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

Our regular contributor Dr Stephen Henning has been on holiday to the Norfolk Broads and brings us the first of

two parts about his visit. Westbury Surgery are encouraging everyone to download an app to enable patients to see their health record. Wiltshire Police have recorded their biggest "drug bust" seizing more than 100kgs of cannabis and have outlined how they are tackling anti-social behaviour.

Meanwhile Wiltshire Council are developing a new "wrap around" childcare scheme, they are also continuing their "#WiltshireByBus" promotion until 31st October. Along with this they are seeking people's views on the draft Wiltshire Design Guide and inviting children between 4 and 11 to get involved in the Summer Reading Challenge with prizes!

This month's recipe is the not to be missed Austrian Coffee Cake.

Some events coming up in July and August include the Evening with VocalEase in the Parish Hall on 22nd July. An opportunity to hear Andrew King and his five friends singing in harmony. There are only a few tickets left so make sure that you don't miss out.

Then on the 13th August the what is becoming an annual event "Tea in the Parish Hall" and weather permitting "Tea outside the Parish Hall"!

Beginning on Sunday 24th August through until Sunday 27th August we have have the Edington Music Festival, which is the oldest festival of music within the liturgy in the world. As part of the festival there is the Musical Supper on Wednesday 23 August at 6.30pm for 7pm on the Coal Path Field. A light hearted and convivial evening that helps fund parish facilities that are much relied on by both village and festival.

If that isn't enough don't forget that on Saturday 3rd September there is the annual Flower and Produce Show organised by the Edington and District Gardening Club. Start preparing your entries now so as they are perfect by the day.

Further details about all of these events and others can be found in this edition of the newsletter.





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

By 31 October, all patients will be able to see information as it is added to their GP health record; online and through the NHS App. Why wait? Download the NHS App today and speak to your GP surgery to join over seven million patients already enjoying access to test results, letters and notes via the NHS App.

NHS

By 31 October, all GP practices will let you see new entries in your GP health record online and through the **NHS App**, including appointment notes, letters and test results.



Crosspoint - Westbury Counselling Service

Patients can refer themselves to use this service via the Crosspoint website using the form on that website. This is the link:

<https://www.crosspoint-westbury.co.uk/counselling>

You can also contact them via email and phone:

info@crosspoint-westbury.co.uk

01373 824 330.

If you know someone who may benefit from counselling with Crosspoint but who does not have a computer or IT access then please contact the Social Prescriber at the surgery who may be able to help with this.

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.](#)

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



Wiltshire Police

Organisations join forces to tackle anti-social behaviour in Wiltshire

Published 3 July 2023

We are proud to be supporting this year's national campaign to tackle anti-social behaviour (ASB), together with multiple agencies from around the county.

Taking place from today (Monday 3 July) to Sunday 9 July, the week aims to empower our communities to take a stand against ASB and highlight the actions that can be taken by those experiencing it.

Organised by Resolve, the UK's leading ASB and community safety organisation, the week will feature a series of events and awareness driving campaigns all across the UK involving Councils, Police Forces, Housing Associations, charities, community groups and sports clubs.

We know antisocial behaviour can adversely affect people's everyday lives - we all deserve to live free from intimidation and harassment and we will endeavour to deal with those perpetrators, together with our partner agencies. We are committed to tackling it, as it can have a lasting impact upon our communities which we are dedicated to protecting.

We know it's not a low-level crime, it can be devastating for those who become victim to it, and can it be a pre-cursor to more serious crime. Often people even consider moving house to escape antisocial behaviour. Official statistics show ASB accounted for 28% of total police recorded crime in year ending September 2021, with around 1.7 million incidents recorded.

This week is a great opportunity to focus our efforts and ensure our approach alongside our local authorities and agencies is cohesive and robust. Throughout the week, we'll be sharing more about what antisocial behaviour is, what it isn't and what we can all do to assist victims of ASB.

Wiltshire Police Superintendent Liz Coles commented: "We are urging members of the

public not to suffer in silence if they experience antisocial behaviour. We are committed to keeping Wiltshire safe and giving it the priority it deserves so that people feel safe in their homes and when out and about.

"People may consider loud noises from their neighbours, groups of youths or even comments made on social media as antisocial behaviour but in reality, the law defines it as 'conduct that is likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress, or cause nuisance or annoyance'. It includes behaviour such as graffiti, drug taking or dealing, drunken behaviour, or being abusive or aggressive.

"Incidents can be reported to the anti-social behaviour team at our local Council, or directly to us if people feel that they are at immediate risk or in danger.

"But support doesn't end there, if you've been a victim of persistent ASB but you don't feel the response hasn't been satisfactory, you can have it reviewed using the ASB Case Review tool, also known the Community Trigger.

Details of ASB, how to report it and when you can have a case reviewed, can all be found at: Wiltshire Safeguarding Vulnerable People Partnership (SVPP) - Anti-social behaviour (wiltshiresvpp.org.uk)

Police response to mental health demand is being looked at 'in great detail'

Published Friday 7 July 2023

Wiltshire PCC Philip Wilkinson has responded to a letter from Home Secretary Suella Braverman after she raised concerns that mental health demand places on policing.

Mr Wilkinson said the letter, sent to all 43 Chief Constables and PCCs, was extremely timely after national debate was sparked last month when the Metropolitan Police said it would no longer attend unnecessary mental health calls.

The Met was looking at the adopting the principles of a Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) approach pioneered by Humberside Police - a strategy of deploying officers to only the most essential mental health-related





calls and diverting the rest of the cases to dedicated health professionals.

In Wiltshire, the RCRP approach is being considered and is being looked at in great detail, the PCC reassured, with the wellbeing of Wiltshire's community at the core of the discussion.

Mr Wilkinson continued: "It is vital vulnerable people who are experiencing mental health crisis have the best possible medical support possible but that should not fall to police officers, who are not mental health professionals.

"I am following the Right Care, Right Person (RCRP) national debate closely and my office has spoken with Humberside Police, and its OPCC, to look at the benefits of this approach – it is not about removing a policing service but ensuring the right agency deals with the vulnerable person in the first place.

"As PCC, I have a duty to ensure Wiltshire Police uses finite policing resources in the most effective and efficient manner - and that isn't having officers responding to mental health crisis, unless there is a threat to life, or sitting for hours in A&E with a vulnerable person when they should be tackling crime in our communities.

"However, change does not happen overnight and I must stress both my office and the Force are committed to working with all of our partners to ensure the right health provision is in place before steps in this direction are made.

"But I have been clear the burden should not be placed upon the police service to fill a void from other agencies - and Wiltshire Police is carefully looking at this in detail."

Earlier this week, Wiltshire Police, held its first meeting with local partners and agencies from the county - including the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner - to look at how RCRP could be implemented in county and what it could mean for all emergency and statutory partners, as well as people in crisis.

Mr Wilkinson has received assurance from Chief Constable Catherine Roper that further meetings will continue as the option of RCRP is

being explored - with the guarantee that vulnerable people in need will be considered at the core of the discussions and updates will be provided regularly.

Wiltshire Police seize 100kg of cannabis as part of operation hitting OCGs

Published 6 July 2023

More than 100kg of cannabis was seized in a single haul by Wiltshire Police as part of an operation targeting organised crime groups (OCGs) involved in the drug's cultivation.

Across the South West, 67 people were arrested – including 18 in Wiltshire - while £6.8 million of cannabis and weapons including a 9mm pistol in Dorset were seized as part of the region's ongoing collective work to target and disrupt OCGs harming our communities through drug supply.

The region's five police forces, supported by the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SWROCU) and working with the Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) and independent charity Crimestoppers, also carried out 58 warrants and searches at commercial cannabis grows.

Within Wiltshire, nine warrants were conducted, 692 plants seized, 18 arrests made, five people charged and eight people released under investigation.

The South West's results are part of a nationally coordinated operation, titled Op Mille, which ran through the month of June to execute 1000 warrants and unearth and disrupt OCGs by taking out a key source of their revenue, while simultaneously apprehending many of those involved, safeguarding those being exploited, and increasing intelligence around how the networks operate.

Wiltshire Police DCI Angela Shipp, the Force lead for the latest phase of the drugs operation, said: "People need to understand that, as this operation shows, cannabis cultivation is not a harmless or low-level offence.



Wiltshire Council

News from Wiltshire Council

Wiltshire Council chosen to co-design national scheme for wraparound childcare

Published 7 July 2023

Wiltshire Council has been selected by the Government to help co-design a national scheme for primary school age wraparound childcare.

The council is one of 16 local authorities chosen to shape how the offer will look in the future for families with the expansion of school-based childcare provision either side of the school day.

Wiltshire has already started putting forward ideas for how this offer could work but is also making sure that some of the barriers that we know are there are looked at in depth and form part of the government support.

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services said: "I'm very pleased to hear Wiltshire Council has been asked to be part of this key work to ensure plans to create wraparound childcare for primary aged children can work effectively. We already work closely with our schools, out of school clubs and early years providers and we know how important having reliable childcare can be for families. We will be taking our experience and working with colleagues to prepare the way for this new scheme which ultimately will help families to benefit from childcare."

16 local authorities from Barnsley to Wiltshire have been selected to work with the Government to develop plans for all parents of primary school aged children to access childcare in their local area between 8am and 6pm.

Education Secretary, Gillian Keegan said: "Today is a great step forward as we deliver on

the largest ever expansion of childcare which will be transformational for working families and will help grow our economy.

"I want childcare to be truly affordable and available when and where parents need it. This initial investment of over £200 million will go a long way in supporting the fantastic early years sector to prepare for the expansion of free childcare hours available to parents next year."

More details Government funding boost kickstarts delivery of historic new free childcare offers - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)



#WiltshireByBus

The £2 bus fare promotion is running until 31 October, so why not hop on a bus and explore the beautiful villages and towns of Wiltshire.

Taking the bus not only helps to maintain bus routes in Wiltshire, but it also helps to reduce congestion and carbon emissions and improve air quality.



As the offer now runs all summer, there is plenty of time for you to take advantage and explore #WiltshireByBus and save money at the same time.





Share your views on the draft Wiltshire design guide

We are asking for your views on a draft guide that, if formally adopted, will help to ensure that future developments in the county are consistently of a high-quality design.

The draft Wiltshire Design Guide has been structured around the '10 characteristics of good design', as described in the National Design Guide, and if adopted will be used as a supplementary planning document.

A consultation is now under way and runs until Monday 31 July. We will also be hosting [an hour-long information webinar](#) to talk about the draft guide in more detail. The webinar, which is open to all, will take place at 6.30pm on Wednesday 19 July.



Let us remove your unwanted guests this summer!

The warmer weather means barbecues, picnics, and time to get outside and enjoy the beautiful area we live in. It also means more flying pests, which can really spoil our fun.

If you've found a wasp nest or have a large

number of wasps at home, our friendly pest controllers are on hand to treat these for you. Please email pestcontrol@wiltshire.gov.uk or call **0300 456 0107** to make a booking.

Just a reminder - we love bees and don't treat them. If you have a bee swarm at home, the [Bumblebee Conservation Trust](#) or [Save bees and pollinators | The Wildlife Trusts](#) can help.



Summer Reading Challenge 2023

Calling all bookworms! Do you have a child aged between 4-11?

If so, get them involved in our Summer Reading Challenge! The challenge is to read six books over eight weeks during the summer. There are rewards on offer, including various fun prizes throughout the challenge, and a medal and certificate on completion.

We are also no longer charging fines for the late return of children's books. Existing charges for children's books will also be removed.

[Find out more about the Summer Reading Challenge](#)



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday
10.30 - 11.30 am
in the Three Dagers.

Transport available contact
Pauline or Joy.



Edington Parish Council News

A Wiltshire Police speed enforcement officer recently visited the village and in the time that she was here recorded four drivers exceeding the speed limit by a significant amount. Depending on previous convictions and history: -

3 drivers will be offered a speed awareness course

1 driver will receive a Fixed Penalty Notice and 3 points.

Proceedings will now be undertaken to ensure that the most appropriate outcome for the offenders takes place.

The following observation was also made "It was apparent that many drivers are not in the habit of observing the posted speed limit and it suggested that far more drivers than the four I caught would have been travelling at higher speeds had I not been there. Indeed, one van driver braked so hard when he saw me, he nearly left the road - which was deeply concerning."

The Edington Community Speed Watch team will be out again during July recording offenders and acting as a deterrent to speeders. Unfortunately in the past we have recorded some villagers exceeding the speed limit, please make sure that it is not you in future.

The Parish Council are very aware of the problems of speeding traffic not only on the B3098 but also on other roads in the village despite the new 20mph limit. We are working with the Wiltshire Council highways engineer to identify and implement any further measures to reduce the speed of traffic. However we are limited as to what can be done as any measures have to conform to regulations issued by the Department for Transport.

Cattle grazing - The Parish Council are aware of issues with cattle grazing on public footpaths, please exercise caution when walking near cattle especially if you have a dog with you. Farmers are allowed to keep cattle in fields with public access, but legislation bans them from keeping bulls in fields crossed by rights of way. The exception to this is if they are less than 10 months old or not of a recognised dairy breed. Beef bulls kept in fields with public access must be accompanied by cows or heifer.



Protecting your smart devices this summer

For many of us, today's home is a very

convenient and smart place to live, with more and more devices responding to a tap in an app or the sound of your voice.

However, every device that's connected to your Wi-Fi is also transmitting data which could be of interest to criminals, not least your speakers, voice assistants, cameras, intruder alarms, cameras, door locks and security lighting. To find out how to protect your smart devices, read the Get Safe Online advice in the link below:

https://www.getsafeonline.org/smartdevices/?utm_source=nwemail&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=nwjune23

Forthcoming roadworks.

B3098 Little Cheverell 1 August 18:00 - 4 August 00:00 Removal of road studs, Surface Dressing, ironwork adjustment, reinstatement of road markings and studs and associate 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





Village Musings



It's midsummer! And the living, as they say, is easy. Farmers, gardeners, and hedgerow foragers are looking at their harvests. Some of us have already had some of the fruits of this season, but there is a lot more to come. It is lovely to walk around the village at the moment and see the fields of corn ripening and changing colour, to watch the hedgerows flourish and flower, and bear fruit, and to enjoy the abundance in the front gardens along our roads and lanes.



The village allotment patch is a delight at this time of the year, with each little section cultivated and thriving, each one different and reflecting the character of its holder. Working up



there in the quiet of the evening, or the cool of the morning, with the sunlight slanting through, is completely wonderful.



Living in the countryside gives us a sense of the seasons unfolding and changing in a way that is not easy in a more urban area, and this time of the year especially brings huge richness. We are so lucky to live in such a beautiful place, to have so much on our doorstep to enjoy.

Mercedes Henning



theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Edington & Tinhead WI (Tuesday, 13th
June 2023)

From Omagh (NI) To Brunei – Roy Zaman (MBE)

One of our local residents, Captain Roy Zaman (retired), shared his experiences of living and serving in the Kingdom of Brunei. Roy enlisted in 1967, serving with the Queen's Lancashire Regiment and the Royal Gurkha Rifles. In 1998, while working in Omagh (NI), he was given the opportunity to serve his last few years of active duty in the Kingdom of Brunei.

It would be fair to say that none of us knew anything about Brunei or why the British Army have a garrison there. Roy was able to enlighten, inform and explain, using both professional and personal anecdotes to great effect.

The contrast between Omagh and Brunei could not be more stark. There is no direct flight (24 hour journey) and an 8 hour time difference. Brunei is smaller than Wales, sandwiched between Sarawak and Sabah, and bordered by Kalimantan. Most Bruneians live on the coast because 80% of the territory is tropical jungle or swamp!

The Sultan Hassanai Bolkiah is King, Prime Minister and Government. His great wealth is built upon the discovery of oil in 1926. There is no unemployment; everyone is employed by the government. He used his wealth to improve the

living conditions of his people, gifting purpose built housing developments and even a huge, free, amusement park (Jerudong).

But why is there a British Garrison in Brunei? It has been a British Protectorate since 1888, is a member of the Commonwealth, but achieved independence in 1984. However, in 1962 a small armed rebellion from the neighbouring Kalimantan attempted to capture the Sultan but were repulsed with the aid of the Gurkha Rifles and the Queen's Own Highlanders. Since that time the Sultan has funded the Resident Infantry Battalion. Hence Roy's deployment.

In spite of the heat, humidity and mosquitoes, Roy and Sue spent several memorable and enjoyable years in Brunei. Roy brought a selection of local artefacts and concluded with a lively question and answer session.

Geranium thief



If the village box near the Wood Bridge is looking a bit sad, please be on the lookout for someone stealing plants out of the box or maybe your garden will be next.

I have just returned after planning to water the plants to find only a couple left and holes remaining where other were pulled out.

Edington residents be aware.

**Happy gardening
Jan Richardson**



Wildlife of the Norfolk Boards – Part 1

Early summer is a great time to go on holiday and also one of the best times to see wildlife in the UK. I put the two together and decided to go to the Norfolk broads this June as I have never seen the British swallowtail in the wild. This butterfly (*Papilio machaon britannicus*) is unique as its caterpillar only feeds on milk parsley which only grows in wetlands. It probably arrived in the UK from Europe a few thousand years ago and when it got here it just found wetlands along the eastern coast of England. The only thing it could find to lay its eggs on that its caterpillars would eat was milk parsley. Since then, it has evolved and adapted to life in the fens and is now quite distinct from its cousins in Europe and the rest of the world. As a result, it has been described as a distinct subspecies *britannicus* of the species *Papilio machaon*. A subspecies is a population that has evolved in isolation and looks and behaves quite differently from the rest of the species.



A British swallowtail sitting on reeds in a Norfolk fen (del. S. F. Henning)

Papilio machaon is in fact a very widespread species and is found across Europe, Africa, Asia - from Russia to China and Japan and across into Alaska, Canada, and the United

States. As it has such a wide distribution with lots of different habitats it has evolved into 47 distinct subspecies.

So, we set off on holiday on the 2nd of June 2023 for Norfolk but on the way stopped off in Cambridge so I could have a look at the Cambridge University Zoology Museum where I found a swallowtail among the exhibits. Our holidays probably differ from those of most people as I am a bit of a fanatic.



At the Cambridge University Museum pointing out a British swallowtail butterfly on display.

I finally pulled myself away from the museum and we continued on our journey to Hemsby, Norfolk (famous for some of its houses falling into sea because of erosion) where we had hired a chalet for a week.

Our first trip into the broads was to be at the National Trust's Horsey Windpump. Here we went on a Wildlife Boat Trip into the broads as an introduction to the wildlife we were likely to see inhabiting the fens.

We saw an amazing lot of wildlife on that first trip. There were a lot of what our guide called "bearded reedlings" flitting through the reeds and calling. They are also known as bearded tits, due to some similarities to the long-tailed tit, or the bearded parrotbill. They are in fact not tits but the only species in the family Panuridae. They are brown, long-tailed birds, and are reed bed specialists and they can be seen flying over the reed beds or clinging to the reeds.





Males have black 'moustaches' rather than 'beards'. They are sociable and noisy, their 'ping' calls often being the first clue to their presence. They feed on insects and reed seeds. They build their nests low down among the reeds, often on piles of dead reed stems.



There were flocks of bearded tits flying through the reeds (del. S.F. Henning)

We also saw a lot of marsh harriers flying low over reedbeds and marshes. We could identify them by their long tails and light flight with wings held in a shallow 'V'. The marsh harriers' nest in large reedbeds where they feed on frogs, small mammals, and birds, such as moorhen and coot. They build their nests on the ground. The females construct nests from grass, reeds, and small sticks, while the males build one or two false nests nearby. Four or five eggs are laid at 2-3 day intervals and the females do all the 31-38

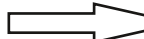


We saw a lot of marsh harriers flying low over the reedbeds and marshy areas (del. S.F. Henning).

day incubation, with the males hunting for both of them. During the breeding season, the male performs amazing courtship displays, wheeling at great heights then diving towards the ground while performing a series of tumbles; sometimes the female will join him, and they will lock talons mid-air.



A common tern male brought his mate a fish (del. S.F. Henning)

We also saw and heard reed buntings and reed warblers flitting through the reeds. There were lots of common terns one of 



which caught a fish while we were watching and flew with it in his beak to his mate perched on an old post projecting from the water.

Then there were hobby falcons swooping over the boat and the reeds. Hobbies are among the most agile and acrobatic birds of prey. They are capable of catching fast-flying birds such as swallows and swifts in mid-air. Another important food source is dragonflies, which are also caught, and sometimes eaten, in flight. Hobbies are often found close to flooded gravel pits and other wetland habitats, taking advantage of the large number of dragonflies.

Rather than building their own nests, hobbies rely on those built by other species such as crows. Two to three eggs are normally laid in June, hatching after around a month. The chicks spend roughly a month in the nest before fledging and are fully independent by the end of summer.

The hobby is a summer visitor to the UK, coming here to breed before heading south for the winter. Birds begin to arrive from late March onwards and start to depart from late August, with almost all having left by October. Hobbies spend the winter in tropical Africa, flying thousands of miles each year. We have had a pair of hobbies breeding near Edington for several years.

Then we saw our first swallowtail flying over the reeds. It was amazing to see a swallowtail in those surroundings – unlike anything I have seen before. We saw a few more as we moved down the broad. Then suddenly there was a large perfect female swallowtail just 10 feet away fluttering along the canal next to the reeds. I was watching her, just enjoying her beauty when a hobby suddenly appeared diving at her. All I could see was the hobby and thought for a second that he had caught her, but Mercedes saw her drop down into the shelter of the reeds. What an amazing episode! Hobbies often catch dragonflies in flight so I suppose they will go for any large insect they can catch. Interestingly hobbies because they catch flying prey don't

drop down on them from the sky. Instead, they swoop down below their prey so that it is silhouetted against the sky and then shoot upward with extended legs and talons to catch it in mid-air.



Hobbies swoop down below their prey so that they are silhouetted against the sky (del. S.F. Henning).



Hobbies then shoot upward with extended legs and talons to catch their prey in mid-air (del. S.F. Henning).

We also had a distant view of spoonbills and saw a mute swan flying which was an impressive sight. There were also the normal water birds encountered such mallards, greylag, and Canada geese. We were also shown where bitterns were re-introduced into the broads. There was a high viewing pattern above the reeds so the researchers could see them more easily. Bitterns were there, but we did not see or hear them.





Back on dry land we walked along one of the paths around Horsey Windpump. Just as we were leaving, we saw a marsh harrier that was gliding low over a marshy field suddenly drop down and catch a small mammal. It was a wonderful end to a fantastic day of observing the wildlife of the Norfolk Broads.

Dr Stephen Henning.

TVM Pub Lunch Trip

Wednesday 26th July

To

The Barge Inn at Seend



Bus leaving Edington 12.15pm

Return by 3pm

£5 per person. Pay for your own
lunch

Book your seat now with Pauline
in the Post Office!



BECIE Benefice

Edington Priory Church

The Church Needs Your Point of View!

You should by now have received The News in which there is a paper version of a questionnaire asking for your views on the role of the church in the village.

We would like to hear your views and suggestions on how the church can serve our community.

The paper questionnaires can be returned in the box provided just inside the church, but if you prefer there is an electronic version at the link below:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScniUQ0H3zWLzU4jAKcsr1IM7c-qq7_0V4p5WLIXGOW6zzOEJQ/viewform?usp=sharing

The intention is to analyse the returned questionnaires and share the results with you later in the year.

Thanking you in anticipation.



Edington & District Gardening Club

First Thursday in the month 7.00pm at
the Parish Hall

Speakers Report for 1st June 2023

The Climate Change Garden

This month's talk was given by Sally Morgan who lives near Wincanton and has a $\frac{3}{4}$ acre walled garden, where she carries out her organic gardening and growing.

Sally is the author of two books, *The Healthy Vegetable Garden* and *The Climate Change Garden*.

Sally set out the need to consider how we garden in the face of a warming climate. In the last 30 years the UK temperature has risen by 0.8o C. This has resulted in flowers on all plants opening earlier and produce like apple etc ripening earlier with reduced quality. Early flowering has a knock-on effect for wildlife with the flowers opening before pollinating insects are about, which in turn has consequences higher up the food chain.

In addition to the climate getting warmer the rainfall pattern has changed, giving periods of heavy rain leading to flooding, followed by extended periods of hot dry weather. She also explained the effect of the warmer winters on bulbs such as Tulips, which require sustained periods below 7oC for them to flower effectively (the chill factor). She suggested placing them in the fridge before planting to replicate a cold spell.

Sally set out ways to conserve water and prevent flooding. These included the use of water butts and dipping ponds to catch the water and the use of permeable surface such as gravel and slate etc. to allow overflows from the containers to drain into the ground, perhaps via a rain garden. This approach known as the "slow – spread – sink approach.

She also suggested that digging was not good

as it released the Carbon stored in the ground and in dry weather accelerates water loss, although hoeing to keep the weeds down is OK. The best way to conserve moisture and suppress weed is by mulching and she suggested that grass cuttings make a good mulch. Sally made the point that although we are heading for a Mediterranean climate, we were not there yet, so choosing suitable plants can be difficult.

Here are some suggestions to consider.

Vegetables: Soybeans and chickpeas

Flowers: Verbena, grasses, succulents, dahlias, Lilies and Gingers

Trees: Ash, Wild Cherry and Sweet Chestnut

10 Summary Points:

1. Do not use peat.
2. Don't dig.
3. Compost and make your own potting compost.
4. Increase the organic matter in your soil.
5. Slow – spread – sink.
6. Harvest water.
7. Plant hedges and cover walls with plants.
8. Plant trees & shrubs for shade.
9. Improve biodiversity.
10. Use electric powered tools.

More information about forthcoming meetings can be found on the village website.

Jacky (tel.830133 for any further details)

Thank you to those who supported, provided and helped on the Club's stall at the Village fete.

The Flower & Produce Show is Saturday 3rd September, why not enter this year! We have opened the Village Shield Competition to the surrounding Gardening Clubs in the area, (entitled 'Blast from the past'), so we do hope they will enter into the spirit of it. Any groups of people or clubs from our village can still enter this too.

The schedule is available on the village web page and at the post office.



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.



Four Villages Link

The summer holidays are beginning and our drivers may not be as available. Please consider volunteering – this involves driving clients to medical and other appointments and sometimes help around the home and garden. Both clients and volunteers enjoy the interaction, and you can work around your other commitments. Fuel expenses can be claimed. Four Villages Link is a charity and while we do not charge for trips or services, our income does depend on the generosity of clients and others and we are grateful for contributions, however small. Please call the coordinator on call **07852 256939** or go to

<http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/>

Catherine Elliott



Let's Move!

DANCE FITNESS

Low Impact Dance Fitness
Edington Parish Hall
Tuesdays 10-10:45am

SESSIONS RESTART TUESDAY 25TH JULY 2023



A view from the Boundary

It's been an up and down set or results for the club across all formats of the game

recently and the only constant success has been the numbers of juniors turning up to our sessions on a Monday evening. But at least the weather has been good to us.

The Saturday sides run of frustrating results came to an end on Saturday thanks to the timely arrival of a summer downpour. Thanks to some 'interesting' LBW decisions by the opponents standing umpire, Erlestoke managed to get themselves to 165 in their 45 overs, not enough but something to bowl at. Although we were taking wickets as regularly as we were coming off for intermittent showers, Erlestoke were once again on track for another loss. But with Burbage CC needing just 13 to win and 4 overs needed to be bowled to get a result, the heavens opened once more and ended any hope of a Burbage victory. A soggy escape for Erlestoke and a draw that felt like a win. But it was felt by all that we were due a bit of luck having been given none in our previous 4 games. Ultimately a lack of consistency in selection on Saturday has cost the side any opportunity to string together some results and added to a lack of general availability, we



haven't yet been able to put out our strongest side even though we are now 11 games in the season. However, with new players on their way, we might be able to finish strong and ensure that we remain in division 2 next year- survival is now the name of the game. We are very thankful to the Three Daggers for providing us with the support and sanctuary to recover after each game and hopefully we will be celebrating a bit more in the coming weeks.



Wednesday cricket is proving to be very popular and a great development platform for our younger members. We are pleased that these games are giving the youth opportunities to participate and impact the game as well as to grow their love of cricket. Although results are always important, the ethos is all about fun and enjoyment and it's why Liam and his Wednesday side are so popular with the members of the club. Added to the atmosphere he has created, the Bell Inn has also been an amazing addition to the midweek and Sunday cricket, providing excellent food for the teams after the game and opportunities for performances to be relived over a beer.

Darryl and the Sunday side also continue to provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere to play friendly cricket and the performances over



recent weeks have been really fantastic. It's been great to see some of the old faces back up at The Walled Garden doing well with the bat and ball. With tour just round the corner, plenty of our members are making the most of the Sunday games to find some form before we head down south for a cricket filled 4 day weekend.

As always, all our teams are indebted to our resident groundsman Patrick who weekly provides excellent pitches for us all to play on. We would not be the club without him and our thanks goes to him for all his hard work behind the scenes.

The junior sessions on a Monday have proved to be really successful this year and have ensured that we have had 20+ youngster every Monday for the past few months. With our last

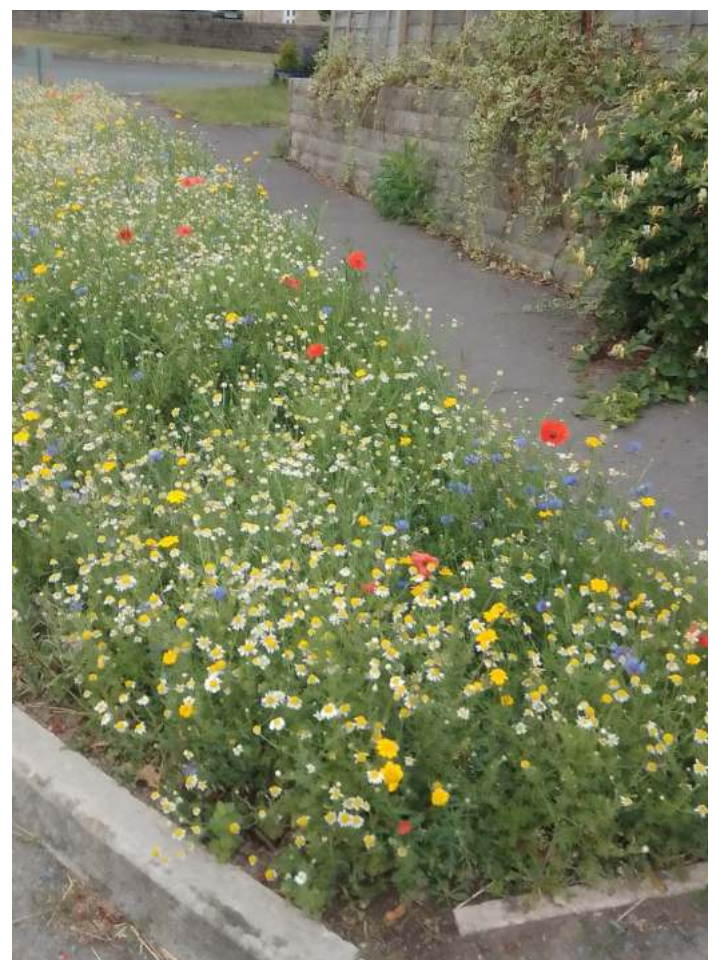
session on July 17th, we hope to have a great last couple of sessions before we break up for the summer holidays. We want to thank all the youngster and parents for their support this year, which has helped to grow this section of the club.

Finally, even though we head into the second half of the season, it's not too late for any budding cricketers out there to come and have a go. We really pride ourselves on welcoming all ages and abilities and a lack of experience should not prevent you from getting involved. Please come up and chat to some of the guys, or get in touch via the website if you'd be interested in playing a few games before the end of the season.

Joe Dorgan

<https://erlestokecoulston.playcricket.com>

Westbury Area Board's Pollinator Project





Edington Parish Hall

Forthcoming events in Edington Parish Hall

Saturday 22nd July - An evening



with VocalEase

Six Guys in harmony with a programme of songs in close harmony including folk songs, barber shop and popular songs from the Beatles to the Noughties, on Saturday 22nd July at 7.30pm.

We are very pleased to welcome Edington's own Andrew King and VocalEase back to the Parish Hall for an informal and enjoyable musical evening with a light supper and a bar to make things go with a swing! Admission is by ticket only.

Tickets are £10 each (to include a welcome Pimms and the light supper)



Only a few tickets remaining!

Please contact Helen on 01380
830501 to secure yours.

Sunday 13th August -Afternoon Tea at the Parish Hall

After the success of last year's tea, the committee invite you to join them for Sunday Afternoon Tea at the Parish Hall on Sunday 13th August from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. Come and enjoy a Cream tea and homemade cakes while

relaxing with family and friends.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for both or either event. We look forward to seeing you.

Saturday 7th October - Carpet Bowls 10.00 am - 12 noon

Saturday 18th November - Curry and Quiz Night at 7.30pm

Further details of all of the events will be published in future newsletters and posters on the village notice boards.

Would you like to keep fit and reduce your stress levels, then why not come to one of these classes that have recently started in the Parish Hall.

Let's Move Dance fitness is each Tuesday morning from 10am to 10.45am. A low impact dance fitness class that is great fun and costs £5 per session.

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your well being, then why not come to Yoga with Marilyn each Friday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am, cost £7 per session. All are welcome.

Details of both classes can be found on the village website www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Remember that the Parish Hall is available for hire, at reasonable rates, for private parties or by anyone wishing to run regular sessions for hobbies, leisure activities etc. The hall can be booked on line via the village website or by emailing parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

The committee look forward to seeing you at one or more of the social events.

Wendy Pollard



Edington Festival 20-27 August 2023

Festival time approaches and plans are coming together well.

If you have a little time to spare that week, help with some of the necessary jobs is always welcome – things like helping with erecting the tents at the Parish Hall and by the Tea Hut and also helping direct parking. Meg is looking for delicious cakes for the Tea Hut too. And if you are hoping to come to the Musical Supper on the Wednesday evening (23 August), half the tickets available have already been sold.

The Festival theme this year will be “A Crown of Prayer and Praise” and will be celebrating the 400th anniversary of William Byrd. There are leaflets and posters around and about. If you know people who might be interested, please spread the word, and if you can display a poster or distribute some leaflets – all the better! (If you'd like a handful, John d'Arcy is the man to speak to: 01380 830512 otherwise there are lots in the church.)

Contacts:

Sheila Pinson for Car Parking and Stewarding Volunteers (01380 830407)

Meg McGlynn for Tea Hut, offers of accommodation for singers and help before and after to put up tents (01380 830755)

Hugh Hancock for Musical Supper Tickets (01225 754626)



Freinds of Edington Priory Church

King's Men Concert – 14 July

After much deliberation, the Trustees of the Friends took the hard decision not to go ahead with the King's Men Concert. Ticket sales had been very slow: so much so that we had only reached a third of our break-even point. A risk of such loss not to be taken with charitable funds. We are all very disappointed: it would have been a lovely evening. Refunds are being arranged for those who had bought tickets.



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

Cost: £7.00 per session

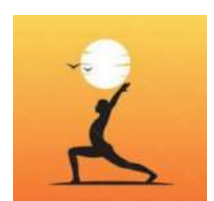
All are welcome. If you already have a mat, please bring it with you.

For more information contact Marilyn on **07941095263** or

email maryoc1951@hotmail.com



Yoga focuses on the joining together of mind, body and spirit through three main practices: postures, breathing and meditation.





AUSTRIAN COFFEE CAKE

an impressive but easy dessert that is a popular choice at the Parish Hall lunches!

Ingredients

175g (6oz) Butter/margarine

175g (6oz) caster sugar

3 eggs beaten

175g (6oz) self-raising flour

300ml (½ pint) strong black coffee

Sugar and Brandy or Rum to taste

1 300ml pot double cream- whipped

2 drops **vanilla** extract

Toasted almonds to decorate

A ring mould or bundt tin or 20cm diameter cake tin with a fixed base



Oven Temperature:- 160C, 375 F, Gas 5

Cooking time: approx. 30 minutes (30-40 minutes if using the cake tin)

Method

1. Pre heat the oven and grease and flour the ring mould/ bundt tin (line the cake tin with baking parchment)
2. Cream the butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
3. Gradually add the beaten egg, beating well between each addition.
4. Fold in the sieved flour.
5. Turn the mixture into the prepared tin. Bake until golden brown and firm to touch.
6. Allow to cool for 10 minutes and then turn out and allow to completely cool.
7. Meanwhile, make the strong coffee and flavour with brandy/rum and sugar to taste
8. When the cake is cold return it to the mould/tin and pour over the coffee mixture.
9. Allow to soak in (I cover the tin and place in the fridge overnight)
10. Whip the cream and vanilla extract until it holds its shape.
11. Turn the cake out onto a serving plate. Carefully mask (coat) the cake all over with the whipped cream. If liked, reserve some of the cream to pipe swirls on the top.
12. Decorate with the toasted almonds and enjoy!



Homeopathy Corner with Anne Tottingham home- opath.

[Email:tottinghamanne@gmail.com](mailto:tottinghamanne@gmail.com)

Anxious about life, money, everything?

Generally, anxiety is best dealt with by seeing a homeopath for a full consultation to suit you as a whole person. This consultation takes everything into account, your physical, mental, and emotional health, your lifestyle, your past medical history, everything about you in a confidential way. A homeopath can then find remedies to suit you. The process is like peeling an onion, the layers come off slowly to find what remedies suit you best over time.

There are no side effects with remedies and always remember, less is best. Once you have taken a minimum of a remedy, wait and let the body do its own healing. You are always welcome to phone me for free for any guidance

In the meantime, here are a few remedies to try in "acute" situations. Acute means you will get better eventually, but a remedy can help the body to heal itself in a quicker way.

Ars Alb

If your anxiety makes you walk about a lot, want to talk to people on the phone, feel agitated and have a great desire to clean or fidget this is the remedy for you.

Lycopodium

If you have fears/anxieties about something about to happen and you plan as much as you can and really wish you weren't doing it, but

when the event occurs you are fine, this is the remedy for you. This remedy works well for someone about to start something new but on past history usually manages well almost to being the life and soul of the party!

Pulsatilla

Your anxieties/ fears make you weep and you seek consolation from those closest to you. You feel much better for walking about outdoors.

Nat Mur

With this remedy your main worry is for those around you, your family, friends. You want to do all you can. You always put yourself last. You may switch from laughing to crying in the same breath.

There are many more remedies, but these can give you a taster of what could be available.

We wouldn't be human if we didn't have concerns about life at different times. You can only control your own response to life. Stay calm and carry on!

Wanted

Volunteers to help carry out maintenance around the village.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month and tasks include grass cutting, repairing and painting benches, general tidying up and eating cake with coffee!

Why not join us at 9.30 am on Wednesday 19th July, venue Parish Hall car park

Contact the Parish Council for more information



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.

For village groups hire of TVM; contact Pauline on 830013 for further information.

TVM was delighted to receive a generous anonymous donation for which we are most appreciative.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Lunch in the Parish Hall

Lunches will be taking a break in August and will restart on 13th September, more details in the August edition.

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**

Shopping Trips starting at Edington

Destination	July	August	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 6th	Thursday 3rd	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 18th	Tuesday 15th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 15th	Saturday 12th	9.30am

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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
10th July	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
12th July	12.30pm	Lunch in the Parish Hall	Parish Hall
15th July	9.30am	TVM - Salisbury Shopping	
18th July	1.25pm	TVM - Warminster Shopping	
19th July	9.30am	Village Volunteers	Parish Hall car park
22nd July	7.30pm	VocalEase	Parish Hall
26th July	12.15pm	TVM Pub Lunch Trip	Barge @ Seend
3rd August	9.00am	TVM Devizes Shopping	
12th August	9.30am	TVM Salisbury Shopping	
13th August	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea at the Parish Hall	Parish Hall
15th August	1.25pm	TVM Warminster Shopping	
20th - 27th August		Edington Music Festival	Priory Church
23rd August	6.30pm	Musical Supper	Coal Path Field
3rd September	2.30pm	Flower and Produce Show	Parish Hall
Every Tuesday	10.00 am	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

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and enter your details or email

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

and you will be added to the mailing list.