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Edington Parish Hall



Saturday 16th November the Annual Curry & Quiz Night. Doors open at 7pm for a prompt start at 7.30pm. Cost £40 per team of 4 (£10 per person). Bring your own bottle.

More details inside



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

This coming month we have lots going on in the village and neighbouring villages, culminating in two events not to be missed on Saturday 16th November when there will be the annual Charity Christmas Card Sale with Mince Pies in the morning and to complete the day the annual Curry and Quiz night, both in the Parish Hall.



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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**

In light of recent local concerns about Measles in schools, please click on the link below to view a list of 'Measles FAQs for Education and childcare settings' produced by the UK Health Security Agency:

Click [HERE](#) for Measles FAQs for education and childcare settings

Please also see the MMR leaflet on the link below. This leaflet is produced by the South West Screening and Immunisation Team:

[Click HERE for the Measles MMR Leaflet](#)

Covid-19 Vaccinations

Please note that the surgery is not administering the Covid-19 vaccination this year.

To book your vaccination please either call 119 (free) or click on the link below to visit the NHS vaccination booking site:

Please click [HERE](#) to book your Covid-19 vaccination

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.](#)

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

Wiltshire
Adult Care and Support Guide 2024/25

- Staying independent • Support in your community
- Home care • Care homes

In association with

www.carechoices.co.uk

Working in partnership with
Wiltshire Council

Dementia Friends

To read online, download or order a paper copy go to:

<https://www.carechoices.co.uk/publication/wiltshire-care-servicesdirectory/>



Wiltshire Police

Some recent stories from Specialist Operations at @wiltshirepolice

Wilts Specialist Ops @WiltsSpecOps
Some recent "encounters"

#RPU stopped the car for hogging the middle lane, checks then revealed the driver had no licence or insurance!



Vehicle #Seized and driver now walking

Long stay car park is open at Badbury in Swindon for this van found far in excess of the plates weight.

Vehicle	Weight	Plated	Excess	% Over
Axle 1	2130 kg	1850 kg	280 kg	15.1
Axle 2	2820 kg	2000 kg	820 kg	41.0
Gross	4950 kg	3500 kg	1450 kg	41.4



There are no victims without perpetrators - Vigilant communities rolled out across Wiltshire

Published: 23/09/2024

"We know that nearly all serious sexual offenders have carried out non-contact sexual offences such as stalking, indecent exposures and voyeurism. We want to create 'Vigilant Communities' that can help us to gather intelligence on those individuals who make women and girls feel frightened and vulnerable. When someone becomes a victim of sexual violence, we are already too late." Detective Inspector Troy Smith.

Typically, police forces see a rise in indecent exposure reports across the country around this time of year and similar to previous years, Wiltshire has received a number of reports of stranger approaches and concerning sexualised behaviour in public spaces. These ranged in location from beauty spots to busy town centres and public transport."

Wiltshire Police is rolling out a project called Vigilant Communities, working with Neighbourhood Policing Teams, local authorities, CCTV operators, local companies and community groups. They will receive detailed training and advice on how to spot predatory behaviour and how best to report it.

This includes behaviours that may have already been witnessed on the street such as:

- A sober man hanging around outside a pub, approaching drunk women, seemingly at random.
- The same car circling around the





local nightclub, youth club, school or college, or a car with male driver and passengers parked up with seemingly no reason to be there

- An intoxicated woman being led along the street by a sober man. He has his arm around her shoulders steering her along the pavement
- A group of men loitering outside a café of takeaway, watching, or making comments to women and girls as they pass by.

Wiltshire Police want people to report when something does not feel right to help gather intelligence on those who pose a risk of causing sexual harm in our communities. This can be reported through the Wiltshire Police website or by calling 101, giving as much information as possible and mentioning 'Vigilant Communities' so that the right people receive your message.

DI Troy Smith said: "It's a bit like a jigsaw puzzle. We are trying to collect all the pieces to complete the picture and we need everyone to help us do this.

"If someone is assaulted, they must live on with the trauma, left to cope with feelings of shame, guilt, anger, resentment, fear, shame, isolation.

"I would like to reassure the public that Wiltshire Police can never have too much community intelligence coming in and things may take time to develop. So, if you do not receive a response to the information you give to Vigilant Communities, please do not feel it is being ignored. It may be that more information comes in at a later date that we will be able to link together.

"We want to drive down sexual violence and make our Wiltshire streets a hostile place for predators to operate. Having vigilant guardians in our communities will make a real

difference and help us keep people safe."

Across Wiltshire and Swindon, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is funding free Welfare and Vulnerability Engagement (WAVE) and Licensing SAVI training to night-time economy staff across Wiltshire and Swindon.

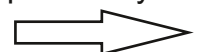
The training helps them to better identify customers who are vulnerable and make appropriate interventions. It also gives staff a better awareness of potential drink spiking and an understanding of the 'Ask for Angela' scheme, which is in place in many venues in the county.

The training sits within the Police and Crime Commissioner's priority to create safer streets in Wiltshire, which has already seen Home Office money invested to fund night-time economy wardens in Trowbridge and Salisbury on Friday and Saturday nights as well as providing funding for four deployable CCTV cameras in Salisbury, additional CCTV in Chippenham town centre and improved lighting and CCTV in Swindon.

Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson said: "This training brings together venues across Wiltshire and Swindon to allow them to take responsibility for their customers and create safer and more supportive environments.

"Coupled with the provision of wardens in two of the busiest night-time economy areas in Wiltshire and significant funding to improve lighting and CCTV capabilities, we're working with our partners and taking steps to improve the night-time experience for our residents"

DCI Thorne who leads the VAWG team at Wiltshire Police added: "We have previously discussed our commitment to





recommendations from the Angiolini Inquiry which relates to the inquiry into Wayne Couzens who brutally murdered Sarah Everard after abducting her in a public place, we know from that inquiry Couzens committed indecent exposures prior to Sarah's abduction.

"To ensure our officers are fully equipped and skilled to respond to reports of this kind, we have launched a new non-contact sexual offences policy and officer investigation guide.

"This includes guidance around the evidential link between this type of offending and higher level sexual offending.

"This new policy is informed by academic research through Operation Soteria, the Government's transformational programme to improve how we investigate sexual offences.

"We are committed in Wiltshire to do all we can to make our community safer for all of the public with a particular focus on women and girls. We ask for the community's help in identifying those behaviour types you may see and to report this to us."

If you run a local company or organisation and require more information or a police force input please do contact us on the 101 number.

Forthcoming roadworks around Edington.

There are no scheduled roadworks in the village area in the next month.

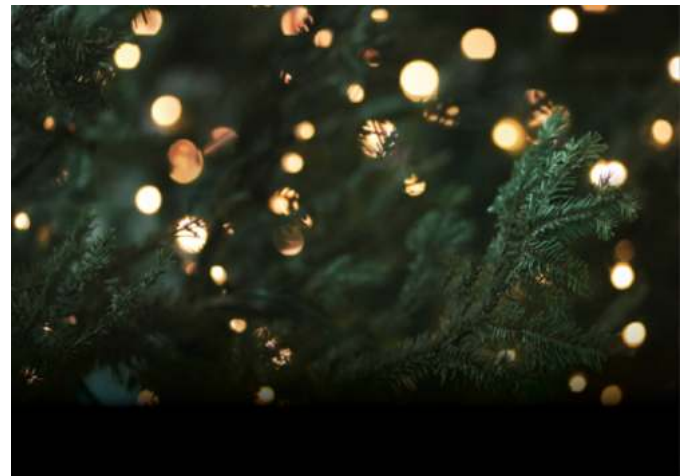
You can find out about roadworks across Wiltshire by going to <https://one.network/>



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

Latest News

Give the gift of critical care this Christmas Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charity is looking for your support to keep the critical care team saving lives this Christmas.

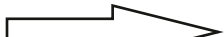


The crew are on call every day for up to 19 hours, providing vital medical care by land and air across Wiltshire and Bath.

But they can't provide their essential service for the community without your support. As a registered charity, Wiltshire Air Ambulance relies entirely on voluntary donations.

To fund their work on Christmas Day it costs £12,000 – and you can help by supporting a new Twinkle + Give online fund.

You will be sponsoring a light on the Christmas tree - which will be on show at the airbase - for a suggested donation of £20.

You can choose to add a message to the crew, support the Christmas Day team as a local business or light up the tree in 



memory of a loved one. You can also add a picture with your online donation.

On 21 November there will be an official switch on of the lights at the charity's Christmas Market event.

Click on the link below to sponsor a light

[https://
twinkleandgive2024.celebrationpage.org/](https://twinkleandgive2024.celebrationpage.org/)

The pathway to becoming a doctor In 2024 Maria Smith became the first doctor fully employed by Wiltshire Air Ambulance Charity.



The charity's medical director qualified as a consultant in accident and emergency and worked as clinical lead at Harlow (Princess Alexandra) Hospital. She later became trauma lead at Queen's Hospital in Romford and ultimately ended up moving to Addenbrooke's Hospital in Cambridge in 2015, leading in trauma for the emergency department. Trauma is Maria's major clinical interest and passion.

Initially spending around three days a month with the charity, that gradually increased. In early 2024 Maria became full time with the charity, allowing her to lead directly on important clinical matters more readily than before and help with rota cover.

Maria explains: "Up until 2019 any doctors working with Wiltshire Air Ambulance were doing so on a voluntary basis. However, the

charity had decided they wanted to increase the number of shifts with pre-hospital doctors, with both paid and volunteer shifts.

The ambition is to have doctors on all shifts, or as many as possible. The main challenge is cost, especially if a doctor isn't trained as a technical crew member (being able to help the pilot in the front of the aircraft) or as a blue light driver in the critical care car.

An emergency medicine doctor needs two years of foundation training, three years in core training, a further three years in speciality training and then one-to-two years in Pre-Hospital Emergency Medicine (PHEM) training, totalling ten years before being able to work as an air ambulance consultant doctor, with an additional two years for anaesthetists.

Doctors receive very different training from critical care paramedics. With a much greater breadth of training in anatomy and physiology, as well as the basic medical sciences, whereas paramedics have a much better practical training.

Air Ambulance Critical Care Paramedics can use different, or higher strength drugs than road paramedics and have some surgical skills. What doctors bring into the mix is another layer above that with a greater training in surgery and surgical skills, so can perform operations that paramedics can't.

This includes opening the chest to perform an operation to repair a wound in the heart, or for pregnant patients, they can deliver the baby by caesarean section.

Rarer than the aforementioned procedures, Doctors can amputate a limb if someone was trapped and need extricating. For some severely burnt patients doctors can perform a surgical procedure to release tension around the chest.

[Read more about the work of Wiltshire Air Ambulance here.](#)



Wiltshire Council

How would you prioritise Wiltshire Council's spending? Help shape our budget in 2025/26

Wiltshire Council is inviting people to attend interactive budget drop-in sessions and share their views on what the council should prioritise its money on in 2025/26.

Published 26 September 2024

Local authority budgets are under greater scrutiny and pressure than ever before due to increasing demand for services, particularly the high demand for adults' services, children's social care and SEND. Demand has been further impacted by the ongoing pressures caused by the continued cost-of-living crisis, fluctuating inflation and continued higher and unpredictable energy prices.

The interactive sessions will be an opportunity for people to talk to the Leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Richard Clewer and Cabinet Member for Finance, Cllr Nick Botterill, and give their views on how the council should prioritise its spending.

The nearest interactive drop-in session will be taking place on:

Monday 14 October, 3.30pm - 6.30pm at Trowbridge Library, County Hall, Bythesea Road Trowbridge BA14 8JN

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Finance, said: Local authorities are legally obliged to set a balanced budget. Our prudent and preventative approach over the last few years has put Wiltshire Council in a strong position to deliver high quality services for Wiltshire's residents, businesses, and

communities, in line with its Business Plan priorities. However, we are not immune to the challenging time it is for council finances with growing demand for services and increasing costs.

We want to hear people's views on how they think we should prioritise spending in 2025/26, so that this can inform how we invest in key services and programmes to ensure we continue to deliver services that meet the need of our residents, businesses and communities.

The council receives nearly 84% of its core funding from local taxes, business rates and council tax. In 2024/25 the council's budget is around £490m, more than half of which is spent on adult and children's social care services.

The most significant spending in 2024/25 is on:

Adult services - £179.4m
Families and children - £70.8m
Environment - £49.6m
Highways and transport - £43m
Education and skills - £38.9m

Recycle your coffee pods at household recycling centres

From 1 October, Wiltshire Council will be offering coffee pod recycling at its household recycling centres (HRCs) in partnership with Podback.

Published 1 October 2024

Aluminium and plastic coffee pods, used in pod system coffee machines, should be collected separately and taken to HRCs on residents' next trip and deposited in the separate plastic and aluminium Podback recycling bins.

Plastic and aluminium pods need to be collected separately, as they are





recycled at different facilities. All the pods collected by Podback are recycled in the UK. They are shredded to remove the coffee, then the plastic and aluminium are used to create new products, including packaging, car components and building products. The coffee grounds will be treated by anaerobic digestion to create renewable energy (biogas) and soil improver.

Podback is a not-for-profit recycling service, created and funded by the UK's leading coffee pod systems - NESCAFE Dolce Gusto, Tassimo and Nespresso, and over 25 coffee pod brands and national retailers.

Cllr Dominic Muns, Cabinet Member for Waste and Environment, said: "We're really excited to be working with Podback to introduce another recycling stream at our household recycling centres. It's great that residents will now be able to use their coffee machines happy in the knowledge that their used pods can be recycled into new products and renewable energy.

"This innovation aligns with our pledge to help the county become carbon neutral, which is a key priority for us."

Podback Executive Director, Rick Hindley, said: "It's great to be able to expand the Podback service to Wiltshire Council's household recycling centres. We want to make coffee pod recycling as easy as possible, and this new service enables residents to drop off pods when convenient, alongside other recyclables, and helps to reduce waste and increase recycling."

Successful prosecutions for fly-tipping



As part of our continued zero tolerance approach to tackling fly-tipping, a man from Calne has had to pay over £1,500 in charges, after his waste was found dumped on a public footpath in the town.

We've also issued multiple fixed penalty notices (FPNs) to a business in Devizes that has illegally disposed of its commercial waste. The business was issued with three FPNs totalling £1,600; £1,000 for illegally disposing of waste at the Devizes Household Recycling Centre (HRC), £300 for failing to produce a waste carriers licence and £300 for failing to produce waste transfer documents.

The fines serve as a clear warning that illegal waste disposal will not be tolerated, and offenders will face serious consequences.

Join the great cable challenge



Almost all of us have unwanted, broken cables clogging up our drawers, or have considered binning that flimsy cable when it broke. That's thousands of kilograms of precious copper going to waste, that could be recycled into anything from lifesaving hospital equipment to electric vehicles.

We use copper in our phones, transport, clean energy, lifesaving equipment and the green technology revolution.





Join the millions taking one small action to make a big difference for this year's E-Waste Day. Gather up your old cables - and any other old electricals you find in your drawer of doom, and recycle them. Simply take them to your local household recycling centre (HRC) and recycle them in the electricals container.

Potholes

Published 4 October 2024

We're committed to improving Wiltshire's roads, and that's why we've invested an extra £22m into filling potholes, road resurfacing and repairs, road safety and flood prevention. This is in addition to the £20.7m we receive from the Government's Highways Maintenance Fund. We now have some new machines to speed up repairs



Pothole Bobcat



Velocity Patcher



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

What happens when we die? The practicalities

Talk by Elizabeth Snell plus Q & A

Saturday 2nd November, 5-6pm

Bratton Church Institute

Hot drinks served from 4.30pm



Village Musings

Walking the lanes and footpaths of our beautiful village opens up stunning landscapes and perfect little vignettes everywhere we look.



At this time of year, we have enjoyed the harvests of the hedgerows, watched fascinated as the farmers bring in the crops, and paused to spend a moment in silent awe as the seasons change from bright gold summer to the deep bronze of the leisurely autumn. There



is a particular smell about autumn, earthy, rich and damp. The air is cool and wet, and the light is muted. It is my favourite season.



Mercedes



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**

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




**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.)*



Edington and Tinhead W.I.'s summer.

Q] What do 1 in 4 women have in common?

Answer at the bottom of this article

The guest Speakers at our September meeting were Superintendent Sarah Robbins and Gemma Vinton, talking about the sadly topical issue of Violence against Women. Sarah, formerly of Wiltshire Police, now works throughout the SW region and Gemma, a former Chief Inspector, is Head of Service at the charity "Fear Free". Gemma gave an overview of the forms of abuse and the many myths that surround it, and outlined the work done by Fear Free. Yes, some women are perpetrators, but they are most likely to be the victims of domestic abuse. Abuse is about power and control: physical, sexual, emotional and financial being common forms; and wears away a woman's sense of self-worth and confidence. Statistics show that abuse is common across all socioeconomic classes, race, religions; that drink and drugs may precipitate abuse in a man disposed to violence against women but does not in itself produce an abuser. Gemma talked about commonly held views such as women "asking for it" because of dress and behaviour, about the unwillingness to believe in an accusation of a violent attack because the woman had not "fought back" and questioning why women don't just walk away.

Fear Free is a charity that provides advice and counselling as well as practical and some financial help to those affected by abuse. It was horrifying to hear that the service has seen clients under the age of 10, and over the age of 80. The ethos is on empowering clients to make their own decisions and choices, for example whether or not to report abuse to the

police. The recent high profile cases of media influencers and their toxic rants against women gave rise to some discussion about how to educate and nurture our boys and young men.

From 25th November to 10th December W.I.'s nationally will be getting involved in the annual "16 days of activism"; this year focussing on gender based violence.

A] They will all have experienced some form of domestic abuse. Think about that next time you are in a group of women.

Not just for Edington & Tinhead!

We would be delighted to welcome members and visitors from our neighbouring villages of Coulston & Erlestoke.

Indeed we welcomed a number of visitors at our October meeting. Friends of our Speaker, they joined us to listen to member Rosemary Wooff describing her journey along the Via Camino de Compostela, and what led up to her momentous decision.

From being a tiny child, Rosemary's life was dominated and constrained by very poor health. This lasted until her teens, when her health began to improve and by her late teens all was well. She heard about the almost unknown Via Camino from a man who had walked it, and she promised herself that one day she too would walk there.

In the meantime marriage, children, life in Sussex with Pinky & Perky the children's goats. In Devon she and Geoff ran a guesthouse for 12 years, opening the garden to the public, serving tea and perhaps Rosemary's homemade biscuits. Then to Heytesbury, where they became empty nesters (seven children between them). Well that wouldn't do! They began





house and pet sitting. They enjoyed this for many years and were able to fund regular visits to Australia to visit a daughter. Finally they moved to Edington, where they have become well loved members of the community.

Rosemary never forgot her promise to herself, and in the year of her 70th birthday, she finally told her family about it. The time had come! Her brother Michael was the obvious companion – an experienced long distance walker. Rosemary had done no sport since school, but after some months of hard training, Michael decided that she was fit to go. They would walk the last 100 miles to Compostela, thus qualifying for a certificate.

They set off in the Spring of 2007 to walk for nine days, covering a daily 13 miles. Backpacking, they booked the first night's accommodation, and after that successfully took pot luck. Rosemary's daughter Julia joined them for the last five days, impressed at her mother's confidence that accommodation would be found each night! Snow, rain and hot weather, they experienced it all. The way was well signed with St James' scallop shells and they met pilgrims from many nationalities drawn from across the world. They reached the cathedral in Santiago – blister free! The cathedral was packed for the Pilgrim Mass – held daily for the constant stream of arrivals. Rosemary surprised herself at how emotional she was at this culmination of a challenge, thought about since schooldays.

Finally, we were shown a short film of the pilgrim route and the cathedral, sent to Rosemary by a German film maker they had met en route. He interviewed Rosemary outside the cathedral. She described how having been a sickly child, she had eventually recovered and had gone on to have a good life. She was here to give thanks.

Rosemary and Michael raised £400 For charity – MS, Cancer Research and an African charity for Children.

Next year Julia and a friend will walk the

Portugal route to Santiago de Compostela. Julia will carry her mother's rucksack and her friend will carry Michael's. The giving goes on.

Last year, Jonathon Bailey gave a talk about a relative, Elaine Plowman, and her amazing life. He ended on a cliffhanger, and next month he will give us Part 2. Visitors to the meeting are welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who came to the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning in Edington; the Hall was full all morning with over 50 people coming and going and enjoying meeting up with friends and neighbours. Your generosity has raised £503 to date, with some QR payments still to be tallied. We are very grateful to our members and friends who baked cakes, to Gary at the Three Daggers farm shop who donated a monster sized carrot cake, to Edington PH Committee for very kindly waiving the hire fee and to TVM for free use of the bus; with Pauline thrown in, at no extra cost, to drive! A final thanks to those villagers who were unable to be there on the day, but made very generous donations.

Edington & Tinhead W.I. Committee



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday
10.30 -11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.



Wildlife in Edington in 2024

It has not been a typical wildlife year in Edington. It was a year in which there seemed to be a dearth of pollinators. This may well have been due to the weather. February turned out to be the 2nd warmest on record but also the wettest since records began in the 1830's. Following this, April turned out to be 6th wettest since records began in 1836. As a possible consequence of this sightings of butterflies, for example, dropped dramatically in 2024 according to the Wiltshire Branch of the Butterfly Conservation Society. Recorded sightings for all butterflies in Wiltshire over April this year was just 247 compared with 481 in April 2023. The biggest casualty appeared to be the Small Tortoiseshell with only 25 reported, a huge drop from the 231 recorded in 2023. I personally have not seen a Small Tortoiseshell butterfly this year.



The numbers of Small tortoiseshell butterfly have plummeted in 2024.

It appears many species suffered from this very wet spring and early summer with many recorders in Wiltshire commenting on the scarcity of butterflies during June in particular. It was not until mid/late July that numbers of butterflies increased as the summer species emerged.

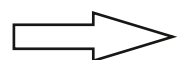
Every mid-July the Butterfly Conservation

Society of which I am a member, organises a count of butterflies in people's gardens in the UK over a fifteen-minute period. This year some 85,000 people recorded 935,000 butterflies and day-flying moths over three weeks from the 12th of July. This count was down almost 600,000 butterflies from that of 2023. It was equivalent to only just more than a third of 2023's total. In 9,000 counts, participants failed to see a single butterfly or moth, the highest number of zero-counts in the programme's history. In fact, a third of the species recorded in the Big Butterfly Count had their worst year on record. Because of this the Butterfly Conservation Society has declared a national "butterfly emergency"

One thing that gardeners would certainly have noticed was that the three common Cabbage White Butterflies (Large, Small and Green-veined) were scarce until mid-summer. In fact, the Small and Green-veined whites have had their worst ever recorded year. We personally have had our best ever crop of cabbages with no caterpillar damage at all. However, the general lack of pollinators has led to our worst ever crop of squashes on our allotment. Lots of flowers like in previous years but no fruit as they were no pollinators around.



The Small White's numbers are down 19% over 14 years





Not all butterflies had a bad year, and I have seen a lot of Brimstones and Orange-tips around Edington and their numbers throughout Wiltshire has been good. I usually see Speckled Woods in our garden from late spring but this year I did not see one until late June, but there have been a few around since then. I have also seen a few Meadow Browns and Ringlets in our garden this year which I have never noticed before. It appears they are having a good year even if other species have not. In fact, the Ringlet was the only butterfly in the count to do significantly better in 2024 than 2023. Its caterpillars feed on grass and appear to better in wetter years. Its numbers increased by 85% on last summer but since 2010 its abundance has plummeted by 47%.



The number of Speckled Woods has declined about 38% since 2010.



The Ringlet was the only butterfly to do significantly better than in 2023

The overwintering Peacocks and Commas were quite common in early spring but were not much seen again until July. Since then, I have seen several Commas, so it has been quite a good year for them.



A Comma basking in the sun.

The Holly Blue a common resident in my garden feeding on the ivy and the holly has also had a poor year. Usually, every time I go into the garden, I would see a Holly Blue fluttering around the ivy, but I have not seen one this year.



The Holly Blue has had a poor year.

As already mentioned, the Small Tortoiseshell has had a bad year. The Red Admiral has been regularly reported but in much smaller numbers than in 2023 which was a very good year for them.





The Gatekeeper was the most-seen butterfly in the 2024 count

It was also the worst year on record for the common blue. In fact, eight out of the 10 most-seen species have declined – in many cases dramatically – over the butterfly count’s history. Although the Gatekeeper was the most-seen butterfly in the 2024 count, over the 14 years of recording its numbers have fallen by 32%.



The number of peacock butterflies is down 30% since 2010

It is not only butterflies that have shown such a reduction. Crashes in other flying insect populations including beetles and wasps have also been widely observed during the summer. Again, it is thought that this was due the prolonged wet and generally cold first half of the season. Back in late August we had to get in an exterminator to remove a wasp’s nest in an airbrick in our house and he said he had hardly any call outs this year to remove wasp’s nests. He said he couldn’t remember a season when wasp numbers were so low.

Some experts say the declines in butterflies and other flying insects appear to be more than seasonal fluctuations relating to bad weather. The Butterfly Conservation Society blames neonicotinoid pesticides used in farming and is calling for a complete ban of these chemicals in the UK as many European countries have already done.

As you all have probably noticed the record rainfall, we have been getting recently has not stopped yet. According to provisional Met Office figures for Wiltshire in September we recorded 196.5 mm of rainfall which is more than three times (300%) our average September rainfall. In fact, the whole of Southern England has had its wettest September since 1918, and its third wettest on record since 1836. Let’s hope this trend will not continue as this will play havoc with all the pollinators again next year.

Dr Stephen Henning



This year was one of the worst ever for the Common Blue.

There have been similar long-term declines for other species in the top 10 including the Small White (down 19% over 14 years), Peacock (down 30%), Speckled Wood (down 38%) and Green-veined White (down 65%).



Edington arts

THREE OF THE UK'S FINEST TO PLAY AT EDINGTON

Saturday 19th October, Time 7.30pm

The Britten Sinfonia is recognised as being one of the pre-eminent orchestral ensembles playing today. Based in Cambridge, and the only professional orchestra working in the east of England, they are a collective which brings together exceptional musicians, earning both a national and an international reputation.

Three of their Principal wind players – Nicholas Daniel OBE, oboe, Joy Farrall, clarinet, and Sarah Burnett, bassoon – have formed a wind trio, and will perform especially for us. Each has an important and respected career outside the Sinfonia; Nicholas Daniel for example is probably the best known oboist in the country.



Nicholas Daniel

They are presenting a wonderfully varied concert, marrying the familiar with the perhaps less familiar. Book early to avoid disappointment!



Joy Farrall



Sarah Burnett

Tickets for this concert are on sale now from £11 to £25 with a 10% discount for Edington Angels on all seats, and can be secured through the What's On page on the Edington Arts website, www.edingtonarts.org, or by phoning Chrissy on 01380 831256. Students 18 and under come free. The performance starts at 7.30pm and will end at approximately 9.30pm, including an interval.

The programme

Tomasi	Concert Champetre
Milhaud	Apres Corette
Poulenc	Duo for two clarinets, arr. for oboe and clarinet
Ibert	Trio
Beethoven	La Ci Darem La Mano
Tansman	Suite for Wind Trio
Mozart	Divertimento in B Flat K439b No 1



Edington & District Gardening Club

‘Orchids as Houseplants’

At the October meeting we were very lucky to have an excellent speaker who filled in at the last minute!

Manos Kanellos gave a very informative and hands on talk all about Orchids, members brought along some of their own plants, not too sickly! but Manos explained the symptoms / problems with them.

Phalaenopsis orchids account for over 80% of all the orchids sold, either at Garden centres or supermarkets, coming mainly from the Netherlands. As the pollen is contained in a sack, they make very good gifts for Hay fever sufferers and are good in bedrooms.

As for all plants, light, feeding, and watering is very important. Less light makes lots of leaves, more light makes less leaves and more flowers. The ideal temperature is warm to cool, not greater than 15° and direct sunlight no more than 2 hours. Spray 2-3 times a week for humidity. If the roots are green (sponge like) they are healthy, if they are grey, the plant needs watering. Repot every 2 years, in spring after flowering, using a clear pot and bark.

We are looking forward to next year’s Flower & Produce Show to see very healthy orchids in the show!

We also presented Mercedes Henning and Sarah Killian with their engraved trophies from this year’s Show, at the start of the evening.

Next month we will have a talk from the National Trust on one of their properties (TBC)

Do come along if you are interested.

Contact 830133 for further details.



Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club



Save the date for our
annual bonfire night on
**Saturday 2nd
November**
at the Walled Garden in
Erlestoke.

Gates open at 4pm with
fire lighting at 6.30pm

Parking available

Cash only
event

See poster for
more details





Edington Parish Hall - up coming event

Time to dust off those little grey cells and get ready for quizzing!

**Saturday 16th November the
Annual Curry & Quiz Night.
Doors open at 7pm for a prompt
start at 7.30pm.**



Cost £40 per team of 4 (£10 per person).
Bring your own bottle.

Prizes for the overall winning team and the winners of the table quiz as well
as the bragging rights for the year!!

Try your hand at winning the Lucky Bucket

Pay on the night by cash or card.

Please book your table by phoning Helen on - 01380 830501.

If anyone in your team has any special dietary requirements, please mention
this at the time of booking. Thank you.

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SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

THE WALLED GARDEN

**BONFIRE &
FIREWORKS**

@ ERLESTOKE & COULSTON CRICKET CLUB
Gates open 4.30pm - Fire starts at 6.30pm

ADULTS £10 | CHILDREN £5 | FAMILY (up to 5) £25

BAR | BURGERS | HOT SOUP | MULLED WINE
COFFEE & CAKES | GLOW STUFF

CASH ONLY EVENT



Keevil School

The new school year has begun, and we were delighted to welcome back our pupils and their families at the beginning of term. September is always an especially exciting time of year at school as new families join our Keevil school community. In addition to our new reception class pupils, we also said hello to new families into years 1, 2 and 3 so there were lots of new faces in the playground at the beginning of term. Welcome everyone!

Each child at Keevil school is a member of a house (think Harry Potter, but without the sorting hat unfortunately!). Pupils can earn points throughout the year for all sorts of things including demonstration of our school values and being a good role model as well as for academic or sporting achievement. The points are counted every week and the house with the most points at the end of each term gets a treat. We'll keep you posted on progress throughout the year.

In keeping with the 'fresh start' that the new school year brings, FoKS (Friends of Keevil School) has signed up to take part in the Rags2Riches4Schools scheme which exchanges clean, dry, good quality, second-hand clothing for a financial contribution. The amount of money we raise is based on the number of bags of re-useable clothes we collect, so we would love for as many people as possible to get involved. The clothes are shipped to the Ukraine to be re-sold by local market traders. And by diverting perfectly good clothes away from landfill, we are helping the economy, the environment, and the school. Brilliant! If you are sick of looking at the pile of

clothes you keep promising yourself you will list on a second-hand website soon, or if this prompts you into a wardrobe de-clutter, we would love to receive your surplus items. The items must be clean, dry, and in good quality (not broken or ripped), and we cannot accept socks, school uniform or anything printed/personalised. Please drop your bagged-up items off to the school office before 12th November. Happy sorting everyone!

At the time of going to print, we are looking forward to the welcome back bbq/picnic at the end of September (fingers crossed the weather is kind to us) and the annual harvest festival service in church on 1st October. The school community will once again be collecting and donating food items to The Storehouse Foodbank in Trowbridge.

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



LEST WE FORGET

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FOR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

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FRIDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2024
7:30pm - 10:30pm

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Recipe of the month - October

Scrummy Carrot Cake with Mascarpone and Lime frosting

By popular request, the recipe for my carrot cake, which it seems many people have enjoyed at village events!! The Mascarpone and Lime frosting makes a delicious alternative to the traditional frosting used on many carrot cakes served in cafes.

Unlike many carrot cake recipes it is nut free but if desired walnuts can be included which would give crunch to the texture. (see recipe adaptations)

(the recipe has been adapted from one published on the BBC Good Food website)

Ingredients

- 175g light muscovado sugar
- 175ml sunflower oil
- 3 eggs, lightly beaten
- 140g grated carrots, about 3 medium carrots
- 100g raisins
- zest of one orange (I use a fine grater)
- 175g self-raising flour
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon grated nutmeg (freshly grated or ready ground)
- Mascarpone and Lime frosting
- 50g butter softened
- 100g icing sugar sieved
- 250g mascarpone cheese
- Zest and juice of 2 limes (I use a fine grater)
- 12 sugar carrots to decorate (I use a pack of 12 from a supermarket or you could model with fondant icing!)
- Orange zest (I use a zester to give long strips)



Instructions

1. **Preheat the oven to 180C/Gas 4/Fan 160C.** Grease and line the base and sides of an 18cm square cake tin with baking parchment.
2. Tip the sugar into a large mixing bowl, pour in the oil and add the lightly beaten eggs. Lightly mix with a wooden spoon. Stir in the grated carrots, raisins and orange zest.
3. Mix the flour, bicarbonate of soda and spices, then sift into the bowl. Lightly mix all the ingredients - when everything is evenly mixed stop mixing. The mixture will be fairly soft and almost runny.
4. Pour the mixture into the prepared tin and **bake for approx. 45 minutes**, until it feels firm and springy when you lightly press it in the centre. (I find that it often takes longer (up to 1 hour) so after 45 minutes, cover with parchment or foil. To allow steam to escape, cut a





small hole in the top of the parchment/foil)

5. Cool in the tin for 5 minutes, then turn it out, peel off the paper and cool on a wire rack. (You can freeze the cake at this point).

6. To make the frosting cream the softened butter and sieved icing sugar together until soft and smooth. Gently beat in the mascarpone cheese and the juice and zest of the two limes until well incorporated and the mixture is smooth,

7. Cut the cold cake in half. Put one half on to a plate and cover with half of the frosting. Place the other half of the cake on top. Carefully cover the top of the cake with the remaining frosting. Swirl with a knife and then place 6 sugar carrots evenly down one side of the cake and repeat on the other side with the remaining sugar carrots. Sprinkle the orange zest over the cake between the rows of carrots.

8. Store in the fridge until ready to eat. Cuts into 12 slices, each with a sugar carrot.

Recipe adaptations

- 50 g of chopped walnuts and 50g raisins can be used
- Orange flavoured butter cream can be used instead of the mascarpone frosting
- Chopped walnuts can be sprinkled on the top of the cake

• The original recipe uses an orange glaze icing drizzled over the top of the cake rather than a frosting and the cake is not cut in half.

Mix 175g icing sugar with 1 ½ - 2 tablespoons orange juice in a small bowl until smooth – you want the icing to be about as runny as single cream. Put the cake on a serving plate and boldly drizzle the icing back and forth in diagonal lines over the top, letting it drip down the sides.



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.



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.



Let's Move!
DANCE FITNESS

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

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.

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IT'S TIME FOR A QUIZ!



**Pit your wits against family,
friends and neighbours**

at THE ANNUAL PARISH HALL CURRY and



on SATURDAY 16th November 2024

**Doors open at 7pm for a prompt 7.30pm
start in the Parish Hall**

Cost £40 per team of 4 (£10 per person).

Pay on the night by cash or card.

**Please Book your team by phoning Helen on
01380 830501 by Wednesday 13th November**

Please mention any dietary requirements when booking



BYOB





THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



Destination	November	Start Time
Devizes	Thursday 7th	9.00am
Warminster	Tuesday 19th	1.25pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.25pm
Salisbury	Saturday 9th	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.

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

Our next lunch will be on Wednesday
November 13th

Joy Fraser (830426)

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. These trips are open to all resident of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place

November Lunch in the Parish Hall



We are holding a 2 Course
Lunch (with a choice of

soups and a selection of puddings)
on Wednesday November 13th at
12.30pm.

in the Parish Hall, Edington.

Price £5.00 in aid of Three Villages
Minibus

All will be most welcome to join us.

Please let Pauline know

(by Friday November



8th) if you are coming, as this helps

with catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door
transport.

Please book your place
with Pauline





Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
October			
15th October	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
19th October	7.30pm	Edington Arts Concert	Priory Church
November			
2nd November	5-6pm	Quest - What happens when we die?	Bratton Church Institute
2nd November	6.30pm	Erlestoke and Coulston CC Fireworks	Walled Garden
7th November	9.00am	Devizes Shopping Trip	
7th November	7.00pm	Gardening Club talk - National Trust	Parish Hall
9th November	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping Trip	
12th November	7.30pm	WI talk Elaine Plowman	Parish Hall
16th November	10am-12noon	Annual Charity Christmas Card Sale	Parish Hall
16th November	7.30pm	Parish Hall Annual Curry & Quiz Night	Parish Hall
19th November	1.25pm	Warminster Shopping Trip	
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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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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