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Welcome to the fourth edition of the **Edington Village News** and again a thank you to those people who have made positive comments about the new initiative. This month we again have a number of very interesting articles

submitted by villagers the musings of a former police constable and our local naturalist. We have not received any items to sale as such this month but one reader has offered an alternative item!

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

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 received this information by the 1st of the month.

Village Helpline Latest

Edington Village Helpline - Calls to the helpline have reduced significantly recently however we will continue to operate it until such time as there is no longer a need.

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.

We are planning to publish this newsletter monthly but 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 IF YOU ARE ASKED TO ATTEND A SURGERY 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

The following statement has been issued by the practice:-

We would like to reassure our patients the surgery is not closed. However, following NHS guidance we are operating by booking telephone appointments where possible for the foreseeable future as per NHS guidance. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time. Please see the following information in regards to our services. The guidance on Covid-19 will continue to change and we will keep you updated.

All patients requesting on the day appointments will be screened through reception using our existing triage system and a second layer of triage with a phone call from a member of the Acute Care Team.

- Any patient with respiratory symptoms and/ or temperature should not come to the practice. You will be treated over the phone where possible, or asked to call 111.
- Any patient with any other symptom, where possible will be treated over the phone. If the clinician you speak to decides they need to see you, they will make this decision and ask you to attend the practice.

Routine chronic disease appointments:

- You should receive a text message advising you not to come in for your appointment and you will receive a telephone appointment instead. Again, if they feel you need to be seen they will make an appropriate appointment.

Routine GP appointments:

- All routine GP appointments have been changed to phone calls. The telephoning GP will make a decision during the call what is the required for the patient and patients only brought in for a face to face appointment if essential.

Existing routine Nurse/HCA appointments:

- These appointments will remain as they are. However, if you are unwell please cancel your appointment.

New requests for Nurse/HCA appointments:

- We will not book any more routine non-essential appointments however there will be some essential appointments that need to be booked, this will be at the discretion of the practice.

Child Immunisations

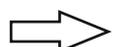
- These will continue as usual.

Blood Tests:

- The Drop-in blood clinic has been temporary suspended, all blood tests are now bookable appointments.

Wound care:

- Leg club will be cancelled until further notice and these patients will be seen at the surgery.
- All wound care will continue as planned and continue to be booked as required.





Prescriptions:

- Please do not order additional medication, we will only issue your regular quantity.
- If you use the POD service, please continue to do so.

Thank you in advance for your support and cooperation.

You can find out more including an online consultation system on the surgery website www.westburygp.co.uk

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
- facetime
- 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.

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.

You can find out more including an online consultation system on the surgery website www.marketlavingtonsurgery.nhs.uk

Wiltshire Police

Our local PCSO is Luke George.



Luke makes regular visits to the village and is in frequent contact with the Parish Council. He will be supporting us in our attempts to reduce the speed of traffic through the village.

His email is

lukegeorge@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk



Wiltshire Council

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Each year Wiltshire Council asks all residents to complete the annual canvass to check who is eligible to register to vote, and this year it's being done a little differently.

It's part of the Electoral Registration Officer's (ERO) legal requirement to conduct an annual canvass to ensure the electoral register is accurate and complete. Some residents will soon be contacted via email and asked to confirm the details for their household are correct if we hold an email address for them. The email, from Wiltshire Council electoral services, will ask people to confirm their details at www.householdresponse.com/wiltshire and includes their security codes and steps on how to access their household details. The council may email more than one person in the same household, but only one person from each house needs to respond. Wiltshire Council encourage all residents respond to the annual canvass electronically if they can. It's more convenient for the resident and saves the council money and time. Wiltshire Council or the Electoral Commission will never ask people for their bank details.

Those properties where we think there may be a change to the household, will be sent out a form in the post later this month.

If you do receive an email, please do reply online, it only takes a few minutes to follow the instructions and return it. Now more than ever, residents are encouraged to respond to the canvass electronically if they can.

More details, including FAQs can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections

If you are holidaying in August, whether at home or elsewhere, do have a relaxing time, stay safe and enjoy the break.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you think I can help with any local issues.

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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



Library Service – latest statement

Trowbridge Library will open from 3 August, and Chippenham and Salisbury Library on 4 August, with safety measures in place to ensure social distancing and keep you as safe as possible. There are 33 libraries in Wiltshire, including mobile libraries, and due to our current resources and finances, it won't be possible to run all those services during the COVID-19 pandemic, but we'll still be aiming to provide an innovative and vibrant service to people. We will likely run a reduced service for six months and there will be regular reviews in between to see how effective this is.

Edington Parish Council News

Community Speed Watch has been active recently and we held 12 one hour sessions at various times during the day and at various locations around the village. In total we reported 27 drivers to the police and in one session we recorded 10 drivers driving at more than 35mph. All the drivers reported will receive a letter from Wiltshire police and if they are "caught" a second time in Wiltshire they will receive a visit from the Constabulary. The speed gun is now with our colleagues in Bratton before it returns to us in mid August.

You may have noticed around the village that many of the benches and gateways to the public footpaths have been cleared of vegetation and also the area around the pond has been tidied. The Parish Council would like to thank the Edington Volunteer Group who on their first work morning achieved a great deal of tidying around the village. The next meeting of the group will be at 9.30am on Wednesday 19 August meeting in the Parish Hall car park

before they set out on their tasks, more volunteers are always welcome.

The moan for the month is inconsiderate and sometimes dangerous parking. A number of villagers have spoken to the Parish Council about vehicles parked in such a way as to present a danger to other road users. Can we remind everyone that the highway code states that vehicles should not be parked within 10 metres (32 feet) of a road junction. There are a number of locations around the village where this is not happening including in the area of Tinhead Road, Westbury Road and Salisbury Hollow, as well as around the green in Tinhead Road. The police have been in conversation with the Parish Council and they will be undertaking regular checks and taking action against those vehicle owners who are committing an offence. The Parish Council have also received a number of complaints about cyclists using the village roads as a "race track", unfortunately this is a minority of the cyclists who are acting in a dangerous manner which is almost impossible to prevent. The council are looking at any measures that could be taken to educate this minority and would welcome any practical and legal suggestions from villagers. In the meantime please take care on our narrow roads and feel free to speak politely to any cyclist who is riding in a dangerous manner to other road users.

Do you have any spare odds and ends of balls of wool?

Chloe Watts has a friend who likes to knit and crochet items that she then sells for charity.



Please either leave them with Pauline in the Post Office or give them directly to Chloe.



Village Musings

The musings of a villager Tinhead

We live at the Tinhead end of Edington. Tinhead used to be a village in its own right although it was always very closely linked to Edington and the lords who held the manor of one village also held lands in the other.

Its name comes from the original mediaeval "Ten Hides". A Hide was the amount of land that was sufficient to support a household so this village had enough land to support ten households. The first mention of our little village was in 1190 and had to do with a man called Philip from Tunhede who lived here and was fined!

Tinhead road is a beautiful little road which still retains its old village character, winding and twisting down the escarpment, with beautiful cottages and houses lining the road. My favourite cottage in all of Edington is Lambourne cottage, at the south end of Tinhead road. It was built between 1580 and 1600, and was actually built as two cottages, each a "one up/one down" for farm workers on Ballard's Farm. Huge



families were raised in these cottages, as they did in those days, managing under conditions that we would find difficult nowadays.

At some point in the twentieth century, they were knocked into one cottage but the previous layout is still evident. The cottage is completely beautiful with its deep thatched roof, small windows and dark, ancient beams. The current owners of the cottage, Christopher and Kate Sykes, have used great sensitivity in keeping the feel and atmosphere of the cottage as it should be.



One could almost be transported back five hundred years when you go into the kitchen on Christmas eve, with the winter shut out and the warmth and brightness nurtured inside, the great, low beams tucking

you in safely. Or when you have walk around the perfect cottage garden in spring and summer, finding unexpected treasures of plants tucked into the sunny and shady corners around the white walls and a sense of timelessness resting over everything.

**Mercedes
Henning**





Musings From the Thin Blue Line

The Rabbit and *Fred's Truncheon



It was between three and four o'clock in the morning, I was posted to the most desolate of beats, which consisted largely of wartime bomb sites and damaged properties; an extremely boring piece of ground to police, literally nothing happened on it. My friend and colleague,

*Fred, was on an adjoining beat and we met up for a short while to help pass the time. This was, of course, against regulations, but a keen lookout enabled us to avoid the eyes of the patrolling sergeant and Inspector; how times have changed, two or more together seems to be the rule these days, although to be fair, police work has become far more dangerous with the passing years.

However, back to the point. While walking along Hind Grove, we spotted a rabbit sitting in the middle of the road a little way off, a most unusual sight in Limehouse. It did not move as we got closer. Then for some unaccountable reason, *Fred took out his truncheon and threw it towards the rabbit to shoo it off, rather like throwing a flat stone across a pond and deliberately missing it. The truncheon bounced across the road and pavement and there was a loud bang as it hit the basement of one of the few houses that still had a few windows left. Iron railings that may have stopped its progress had been removed as part of the war effort. We waited a while to see if anyone came out and

when nobody appeared, we made a cursory examination and of the property, which turned out to be empty and subject to much war damage. There was no sign of the truncheon and by this time the rabbit had disappeared.

Having lost his truncheon, *Fred needed a replacement for the following parades, which took place at the beginning of each shift. It was the practice then when parading for duty to produce and hold aloft what was known as 'your appointments' for inspection by the Duty Officer, Pocket Book, Accident Books, various forms, whistle and truncheon. Later that day, *Fred found a woodworking firm to make him a new one, but needed to borrow mine as an example. It was too late to make one before the next night shift, so to overcome the problem of the missing truncheon when next parading, I held mine in my right hand while *Fred also held it in his left hand and nobody was any the wiser. He then borrowed mine and got his new truncheon made in time for the following parade.

Parade inspections were only cursory because of the time allowed before officers had to relieve those on the preceding shift and the need to inform the parade of various notices e.g. wanted criminals with their descriptions etc. However, one piece of information, which today seems quite astonishing, was the reading out of all motor vehicles and their registration numbers, stolen within the Metropolitan Police area during the previous 24 hours. We recorded these on a special form. Such was the low number of vehicles stolen then that, this was quite a simple task; imagine trying to do this today.

*The name has been changed to protect the guilty

BMS



Bees in our garden

As we progress through summer nothing is more enjoyable than being in your garden listening to the hum of bees as they buzz from flower to flower. We all know the honeybee and what an important pollinator it is but few people know that it is just one of some 20,000 bee species from around the world. Most of these bees are known as solitary bees with only 250 bumblebee species, 9 honey bee species and a number of social stingless bees worldwide. In Britain we have around 270 species of bee, just under 250 of which are solitary bees.

I have long had a fascination with bees and when I lived in Edington in the early 2000's Mercedes and I kept honey bees in a hive in our back garden. We kept it in an old pig sty which had 4-foot-high walls and a gate to keep it away from our dog and visitors. Even with this precaution it was being disturbed and even knocked out of position. We suspected the badgers that often visited our front garden but



The honeybee

one day Mercedes looked out of our landing window into our back garden and saw our black Labrador hurdling the gate. He then sat and caught the bees as they flew in and out the hive. I suppose he liked the sweet taste even though it had a kick in the tail. This was a dog who had such bad hip dysplasia that we had to lift him in and out the car – needless to say we did not do that again. This same dog when we were extracting honey and putting it into jars sneaked into the kitchen when we weren't watching knocked a jar off the table. This smashed open when it hit the floor

and he ate the honey and presumably half the glass jar as we did not find half the fragments. We thought he was a goner having eaten all that glass but he happily lived on stealing sweet things for the rest of his 13-year long life.

Besides the wonderful honeybees, our garden in



Red mason bee in flight – note the yellow pollen on the underside of the abdomen

Edington is inhabited by a number of different bee species - leaf cutter bees, mason bees, mining bees, bumblebees to mention just a few.

Knowing my interest in bees, people had often asked me what is that funny bee flying in and out of holes in a wall or in their lawn, or what has made those circular holes in the leaves of their rose bush or some other plant. I always find these questions fun as it often leads me into researching a species I knew nothing about before. Here are some of the fun species I have learnt about in Edington over the years.

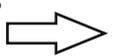
The small bee I was shown nesting in the wall of a



A tawny mining bee female

stable yard was a red mason bee. They get their name from their habit of nesting in cavities between brickwork It is

a solitary bee so, after mating, each female builds her own nest; she lines each 'cell' with mud and pollen and lays a single egg in each until the cavity is full. I spent many happy hours





watching the females harvesting mud from puddles in the stableyard, which they used to seal up their nest cells. This allows their young to safely develop and keeping them nice and snug over winter.



Nest hole in lawn

The bee nesting in the lawn of a neighbour was a mining bee. I was amazed when I first saw these little ginger bees flying up from the lawn. I identified it as tawny mining bee: a honeybee-

sized ginger species with a thick orange coat and a black face. Their female's nest entrance looks like a tiny volcano made of earth. They feed from and pollinate a wide variety of flowers including buttercups, dandelions, hawthorn, blackthorn, maple, willows and fruit trees.

If you spot a bee surfing on a green disk in mid-air – you've more than likely spotted a female leaf-cutter bee. Leaf-cutting bees are solitary bees, the females of which use leaf pieces to construct cells within their nests. The nest site may be a naturally occurring tunnel, such as a hollow plant stem. When we put our bamboo canes into a little box to make a "Bug Hotel" we had these bees making their nests in the canes. The nest may contain about 20 larval cells. The larvae will then pupate into adults in autumn and hibernate inside their cells over winter.

If you would like to have these fascinating bees in your garden, try making yourself a bug hotel, perhaps by pushing short canes into a plant pot or a box on its side. You will be amazed how quickly it becomes a home for insects. And you will have the fun of seeing the leaves of your plants being improved and decorated by the beautiful little circles cut so carefully by the leaf cutter bee!

The most spectacular bees coming to our garden are the bumblebees. Bumblebee queens emerge from hibernation from late February, having mated the previous summer. They search for a nest site, and once found, they fill it with nectar and pollen. The queen lays just a few eggs at first and uses her body as an incubator. The eggs hatch into larvae and are

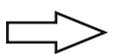


A patchwork-leafcutter bee female cutting out a circle of leaf for her nest

fed nectar and pollen, before pupating and becoming worker bumblebees. These bees then forage for pollen and nectar, and raise further eggs laid by the queen who no longer leaves the nest. All workers are females, and the males (drones) are produced later in the season, along with new queens. The new queens will feed and



Willoughby's Leafcutter Bee is also common in our area – here in flight carrying a piece of cut leaf





mate before hibernating, ready to establish their own new colonies the following spring. The old queen, workers and males all die.

Bumblebees seldom sting unless provoked. It is



The early bumblebee

only the queen and the workers who sting and not the drones (males). Their stings are not barbed like that of honeybees and they don't die after

stinging.

Bumblebees have also evolved different length tongues as an adaptation to the different types of flowers found. Long tongued bees feed on

tubular flowers while short tongued bees feed on more open flowers.

An example of a long tongued bee is the small garden bumblebee. I have seen it feed on honeysuckle, delphiniums and catmint.



The long tongued garden bumblebee

The early bumblebee is a small, agile bee, with a

medium-length tongue and I have seen this one feeding on upside-down and drooping flowers, such as comfrey.

Two of my favourites are the buff-tailed and white-tailed bumblebees which are examples of



Buff-tailed bumblebee

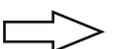
short-tongued bees. You will have seen them on short, open flowers, such as white clover and comfrey. They have a busy, pompous way of moving

from flower to flower which is completely fascinating.

A couple of years ago I bought a white-tailed bumblebee nest established in a plastic box and put it in one of my old honeybee hives. I had great fun watching the activities of the bees in the hive and foraging in the garden.



White-tailed bumblebee





The common red-tailed bumblebee is probably the easiest to recognise of all our bumblebees with its black body and bright orange tail. It is a large bee that likes to land on flowers with 'platforms', such as daisies and knapweeds. It emerges early in spring and you are sure to have



Red-tailed bumblebee

spotted it with its very brightly coloured bottom. It is a social bee nesting underground in old burrows, or under stones.

We all know how cuckoos raise their young – by laying their eggs in the nests of other birds who do not realise these huge offspring are not their own and raise them as foster children. But not many people know that there are bees who do exactly the same!

The cuckoo bumblebees use the nest of true bumblebees to raise their own offspring. The female cuckoo bumblebee enters the nest of the true bumblebee, may kill the social bumblebee queen, and then lays her own eggs in the nest. The worker bumblebees will then unwittingly raise the offspring of the cuckoo



Southern cuckoo bumblebee

bumblebee, without realising that they are not related to them.

Stephen Henning

Covid Lockdown Wedding

The Pike's Lockdown Wedding.

We were fortunate that restrictions were lifted for weddings three weeks before our booked date. We decided to go ahead as the church was booked and the reception planned in an outside venue. There followed a frantic amount of reorganisation, luckily most of the original suppliers were happy to reorganise for a much scaled down wedding and many were so delighted to have a wedding they added in



extras at no cost. Our biggest headache was toilets as most event toilets were not operating as there are no outdoor events this year; we only secured one the Thursday before the wedding but it was brand new and very swish.

Wedding rings were rushed though, they usually take 6 weeks. A special licence applied for as no Banns could be read in church. Wedding invites





only going out 10 days before the wedding after much debate on which 25 people to invite (the 30 include the couple, the priest, the photographer etc.). Unfortunately none of my son in laws family were able to make it, as they live in Trinidad and America, so we will probably have another event for them next year in the Caribbean. Luckily Alice had chosen to wear my wedding dress which amazingly fitted her perfectly so no worries of the dress being tied up in an unopened shop. A lovely little tailor in Devizes rushed through suits for the boys, Alice had knitted bouquets for the bride and bridesmaids although Alice's was only finished on the Friday before the wedding.

The village rallied round, the ladies of the Church offered to do the church flowers and Wendy Pollard was persuaded to ice the cake at a weeks notice. Both did a wonderful job.

The big day arrived and we were blessed with sunshine after a grey damp week. No hairdressers or makeup artists allowed in private houses and no appointments available, so preparations were very relaxed the bride not rising till 9.30am. The Brides party walked the short distance to the Church our route lined with well-wishers and what a surprise to find the churchyard full of villagers and friends some travelling from as far as Salisbury just to see the bride. The Church Wardens left all doors open so



they could also be part of the ceremony.

The ceremony was beautiful and was very moving, despite no hymns a small congregation and no rehearsal. Thanks to Malcolm and Shelia for ensuring everything ran so smoothly. The reception was a tepee set up in a clearing in



a friends wood it looked magical; the trees hung with silver balls and fairy lights. A very enjoyable afternoon /evening followed including entertainment by a Caribbean Steel band. The favours were of course Covid related handmade masks and a small bottle of hand sanitizer.

Not the wedding planned but a very successful day and a good start to married life.

Liz Pike

Erlestoke Cricket Club



Our friendly village cricket club has been running for over 30 years and during that time we have continued to grow and improve as a club. We play our cricket at The Walled Garden which was once the fruit and vegetable gardens of the Erlestoke Estate Manor House and





the old wall still stands, encircling the cricket ground. Erlestoke Prison now sits on the site of the old Manor house, which was destroyed by fire in the 1950's. Although the vegetable beds and greenhouses are long gone, the ground is still a fruitful place with plenty of runs and wickets available to those willing to put in the hard ground work.

The ground is surrounded by trees that form Erlestoke woods and during the course of the season, the changing colours of the trees only add to the beauty and uniqueness of our ground. In addition to this, we have an excellent groundsman who regularly provides hard, quick and bouncy wickets and lightning fast outfielders. In those hot summer months, it's always a case of win the toss and bat first at The Walled Garden and watch the runs flow.

When we first started playing at the Walled Garden, the ground belonged to the MOD and we were renting it. But some years ago, the club was able to buy it thanks to generous grants from Sport England and Landfill Trust. Now we are in the privileged position of owning the ground which is a huge benefit to us and our future plans. Up until recently, the club only played social, friendly cricket with Sunday and Mid-week fixtures. But in 2017, we took the decision as a club to enter a Saturday team into the Wiltshire Cricket League, giving us more fixtures and a chance for some of our younger members to play more competitive cricket. We started in Division 6 and won promotion in our first year. This year we just missed out on successive promotions and so will be once again fighting for a top spot in Division 5.

As we continue to grow and develop as a club we are now turning our focus into developing our club pavilion which drastically needs updating. The current pavilion once stood on Salisbury Plain for soldiers to take shelter in until it was partially destroyed by a tank. The club took hold of it, transported it and rebuilt it on the ground and it has served us well. But the time has

come now for us to update our amenities and we are very close to being in a position to build a new, fit for purpose pavilion that will not only go towards benefiting the cricket club, but also the surrounding community. We are also looking forward to re-starting our junior section in 2021, catering for 5-13 year olds.

However, throughout the changes and improvements we have made, we always keep the love of the game at the heart of what we do and regularly enjoy a beer or two at our sponsors, The Bell Inn - Cheverell, whilst discussing the ups and downs of the day's play and seeing who has come up with the best excuse for getting out, dropping that catch or allowing the ball to fly past them. We are always keen to welcome new members to the club regardless of age, ability or experience along with any new teams that may want a fixture. We have welcomed some new faces this year and are always keen to have more people playing the game we love. Please do get in touch if you would like any further information.

Joe Dorgan

Chairman, ECCC

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The
Edington Music Festival
A Festival of Music within the Liturgy

Edington Festival Online

We now have the outline for the Edington online festival. Its aim is to bring a little bit of Edington Festival magic to everyone, and to celebrate the festival's key themes – liturgy, music and friendship.

Over the course of the festival dates, August 23-30, the festival will be releasing a series of videos which will feature music from previous festivals,





(all the way back to 1966!) alongside newly-recorded prayers, liturgical reflections from the clergy team, and voluntaries from the festival organists. BBC Radio 3 will broadcast the archived Evensong from 2015 on Wednesday 26th at 3.30pm, and this will be followed at 8, as usual, by some light-hearted contributions from Ben Sawyer and his trusty singers. The week will finish in grand style with a very special recording of the traditional finale, the Parsons Ave Maria, featuring regular participants and some special guests.

The programme for the week, which starts with Compline at 9.15pm on Sunday 23rd, is up on the festival website,

www.edingtonfestival.org

but is also listed here . Music details will be added when confirmed.

Sun 23rd 9.15pm Compline
Monday 24th 8pm Evening Service
Tuesday 25th 8pm Evening Service
Wednesday 26th 3.30pm Choral Evensong (2015 archive broadcast on BBC Radio 3)
8pm The Nave Choir Entertains (some light music from the Nave Choir back row)
Thursday 27th 8pm Evening Service
Friday 29th 8pm Evening Service
Saturday 29th 8pm Evening Service
Sunday 30th 12noon Festival Finale

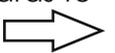
The Ivy Mill Milestone

The milestone by the side of the road, just north of Ivy Mill is one of a series erected in the 18th Century when the stagecoach route from Bath to Salisbury passed through Tinhead. Other milestones in the series are still in place; they occur outside Ballards Farm, at the top of Salisbury Hollow and near Stoke Hill Farm and a number of others are on the Training Area stretching across the Plain towards South

Newton. The original inscription on many of them was erased during the WWII as reduce information useful to the enemy in the event of an invasion but the stone at the top of Salisbury Hollow is still legible with the information "Bath 17, Sarum 19" and the date "1753"; hence they have now been in place for over 260 years. The stone at Ivy Mill must have been inscribed "Bath 15, Sarum 21".



As might be expected, over the years, these milestones became neglected and many were removed. Others became damaged by roadside flailers and hedge cutters or became buried in the undergrowth. The one near Ivy Mill was in the latter category: it was marked on the old O.S. maps but, on inspection, the top of it was just visible in the base of the hedge. In 2001, the Parish Council decided to clean up the milestones in Edington and the one at Ivy Mill was removed to a more open site a few yards to





the south and re-erected with the kind help of Richard Tyler and his lifting equipment. The stone was huge, being almost 5' in length and weighing many hundredweight.

In 2012, a car collided with the stone with such force that the half of it which was above ground level finished up, perched in the top of the hedge over 10 yards away. It was an amazing sight! Rather than simply discarding this little piece of history, Peter Hailstone and Richard collected the two parts and, after Peter had carefully joined them together in his workshop, re-erected it. The picture shows the stone shortly after it had been repaired.

Thanks to their efforts, the Ivy Mill milestone might continue to exist for another 260 years!

George Fraser

Beware what you buy

Labels can be deliberately misleading

Several of our supermarkets proclaim their support for British food producers and emphasise it through their advertising and labelling. A very good thing in principle as post Brexit we move towards ditching our existing high animal welfare and food standards and allowing in factory farmed meat from the USA.



Labels on food are supposed to define what we buy, and protect us and our producers, so I was very disturbed after buying some lamb from our local Lidl the other day.

In principle we have for some time not bought lamb produced in New Zealand because it is now all slaughtered in the halal way and whilst we do not have a religious objection, we do not like this method of slaughtering animals.

So we innocently purchased the lamb because the packaging carried a union jack, a British logo and most importantly the Red Tractor symbol which is supposed to define that the lamb has been borne, reared and slaughtered in the UK to strict animal welfare standards.

Arriving at home we then discovered in very small letters that the lamb was in fact reared and slaughtered in New Zealand!

Not only were the packaging messages deliberately misleading, the presence of the Red Tractor logo contravened trades description.

I reported the issue to Lidl Customer Care Centre and but still await a response at the time of writing.

“British” meat in fact does not apparently have to be reared in Great Britain, only butchered here, so can have been produced in other countries but the Red Tractor logo should be definitive for GB origin, animal welfare and meat quality.

So “Buyer beware!”, and read the small print.

Roger Binney



Edington and District Gardening Club

Flower & Produce Show Schedule 5th September 2020 under Covid-19 rules

This year all entries will be photographic versions of the entry, they should be taken in 2020 and be of the participant's own plants or items.

Classes

1. 3 roses
2. Mixed flowers in a vase, (up to 6 different varieties, annuals / perennials, or a mixture of both.)
3. An indoor plant
4. Any floral or foliage display
5. Display of different varieties of fruit, (up to 5 different fruits)
6. Display of different vegetables, (up to 5 different vegetables)
7. 'Dingnote Prize' original thought, inventive, imaginative, tongue in cheek artwork (aka Turner/Turnip Prize)
8. Speciality cake with recipe
9. Any crafted item
10. Best photograph taken since March 23rd during lockdown.
11. Vegetable figure or monster

- Prizes will be given for each section, plus best Children's entry.
- A link will be available for everyone to view all entries
- An independent judge from outside of the village will judge the entries,
- Anyone wishing to display any items, a facility will be made available in the Church to display over the weekend of the 5th and 6th September for people to view at their leisure.

The entry form can be downloaded from the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/fpsentry

This is to be a fun event for the village, open to all.

Edington Neighbourhood Plan

Update August 2020

Back in early March 2020 you may recall completing the Edington Neighbourhood Plan questionnaire. As we went into lockdown the answers were entered into a large spreadsheet, and were collated. Because of lockdown and social distancing the plan took a back seat, but now it is being resurrected.

Of 319 questionnaires that were issued 129 were returned completed – a total of 40.44%, which for a survey is a good result. A big thank you to everyone that gave their time designing, distributing, completing, collecting and collating the questionnaire. We could not have done it without you.

Further on in this article is a summary from each section of the questionnaire that has been put together by a member of the NP Group – apart from Housing which warrants a different approach.

For this Neighbourhood Plan to benefit the Village as a whole, and to be inclusive, it is important that we have a broad input of ideas and skill set to move forwards and develop each section. If you have an interest, particular knowledge, would like to participate in developing any of the sections, you will find an email at the end of each summary. Send an email expressing your interest to that person and they will contact you.

Environment and Footpaths

A Climate Change Emergency was declared by Wiltshire Council in February 2019 with the target of being carbon neutral by 2030 using a community-led approach. The Edington Neighbourhood Plan is a significant opportunity





to voice how our village community wishes the necessary changes to reach that target to be implemented throughout our village.

The effect of the Covid-19 pandemic during lockdown has brought the village more together in terms of supporting the more vulnerable in our community but also with the effects of many on furlough and an increase in those working from home. Many more have been using the village footpaths because of this and as part of their daily exercise.

Feedback from the Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire highlighted the following:

Edington was confirmed as a friendly and peaceful place to live, well managed by the Parish Council with the open spaces, views and walks together with easy access to Salisbury Plain considered precious.

Suggested improvements included:

The History of Edington made more visible as an addition to King Alfred being depicted on the entrance signs to the village.

An increase in the number of footpaths and cycle routes away from the B3098 to more safely link the two ends of the village. More pavements along the B3098.

Provision of more litter and dog waste bins.

More trees and flowers planted throughout the village together with the more environmentally friendly management of verges away from toxic herbicide use to encourage greater biodiversity.

A Working Party of volunteers set up to help maintain the village and supplement the work of the Parish Steward.

Preparation for the higher risk of flooding and the potential for more fires on Salisbury Plain resulting from climate change.

Awareness that to improve links and reduce vehicle emissions, Devizes is making plans to open a new railway station on the same line passing through the presently unused Edington Railway Station and so calls for it also being re-opened for the same reasons.

Village Environment and Footpaths and Covid 19 impact - Nigel Elmes
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Village Amenities.

Most used by more than 50% of residents except the Mobile Library and The Link.

The most frequently used amenities – although not in Edington, are the Bratton Shop and P.O. and Bratton Surgery, followed by The 3 Daggers Shop and Edington P.O.

Some of the responses indicated that a more general village shop and community café would benefit more residents in the village.

Majority agree there are sufficient picnic and rest areas in the Playing field. There were suggestions for better and more seating with undercover picnic tables and benches, and better sports equipment.

Suggestions of a larger better equipped Parish / community hall could also provide for a wider range of activities for all age groups.

Village Amenities - Sarah Killian
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Transport and Highways

Highways

These were the main issues raised:-

Dissatisfaction was expressed with the state of the roads and speeding traffic.

Many would like to see better paths throughout the village.

Most agreed that verges and hedges need better maintenance.

Many would like to see better cycle routes in and around the village.

These were frequently occurring comments made:-

Heavy (non-farm) traffic should be restricted.

Traffic calming and speed restrictions were suggested.

There were parking issues on the main roads.

The state of the roads was a concern, with potholes specifically mentioned.

Many would like to see more and improvements to existing footpaths around the village.

Transport

These were the main modes of transport reported:-

The majority are using petrol/diesel cars daily.

Many are also walking to local destinations.

Some were occasionally using Bus/Train/Taxi

These were frequently occurring comments made:-

A better and more comprehensive bus service needed (a route to Westbury station was suggested).

Many comments re better paths needed to local amenities, bus stops and around the village generally (which ties in with the above comments re footpaths).

Transport and Highways - John Barlow
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Social Wellbeing

Social Wellbeing is a vital part of who we are as a community, and the neighbourhood plan survey has given a strong flavour of what that means to many members of our village. That it is a "nice place to live" and a "very friendly place" and that it "provides support for those who need it" were all strongly supported. But alongside that, there are a number of themes that need to be considered. Some villagers would like to see more variety of activities and community facilities on offer which support all age groups within our community that support our physical and mental well-being. It is also important to understand how these can be provided for in a sustained way. Of course the NP survey was conducted before we experienced Covid19 and the subsequent lockdown, and more work will need to be done to understand the impact of isolation and practical challenges on both our physical and mental health. I hope we can gain further knowledge from the volunteer hub, Parish Council and organisations like the Link and WI. It will be exciting to build up plans to look at what can be offered, and I will be looking for people to work with me to ensure we really do focus on what people need and want.

Social Wellbeing and Covid 19 impact - Sarah Talbot-Williams

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Further information about the Neighbourhood Plan including more detailed reports from the working groups will be available on the Neighbourhood Plan website in the near future.
www.devplan.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/



Small ads/swaps

We are giving readers the opportunity to advertise any items that they want to sell or swap. If you have something to sell or swap that you would like advertised in a future edition please either hand your advertisement into Pauline at the post office or email it to the newsletter, deadline 1st of each month.

This month's bargains

Covid hibernation experience sale.

One husband for sale.

All reasonable offers considered (actually any offer considered).
No longer in showroom condition.
Difficult to get started on cold mornings and sometimes requires push-starting.
Failed MOT (man on test)
High maintenance required.
Comes without warranty and cannot be returned.
No part exchange considered.
Anon.

Sharing the Newsletter

We are aware that not everyone in Edington has access to the internet and may therefore not receive this newsletter. Please check with your neighbours that they know about this newsletter and a paper copy can be obtained from Edington Post Office or perhaps you could volunteer to print out a copy for your neighbour. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter

and enter your details or email

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

and you will be added to the mailing list.

Edington Past



The old Post Office and village shop in The City, date unknown.

Future editions

We welcome your comments on this new 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.

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Contacting us

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by phone on the Edington Parish Council help line on 07933143021 (available 9am to 6pm, Monday to Friday) or via the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk