you some silent and overflowing leisure this summer to enjoy the breathless beauty around us.

Mercedes Henning



Edington Festival Musical Supper

Wednesday 24 August at
6.30 for 7pm
on the Coal Path Field

adjacent to the Burial Ground

(by kind permission of the Parish Council)

It's back! Come and enjoy a two course menu, featuring delicious home-made desserts, and hear the Festival Singers sing for their supper.

To give more space in the marquee, we will have a different table layout this year. Everything else will be as usual. There will be water on the table, but we don't provide wine, so please bring your own.

We are looking forward to welcoming back our regulars and meeting newcomers. The proceeds help fund local facilities (including the Parish Hall and the Three Villages Minibus).

Tickets £25 each
available after 1 July 2022

from **Hugh Hancock**

musicalsupper@edingtonfestival.org

Phone: **01225 754626**

or write to him at Dunge Farm, West Ashton,
BA14 6AX

You can pay by BACS or send a cheque payable to Edington Priory Church Music Evening

Please give any dietary requirements at the time of booking

Wanted - Waiters for an evening of entertainment - The Musical Supper

Why not earn a small sum and be entertained at the same time whilst waiting at table. Please contact Meg on 01380 830755 for more details.

Junior National Gliding Championships coming to Wiltshire

Bannerdown Gliding Club, based on Keevil Airfield, will be hosting the Junior National Gliding Championships from 20-29 August. There will be approximately 30 competition sailplanes conducting cross country flights throughout the week, depending on the weather.



Throughout the week if you happen to look up you may see the fleet of gliders circling overhead as the pilots prepare to start the race, or see them cruising towards the finish line towards the end of the day. The gliders are launched in late morning or early afternoon using powered tug aircraft. This is completed in approximately 45 minutes and the gliders are released in different locations each day depending on the conditions and course that has been set.

During the week you might see competition crews with glider trailers arriving or leaving the airfield if they need to collect gliders that have landed away from site. You may also see more vehicles and caravans at the start and end of the week as pilots and their crews arrive to stay at the airfield. You can follow the progress of all the gliders at juniors.bannerdown.co.uk/tracking.

You can find out more information about gliding as a sport and the competition through the club at www.bannerdown.co.uk or email the competition at comp_admin@bannerdown.co.uk.



Edington & District Gardening Club

First Thursday in the month from
7.00pm Parish Hall

Nineteen members enjoyed a practical session and talk from Jackie Haines from

Bratton Plant Centre on container growing. Although this was a new experience for Jackie, we enjoyed the relaxed session and learned a lot from the general questions and discussions.

A good peat free compost and growth granules should see the plants last throughout the summer, with watering of course! Have you tried wool pellets or lambs' wool to keep those slugs away?

Put flowers in the veg patch too and make up containers to put around the garden in any gaps in the borders.

Thank you to the contributions for the Gardening Stall at the Jubilee fete, and thanks to the helpers. it was a lovely afternoon.

There is no meeting at the Parish Hall in August, we have our outing instead.

If you would like to come to Lytes Cary, Somerton, in August (10th) please contact Angeline 830458 or sign up at the next meeting (2.00pm start at Somerton) so numbers and transport can be finalised.

September 3rd is the Flower & Produce Show, schedules are on the web page and hard copies with Pauline at the Post Office.

We do hope groups (established or informal get together!) will enter for the Village Shield. There is also a new Young Adults Trophy for 16 and under as well as the under 11 classes, both are free entry.

For any further details ring **Jacky 830133**

Edington Gardening Club cordially invite any members of

Any Group or Club or an informal group of friends to enter for the Village Shield

The rules for the category are quite simple:

The subject is called 'Platinum Jubilee

Three different items must be included:

- 1) flowers of any type, number, or format
- 2) a cookery item/s of any description
- 3) a handicraft item in any medium

Your display will be set on a flat trestle table with 24" width of available area.

Any extra accessories can be used if wanted.

Full details on the village website.

WANTED

5 white single geraniums and 5 red geraniums to replace the STOLEN PLANTS taken from the Village roadside box on the Steeple Ashton Road.

(The STOLEN small tree taken a couple of months ago was ignored, although damage was done to some of the remaining plants at the time)

The Village Entrance boxes are sponsored by a local company and tended by members of the Gardening Club for the benefit of everyone that passes by.

I am sure if the person that took the plants had asked any gardener for some plants, they would have been generously given some.



PROGRAMME 2022/23

ALL MEETINGS IN THE PARISH HALL AT 7.00PM UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE

The First Thursday in the Month

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| <p>June 9th <i>pfs</i> Bratton Plant Centre Jackie Haines 'Container planting' demonstration</p> <p>June 22nd visit Wednesday Beggars Knoll 7.00pm start</p> <p>July 7th Stephen Henning 'Your Garden as a Wildlife Haven'</p> <p>August 10th 2.00pm start Day Trip visit Wednesday Lytes Cary, Somerton</p> <p>September 3rd Saturday Flower & Produce Show Parish Hall open to public at 2.30pm</p> <p>October 6th Peter Chmiel, Chelsea Gold and Best in Show winner</p> | <p>November 3rd Rupert Wade, Pruning and small tree maintenance</p> <p>December 1st 6.45pm start Christmas meal and social evening</p> <p>February 2nd <i>pfs</i> Pilea Plants 'An Introduction to Houseplants' demonstration</p> <p>March 2nd Nicola Hope 'New ideas, new designs, designing your organic garden'</p> <p>April 6th 6.30pm start <i>pfs</i> Downside Nursery visit 'climbers and containers'</p> <p>May 4th AGM 7.15pm Chris Wilde Trowbridge Garden Centre 'All about Roses' • Plants for sale (<i>pfs</i>)</p> |
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Edington & District Gardening Club

Flower & Produce Show

**Saturday 3rd September open to the
public 2.30pm**

Teas & cakes available!

Have some fun, don't say 'I COULD HAVE DONE THAT!!'

Put something in!

FLOWERS FRUIT VEG CAKES HANDICRAFTS ART PHOTOGRAPHY

CHILDRENS CLASSES FREE! NEW THIS YEAR - Under 16 Trophy

Schedules available on the village web page or Pauline at the Post Office



Holiday to remember - trip to the Farne Islands

During May 2022 Mercedes and I went on a two-week holiday to the north of England. The main objective of the trip was to see the seabird colonies on the Farne Island in Northumbria. In particular I wanted to see puffins breeding on one of the islands.

Finally, the day arrived that we had been planning for over a year. We were going to sail round the Farne Islands to see the seabird colonies and we were on the 2-hour tour. While waiting for the tour to start, I saw my first Eider ducks swimming in the harbour.



We waited on the slipway as our boat approaches to pick us up

We finally set off and we sat in the stern. It was not crowded and there was a lot of space for us to move around. The journey out to the islands was slightly rough at first but once we were among the islands it was relatively calm.

The first things we started to see were guillemots bobbing on the sea in huge rafts. We then saw Eider ducks on the first island we visited.

After that it was just amazing, the island was covered with nesting seabirds – guillemots, razorbills, puffins, kittiwakes, herring and black-headed gulls, lesser and greater black-backed



Eider duck male swimming in the harbour at Seahouses

gulls, artic terns, cormorants, and shags. A fulmar also flew on stiff wings past me on the boat and I could clearly see his tubenose that showed he was related to the albatrosses and petrels.



A fulmar flew below me just off the cliff edge on Lindisfarne – note his tubenose

They took the boat right up close to one of the islands and the birds were only a short distance away, rising up in banks up the steep rocks. The kittiwakes were on their nests on the cliffs. The guillemots were on the flatter area on top with the razor bills lower down.





The island was just covered with birds which I tried to photograph with my phone



We also saw puffins on one of the cliffs



I saw guillemots and kittiwakes nesting on the cliff

We also passed a colony of grey seals that had pulled themselves out on one of the islands. The boat moved in quite close to them so that we could get photographs.



The boat took us quite close to a colony of grey seals

The next day we set off again to visit the Farne Islands – this time landing on the first island called Inner Farne.

Unfortunately, it was drizzling as we waited to get on the boat. No shelter on the boat so we went and sat at the stern in the rain. The rain stopped as we made it out of the harbour into the sea. It was great to be going out again.

It was nice to be prepared for what to expect as we came close to each island. I used my camera this time as the previous day I had used my phone camera and the photos did not come out very well. The number of birds was amazing, and I enjoyed it so much. The noise, the smell, the sight – just about all my senses were stimulated.



I was soon photographing birds again on the islands





Like the previous day the cliffs were alive with breeding guillemots and kittiwakes



The sea was also alive with guillemots

Finally, we returned to the Inner Farne Island where we were going to be dropped off for an hour. As we walked up from the pier there were numbers of arctic terns nesting on either side of the path. Every year, these tiny arctic terns migrate from the Arctic Circle to the Antarctic Circle—a round-trip journey of about 18,641 miles. I enjoyed myself photographing them for ages. I even found one sitting on an egg.

Then we were off to see the puffins.



We arrived at the harbour of the island, and I started taking photos straight away of the arctic terns nesting everywhere



Nesting arctic tern with egg on numbered nest



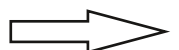
The arctic terns were absolutely gorgeous with their little red legs and long wings

We saw puffins' burrows first as we made our way along the raised wooden path. We saw and photographed an Eider duck female and her ducklings on a nest among the low growing plants near the information centre.



Suddenly there were puffins looking at me and nothing else mattered

Then we came across the puffins. They popped in and out of their burrows and I absolutely enjoyed myself as I tried to photograph them. Two puffins made





a run for it across the path in front of me and I photographed them while Mercedes photographed me taking the photo of them. This was all done under my umbrella to keep my lens dry.



The puffins suddenly made a dash for the path in front of me



Photographing the puffins darting in front of me in the pouring rain – the puffin burrows can be seen on either side of the walkway



Eventually Mercedes dragged me away as time was running out. We made our way to the cliff edge near the lighthouse. This was fenced to stop people falling over the edge, and shag were nesting right against the fence. Also, there were razorbills, guillemots, and kittiwakes.



Then with a last photo of a puffin, I went off to photograph other birds breeding on the island

Greater and lesser black-backed gulls, herring gulls, and black-headed gulls were nesting all over the place in the short vegetation.



My view when I looked down the cliff

Eventually Mercedes dragged me back to the boat just in time and then we headed back to Seahouses. As the boat docked an Eider duck male swam close up alongside and I photographed it. What a great end to a fantastic trip.

Dr Stephen Henning



Something Fishy In The Church

On the fourth Sunday of each month, we have a special service for families. The service is informal, and we try to make it fun. We start with refreshments, which often include bacon rolls. There are songs, with piano and guitar accompaniment, questions to be explored, prayers and a story from the Bible. In June we took the story of Jonah and the Whale, and to illustrate it we made the altar into a gaping whale's mouth. Noa and Reuben created a picture of the story for the board in church – do have a look, it's still there. It's always a team



effort. Kate led the service. Andrew asked the questions, "When you're about to do something naughty, is there something that tells you it's wrong? Do you listen, or do you go ahead and do it anyway?" There were some interesting responses! Rachel read the Bible Story, telling how Jonah was swallowed by a whale and carried to where God wanted him to be. The space inside the altar was enough to allow our whale to swallow our volunteer Jonah whole and then spit him out on to the beach. Anne helped us to understand the message of Jonah with an interactive talk to which everyone contributed. Chloe drew the service to a close by leading us in prayer. We had a very enjoyable, fishy time.



Andrew King



Four Villages Link

At the coffee morning held at The Duke, Jane Williams from Community First gave an informative talk on adult safeguarding. Three potential volunteers attended and will hopefully help to cover journey requests. We still welcome more volunteers. Please call 07852 256939 to volunteer or to request a service - driving to appointments, shopping, small household jobs or simply some company.

Information on LINK can be found at <http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/>

Catherine Elliott

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.

Coffee Morning Drop In



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



Musings From the Thin Blue Line 'Getting the Sack'

Very early on in my chosen career I was quite surprised to get the sack. It was during the winter of 1954 and following completion of my training I was posted to Limehouse, then a three station sub-division comprising Limehouse, Poplar and the Isle of Dogs. After a short period of 'Learning Beats' I was let loose on the unsuspecting public.

In those days, busy road junctions were controlled by police officers on point duty and one such point was at the junction of Commercial Road, East India Dock Road, West India Dock Road and Burdett Road. It was not a popular posting, you were isolated in the middle of the junction, exposed to all weathers and liable to physical harm by errant road users. The posting lasted for eight hours a day for a six week period. Relief was provided for a meal and comfort breaks throughout the shift by officers on neighbouring beats. Having gained very limited experience by relieving the posted officer, I was then trusted, if that's the right word, as the dedicated point duty officer.

On one early shift, it was extremely cold and the road surface of cobble stones made it more so underfoot. To minimise the cold, I wore fur lined boots (that I still have), two pairs of very thick socks and fleece pyjamas, worn under thick winter serge. Stamping ones feet made little difference. However, saviours appeared in the form of passing lorry drivers, who threw to me hessian sacks to stand on, these proved to be a godsend. With at least three of them on top of each other, they provided much needed insulation. Incidentally, they were secretly put away for future use. The junction was subsequently converted to be controlled by traffic lights.

Getting the sack(s) made life of this points-man just about bearable and the cold was a spur to an ambitious and interesting career

BMS



EDINGTON PARISH HALL

Forthcoming Events

Save the dates!

Do come to these social events and help us raise money for the continued improvement of the hall facilities. The committee look forward to seeing you there! Watch out for posters around the village and updates in the newsletter giving details of each event nearer the time.

Sunday 31st July - 3pm – 5pm

Afternoon Tea - Cream teas and home made cake.

(For details please see the poster on page 17)

Saturday 17th September – 9.30am -11.30am

Carpet Bowls taster session.

Come and have a go!

Saturday 1st October – 10am – 12 noon.

Macmillan Coffee morning (all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer)

Saturday 29th October – 10am -12 noon

Carpet Bowls and Bacon Rolls taster session.

Saturday 19th November- 7.30pm

Curry & Quiz night (Teams of 4)

Wendy Pollard

Chair Edington Parish Hall Committee



**COME AND ENJOY
SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA
IN
EDINGTON PARISH HALL**



WHEN : SUNDAY 31ST JULY

TIME: 3PM – 5PM

COST: CREAM TEA £3.00

HOME MADE CAKE £1.50 A SLICE





STEEPLE ASHTON SEPTEMBER SPECTACULAR

A Charity Evening

Saturday 10th September 2022
Church Paddock, Steeple Ashton BA14 6EL
7:00pm till Midnight

A FUN PACKED EVENING INCLUDING:
FABULOUS STREET FOOD FROM THREE CONTINENTS, MAIN & PUD
AN AUCTION WITH PAUL MARTIN (BBC'S FLOG IT)
CASINO, MAGICIAN
AND
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO 'ANGELS', THE UK'S PREMIER ABBA TRIBUTE BAND

BRING FRIENDS, WHY NOT BOOK A TABLE,
MAKE UP A PARTY

ALL PROFITS TO:-
WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk
MND ASSOCIATION www.mndassociation.org
EVIE'S GIFT www.eviesgift.org.uk
Sponsored by: Mulberry Live In Care Ltd

MARQUEE IN CHURCH PADDOCK WITH A LICENSED BAR
TOILET FACILITIES
ON SITE CAR PARKING

TICKETS ARE £45PP AND AVAILABLE FROM:

www.eventbrite.co.uk (plus booking fee)

Steeple Ashton Village Shop
Francis Ash (01380) 871306
Guy Bagnall (01380) 870395





Edington arts

WELCOME BACK TO THE MARICI SAXOPHONE QUARTET

On Saturday 24th September, Edington Priory Church will be full of the miraculous sound of saxophones as the Marici Saxophone Quartet makes a welcome return.

Those of you who came to their last concert in Edington – in 2016! – will remember the sparkle and wonderful musicality they brought to arrangements of 'serious' and lighter classical music, as well as the technical brilliance demonstrated in their own compositions. In the intervening years the quartet, playing

combinations of soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones have been busy recording, broadcasting and composing, and are delighted to be back on the road playing to live audiences.

The programme is based on their new and very successful album, *Origin*, and is easy on the ear, inclusive, interesting and, in their own words, "intelligent". Folk tunes, old favourites, new compositions, music serious and light-hearted, familiar and unfamiliar – it will be a glorious evening showing the full range of soprano, alto, tenor and bass saxophones in all their wonderful versatility.

The concert starts at 7.30pm, and tickets remain at 2014 prices; £20 (front nave), £15 (rear nave) and £10 side aisles. There is a 10% discount for Edington Angels, and 18s and under come FREE. Full programme information is on the website now, www.edingtonarts.org, and you can secure your tickets by emailing sue@edingtonarts.org, or by phoning Chrissy on **01380 831256**.





EDINGTON & TINHEAD



NEWSLETTER

What's on 12th July 2022 7.00pm



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BRING A FRIEND/NEIGHBOUR TO OUR GARDEN PARTY BY KIND INVITATION OF SHEILA PINSON AT ASHLINGTON HOUSE IN INMEAD. NB THE EARLIER START TIME. Bring food to share. Drink will be provided. If you need a lift do contact one of the committee.

National raffle tickets will be available to buy this month and in August.

FEDERATION EVENTS

Tickets are sold on a first come first served basis – there will be no balloting out. Event booking will be closed once the event has sold out. This may be before the advertised closing date. For more information Tel: 01380739340

When events provide catering PLEASE ADVISE OF ANY DIETARY REQUIREMENTS.

| Date | Event | Venue | Closing Date if not fully booked | Price |
|--|---|---|----------------------------------|--------|
| Frid 5th August 10.00am – 3.30pm | Get to know your sewing machine Part 2 (Feet) | WI House Devizes (Includes all materials used) | 11 th July | £35.00 |
| Sat 6th August 10.00am – 3.30pm | Get to know your sewing machine Part 2 (Feet) | WI House Devizes (Includes all materials used) | 11 th July | £35.00 |
| Monday 15 th Aug 10.15am – 3.30pm | New Speakers Day | Broad Hinton Village Hall | 28 th July | £7.00 |
| Weds 7 th Sept 11.00am – 1.00pm | Foraging Taster | West Woods, Near Marlborough | 10 th Aug | £15.00 |
| Fri 9 th Sept 7.00pm – 9.00pm | Modern Slavery | Broad Hinton Village Hall | 11 th Aug | £6.00 |
| Thurs 15 th Sept 11.00am – 12.00pm | Forever Fit | Downton Memorial Centre | 18 th Aug | £14.00 |
| Thurs 15 th Sept 2.00pm – 4.00pm | Croquet Taster | Kington Langley Croquet Club | 18 th Aug | £10.00 |
| Monday 19 th Sept 2.00pm – 3.30pm | Tim Wonnacott From Southebys to Strictly | Memorial Hall Royal Wootton Bassett | 29 th July | £32.00 |



THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



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

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.

Please note that I have had to make one change in August; namely that the Salisbury trip is on the first Saturday (ie. August 6th). This change has had to be made because of the bus's availability.

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 Summer Lunch (with a choice of main course and a selection of puddings) on



Wednesday July 13th 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.

Please let Pauline (tel: 830013) know if you are coming as this helps with catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door transport



Please book your place with Pauline



(There will be no lunch in August – the staff need a rest!)

Shopping Trips starting at Edington on

| Destination | July | July | Start Time |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Devizes - £3.20 | Thursday 7th | Thursday 4th | 9am |
| Warminster - £2.80 | Tuesday 19th | Tuesday 16th | 1.25pm |
| Westbury - £2.30 | Every Thursday | Every Thursday | 1.30pm |
| Salisbury - £5.00 | Saturday 9th | Saturday 6th | 9.30am |

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Edington What's On Diary

| Date | Time | Event | Venue |
|--------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------|
| 9 July | 9.30am | TVM Salisbury shopping | |
| 11 July | 7.30pm | Parish Council meeting | Parish Hall |
| 12 July | 7.30pm | WI - Annual Garden Party | |
| 13 July | 12.30pm | Lunch in the Parish Hall | Parish Hall |
| 19 July | 1.30pm | TVM Warminster shopping | |
| 31st July | 3.00pm | Afternoon Tea | Parish Hall |
| 4 August | 9.00am | TVM Devizes shopping | |
| 6th August | 9.30am | TVM Salisbury shopping | |
| 16th August | 1.25pm | TVM Warminster shopping | |
| 21st - 28th August | | Edington Music Festival | Priory Church |
| 24th August | 6.30pm | Musical Supper | Coal Path Field |
| 3rd September | 2.30pm | Flower and Produce Show | Parish Hall |
| 17th September | 9.30am | Carpet Bowls taster session | 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

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter

and enter your details or email

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

and you will be added to the mailing list.