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with the boards being displayed on the village green by the pond in the afternoon, something not to be missed.

Being an optimist summer is coming and we have advice on how to prepare for the heat from the UK Health Security Agency.

This month's recipe also thinking towards the summer is a Mediterranean Vegetable and Goats Cheese Quiche, a must for those lunch times whilst sat in the garden with a glass of something!



Welcome to the fiftieth edition of the Edington Village News.

This month we have news on the parish council's lengthy discussions to enhance the village playfield facilities in conjunction with the Three Daggers.

We also have the second part of Stephen Henning's trip to Costa Rica, an update on the future of the May Ball and pictures of the village fete held last Saturday.

The Well Dressing is being organised again this year following last years success and Liz has been busy preparing for it on Saturday 22nd June when there will be the dressing of the boards in the morning followed by tea and cake





Local surgeries latest

White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery



Westbury surgery TELEPHONE 01373 828330

Bratton Surgery TELEPHONE 01380 831911

For medical emergencies dial 999

Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington



Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

NHS

Whooping cough cases are rising

Young babies with whooping cough are often very unwell and many are likely to need hospital treatment

Book your vaccine through your GP surgery or local maternity service

NHS

Whooping cough cases are rising in England

If you're pregnant, the whooping cough vaccine will help protect your baby

NHS

Where to go for the right medical help

999 Dial 999 for life-threatening emergencies

111 If you need medical help fast or think you need to go to an Emergency Department (A&E) use NHS 111 first – online or by phone* – to get clinical advice or direction to the most appropriate services for treatment

GP Pharmacy For all other health needs, contact your pharmacy or GP practice. GP practices offer consultations online or by phone. You can also access NHS advice and information at www.nhs.uk

*If you have difficulties communicating or hearing, you can use the NHS 111 British Sign Language (BSL) interpreter service via www.nhs.uk/111 or call 18001 111 on a textphone.

If you have symptoms of coronavirus, get tested as soon as possible; apply via www.nhs.uk/coronavirus, or call 119. The service is also available by textphone on 18001 119 and NHS 119 BSL interpreter service at: www.interpreternow.co.uk/nhs119. If you are worried about your symptoms, use the NHS 111 coronavirus service at 111.nhs.uk/covid-19, or call 111 if you cannot get help online.

This leaflet is available in alternative formats at www.nhs.uk/staywell Email partnerships@phe.gov.uk for braille copies.

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

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

Dr Edwards & Partners

westburygp.co.uk



UK Health
Security
Agency

Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather forecast and the news



Plan ahead to avoid the heat



Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains during the day



Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness



Look after yourself and check in with others



Stay safe when swimming



Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat



Wiltshire Police

VOLUNTEERS' WEEK 40th Anniversary

Each year the first week in June celebrates the contributions made to the community by those who give their time, skills and knowledge without charge for the benefit of others.

National Volunteers' Week (3 – 9 June) is an opportunity to recognise the many people who volunteer across our communities and within our public services.

Volunteering has always been firmly embedded in policing with the first volunteer police officers being introduced in the 1800s. Our brilliant volunteers have been recognised over the years for the added value they bring to the Force.

They have taken on a variety of roles across the spectrum of policing, have widened the breadth of skills and knowledge within the Force, have improved our resilience and capacity and have shared their voice, views, and experience.

Colin Conway, staff lead for Citizens in Policing said: "Here at Wiltshire Police we are incredibly fortunate to be supported by so many amazing people who volunteer their time, experience and skills to help keep the people of Wiltshire safe.

"Whether that is as a Police Support Volunteer, Special Constable, Cadet Leader, as a member of one of our Independent Advisory Groups or Watch Schemes - we recognise and appreciate all you do and the valuable contribution you make.

"On behalf of myself, Wiltshire Police and the communities of Wiltshire, thank you all. We are all incredibly grateful for your ongoing support, admirable public spirit and willingness to help in any way you can.

Wiltshire Council

News from Wiltshire Council

Call out for more volunteers to help children and young people thrive in Wiltshire

Published 31 May 2024

Wiltshire Council is asking residents to spare some time and be a force for good in children and young people's lives by taking on a volunteering role.

The council needs more volunteers in a range of roles including as school governors or mentors for children and young people who need additional support at difficult times.

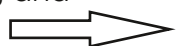
During Volunteers Week from 3 June the council will be sharing first hand experiences of people who took the decision to spend their spare time being a volunteer and the impact it had on the child but also how they found it beneficial too.

Vanessa is a new volunteer and is an Appropriate Adult and Referral Order Panel Member with the Youth Justice Service. Vanessa safeguards young people's interests if they have been detained in custody. She is also a panel member helping young people to prevent reoffending. The service recently obtained a good rating from inspectors.

She explains when she retired she wanted to spend her time doing something meaningful and volunteering with children.

"I will definitely recommend volunteering. As a completely new venture for me I'm finding it both challenging and satisfying in equal measures, and it's really humbling when a young person you're helping smiles at you and says thank you."

People who are interested in this role can volunteer as an adult alongside a child or young person, providing 1:1 support. Training and





ongoing help is provided. They will help children and families in need by befriending, mentoring, advocating and supporting children in police custody or by sitting in a referral order panel. For further information, people can email communityinvolvementteam@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window) or ring 01225 716623 for more details.

Wiltshire Council is also asking for more school governors to come forward. Governors can be parents or members of the community who are interested in being part of the running of a school or education setting.

Sophie who works at Wiltshire Music Connect, part of Wiltshire Council explained the benefits: "My job is desk based and I don't get to see many people. Being a governor gives me an opportunity to go into a school and meet children and it really brings to life what I do in my day job so I'm connecting with real people in a school setting. I've also learned a huge amount from being a governor. There has been lots of useful knowledge and expertise that I've picked up, things about Ofsted and about the education system and I've found all of that really useful as a parent but I've also learned lots of soft skills, how to negotiate and to debate. Also coming up with practical solutions to problems."

People who would like to find out more about volunteering as a governor, can visit [Inspiring Governance: Wiltshire on Board](#) (opens new window) or get in touch with the team to find out more governorservices@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window).

Cllr Laura Mayes, Cabinet Member for Children's Services said: "Volunteers' Week is a chance to celebrate and recognise the fantastic contribution our volunteers make. Thanks to school governors our schools have benefited from a huge range of skills, experiences and perspectives with governors providing positive feedback and acting as a critical friend to encourage high standards of education for all our children.

We also see the impact of having this support in our Youth Justice Service and hearing the difference it can make to a child or young person and their family going through a difficult time of their lives.

"We always need more volunteers to take on these incredibly rewarding roles. We will provide the training and support and ensure you're ready to take on that voluntary role."

Wiltshire Council has a wide range of volunteer roles available including in libraries, heritage and arts and a host of other areas.

Wiltshire Council gearing up for general election

Following the announcement of the general election taking place on 4 July, Wiltshire Council is reminding residents of all the key information they need to know to have their say next month.

Published 30 May 2024

Following the announcement of the general election taking place on 4 July, Wiltshire Council is reminding residents of all the key information they need to know to have their say next month.

The key dates for the election are:

- People have until midnight on 18 June to register to vote if they're not already registered - [GOV.UK Register to vote](#) (opens new window)
- People have until 5pm on 19 June to apply for a postal vote (postal vote packs sent out around 10 days before polling day) - [GOV.UK: apply to vote by post](#) (opens new window)
- People have until 5pm on 26 June to apply for a proxy vote (for someone to vote on their behalf) - [GOV.UK: Apply to vote by proxy](#) (opens new window)
- People have until 5pm on 26 June if they want to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate (if they don't have photo ID) - [GOV.UK: Apply for photo ID to vote \(called a 'Voter Authority Certificate'\)](#) (opens new window)
- Polls are open on 4 July from 7am - 10pm
- Election results confirmed in the early hours of 5 July

Returning Officer for Wiltshire, Terence





Herbert, said: "A vote in the general election will directly influence who is responsible for making decisions that affect all our daily lives, so I strongly encourage everyone eligible to ensure they are registered.

"Our advice for those wishing to vote by post is to apply as soon as possible, and for everyone going out to vote on election day itself to please remember to bring valid photo ID or I'm afraid you will be politely turned away.

"My team will be working round the clock over the coming weeks to deliver a smooth election for the county and we look forward to welcoming people to the polls on 4 July."

Those who wish to vote by post are encouraged to apply do so as quickly as possible. Those that apply will receive their postal vote packs around 10 days before the election. If people are going to be away at that time they may wish to consider applying for a proxy vote instead. For those not able to actually post their completed packs back, there is a limit on the number of postal vote packs that can be hand delivered (e.g. to a polling station) - an elector can only submit their own and up to five others, and they will be required to fill in an additional form which will be provided to them on arrival. People can only hand deliver their postal vote packs at County Hall's reception, or in the polling station on polling day (4 July) - those that post their packs directly into the post boxes at the council's main offices at Bourne Hill, County Hall or Monkton Park will have their votes rejected.

Anyone applying for a postal or proxy vote online will need their National Insurance number or an identity document such as a driving license or passport as part of the application process.

This is the first general election that will require people to have photo ID to vote at polling stations. Accepted forms of photo ID include passports, photographic driving licences, biometric immigration documents, and certain concessionary travel passes. A

comprehensive list can be found at [The Electoral Commission: Accepted forms of photo ID](#) (opens new window).

Help for those struggling with cost of living extended until September

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that it will continue to work in partnership with a number of local organisations and internal departments to distribute the £2.7 million Household Support Fund 2024 from Government.

Published 29 May 2024

The Household Support Fund is provided by Government to support low-income households that would otherwise struggle to buy food, pay essential utility bills or meet other essential living costs during the current cost-of-living challenges.

This includes families with children of all ages, pensioners, unpaid carers, care leavers and disabled people. Wiltshire Council has also identified that support is required for the homeless/rough sleepers, Gypsy, Roma, Traveller and Boater Community.

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Public Health said, The extension of the Household Support Fund for Wiltshire residents is most welcome. The funding will enable us to continue to deliver this support those most in need until September. Wiltshire Council and third sector organisations will work together to support households that are struggling the most with food and energy bills. The support will be provided through food parcels, energy vouchers, supermarket vouchers, household items and meals."

Whilst immediate needs will be prioritised, councils are encouraged to use the fund to provide support that has a long-term sustainable impact, for example for the purchase of household items which will reduce bills in the long-term, beyond September 2024. Examples of sustainable support may include kitchen appliances, efficient heating systems, courses or advice to provide support in the longer term.



Edington Parish Council News

Edington Playfield

June 2024

Edington Parish Council are pleased to announce that after lengthy negotiations they have agreed in principle with Grassy Creek, the parent company of the Three Daggers, to undertake a partial land swap of the existing playfield and as part of the agreement the village will be given a Multi Use Games Area (Muga) on part of the newly acquired piece of land.

Throughout the negotiations it has been agreed that no cost for this project will fall on the parish council and the residents of Edington, all costs being borne by Grassy Creek.

The existing playfield will be divided and the western half along with a small strip adjacent to the existing Three Daggers property will be transferred to Grassy Creek to enable them to gain access to a part of the field to the north of the existing playfield on which they will build a car park. The strip of land adjacent to the existing Three Daggers property will be used to extend their existing beer garden. The parish council on behalf of the village will acquire the eastern half of this new field, an area slightly larger than the land they are giving up and on this will be built the Muga and a new grass area.

The existing play equipment will be moved within the existing playfield to accommodate these changes and all of the pieces will remain in the ownership of the village.

From the outset the parish council have worked with Grassy Creek to ensure that the facilities acquired will be of benefit to the village with little or no detriment to the residents of surrounding properties and to that end we feel that we have achieved our goal.

The entire project will now be handed over to

our respective legal teams to draw up the relevant documents and a planning application will in due course be submitted to Wiltshire Council for a change of use to the northern field and the construction of a car park, Muga and playfield.

More details can be found on the village website at www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/playfield-update

A plan showing the proposed new look playfield can be found on the next page.

John Pollard
Chair Edington Parish Council

Hedges

Now that the vegetation is growing rapidly can we ask residents that have a hedge that is adjacent to a pavement or footpath to ensure that it is cut back to allow pedestrians to access the footpath or pavement with ease, overhanging vegetation can be obstacle for pedestrians.

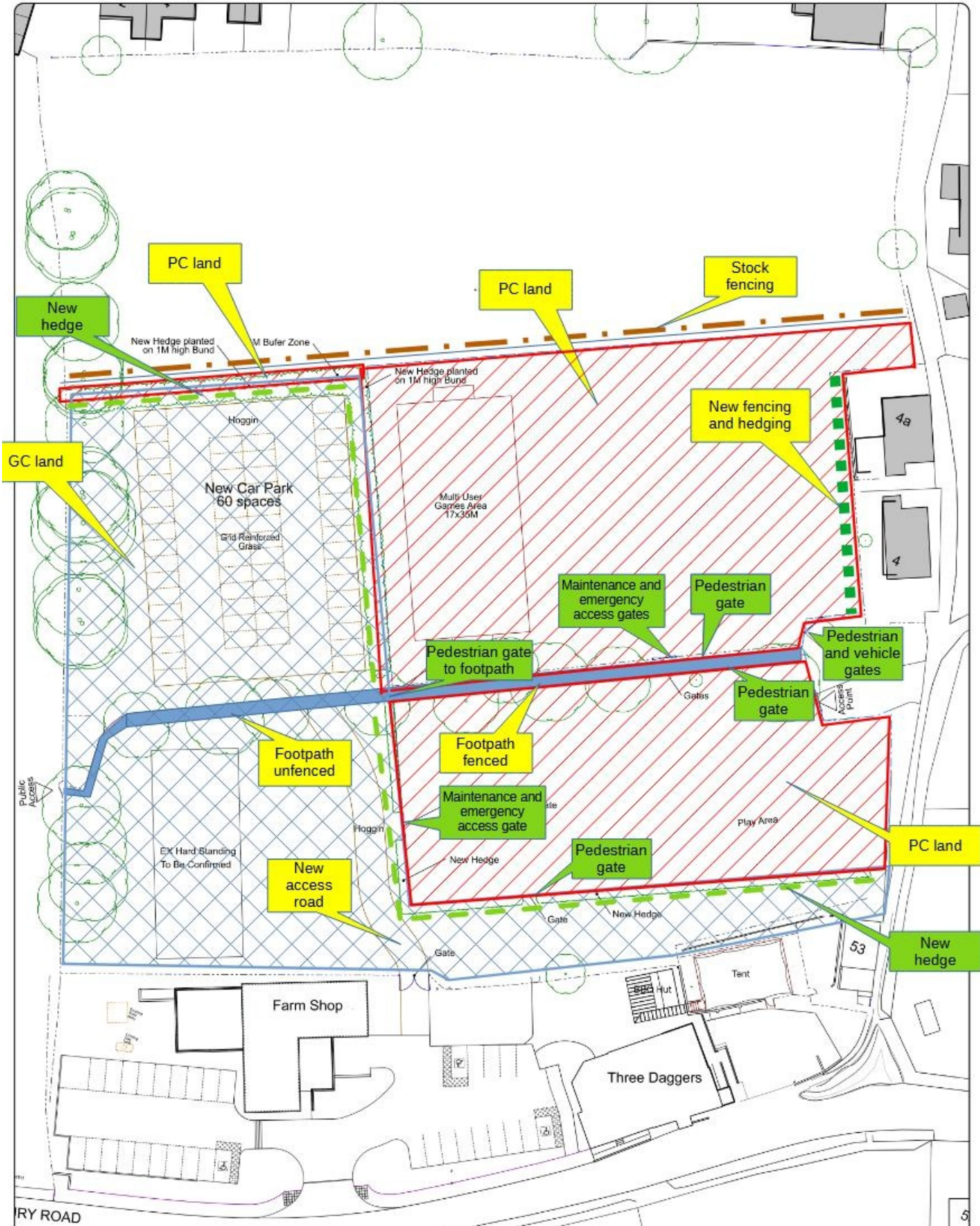
Community Speed Watch

The village speed watch were active throughout May in between the rain showers. The group managed to undertake 11 sessions and recorded 85 motorists exceeding the speed limit, of these 57 were travelling at between 36 and 39mph, 25 were travelling between 40 and 45 mph and 3 were exceeding 45mph.

The data downloaded from the Speed Indicator Device near Longlands Close recorded 59% of all vehicles entering the village from the Bratton direction were exceeding the speed limit of 30mph.

The speed watch group will be having a rest during June as the gun is now with the Bratton group but we will be back in July to note down offenders.







Forthcoming roadworks.

Westbury Road between Monastery Road and The City

17 June 09.30-15.00 road closed for urgent tree safety work

Westbury Road, Bratton

10 Jun - 5 Jul

Traffic control (two-way signals) works for new entrance

Steeple Ashton Road railway bridge

18 Jun 08:30 - 15:00

bridge and associated works

A360 Longbarrow Roundabout to The Avenue, Salisbury

2 April - 13 July Road closed

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

Four Villages Link



The AGM on 15th May in Edington Parish Hall was attended by the committee and some of our clients and volunteers. A lot of interesting information and statistics were presented. Since 2018, journeys have increased by over 20% but the number of volunteers has gone down by 40%, which increases the load on both coordinators and the team. We always welcome new people, so do please call 07852 256939 if you would like to find out what is entailed. Journeys other than those for health reasons have increased markedly and there is a slow rise in requests for good neighbour tasks, which we are keen to encourage. For any assistance please call the number above and we are happy to help.



A monthly meet-up
to explore
the **big questions of life**
- all faiths and none

What is Spirituality?
How does it differ from religion?

Tell us what *you* think.

Saturday 6th July, 5-6pm
Edington Parish Hall
Hot drinks served from 4.30pm



Village Musings

Thank you to our Parish Council for ensuring that our village is safer now for drivers and pedestrians with the new yellow lines on the intersection of the B3098 and Tinhead Road. This is so much better, not just for those of us who live



near there, but for all who drive along that stretch of road. We can now see what is coming towards us without having to pull into the middle of the road, risking a catastrophic accident. It has improved our quality of life and the safety of everyone in village.



With our narrow roads and lanes, and the huge number of cars that recently have arrived here and need to be parked in around the



village, safety is always going to be a concern. Providing solutions will be challenging. But this is a very good step in the right direction.

Mercedes Henning

Coffee Morning Drop In



Every Tuesday

10.30 - 11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.



Edington Village Fete

Another very successful fete was held last Saturday and thanks to Andrew King and his team for organising it for the village.







Wildlife trip to Costa Rica – Part 2

Having worked as an entomologist for a good part of my life, one of the first things I start looking for when I visit a new place are the arthropods.

Unlike in England, Costa Rica and other tropical countries are alive with the sounds of insects. In some places they even blot out the songs of the birds. In Costa Rica crickets loudly chirped all night and cicadas bombarded us with sound all day. It was magnificent – it is what I was brought up with in South Africa. We don't hear crickets at night in the UK because we don't have any nocturnal crickets living here and we only have one cicada species, the endangered New Forest Cicada. It's so endangered, in fact, that no one's even seen it since the 1990s. It's possible that the species is already extinct.

Crickets chirp through stridulation, which means the rubbing of two body parts together to produce sound. Male crickets stridulate by rubbing a toothed rib or file on the right forewing against the sharp-edged hind margin (scraper) of the left forewing. This is used to attract female crickets as mates. When this sound is being produced, the cricket's wings are elevated.



Cricket found on our night walk in a Costa Rican rainforest.

Most of the time a cricket is trying to attract a mate but other times it is trying to deter competing males from entering its territory.

Cicadas have a completely different strategy to make sounds. The abdomens of the males are almost completely hollow (like a drum). Attached to the centre of these drum-like organs is a powerful muscle called the tymbal. Each time the tymbal contracts or relaxes, a sharp click results. The rapid repetition of clicks reverberating through the drum-like 'air-chamber' sounds like a continuous song. Cicadas can send out 300-400 sound waves per second! When sound waves from the tymbals enter this hollow area, they bounce around. This can change the sound, make the sound louder, or both. They use their sound to attract females. The hotter the day, the louder the male cicadas make their sounds.

Female cicadas also make sounds to attract males, but they use their wings to make a clicking sound, rather than a high-pitched song like the males.



Cicada found hiding on a tree trunk on our night walk in a Costa Rican rainforest.

Cicadas spend most of their lives as nymphs under the ground. The length of their life cycles is variable depending on species. Once





male and female cicadas have emerged and mated, and the female lays her eggs, they will die after spending as little as 5 weeks above ground. They are divided into annual species and periodic species. Most annual species have lifespans of 2-8 years with some emerging every year. The periodic species also spend the majority of their lives underground but some species in the USA have life cycles that last 17 years and others have a life cycle of 13 years.

Besides enjoying the songs of crickets and cicadas, I was amazed at the variety of interesting arachnids we found during a night walk through the rainforest.

One of the first things we found was a net-casting spider which I identified as *Deinopis longipes* belonging to the family Deinopidae. It is found throughout Central America. This spider has a very slim, elongated body around 16 mm in length. As with other members of the family, it hunts at night, constructing a silken net which it uses to snare passing prey.



Net-casting spider spinning a new web.

The one we found was actually spinning a new web and we all watched fascinated for some time. The catching net looked bluish-white, while the other silken strands were white. Later we saw one waiting for passing prey with a net already made.

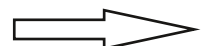


Net-casting spider waiting for prey with finished net.

Later on, reflected in our torches we saw a magnificent orb web of the Tropical Orb-weaver Spider. It builds its web after dark, and the orb is taken down before dawn. The web probably catches many moths and other night flying insects. During the day the spider hides on the underside of leaves which are partially rolled and tied with silk.



Tropical Orb-weaver Spider in its magnificent orb web.





Another amazing thing we saw was a tailless whip scorpion or whip spider. They belong to a group called "amblypygids" which means "blunt tail". This is a reference to a lack of a whip or flagellum that is otherwise seen in true whip scorpions (another different order of arachnids).

Amblypygids have raptorial pedipalps for grabbing and holding prey, much like the forelegs of a praying mantis. The pedipalps are generally covered in spines, used for impaling, and capturing prey. They are kept folded in front of the prosoma when not in use. Amblypygids have eight legs, but use only six for walking, often in a crab-like, sideways fashion. The front pair of legs are modified for use as antennae-like feelers, with many fine segments giving the appearance of a "whip". When a suitable prey is located with the antenniform legs, the amblypygid seizes its victim with large spines on the grasping pedipalps impaling and immobilizing the prey. This is typically done while climbing the side of a vertical surface and looking downward at their prey. Pincer-like chelicerae are used to grind and chew the prey prior to ingestion. Prey is mostly arthropods, but these opportunistic predators have also been observed feeding on vertebrates.



A wonderful tailless whip scorpion or whip spider was discovered on a tree trunk.

Amblypygids also have an unusual courtship which involves the male depositing stalked spermatophores, which have one or more sperm masses at the tip, onto the ground, and then uses his pedipalps to guide the female over them. She gathers the sperm and lays fertilized eggs into a sac carried under her abdomen, or opisthosoma. When the young hatch, they climb up onto the mother's back; where they stay safe until they have undergone their first moult.

We also found a python millipede (*Nyssodesmus python*) walking along the path. They are large forest-floor flat-backed millipedes of the family Platyrrhacidae. They can be up to 10 cm long (4 inches). They are found in forests and woodlands and like all millipedes feed on decaying plant matter. The python millipede can emit a defensive secretion from glands on the side of the body when threatened, which includes chemical compounds found in almond scent and can deter predators.



We also found a Python millipede walking along the path.

Just to finish with two spectacular species we came across in Costa Rica. The first is the beautiful Golden Beetle (*Chrysinia resplendens* – Scarabidae) which is about 25mm long. It is found mainly in tropical rain forests in Central and South America. Its diet consists mostly of plant sap, nectar, and other soft fruits. When threatened or stressed by predators, its natural defence mechanism is to curl up into a ball in order to protect itself from harm.





We saw the Golden Beetle on an old tree stump.

We were also lucky enough to see a few blue morpho butterflies gliding through the trees. These butterflies have vivid blue on the top side of their wings which contrasts with the more camouflaged earth-toned undersides. Flapping these high-contrast wings allow the morphos to startle any potential predators with a sudden burst of colour before blending back into the forest of their native habitats. The male morphos are more vividly coloured than the females and their bright coloration attracts them. When looking for mates, the male blue morpho will fly up through all layers of the forest. Blue morphos live in the tropical forests of Latin America from Mexico to Colombia. Adults spend most of their time on the forest floor and in the lower shrubs and trees of the understory with their wings folded.



The common blue morpho in Costa Rica is *Morpho helenor narcissius*.

Stephen Henning.

Wessex Cancer Support - support for anyone affected by cancer

If you have cancer, are adjusting to life after cancer or supporting someone with cancer, there's free, local and personalised help available from Wessex Cancer Support.

You can access support in person at any of the charity's four cancer support centres, or online.



Chandler's Ford cancer support centre

Its caring team knows accessing support for the first time can be daunting, and that you may be experiencing lots of different thoughts and feelings. Simply drop-in and have a chat or call to find out about the care available, which includes professional counselling, complementary therapies, activities and support groups.

"Every time I come into the centre, I leave feeling a million times better. Everyone is so lovely and supportive." Wessex Cancer Support client.

For more information about the support available, please call 023 8067 2200 or visit www.wessexcancer.org.uk.



FRIENDS OF
ERLESTOKE PRISON

'Summer Dreams' a concert by **The Farrant Singers**

*including music from Purcell, Gibbons, Parry,
Byrd, Finzi and others*



*"The Farrant Singers, based in Salisbury, are widely recognised as one of the most articulate and eloquent chamber ensembles in England."
(Review in The Church Times 20 June 2022)*

Thursday 20th June 2024

7.30pm (doors open 7pm)

All Saint's Church, Chitterne, Wiltshire, BA12 0LF

Parking available

***Tickets £15/person (including a welcome drink) from:
treasurer@friendsoferlestokeprison.com***

All proceeds to The Friends of Erlestoke Prison charity to support rehabilitation projects for HMP Erlestoke prisoners and their families.

www.friendsoferlestokeprison.com

Registered charity number: 1201388



Reports of the demise of our Edington May Ball are premature.

Writes Paul Millard

Twenty years ago, a small group of us came together to host a fund-raising event in the village. Now, for a variety of reasons, some of that original team have decided to take a step back from the key organisational roles – but its not the end of the story. The drive and ambition to take our May Ball forward remains, a new committee is being formed bringing with it new energy and innovative ideas.

In that time, in this small village, The Ball has raised in excess of £160,000 with a further £7,500 coming from this year's event which will be donated to Bath Cancer Unit Support Group, the Salisbury Hospital STARS appeal and Edington village each will receive £2,000. A further £500 will go to the Royal British Legion; £500 to kidney research and £200 to Guide Dogs for the Blind.

It all started with an effort to raise fund for the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group. Our own daughter, Jess, who had worked as bar manager at The Lamb, was undergoing an intensive and protracted, but successful, course of chemotherapy at Bath Cancer Unit and the choice of what charity to support ultimately made itself. We were also determined to support village organisations and events and have done so without fail over all of the intervening years.

Our aims were modest, and we formed a small committee to sell tickets around the village and to organise a marquee, band, catering, auction, and raffle. We called in favours, applied a lot of ingenuity and performed a great many of the tasks ourselves. Our daughter Jess helped with the catering even though she was still undergoing Chemo and we scraped and scrounged raffle prizes and things to

auction and had hoped in that first year to raise £1,000 for the BCUSG - in the event we raised £4000 surpassing all our expectations.

And it continues to do just that - thanks to the incredible generosity of the local businesses and individuals who donate goods and promises to raffle and to auction not least the Three Daggers which not only organises and provides the catering and bar, but who also continue to donate amazing gifts and promises to aid our fund raising efforts. And its thanks also to the support we get from villagers and the wider community who buy tickets and open their wallets to purchase these extraordinary prizes. After all these years, it has not lost its sheen and continues to offer a fantastic evening out, pulling people together and providing a focus and common cause in supporting the many of us touched by cancer.

We have – and will continue – to support the Bath Cancer Unit Support Group whose efforts enable the Royal United Hospital to provide such incredible care and support for so many of our friends and family. But we have also looked beyond local, our retiring chairman, John Matthews' connection to the Armed Forces and our Hon Treasurer Phil Davies's involvement with the Royal British Legion have prompted us to support Armed Forces Charities. This year we will also be supporting the STARS appeal at Salisbury hospital; The Royal British Legion, Kidney Research UK and, of course, local and village causes.

During the last 20 years, the Ball has evolved, the catering is more sophisticated, the marquee is a proper grown up affair and costs have escalated dramatically – but our raison d'etre remains essentially unchanged - above and beyond anything, this is a community event, pulling people together in a social environment and at the same time, providing a terrific night out within the village while raising funds that will benefit others as well as our own local community.



Edington Well Dressing

In Aid of
Wiltshire Air Ambulance

Saturday 22nd June

10am onward

Come and help dress the boards.

If you can, bring natural

materials to use in the collage.

Flowers, feathers, wool, shells, Leaves etc.

2pm Tea and Cake

On the Village Green
around the pond.



Edington arts

Our next event in Edington Priory Church is our annual Choral Workshop, on Saturday June 15th. King's Singer Chris Bruerton will work on music from Eastern Europe – Russia, Poland and Latvia, sung in English or Latin. You can secure your places for this day of fun music-making, online from www.edingtonarts.org ; the cost is £25, which includes all music, and welcome and mid-morning refreshments. Altos are already keen and are first off the mark – come on, tenors basses and sopranos – don't hold back!

Contact Anne at anne@edingtonarts.org or Chrissy on 01380 831256 if you need any help.



HALL FOR HIRE



EDINGTON PARISH HALL

PARTIES - MEETINGS - PRIVATE FUNCTIONS

Nearby private carpark

For more information and to book online go to
www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall
or email parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk
phone 01380 830 441





Recipes of the month - June

Mediterranean Vegetable and Goats Cheese Quiche

A variation on a traditional quiche using summer vegetables and goats cheese. This recipe can be enjoyed hot or cold with a salad and new potatoes or crusty bread: it freezes well.

Enjoy the taste of the Mediterranean in Edington!

Ingredients

- 350g (12oz) plain flour
- 175g (6oz) butter
- 1 medium courgette cut into slices
- 1 red pepper de seed and cut into cubes
- 1 yellow pepper de seed and cut into cubes
- 2 shallots – peel and slice lengthwise
- 8 – 10 baby plum tomatoes – cut in half
- 3 cloves garlic- peeled and finely chopped
- Olive oil
- 50g (2oz) Grana Padano or Parmesan cheese
- 300ml double cream (1 pot)
- 2 large eggs
- Torn Basil leaves to garnish (optional)



Either a 31cm x 21 cm loose base rectangular quiche/tart tin or a 24cm loose base round quiche tin.

Method

1. Lightly grease the quiche tin.
2. Pre heat the oven 200C, Gas 6
3. Make the pastry. Place the flour and butter (cut into cubes) in to a food processor and pulse until fine breadcrumbs. Add approximately 4 – 6 tablespoons of cold water and pulse until the dough forms.
4. On a lightly floured table roll out the pastry and line the quiche tin. Allow to rest in the fridge while you prepare the vegetables (This allows the dough to relax and helps to prevent shrinkage when cooked)
5. Prepare the vegetables and place all but the tomatoes on a baking tray. Sprinkle over the garlic and drizzle with olive oil. Roast in the oven for 15 minutes
6. Cut the tomatoes in half and add to the baking tray and roast for a further 10 minutes. Allow the roasted vegetables to cool. **Reduce the oven temperature to 180C, Gas 5**
7. Take the pastry lined quiche tin out of the fridge. Place a piece of crunched up foil over the base, add baking beans and bake blind for 15 minutes.
8. Remove the foil and baking beans and put back in the oven for a further 5 - 8 minutes to ensure that the base is cooked and the pastry is golden brown.
9. Grate the Grana Padano and the goats cheese.
10. Whisk the cream and the eggs together and season
11. Sprinkle the grated Grana Padano cheese over the quiche base.
12. Place the vegetables on top of the Grana Padano cheese.
13. Sprinkle on the grated goats cheese.
14. Pour over the egg and cream mixture. If using, add a few torn basil leaves.
15. Bake in the oven for about 25-30 minutes until the filling is set.
16. Serve cut into wedges with a salad of choice.



Edington & District Gardening Club

**First Thursday in the month
Parish Hall doors open 7.00pm**

Members were treated to a very informative and interesting talk by Richard Cripps, his topic was soft and hardwood cuttings. Grafting and budding has been around since ancient times, but we were given an insight to the everyman's way to do things! All cuttings keep the likeness of the parent plant, unlike seed planting. One simple way for soft cuttings, taken in the growing season, is to cut off the top of the stem leaving four major leaf branches, pinch out the top, especially if flowering, and put in a jar of water. Roots should form after 3-4 weeks. Another way is to put these cuttings into a mixture 50/50 of good general compost and sharp (fine) sand, not builders sand! Place a polythene bag over the top, acting as a mini greenhouse. Several different cuttings can be put in together, for both these systems. Richard also told us about layering and cutting up rhizomes. For hard wood cuttings, usually done in November/ December, longer cuttings can be taken, 2/3rds of the cutting is put in the soil or pot, and it can take up to 2 seasons to root. Hormone rooting powder is only needed on the more difficult plants to root.

The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd July when we will be visiting the allotments in Edington, several of our members have plots there. We can see their endeavours over drinks and nibbles!

On Thursday 4th July we are visiting Steeple Ashton, by invitation from their gardening club, to one of their member's gardens.

Before then we go to Abbotsbury in June, and in July we are off to Forde Abbey. Don't forget to plan for the Flower & Produce Show on 7th September!

If you would like to find out more about the club, please contact Jacky (830133) or go to the village web page for more details. Visitors are always welcome.



**Garden waste
subscriptions
expire on 30 June
2024**

You can renew your chargeable garden waste (CGW) subscription online now using our CGW payment form which can be found on the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk.

To avoid a break in your collections renew by Friday 28 June.



Let's Move!
DANCE FITNESS

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



Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club



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Saturday 08 June 2024

13:00 The Walled Garden

Erlestoke & Coulston CC- 1st XI

Form Guide **W L L L W**



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Form Guide **X L W W L**

Sunday 09 June 2024

14:00 Norton St Philip Cricket Club

Norton St Philip CC- Friendly XI

Form Guide **W L X L W**



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Erlestoke & Coulston CC- Friendly XI

Form Guide **X X L L W**

Wednesday 12 June 2024

Erlestoke & Coulston CC- Friendly XI

Form Guide **X X L L W**



Vs



Broughton Gifford CC- Friendly XI

Form Guide **X X X W W**



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



Edington Under Fives

We meet every Thursday in Edington Parish Hall between 10am and 12 noon.

The first session is free, and only £2 per family thereafter (to help with running costs). For more information contact Emily on

07910228383



THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



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.

TVM is also available for village groups to hire (contact Pauline on tel:830013).

Our next lunches will be on Wednesday

June 12th and July 10th

Joy Fraser (830426)

July Lunch in the Parish Hall

We are holding a two course Lunch (with a choice of Quiches with Salad & a selection of puddings)

on **Wednesday July 10th at 12.30pm.**

in the Parish Hall, Edington.



Price £8.00 in aid of

The Three Villages Minibus

All will be most welcome to join us.



Please book with Pauline by Friday July 5th



TVM will provide door to door transport.

Shopping Trips starting at Edington

Destination	June	July	Start Time	Cost
Devizes	Thursday 6th	Thursday 4th	9.00am	£3.20
Warminster	Tuesday 18th	Tuesday 16th	1.25pm	£2.80
Westbury	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm	£2.30
Salisbury	Saturday 8th	Saturday 13th	9.30am	£5.00

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

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

Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place



Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
12th June	12.30pm	Village Lunch in aid of the Parish Hall	Parish Hall
15th June	10.00am-4.30pm	Edington Arts Choral Workshop	Priory Church
17th June	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
18th June	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
22nd June	10am	Well Dressing Making	Village Pond
22nd June	2.00pm	Well Dressing Tea on the Green	Village Pond
3rd July	7.00pm	Gardening Club visit to the village allotments	
4th July	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
4th July	tbc	Gardening Club visit to Steeple Ashton	
6th July	4.30pm	Quest - What is Spirituality?	Parish Hall
8th July	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
10th July	12.30pm	Village lunch in aid of the TVM	Parish Hall
13th July	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
16th July	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
7th September	2.30pm	Flower & Produce Show	Parish Hall
Every Tuesday	10.00am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
Every Thursday	10.00am	Edington Under 5's	Parish Hall
Every Friday	10.30am	Yoga	Parish Hall
Every Friday	6.00pm	Edington Brass	Parish Hall

TVM trips - please Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place

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

Contacting us

Email the newsletter at
newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk
or via the village website
www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Future editions

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

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Deadline for articles 5th of the month.

Sharing the Newsletter

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

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website and enter your details
www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter or email and you will be added to the mailing list.
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