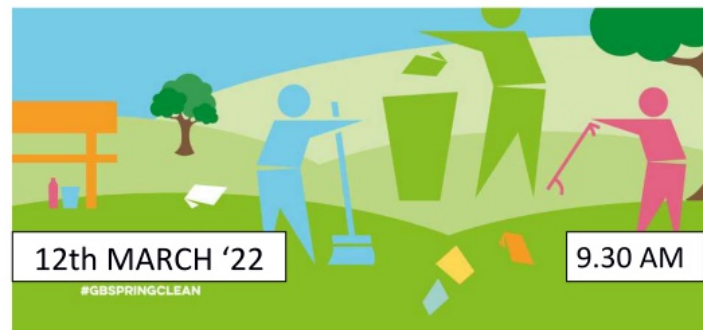




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## HELP CLEAN UP YOUR VILLAGE

MEET IN THE PARISH HALL  
CAR PARK @ 9.30AM ON  
SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



2022



Welcome to the twenty-third edition of the Edington Village News.

This month we have our usual articles including the owls of Edington along with information about various village AGM's, an appeal for assistance with the Edington Music Festival and advice on how to save money on energy bills. Yes it is nearly summer and Erlestoke Cricket Club have started their preparations for the new season, read all about it and maybe go along and join in. The village volunteers are also starting this month, why not come and join them.

- Don't forget we are always looking for articles to publish, we have our regular articles and there is always room for more.
- Remember we are reliant on contributions to make this newsletter a success.



## 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**

*We are seeing more and more patients arrive for appointments without a face covering. We know it is easy to forget them but please be reminded that you are still required to wear a face covering whilst visiting us at the White Horse Health Centre or Bratton Surgery*

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

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

*Thank you*

## Information on Secondary Care waiting times

We know that patients waiting for elective care want to be kept informed and feel supported during this time. In response to this, NHS England has launched a new website, My Planned Care.

The site aims to provide patients that are waiting for hospital appointments, operations or treatment (excluding cancer) direct access to the latest wait-time information, as well as support to look after your health and well-being.

### My Planned Care

**Helpful information and guidance for patients waiting for a hospital consultation, treatment or surgery.**

<https://www.myplannedcare.nhs.uk/>



We hope you will find this helpful.

**Dr Edwards & Partners**

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

**Courtyard Surgery West Lavington**

**Telephone 01380 813300**



[The March Practice Newsletter can be found here](#)





## Wiltshire Police

Officers investigating two burglaries in the Edington area are urging businesses to be vigilant. The first incident took place on January 2 - a business in Edington Station Yard was targeted and 90 cells of batteries worth approximately £10,000 were stolen. It is believed the padlock to the yard was cut in order to gain access to the site.



The second incident took place on February 21 - a padlock at a business in Station Yard was also cut and numerous solar panels and cables were stolen, as well as electrical items, tools and batteries.

PC Dan Chaventre said: "We believe on both occasions these businesses have been targeted for specific materials. It is likely that it would have taken at least two people a significant amount of time to load the stolen items into a vehicle before making off from the scene. We've increased regular patrols of the area and we are conducting extensive enquiries in relation to both incidents.

"However, we'd like to urge business owners who may have similar materials on site to be extra vigilant and report any suspicious activity to police immediately.

"We understand that incidents of this nature can be extremely frustrating for business owners and we are doing all we can to identify those responsible."

For more information on how to protect your business from burglars, please visit <https://crowd.in/aHORna>

Anyone with information about either of these incidents should call 101 and quote crime reference number 54220019286. Alternatively, call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Wiltshire Council



### **Wiltshire Council encourages residents to consider donating to the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Humanitarian Crisis Appeal**

Wiltshire Council is encouraging residents who want to support the people of Ukraine to consider donating to the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal, which is providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, shelter, healthcare and protection.

More than a million people have fled their homes to escape intense conflict in Ukraine. Disaster emergency committee charities are in Ukraine and neighbouring countries working hard to meet the needs of all refugees and displaced people. All donations will be gratefully received and below are some examples of how charities say the money could be spent:

£30 could provide essential hygiene supplies for three people for one month

£50 could provide blankets for four families

£100 could provide emergency food for two families for one month

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council: "Thank you to everyone who has donated so far, we are really grateful for all your support and it





shows that Wiltshire stands in solidarity with the people of Ukraine.

"We have been inspired by the spirit and determination of the people of Ukraine, and moved by the plight of those in danger and escaping conflict. I am proud of the response from our communities who have a strong track record for their compassion and humanitarianism and helping others in their time of need.

"People in Ukraine are in urgent need of clean water, emergency shelter, food, health assistance, protection and trauma care. Donating to the Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal ensures they get the support they need and that donations go to those directly affected by the conflict.

"Working alongside our communities, Wiltshire takes an active role in resettlement schemes for refugees, providing housing, education, employment and social support. We will update on the support we are offering and how residents and community organisations can get involved once details of resettlement schemes for Ukraine are announced by the Government."

There are a number of other ways people can provide support and ensure it benefits those directly affected by the ongoing conflict. The council has set up a page on its website listing some of the ways that people can provide support. Although not an exhaustive list, the council will look to keep it updated as much as possible.

[Go to the Support for Ukraine page.](#)

Local and national charities advise the best way to help is by making a cash donations to organisations such as the Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal, the British Red Cross or Save the Children who are already working on the ground and can provide help where it is needed most.

[Go to Ukraine Disaster Emergency Committee Appeal.](#)

## Cllr Suzanne Wickham



We are so lucky to live in such a wonderful village, but there is the possibility of a scheme that could make Edington an even more colourful place to live.

Over many years lots of habitats have been destroyed in this country. Our pollinators, honeybees, solitary bees, wasps, moths and any other creatures that go from flower to flower, rely on these areas to collect pollen and nectar. Pollinator corridors are a really good way to increase this important habitat for these creatures. We need to look after and encourage more of these habitats as many crops grown for our food also rely on pollinators, so this is a really important step to take.

Westbury Area Board have agreed to fund my Councillor led initiative - 'Pollinator Friendly Areas' project with a grant.

The Parishes of Ethandune and Westbury Town Council will decide if they would like to be a part of the scheme. Those who decide to join can then put forward several small areas of land that they would like to be considered

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust will then arrange to visit each Parish to survey the areas and produce a report, suggesting suitable seeds/plants, and most importantly the required maintenance scheme for each area.

This is where we can all play our part by contacting Edington Parish Council with any areas that you would like to suggest. You may also want to get involved with the preparation, sowing and maintenance, which will probably be some weeding then a summer and autumn cut. This shouldn't be too onerous as the patches won't be too large.





I think this could be a brilliant community project which we could all enjoy for years to come.

Please do get in touch with any Parish Councillor or by emailing the Parish Council at [parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

Please contact me if you think I can help with any local matter.

Best wishes

**Suzanne Wickham**

Tel: **07967 213336**

Email: [suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk)

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## Edington Parish Council News

The Parish Council would like to thank all of the villagers and staff from the Three Daggers who helped clear up after the recent storms.

The Parish Council are organising a village litter pick for Saturday 12 March, meet in the Parish Hall car park at 9.30 am. We are able to provide some litter pick tools but please bring your own if you have one also please wear a reflective yellow vest if you have one to ensure that everyone is safe whilst collecting litter from along the road side. If you cannot make Saturday there are always a number of litter pick tools to borrow from Pauline in the Post Office to help keep your area of the village tidy at some other time.

Now that the collection of rubbish from our bins has been moved to the same day for all of the bins for most people can we please be extra vigilant in ensuring that where we place the bins does not cause problems for pedestrians using the few pavements that we have in the village. Also please consider where you place your bins to avoid problems for motorists when pulling out of junctions. The Parish Council will monitor the

situation to try to mitigate any problems.

Platinum Jubilee celebrations – a group of villagers are interested in trying to organise street parties over the weekend of the jubilee and one suggestion is that all of the street parties are held on the playfield, please let Pauline in the Post Office or Liz Pike know whether you would be interested in helping in the organising or if you have any alternative suggestions as to what the village could do over this extended bank holiday.

The Parish Council are looking to give all of the children in the village a Platinum Jubilee gift. If you have a child 11 years of age or under and you would like them to receive a gift please give their name to either Pauline or Liz by Friday 11th March.

Dog walkers please remember to clear up after your dog and ensure that if they are off the lead you still pick up their “offerings” and dispose of it in a rubbish bin, the poo fairy will not come along and clear up after you. Can we also remind owners that lambing time is here and that all dogs should be on leads when near to sheep and cattle.

Now that Spring is nearly here you may have noticed that hedges are beginning to grow again and in some areas of the village they have started growing outwards over the pavement and road. Please cut back any overgrown hedges now before the birds start nesting in them and the hedge creates an unnecessary obstacle to pedestrians and motorists. Pavements are for pedestrians not hedges!

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email [parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

**Waste collection suspended - due to industrial action there will be no collection for blue lidded bins and black boxes between 7 and 18 March.**



## *Village Musings*

At the start of this new year, I think we all hoped for a peaceful year, a return to some sort of normality and to the village events and routines that we enjoy so much. The wider world at present is not building a sense of this peace or normality to any great extent, but here in our village, we can immerse ourselves in our local reality that is utterly beautiful and find our contentment here.



A great strategy to get through worrying times is to live in the moment. To reflect that at this exact moment, I am feeling OK. At this exact moment, I am enjoying the birdsong of spring, the first blossoms, the awakening and stretching of the world from winter's sleep. I can choose joy.



And how lucky we are in this village to have so many places and opportunities to live in the moment and to choose that joy! Up on the allotments, we are digging into the deep chocolatey earth to plant the first potatoes, and watching the brave little rhubarb spears peep up into the daylight. We are planning our vegetables for the coming season, chatting to each other and sharing advice. Sometimes we just stand and stare at the growing beds and the downs rising above them and allow ourselves to rest in the moment with great contentment.



And at the church, we continue to enjoy lovely community events for people of any faith or none – recently the Pancake Day was great fun! We had pancake races, we ate hot pancakes freshly flipped from the pan, and chatted to our friends and neighbours in the sunshine. A reminder that there is far more goodness than evil in our world and that peacefulness begins right here, in our place.

### **Mercedes Henning**

## **Coffee Morning Drop In**



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



## Is there anything I can do to save money on my energy bills?

We now know the energy price cap will rise by around £700 in April. For the average household on a default tariff (11 million households) this will be an increase of around £60 per month. Inflation is also at a 30-year high, making other everyday costs more expensive.

At Wiltshire Citizens Advice, we understand that this is a worrying time for many and we are here to support you.

Why are my energy bills going up? The main reason why energy bills are rising is because global gas prices are at record levels - this means it's more expensive for energy suppliers (the people we pay our bills with) to buy the gas and electricity we use every day. Inevitably, these costs get passed on to us - the consumers - in the form of higher bills.

Your bills will only be affected by the price cap increase if you're on a Standard Variable Tariff. If you're on a Fixed Rate Tariff, your bills will stay the same until your contract ends. If you're unsure what type of contract you're on, check your bill or call your supplier to find out.

Is there anything I can do to save money on energy?

There are some simple things you can do to save some money on your energy bills. They won't cover all the extra costs, but they can make a difference:

- Check your thermostat, lower it where you can.
- Keep the heat in, check your home for any gaps in the doors, windows and floors.
- Turn off anything you're not using.
- Watch your water usage.
- Switch off standby
- Use your washing machine on a 30-degree cycle instead of higher temperatures.
- Avoid the tumble dryer
- Top up the insulation

For more ideas on how to save visit <https://energysavingtrust.org.uk/campaign/how-to-save-money-on-your-energy-bills/>  
What support can I get?

If you're struggling to afford your energy bills, you might be able to get support from the government or your energy supplier. The first step is to call your supplier and ask them if they offer any grants to help with your energy bills.

- Warm Home Discount Scheme: You might be able to get £140 off your electricity bill or a £140 voucher for your prepayment meter.
- Winter Fuel Payment: The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter.
- Cold Weather Payments: Cold Weather Payments are one-off payments to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold.
- Grants to help pay off your energy debts: If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you might be able to get a grant to help pay it off.
- Local energy grants: If you can't afford to top up your prepayment meter you might be able to get a fuel voucher.
- Extra help from your supplier: You might be able to get extra help and support from your energy supplier by signing up to the Priority Services Register.
- Energy Bills Rebate: The government has also announced a package of support to help households with rising energy bills in response to this latest energy cap price rise.
- Local Social Welfare Support: Wiltshire Council has a local welfare provision scheme that provides critical short-term help and assistance with limited one-off household goods.

For more details of grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills, visit:

[www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills)

Call us on freephone 0800 144 8848 (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or email us for support and advice

[www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/contact-us](https://www.citizensadvicewiltshire.org.uk/contact-us)



## theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

**Meeting every second Tuesday of the month at  
the Parish Hall**

[www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinheadwi](http://www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinheadwi)

Contact Liz Pike for further information

**01380 830684**

[elizabethdpik@aol.com](mailto:elizabethdpik@aol.com)

February was our AGM. Members were greeted with a glass of wine or sparkling non-alcoholic beverage and invited to partake of nibbles provided. We started the AGM with the traditional rendition of Jerusalem. (We sing this once a year!!) The AGM followed with the finance and committee reports unanimously approved.

The new committee consists of Jan Billinge as President, Anne Ilsley Treasurer, Sarah Girt, secretary, Anne Tottingham programme co-ordinator with Sue Zaman as minutes secretary. The retiring President thanked her committee for their hard work and wished the incoming President and committee every success. Following Coffee and homemade cake, we enjoyed two quizzes (one with interesting facts about the suffragettes) with the winning team receiving a box of chocolates, which they kindly shared with everyone.

On Saturday, 12th February we had a talk and tour of Trowbridge Museum, which has recently reopened following extensive refurbishment. The

Curator described how the first artefacts were collected in the 1930's but were only a small display in a room in the Town Hall until the 1990s when they moved to the current location in one of the old mills at the heart of the Shires development. The Curator gave us a guided tour, including a peek behind the scenes of their extensive archives.

The museum is now a fully operational facility undertaking all the works of conservation, collecting and collating artefacts, as well as extensive outreach particularly to schools. It now covers two floors with an emphasis on the industrial heritage of Trowbridge, including the Spinning Jenny, one of only four in the world. If you want to know about teazels and "tenterhooks" amongst other things the museum is well worth a visit.

A warm welcome awaits you so do come along and see what else the WI can offer. The programme for 2022/23 will be available. You can visit us for free for up to two meetings.





## Barn owls of Edington

A few days ago, I was out on a walk around Edington and saw a white spectre drifting slowly around the edge of a field. It was of course a barn owl, *Tyto alba*. When I see one it always makes my heart leap with delight. When we lived in Worton a few years ago we had a pair of barn owls living in a field near us for many years. They were nesting in an old ramshackle barn. One year when we saw them flying into the barn, Mercedes crept forward and peered round the door, and looking back at her no more than a foot away was one of the barn owls. It was a most delightful encounter.

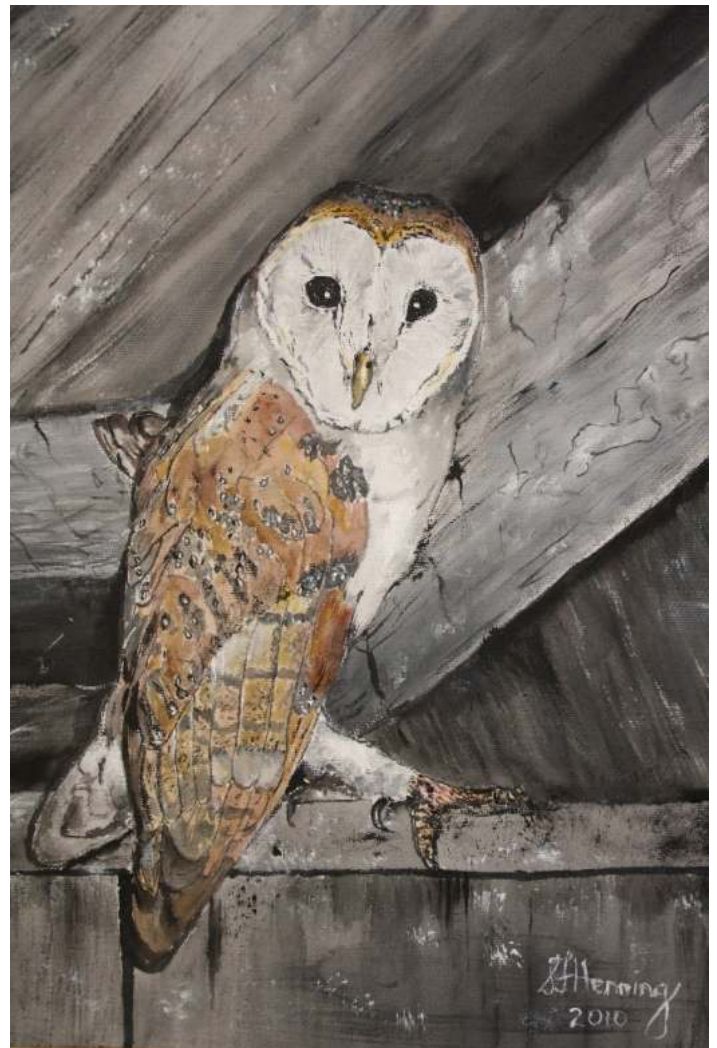
I saw my first barn owl many years ago as a child in South Africa and did my first oil painting of one back in 1964. The barn owl is in fact a very widespread species being found in Europe, Africa, Arabia, India, and Asia southeast to Java. Over its wide range it's found in temperate, desert, and tropical regions and extends into grasslands, bush, swamp, and forest.



I saw a barn owl flying around the Edington Priory Church a few years ago (del. S.F. Henning)

The Barn Owl was once considered the most widely distributed land bird in the world being present on every continent except Antarctica. However, the advent of DNA sequencing has resulted in extensive re-classification and many Barn Owl subspecies are now considered to be species in their own right. For example, the old American subspecies of Barn Owl has become a new species the American Barn Owl *Tyto furcata*.

The barn owl lives in open areas, forest edges, and clearings, farmland, and cities. It needs areas with open land for hunting. Here it can be seen gliding slowly along on its wings and



Barn owl roosting in a barn (del. S.F. Henning)





hovering when it detects prey hidden in the undergrowth. The barn owl is often found during the day roosting in tree cavities, crevices in cliffs, or in riverbanks. It also roosts in buildings like barns. Its call includes a variety of shrieks, hisses and snoring noises.

The barn owl usually hunts at night but occasionally comes out on dull days. At night they find their best food supplies along wood edges, where there is a high percentage of woodland rodents, and around barns and granaries, and other buildings that attract rats and mice. They eat huge quantities of small



**Barn owl perched on a fence post (del. S.F. Henning)**

rodents which make up 80-100% of their diet. This makes them a great boon to farmers in their enormous consumption of small rodents and their habit of taking up residence in houses, barns, and other buildings. Barn owls have in fact come to depend on man, indirectly, for food.

Barn owls use their exceptional hearing to track down their prey as they fly low to the ground, silently gliding back and forth over open habitats. Prey is normally swallowed whole, with indigestible parts (fur, bones, teeth, feathers etc) regurgitated in large, smooth, blackish pellets, which accumulate at nesting and roosting sites. Barn owls also often hunt from exposed perches (e.g., fenceposts), as well as in low flight. They can take off and land on vegetation or the ground.

Barn owls often return to established roosts and breeding sites in old barns, ruins, and exposed buildings such as church towers. They also use natural habitats such as holes in trees and cliffs. These sites can be identified by the accumulation of pellets and indigestible remains of prey.

The breeding season usually starts in March and occasionally there are two broods. The female lays anything from four to seven chalky-white eggs depending on the food available. Since the female lays the eggs at intervals of 1-2 days and starts incubating them as soon as the first egg is laid, the young vary considerably in size. The incubation period is from 4 -6 weeks. The male feeds the female during the incubation period. The young are fed by both parents, remain in the nest for 7-9 weeks and are not able to fly until they are about 12 weeks old.

**Dr Stephen Henning**



## 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). If you would like to join us with your under 5 (welcome parents, grandparents or carers) contact me, Emily Greening on 07910228383 or see our facebook page 'Edington Under Fives'.



We have enjoyed a range of activities over the last month as well as catching up with our friends. We have decorated gingerbread men and heart biscuits, many thanks to Wendy for making all the biscuits. We have made beautiful sun catchers and painted egg boxes to become The Very Hungry Caterpillar. We have also

enjoyed blowing and popping bubbles, egg and spoon races and bouncing balls on a parachute. We had an enjoyable time in Edington Church to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by eating pancakes, hearing stories about pancakes and decorating plates that look like pancakes. Thank you to Annabel for organising it.





## Edington Music Festival and the Four Villages

Many readers will be well-acquainted with the Festival and all it entails, having been involved for years, but some are relatively new to these parts and may have heard of it, but not know what an amazing, life-enhancing thing it is to get involved.

You don't need to be a church-goer or even have belief – the one thing you do need, though, is to enjoy being part of a community when it pulls together to pull off something big!

I first dipped my toe in the water by helping with the flowers, not long after we moved here, but others in the villages have been involved almost from the start and have watched it grow like Topsy, become international, be hit by covid, become even more international with live-streaming last year and now, this year, will hopefully be welcoming our Festival friends back.

For those who don't know much about it, here's a quick potted history. When Canon Ralph Dudley arrived to be vicar, the church was in a very poor state and needed about £30,000 for the repairs. Having very good connections with singers and choirs, he came upon the idea of a weekend of music within the liturgy to help raise money. Singers were invited and so it began, way back in 1956.

And the ethos hasn't changed. During the week before every August Bank Holiday (this year 21-28 August), we still offer bed and breakfast to singers (who come from all the big cathedrals and well-known choirs) and clergy. Being a hungry army, they are catered for in the Parish Hall, and the festival visitors are offered refreshments in the Tea Hut (that hut in the church car park). A marquee is erected and on the Wednesday evening there is a Musical

Supper, where the singers do indeed sing for their supper and entertain us with the lighter side of their repertoire, with amusing and clever arrangements of songs we all know. By doing this they help raise a lot of money for local amenities like the village minibus among others. And at the end, the Festival invites all their helpers to a picnic-style lunch in the marquee, which is a great opportunity for everyone to get together after a busy, but successful and enjoyable week.

As you might imagine, this means a huge team effort. A lot of fun and great way of making new friends!

After these two lean years, we really hope to have a full festival this year and would absolutely love it if you felt you could offer some help. We need all sorts of expertise, from serving at the Musical Supper and waiting at tables (a great opportunity for young teens to earn a bob or two), manning the Tea Hut, helping wash up after the singers' meals, offering beds (beware, your guests may even end up becoming firm friends!), guiding people to park their cars, stewarding in church, putting up the odd tent or two and all sorts of other things that crop up in between.





If you're interested, would like to know more, offer a bed or help, please get in touch.

Meg McGlynn is the person to ask about what giving accommodation entails. She also runs the Tea Hut. Chrissy Allanson-Bailey or Susie Hancock can enlighten you on the Musical Supper.

Susie and Wendy Pollard are part of the catering team for the Festival and Hugh Hancock arranges the stewarding and car parking volunteers. Maxine Balls and Chris Laslett are the people to talk to if you'd like to join the flower rota. Our numbers are below.

Meg 01380 830755  
Chrissy 01380 831256  
Maxine 01380 830609  
Wendy 01380 830441  
Susie & Hugh 01225 754626  
Chris 01380 830876

There's a lot more information on the website:  
[www.edingtonfestival.org/community](http://www.edingtonfestival.org/community)

**Susie Hancock**

March 2022

## Edington & District Gardening Club

**Edington Parish Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm,  
First Thursday in the month.**

The new programme will be available in a couple of months (June to May) and visitors are always very welcome to come along to see us. If you are new to the village a free voucher to a meeting should be in your welcome pack. Membership is £8 for the year with an entrance fee of £2. Visitor's fee is £4. Coffee/tea and biscuits are included. We have a speaker most months and have garden visits, usually with a private tour, during the summer months especially.

We are looking forward to a more normal time enjoying the social side of the membership and can't wait to be out and about again. Keep an eye on the Village Web page for updates.

We would like to thank PC Vicky Howick from the Warminster Neighbourhood policing team for putting us in touch with the 'available compost' seized from the local cannabis raid. It will be used for the village tubs and projects.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 7th April when Peter Biggs will be giving a talk on Herbs.

**Jacky Hiscock**

(more details on 830133)

### 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](http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall) Alternatively email [parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk) or phone 01380 830441. We look forward to welcoming you to the hall.



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## STEEPLE ASHTON SEPTEMBER SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022

A FUN PACKED EVENING WITH  
INTERNATIONAL STREET FOOD, LICENSED BAR  
CASINO, MAGICIAN, ABBA TRIBUTE BAND  
AND  
AUCTION CONDUCTED BY PAUL MARTIN (BBC'S FLOG IT)  
MARQUEE IN CHURCH FIELD



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## EDINGTON PARISH HALL

Thank you to everyone who has supported us during the Covid-19 pandemic; fingers crossed that we are now getting back to normality.

In particular we would like to thank Edington Station Yard Ltd for their kind donation and to the late Shirley Fox who so kindly left the Parish Hall a bequest in her will.

**Covid-19 Update** – When all restrictions were lifted by the Government on 24th February, the guidance was that a cautious approach be adopted, based on personal choice and respect for other people. In response to this advice, ACRE (Action for Communities in Rural England) has issued the following advice to those who use Village Hall and Community Halls.

**For Village and Community Halls:** It is more important than ever that vulnerable people, those who feel more cautious and those who have suffered as a result of isolation during the last two years feel confident using village and community halls, in order to improve mental health and wellbeing. This is particularly important for their usual, regular activities; consequently we encourage halls to ask users to follow the principles below.

### Key principles:

1. People should stay at home if unwell.
2. Let fresh air in if meeting indoors. Opening a window for ten minutes helps. (This has also been shown to reduce risk of catching other airborne diseases such as flu).
3. Continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces, especially where you may come into contact with other people you do not normally meet and when rates of transmission are high.
4. Clean your hands often, avoid touching your face, nose or eyes. "Catch it, bin it, Kill it".
6. Maintain social distancing as far as possible from anyone you do not have regular contact with. Respect the fact that others may wish to take a more cautious approach.

Whilst mask wearing is no longer mandatory in the Parish Hall, personal choice should be applied and you may wish to continue to wear a face covering and we suggest that on entering the Parish Hall the hand sanitiser provided is used. Antibacterial sprays and wipes are also provided should groups wish to wipe frequently touched surfaces as an extra precaution. The restrictions on the number of people able to attend events in the Parish Hall due to the mandatory social distancing requirements also no longer applies.

If you would like to book the Parish Hall, please use the online booking system <https://eph.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/> or email [parishall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk](mailto:parishall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk)

**A Gentle Reminder** – We kindly ask that if you use the tables and chairs, you put them away at the end of your booking. It is not always possible to check the hall before the next booking and some groups need a clear floor space. Thank you.

## Notice of the Parish Hall AGM 2022

The Parish Hall AGM will take place on Tuesday 5th April at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. We look forward to seeing you there.

Wendy Pollard - Parish Hall Committee Chair.



## EDINGTON ARTS WELCOMES ITS FIRST TRIO

Saturday April 2nd at 7.30pm marks the first time a Trio has played for Edington Arts in the Priory Church, and it's no ordinary trio. Metamorphoses is an unusual ensemble of piano, viola and clarinet. Moreover the players represent a really global community; the pianist is Russian, the violist is Dutch, and the clarinettist is American, though living in Scotland.

Each also has an individually glittering career as a soloist or chamber music player, and they came together in 2016 to explore music written for this combination of instruments. They have been performing and recording together ever since.

Trios by Mozart, Bruch, Julius Röntgen and Jean Françaix offer lush, subtle and melodic music over a span of three centuries. A special item in their programme will be a short piece, Metamorph, written specially for them by the Dutch composer Theo Loevendie, which was to have had its UK premiere in Edington in 2020 before the concert fell victim to Covid. A clip of the Röntgen Trio is at [www.edingtonarts.org](http://www.edingtonarts.org).

Tickets remain at £20, 15 and 10, with a 10% discount for Edington Angels and 18 and under coming free. Ring Chrissy on 01380 831256 or email [sue@edingtonarts.org](mailto:sue@edingtonarts.org) to reserve your tickets – this is one you really shouldn't miss!

## Edington Landscapes exhibition

"There are many examples of artistic skills shown by residents dotted around the village but they are rarely on public view.

With this in mind, it is proposed to hold an exhibition entitled "Edington Landscapes" in The Parish Hall, possibly in late June. The material could include paintings, sketches and photographs.

Before deciding whether to proceed, it would be helpful to ascertain likely interest in the number of exhibits. Multiple items would be welcome.

We are planning to hold it on Friday 3rd June in the Edington Parish Hall between 2pm and 4.30pm.

If you are interested in participating in the project, it would be helpful if you could discuss your ideas with Pauline at the Post Office.

**George Fraser.**

## Village volunteers

***New year new tasks, come and join us at 9.30 am in the Church Car Park on Wednesday 16 March.***



## **Easter Lunch in the Parish Hall**

We are holding a 2 Course Easter Lunch  
(with a choice of Lamb or Chicken casserole and a  
selection of puddings)

**on Wednesday April 13th at 12.30pm.  
in the Parish Hall, Edington.**

**Price £8.00**

(In aid of the Parish Hall Heating Improvement Fund)

All will be most welcome to join us.

**Booking is essential, so please book your  
place with Pauline at the Post Office  
(tel: 830013) by Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>**

TVM will provide door to door transport

Please book your place with Pauline



## THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



We prefer to still be mindful that the covid virus is still around and ask everyone to wear a face

covering (unless, for medical reasons you are exempt) and hand sanitise before entering the vehicle.

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.

Group hire can also now resume if they wish to do so.

We appreciate the support of Erlestoke Parish Council who have kindly sent a donation to the minibus.

**Joy Fraser (830426)**

### Shopping Trips starting at Edington on

Destination	March	April	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 3rd	Thursday 7th	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 15th	Tuesday 19th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 12th	Saturday 10th	9.30am

**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**

## AGM of TVM

The AGM of the minibus will be held on Monday March 28th at 3.00pm in the Parish Hall, Edington.

The meeting will be followed by tea and cake.

All are welcome to attend. Come and support your community minibus and find out how it has done over 2021.

TVM will provide door to door transport.

Book your place with Pauline.

All are welcome to attend



## A view from the boundary

The season is now so close that we can smell the scent of cut grass and sweet linseed oil. The cricket season is nearly upon us.

On Saturday evening, 15 keen cricketers gathered at Warminster Nets for 2 hours of intense training, followed by 2 more of drinking and recovering. And with aching bodies still being felt this week, it is important to overcome these minor, passing pains and to try to find that elusive form and fitness before the season starts at the end of April.

It has been wonderful to welcome some new faces to the nets, as well as some old ones. This season is fully packed with fixtures and we are looking forward to providing lots of cricket for all our members, be it Saturday, Sunday or Midweek, there will always be a game waiting for those keen to play and to enjoy our unique club atmosphere and friendliness.

Added to this is the excitement is the return of our Junior section which will run during the summer terms and starts on May 7th up at the Walled Garden. Details can be found on the flyer but we welcome all abilities between 5-11 who are looking for fun and an introduction to the playing and skills of the wonderful game of cricket.

For those of you out there who are still tempted to dust of the old whites and relive some cricketing glory days, we have one more indoor practice left, April 3rd, when you can come and have a go before the season starts. Please do get in touch if you would like more details.

Let's hope for a happy, enjoyable and cricket-rich 2022 season of sunshine and good sport.

**Joe Dorgan**  
**ECCC Chairman**  
[joedorgan@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:joedorgan@hotmail.co.uk)  
**07846 213702**



## Introducing: South West Enterprise Fund

Wiltshire Community Foundation are working in partnership with the South West Enterprise Fund (SWEF) to provide business grants of £2,000 to young entrepreneurs in Wiltshire and Swindon that are aged between 18-30.

As part of the programme SWEF provides the opportunity to join a network of peers who are also in the early stage of starting their business to share ideas, experiences and learn.

Who is eligible to apply and what can the grant be used for?

To be eligible to apply, you need to be:

aged 18 to 30

living in Wiltshire or Swindon

planning to start your own business within the next 6 months or running your own business which has been trading for no more than 2 years without easy access to other sources of finance

Grants can be used towards capital items and running costs such as:

stock, equipment or materials

rent or business-related bills

The grant cannot be used for salaries, to pay any existing debt or household bills.

Applications from groups that are often underrepresented in business, including people on low incomes, women, migrants, ethnic minorities, people with disabilities, people with few or no formal qualifications are prioritised.

[Further guidance on the programme is available here and we ask you to read the document before starting your application.](#)

Applications will be open all year round and will be considered periodically throughout the year.



## ERLESTOKE JUNIORS CRICKET



Junior Cricket at The Walled Garden

We are pleased to announce that throughout the summer terms of 2022, Erlestoke & Coulston CC will be running their junior section of the club. We will be offering fun and all-inclusive cricket coaching for boys and girls aged 5-11 and welcome all abilities and experiences. Our coach, Toby Dorgan, has plenty of experience working with young children and coaching cricket, including all the relevant qualifications. Please drop us an email if you or your children are interested, or come along to our first session on the 7<sup>h</sup> May.

JUNIOR CRICKET AT  
ERLESTOKE CC  
SATURDAYS  
9.30- 10.30 AM

FOR BOYS & GIRLS  
AGED 5 -11 YRS

ALL EXPERIENCES  
AND ABILITIES  
WELCOME

ALL EQUIPMENT AND  
REFRESHMENTS  
PROVIDED

£2 PER  
SESSION

### HOW TO FIND US

The Walled Garden High  
Street Erlestoke, Wiltshire  
Wiltshire SN10 5TX

Website: [www.erlestokecoulston.play-cricket.com](http://www.erlestokecoulston.play-cricket.com)



## Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
12 March	9.30 am	Village litter pick	Parish Hall car park
12 March	9.30 am	TVM - Salisbury shopping trip	
14 March	7.30 pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
15 March	1.25 pm	TVM - Warminster shopping trip	
16 March	9.30 am	Village volunteers	Church car park
28 March	3.00 pm	TVM AGM	Parish Hall
2 April	7.30 pm	Edington Arts	Priory Church
5 April	7.30 pm	Parish Hall AGM	Parish Hall
7 April	9.00 am	TVM - Devizes shopping	
7 April	7.30 pm	Gardening Club meeting	Parish Hall
13 April	12.30 pm	Easter Lunch	Parish Hall
19 April	1.25 pm	TVM - Warminster shopping trip	

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

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 or speak to Pauline in the Post Office.

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

**Deadline for articles 5th of the month.**

### Sharing the Newsletter

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

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website

[www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter](http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter)

and enter your details or email

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

and you will be added to the mailing list.