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Malcolm Wieck celebrating his fifty years as clerk to Edington Parish Council

and the Edington and District Gardening Club moving into their 21st year with a new series of talks and visits. Details of these events and others can be found in the What's On Diary on page 24 and on the village website.

The Parish Council are keen to ensure that all village events appear on the village website so please make sure that if you are organising an event in the village that you send the information to the website.



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

As we start on our fifth year of producing the newsletter, this month we have an article about the notable achievement of the Clerk to the Edington Parish Council who has been undertaking the task for the last fifty years. To celebrate the occasion councillors past and present were recently invited to a gathering in the Parish Hall.

Although May appears to be a quiet month on the village calendar there are a number of events taking place in June, ranging from the Edington Village Fete on Saturday 1st June on the Coal Path Field, Well Dressing and Tea on Saturday 22nd June by the village pond, this follows on from last years successful introduction





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

We have recently been publicising the planned closure of the POD medication ordering service. It has now been confirmed that the POD will no longer be taking repeat requests for our patients from Monday 29th April.

We want to clarify that this decision was not made by Westbury Group Practice, rather, it is a regional NHS decision that will affect all practices in Bath, Northeast Somerset, Swindon, and Wiltshire.

In place of the POD, please note that there are several other options for you to use when requesting your repeat medications.

- NHS App
- Systmonline
- Talk to your pharmacy to see if they can help.
- Email: bswicb.wgpprescriptions@nhs.net
- Tel: 01373 828330 option 3 for queries available from 10:00 – 12:00 and 14:00 – 16:00 daily (we will not routinely accept requests for repeat medications by phone). Should you know a patient who is elderly/vulnerable and does not have anyone to support them, please let the prescription team know and they will make a note on the patient records to, exceptionally, allow telephone requests.
- By completing a repeat prescription request form in person at the health centre and posting in the box in the lobby.

The surgery is moving towards using electronic means of communication with our patients as the default method, with the greater

use of emails and text messages. Each and every email address or mobile phone we can record will help us to reduce the £20,000/year postage costs that we currently incur. Please can we ask all our patients to ensure we have your up-to-date details. There are slips at the Reception front desk, or you can email us these details to bswicb.wgppatientvoice@nhs.net

Please always add your full name, date of birth and first line of your address with any communication with the surgery so that we can ensure we update the correct records.

We are currently investigating our options with regard to our plans to replace the online eConsult option. Our original plan was to use a system called PATCHS. However, we are now reviewing an alternative supplier option which we feel could offer our patients the best and easiest system to use. Once a firm decision has been made, we will be publicising the chosen system widely.

We are now re-starting the publication of our surgery statistics; please see those below for the month of March:

Face to face appointments 8113
Telephone appointments 4355
Phone calls answered 18,803
eConsults submitted 633
Did Not Attend (DNA) Appointments 344
(almost 77 hours of clinical time missed)
Friends & Family Test (FFT)
Very Good or Good 90%
Very Poor or Poor 5%

Dr Edwards & Partners

Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington



Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

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

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



Wiltshire Police

Wiltshire police is split into ten Neighbourhood Policing Teams (NPTs). Each NPT is led by an inspector and made up of sergeants, PCs, PCSOs and is supported by additional officers from the wider area to help serve the community and help keep you safe.



Teams work closely with local authorities, organisations, partners and residents to decide policing priorities. This helps teams find long-term solutions to local problems.

Top reported crimes in the Warminster area
Most commonly reported crimes during March 2024

Violence and sexual offences	12
Criminal damage and arson	4
Anti-social behaviour	3
Other theft	1

**Community Drop-In Event - Meet the team
7:00PM - 9:00PM, Wed 05 June 2024**

**Oratory Room, Church Institute, Tynning Lane,
Bratton**

Wiltshire Council

News from Wiltshire Council

**Concessionary bus passes valid from new time
of 9am on all Wiltshire bus routes from 1 May**

Published 1 May 2024

Wiltshire Council has confirmed that holders of Wiltshire concessionary bus passes will be able to use their passes for travel from 9am on local bus services on weekdays from 1 May.

Normally, concessionary bus passes for older and disabled people cannot be used to travel before 9.30am on weekdays, but Wiltshire Council has agreed with bus operators to amend this restriction to 9am until further notice, for all journeys that start in the Wiltshire Council local authority area.

Pass holders will still be able to use their bus pass at any time to travel at weekends.

Cllr Tamara Reay, Cabinet Member for Transport, said: We often get asked if we can allow pass holders to use their passes earlier on weekdays and so we are delighted to offer this extension to the scheme which gives those with concessionary bus passes more flexibility to get around.

A key priority in our Business Plan is a commitment to having vibrant, well-connected communities, and to increase the use of public transport. This scheme is a great example of the work we're doing to make this a reality.

I'd like to thank our bus operators for their continued support, which means we can implement schemes like this for our communities.

For more information about concessionary bus passes, people can visit: <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1720/Concessionary-bus-pass>





#MoveMoreWiltshire - Mental health information fair and other activities planned for May

Published 30 April 2024

People can take steps to improve mental health by taking part in free activities and finding out more about support available at an information fair this May.

Wiltshire Council is hosting the Mental Health Information Fair at County Hall in Trowbridge on Monday 13 May from 10am to 4pm.

The event, which is part of a range of activities for national Mental Health Awareness Week, will involve more than a dozen stalls offering advice and signposting to support people's mental wellbeing.

Wiltshire Council's leisure services team will be at the fair showing off ways to move and stay fit physically and mentally in line with the national theme for the week of moving more for our mental health.

Wiltshire Council's Health Coaches will be offering advice on healthy eating, support to give up smoking and reduce drinking, and carrying out individual health checks. The team offer free support to businesses as part of the work in the community.

Other participants include Wiltshire libraries, Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, Alzheimer Support Wiltshire and Wiltshire and Swindon Sport (WASP).*

In partnership Wiltshire Council public health teams are joining leisure colleagues and Wiltshire And Swindon Sport (WASP) to promote physical activities to improve mental wellbeing throughout the week.

Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, Cabinet Member for Public Health said: "These days we are all more aware of our mental health and the need to take steps to improve it. I would love people to drop in to talk to the range of groups and organisations - be it about exercising for mental health or how to stay healthy as a carer of someone. We will of course also be sharing lots of positive information online and we will be using the hashtag #MoveMoreWiltshire. This aligns with our Business Plan to empower people

to live full, healthy, and enriched lives.

"We are joining together to promote how we can all stay healthy both in mind and body. A key thing for people to know is 'you're not alone.' There are steps you can take now to improve your physical health and wellbeing."

For more information on what is happening throughout the week follow - Public Health Wiltshire or Active Wiltshire on Facebook.

*Those taking part in the Mental Health Fair include:

- Age UK
- Alzheimer's Support
- Carers Together Wiltshire
- Celebrating Age Wiltshire
- Connect
- Family and Community Learning
- Health Improvement Coaches
- HELP Counselling
- Mighty Girls
- Spurgeons
- The Nelson Trust
- WASP
- Wiltshire Council - Leisure
- Wiltshire Libraries
- Wiltshire MIND
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust
- Workplace Health

Spring into Summer with a Wiltshire Council leisure membership!

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Summer membership promo leisure Wiltshire Council's spring leisure membership offer is now available in all council run leisure centres - people can join now to get fit for summer.

All leisure centres throughout the county are currently offering three months of membership for £99, with unlimited access to gym, swimming, and group exercise classes. The no admin fee, no commitment, membership is available to purchase until 31 May.

All leisure memberships enable





the holder to access all 20 council operated sites, giving members the opportunity to take part in a wide range of activities and classes: from high-intensity classes such as Les Mills Body Attack or Body Pump, through to relaxation and wellness classes like Pilates and yoga.

Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Leisure, Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling, said: "We're really keen to encourage people to improve their health and wellbeing by leading more active lifestyles. This three-month membership is a great opportunity to get fit for summer and will allow people to sign up to our facilities without any on-going commitment, providing flexibility and allowing them to take a first step towards their fitness goals."

A key priority in our business plan is provide facilities that are not only safe and well maintained, but also at good value-for-money. This membership will allow people to try out our facilities and take the first step on their fitness journey. If they then wish to continue with us at the end of the three months, we would love them to stay and we have a large range of membership and payment options to get the most out of their time with us."

For more information or to become a member, people should visit Wiltshire Council's website at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-promotions

Devizes man prosecuted for dumping waste, while fines issued to other fly-tippers

Published 29 April 2024

Wiltshire Council has successfully prosecuted a Devizes man for fly-tipping in the town.

Following a report from a member of the public who witnessed the event, Matthew Pike of Anzio Road, Devizes, pleaded guilty to fly-tipping on Friday 12 April at Swindon Magistrates Court and received over £500 in costs and fines, as well as a criminal record.

Mr Pike admitted he had discarded items from his property over the back of the railings of

a shared car park and into bushes. The items included shopping trolleys, bicycle frames, bicycle tyres, car tyres and wooden planks.

Following several invites to interviews under caution, which he failed to attend, and a non-payment of a fixed penalty notice (FPN) issued by the council, Environmental Enforcement officers commenced prosecution proceedings against him.

Elsewhere around the county, a Ludgershall man was issued with a £400 FPN for failure to comply with his household waste duty of care after he claimed he paid an unlicensed waste carrier to take away his rubbish.

The black bags were later found fly-tipped in a residential area in Ludgershall. The man failed to check whether the waste carrier was licensed, and he did not record the vehicle details of the person who took his waste, nor did he request a receipt or waste transfer note.

A Trowbridge woman was also issued with a £400 FPN for fly-tipping waste on Deep Lane, Corsley, near Warminster. The household waste was dumped in a layby and Environmental Enforcement officers investigated, which led to the FPN being issued for this illegal act.

Neither of the people who received FPNs can be named as it is not a conviction in court.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for Highways, Street Scene and Flooding, said: "No matter where fly-tipping takes place in our beautiful county, we will take action against anyone who dumps waste in Wiltshire, and we will use all powers available to us to fine and prosecute people.

"In the case of the Devizes resident, he had every opportunity to pay the fixed penalty notice we issued, but chose not to and instead now has a bigger fine and a criminal record.

"We are focused on tackling fly-tipping in Wiltshire, and as part of our Business Plan commitment and our award-winning We're Targeting Fly-tippers (WTF) campaign, we have invested an extra £150,000 a year into tackling environmental crime.



Edington Parish Council News

Edington Parish Council celebrate their clerk's fifty years service.

Malcolm Wieck has just celebrated his fifty years as clerk to Edington Parish Council and it is believed that he is the longest serving clerk in Wiltshire and one of only a handful of clerks in the entire country who have served for fifty years. Malcolm took up the role in April 1974 and is still serving the parish council and is looking forward to his sixty years as clerk!

Recently past and present councillors met in the Parish Hall with some of Malcolm's friends and the Chair of Wiltshire Council to celebrate the occasion and present him with gifts.

The present Parish Council chairman John Pollard said "He has been a very dedicated and loyal officer of the council and many past and present councillors are indebted to him for his support over the years. He has a vast reservoir of knowledge on parish council matters and can always find the answer to any council question. He is a very professional, meticulous and hard

working clerk who also juggles his work with that of assistant priest for the Bratton, Edington, Coulston, Imber and Erlestoke benefice."



Malcolm Wieck, Cllr Suzanne Wickham, Cllr James Sheppard (Chairman Wiltshire Council)



Forthcoming roadworks.

A360 West Lavington to Tilshead

9 May 19:00 - 11 May 06:00

Reactive carriageway repairs.

B3098 Westbury Road, Erlestoke

22 May 19:00 - 25 May 23:59

Reactive Patching

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



Spring Covid vaccinations are beginning and if you would like a lift to a health centre, please call the coordinator on 07852 256939.

The volunteers also undertake good neighbour tasks and are happy to just keep people company over a cup of tea.



Edington & District Gardening Club

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

At the May meeting we had a very interesting talk from Lynda Warren, all about sowing, growing, harvesting, and preserving of herbs. Her enthusiasm kept us interested and amused.

In the spring, sow using 75% peat free compost and 25% washed horticultural grit, and prune rosemary, sage, bay, and hyssop. In the summer plant out seedlings, dead head to prolong the harvesting, prune lavender and thyme, feed once a week with liquid seaweed. In the Autumn cut back plants to retain the shape, protect from frost. In the winter cut out feeding and protect exposed plants. Air drying, oven drying, sugar and salt and freezing can all be used to preserve your herbs together with blended butter, flavoured oils, or vinegars, Lynda brought along samples to taste! Let's hope for a good entry in the 'herbs in a vase' at the Flower & Produce Show in September!

The next event for the Club is **Saturday 1st June**. Please let us have any plants for the Village Fete for our stall, these can be dropped off at the entrance to the Coal Path field at 1.30pm or to any committee member beforehand.

The next meeting will be **June 6th in the Parish Hall with Richard Cripps** with a hands-on talk about cuttings – both soft and hard wood. The first trip for the year will be to **Abbotsbury on June 27th**.

If you would like to come along to the meetings you are most welcome.

Check out the village web page for details.

Let's Move!
DANCE FITNESS

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



Village Musings

As we walk around our beautiful village at the moment, we can see how our farmers are working hard, preparing for the growing season. It has not been easy this year with so much rain and so many difficult conditions. But, in England, somehow we always have wonderful green



fields and crops growing joyfully in spring. How different from those dry, dustbowl countries where it is difficult to get anything to grow and harvests are unreliable or impossible in so many years. We are always grateful for our farmers and for our climate, allowing us to thrive in this green and pleasant land.



The rape is sparkling yellow across the landscape at the moment, bringing brightness and the promise of good harvest. Rape honey is thick, solid almost, and very early for bee farmers. Rape is one of the oldest domesticated crops known to mankind, having started in the middle east. It is extraordinary to reflect on this as we watch the crop coming to fruition in our modern world.



This is a really good time to enjoy the arable fields and to start to follow the journey to harvest later in the year. You may have to wear a raincoat and wade through puddles and mud, but the walks are superb in spring.

Mercedes Henning

Coffee Morning Drop In



Every Tuesday

10.30 - 11.30 am

in the Three Dagers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.



**ST MARY'S
STEEPLE ASHTON
PRESERVATION TRUST**

Steeple Ashton Open Gardens

Sunday 2nd June 2024
11am - 6pm

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

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



Wildlife trip to Costa Rica – Part 1

I have just got back from a 15-day holiday to Costa Rica. Here we visited rainforests, cloud forests, mangrove swamps, and volcanos. It was a most amazing experience. It was an absolutely fascinating how quickly the forests can return after a volcanic eruption. One of our most interesting walks was walking through a forest growing on volcanic rock from an eruption back in 1968. In contrast we saw flying fish skimming the waves from a catamaran and we snorkelled on a rocky reef, and paddled kayaks through a mangrove swamp.

But most of all the wildlife was absolutely incredible – from sloths, peccaries, coyotes, hummingbirds, macaws, quetzals, vultures, herons, grackles, iguanas, snakes, geckos, spiders, whip-scorpions, cicadas, iridescent morphos, mangrove crabs, to flying fish.

We did a ten-day guided tour visiting a number of sites on the central and Pacific Ocean side of Costa Rica. We arrived in San Jose a couple of days before the tour start and we took the opportunity to learn as much as we could about the Costa Rican wildlife before we started. San Jose was built in a rainforest, so patches were to be found all over the place.

I just have to share with you some of some of my most memorable encounters with wildlife in this remarkable place. Some of the most fascinating were the lives of the three birds I saw during our trip which I shall discuss in this article.

To get to know some of the wildlife before the tour started, we visited “The University of Costa Rica” which ran guided tours around the rainforests found on their campus. Our guide first took us to a tall tree with a colony of huge weaver type nests hanging from the branches near the top. These were the nests of a remarkable bird called Montezuma Oropendola (*Psarocolius montezuma*). It is a black crow-sized bird with a yellow tail and a bare pale blue face

and a pink wattle. This bird inhabits forest canopy, edges, and old plantations. We actually saw them again in the secondary forest on the 1968 larva field of the Arenal Volcano.



Montezuma Oropendola on the campus of the University of Costa Rica.

The sexes are very different in size with the male being 50 cm (20 inches) long while the smaller female is only 38 cm (15 inches) long. In total body mass the males are 100% bigger than the females, which is a 2:1 body-to-mass ratio and makes the Montezuma Oropendola one of the most sexually dimorphic birds in the world. Male size and body mass is associated with sexual fitness and dominance which suggests Montezuma oropendolas have a female-defense mating system. It has been suggested that the size difference in males and females is probably related to differences in foraging habits. The females often forage on thin branches, eating insects out of curled up leaves, while the males often perch on thick branches and forage in epiphytes and bromeliads.

It is a colonial breeder and only the females build the hanging woven nests of fibres and vines, which can be from 2-6 feet long, in a tree that can be up to 30 metres high. While the females nest, the males fight and fend off one another, and the males are ranked depending on the outcome of each fight. The alpha male eventually pushes out all other males until he is the only one left. Interestingly, when





the alpha male leaves to forage for food the others come back and defend the females until he returns. In fact, I suppose they hope he will never return, and they can take the opportunity to replace him.

The Oropendolas are native to Central America, with some found as far north as southern Mexico and some as far south as Ecuador and Brazil.



The nests of the Montezuma Oropendola on the campus of the University of Costa Rica (photo G.J.U. Williams)

Another spectacular bird that I saw in Costa Rica was the Resplendent Quetzal that we saw when we visited the Monteverde Cloud Forest. Our guide was not sure that we would actually see one, but he knew where one was nesting. Our first visit to the nest site we saw nothing, so we continued on our hike through the forest. The guide said we should try again on our return journey. The nest was in a hollow tree near the trail. We approached quietly – and then there it was - a magnificent male Quetzal. We all madly photographed it and after a brief time it flew off, but it was quickly replaced by the female. Again, we photographed it. We were so lucky as this is the must-see bird in Costa Rica and lots of visitors are not as lucky as we were.

Quetzals are strikingly coloured birds in the trogon family. They are found in forests,

especially in the high-altitude cloud forests of Central America. Its iridescent green plumage is its most distinctive feature. Both sexes have a characteristic crest on their heads, resembling a plume of feathers. However, it is the males strikingly long tail feathers which can measure up to 3 feet (91 cm) in length, that makes it truly unforgettable.

They are primarily frugivorous, feeding on fruits of trees such as the wild avocado. The birds have a unique feeding strategy, in which they pluck the fruits and fly to a nearby perch to consume it, discarding seeds in the process. This behaviour plays a crucial part in seed dispersal of these plant species. In addition to fruits, they



A male Resplendent Quetzal showing for its 3-foot-long tail (photo G.J.U. Williams)





also consume insects and small vertebrates, such as frogs and lizards. They are agile flyers, capable of hovering and making rapid turns, which enables them to catch prey in mid-air or pluck it from foliage.

The breeding season usually occurs between March and June, coinciding with the abundance of wild avocado fruits. Males establish a territory and perform elaborate courtship displays to attract females, showcasing their long tail feathers. Once a pair forms, they search for a suitable nesting site, often selecting a cavity in a decaying tree.

Both parents participate in the construction of the nest, using their bills to create a chamber lined with wood chips, leaves, and moss. The female lays one to two eggs, which are incubated by both parents for about 18 days. After hatching, the chicks are fed by both the male and the female, and they fledge in about three weeks. The male continues to care for the fledglings until they become independent, while the female may seek another mate and produce a second brood during the same breeding season.



A female Resplendent Quetzal showing its drabber colours and lack of long tail.

Another bird that we saw from the trogon family was the Gartered (Violaceous) Trogon. We saw this one on our Volcano Walk in secondary forest grown up on the volcanic rock since the eruption of 1968. It is more of a bird for semi open areas such as forest edges, clearings, gallery forest, secondary forest, and shaded coffee and cacao plantations. It feeds by hovering to pick fruit and invertebrates from vegetation. Its diet includes a larger amount of fruit than most other trogons but also many types of insects and other invertebrates. It nests in a wasp, ant or termite arboreal nest or a hole in a rotten tree.



Gartered Trogon male photographed with a mobile phone through a telescope.

Another interesting bird that I saw at several places throughout Costa Rica was the great-tailed grackle (*Quiscalus mexicanus*). It is a medium-sized bird, about the size of a jackdaw, but much more slender with a long tail. It is a highly social passerine bird native to North and South America.

The spectacular male Great-tailed Grackle shimmers in iridescent black and purple and trails a tail that will make you look twice. The rich





brown females are about half the male's size. We saw flocks of these long-legged, social birds strut and hop around villages, towns, and countryside throughout Costa Rica. I gather in the evenings, raucous flocks roost together in trees or the reeds in wetlands, filling the sky with their amazing (some might say ear-splitting) voices.

These are particularly intelligent and resourceful birds. They have been shown to solve "The crow and the pitcher" puzzle – a problem involving a container (a pitcher) that is partially filled with water and a floating, out-of-reach piece of food. The problem is solved by dropping objects into the water to raise the water level and bring the food into reach. Their behavioural flexibility and resourcefulness mean that they can adapt quickly in response to changing conditions and cognitive tasks.

This resourcefulness can be seen in their diverse foraging habits. They can extract larvae and insects (grasshoppers, beetles, bees, wasps) from grassy areas; eat lizards, snakes, frogs, small mammals (mice and shrews), bird nestlings, and eggs; remove ticks and other parasites from cattle; and eat fruits (bananas, berries) and grains (maize – corn on the cob by opening the husks). They turn over objects to search for food underneath, including crustaceans, insects, slugs, and worms; they hunt tadpoles and fish by wading into shallow water, and although they do not swim, they catch fish by flying close to the water's surface, and are even reported to dive a few inches into the water to retrieve fish. They have also been recorded as killing barn swallows in flight.



Great-tailed Grackles foraging on the seashore at Manuel Antonio

I was walking along the beach at Manuel Antonio and was watching the Pacific Ocean and the waves running up the beach. I then just stopped in complete amazement when I saw these remarkable birds running into and out of the waves picking titbits out of the sand. I have seen lots of wading birds foraging on the seashore, but it was the first time I had ever seen a passerine bird running into the waves.



Male Great-tailed Grackle running on the wet sand at Manuel Antonio.

Stephen Henning.



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



Pollinator Project update



Ten Blackthorne and Hawthorne spindles have been planted in the bank of the Parish Hall car park. They are now sprouting so hopefully will establish on

the poor soil here.

The Re-establishment of a pollinator hedge on the Coal Path has been deferred but hedging spindles have been ordered for November and your help planting them would be appreciated

We have been donated some bird boxes, solitary bee hives and a bat roost. These will be going up around the village in the near future.

WHAT you can do To help

- Leave part of your garden to grow wild
- Create a wild flower area
- Fill your flower borders with pollinator friendly flowers

Don't forget **NO MOW MAY** let your lawns grow in May encouraging daisies and other plants to flower to provide for pollinators as May is a in-between season when pollinator friendly flowers are in short supply

No Mow May



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

The Pursuit of Happiness

What makes you happy?

All views welcome.

Saturday 8th June, 5-6pm
Edington Parish Hall
Hot drinks served from 4.30pm



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



Edington Parish Hall

The AGM was held on 7th May and 16 villagers joined the Trustees and Committee for the meeting.

2023 had been a good year with more bookings, both regular and private being made. The committee are grateful for the support given by village organisations who continue to meet in the hall. The three exercise classes held each week give the opportunity for people to stay fit and healthy. The village clubs who regularly meet in the hall welcome new members and joining such groups can help with reducing social isolation. Edington Brass now meet in the Parish Hall for their weekly practice and the Under 5's continue to meet each Thursday morning.

Edington Music Festival used the hall for practice and their meals in August and a marquee erected on the grass area provided extra space for them during that week.

The Gardening Club Produce Show showcased the many and varied talents of the local community and the Charity Card sale was its usual success. The annual Tea and Carols event in December helped to get everyone into the Christmas Spirit.

The fund raising events organised by the committee were varied and usually well attended – the Carpet Bowls Challenge, VocalEase evening (thank you Andrew) and the Curry and Quiz night were particularly successful and monies raised have helped to swell the Hall improvement fund. Sunday Afternoon Tea was poorly attended despite requests for this to become an annual event!

Many people who book the hall for a private party comment on what a lovely hall we have and how clean and welcoming it is. Thanks go

to our lovely cleaner Tracy who does such a good job in keeping the hall looking good.

Maintenance expenses have been kept to a minimum due to volunteer help maintaining the hall (thank you John). The Village Volunteer group regularly help to maintain the grass and bank areas for which the committee are very grateful. However in the summer there was some slippage on the north side of the hall and the bank has now been stabilised with wire mesh. Thanks to volunteer labour only the cost of materials was needed. Work needed to be done on two of the Robinia trees on the bank adjacent to the public footpath after a large branch came down and a water heater and panel heater also needed replacing.

The roof needs replacing and quotations are being gathered. This will be an expensive project but will enable insulation to be added, something that needs to be done before the heating system can be updated.

The treasurer reported that the finances are healthy but grants will need to be applied for to cover the shortfall of the roof and insulation work. Donations had been received from Edington Station Yard Ltd, the Festival Music Supper and lunches held in the Parish Hall. This money has been ring fenced for the improvement work. The 100 Club run by Helen makes a very good contribution to income so if you are not a member already, why not join!

The present committee were unanimously re elected and thanked for their hard work.

It is hoped that more Carpet Bowls events will be held in the near future but please Save the Date Saturday 16th November for the annual Curry & Quiz Night.

If anyone would like to hold a regular class, a get together or organise a fund raising event, please get in touch, Contact details are on the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall



EDINGTON WELL DRESSING 2024

Back by popular Request.

Following the success of our first well dressing last year we are planning another one.

Saturday 22 JUNE 2024

Dressing well in the morning

All welcome to participate.

Start collecting suitable organic material now eg shells, cones, small twigs and dried flowers.

Followed by :

Afternoon Tea on the green by the pond.

A chance for anyone to come and view the finished well dressing.



**All proceeds raised going to the
Air Ambulance**



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





Edington Village Fête

Saturday 1st June, 2pm
Coal Path Field



Stalls

Races

Games

Circus Skills - hands-on
Cream Teas & Barbecue

Entry & Games Free

www.edingtonpriory.church



Recipes of the month - May

Tiramisu

This Tiramisu is a take on Italian classic and would make perfect dessert for any special occasion! Recipes that contain raw eggs are not recommended for young children and vulnerable people so this recipe made without raw eggs is perfect for everyone.



Ingredients

- 300 ml double cream
- 200 g pot creme fraiche
- 250 g pot mascarpone
- 75 ml Baileys, coffee liqueur or brandy or rum
- 5 tablespoon caster sugar
- 300 ml strong coffee made with 2 tablespoon instant coffee granules & 300ml boiling water.
- 200 g pack of sponge fingers / savoiardi biscuits divided in half
- roughly 4 small or 2 large squares of good quality dark chocolate for grating
- 1 tablespoon cocoa powder

A ceramic dish roughly 24 x 18 cm (9.5 x 7 inch)

Method

1. Make the strong coffee. Set aside and let it cool slightly.
2. Prepare mascarpone cream mixture. In a large bowl or in the bowl of a stand mixer put mascarpone, double cream, creme fraiche, sugar and Baileys. Mix together with the hand mixer or balloon attachment of the stand mixer until you get the consistency of thick whipped cream. **Take care not to overbeat.**
3. Once the coffee has cooled slightly divide biscuits in half and dip them in it one by one. Let them "drink" the coffee a bit. Use approx. 150ml / 10 tablespoon for each half of biscuits. Layer the biscuits at the bottom of the dish as you dip them in the coffee. If after dipping your biscuits you still have some coffee leftover (you used less than 150ml / 10 Tbsp) pour it gently over the biscuits..
4. Spread half the mascarpone mixture on top of the first layer of coffee soaked biscuits.
5. Using fine micro plane (or similar) grater, grate the dark chocolate squares over the mascarpone layer.
6. Follow with another half of lady finger biscuits soaked in coffee and another layer of mascarpone mixture.
7. Finish with dusting of cocoa powder.
8. Chill for at least couple of hours but preferably overnight.
9. Serve and enjoy!

Note half fat crème fraiche and light mascarpone cheese can be used to reduce the calories and fat content.



Edington arts

Our next event in Edington Priory Church is our annual Choral Workshop, on Saturday June 15th 10.00am-4.30pm 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 been 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.



Does anyone know who owns this

lovely black fluffy cat?

Please get in touch with

Vic Bate if so.. 07523448660



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



Tinhead

(Extract from Edington, Tinhead and West Coulston in Pictures - 2008)

The name Tinhead was officially dropped in 1952 and survives today only in the name, Tinhead Road. It never was a separate village, but a separate tithing within the Parish of Edington. Known colloquially as `Tinit the name is thought to derive from ten hides. This would have been a significant small estate since five hides was considered sufficient to support the lowest class of Anglo-Saxon aristocratic landowner. Alternatively one hide was a unit of land considered sufficient for the maintenance of one family and could be ploughed by a team of 8 oxen — between 90 and 100 acres according to the nature of the land. By the time of the Domesday survey it had become a unit of taxation.

There were at one time two manor houses at Tinhead and one at Baynton. the location of one of them being rather obscure but it may have been on the site of A'Beckett House. The other was where Court Farm is now situated in Court Lane. It had a moat and what has been described as an ecclesiastical barn; it was demolished early in the 19th century. Baynton Manor, destroyed by fire in 1795, was located just north of the present Upper Baynton Farm where the remains of the moat can still be seen.

Interesting buildings still in existence include A'Beckett House, Shore House, the old George Inn, the old Malt House, the old school, the old Methodist Chapel and the old Lamb Inn.

A'Becket House, parts of which are said to be mid-16th century, is thought to have been the home of the Whittaker family who owned cloth mills at Edington, Bratton and North Bradley. Later the textile historian and Wiltshire writer, Kenneth Ponting, lived here.

Shore House was at one time Shore Farm and the house next door, now known as South View House, was the Agent's Office of the Erlestoke Estate, owned by the Watson-Taylor family, which stretched from Edington to Urchfont and included many farms, woodlands, public houses and cottages. The estate was disbursed in 1919.

The 18th century George, which closed in 1985, was a coaching inn on the Bath to Salisbury route where extra horses would be taken on for the long steep climb up Salisbury Hollow and on to Tinhead Hill which rises to over 700 feet. The Lamb Inn, which closed in 2009*, may have been named after the Lambe family who were at one time landowners in the area.. An area near the church at Coulston is known as Lambe's Lawn.

Before 1828 when the chapel was built in Salisbury Hollow various premises including local cottages were used by nonconformists. The Matt House was registered as a place of worship in 1794, and in 1800 a coach house at Potters Barton** was put to similar use. And according to Vi Hale, her grandfather recalled attending services in a barn where chickens could be seen scratching about through gaps in the floorboards. It appears likely, therefore, that this would have been the barn on saddle stones at Shore Farm.

* Re-opened in 2010 and now named The Three Daggers

**A study of census returns and old maps suggests that Potters Barton may have been in the area where Beech House is now located.



Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club

Well it has certainly been an interesting start to the season with some ups and downs amongst the persistent showers. After having the first weekend washed out due to heavy rain, we were fortunate to enjoy a brief spell of sunshine last weekend and welcomed Marshfield for the first league game of the season. Having won the toss and elected to field, we were confident that we had enough depth in our bowling attack to peg the Marshfield batters back. Even though a few early catches went down, and a very close LBW was not given, regular wickets meant that we were able to restrict Marshfield to under 220 – a result we would have gladly taken before play started. Feeling pleased with ourselves, we walked off with confidence. It did not last. Early season tentativeness, a lack of belief, tiredness or a lack of practice did for the batting response, a run chase that never got going. All out for 63 was not the best start to the

season and we were all a bit dejected.

However, come Monday the good vibes had returned as we welcomed 35 of our junior members for our weekly session. Those who gambled that the rain would stay away were rewarded with another sunny and enjoyable session which has not only seen our numbers steadily increase, but also the ability of the children really come on. We are confident that this year we will be able to enter a junior team into some local competitions, something that we have been working towards over the past two seasons and its great to see the enjoyment and ability on those Monday evenings- something to be shared with the league team!

Although the Sunday side are yet to play a game, the Midweek team kicked off their season on Wednesday welcoming Avon Valley to The Walled Garden. Batting first, we set a competitive total of 130 in our allotted 20 overs and Avon Valley made a good chase, falling 25 runs short at the end. It was nice to share a win over a beer at The Bell Inn and we thank them and the Three Dagers for their support so far this season. The cricket may not always have been good, but the beer certainly has!

But as always, the club remains on the lookout for new members, willing to come along and play for us when they can. If you are interested in getting involved or finding out more, please don't hesitate to get in touch or come along to a game at the ground. A warm welcome is guaranteed. Contact Joe Dorgan on 07846 213702 if you have any questions.





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 lunch will be on Wednesday May June 12th.

Joy Fraser (830426)

June Lunch in the Parish Hall

We are holding a Two Course Lunch (with a choice of Mains & a selection of puddings) on **Wednesday June 12th at 12.30pm.** in the Parish Hall, Edington.



Price £8.00 in aid of Edington Parish Hall

All will be most welcome to join us.

Please book with Pauline by June 7th



TVM will provide door to door

Shopping Trips starting at Edington

Destination	May	June	Start Time	Cost
Devizes	Thursday 2nd	Thursday 6th	9.00am	£3.20
Warminster	Tuesday 21st	Tuesday 18th	1.25pm	£2.80
Westbury	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm	£2.30
Salisbury	Saturday 11th	Saturday 8th	9.30am	£5.00

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Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place



Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
11th May	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
13th May	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
1st June	2.00pm	Edington Fête	Coal Path Field
5th June	7.00-9.00pm	Wiltshire Police Community Drop in event	Church Institute, Bratton
6th June	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
6th June	7.00pm	Gardening Club talk - cuttings	Parish Hall
8th June	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
10th June	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
15th June	10.00am-4.30pm	Edington Arts Choral Workshop	Priory Church
18th June	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
22nd June	10am	Well Dressing making	Village Pond
22nd June	2.30pm	Well Dressing Tea on the Green	Village Pond
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.

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