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Welcome to the fourteenth edition of the Edington Village News.

This month we have as always a selection of articles including our regular musings from Mercedes. The second part of the life of a serving soldier's family moving around the world and the latest from the local Erlestoke cricket club. We also have an historical recollection of farming in the last century plus Pauline and Jasper's unexpected and unwanted visitors.

As lockdown eases various village activities are starting up again with news of the minibus services, the WI's plans for the summer, the proposed Picnic in the Park, the restarting of the Tuesday morning Drop In coffee mornings in the Three Daggers and Tea at the Priory Church in early July in aid of Dorothy Hfuse and the Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Don't forget we are always looking for articles to publish, we have a couple being prepared for next month but there is always room for more.

Remember we are reliant on contributions to make this newsletter a success.

Send your articles to

[newletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:newletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

## WILTSHIRE NEEDS YOU TO PLAY YOUR PART

Help control the spread of COVID-19



Follow national restrictions



Keep washing hands regularly



Wear face coverings in enclosed spaces



Stay at least 2 metres apart



Self-isolate when instructed



Keep a constant flow of fresh air

#WiltshireTogether

Wiltshire Council



## 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**

## GP appointments and bookings

The way we access GP services has changed. Below are some frequently asked questions that may help you understand these changes:

### Why can't I walk into my GP practice?

The coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic has forced us all to work differently to help slow down the spread of the virus. All healthcare settings are taking special measures to protect you, the public and their staff. GP practices are working as hard as ever, but differently.

Where possible we want to avoid people having to wait inside a waiting room together, as we know this increases the risk of the virus spreading. Like hospitals and dentists, we have also had to change how we offer our services to you.

If you do need to come in, then we can ensure there are a minimal number of people in the practice, we can maintain social distancing and keep patients and staff safe.

### How do I get an appointment?

The easiest and most effective method is to use e-Consult through the practice website, or you can telephone 01373 828330. You will then be contacted by a clinician to talk through your symptoms either over the phone, via email, or if needed and you have the available technology, through a video consultation.

## Why can't I book a face-to-face appointment?

We have adapted the way in which you can get an appointment quickly and safely.

Most patient's health concerns can be managed over the phone or via video consultation. This is why we are providing either an initial phone call or video consultation to decide what would be the best way to help. If we can support you without needing you to come into the practice then we reduce the need for you to travel, and reduce the risk of the virus spreading.

If you do need a face-to-face appointment, you will be invited to attend the practice.

If we can ensure there are a minimal number of people in the practice, we can maintain social distancing and keep patients and staff safe.

### Dr Edwards & Partners

[www.westburygp.co.uk](http://www.westburygp.co.uk)

As the Covid situation eases we will only be featuring the Lavington surgeries news if there is a significant item appearing on either of their websites.

To celebrate  
**NHS Day**

You are invited to

**Tea at the Priory**

In the church grounds



**Monday July 5th 2.30pm-4.00pm**

**£5 for tea and cake - £1 for juniors**



In aid of

**Wiltshire Air Ambulance & Dorothy House**



## Wiltshire Police

Edington Parish Council have been asked to publish the following statement made by Wiltshire Police.

Wiltshire Police are aware of the parking issue on the B3098 near to the junction with Tinhead Road. This parking has previously been reported to the police and it has been considered that it is not a policing matter and that it should be dealt with by the council regarding possible parking restrictions. Wiltshire Police have also been made aware that certain local residents have received notes left on their vehicles. Wiltshire Police do understand that parking issues are a very emotive subject, however it is kindly requested that the writer of these notes please desist as whilst the notes are not offensive per-se, they are causing the residents receiving them to feel personally targeted, causing harassment and distress. Any concerns regarding vehicles parked causing an obstruction or a danger to other road users should be reported directly to police on 101 or via our online crime reporting tool.

## Wiltshire Council

### Extracts from the Wiltshire Council latest news.

Wiltshire Council's Cabinet has agreed the next steps for the proposed A350 Melksham bypass.

The project was the subject of an initial consultation and engagement exercise, held from November 2020 to January 2021, on a long list of indicative route options. After considering the feedback from the 1,018 responses to the online survey and the 175 written and email responses during the consultation period, Cabinet has agreed that the project can move

to the next stage, a second non-statutory consultation and engagement exercise on a shortlist of options.

The focus of the shortlist is Option 10c, the long route to the east of the town, and various alignments at the northern end of the proposed bypass. The forthcoming consultation will also look at improving cycling and walking facilities along the route, either in conjunction with the scheme or separately.

Wiltshire Council has confirmed plans to bring all of its leisure centres under its own management, with the transition coming into effect from October.

The council wants to improve the physical and mental health and wellbeing of its communities, and in December 2020, Cabinet made the decision to bring council leisure centres back in-house, which supports the council's ambition to provide an equitable level of quality leisure services across the county, with the aim of creating a more active Wiltshire.

The council currently operates 10 leisure centres across the south and east of the county, with 10 leisure centres in the north and west of the county that are managed on behalf of the council by Places Leisure. From October 2021, all leisure centres will be managed by Wiltshire Council.

Due to the impact of Coronavirus over 5.5 million people are claiming Universal Credit. Many of them are new to claiming Universal Credit having been negatively impacted by Coronavirus.

We're encouraging Parish Councils to share the following guide on their website and/or social media to help local people navigate claiming Universal Credit.

Here's the Universal Credit guide

<https://www.jobcentrernearme.com/universal-credit/>



## Edington Parish Council News

At our first face to face meeting for over a year we held a somewhat distanced meeting all sitting two metres apart wearing mask.

The following are your councillors and their responsibilities

**John Pollard** Chairman, Westbury Area Board and Westbury Community Area Liaison, Village Website, and Community Speed Watch

**Emily Greening** Vice Chair, Police Liaison and Neighbourhood Watch

**Mark Burgess** Neighbourhood Plan

**Pauline Dorgan** Playfield

**John Hardman** Highways Liaison

**Chris Johns** Footpaths, B3098 Strategy and Community Area Transport Group

**Bob King** Planning Liaison

**Helen O'Donoghue** Civil Emergency Plan, Social Well Being, Link representative

**Liz Pike** Village Burial Ground and Taylor Trust representative

**Mike Swabey** Social Well Being

**Chloe Watts** New Comers Co-ordinator, News Co-ordinator

**Malcolm Wieck** Clerk

**Suzanne Wickham** Wiltshire Councillor for Ethandune

The Parish Council can be contacted via email [parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

In the coming year the council will continue to work on the ongoing projects and will hopefully see some of them come to fruition. We have been promised that the new 40mph limit between Bratton and Edington will be installed soon and the resurfacing of Salisbury Hollow should also be occurring in the near future.

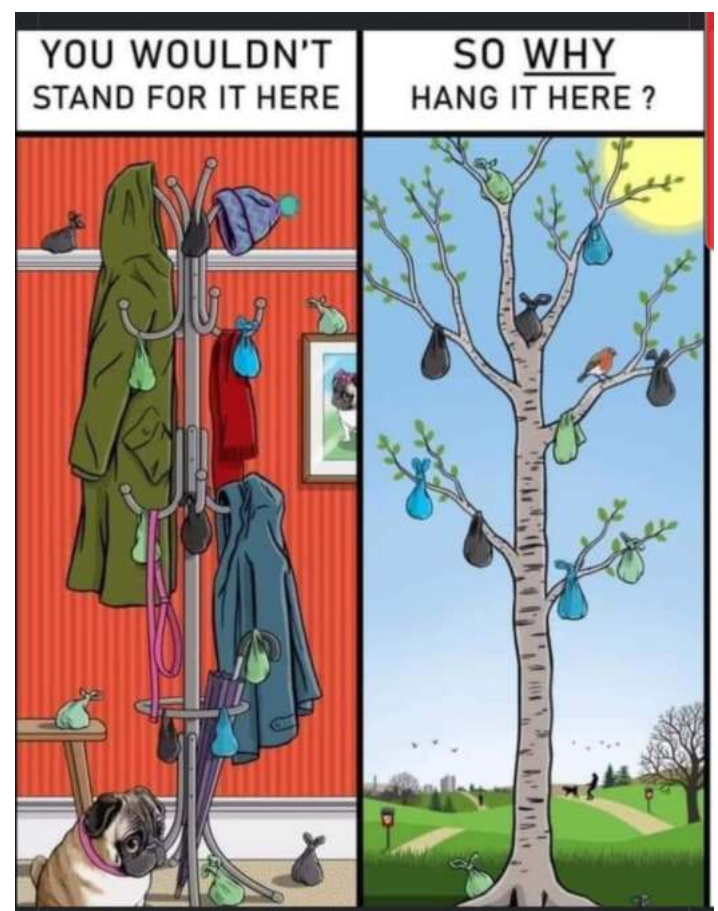
The introduction of a 20mph limit around the village will be decided by Wiltshire Council at some point during the summer and hopefully our bid will be successful. Also the introduction of

parking restrictions around the Tinhead Road, Long Hollow junction and near the bus shelter will be decided by Wiltshire Council.

The Neighbourhood Plan is moving forward and we would like to thank those residents who submitted proposals for housing, more details to follow next month.

The Parish Council are also working with the farm shop and Three Dagers pub to resolve the issue of litter on the playfield, some of which is being left by customers of the establishments.

Our monthly moans are however as always people allowing their dogs to foul the footpaths and pavements and some dog owners seem unaware, despite the notices, of the ban on dogs in the playfield to ensure a safe area for children to play.



Thank you to one of our readers for the very relevant image above, hopefully it will remind people what to do and what not to do!



## Village Volunteers



The group continued their tasks from last month and started new ones. The field adjacent to the burial ground has now been nearly cleared of the brambles and the like, the path leading down to the Coal path is nearing completion and will shortly have grass seed sown plus the railings and gate leading from the Church car park

have now been painted. Work also started on erecting the posts for the new Parish Hall car park lighting.

Next session on Wednesday 16th June, meet in the Church car park at 9.30 am.



## Edington & District Gardening Club



Our May meeting via Zoom again was entitled Happy Plants Happy Minds & Organic Gardening presented by Nicola Hope followed by the club's A.G.M

Nicola an R.H.S. horticulturist has worked at Highgrove and

Abbey House in Malmsbury spoke with us for an hour also showing us photos of the plants and gardens through the seasons.

The gardens she works in are grown in an organic way so she was encouraging us to have a No Mow May. This is in the hope that it will entice wild flowers in the lawn and provide food for pollinators, it also encourages the grass to develop deeper roots.

We all experience problems with pests, how about trying beer traps for slugs and planting flowers near your vegetables in the hope that the flowers will be more attractive to any nasties. Black spot can be a problem for roses so pick off the affected leaves but if the soil is kept in good condition it will help to alleviate this disease. Nicola told us the answer lies in the soil, so mulch, make plenty of compost, cutting up waste before it goes into the bin and use seaweed feed to nurture your plants. Nurture nature naturally, that is if the weather plays its part.

Full details of the talks programme can be found on the village website.

Don't forget the Flower and Produce Show being held on Saturday 4th September in the Parish Hall. Full details for entries to the show can be found on [the village website](#).



## *Village Musings*

As we continue on the slow careful opening up of our society after the Covid 19 Lockdown, it is wonderful that the weather has played its part as well! Across the village, the scent of barbecues hangs deliciously on the air, and we can hear the chatter of friends and family meeting up again, perhaps for the first time in a year. Gardens are sunny and warm, trees are thickening into green, luminous shade and the air rests gently on our bare skin.



I have been very aware of things that I would, in more usual times, have taken for granted. A quick hug for my daughters, an invitation to coffee with a friend, a gathering of people I love.... I shall always remember to treasure these things now. They are privileges that we have been made aware of through their loss.



The gardens around Edington have been beneficiaries of the Lockdown, I think! They are beautiful! It is a joy to walk around our beloved lanes and streets, peeping into front gardens or stopping to enjoy pavement displays that are really starting to get into their stride now that the warm weather has arrived.



On one of my walks recently, I chatted to our own Diane Vose, a talented photographer from Edington, who has written a book called "Wiltshire in Photographs". It is due to be published in February and sounds as though it will be a great celebration of our beautiful county. I look forward to adding it to my collection of books celebrating our local area.

**Mercedes Henning**

## Coffee morning Drop In



Every Tuesday,  
10.30 - 11.30 am  
in the Three Dagers.  
Transport available.



## How to deal with unexpected and unwelcome guests

The first sunny day for a long while. A lovely, get out in the garden day. The grandchildren are soon to be home from school and ready to release their pent-up learning day with a long, care-free swing in the tree, with an ice cream.

The children arrive. Just about the same time as a swarm of bees decide to appear like a black cloud to menace the garden and to settle to a livid squat in the low branches of our pear tree. It hangs and frenzies there like a buzzing bomb.

Children, dogs and grandparents head rapidly indoors, swings unswung, ice creams still in the freezer. What to do? Who to call? Bees busters? We called Julie Swabey, because we knew she keeps bees. Maybe she might know someone?



**Julie kitting up**

"I'll get my kit and be right down!" said Julie.

Julie arrived in a rather fetching white siren suit onesie with matching mesh veil cowl straight from the latest Parisian apiculturists catwalk. Armed with a box, a stick, a shiny smoke-puffer and plenty of nerve, Julie simply walked up to the seething swarm,

shook the branch vigorously and gravity-dropped the bees on-mass, including queen,

into the box and then fitted the box lid and laid the box on the grass. The swarm remnants buzzed noisy, frantic and blind for a time but soon sniffed-out the new small doorway to their box-hive and their queen inside and headed happy and relieved for their new home.

Once the bees were inside the box Julie opened

the lid and put two honey frames in to allow the bees to begin the wonderful honey making miracle. By dusk all was quiet and settled and



**Ready for their new hive**

Editor - If you have a bee problem Julie can be contacted on 830043



**Bees boxed, frames in**

Julie took her box and its swarm to its new life in one of her hives.

Bees buster? Who to call? Julie Swabey!

Thank you Julie for a very efficient and entertaining rescue from our bees.

**Jasper & Pauline Dorgan**



## The true bugs of Edington

These days when one talks about bugs it usually includes all “creepy crawlies” from insects and spiders to snails, slugs, and worms. As an Entomologist when I hear people talking of bugs, I immediately think of the true bugs, an Order of Insects called Hemiptera which includes aphids, shieldbugs, bedbugs, plants bugs and a variety of water bugs.

There are about 1,630 species of true bugs in Britain divided into two groups, the ones with similar wings (Homoptera – like-winged) and the ones with different wings (Heteroptera). All the true bugs have piercing and sucking mouthparts, forming a ‘beak’. Many species feed on plants and suck plant juices while others suck the blood from insects and other animals including humans (bedbugs). When the proboscis is not being used it is folded flat against the underside of the body. Many have stink glands which they use for defence. They also have an incomplete metamorphosis – egg, nymph, and adult. This is different from butterflies, beetles, wasps, bees, and flies which have a complete metamorphosis – egg, larva, pupa, adult.



**Rose aphids feeding on a rose bud.**

We of course have a number of different species found in our gardens, hedgerows, and fields around Edington. Probably the ones we

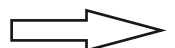
know best of all are the aphids which are pests on our garden plants. At this time of the year, we will be finding rose aphids feeding on the new rose buds in the garden. Aphids belong to the Homoptera (like-winged) group. At rest they usually fold them like a roof over their backs. The Homoptera are very varied, but mostly small, all vegetarian, and all land-dwellers. There are about 400 species in the UK.

Aphids include the well-known Greenfly and Blackfly and suck the sap of plants, which they secrete as a sweet, sticky fluid, loved by ants. Some species also secrete a waxy substance through tubes at the end of the abdomen.

Many aphids have very complicated life histories. A typical example is that of the Blackfly which damages crops and garden plants from May to July. It occurs in vast numbers in two forms, winged and wingless, and has two generations a year. In late summer, winged females from the summer host plants, beans, sugar beet, nasturtium, poppies and dahlias, etc., migrate to shrubs such as the common spindle tree, Viburnum and Philadelphus., where they produce wingless, egg laying females. In early September, winged males fly over to pair with them. The females lay minute, black eggs



**Closeup of an aphid feeding on a stem – note the transparent wings arranged roof-like over its body.**





and then die off. In spring wingless females hatch out which, without mating, produce living young (not eggs). These colonies in turn produce the winged forms, which return in summer from the spindle trees and other plants to the beans and other summer hosts, where further winged and wingless generations are produced, and the cycle is started over again.

Other Homoptera we could find in the garden are the Treehoppers. We only have two treehopper species in England and the one we are likely to find is the Horned Treehopper which can be found living on oak trees. The young live on oak foliage and in the dead leaves below.



**Cuckoo -spit insect**



**Adult Common Froghopper**



**Horned Treehoppers**

Another interesting group are the Froghoppers. These little bugs are frog-like in appearance and in jumping ability. The young of most species secrete frothy masses around themselves. The Common Froghopper is the well-known 'cuckoo-spit insect' of our gardens and hedgerows. The females lay eggs in crevices in dead stems in late October and November and these hatch in early spring. The young (nymphs) climb the young stem of a plant, find a suitable spot, and begins to suck sap. It protects itself from enemies, and also perhaps the sun, with a mass of white froth, formed by a secretion from the abdomen blown into bubbles.

Scale-insects also belong to the Homoptera. All the species are very small, with the delicate males possessing only one pair of wings, and the

females none. Scale insects are covered by a protective scale-like secretion. The females often lack or have reduced legs and antennae and remain throughout life attached to their food-plant. They are often pests in orchards.



**Scale insects**





The second group of bugs are called the Heteroptera (different wings) – if they have wings at all. If they do have wings, these are horny at the base but soft and flexible at the tips. The forewings fold over the more transparent hindwings when the insect is at rest.

The young are called nymphs and resemble the adults except they don't have wings or reproductive organs. As the nymphs get bigger, they outgrow their skins and have to moult them. At each moult, the wing buds get larger. They moult their skins about five times. Eventually, after their final moult, their wings are full-sized, and they are sexually mature.

One typical group are the shieldbugs, and they are flat, broad insects with a conspicuous shield behind the head. One example we are likely to find in our gardens or along the hedgerows around Edington is the Hawthorn Shieldbug.



**Hawthorn Shieldbug**



**A typical elongated plant bug found in moist grassy places in our area.**

There is another large family called Plant Bugs which also as their names implies feed on plants but vary widely in shape, structure, and diet. Most feed on plants, but a few are carnivorous.

A typical example of this group from our area is the Red-spotted plant bug which is a predator of aphids. This is an excellent example of natural pest control – don't kill the bugs!



**Red-spotted plant bug**

Not all bugs feed on plant sap, some are carnivorous and suck blood from their prey. One we all know is the bedbug which sucks blood of humans, poultry, mice, and many other animals. They have been recorded from most towns in England including those in Wiltshire. During the day, they hide in crevices or behind wallpaper and pictures, or in bedding, and at night emerge to seek a meal of blood. Bedbugs don't have wings.



**Bedbug**

Then there is the family of Assassin Bugs – these, as their name indicates, are carnivorous, mostly





bloodsuckers. In our area we are likely to find the Heath Assassin Bug. It hunts on the ground for insects and spiders and catches its prey with its raptorial front legs and stout, curved 'beak'. Adults are found from July to October, and they mate in Autumn. The eggs are laid in cracks and crevices in moss and litter and hatch the following April or May.



**Heath Assassin Bug**

Water bugs are a group of the Heteroptera adapted for living either in the water or on its surface. All, except Water Boatmen, are predacious. In this group are the Water-measurers, Water-cricket, Common Pond skater, Back Swimmers, and Water Scorpions.

Water scorpions are the most striking of this group and there are two British species both found in our area. These two species do not look alike but both use their long, thin 'tail' as a siphon for breathing: it protrudes above the water's surface and acts just like a snorkel. Water

scorpions do not hunt actively, but wait stealthily for insects, tadpoles, and small fish to come within reach of their raptorial pincer-like front legs. In the more common Water Scorpion species the adults are actually very poor swimmers, preferring to walk in the water, and are usually flightless. The more slender second species is usually called a Water Stick-insect and they can swim quite well. If conditions in the pond become unsuitable, they crawl out, open their wings with the aid of their hind legs, and fly



elsewhere. The Water Stick Insect is the largest water insect in Europe and looks like a mantis. It has a 4 cm body length (7 cm including the breathing tube).

**Water Stick-insect waiting mantis-like for prey to come within striking distance.**

**Dr Stephen Henning**



## View from the Boundary

A week is a long time in a cricket season, and one fraught with bubbles ready to be burst and white-flannelled egos

ready to come crashing down to earth.

From a faultless, winning start to the season the good warriors of Erlestoke cricket club played three games over the first weekend of true cricket, blue sky weather, and lost the lot!

The league side lost to Ramsbury after a profligate and too generous bowling display that was quickly followed by an equally dismal batting collapse that contained four ducks. Wounds were licked in the post-game pub and pledges of victory and determination made about the upcoming weekend fixture at Marlborough. Hope and hubris springs eternal. The Sunday and mid-week teams also lost. The bar room seers and soothers blamed the weather. It was the wrong kind of sun, Next week we will be more acclimatised to it and get back to our winning ways. Just needs sun cream and wrap-around shades.

The Walled Garden is not only a beautiful cricket ground, but also a cricket playing surface of some renown, with a reputation for true and even bounce, excellent playing surface and fast outfield. Such is its reputation that the club and ground hosted a County girls under 16 game between Wiltshire and Dorset over the Bank Holiday weekend. It was a highly successful day and the girls and their supporters came from far and wide across Wiltshire and Dorset to enjoy and experience Walled Garden cricket.

After three weeks of cancellations due to the weather our own Erlestoke junior section enjoyed a wonderful Saturday morning training session with 20 enthusiastic young boys and girls

learning cricket skills and having fun in the sun. Junior sessions are open to boys and girls aged 5-11 years and are held every Saturday morning during term time.

We are very gratified and delighted with the response to our call for well-wishers and supporters to become "Friends of the Club" and to take up the Walled Garden cricket club "car park" ticket offer. We have over 20 people who have paid £20 to become a Club Friend and to pledge to help us monitor and look after the car park and the woodland paths about. The club has been bowled over by the generosity, kindness and support of these new friends of Erlestoke Cricket. Thank you to everyone who has signed up. If you would like to become a Club Friend and get your Walled Garden "ticket" then see Pauline at the Post office.

Plans for the new pavilion continue to progress. Local Erlestoke architect and club member Jonny Marrion is helping the club to bring the exciting new pavilion design to fruition. The pavilion will occupy a new site in the Walled Garden and be slightly elevated to provide the best view of the game and grounds. If we can finalise plans and building requirements we hope to be able to begin the groundworks for the new pavilion later this year. All that is left is to try and raise the funds we still need to complete the build!

A copy of the design plan and drawings for the new pavilion will be included in a view from the boundary pavilion special report later this year.

As ever, if you are interested in getting involved, playing or just want to find out a bit more information, pop into the Post Office and Pauline Dorgan will be more than happy to help out.

**Joe Dorgan**  
**Chairman, ECCC**



## From war to peace, changes in farming 1938-53

In 1944 my father bought a hill farm overlooking the Solway Firth and became his own boss after six years of learning his trade on farms scattered across England and Scotland. He'd had various adventures along the way, including being made an arable manager on a big farm at London Coney during the war by a farmer who was trying to persuade him to stay when he was ready to move on from his herdsman's job.



**February 1947**

his notice again except that he didn't like to be

His baptism of fire was to be sent out to oversee gangs of British land-girls and Italian prisoners of war who were drafted in to pick potatoes. As you can imagine, the Italian boys were more interested in the land-girls than the potatoes. On his first day Dad was at his wits' end and all for giving in



**Peggy and Calf 1946**



**Pitchfork work 1947**

Once Dad had cracked it, he moved on to a more congenial job as soon as he could.

When he bought Nether Clifton, Dad took over two carthorses. Dick and Daisy, some machinery and a few pedigree Ayrshire cows. Thanks to every cow having a heifer calf in his first year and the excellent profits from rearing day-old chicks to point of lay in a spare loft, he moved south to a better farm in 1953 with 30 cows, soon to be expanded to 50, and a Ferguson tractor with matching plough, trailer and link box, soon to be joined by a circular saw driven by a belt from the tractor power take-off.

The photos I dug out when he died last year, aged 98, chronicle some of the enormous changes in farming that took place during and after the 1939-45 War, leading eventually to the enormous machinery, large dairy herds and automated milking systems of today.

I hope this will spur others to share pictures and stories of farms, the village and local characters in future issues.

### **Jennie Levin**

Editor - More photos from the archives next month.

beaten. The boss told him to go to work in collar and tie, do no manual work himself and to pick any three or four POWs at the end of the day and tell the camp staff that he didn't want to see any of them again. Unfair, but it worked – the POWs were so desperate to get out of their camp for the day.



## THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



We are still required to follow the covid restrictions given below but hope to continue our full shopping service in

June and July as shown below.

All drivers will need to have a familiarisation exercise, both with the operations of the vehicle and with the corona virus requirements. This guidance will be either with myself or another designated committee member and will take place before they can drive TVM.

As the numbers of passengers will be severely limited anyone interested in travelling must book their seat with me beforehand and comply with the following:

- Have no elevated temperature or been in contact with anyone who has the virus,
- Wear a face covering (provided by yourself) at all times when on the minibus,
- Keep the 2meter social distance rule while waiting for the bus and while of the bus,
- Sanitise with the liquid provided before entering the vehicle each time when entering.
- Follow all the guidance given by the driver

**We hope to Run Shopping Trips starting at Edington on**

Destination	June	July	Start Time
Devizes - £2.70	Thursday 3rd	Thursday 1st	9am
Warminster - £2.30	Tuesday 15th	Tuesday 27th	1.25pm
Westbury - £1.70	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £4.00	Saturday 5th	Saturday 3rd	9.30am

or his/her assistant.

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. I am afraid that these new restrictions must apply at present, but they are to ensure the safety of all of us.

**Joy Fraser (830426)**






## First Quarters - Cleaning the House

The boxes had departed two weeks ahead of us and we were left with issued items of bedding, cooking pots and pans etc and a need to start cleaning. Now we all know what spring-cleaning entails, but this was a whole different ballgame. Firstly, gather together all cleaning products, mops, brushes and cloths. Having been told that it was a good idea to start at the top, we followed the grapevine instructions. Bedroom one – inspect mattress for any marks, clean springs, pull out all drawers and clean the runners and bottoms of drawers, skirting boards and windows. The trick with windows was an old toothbrush, open windows and clean every inch of the frame, then clean windows. Clean carpet square and surrounding lino, check for any marks and scrub like your life depended on it. Felt tip pens are really good for disguising any marks, matched of course to the carpet colour. Check walls for holes or dents, white toothpaste is good for filling holes in the absence of pollyfilla and doesn't leave as much mess! Painting was not an option as the smell of the paint would linger and painting was not allowed, light switches – often forgotten but not unnoticed by the eagle eyed Estate Warden. Don't forget the tops of doors as this was usually inspected with white gloves. As each bedroom was cleaned the door was closed and the occupant moved onto a camp bed in the master bedroom which was left until last. Bathroom and loo were also left until last; the kitchen being next on the agenda.

All the cupboards scrubbed, drawers emptied and cleaned out, fridge scrubbed until it sparkled and don't forget to clean behind! Then the dreaded cooker, a job usually left for the men as it had to be cleaned until it looked almost new. The problem with the one we had was that the oven did not work and it would be replaced when the new occupant moved in.

Oh, great don't have to clean it – no, it still needed cleaning. Disconnect from the electricity and start the dismantling. Any parts removable, including shelves and any screws etc were put in a black sack containing household ammonia, tied up and left outside overnight. Brillo at the ready, every inch left standing was scrubbed and double scrubbed. Windows, walls and floors scrubbed and polished, not forgetting the top of the doors. Next day the reveal of the black sack, had the ammonia worked? – most things needed a good wash and a light going over with the brillo. Now to put it back together. Always, in all the moves we were left with a handful of screws, sure that they had multiplied overnight.

On to the lounge/dining room and cleaning the fire out. We had a baxi fire, for those of you not old enough to remember them they had glass doors and they heated the water and radiators. This had to be cleaned and scrubbed until it sparkled inside and out and I dread to think how many pieces of glass were broken during this operation – off to the stores to get a replacement. Carpet square cleaned using scrubbing brush, bent down to pick up bowl of water and oops spilled it all over the clean carpet. Carpet hung over the fireguard with a fan heater underneath to dry it and praying the bottom wasn't stained. After this, two days before we were leaving came the turn of the bathroom and two loos. Black loo seats come up lovely with black shoe polish but don't use the loo after! Meanwhile garden, sheds and fencing had to be cleaned and polished. During the last week we all lived in the master bedroom, eating, sleeping and watching a tiny portable TV. Sandwiches and tea made in the room was our staple diet for the last couple of days.

The day had arrived, everything laid out in the appropriate place, cutlery in order, crockery in order, doors and drawers left open a snitch. The car was filled up with cleaning products, buckets and mops and any thing else we had 



uncovered during the cleaning process. The march out process began – Estate Warden, Officer from the incoming Regiment, Families Officer and Husband. Wives were not allowed to be present, even though we had done the cleaning! Every corner and niche were inspected and anything they were not happy with noted. Charges could be raised for anything that did not come up to scratch and were quiet often excessive. It became a thing to be able to proudly say 'No Charges'. The paper work was signed off and we were ready to depart to the next adventure.

Over the years things have changed for the better (or worse) cleaning companies are now used, although you can still be charged for damages and breakages. Most houses are empty of furniture, unless you request items and pay more rent and removal companies now move you around the world.

Hand over completed and on to the next adventure -Germany! Having never been out of England before and now possessing a passport, a new way of life awaited us.

**Sue**

## Save the date to come and meet our MP in the Parish Hall



Dr Andrew Murrison MP is reviving his 'Rural Rides' summer tour of villages and parishes throughout his constituency after face to face interactions were put on hold due to the Covid-19

pandemic.

He is visiting Edington on Tuesday 27th July, from 2:30-3:00pm.

Why not come and meet Dr Murrison in the Parish Hall and enjoy a cup of tea while having the opportunity to raise any points of significance or just to say hello.



## Edington Arts - Update on Fine Arts Brass Concert

Edington Arts has sold all available tickets to the fine Arts Brass concert on Saturday June 12th in Edington Priory Church. No more names are being added to the waiting list, but if any cancellations are received, seats will be offered to those already on the list.

"We are so grateful to everyone who has shown an interest in this concert, and we're really sorry that Covid social distancing regulations mean that we cannot expand our seating allocation beyond the 50 seats we have now sold. We had been hoping that there would be some loosening of the distancing regulations after May 17th, but it looks clear that the 2 metre rule will remain in place. We know there will be some supporters who had opted to go on the waiting list who will be very disappointed not to be able to come to the concert. We hope they understand our dilemma, and that later in the year, all things being equal, they will feel able to join us for the Autumn and Advent concerts. We certainly look forward to being able to host a full audience as soon as it's allowed!"

All ticket holders will receive their tickets after the beginning of June, along with a full set of instructions on arrival times, seating, traffic flow round the church and other essential information, including the list of music being performed. Any enquiries should be directed either to Chrissy on (01380) 831256 or [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org).

### Planned forthcoming events:-

Saturday 2nd October, at 7.30: The Oxford Bach Soloists, conducted by Tom Hammond-Davies.  
Saturday 4th December time tbc: Advent Concert from the Choir of Keble College, Oxford, conducted by Paul Brough.



## Report of meeting held on May 11

### NFWI Resolution: Call to increase awareness of the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer

Dr. Harriet Connell is a very busy local GP who very kindly made time to speak to us (via Zoom) about the subtle signs of Ovarian Cancer, beginning with some alarming statistics;

- Every 2 hours in the UK someone dies of Ovarian Cancer
- It is the 5th most common cancer in women
- The leading cause of death in gynaecological cancer
- 1/75 women will receive an ovarian cancer diagnosis (compared with 1/8 with breast cancer)
- A GP may only see one case of ovarian cancer every 5 years
- Early diagnosis leads to 80% survival rate for up to 5 years, most diagnosed later with 30-40% survival rate.

Dr. Hattie identified the most significant unmet needs;

1. Awareness
2. Diagnosis
3. Treatment.

Misconceptions:

- Symptoms non-specific but it is not a silent killer. 93% presented with recurring symptoms for years before being diagnosed.
- This cancer is usually found in the form of a rash on the outer lining of the fallopian tubes not in the ovaries.

Risk Factors: childlessness, menopause (peri and post), weight gain.

Symptoms: persistent abdominal and/or pelvic pain, abdominal bloating or fullness, loss of appetite, new urinary symptoms, exhaustion, change in bowel habits, new onset IBS after age 50 ...

Diagnosis: examination may/may not reveal abnormalities. Blood test and ultra sound may/may not reveal abnormalities. Neither test reliable in ovulating women and may give false negative result. 75-80% present at an advanced stage.

Treatment: usually surgery and chemotherapy, depending if and where the cancer has spread. Surgery may extend life by 8 months. Some work has been done into inserting the chemo directly into the pelvis or lasing the infected area. Reoccurrence of 60%.

Some concern was raised about the lack of profile and research relating to this cancer. In addition, the very vague nature of the symptoms make diagnosis a lengthy and unreliable process. The onus seems to be placed upon the patient to be persistent.

We unanimously agreed that this resolution be forwarded. We also agreed that the vagueness of the notion to raise awareness would almost certainly be challenged at the national conference and that our local delegate should have the discretion to support any specific recommendations.

Once again, thanks to Dr. Hattie!

July's meeting will be our Summer garden Party . Anybody wishing to join us contact Liz Pike [elizabethdpike@aol.com](mailto:elizabethdpike@aol.com)



## Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event title	Description	Venue	Other information
12 June	7.30pm	Edington Arts	Edington Arts	Edington Priory Church	Sold out
14 June	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	This will be held in the Parish Hall for Councillors but due to Covid restrictions any members of the public wishing to attend must do so via Zoom	Parish Hall/ Online	To join contact the PC via website
26 June	2pm	Picnic in the Park		Playfield	See posters
1 July	7.30pm	Heavenly Hosta's	Edington gardening Club talk	Online	See poster for joining details
5 July	2.30pm - 4pm	Tea at the Priory	In aid of Wiltshire Air Ambulance and Dorothy House	Edington Priory Church	

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

### Contacting us

Email the newsletter at [newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)  
by phone on the Edington Parish Council help line on **07933143021** (available 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday) or via the village website [www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

### Future editions

We welcome your comments on this new 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.

[newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

### Sharing the Newsletter

We are still hearing about villagers who say that they haven't heard about this newsletter, next time you speak to any of your neighbours and friends why not ask if they are receiving a copy and if not inform them that they can register for an emailed copy through the village website or send an email, the address is below. If they are unable to receive an electronic copy a paper copy can be obtained from Edington Post Office or perhaps you could volunteer to print out a copy for your neighbour.

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