

EDINGTON VILLAGE NEWS

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What's on in July

• Thursday 2nd

- Devizes shopping trip
- Westbury shopping trip
- Gardening Club monthly meeting

7pm, Parish Hall

• Saturday 4th

- Parish Hall Toy Giveaway

11am, Parish Hall

• Wednesday 8th

- Village Lunch

12.30pm, Parish Hall

• Thursday 9th

- Westbury shopping trip

• Saturday 11th

- Salisbury shopping trip

• Monday 13th

- Parish Council meeting

7.30pm, Parish Hall

• Tuesday 14th

- WI meeting

7.30pm, Parish Hall

• Wednesday 15th

- Village Volunteers

9.30pm, Parish Hall

• Thursday 16th

- Westbury shopping trip
- Knitting Group

7pm, Jackie Pike's home

• Tuesday 21st

- Warminster shopping trip

• Wednesday 22nd

- Walking Group

Time & location TBA

Best Kept Village Competition

Edington village has been successful in progressing to Round 2 (County Round) of the Best Kept Village Competition 2026. Thanks to all those who have spent time tidying up and making sure that the village is looking its best. Thanks especially to Suzanne Wickham for coordinating the village entry and taking the lead in our efforts to become the best kept village.



Round 2 judging takes place until 19 July. As with Round 1, this is a window rather than a fixed date, so the judges may visit at any point during that period. We can all do our part by making sure that there is no litter, gardens look neat, and that everywhere looks clean, tidy and well maintained. Please tell Suzanne on 07967 213336 if you see anything that needs attention that you cannot deal with yourself.

Three Villages Minibus (TVM)

Shopping Trips Schedule

Shopping trips are open to all residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. We will pick you up and return you to your door.



Destination	Date	Start time
Devizes (£3.20)	Thursday 2nd July	9.00 am
Warminster (£2.80)	Tuesday 21st July	1.25 pm
Westbury (£2.30)	Every Thursday	1.20 pm
Salisbury (£5.00)	Saturday 11th July	9.30 am

Shopping Trips start at Edington

All these journeys accept concessionary passes

To book a seat contact Joy Fraser (01380 830426)

The TVM is also available for villagers / groups to hire.

Book through Pauline at the Post Office (or 01380 830013), or use the website booking form [here](#).

- **Thursday 23rd**

- **Westbury shopping trip**

- **Thursday 30th**

- **Westbury shopping trip**

Weekly events

- **Monday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

Tai Chi - 11.00am - Parish Hall

- **Tuesday**

Let's move dance fitness - 10.00am - Parish Hall

Coffee morning drop-in - 10.30am - Three Daggers

Bell ringing practice - 7.00pm - Parish Church

- **Wednesday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

- **Thursday**

- **Friday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Daggers

Yoga with Marilyn - 10.30am - Parish Hall

Edington Brass Band - 6.00pm - Parish Hall

Notices & Forthcoming Events

Village Lunch

The monthly meal in July will be a lunch for £10 in aid of the Three Villages Minibus, on **Wednesday 8th July at 12.30pm** at the Parish Hall. The TVM can do door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs. Please book your place, and any pick-ups, with Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013 by Friday 3rd July.

New Village Website

The new village website has been live now for a couple of months. Still a work in progress in some areas, the main elements of the new website are in place. It's at this link:



www.edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk

The new website address means that the contact email for submitting notices and material for publication has also changed. Requests to the website (and this newsletter) can be submitted using the [online form](#) or sent to: webmaster@edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk

Frustratingly, we're still having a couple of teething problems with email addresses and, although the main parish council email address (contact@edingtonwiltsparrishcouncil.gov.uk) is receiving messages, we're having problems sending out from this.

If you are connected with a club or organisation, please do review your website entry and let me know if there are any changes you wish to make.

B3098 Traffic Safety Survey

The issues of speeding, pedestrian safety and traffic levels on the B3098 have been a cause of concern for many years and the Parish Council are trying again to address these concerns by seeking action from Wiltshire Council.

We now have a growing data set of Speed Indicator Device (SID) statistics to support our case, but this alone will not be sufficient to prompt action to be taken by Wiltshire Council. In advance of a further attempt to offer proposals for a strategy for managing the B3098 through our village, we will be dropping leaflets with a survey questionnaire through letterboxes in the next few weeks. Please do take the time to complete the simple questionnaire and tell us what your concerns are. By directly canvassing villager concerns in this way, we hope to gather important perspectives and data that we can present to Wiltshire Council to support our case for some form of traffic calming.

The survey can be completed either on the form we post through letterboxes or, even better, by completing the online questionnaire at this [link](#) or scan the QR code on the next page. Responses are anonymous.

Coffee Morning Drop-in

Every Tuesday in the Three Daggers Pub, 10.30-1130 am. Transport can be arranged by calling Pauline (01380 830013) or Joy (01380 830426)

Letters & Comments

Got something to say or announce?

Use this space to give your feedback, thoughts or views on village matters or newsletter content. Send your thoughts or requests using this [link](#) or to: webmaster@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

B3098 Traffic Survey

The Parish Council are seeking your views about traffic flows and safety on the B3098. Please do take the time to complete this simple questionnaire and tell us what your concerns are. By directly canvassing villager concerns in this way, we hope to gather important perspectives and data that we can present to Wiltshire Council to support our case for some form of traffic calming.

Responses are anonymous, so please do tell us what you think by selecting the appropriate responses and thoughts. Click on this [link](#) or scan the QR code below to access the survey online.



Parish Council News

The Parish Council met twice in June 2026, the first time on 8th June to discuss routine parish business and the second time on 23rd June to review the findings of the recent annual Internal Audit.

Casual Vacancy

There is still a casual vacancy on the Parish Council and we ask anyone who is interested in filling the vacancy to contact our Chair, Emily Greening, on 07910 228383 or email contact@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk.

Neighbourhood Plan

The draft Neighbourhood Plan has been updated and is open for consultation comments. The revised plan can be found on the new website [here](#), as can a form for any comments you want to submit [here](#). Please do take the opportunity to have your say in what you think about the plan and future development in the village.

Playfield

We still await the decision from Wiltshire Council on the playfield land swap planning application by The Three Daggers. Following a recent safety inspection, it was agreed that whilst we wait for certainty in what might come out of the planning application, a further purchase of bark chips will be made to improve fall safety around the swings and climbing frames. Some minor interim repairs to the metal play tractor will also be made to remove some sharp edges caused by rust.

Highway Matters / Footpaths / LHFIG

We still await a response from Wiltshire Council about the concerns we have raised about Crossroads Farm junction. We have relayed to them that their idea of having the relevant landowners remove hedges to improve junction visibility did not find support and so we have asked them again to consider STOP signs on the adjoining roads to the main Edington-West Ashton road.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 13th July in the Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend meetings. Parish Council meeting Agendas and Minutes can be accessed at this link <https://edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-meetings/>.

Battle of Ethandun Commemoration

We are still seeking volunteers to help out by joining the committee that is forming to take forward the idea of organising a celebration for the 1150th anniversary of the Battle of Ethandun in 2028. This defining battle shaped the course of English history, and our village, and so we hope to celebrate it in style with a programme of events, perhaps including a re-enactment, talks, music, performances, craft displays and more. But these things don't organise themselves, and so we are seeking volunteers to join the organising committee; please do consider joining in to help spread the load of planning and running the event.

Areas that will need committee volunteers to provide their help will include: Publicity & Social Media; Finance & Grants; Infrastructure & Facilities (loos, car parking, stalls etc), Event Programme; Participant Liaison (re-enactment groups, blue-light services etc); and a committee Chair to coordinate it all.

Two years to go might seem a long time but we need to start making plans soon in order to establish the event. Please contact us at contact@edingtonwiltsparishcouncil.gov.uk if you would be willing to spare some time to help.

WI Report



Why does the RNLI fundraise in rural Mid-Wiltshire?

At our June meeting, Ben and Mary Bentley, respectively Chair and Secretary of Mid Wilts Fundraising, gave us an enthralling overview of this vital service. They became involved through direct experience of danger at sea.

In the Navy, Ben survived on a badly damaged ship in a severe storm, seeing another ship almost founder. Mary was rescued from a riptide by RNLI Beach Lifeguards. We watched a short video illustrating the range of rescues undertaken, and then Mary explained the historical background.

The RNLI was founded in 1824, the need inspired by shipwrecks around Isle of Man and the rescue efforts by local people. The first RNLI crews were all fishermen. One founding resolution was to rescue all, regardless of peace, war or nationality. Another principle was that it should be funded by public donation and the first street collection was in Manchester in 1891.

Ben explained the current situation. 97% of crew-members are volunteers, funds being spent on training, and equipment, including state-of-the-art building of lifeboats. The first woman commander was in 1969, and recently a female crew made their first rescue. Last year 44,000 people were assisted and 389 lives saved. Dogs are also rescued, to discourage owners from trying to save pets and putting themselves into danger. We saw a map of the UK mainland, the coast entirely surrounded by a vast number of red dots representing RNLI rescues. Inland, were a similar number of blue dots, representing where those rescued live. If you go for a seaside holiday, you might be totally unaware of how dangerous the sea can be. That is why the RNLI fundraises in Mid Wiltshire!

Next month we will meet in Suzanne Wickham's garden for our annual summer party.

Free Toys! Saturday 4th July at the Parish Hall, 11am to 2pm

Following the demise of the Under-5s group, the Parish Hall have a number of toys looking for a new home. If you have children in your life, they look forward to seeing you.

Edington & District Gardening Club Report

Edington
and
District
Gardening
Club



We have had quite a lot going on over the last few weeks. The speaker on June 4th was Lyn Miles who gave a question-and-answer session and told us all about her garden at Boscombe throughout the year. Unfortunately, there was an equipment failure in the Hall again, so Lyn valiantly kept it all going.

We have had a trip to Holme Gardens, on the Isle of Purbeck. 15 acres to meander and explore, both informal and formal with wild areas. Simon, the owner, showed us around. The restaurant and nursery of course had to be tried too!

By the time you read this, we will have been to Kettle Farm and Athelhampton House to complete our visits this year.

Dates for your diary:

- On August 6th, our meeting will be a social occasion at the village allotments, starting at 6.30pm. Please bring along a picnic, and chairs, there will be drinks provided. Let's hope for good weather!
- There will be no open Flower & Produce Show this year on September 5th, (our 20th Show will be next year!), however we will be having a fun 'in house' for members only, '5 items show', on September 3rd in the Parish Hall, (our normal evening). Details will be sent out nearer the date.

Enjoy the summer at leisure in your gardens. We look forward to seeing you back in the Parish Hall in the Autumn.

For further details please look at the village website. Visitors are always welcome.

Happy gardening,

Jacky Hiscock

Village Volunteers



The group have been at it again; although limited in numbers but not lacking in enthusiasm. We met on 17th June at the Pond to tackle areas in the Tinhead end of the village clearing the nettles and weeds around the pond again, a never ending task.

We also part sided-out the path and cleared the road gutters around the Green and Tinhead Road. Additionally the path to The Wier was de-weeded and swept. The cake of the month was "lemon drizzle"!

Our next gathering will be on 15th July meeting at the Parish Hall Car Park at 9.30am when we will focus on jobs at that end of the village. As always, we would be pleased to welcome any likeminded villagers to join the group. Please contact

john.richardson32@outlook.com
(or 01380 830902) for further details.



Keevil School

Congratulations to the Wildcats dancers who took part in the KS1 Dance Festival at the Bath Forum in June. It was an amazing evening of dance and performance. Hats off to Miss Norris and Mrs Baxter for putting together the wonderful routine and encouraging the children to show off their talents on such a big stage. A big well done to Patrick and Aurelia, both Keevil pupils, who were selected from all the schools taking part to be the compères for the evening. What a privilege!

Spitfire class (Yr 5/6) has also been busy treading the boards in rehearsals for their big end of term performance. This year they are putting on 'The Greatest Show'. We're all really looking forward to seeing it.

Two of our classes enjoyed a trip to Longleat to supplement their learning about habitats this term. The children were inspired by the experts at Longleat and got to see a huge range of animals throughout the day, including those in the safari park. Thanks to FoKS for covering the cost of this trip.

The end of the school year is in sight, and we are amazed at how it is almost time to say the inevitable goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. As they look ahead to their new schools, we look forward to welcoming lots of new faces to our school, including new members of staff. In September, we welcome our new headteacher, Helen Rutt; our new Wildcat class teacher, Hannah Newlands; and our new Spitfire class teacher, Rebecca Kearney. It has been great to get to know our new families, pupils and staff members at various 'move up mornings' and 'meet the teacher' events already.

And finally, despite a false start due to inclement weather at the first time of asking, we all enjoyed Sports Day on the Rec Field in the village. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to FoKS for providing hydration and refreshments for everyone.

Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair

AVR Wiltshire Half Marathon

On behalf of Avon Valley Runners, we wanted to provide you with advanced notice for this year's AVR Wiltshire Half Marathon, taking place on **Sunday 29th November 2026**.

This will be the 14th year of the event, which raises vital funds for the Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance, and we're really looking forward to providing another fantastic day for runners in the local area.

The race will start at **11:00am** from Station Yard in Edington, with runners passing through Steeple Ashton and Keevil before finishing back at Station Yard. Participants are expected to begin arriving from around **9:30am**, with the final runners finishing at about **2:00pm**. All course signage will be cleared by **4:00pm**.

As in previous years, there may be some minor disruption while participants are parking and the race is in progress. We are committed to keeping this to an absolute minimum and will have marshals in place to help ensure everything runs smoothly and safely.

In the lead-up to the event, around two weeks in advance, we will also be placing signage along the route, which will include key details and contact information. See the poster in the Noticeboard section at the end of the newsletter for more information.

Noticeboard



EDINGTON BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION 2026

FROM 10 MAY ONWARDS

Judging will take place from 10 May onwards

BE PROUD OF EDINGTON
Beautiful gardens, tidy hedges, colourful displays and welcoming homes all make a difference.

KEEP IT CLEAN & GREEN
Litter-free streets, clear pavements and well cared-for public spaces show community pride.

TOGETHER WE SHINE
Working together makes Edington a great place to live, work and visit.

Whether it's a window box, a tidy front garden, or looking after the space outside your home - **THANK YOU!**

Let's make Edington the best it can be!

PROUD TO BE EDINGTON!

LOOK OUT FOR THE JUDGES - THEY COULD BE IN EDINGTON FROM 10 MAY ONWARDS!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP EDINGTON BEAUTIFUL!

Organised by Edington Parish Council

YOGA WITH MARILYN

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your wellbeing?



Then why not join the Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

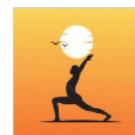
Cost: £10.00 per session

All are welcome. If you already have a mat, please bring it with you.

For more information contact Marilyn on **07941 095236** or email maryoc1951@hotmail.com



Yoga focuses on the joining together of mind, body and spirit through three main practices: postures, breathing and meditation.




Become a Friend of Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club

To become a Friend, we ask for a £30 donation to Club Funds (as you will no doubt be aware we are continuing our fundraising to improve the ground and facilities).

As a Friend you are most welcome to then use our Car Park when you visit and we will give you a Permit to put on display in your windscreen if you've come up by car.

Please scan the QR code below to become a friend of the club



Scan Me






THE AVR WILTSHIRE HALF MARATHON

SUNDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 2026

Raising money for
✓ Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity
✓ Medal and technical t-shirt for all finishers
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