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Don't forget this Saturday in the Parish Hall

Annual Charity Christmas Cards Sale and other items

Saturday 16th November 2024

In The Parish Hall

From 10 – 12 noon.

Cake, Coffee, Teas, Chatter, the first mince pies of the year!

A village social occasion!

(8 charities come along raising monies for their own charity and promoting what they do.)



Welcome to the fifty-fourth edition of the Edington Village News produced by villagers for the village of Edington.

This month we have a bumper edition of 29 pages and within them a number of new regular articles. Firstly though don't forget the Charity Christmas Card sale this Saturday in the Parish Hall, not only Christmas Cards but also gifts and the opportunity for your first mince pies of the year.

Deadline for articles 10th of the month

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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**

Our website is changing soon as part of an NHS programme to move towards a more standardised website design for GP surgeries.

Widcome surgery in Bath have already done this and shows what ours will look like.

All your existing shortcuts will continue to work to get you to the new site.

We do not have a set date for the new site at this time but work should be completed by the end of November at the latest.

Dr Edwards & Partners

westburygp.co.uk



Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington



Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

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



The Friends of Courtyard Surgery (FOCS)

Raising money to buy extra equipment to help patients and staff at Courtyard Surgery

Tickets available now
Draw on December 15th

Please drop off any prize donations at the reception desk

All the blood pressure machines that we lend out, the new ECG machine, and the new vaccine fridge that allows us to provide COVID vaccinations in the surgery were bought by FOCS.

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

Friends of Courtyard Surgery

The friends are holding there annual Christmas Raffle. If anyone has any suitable prizes they would like to donate i.e chocolate, toiletries, games, soft toys etc , you can drop them off at Edington Post Office or at 4b Salisbury hollow (leave in porch if not in). All donations gratefully appreciated.



Guess Again! Malnutrition Myth Busting

Sugar and fats are bad and should be avoided

FALSE: These are usually necessary parts of a healthy, balanced diet if eaten in moderation. They are particularly important if you are losing weight unintentionally.

Only very thin people are at risk of malnutrition

FALSE: It doesn't matter how slim you are, losing a significant amount of weight unintentionally may be a symptom of malnutrition.

Your appetite can get smaller as you get older

TRUE: But this doesn't mean that you should eat less. If you can't manage big meals, you can try having small, frequent meals and snacks with high energy and protein food and fluids.

It is better to weigh less as you get older

FALSE: Older people, particularly those who are 70+, may need the extra energy reserves to fight off disease and recover more quickly from injuries.

Women are twice as likely to be malnourished as men

TRUE: But men can also be at risk of losing weight unintentionally.

Drinks high in caffeine do not count towards good hydration

FALSE: All drinks will help you stay hydrated, including tea and coffee. Even some foods such as jelly and soup will help!

Malnutrition is more likely to affect people in hospitals and care homes

FALSE: Research suggests 93% of malnutrition affects people living in the community - that's people living independently in their own homes.

You are less active as you get older, so you don't need to eat as much

TRUE: However, as we age our bodies don't process nutrients as well as they used to. This means that we need to make sure we eat plenty of nutritious, protein-rich foods.

It is normal to get thinner in later life

FALSE: It is not normal to lose weight as you age. It is important to maintain a healthy weight. Take a look at the rest of the resources in this pack to find out more.





Wiltshire Police

Specialist Operations at
@wiltshirepolice

Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps
Some recent "encounters"

Kuga driver entirely fixated on the road ahead, barrelling along at between 95-103mph between 15 and Membury.



#RPU completed eyesight tests with motorists this morning in Swindon as part of #OperationDark Night. With a number of motorists tested, all passed with no revocations.

Westbury resident jailed for drug offences

A man from Westbury has been sentenced to eight years in prison for drug offences.

Khyl Harrington, 32, was sentenced at Salisbury Crown Court on 10th October after pleading guilty to being concerned in the supply of cocaine between 2019 and 2023 and for possession of criminal property.

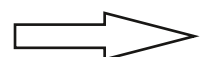
He was arrested on 13th June 2023 after intelligence was submitted by members of the public. Officers searched his home and seized cocaine, which had a street value of £38,650, and £5,900 in cash.

Detective Constable Ian Tilley said, "Harrington was living a lifestyle that was beyond his means, such as going on expensive holidays. This was all funded by his criminality.

"We know the huge impact and harm that drugs cause within our communities, from the impact on users and their family and friends to the associated crime and antisocial behaviour affecting neighbours and the wider community.

"Creating safer public spaces remains a key force priority and we are determined to make Westbury and the wider county a hostile area for drug dealers."

For more information on how to report any concerns you may have to Wiltshire Police, go to <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/cl/county-lines>





Targeted operations completed across Wiltshire in aid of Rural Crime Action Week

Policing teams across the county have engaged with the most rural communities in Wiltshire to understand their concerns around rural crime and share rural crime prevention advice



Over the course of the week, officers engaged in proactive operations with neighbouring police forces, as well as local authorities including Wiltshire Council, to carry out vehicle compliance and identification checks. This resulted in over 75 vehicle stops. Since 28 September 2024, Wiltshire Rural Crime Team have made eight arrests and seized five vehicles in relation to alleged rural crime offences.

Wiltshire Police's Rural Crime Team were joined by policing teams across the county to carry out proactive operations and community engagement events to deter rural crime and provide crime prevention advice to the most rural communities across Wiltshire, in aid of the National Rural Crime Network's Rural Crime Action Week.

During the week of action, officers joined four other neighbouring police forces – Avon & Somerset Police, Devon & Cornwall Police,

Dorset Police, and Gloucestershire Constabulary– to undertake an operation targeting road networks connecting Wiltshire with Gloucestershire and Somerset. The aim was to check vehicle identification and compliance, complete high-visibility patrols of local road networks, and stop vehicles towing machinery to check for stolen agricultural machinery. During the operation, over 30 vehicles were stopped, ten rural businesses and farms were visited, and police teams engaged with rural communities to provide reassurance and understand their concerns in relation to rural crime.

Policing teams across the county were joined by Wiltshire Council's Enforcement Team to carry out waste carrier licence checks, with an aim to deter illegal waste disposal and fly tipping. This resulted in 45 vehicles being stopped over three days of proactive patrols in six different locations, with 11 drivers being followed up by Wiltshire Council as a result of the stops. Neighbourhood policing teams across Wiltshire also visited multiple scrapyards across the county in order to check compliance with legislation.

Inspector Andy Lemon, Force Operational Lead for Rural Crime, said: "The key focuses for our teams during the Rural Crime Action Week were to patrol key locations to deter hare coursing and poaching, scrap metal crime, fly tipping, illegal waste carrying, and to increase visibility in our rural communities. The additional patrols and operations completed over the week complement the work Wiltshire Rural Crime Team do on a daily basis to disrupt rural crime and safeguard rural communities across Wiltshire.

Wiltshire Rural Crime Team is a specialist team of officers committed to tackling a broad range of rural crimes including hare coursing and poaching, agricultural plant and machinery theft, heritage crime, livestock crime and crimes against birds of prey.





Police in Wiltshire are warning the public to be on their guard following a series of distraction thefts in supermarket car parks in the area.

In each case the victims were approached by someone wearing a face mask, asking for a charity donation. When they are engaged in passing money the offender distracts them with a clip board and takes as much money as they can get.

Offences have occurred in Chippenham and Melksham and include the car parks of Sainsburys, and Waitrose.

PC Mark Giles said: "We are asking for people to be on their guard in supermarket car parks and report any suspicious behaviour to us.

"The offenders seem to be targeting vulnerable customers, using disabled bays and then taking advantage of their good nature supporting charities to distract them."

'Spot the signs' campaign to raise awareness of child exploitation launched

Young people, their families and friends are being urged to 'Spot the Signs' of child criminal exploitation in a new campaign being launched today (11/11) by Wiltshire Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The focus on education aims to help stem the instances of child exploitation in our communities and the serious violence often associated with this type of exploitation, including knife crime and gang culture.

The campaign aims to educate young people and those close to them on how to spot that exploitation may be taking over a young

person's life by using a targeted social media campaign aimed at both young people and adults, educational visits to schools and real-life case studies from young people who have managed to break the cycle.

Child criminal exploitation is where criminals use children to commit offences for them in exchange for cash and gifts – these can be actual but also online 'gifts' like virtual money in online gaming communities. The young person is then often manipulated and pressured into doing things like stealing or carrying drugs or weapons in return.

Spot the signs. Stop the crime.

- Unexplained money or gifts, such as new trainers, clothing or phones
- Significant decline in school attendance and/or performance
- Changes in mood and behaviour, such as becoming more surly, aggressive or angry
- Increasing amounts of time spent on social media, particularly talking to 'friends' they haven't met or you don't know
- Relationships with older people
- Possession of a second mobile phone from which they are receiving a high volume of calls or need to leave urgently after receiving a text/call
- These indicators do not necessarily mean a child is being exploited – however they are possible warning signs which could indicate that a child is being used by criminal gangs for their own gain.

To get more information on child criminal exploitation, please visit the [Check It Out](#) web page which provides resources for different age groups as well as help and signposting





**Wiltshire
Air Ambulance**
funded by you, flying for you

Forthcoming roadworks and Events around Edington.

14 Nov - 16 Nov High Street Erlestoke.
Wessex Water Traffic control (two-way signals)

24 Nov 11:00 - 15:00 Avon Valley Runners
Half Marathon

Various roads around the village and to
Steeple Ashton and West Ashton

Reminder

A36 at Limpley Stoke is now closed again until
31 May 2025

You can find out about roadworks across
Wiltshire by going to <https://one.network/>

Latest News

In October our crew were called to 101 missions in Wiltshire, Bath and surrounding areas. We are busier than ever, and need your support so we can continue our lifesaving work

Mission report

During October we were called to

101 missions

Swindon:	16 missions
Trowbridge:	13 missions
Bath:	6 missions
At night:	32 missions



VIEW FROM THE CREW

How your support made a difference in October >>

The countdown is on! It's just two weeks until this year's Christmas market at the airbase. Join us from 4pm, with the Christmas Tree Lighting Switch On at 6pm. It's free to attend but please register in advance:

<http://bit.ly/XmasMarketReg>



Pollinator project

100 Hedging Whips from the woodland trust are due to arrive in November. These will be used to reinstate the hedgeline along the coal path. I would be very grateful to any volunteers available to help plant them,

Meet 9.30am Saturday 23 November in the Church car park. Hope to see you there.

Liz Pike



Wiltshire Council

Climate update

We've made significant progress to meet our 2030 carbon neutral pledge. We're pleased to say we're on track to meet this pledge for our Scope 1 and 2 emissions (emissions we control and emissions indirectly caused by us respectively), with a significant amount of work being undertaken on Scope 3 emissions (emissions not produced by us) and supporting the rest of the county to become carbon neutral as well. Our investment in climate-friendly technologies will also deliver considerable savings for the council in the long term.

One of our initiatives has been to spend £2.2million on retrofit installations for over 200 council-owned homes in the last year to improve their energy efficiency.

Beware of text message scam!



We're aware of a text message scam where residents are being told they are eligible for financial assistance from the Household Support Fund (HSF) or help towards their energy bills, as long as they click a link, pay £1 and enter their bank details.

This is a scam!

We will never ask you to pay anything to receive assistance from the HSF.

Please share this message with vulnerable friends and family.

Have your say on our Countryside Access Improvement Plan

Did you know we have more than 3,700 miles (6,000km) of footpaths, bridleways, and byways in Wiltshire?

We want your help to inform the next Countryside Access Improvement Plan.

Please complete the survey and tell us about how you use rights of way and what improvements you think could be made.

[Complete the survey now](#)

Visit a green open home



9th - 17th November 2024

wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk/greenopenhomes
email goh@wiltshireclimatealliance.org.uk

Are you considering making energy saving improvements to your home but don't know where to start?





Visit a green open home near you from Saturday 9 November - Sunday 17 November to hear from local residents about the changes they've made to their properties, from small actions like draught proofing, to putting in solar panels and Air Source Heat Pumps. You can discuss the benefits, costs and pitfalls of each project to get ideas for your own improvements.

[Find out more about green open homes](#)

Residents warned against putting household waste in public litter bins

Wiltshire Council is reminding residents that people found depositing their household waste in public litter bins could be issued fixed penalty notices or even prosecuted for fly-tipping.

The household waste bin should only be used to dispose of any rubbish that cannot be recycled. Any excess waste that does not fit in the bin can be bagged and taken to any household recycling centre (HRC). It must not be placed in litter bins, dog bins or other public bins. Disposing of waste by unauthorised routes in this way could result in a fine of up to £1,000 or possible court action.

Cllr Nick Holder, Cabinet Member for

Highways, Flooding and Street Scene, said: The misuse of litter bins in this way still constitutes fly-tipping, which is the illegal disposal of rubbish on public or private land. As this resident found out, our officers will take action and issue penalties for all forms of fly-tipping.

Residents should only put their bagged, non-recyclable waste into their designated wheelie bins to be taken as part of their normal roadside collection, both for the benefit of the environment and to reduce the cost.

£580,000 in Vibrant Wiltshire grant funding allocated to revitalise town centres

Wiltshire Council has invested £580,000 of Vibrant Wiltshire grant funding into businesses that breathe new life into vacant units across Wiltshire's town centres.

Business owners were encouraged to apply for funding for projects designed to bring empty spaces back into use, either on a temporary or a permanent basis, with grants ranging from £1,000 to a maximum of £10,000.

Since the Vibrant Wiltshire grant scheme launched in January, more than 120 enquiries have been received by the team, with 82 applications submitted for consideration. To date, 61 grants have been approved, with 24 projects already receiving their grants in full.



Wiltshire Wellbeing

Cost-of-living information and support

wiltshire.gov.uk/cost-of-living

Wiltshire Council



Village Musings

“The streets are lined with gold!”

This is what Dick Whittington was told about London. But here in Edington, we have our streets, lanes and footpaths lined with gold and copper as the quiet, settled autumn allows the leaves to collect gently. The fields are of gold and the burning bushes are all around as we mark Remembrance in this nostalgic, wistful month, with its hint of sadness.

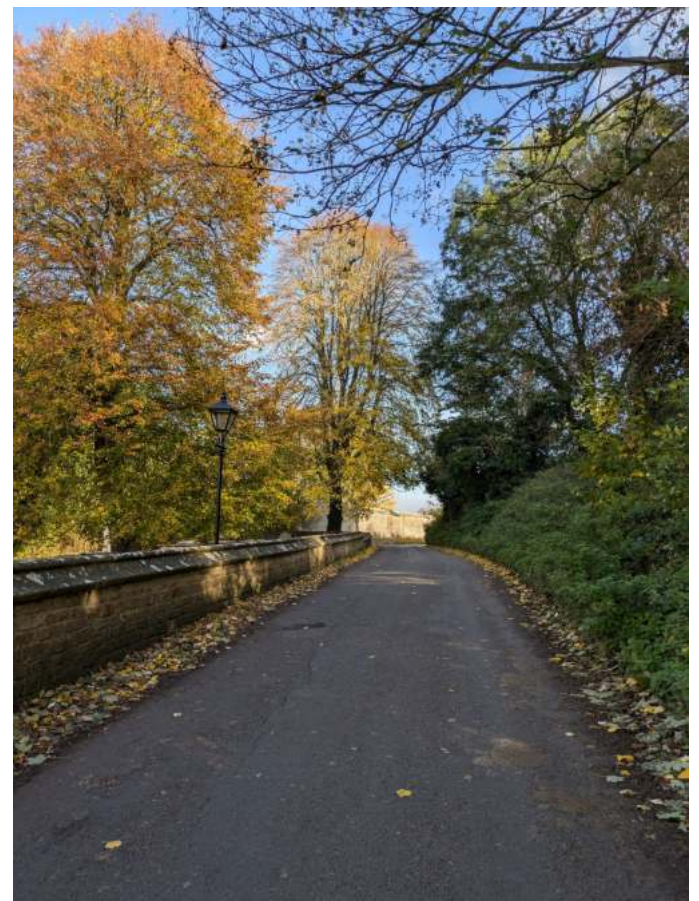


Any walk around our village at the moment brings breathtaking moments of beauty, and surprises of brightness and clarity. The air is like champagne and the light is golden and jewelled.



This is a time to pause, rest perhaps, and enjoy the putting to bed of the countryside before we start to think about the dark nights and brilliant lights and excitement of Christmas.

Mercedes





Lin our postie is retiring

After 31 years delivering the post in Edington I've decided it's time to step down to a slightly less busy life. I'm finishing at Christmas.

I have enjoyed delivering to all of my customers over the years and made many friends. I have seen people grow older over the years including me and some sadly pass away. Also lots of new people come to the village. I will really miss everyone especially the daily chats that kept me going and made my round more enjoyable especially on the wet cold days.

Thank you everybody for looking after me over the years.

Thank you

Lin



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 arts

The annual Edington Arts Advent Concert will return on Saturday 7th December at Edington Priory Church.



The mixed choir from Somerville College, University of Oxford, will perform under the direction of conductor and freelance singer Will Dawes.

Organiser Anne Curtis said, "Somerville College Choir has achieved a phenomenal amount since its creation, touring, recording, and broadcasting regularly. As a key part of a non-denominational college, the chapel and choir are unique within the university, enjoying a certain freedom from convention. This enables them to choose Christmas music from a wider and more varied repertoire than usual.

"You can expect plenty of traditional and well-loved music, both old and more recent, but also some unusual and unexpected delights."

The concert starts at 7.30 pm, and tickets range from £11 to £25. To see a selection of pieces from the programme or to choose your seats, book and pay, visit www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on.

If you would rather book by phone and allow the Box Office team to choose your seats, please call 01380 831256.

Local Home Help Service

Hello! I'm Anna Cottle, and I've had the pleasure of living in our village for the past eight years. You may have seen me out and about on walks with my cocker spaniel, Jack, who loves exploring as much as I do.

I'm considering starting a home help service here in the village, and I'd love to know if this is something that would be of interest to anyone in the community. My goal is to provide a friendly and flexible service that can help make daily life a bit easier.

Here are some of the services I'd be offering:

- Cleaning and tidying: Regular or one-off help to keep your home fresh and organized.
- Companionship: Friendly visits to chat, share a cup of tea, or simply spend time together.
- Laundry: Assistance with washing, folding, and organizing clothes and linens.
- Help with Bills and Admin: Assistance with managing household bills, paperwork, and general admin tasks.

My rate would be £16 per hour, and I'm happy to discuss specific needs or create a schedule that works best for you.

If this sounds like something you or someone you know would be interested in, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can contact me at 07876 222616. I'd be delighted to chat more about how I can help make a positive difference in our village.



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday
10.30 -11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.
Transport available contact
Pauline or Joy.



Wildlife of Lundy Island - Part 1

We were lucky enough to have a short holiday on Lundy Island in early October this year. The Island straddles the confluence of the Atlantic Ocean and the Bristol Channel and lies some 11 miles off the North Devon Coast. Lundy is a 400-foot granite outcrop that is three and a half miles long and half a mile wide and is home to a huge variety of wildlife.

It is run by the Landmark Trust, The National Trust and English Heritage. We travelled to Lundy from Ilfracombe on the ferry MS Oldenburg and it was a two hour journey. It was our second visit to Lundy as we went with our whole family back in August 2019 just before the Covid Lockdown and we always intended to return. October was a good month to visit Lundy as huge numbers of migrating birds can be seen.



Starting our walk up the hill with the MS Oldenburg in the background

When we arrived, we were welcomed by the grey seals swimming around the jetty. Our first few moments on Lundy again were taken up by photographing the heads of seals bobbing in the waves. We then walked up the hill to the village. The walk up the granite cliff is about half a mile. We saw several seals still

watching us from the water and their white pups were on the stoney beaches as we walked up.



Grey seals watched us from the water as we disembarked on Lundy



Grey seal pups we photographed on our walk up the hill

Lundy Island is a site of Special Scientific Interest and is home to a variety of wildlife both above and below the waves. From March to July large seabird colonies can be found including puffins and Manx shearwater perched along the rugged cliffs. Also, along the coast you can see large number of grey seals which breed on the rocky beaches in Autumn between September and November.

We have not yet seen any breeding seabirds as we have not been on Lundy at the right time of the year. The last puffins left the day before we arrived on Lundy on





the 2nd of August 2019, so we did not get a chance to see them. Puffins nest on Lundy between April and July. Puffins are important to the island as the name "Lundy" comes from the Norse word Puffin (Lund) Island (-ey). Puffins are on their stamps and curios sold in the small village shop. These were first issued on 1 November 1929. At first, the Lundy stamp charge, or puffinage, only covered the carriage of mail between the island and the mainland. Since 1974 the Lundy puffinage has incorporated the UK charge and a separate UK stamp is no longer required.



Lundy puffin stamp on a postcard we sent from the island.



Puffins can see seen along the cliffs

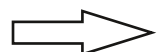
Another important seabird on Lundy is the Manx Shearwater. They are thriving on Lundy Island, with the island now home to 95% of England's breeding population. They nest in burrows and can be found all around Lundy's coastline. If you are out after dark and near the

coast, you could hear their eerie calls. Manx shearwaters have used Lundy for many years, but their breeding was far from successful due to the predation of rats. Numbers have increased since the rats were eradicated on the island – it was declared rat-free in 2006. In fact, sea-bird numbers have increased threefold since the island was declared rat-free. We also heard about the bird ringing programme on Lundy. Some 100000 birds have been ringed since 1947.



Manx Shearwaters breed on Lundy between April and July (del. S.F. Henning)

On Lundy the start of autumn in September often brings long periods of fine, settled and hot weather, while in other years depression after depression sweeps in off the Atlantic bringing gales and lashing rain. Unsettled conditions – particularly day-to-day changes in wind direction and periods of rain or showers interspersed with clearer spells – tend to bring higher number of birds and a greater diversity of species, which variety generally increasing as September slowly drifts into October. The first Lapland Buntings – something of a Lundy speciality – are typically seen (or more often heard) in the last week of September while October also sees a significant movement of Blackcaps, Chiffchaffs. Meadow Pipits, and Goldcrests begin from about the middle of September and continue well into





October, when they are joined by flocks of migrating finches and thrushes. One of the highlights of the birdwatching year on Lundy is the Autumn migration of Chaffinches. In favourable years tens of thousands may be seen head south in a single day, perhaps interspersed with much smaller numbers of Bramblings and Siskins.

The final departing swallows, flycatchers and most warblers are usually seen in the last days of October or early November, while Black Redstarts, Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps continue to pass through for another few weeks. Autumn movement of pipits, thrushes, Goldcrests, finches and Starlings continue throughout November and in mild years into December as well.



We saw lots of swallows getting ready for their migration south to Africa (del S.F. Henning)

This is the world we arrived in. In Autumn besides the arrival of the migrating birds, there is also an influx of bird watchers to record them. I think all the other passengers on the ferry to the island were birders. Everywhere we walked on the island we bumped into groups of camouflaged birders with binoculars to their eyes. They gave us some good tips to what to look out for.

On our first walk on the inland plateau, we saw and heard a huge variety of birds. One of the first birds we saw were some Redwings and we then heard a Linnet. Soon after that we saw a pair of circling birds of prey which were possibly peregrines. Later we saw a peregrine perched on a rock stack. Through the binoculars I could see it was a peregrine falcon. A little later we saw a kestrel hovering perfectly still looking for prey.



Peregrine falcon perched on a rock stack

One thing that surprised me was the large numbers of ravens we saw all over the island.





A pair of ravens on a rocky outcrop on Lundy Island.

In the middle of our first night Mercedes woke up at 2 am and went outside to photograph the Aurora Borealis. She got some fantastic pictures.



The Aurora Borealis photographed by Mercedes on Lundy Island

I then went out as well and also enjoyed the beautiful night sky. There were lots of stars and Orion's Belt was nice and clear. I heard geese honking flying overhead on their migration. Most likely barnacle geese who migrate overnight. They migrate at night when the air is calmer to balance their energy budgets. They do this especially during moonlit nights.



A barnacle goose flying over Lundy (del. S.F. Henning)

The Marisco Tavern is the only pub on the island and every evening at 8 pm during this time of the year they have the LFS Logbook meeting where all the birders pool their day's observations. On the evening we attended, there were twenty odd people present. There was the official census to which was added the observations of the visiting birders. The official census count was on the main plateau – anything outside was then also counted in. One good observation was that 14 barnacle geese had just arrived – probably the ones I heard flying the previous night.



Barnacle geese were on of the most talked about birds at the meeting (del. S.F. Henning)





There was a huge list of birds recorded the evening we were there and the following are some of the observations I remember – Peregrines, several Merlin, lots of crows and ravens, 130 plus chaffinches (just flown in as previous day record was only 4), swallows, sand and house martins, linnets, robins, dunnocks, wrens, skylarks, blackcaps, goldcrests and a short-toed lark (which everyone was amazed was still here for some reason). Also, Bramblings, reed buntings, lots of starlings, 2 teal, lots of mallards, golden plovers, lapwings, yellow-browed warblers, purple sandpipers. And lots more, but it gives one the flavour of the proceedings. I was actually quite amazed at what was recorded that day – we had only seen a small fraction of the bird species recorded. We also heard about the bird ringing programme on Lundy.

Eventually the meeting ended at about 10 pm and we left with a feeling of excitement at what we were likely to see the next day.

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). For more information contact

Emily on **07910228383**

Reminder - Westbury Railway Station Closure

Westbury Railway Station will be closed, with no trains running through the station, after the end of service on Christmas Eve until 24th January 2025. Network Rail says that the closure is necessary for essential work to upgrade the track and signalling improvements.

Track renewal work will affect all train services via Westbury, plus structural repairs will also impact trains between Warminster and Salisbury.

Trains between Reading and the south west will stop at Frome instead of Westbury.

Trains will still operate between:

- Cardiff Central and Trowbridge
- Salisbury and Portsmouth Harbour
- Frome and Weymouth

A few trains will be diverted via an alternative route between Trowbridge and Frome – not stopping at Westbury.

Trains between Westbury and Swindon will not run, however other trains will still be running between Chippenham and Swindon.

Replacement buses are planned between:

- Trowbridge and Westbury, Frome or Salisbury
- Chippenham and Westbury or Frome



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



Local Photographer

Diane Vose



Our beautiful county of Wiltshire boasts two world heritage sites, Stonehenge and Avebury which have fascinated people for thousands of years and drawn millions of visitors from across the world. Sometimes we forget how special Wiltshire is with its vast array of neolithic monuments including the mysterious Silbury Hill and Kennet long barrow which I was very lucky to view surrounded by a sea of poppies on a lovely summers day with swallows circling overhead. I've often heard our county described as a landscape of big skies and rolling lush countryside, this is certainly true up on the Salisbury Plain on a clear day when you can see for miles in all directions, the views from Edington hill especially are glorious. When I was contacted back in November 2018 by Amberly Publishing, I was delighted to produce a collection of photographs showing the beauty of our county throughout the changing seasons. I wanted to highlight the visual variety and history of Wiltshire which boasts spectacular White Horses carved into the chalk hillsides as well as historic market towns and charming villages.

Wiltshire in Photographs is available from Waterstones, WH Smith and Amazon



If you are a local entrepreneur or you run a local business and would like to feature in a future edition of this newsletter either contact us by email or talk to Pauline in the Post Office.





edington arts

Advent Concert

Saturday 7th December at 7.30pm
Edington Priory Church

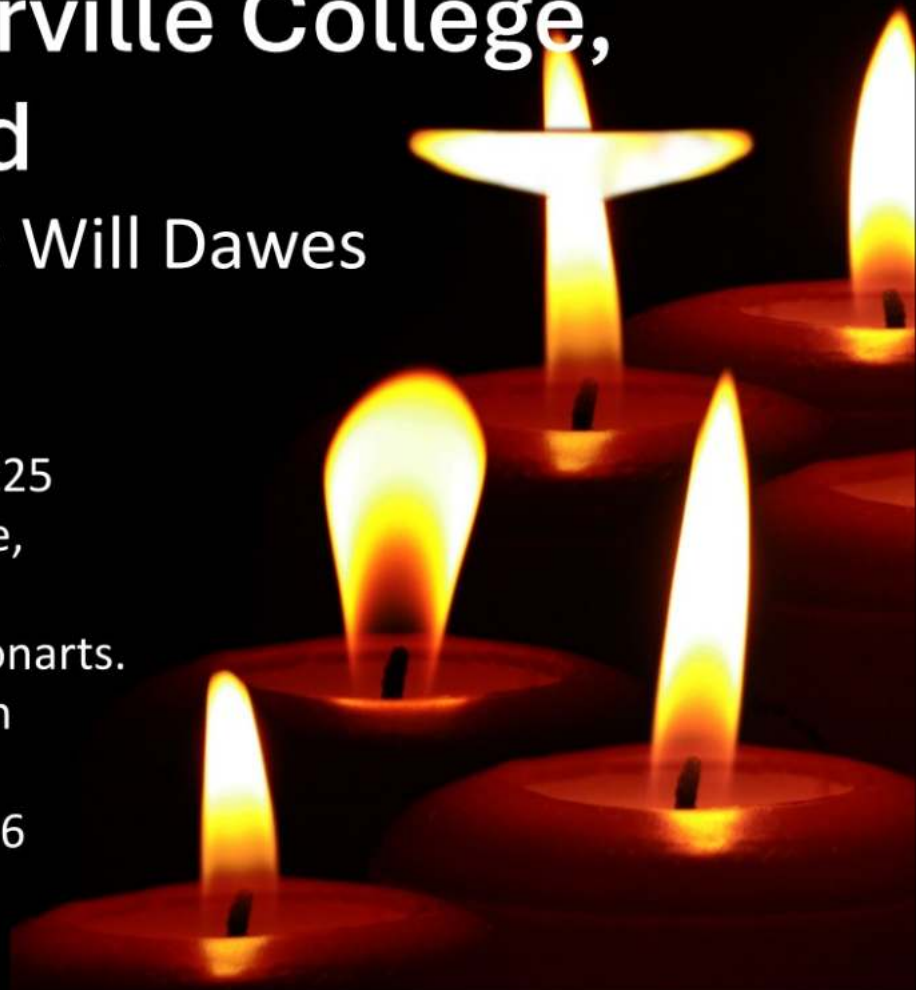
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Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club

Over and Time

With another successful Fireworks and Bonfire Night on the 2nd November swiftly to be followed by the club's AGM, the 2024 cricket season has finally been wrapped up and put to bed.



And what a season it has been, with numerous ups and downs along the way, results slipping through our fingers, the rain washing out some games but with plenty of enjoyable and exciting cricket in-between. It was a season that saw our junior membership grow to over 40 youngsters, us welcome some great new playing members and friends to the club, the first phase pavilion brickwork completed, the Birmingham Phoenix welcomed Charlotte for a training day and yet another fantastic tour where we beat the Auzzies! All in all there is plenty to be proud about.

The Saturday side, who this year were under the watchful eye of the Toby Dorgan, struggled to find form early on in the season and with a different team turning out every

week, it was hard to find any kind of consistency. But as the summer went on, and our younger members returned from their studies, availability became less of an issue and we found a balance to the side and managed to get some results to go our way. It was a very 'touch and go' season but we managed to hold our own in the end and happily we will continue to play in Division 2 next year. A winter rebuilding and recruiting awaits us now and we hope that we can attract some new talented players to boost our side and give us a good competitive opportunity for next year.

The Sunday and Midweek teams enjoyed a fantastic year led by Darryl and Liam and there was plenty of cricket played. It was wonderful to welcome some new members to the club this year and everyone managed to get a few games in and enjoyed playing up at the ground. It was remarkable that some of these new players didn't even realise the club existed, even though they live in the



surrounding villages, so it's vitally important that we as a club continue to advertise and spread the word about our little gem of a cricket club to ensure that we grow in membership numbers and strength. The Gilbert Cup was another great event and the whole club came together to remember our dear friend Sean in a fantastic interclub game. Darryl and the Sunday XI came out





on top again this year and the Midweek XI are already planning on game tactics to ensure they are in with a better chance next year! Now the cricket is done, we all look forward to viewing the stats for this season to see how everyone got on and most importantly, who will be taking home the much converted 'Duck Cup'- there are plenty of names in the running!

The juniors have proved to be a real strength of the club over the past 2 years, having been rejuvenated after a long absence. Into its 3rd year now, we have over 40 youngsters on our list and we have been so thankful for all the positive and kind feedback we have had. Due to the strength and progress made, we are looking forward to running a competitive side next year for our juniors and hope to play in some local competitions too. This is really exciting as the



juniors represent the future of the club and we hope to continue to build a love for the game and the club with this team to ensure that in their older years, they are still keen to come back and play for the adult sides. Our thanks go to all the coaches that have helped out, the parents who have stayed to watch and the children for coming along and getting stuck into every session. Roll on Summer 2025 when we will be welcoming them all back again.

The pavilion finally has risen from the

footings and the completed brickwork shows just how much potential this amazing new building has for the club, it's future and the surrounding village and community. It will provide a fantastic base from the club to grow from and we have been so thankful for all the recent donations made via the Just Giving page from friends and visitors to the ground over the season, who are helping us get to the stage and ensure we can start the next phase of the build as soon as possible. We all can see the importance and impact that the Pavilion Building is going to have, how it will help us attract new members and players and also enable us to be a more hospitable club for all our visitors. We eagerly anticipate the next phase and the construction of the wooden frame.

But although the season has finished, that is not to say that all cricket at Erlestoke has come to an end. The indoor cricket league started last week and the 'Erlestoke Eagles' got off to a winning start with a 40-run win over Urchfont. The indoor league, held at Dauntsey School, runs right through the winter and is an enjoyable way to keep up a bit of fitness and skill, as well as meeting up with each other during the cold winter months. We also have the Winter Nets starting in January and this year we will be using Lavington School Sports Hall as our practice facility, as we hope this will entice more of our members to come along for a practice.

But for now, all that is left to say is thank you. To everyone who has played, scored, umpired, made tea, baked cakes, cut grass, rolled pitches, run sessions, cooked burgers or just turned up to watch and enjoy an afternoon in the sun, we would not and could not survive without your continued help and support. We have the making of a great club here at Erlestoke and with everyone doing what they can, we can really push on in 2025 and go from strength to strength and the Erlestoke Eagles can continue to soar high!



Advent and Christmas at Edington Priory Church

As you might expect, we have a full programme of services and events at the Priory Church in December. Here are some of the special services of the season.

We start on Advent Sunday, 1st December, with an evening Service of Light, 6.30pm. In the dark days of winter, we look back in scripture and song at the long history of God's relationship with us and look forward to the light of Jesus coming into the world and into our hearts afresh at Christmas.



To get into the festive spirit, on Thursday 12th December we have a Tree Decorating Coffee Morning, from 10.30-12.00. Make your own tree decorations and enjoy Drinks, Cake and Company.

On Wednesday 18th December at 2.30pm we have an Informal Carol Service in the Parish Hall combined with Afternoon Tea. Take a lighter look at the Christmas Story and enjoy Tea and Cakes with your friends and neighbours.

On the Sunday before Christmas, 22nd December at 4pm, we have our traditional Festival of 9 Lessons and Carols. The Church Choir and Edington Brass are combining again to help us sing all the well-known Carols and to

introduce us to some lesser-known pieces as we hear again the story of Jesus' Birth.

At 4pm on Christmas Eve we have the Crib Service. Help yourself to a costume from our Dressing-Up Box and join in as we hear the Nativity Story and recreate the Manger Scene. A perfect reminder for your children and grand-children of what Christmas is all about.



Also on Christmas Eve, at 11.30pm we have the Midnight Mass. The account of Jesus's birth in the Bible, tells us that Jesus was born at night. Take the opportunity to welcome in Christmas Day with this late-night traditional Holy Communion Service.

Then on Christmas Morning at 9.30am we have our Family Celebration of Holy Communion. Join the celebration of the angels in singing, "Yea Lord, we greet Thee! Born this happy morning!" Jesus our friend and saviour is "born in our hearts today."

Also in December, Edington Arts have their Advent Concert, given by the choir of Somerville College, Oxford, on Saturday 7th, 7.30pm; and Bratton School have their Christmas Concert on Tuesday 17th.

Andrew King



Keevil School

November News

• Our Harvest Festival service was very well attended. (Thank you to the brilliant St. Leonard church wardens, Debbie and Gill, for putting out additional seating, and providing tea and coffee for everyone). Rev Jake got us all thinking about where food comes from, and how many people are involved in getting it into our shops and onto our plates. Thank you to everyone at school for their generous donations which The Storehouse Foodbank in Trowbridge were extremely grateful for (see photo).

• The weather tried to put a dampener on our 'Welcome back' social afternoon at the end of September, but after a hasty change of venue to the school hall and playground, we still managed to open the tuck shop! Yum!

• Thank you to everyone who has already dropped off their bags of second-hand clothing for our Rags2Riches collection. If you haven't already, why not have a wardrobe sort out over half-term? There is still time to get your good quality, clean, dry clothes to us. Simply bag up your items and drop them off at the school office before 12th November.

• Our Autumn reading challenge is underway. We are asking pupils to send in photographs of them reading in the most unusual places with prizes for the most obscure. You might spot some pupils reading up trees or in our local parks over half-term. Let us know if you spot them!

• Calling all parents! The Keevil School Open Day is 9th November. The school will be

open from 10am until 12 noon with plenty of fun activities for little ones. We'd love to show you around and give you a flavour of our fab school. More details can be found on our website.

• Thank you to everyone from Seend Playgroup who joined us for a forest school session in October. It was great to see so many children enjoying our wonderful forest school field (see pics for a flavour of what we got up to). If your nursery or playgroup would like to come and take part in a session, please get in touch with the school.

• Oh, and have you spotted Mr. Moose, our reading therapy dog, in the new Range Rover Sport ad? We always knew he was a star!

Lindsey Hermon, Head Teacher
Caroline Noonan, Chair of FoKS



Four Villages Link

Demand for Link services continues to be high and we have had no new volunteers since March this year, while some have left. If you are willing to drive clients to medical and other appointments or offer some help around the house or garden, please contact us. Both clients and volunteers enjoy the interaction, and you can work around your other commitments. Fuel expenses can be claimed. You can contact the coordinator on 07852 256939 for services or to volunteer.

Catherine Elliott



Friends of Bratton School (FOBS)

Upcoming Events

The Friends Of Bratton School are delighted to announce two upcoming festive events which will support the local school. Please note these dates for your diary and look out for additional information in the coming weeks and months.

Bratton's Arts and Crafts Festive Market

28th November 2024 from 6pm to 9pm
In the Jubilee Hall, Bratton

Friends of Bratton School's Christmas Raffle

Tickets will be sold across the village and beyond

Prizes will include an three night stay in Dartmoor, a local dinner for two and a Christmas hamper

Winning tickets will be drawn in mid December



Edington & District Gardening Club

November's meeting report

On a dull autumnal evening, members and 5 visitors enjoyed a little bit of escapism at our meeting. Abigail Willis, a writer with a passion of gardens and garden history, took us on a trip around some beautiful gardens of Somerset with wonderful photography by Clive Bournell. Based on her latest book, (although unfortunately no copies are available until the next print run in April), we saw many different types of gardens – Arts and Crafts, specialist, free thinking, romantic, industrial, organic, microclimate.

It was good to see that as a club, we have visited quite a few of these gardens, and we look forward to visiting some of the other gardens in the future.

If you would like more information about our club, then do contact 830133 for more details.

EDINGTON UNDER 5s

Calling all Grandmas, Grandads, Mums, Dads and Carers who look after young children

We are revamping the Under Fives Group in Edington and would like to know if you would be interested in joining us.

We meet at Edington Parish hall where we have toys, books, activities and crafts, singing and space to run around. An opportunity for young children to socialise as well as the adults.

Please contact Emily Greening for more details on 07910 228383, we would love you and your little ones to join us.



Recipe of the month - November

Blueberry and Amaretti Crunch.

Another pudding enjoyed at the Parish Hall lunches, usually with oodles of cream or custard!! The recipe is adapted from one published in the Good Food Magazine. It freezes well and can also be enjoyed as a cake. Serves 10- 12.



Ingredients

175g softened butter or margarine
175g caster sugar
140g self raising flour
85g ground almonds
140g Amoretti biscuits roughly broken
250g fresh blueberries

Method

1. Pre heat the oven to fan 140C, Gas 3
2. Grease and line a 20cm round cake tin, preferably loose bottomed.
3. Roughly break the amaretti biscuits
4. Cream the butter and caster sugar until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in the eggs.
5. Carefully fold in the flour and ground almonds.
6. Spread half of the cake mixture in the lined tin. Scatter over half of the amaretti biscuits, then a half of the blueberries. Lightly press into the cake mixture.
7. Dollop dessertspoonfuls of the remaining cake mixture over the amaretti biscuits and blueberries and spread out evenly to cover the biscuit and blueberry layer.
8. Scatter the remaining amaretti biscuits and blueberries over the top.
9. Bake in the oven for 60 – 75 minutes until the top is golden brown and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cover if the top when it is golden brown
10. Cool in the tin for 15 minutes. Turn out on to a plate and serve with custard, cream or ice cream.

Note: In the original recipe, fresh raspberries were used instead of blueberries. To intensify the almond flavour, add ½ teaspoon of almond essence. Cover and store in the fridge for up to 3 days or freeze any leftovers.



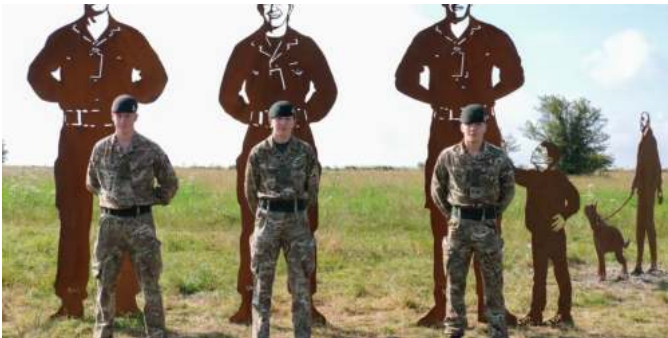


WHITE HORSE NEWS

As you may have noticed the White Horse News is no longer delivered to properties in Edington, however we have been in contact with the publishers and they are happy for the Edington Village News to fill the gap and with their permission we will now be publishing extracts from their newsletter in our publication every month.

You can always read the full online edition at :- www.whitehorsenews.co.uk

Extended stay for White Horse's popular silhouette soldiers



The art display near the White Horse featuring 10ft-high giant silhouettes of soldiers will remain until the end of the year following calls from the public for them to stay.

The display, which was installed in July as part of a campaign to raise public awareness of the dangers of using military land, was initially scheduled to remain in place for 28 days. However, it proved so popular with locals and visitors from further afield that it will now stay until the end of the year.

The artwork was created by the charity Standing with Giants and installed to raise awareness of the MOD's Respect the Range campaign to promote safety advice for members of the public, including families and

children, about how they can stay safe when on and around military land.

[Read the full article here](#)

Free digital support available at Westbury Library

Free digital support sessions are being offered at Westbury Library through the website Learn My Way, which provides free online learning for beginners.

The Learn My Way website covers a range of topics to help users safely navigate the internet. During the appointment, library staff assist with registration and guide users through the learning process.

In addition to helping with online learning, the library also offers support for using mobile phones and other digital devices.

Sessions run every Tuesday at 2.30pm. To find out more or to book an appointment, contact a member of staff at Westbury Library or call 01373 822294.

New calls to halt Westbury incinerator as BBC report shows waste-burning is 'dirtier than coal'



Burning household rubbish in giant incinerators to make electricity is now the dirtiest way the UK generates power,

a BBC investigation has found. It has led to demands for an urgent rethink on the controversial Westbury incinerator which was given planning permission last year following a public inquiry.

The BBC report found that incinerators are emitting harmful greenhouse gases at much higher levels than government predictions and are more polluting than coal. It also revealed that incinerators frequently breach environmental permits, often exceeding safe limits for harmful gases such as carbon

[Read the full article here](#)



Letters To The Editor

Next month we are planning a new feature inviting villagers to submit letters for publication expressing villagers opinions about any current issue within Wiltshire or even further afield.

You can send letters for publication to: newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Please note: Correspondents must supply a name and postal address, even if they do not wish this information to be published. The editors reserve the right to shorten or amend letters for legal or other reasons. We will not publish any letter that is deemed to be a personal attack on anyone or is deemed to be derogatory or contains inappropriate language . We do not guarantee that all letters received will be published.

Letters should be received by the 5th of the month.

Awareness of Edington Youth Group survey and volunteering opportunities



As a parent of two teens I am keen to explore how I can support young peoples mental health and wellbeing in the local area. I'm specifically looking into the services we currently don't provide in Edington, such as a youth club. To explore if this would be of interest to teens, please share the survey link below to any teens aged between 13 -16 years in Edington or surrounding villages.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KR93RGJ>

I am also looking for volunteers from 13 years upwards to help support the start up of a few sessions in the New Year (perhaps even as early as December 2024). If you, or anyone you know, might be interested in finding out more, please let me know via email or phone:

tanyalinesathome@googlemail.com

01380 830157 / 07941201998



THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



Destination	December	Start Time
Devizes	Thursday 5th	9.00am
Warminster	Tuesday 17th	1.25pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.25pm
Salisbury	Saturday 14th	9.30am

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.

Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place

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

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday
Decemberber 11th
Joy Fraser (830426)

December Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding a 2
Course Special

Christmas Lunch (consisting of turkey
pie and a selection of puddings)

on **Wednesday December 11th at
12.30pm.**

in the Parish Hall, Edington.

Price £10.00 in aid of
Edington Parish Hall.

All will be most
welcome to join us.



Please let Pauline know (by Friday
December 6th) if you are coming, as
this helps with catering arrangements.
TVM will provide door to door transport.

Please book your place with Pauline



**Booking essential as
spaces are limited**



Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
November			
16th November	10am-12noon	Annual Charity Christmas Card Sale	Parish Hall
19th November	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
December			
1st December	6.30pm	Service of Light	Priory Church
5th December	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
6th December	6.30pm	Christmas tree lighting	Pub garden
7th December	7.30pm	Advent Concert	Priory Church
11th December	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
14th December	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
17th December	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
18th December	2.30pm	Informal Carol Service	Parish Hall
22nd December	4.00pm	Nine Lessons and Carol	Priory Church
24th December	4.00pm	Crib Service	Priory Church
Weekly			
Every Monday	11.00am	Tai Chi	Parish Hall
Every Tuesday	10.00am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
Every Thursday	10.00am	Edington Under 5's	Parish Hall
Every Thursday	1.25pm	Westbury Shopping Trip	
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

Contacting us

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or via the newsletter website

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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 10th 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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