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Welcome to the sixth edition of the Edington Village News and again a thank you to those people who have made positive comments about the new initiative. We now over 100 subscribers who receive the email online in advance of its publication on the

village website and an unknown number of subscribers who either receive it in printed form or it is emailed to them.

This month we again have a number of very interesting articles submitted by villagers including, the B3098 milestone in the village, a tribute to the late Stella Callaway and our regular musings plus the second installment from our local naturalist.

Remember if you have anything that you would like to swap, sell or give away please email us at our usual address,

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk with your name, details of the item(s) and even a photo of the item if you wish. Please ensure that we have this information by the 1st of the month.

Village Helpline Latest

We have again received no calls to the helpline in the last month however we will continue to operate it until such time as there is no longer a need especially as recently there has been an increase in Covid 19 cases across the country but fortunately only a small increase in Wiltshire. The Edington Village Helpline can provide assistance with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking and a listening and talking service along with many other things that we can find access too. If you need help please call the helpline and we can help you in these difficult times, if we cannot help we will find someone who can help you.

The Parish Council has received some donations to help villagers experiencing difficulty in these times, if you are struggling to purchase essential items or pay outstanding bills please contact the helpline and we may be able to assist you.

This newsletter is published monthly but we may produce it more frequently if there is a change in information or events, the village website will also be updated on a regular basis to help keep everyone up to date with the latest information. The newsletter can be delivered directly to your inbox just visit

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter and enter your details.

Don't forget to contact the help line on **07933143021** (now available 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday)





Local surgeries latest

REMEMBER YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING
WHILST IN THE BUILDINGS

White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery



Westbury surgery TELEPHONE 01373 828330

Bratton Surgery TELEPHONE 01380 831911

Due to the surgery website being unavailable at the time of publication we are unable to bring you the latest news.

Courtyard Surgery West Lavington



TELEPHONE 01380 813 300

At the Courtyard Surgery, our normal working arrangements might have changed, but our doctors and nurses are still working hard and are here for you when you need them.

More care is provided at a distance, and all these changes are to keep you safe. You can discuss concerns by:

- phone
- face to face
- video consultations
- photographs

If you are worried about any aspect of your health, please call your GP practice. We will discuss the most appropriate ways to access any care you may need.

Flu vaccinations can be made by contacting the surgery, please refer to the surgery website for the latest information.

You can find out more including an online consultation system on the surgery website.

www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk

Market Lavington Surgery



TELEPHONE 01380 812500

The practice is working as normal.

Appointments can be made online, in person or by telephoning the surgery. If the appointment is not urgent please do not ring before 10:00 am.

Most appointments can be made up to one month in advance.

Flu vaccination clinic - 8am to 1pm on 17, 23, 31 October and 6 November.

You can find out more including an online consultation system on the surgery website

www.marketlavingtonnhs.uk



Financial assistance for people who have to self-isolate

We all have to work together and follow the guidance as we look to keep COVID-19 under control in Wiltshire.

We know that when people are told to self-isolate this can increase financial pressures at an already difficult time.

If you are required to self-isolate, a £500 payment is available if you are working and on a low income or will lose money because you cannot work from home.





To receive this payment, you must:

- have been asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace after Monday, 28 September 2020 and have a unique Test and Trace number provided by the NHS
- be employed or self-employed
- have lost income by being unable to work from home while self-isolating

And be receiving at least one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Working Tax Credit

The council is in the process of developing a system to allow you to claim for this payment as quickly and easily as possible.

The system will be live soon and we will update you when it is.

People who are eligible for this payment will be able to make a backdated claim to 28 September 2020.



Your local Wiltshire Councillor is
Suzanne Wickham

Email:

suzanne.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk

Tel 01380 870476 Mob: 07967 213336

Useful Contacts if you need help and support

If you are self isolating, you could contact one of these organisations for help and support, all of them have websites and most have phone numbers:

Age UK Wiltshire 0808 196 2424

Asthma UK 0300 222 5800

BHF 0300 330 3311

CALM helpline for men open 5pm to midnight
0800 55858

Diabetes UK 0345 123 2399

Mind 0300 123 3393

No Panic helpline for young people
0300 606 1174

Samaritans 116 123

Scope 0808 800 3333

Silver Line independent support for older people
0800 470 8090

Wiltshire Council Wellbeing Hub 0300 003 4576
For information and extra help as to how keep safe online visit

www.actionfraud.police.uk

Also victim support either through the website
www.victimsupport.org.uk

or their support line – 03003030157

The Edington Volunteers

Last month we undertook a number of tasks around the village including the tidying of the grass in Monastery road along with the adjacent footpaths and also further work at the Parish Hall including the start of the painting of the porch area.

The next session, weather permitting will be on Wednesday 21st October meeting in the Parish Hall car park at 9.30am, do feel free to come and join us. Tasks already earmarked for this session include continuing the painting and the tidying up of the pond and the surrounding area.



Edington Parish Council News

The Parish Council would like to welcome Mark Burgess who was co-opted onto the council at our September meeting.

Parking is still causing a problem in some parts of the village. Whilst the Parish Council recognise that not everybody is able to park their vehicles on their own property it is everyone's responsibility to ensure that if they must park their vehicle on the public highway that they do so in a manner not likely to endanger other road users and pedestrians. Parking close to a bend may be the handiest for the vehicle owner but causes a potential hazard for other road users.

Please park responsibly.

If you have walked along the pavement in Monastery Road past the church wall towards the sharp bend you may have noticed some yellow markings have appeared. This is in preparation for some work that Wiltshire Council are going to undertake to improve the footpath and the road in this area. At present we do not have a date for when the work will commence but we have been assured that it will take place during the present financial year, more details when we receive them.

The closure of the Steeple Ashton Road for patching work has now been delayed until 9th November 2020 weather permitting.

Drains around the village are frequently blocked at this time of the year by falling leaves etc. please help all of us by clearing detritus away from any drains near your property. There is a particular problem with rainwater causing material to be washed down Salisbury Hollow and Sandy Lane, the Parish Council are in conversation with Wiltshire Council to reduce if not prevent this problem from reoccurring, further updates when we have made progress.

The Children's Society

**The
Children's
Society**



Due to the Covid19 pandemic there will not be our normal Children's Society box opening morning at the

Bratton Church Institute this year. In order to maintain the flow of funds from our boxes the following alternatives are possible.

- Open the box yourself, count the money, then visit the Individual Box Paying-in Form Page of The Children's Society web site:

<https://donate.childrenssociety.org.uk/page/17733/donate/1>

and pay in by credit card. It is a very simple process which can be done in the privacy and safety of your own home. If you decide to adopt this method of payment, please let me know the amount you have paid in to enable me to update my records thank you.

- If your collecting box is full and you would prefer an additional box, please let me know and I will be happy to deliver one to you.

- Continue filling your collecting box until we can hold a box counting morning next year. Thank you for your continuous support for the vulnerable and disadvantaged children in this country, who have been experiencing even more difficult times during these last few months.

**Gill Humphrey / Bratton Benefice Box
Coordinator**

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Village Musings

The Musings of a Villager Baynton Way

As we walked along Baynton Way during the harvest, past the B&B and Glamping site, we noticed that in the field on the left, there seemed to be a great centre of the harvested field that had been left untouched. And did not seem to be all made up of corn!



We took our binoculars to check our suspicions and found that indeed, a large area at the centre of the field had been left unharvested and was planted up with what we could identify as sunflowers, millet and maize. We were very surprised, having watched combine harvesters carrying out their fascinating work over August and September, pounding through the day and late into the night to get the precious harvest in. Why had the farmer left the middle of the field like this, we wondered? And why was there such an odd mixture?

When, mystified, we asked farmer Bob King the question, he explained that he had planted up that part of the field especially so that there is large store of seed for the overwintering wild birds in Edington! It was not a mistake – he had carefully planned this so that he could ensure

the wellbeing of those of our birds that might otherwise perish in the cold. The mix includes sunflowers, barley, rye, wheat, millet, maize and quinoa. There is a Government grant to help subsidise the scheme, but this is part of Bob's overall strategy to tread as lightly as possible on the earth in his farming, regardless of Government funding.



There is something wonderful about looking at a field that has provided us with a harvest and will also support so many of our wild animals over winter. We plan on having many walks down Baynton Way over the cold months, with our binoculars, to see what birds are taking advantage of this feeding field.

Mercedes Henning



**thank
You**



A big thank you from Chloe to all of those people who have donated balls of wool to her for her friend who likes to knit and crochet items that she then sells for charity.

Donations are always welcome so if you forgot last time Chloe is always willing to receive more. Please either leave them with Pauline in the Post Office or give them directly to Chloe.



Musings From the Thin Blue Line

Too Hasty



The most anxious and nervous time for any new police recruit is their first arrest and subsequent court appearance. At the start of my career, which was pre the Criminal Prosecution Service (CPS), police officers prosecuted their own cases at court.

They would prepare the case papers, witness statements, physical evidence etc. and present the case. If the case was more complicated or required specific legal advice, the the matter was referred to the solicitors department at Scotland Yard for legal representation. In general, the majority were quite simply cases of drunkenness, assaults, petty theft and the like.

My first arrest was late at night and involved a very drunk, drunk man. Having been charged, he spent the rest of the night sobering up in a cell until his transfer to court in the morning. I was at Thames Magistrates' Court by 9.45am, without sleep after my shift. My prisoner arrived, having been fed with a cooked breakfast, which was as good enough reason as any, to be arrested He was placed in a waiting room for his name to be called from a prepared list of cases that day. The practise was that, while one prisoner was being dealt with in court the next on the list was brought forward to a tiny lobby ready to be called in. In the lobby was a court officer with the list and he called my prisoner's name, with out thinking too clearly and decidedly nervous, I immediately propelled my man into court and directed him up the steps into the dock and made my way to the witness box, where I loudly announced to the stipendiary magistrate, Mr Leo Gradwell, "No trouble your worship". Mr

Gradwell was a benine gentleman and in my youthful eyes, rather elderly. He looked at me over his glasses perched on the tip of his nose and said, "I think you are little premature officer", and nodded towards the dock where, to my astonishment, the previous prisoner was still standing. I hastily retreated and took my prisoner away from the dock. Once the previous prisoner had been dealt with, I again ushered my prisoner back into the dock and then went back to the witness box and repeated "No trouble your worship". "Thank you officer" said Mr Gradwell, he then looked at my prisoner and said "Anything you would like to say?". My prisoner indicated no, with a shake of his head and the magistrate said "Fined five shillings or one day", which meant that at the end of the court business for the day he would be released, not having any money to pay the fine.

So began my road to many prisoners, courts and docks, none so anxious as that first arrest, although the Old Bailey came close.

BMS

Edington & District Gardening Club

Well what a lovely entry for the show. Thank you to everyone that supported us and entered. A panel of Judges from the Steeple Ashton Garden group judged the photos and they were well impressed!

As it was completely different this year the winners were each given a small engraved plaque to remember this Covid-19 year. If you would like to see all the entries please go to our new Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/361384091519793>

Unfortunately with the latest Government rulings





the trip planned to The American Museum Gardens was cancelled at the last minute, but we do hope this will be rearranged another time.

It has been decided by the Club's Committee that we will inform members month by month, by email, with regard to our monthly meetings, subject to the Government's latest updates.

We will also continue with the Newsletter to keep all members informed.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Jacky Hiscock (tel. 830133)

Edington & District Gardening Club 2020 Virtual Show – Winners



Roses
Mercedes Henning

Mixed Flowers
Jacky Hiscock



Indoor Plant
Cynthia Hogbin



Floral Display
Sandra Salmons



Fruit
Alison Eckett



Vegetables
Martin Killian

'Dingnote Prize'
Peeking Duck
Alison Eckett



Speciality
Cake, (recipe available)
Karen Wright

Crafted Item
Barbara Holden



Best Lockdown photo
Cynthia Hogbin



Alison Eckett

Vegetable figure
Joint Winners



Martin Killian



The B3098 Milestone in Edington

Earlier this year, I wrote an article about the milestone at Ivy Mill. This was one of a series stretching from The Roundstone in Trowbridge across the Plain towards Salisbury, all of which were erected in the 18th Century in conjunction with turnpike construction and the stagecoach service between Salisbury and Bath.

Whilst these "stones" are well documented and listed on OS maps, there is another milestone in Edington where the information was less clear. It was shown on one map as being on the steep verge of the B3098, just to the east of the village. No evidence of it still being in place could be found as it was not visible in the vegetation.

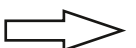
However, after the County Council grass cutting/flailing had cut back all the scrub, grass etc., it was noticed that a "rock", which looked like the top of the milestone, was showing a few inches above the surface. A closer examination suggested that it was, indeed, the missing "stone" but it had clearly been damaged over the years by the roadside machinery. A group of volunteers was keen to recover the milestone and move it to a more open site but removing it was impossible without creating



major traffic disruption. However, a few months later, the WCC Highways Dept., announced that the B3098 would be closed for resurfacing and minor improvements. This was a one-off opportunity to get the milestone moved. A site meeting with the contractors and WCC staff was very helpful: not only would they lift the milestone, but they would re-site it to a more appropriate spot. With the agreement of the landowner, it was moved to its present position on the corner of Westbury Road and Long Hollow.



On examination, the inscription, like most others, had been removed during the Second World War, so the stone was reversed with the "clean" side facing the road. Whereas' the other milestone inscriptions were well documented, no information about this one was available; the reference book on Wiltshire Milestones refers to its existence but simply states that the inscription had been removed.





When I published this information in an article in "The News" some years ago, I received a telephone call from Mrs Marjorie Nicholas (nee Ruddle) who lived in Edington as a child and she told me that it was simply inscribed "London 97 miles". She knew this because the inscription fascinated her when she attended school in the village "before the war".

Many milestones throughout the country detailed "miles to London" on their face because of its importance as a destination. Although the distance seems to be rather long (the railway marker is 92 miles), this can be explained by comparing the turnpikes of the 18th Century with the motorways of today. At the time, vehicles used the best surfaces since most "roads" were rutted tracks. Other changes such as the construction of the railways must also have affected the road system in the intervening period.

It was decided that a plaque conveying this information should be added to the milestone, otherwise it would be lost with the passage of time. Hence, a suitable plaque, constructed by Peter Hailstone and funded by a donation from Edington Fair was installed as can be seen from the photograph.

Next time that you pass the milestone, reflect on its 250 years or so history. If only it could talk, its resume of "passers-by" over the years would be fascinating!

George Fraser

Charity Christmas Cards Sale

Reluctantly it has been decided to Cancel this year's Charity Christmas Cards Sale. Please support your charities in these difficult times by going directly to you favoured Charity.

Jacky and Pauline



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION Poppy Collection 2020

Due to the ongoing uncertainty surrounding Covid 19, The Royal British Legion Trustees have decreed that there will be no house to house collection this year in order to protect collectors and the general public. This is quite a blow as the house to house collections have produced a large proportion of the Poppy Appeal income each year.

Residents of Edington have always proved to be very generous in supporting the appeal and I sincerely hope that this will continue this year by use of the three usual static and unmanned collection points being the Post Office, the Farm Shop and the 3 Daggers. Poppies and assorted items will be available from these locations with effect from 24th October. Please give them the support you would normally reserve for your door to door collector.

A special request this year, entirely due to the need to comply with safety guidelines, is that you do not touch any item of stock unless you are intending to obtain it by making a donation.

In these uncertain times I am confident that Edington will rise to the challenge and I thank you in anticipation of a successful appeal.

Stewart Jenkinson
Poppy Appeal Organiser
Edington and District Branch
The Royal British Legion



Wildlife on Holiday - continued from last month

In past years, we occasionally took the dolphin spotting boat trips from New Quay. These travel south towards Cwmttydu. From these boats, besides seeing bottle-nosed dolphins and porpoises, you can see bird colonies, seal haul-out areas and Castell Beach, the local ruins of an iron age settlement. As the boat travels past bird rock, you can see the sea bird colonies nesting on the sheer cliffs.



Boat cruise past Bird Rock to see the sea bird nesting colonies

One of my favourite birds are the cormorants which we often see flying low over the waves from the coastal path.



Cormorant flying low just above the waves near Bird Rock

They are large, black water birds which feed on fish, which they catch with their long, hook-tipped bills while swimming underwater. The

cormorants at Bird Rock also nest on the cliffs. Cormorants can often be spotted perched on a rock or bank with their wings held out. In this stance, they are able to dry their feathers off (unusually, their feathers are not waterproof).

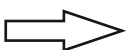


Cormorant drying its feathers which are not waterproofed.



Herring gull breeding on a rocky outcrop at Bird Rock

A common sight along the coastal path are the choughs which wheel and soar along the cliffs on broad, rounded wings, the tips spread out like fingers. I love the glossy purple-black feathers which contrast with the bright red legs and red, down-curved bill. One year we found a photographer set up near the path with tripod and telephoto lens photographing a





pair of choughs nesting on the cliff face. He invited us to observe them through his view finder and we had the most fantastic view of them and their chick.



A pair of choughs with their well fledged chick



Chough on the wing showing its red legs and curved bill

On some visits we continue along the cliff path all the way to Cymtydu Bay, a four mile walk. It has a wonderful stony beach and a number of sea caves at the base of the cliffs. The beach at Cwmttydu is vital for Grey Seal pups during low tides and stormy seas. The females will give birth to a single white fur coated pup, in any of the many sea caves in the area, but when the tides

are at their highest or when the weather takes a turn for the worse, they will often bring the pup up to a beach for safety. They give birth from early autumn and winter and the pups are usually seen at the beach at Cwmttydu Bay from September although we saw one on the beach in early August one year. Cwmttydu is one of the few beaches that offers a safe area even on a really high tide. Once there, if undisturbed, they will usually stay. Although the pups can swim, because of their dense fur coat they are at risk of becoming waterlogged, and drowning, if in the seas for any time. The females (Cows) will suckle the pups for about 18-21 days. Once the female leaves, the pup will shed its white coat, and take on its grey colour. It will remain in the area, spending time in the shallows, until ready or hungry enough to go in search of fish.



Grey seal pup



Grey seal looking at us from the sea





One day I hope to spot one of the whale species which can occasionally be observed in the sea around New Quay. Minke whales have been observed off the coast and it would be amazing to see one of these, or to see other of the occasional visitors to Cardigan Bay such as sunfish, basking sharks and even the elusive leatherback turtle!



Minke whales are occasionally found in Cardigan Bay



This photo of a Sunfish, the world's largest bony fish, was taken recently in Cardigan Bay to the north of New Quay. They can get to over 2.5 metres long and weigh over a 1000 kg.

After a long day walking the coastal paths and scouring the beaches for wildlife we often ended up on the harbour wall eating fish and chips usually accompanied by hungry hoard of herring gulls.



Being watched by the wildlife – a hungry herring gull was eyeing up one of my chips

STEPHEN HENNING

View from the Boundary



As the autumn leaves begin to turn, the Walled Garden pitch has been re-sown and bedded down for the winter. The close season will see the club planning improvements to the grounds and our facilities.

Top of the list is the club's ambition to build a new traditional pavilion with more space, better toilets and better catering facilities. The design is done and agreed, and formal planning permission is approved – now we just have to source the funds from somewhere to build it! We have so far raised £30,000 towards the cost of the new pavilion, so we're a third of the way there!

Sadly we confirm that there will be no ECCC bonfire night celebrations this year due to Covid. This is not only disappointing from a fun and fireworks point of view but also from the absence of funds coming into the club,





most of which would have been going towards the new pavilion.

As the club and its grounds rest through the winter months we continue to welcome the many local villagers who walk the woods and the grounds. We would ask that you continue to respect the grounds and to close gates after you and to take any of your dog's mess home, please do not leave it for others to tread in, or hook the bags on gateposts for the poo fairies!

We know that you will want to enjoy the lovely grounds of the Walled Garden and to treat them with respect. If you are out walking the grounds and you see something that is untoward, suspicious or notifiable – then please let Pauline at the Post Office know and she will let the club know.

Winter well and safely, the next cricket season is just around the corner.

Joe Dorgan

Chairman. ECCC

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EDINGTON PARISH HALL UPDATE

The Parish Hall is slowly waking after lock down. We have carried out a Covid-19 risk assessment and having put all of the required measures in place to keep everyone who uses it safe, the Parish Hall is now open for business but unfortunately still with limited capacity, due to the social distancing guidelines, and only for certain events.

The Government is urging Village and Community Halls to display NHS QR code posters at their entrances. This is designed to allow NHS Test and Trace to contact users with public health advice should there be a COVID-19 outbreak. Each QR code is unique to a particular building and an NHS QR Code has been created for Edington Parish Hall and is displayed just inside the door.

We know that many people are missing meeting in the Parish Hall so, if any of our regular Village Groups and Clubs or any 'private hirers' are wanting to meet again, please contact Wendy on **830441** to discuss the possibilities and practicalities. Alternatively email parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk for more information. At the moment no parties are permitted due to the 'Rule of 6' and the social distancing guidelines.

The Parish Hall Committee are very grateful to the Village Maintenance group for their continued support in maintaining the outside area of the hall and in particular to those who have started to paint the porch and the railings. Thank You!

We hope that everyone is staying safe and well and we look forward to a time when the Parish Hall can be 'restriction free'.



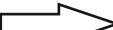


STELLA CALLAWAY

15 November 1937 - 16 August 2020



Stella Callaway was born in Edington in what was then 'Elm Cottage' at the top of The Weir in 1937. She lived here with her parents Barbara and Henry Till until her Father died in 1945. Moving to 9 Greenhills, she and her sisters all went to the primary school. During the school holidays she would be responsible for looking after her younger sisters. A bright scholar she passed her 11 plus and went to Trowbridge High School where she developed a love of literature. At 16 regrettably she had to leave education to help bring money into the household and started working in Trowbridge at Colborne Trophies borrowing £2 to buy a bicycle to cycle to and from work! After a few months, a vacancy came up at the local library and as she 'always had her head in a book' her employer suggested she apply.

That started a successful career as a librarian... for her the perfect job eventually working all over Wiltshire's Libraries pedalling to get to work many miles every day. On Sundays she was the Sunday School teacher at Edington Church the beginning of a lifetime of Christian faith. During this time, she met a local lad Edward Callaway and they started going to tea dances together walking to 



and from Coulston with a chaperone. They married in 1958 at Edington Church and made their first home at 3 Greenhills. All three of their children were born here. Early married years were kept busy with three young children and the growth of the family farm at Sunnycroft. Building their own house in Court lane, Edward and Stella proudly moved in July 1969 the day they 'landed on the moon'. Stella was a busy farmers wife, working on the farm daily. An always-encouraging Mother, she juggled supporting school activities, washing kit, making costumes, taxiing children to clubs. Village events were always in the calendar, Edington Fair, Sunday School outings, the annual Jumble sale (remember that!) were enthusiastically attended. As the children grew up, she used her time to become immersed in the village, starting to attend Aerobics in the Parish Hall, Yoga and she joined the WI.

Over the next 40 years her sense of community became the foundation of her life. Parish Hall Committee, President of the WI., Parochial Church Council, Church Flower Rota, Afternoon teas, Edington Art and Craft Fair, Knitting Group, Founder Member of the Gardening Club. Knowing almost every household in the village, she was determined to keep Edington as a thriving friendly community, giving time and helping whenever possible.

When something needed doing... What about Stella?' She was the person who rarely said 'no'. A lover of animals, she gave to Bears in Russia, Donkeys in Sidmouth and Goats in Iran. For years she would be seen walking her beloved Dalmatians over the hills and latterly the indomitable 'Sparky'. In 2000 Edward and Stella moved up to Combe Vale. Here together they nurtured a garden, which finally in 2019 was opened to the village to share and enjoy, typically to raise money for the 'Hope for Tomorrow' cancer charity.

In 2014 Stella was diagnosed for the second time with cancer. This meant major surgery and chemotherapy for 6 years. Determined to continue, her bravery was an inspiration not only to us her family, but to those who knew how hard she battled against the effects of her illness.

To many; she will be remembered as 'the lady with the dog' always walking, stopping to chat and asking how you were and what you were up to. A month before she died, she continued to walk as much as possible... just a little slower.

She remained resolute but accepted that the end of her life was approaching. Determined to remain at home, she slipped peacefully away with her family around her.

On September 1st Stella made her final journey from her home in Edington, the place she loved to be surrounded by her own flowers from the garden.



School Memories

When the school closed in 1996 we produced a booklet compiled from entries in the school log, a daily record that was kept since the school's inception. Here are a few entries from that log.

Bad Behaviour!!

1920 June 28 - Ernrys C., 7 years 4 months, was discovered by the Headmaster at 1.10 p.m. in the School Yard acting in an improper manner. Punishment, 2 strokes of the cane.

June 29 - Ernrys C, the boy punished yesterday, was not present this morning though his brother stated he had been sent to school in plenty of time.. At 10.45 Ernrys was found hiding in a shed near the School. Punishment for Truancy, 2 strokes of the cane.

1926 - Albert S. received 6 strokes with cane for theft of 2/- (10p) from Miss Scott's desk.

- The Police Sargeant called during the dinner hour and took with him Albert S., who is suspected of having committed theft at Coulston.

- Victor D., Christopher F. and Reginald S. were found today making obscene drawings to which were added obscene remarks in writing. Each boy received 6 strokes on the hands with the cane.

1927 - Douglas B. received two strokes with the cane for untruthfulness.

1928 - Dorothy P. (Infants) was found today to have stolen a portion of another child's dinner; having taken it from a bag hanging in the Cloak Room. When taxed with the offence she admitted it and added that she was not hungry at the lime. She is 9 years of age and is obviously not normal.

- Herbert D. punished today (1 stroke) for idleness and disobedience.

1933 - Ronald R. was caned this morning for deliberately throwing ink over Barbara Scull's dress.

- Ivan C., after repeated warnings, was caned for mis-behaviour and telling a lie.

1934 - Arthur W. and Wilfred O. received the cane for bad behaviour and rudeness to Miss Morgan.

- Ronald R. was caned for playing truant for two days.

1935 - Wilfred O. was caned today for disobedience and rudeness.

- Wilfred O. was again caned for bad sportsmanship followed by rudeness.

1936 - John C. was caned for telling a lie and being cheeky.

- Five children, including two girls (Winifred B. and Eileen B.) were caned for playing the piano in strict disobedience.

1938 - Frank S. was caned for rudeness.

1939 - Michael H, Frank S., Bertram C., Kenneth H, George H., Reginald W., Kenneth W. and Ivan W. were caned for disobedience of school rules.

- William13. and Kenneth W. were caned for dis-obedience of school 'rules.

1951 March 6 - Kenneth B., after receiving a punishment this morning, ran home and did not return to school. The punishment was not corporal. The case was reported.

Mar 9 - Kenneth B. has not yet returned to school. I have now learned that Kenneth B. has gone to live with his aunty at Bratton, and has been admitted to Bratton Primary School. I intend to acquaint the Chairman of the Managers with the case.

- David N was caned for threatening another boy with a chair and throwing it across the floor. He had been warned previously this week for writing uncouth notes.

Miss Dear was present when he was caned.



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