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Hear the latest on Ukraine support in Wiltshire

Join Wiltshire Council at a [public webinar](#) to get an update and all the information you need on Ukraine refugees coming to settle in Wiltshire.

The online event will be at 6:30pm on Monday 16 May and will be an opportunity for you to find out more information and ask questions on the support available in the county.

There will be updates on our work to support refugees including accommodation checks and payments for sponsors through the [Homes for Ukraine scheme](#) and help with school places. There will also be discussion of community support and how you can be involved and time for questions and answers.

You can submit any questions you have in advance, by emailing them to communications@wiltshire.gov.uk.



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

We have now been producing this publication for two years and Pauline and I would like to thank all of our contributors and look forward to receiving more articles in the future.

This month we have news about the forthcoming Platinum Jubilee celebrations planned in the village. We also have news about a new scheme from Wiltshire Council to encourage people to install solar panels to help Wiltshire achieve its climate change targets.

Our nature note this month is about birds of prey that we often see hovering in the sky above the village.



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

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

Thank you

Dr Edwards & Partners

www.westburygp.co.uk

Courtyard Surgery West Lavington
Telephone 01380 813300



NHS

NHS staff, patients and visitors must continue to wear face coverings in healthcare settings, unless they are exempt

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.

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

Wiltshire Police

Police and Crime Commissioner



Nearly 100 additional officers have joined Wiltshire Police so far as part of the Uplift programme to recruit an additional 20,000 officers across the country.

The Government's national campaign is set to fund a total of 158 new officers for Wiltshire, plus six who will be seconded to work in the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit (SW ROCU). This will allow Wiltshire Police to increase its full-time equivalent police officer numbers to 1,165 by March 2023.

Nearly 300 new officers have joined the Force since the start of the Uplift programme in September 2019 and a further 140 student officers are set to start in the next year to the end of the programme in March 2023, this is made up of uplift officers, those recruited thanks to precept funding and those recruited to replace leavers.





Residents, and communities, consistently ask for greater visibility of police officers and better engagement. This uplift will boost Wiltshire Police's efforts in this area and will mean the highest number of police officers from its lowest figure of 934.

Police and Crime Commissioner, Philip Wilkinson said: "Residents have told me they want to see their local officers on the beat, and these additional officers will play a key role in delivering an improved, and more visible police service in our communities.

"The majority of the additional officers recruited so far have been deployed to Community Policing Teams with the focus of improving neighbourhood policing and community engagement."

One step at a time

Whilst additional officers will provide a much-needed bolster for the Force to better protect communities, support victims and help make Wiltshire safer, PCC Philip Wilkinson warned that quality is far superior to quantity when it comes to recruiting officers and we need to take one step at a time.

"While these additional officers are of course a very welcome addition to Wiltshire, it's important that we make sure that we're getting the right people through the door, with the right intentions.

"Misconduct and corruption within policing has come under the spotlight in recent years, and I continue to work with the Chief Constable to ensure that robust vetting processes and training is in place for both new recruits, and those already on the payroll."

Wiltshire Council

Latest News from Wiltshire Council

Who can foster? Wiltshire Council tours the county to encourage more carers to come forward

Two years ago the council started a campaign to recruit 100 additional foster carers by spring 2023

"I'm too old."

"I've got my own children so I can't foster."

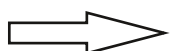
"I'm a single parent."

Wiltshire Council often hears these concerns when people want to foster but are worried they aren't suitable.

Now the council fostering team is using Foster Care Fortnight to tour the county chatting to local residents to help dispel those myths.

Foster Care Fortnight begins on Monday 9 May and during the fortnight, the team will travel around Wiltshire, joining markets and setting up on High Streets for people who want to hear more about fostering for Wiltshire Council. The council is non-profit making and helps keep children local.

There will also be a coffee morning 'drop in' to chat to foster carers from 11am to 2pm on Saturday 21 May at Coffee #1 Trowbridge, and an online information session on Tuesday 24 May at 7pm on this link - <https://bit.ly/3kkec6F>.





Two years ago the council started a campaign to recruit 100 additional foster carers by spring 2023. So far 61 additional fostering families have joined the council and the quest continues to find more. Fostering with a local council means all money is spent on frontline services and the child is more likely to be able to stay close to their school, friends and family networks.

The tour will stop at areas including Salisbury, Melksham, Bradford on Avon, Warminster, Marlborough, Royal Wootton Bassett and Westbury.*

Selina, one of the Wiltshire Council foster carers joined the launch of the Foster Care Fortnight initiative as the fostering van "Urbie" was decorated and made ready to go on tour. Along with her husband Justin she has fostered for five years.

She explained: "I really wish we'd done it sooner. It's been lovely to give them a safe place and boundaries. These children have had a bit of a rough time and to give them this stability and to watch them grow has been amazing. We've really embraced our fostering journey and I'm so glad that we took the plunge and we did it."

Single foster carer Ruth has been registered as a solo carer for 10 years. She explained: "I've always had support to care for children with lots of different needs. My supervising social worker gets to know me and the children I care for and they are always around if I need help or to answer a question. If she's not around there's a duty team and an out of hours team I can speak to. I also get support from other carers. Wiltshire has a very good and comprehensive training programme which covers a range of relevant subjects. There are also many other areas of support provided by other professionals, from health and education.

"Being a foster carer isn't an easy job but it is the most rewarding lifestyle and I wouldn't change it for the world."

Cllr Peter Hutton, Portfolio for Safeguarding said: "We are incredibly grateful to all our amazing foster carers who make a difference to our young people in care every single day. We know there are more people out there thinking - I can't do that because I'm too old or I already have children. This doesn't stop you fostering. We can talk to you and explain how you can foster and there is no obligation attached. We hope that by getting out and about in Wiltshire we will encourage people to think again, come and talk to us or just give us a call to find out more."

Foster carers need to be over 21 years of age, have a spare bedroom, time to care for a child and a willingness to care and seek to understand young people who have experienced trauma and loss.

People who foster with Wiltshire Council are given training and continued support. Payments reflect the commitment carers are making to the role and have recently been increased. There are different fostering schemes available ranging from £357 to £663 a week, depending on people's skills and experience.

For more information, visit Fostering Wiltshire, email fostering@wiltshire.gov.uk, call 0800 169 6321 or text the word Foster to 60002.

Coffee Morning Drop In



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



Cllr Suzanne Wickham



We are all aware of rising energy prices and renewable energy being a key solution to help tackle climate change.

Wiltshire Council has set bold climate change targets, and always looks to encourage innovative and simple measures that residents can carry out themselves to make a positive impact. Solar Together Wiltshire is a great opportunity to look into solar technology for your home.

Residents are encouraged to come together to invest in renewable energy generation through a group-buying scheme for solar panels and battery storage. Wiltshire Council has partnered with Swindon Borough Council and independent experts iChoosr, to deliver Solar Together Wiltshire, which aims to provide clean energy as cost effective and hassle-free as possible,

This scheme will help homeowners feel confident that they are paying the right price for a high-quality installation from pre-approved installers.

Enhanced buying power allows the scheme to offer more competitive pricing than individual homeowners might get if entering the market alone. Residents who own their own house, or, have permission from the landlord to install solar panels, have from 09 May until 14 June 2022 to register for the scheme. It is free to register and there is no obligation. Solar panels with optional battery storage and EV charge points are available as well as offering battery storage for

residents who already have solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid. You can also discuss options to divert solar energy to power the immersion heater in your hot water tank if you have one.

How does it work? • From 09 May until 14 June: Householders can register online to become part of the group, free and without obligation. • Pre-approved UK solar PV suppliers participate in an auction on 14 June, they are able to offer competitive pricing as the volume and geographic concentration makes it possible for them to realise greater efficiencies, which they pass onto customers. • Registered households will receive a personal recommendation, specific to the details they submitted. This will include the costs and specifications of the system. • If they choose to accept their recommendation, a technical survey will be carried out, after which a date can be set for the installation of their solar PV system. • Telephone and email helpdesks are on-hand throughout the whole process which, together with online information sessions, will allow households to make an informed decision in a safe and hassle-free environment. For more information visit www.solartogether.co.uk/wiltshire. Residents who wish to contact iChoosr should email wiltshire@solartogether.co.uk or call 0800 048 8113.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help with local issues.

Best wishes

Suzanne Wickham – Wiltshire Councillor – Ethandune

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Tel: **07967 213336**



Edington Parish Council News

Thank you to those people who attended the Annual Parish meeting to find out more about what the Parish Council have achieved over the last couple of years.

These are some of the achievements.

Highways improvements:-

Speed Indicator Device or SID – Flashing away at errant motorists. The original plan was to move it between the two ends of the village however due to the weight and bulk of the pole etc. it has stayed near the farm shop but turned around occasionally. It is now planned to have a second pole near the top of Greater Lane and we will move the “box” on a regular basis between the two sites.

20mph limits – after delays brought about by Covid we were eventually successful in obtaining funding from the Wiltshire Council Strategic Bids fund and the signage etc. should be appearing in the near future.

Salisbury Hollow – eventually, after some set backs the surface of Salisbury Hollow has been regraded and although we would have liked more work done, budgetary constraints and the legal status of Salisbury Hollow being a byway have prevented any further work for the foreseeable future.

HGV signage – the positioning of Unsuitable for HGV's signs at various locations around the village and on the approach roads has led to a reduction in the number of unsuitable vehicles trying to negotiate Lower Road and Monastery Road. Unfortunately the signs are only advisory so we can do nothing about drivers who choose to ignore them.

Reduction of speed limit to 40mph between Edington and Bratton - those motorists that abide by the limits will reduce their speed, unfortunately this is not everybody. As a follow up to this we have held a meeting with the Area Highways Engineer and have started to look at further measures that could be taken to slow the traffic travelling along the B3098. In the first instance it is necessary to have a traffic count undertaken to identify the number of vehicles and the speeds they are travelling at, this is being undertaken at present.

Other village enhancements:-

Defibrillator(s) – initially one in the car park at the Three Daggers and now one soon to be in position in the Church car park.

Burial Ground field – work in progress. The field has been tidied and an entrance made from the Coal Path into the field. Later this year we will be having a visit from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to advise on the best way forward in providing a wild flower meadow and still allow the field to be used for other activities such as the Music Festival and the recently reintroduced Wassailing (thanks to our resident Wassailers - Pauline and Liz). There has also been a request for a Boules area.

Playfield – negotiations are ongoing with Three Daggers Operating as to the future developments of the playfield. The Parish Council have set up a sub committee of councillors and they will be working on the plans and in due course will feed back to the full council. Subsequent to this the proposals will be submitted to Wiltshire Council for planning permission.

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email

parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



Events taking place in Edington over the Jubilee weekend

Thursday 2 June

8.00pm Edington Priory Church bells will be rung

9.35pm Piper will play Diu Reengage on Picquet Hill

9.40pm Bugle Call – Majesty on Picquet Hill

9.45pm Bonfire lit on Picquet Hill

Friday 3 June

2pm – 4pm

Exhibition in Edington Parish Hall of Edington Landscapes by local residents. See poster on following pages.

Saturday 4 June

2pm - 4pm

Platinum Jubilee Fete in the Priory Church churchyard and surrounds. See poster on following pages.

Sunday 5 June

Street parties around the village

Edington Under 5's decorations for Platinum Jubilee

The Under 5's had a lovely morning making bunting and a portrait of the Queen for a display in the Parish Hall to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. They hope that everyone who uses the hall enjoys their display.



An exhibition of
artwork, photos
and tapestries of
Edington



Edington Parish
Hall

Friday 3 June
2022

2pm – 4 pm

Free entry, donations for refreshments

Jubilee mugs for children
under 11 can be collected on
the day. There will also be a
few available to buy for
£5.25





COME AND
CELEBRATE
WITH US

Platinum Jubilee Fete

Saturday 4 June, 2pm – 4pm

Edington Priory Church field

Come dressed in red, white and blue

Games – splat-the-rat, coconut shy, hoopla and more

Races – three-legged, sack, obstacle, egg and spoon

Activities – wellie throwing, tug-of-war and craft activity

Stalls – teas, cakes, plants, raffle and face painting

Entry and all games free

Everyone welcome, bring your family and friends!





Village Musings

A beautiful pair of wild Mallard ducks are regular visitors to the village pond in Tinhead road at the moment, and we so much enjoy seeing them swimming and foraging in what has become a really excellent wildlife area. There is something



rather funny about watching them, once finished in the pond, flying up to sit for a while on the roofs of the houses around the pond with their webbed feet. One doesn't think of ducks as roosting in that way! If you have not been to the pond recently, it is very much worth a visit at this time of year. Approach quietly – you may well have the privilege of seeing the ducks!



The Priory Church had another coffee and activity morning on Easter Saturday, and we had a lot of visitors coming for a chat and to make miniature Easter gardens with moss, stones and flowers. Again, the event was well attended and it was lovely to watch the church being made ready with flowers and decorations for the great Christian feast of Easter.

The community spirit in our village is really remarkable and people are friendly, welcoming



and helpful wherever you live in Edington. As we prepare for the Jubilee weekend, lots of the smaller communities that make up the village will be holding street parties or other

celebrations with neighbours. There are events in Weirside Court, Inmead, Berry Road, Charlton Hill and at the village pond in Tinhead Road. The latter event, while set up by the residents of Tinhead road, would welcome anyone who would like to join with their neighbours and doesn't yet have a party in mind. Bring your picnic and chairs to the pond at 1.00pm on 5th June and we will enjoy a simple get together at this very special place.

Mercedes Henning



theWI INSPIRING WOMEN

Meeting every second Tuesday of the month
7.30pm.

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

Contact Jan Billinge 07309 117686
email: janet.billinge1@gmail.com

Jan Billinge welcomed everyone to our meeting by giving a heads up on the May meeting which will be a resolution meeting, discussing ADHD/ ASD in young women and girls. The votes for this resolution will be taken to the WI National Annual Meeting in Liverpool in June. At the moment this condition is under diagnosed in girls and it isn't until they are adults that a majority of women

are made aware of this condition.

The guest speaker was one of our own, Anne Tottingham, who gave a talk on homeopathy with a guide to remedies to use at home. This was also Homeopathy awareness week.

(SEE SEPARATE REPORT FOR DETAILS OF THIS TALK)

**Do you want to join in the BIG PLASTIC COUNT?
Join in the investigation to find out how much plastic we use and to inform government from 16th to 22nd May.**

Go to: thebigplasticcount.com to download a sheet, or you can do it online during the week.

Do come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 10th May at 7.30pm to join in the discussion concerning the diagnosis of ASD & ADHD in girls.

We are sure there are many interesting evenings to come.

The programme for the year is available on our noticeboard in the Parish Hall.



White Horse Morris will be dancing at the Three Daggers

on Wednesday 18 May at 8 pm

The origins of Morris dancing are lost in history but has been performed back into lost time. It is one of the few forms of traditional English Dance still performed. White Horse Morris was formed in 1951 right at the start of the folk revival. It dances Cotswold originating in the villages of the Cotswolds and Border Morris traditionally found on the Welsh borders.



HOMEOPATHY, WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

By Anne Tottingham homeopath contact:
annetott@homeopath-reiki.co.uk

HOMEO means similar and PATHY means suffering.

The idea of Similars goes back hundreds of years but it was the founder of homeopathy, Doctor Samuel Hahnemann, who through a 30-year period in the 1800s experimented with willing volunteers to find many substances including minerals and plants which in their original state could cause a symptom but in its homeopathic state will alleviate a similar problem.

For example, Coffee will increase the heart rate and aid digestion and keep you alert. In its homeopathic form as Coffea it is a great aid for sleep where restless thoughts keep you awake.

Homeopathy does not just treat the symptoms but looks at the whole person, your mental and physical health is considered as is your history. As homeopaths we look to see what the CAUSE of a symptom may be, what else was happening at the onset of a problem. Often a particular trauma will bring out a physical symptom.

Homeopaths have medical training within their courses. My training took 4 years from 1992 to 1996 one weekend a month with study in between and supervised assessment to practise during the last year. A homeopath will always recommend any lifestyle changes that could help a situation. Being a homeopath has become a way of life for me now. There is a Society of Homeopaths which can help in finding a practitioner. I used to belong to this but as a "semi-retired" homeopath I decided not to continue paying the fees. There are no side effects and remedies can be used alongside conventional treatments.



It does not work for everyone, but Ghandi said "homeopathy cures a larger percentage of cases than any other method of treatment." Homeopathic remedies can be used for "acute" situations at home. "Acute" means something that will eventually get better on its own, but the remedy can speed the healing process. Take as little of the remedy as possible to stimulate the body to heal itself.

"Less is best."

I recovered very quickly from my hip operation with the aid of carefully prescribed remedies from my homeopath. The remedy made from the Daisy – bellis perennis -in the picture, was very helpful for healing soft tissue.

It helps to learn how to use the remedies by attending a homeopathy first aid course or by purchasing a simple guide to the use of homeopathic remedies. That way you can build up a remedy kit that suits you and your family.

Some remedies to use at home include:

- Arnica for trauma, injury, accident or bruising even after the event. It promotes healing, controls bleeding (not to be applied to open cuts) and reduces swelling.
- Allium cepa (made from red onion which makes your eyes and nose stream) is useful for colds and hay fever where those are the symptoms. This is only one of many remedies for hay fever and colds.
- Bryonia (made from Wild hops) for a persistent dry cough. This remedy can also ease any movement which is very painful.
- Ars Alb (made from white oxide of Arsenic) for many complaints including food poisoning, flu, and hay fever where the person is anxious and restless with symptoms worse at night.

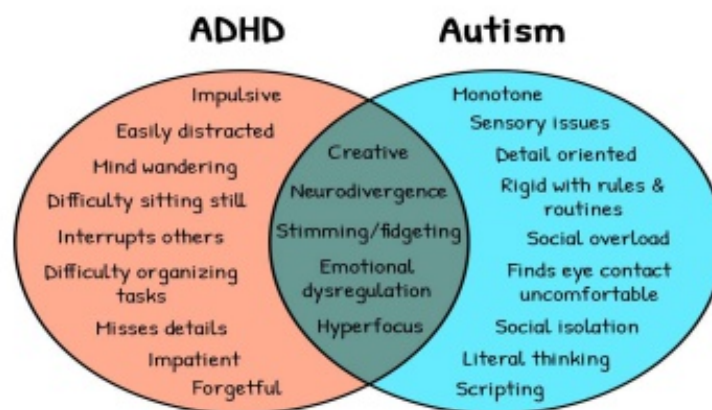


EDINGTON & TINHEAD

MAY NEWS



RESOLUTION DISCUSSION MEETING WHY ARE GIRLS UNDERDIAGNOSED WITH ASD/ADHD?



@autistic.qualia

TUESDAY 10th MAY 7:30pm
AT THE PARISH HALL
All Welcome!



Birds of prey of Edington

One of my main joys this year has been to see Red Kites riding the thermals above Edington. To see them soaring and gliding on outstretched wings is a sight we were nearly deprived of for ever as Red Kites had been extinct in England and Scotland since the 1870s. In Wales there was only one remaining breeding pair by the 1930s. This was all caused by the fact that gamekeepers and farmers mistakenly accused them of killing their animals even though in the Middle Ages they were prized as a street-cleaning scavengers and even protected by royal decree. By the mid-1800s it was classified as vermin and hunted to near extinction in the UK in just 30 years. They were shot, trapped, and poisoned.

To combat this almost complete extinction of the Red Kite in the UK, a conservation programme was started in 1903 to try and protect them. This is now the longest continuous conservation programme in the world.



Red Kite in flight (del S.F. Henning)

This conservation programme started on the small remnant population that was still found in the old oak woods in the undisturbed upland valleys of mid-Wales, but despite extensive

efforts, the numbers remained extremely low. This was mainly due to poor habitat and lack of food. There was also a bad disease outbreak in the 1950s that knocked the numbers down again. However, once the species had successfully spread to more productive land at lower altitudes, their number finally started to increase. By the mid-1990s there were more than 100 breeding pairs in Wales, and 350-400 pairs by 2003.

It was back 1986 when there were only 30-odd pairs that the RSBP and other conservation bodies met to discuss the reintroduction of the Red Kite to England and Scotland, and the process began in the early 1990s. This was a huge success and new colonies were established in both England and Scotland from re-introductions from both Wales and Europe. There are probably now around 1,800 breeding pairs in the UK with about half in Wales and the rest in England and Scotland.

The Red Kite is usually solitary and seen soaring and gliding on large powerful wings. It is usually found in wooded areas and will sit openly on a conspicuous perch. It will take off easily from vegetation and the ground.

The Red Kite feeds mainly on carrion, small mammals, birds, and insects. It builds its nest in trees out of sticks, mud, and miscellaneous rubbish such as paper and bones. The female lays two or three white eggs with variable reddish-brown markings and incubates them for 28-30 days. The young fledge after 45-50 days.

Another bird of prey that I have enjoyed seeing this year is the Common Buzzard. I have enjoyed seeing its acrobatic mating flights up on the Salisbury plain above Edington this spring at the start of their mating season. During the displays the males will swoop and dive and do loop-the-loops, to attract a female. Once they found a





mate they will dance together, round and round in circles in the sky, facing each other. They usually mate for life and will defend their territories from any intruders.



Common Buzzard (del. S.F. Henning)

Buzzards are usually observed on open hillsides and wooded valleys. They often prefer farmlands for feeding and nearby woods for nesting. Here they can be observed apparently without effort sailing over the hills or circling and rising up on thermals of hot air on broad rounded wings. They often draw attention to themselves in flight with mewing calls.

The Buzzards are opportunistic predators but feed mainly on carrion (roadkill) or small mammals such as voles, mice, and even rabbits which they hunt on the wing. As they soar or

glide over the fields, they scan the ground for any movement which may mean the presence of a small mammal. Where other suitable prey is lacking, they will also feed on earthworms and other invertebrates. This flexibility of diet allows them to survive in a variety of habitats.

They can often also be seen perching for long periods on a branch or a post. They can take off and land on vegetation or the ground.

The Buzzard normally builds a large nest of sticks and lines it with finer twigs, grass, moss, or bracken. They lay 3-4 white eggs spotted or blotched with reddish-brown markings that take about 40 days to hatch. The young fledge after 40-45 days.

Dr Stephen Henning



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**



The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2nd – 5th June 2022

On Sunday 5th June, we thought it would be good to join in with the street parties around the country.

Edington Village is hosting street parties in several areas

We would like to set up a party in Downsvie.

We cordially invite you to join the Westbury Rd (west of Monastery Rd.) / Longlands / Downsvie party!

2.00pm until 4.00pm

Some Trestles will be supplied if you manage to bring along chairs for yourself that would help. Bunting and flags welcome!

Bring your own picnic or let us know what you might like to bring to share. Any volunteers to make a Jubilee Cake?

Let's hope for good weather and a lovely social gathering,

especially as we have several new neighbours who have recently moved here

Please reply to Jacky Hiscock 830133, (answer phone available) Hillview, 34 Westbury Rd, or Liz Pike 830684

- Yes, will attend (names and numbers) /no thank you
 - Will be attending a different party group
 - Will bring own picnic / something to share
- please let us know what you would like to provide

RSVP ASAP



Four Villages Link

We would like to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, a donation of £500 from the estate of Shirley Fox, who lived in Edington. Shirley was a Link coordinator and a strong supporter of the charity.

There are many events lined up for the Platinum Jubilee weekend. If you would like to attend any, including those in the evening and require transport, do contact the coordinator on 07852 256939. The usual trips to hospitals, clinics, shops etc continue as normal. Details of Four Villages Link are found at

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

Catherine Elliott

EDINGTON PARISH HALL

At the top of Monastery Road, is available for hire at very reasonable rates and has the benefit of a car park opposite the hall.

Suitable for parties, meetings, family celebrations, funeral wakes and other events.

For more information or to book the hall, using the online booking system, go to

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall

Alternatively email

parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk or phone 01380 830441. We look forward to

welcoming you to the hall.



Edington & District Gardening Club

4th May 2022 Meeting report

Following on from the AGM a few points were discussed before the Speaker started. We were reminded there will be a Fete on June 4th for the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations. This will be held in the Church Car Park and surrounds from 2-4pm. We do need plants and other gardening items to sell on the stall so please drop off any items before 2.00pm behind the toilet block in the Car Park. This will be a fund raiser for ourselves.

The July visit to Stratford Tony, near Salisbury will now be Tuesday 24th May, 6.15pm start. Please contact Jackie Pike if you are wanting to go. The other two visits arranged so far are to Beggars Knoll, Wednesday 22nd June. 7.00pm start and Lytes Cary, Somerton. Wednesday 10th August 2.00pm start.

We are having a work party on the Saturday following the monthly meeting to tidy the front part of the bank at the Parish Hall entrance. 9.30pm start.

After New members were welcomed, we had a wonderful talk with beautiful pictures given by Richard Rickett all about bees. His knowledge on the subject was immense. Although there is only one species of the Honeybee, from European stock, there are 225 species of solitary bees and 24 species of bumble bee. There are even 18K species of wasp. We were told about the life cycle of the bumble bee and how we can help with different flowers, singles not doubles and hybrids, and trees we can grow throughout the year to help them stock up on pollen and nectar. If you see a lonely bumble bee looking under the weather, it is probably the Queen bee just coming out of hibernation needing

sustenance. Make up a drop of equal parts water and sugar and put it in the sunshine to allow it the bee to drink and thrive.

We have lost 80% of insects in the past 25 years, so think about the plants we use and do not use the pesticides readily available from Supermarkets and Garden Centres, these are even more harmful than farmers' pesticides which are strictly controlled. Let the lawn grown in a couple of areas and when the wild flowers go over, lightly mow the tops off to allow them to flower again.

Next month Jackie Haimes from Bratton Plant Centre will give a demonstration on 'container planting' June 9th opens from 7.00pm

Edington and District Gardening Club

Queen's Platinum Jubilee Fete

Saturday 4th June 2 – 4.00pm

At the Church Car Park and Grounds.

Please bring along any plants and any other Gardening Paraphernalia for the Gardening Club Stall.

Please leave behind the toilet block in the Car Park before 2.00pm



WILTSHIRE *Live* MUSIC CENTRE



SAT 14 MAY

ORCHESTRA OF THE AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT

WMC's Orchestra in Residence return to perform Haydn's symphonic masterpieces



FRI 20 MAY

RANT

Fiddle quartet at the forefront of the Scottish scene



Wild about Wiltshire

Wild about Wiltshire is our new approach to grass cutting which improves biodiversity and encourages bees and other pollinators to thrive. This new scheme encourages areas to be left for rewilding and other areas chosen to promote wildflower growth.

You can get involved too, by taking part in ['No Mow May'](#) and allow your grass to go unmown for the month of May, creating habitat and forage for early season pollinators. Research has shown that simple changes in mowing can result in enough nectar for ten times more bees.



Steeple Ashton Open Gardens

Sunday 29th May 2022
11am - 6pm

Refreshments & Cream Teas
Plants & Flower Sales
Raffle & Tower Draw
Pimms on the Lawn

Advance Tickets from:
The Village Shop - £7.50
www.ticketsource.co.uk - £8.00
Tickets on the day - £10.00



THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



We prefer to still to 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.

Please note that I have had to make two changes in June; namely that the Devizes trip is on the second Thursday (ie. June 9th) and the first Westbury trip will be on Wednesday June 1st. These changes have had to be made because of the bus's availability.

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

We appreciate the support of the BMS Group of Bratton who kindly sent a very generous donation to the minibus.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Shopping Trips starting at Edington on

Destination	May	June	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 5th	Thursday 9th	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 17th	Tuesday 21st	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 14th	Saturday 11th	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**

Lunch in the Parish Hall



Reminder this month's lunch is on Wednesday May 11th at 12.30pm.

in the Parish Hall for those people who have booked with Pauline.

The next lunch will be on June 8th and will be a two course Summer Lunch

All will be most welcome to join us but you must book your place with Pauline by Wednesday June 1st to help catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door transport



View from the Boundary



Well it's early May and the season is truly up and running. With a handful of games under our belts, it's been quite a good start to the season for Erlestoke Cricket Club. We have welcomed so many teams already to the walled garden as well as many walkers who have come to enjoy the bluebells in the surrounding woods. It's been amazing to have so many members return and to sign up new people and we thank everyone who has become part of the club so far and enabled us to grow and build on last year's membership numbers. Long may it continue.

Juniors


Saturday morning saw the first junior session of 2022 and unlike for most of last year, the sun shone down and made a brilliant start for the junior's cricket at The Walled Garden. With 24 keen and enthusiastic youngsters turning up for the first session, it was wonderful to have the sound of laughter and enjoyment echoing around the walls. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week and hope that we might have some more faces in the coming weeks. Our thanks go to all the parents who have showed an interest in the sessions as well as the coaches who give up their time on a Saturday morning. We are passionate about promoting a love for the game and hope to build on this excellent first session. On top of that, we hope that we might be able to persuade some dads to think about getting those whites out and getting involved with the adult sides.

Saturday XI

The league side have now got 2 games under their belts and with one loss and one win, it's not been too bad a start. After the first game, there was a sense of disappointment as after a tricky start vs Combe Down CC, they managed to post 205 with a good 107 from J Dorgan giving

the club hopes for that first win. But luck just wasn't on their side and with a few dropped catches and balls flying into the gaps, Combe Down chased down the total in the penultimate over. It was a case of what could have been and meant that this week's game was even more vital. However, with only 9 taking to the field at 1pm against Swindon 3 (after 2 late drop outs due to illness) it was looking like it could be another frustrating day. But, thanks to the leadership of skipper Mike Barton and the outstanding bowling and fielding of the 9, Erlestoke showed just how strong they are and the quality that lies in the ranks of the membership. On winning the toss, Swindon decided to have a bat and why wouldn't you; beautiful day, good pitch, fast outfield and only 9 fielders to get the ball past..... but soon it proved to be a poor decision as Erlestoke struck with the ball and soon had Swindon on the back foot. After quick wickets and 3 run outs, the visiting team struggled to get any partnerships going and were finally dismissed for 184. Stand out bowling from Mark Bedford, Joe Dorgan and Sam Brooks doing the bulk of the damage with 3 brilliant run outs added for good measure. After that, it was never in doubt and careful and confident batting from the top 3 got us easily over the line with Toby Dorgan and Graeme Morrison finishing 80 and 64 not out respectfully. Winning by 9 wickets and with plenty of overs left, it was a great way to bounce back after the disappointment of the previous week. Roll on week 3 and an away trip to Wotton Bassett and hopefully a full 11 on the pitch.

Sunday XI

It's been a great start for the Sunday team too this season with a draw and a win. An opening game vs Chilmark on a beautiful April afternoon could have had the team forgiven for thinking it was mid-summer, such was the weather. And with 60 needed off 57 balls with wickets in hand, it looked like Erlestoke were going to open the Sunday account with a good win. But such is the way with this game that soon we found ourselves drifting from the required run rate and 



with 3 balls to go and 5 needed it was looking like it could all be lost. Then a wicket and 5 needed off 2 balls. Into the wicket strolled Richard Oakley, looking confident and defiant, he ran down the wicket and smashed his first ball for 4! One needed with one ball to go- easy; the field came in, the bowler turned and ran letting the ball go only for Oakley to run down the wicket and chip the ball straight to cover. Caught and the game was tied. A brilliant game with plenty to talk about and debrief in the pub afterwards. A wash out on the following Sunday gave some a day off and then came the visit of Mere on the 8th. Another beautiful day at the ground and a good pitch. Erlestoke batting first posted a competitive 203 with everyone contributing but a standout effort of Sam Brooks scoring a maiden 50 for the club was the pick of the batting. However, with a set of youthful players in their batting line up, Mere were confident that they could give this a good chase. But with a great spell still in his mind from the previous day, young Sam Brooks had other ideas and with a devastating spell of quick bowling soon had taken 4 wickets and crushed Mere's hopes of getting close to the Erlestoke score. A worthy man of the match, Sam Brooks deserved all praise that came his way this weekend and we are sad to see him return to school. But we hope to see him again soon (although our opposition teams will hope he stays away a while longer) scoring runs and taking wickets for Erlestoke.

Midweek XI

The midweek team is always popular and under the new leadership of Liam Ellis, has remained a strong part of the club. With 2 games in, it's clear to see that Liam has picked up and built on all the hard work of his predecessor Joe Moloney and it's an enjoyable and inclusive team to be part of. With a win vs Whitley and a loss vs Dauntsey, it's been a tale of 2 games. But that's the beauty of cricket and there's always the

next game to look forward to to help change your fortunes. We welcome Urchfont this week and hope to get back to winning ways with our friendly local rivals.

Joe Dorgan

Chairman, Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club



Under Fives Fun on the Farm

On a bright sunny Saturday morning, Emily and James Greening kindly invited the Under 5's to spend the morning on the farm. It is to be hoped that Emily's egg business has picked up again after her chickens were traumatised by a dozen toddlers excitedly collecting eggs and chasing around after chickens. Her hens not being that prolific, Emily surreptitiously kept replacing eggs to make sure everyone had an opportunity to collect some.

A large green tractor (not a technical description, but ask James for a lot more detail!) and a telehandler were there for the children to sit in, not to mention some parents. It turns out that both the lights and horn work without the ignition keys!

The bottle-fed lamb patiently allowed herself to be fussed over and the ducks did a circuit of their pen as visitors ran around excitedly. Patch the donkey maintained his too cool for school persona and ignored the children who were trying to feed him grass and making encouraging ee-ore sounds at him. He did not oblige by replying. The word is that he prefers to shout out in the middle of the night. After a visit to the calves, everyone moved into the garden for a picnic,

Thank you Emily and James – it was such great fun.



Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
10 May	7.30pm	WI meeting	Parish Hall
11 May	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
14 May	9.30am	TVM Salisbury shopping	
17 May	10.30am	Four Villages Link AGM	Parish Hall
17 May	1.25pm	TVM Warminster shopping	
18 May	8pm	White Horse Morris dancing	Three Daggers
21 May		May Ball	Playfield
2 June		Start of Jubilee celebrations	
3 June	2pm - 4pm	Exhibition of Edington art etc	Parish Hall
4 June	2pm - 4pm	Platinum Jubilee Fete	Church grounds
5 June		Street parties	
8 June	12.30pm	Village lunch	Parish Hall
9 June	9.00am	TVM Devizes shopping	
11 June	9.30am	TVM Salisbury shopping	

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

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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.

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