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Remember remember the fifth of November but also Remembrance Day on the 11th when I will be remembering friends and colleagues killed in war zones around the world. Perhaps one good thing that will come out of the recession is that there will be no money in the war chest to go off and interfere in other countries affairs.

The front cover this month is a lovely photo of Ypres Reservoir Cemetary, and is even more beautiful in colour. We are always looking for a sponsor so we can do more colour covers. There are a lot of events to tempt you out this month what with stirring up the xmas puddings and the bonfire fireworks at the cricket club in Erlestoke as two of the highlights for me, not forgetting the Remembrance Day services in the churches which is a must.


Here's hoping for a lovely crisp and clear weather month in the run up to Christmas and maybe good enough to tidy my garden up before spring!!

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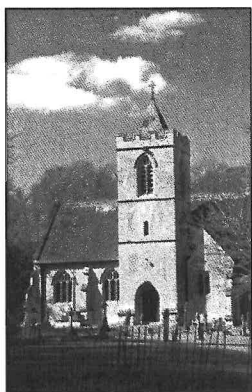
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- Saturday 02 November Book swap/ coffee, 10am – Midday
- Sunday 10 November Remembrance Service 6.30pm
- Friday 19 November ‘Movie Night’, 6pm – 8pm.
- Saturday 14 Dec Christmas Bingo in the church at 2pm.
- Sunday 15 Dec Carol Service 6.30pm.

HARVEST AUCTION

The Harvest Auction, held in Church after the Thanksgiving Service, raised over £86 which was divided between the Sudan Appeal and the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Our thanks to everyone who sent produce and attended this event.

RESULT OF BBQ QUIZ

The Graham-Wheeler Family were the winners of the competition, and have received a tin of chocolates. Answers can be obtained from Tony and Audrey Tye if desired. Our thanks to their daughter Catherine, who devised the quiz and gave the prize.

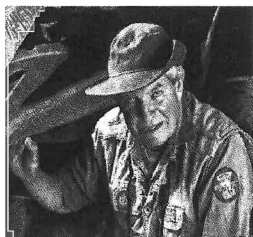


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- November 10 Remembrance Service
- November 17 onwards – Advent no flowers

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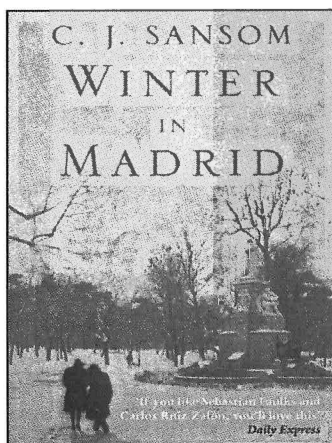
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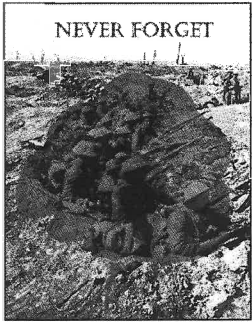
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“WE WILL REMEMBER THEM”.



This month, the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal starts its campaign for Wiltshire (and bordering areas) in this benefice. At the church of St. Giles in Imber, the Military Wives Choir, local school children, members of the Royal British Legion, and others, gather to begin the campaign with maximum publicity. Indeed, following this, a huge visual reminder of the campaign is envisaged, whereby the Bratton White Horse wears a poppy. The local TV and the picture editors of local newspapers will love that, and it will bring much-needed publicity for the campaign.

So why do we have such a campaign?

Firstly, it is about remembering, honouring, those who have been killed or injured in action. The numbers are astounding. Many of us have known people who had fought in the First World War at some point in our lives, and we know that the death toll was immense -994,000 British dead. This had a devastating effect on the nation, although our country was not as badly affected as some. Looking at the broader picture, there were some 37 million casualties when military and civilian figures are taken into account amongst all the nations involved in the conflict. Of course, we only count those with physical wounds to show the census takers – psychological trauma is far more difficult to quantify.

And that brings us to another reason to have a Poppy campaign. The poppies, although reminding us of Flanders’ fields, are increasingly worn by young people too. This is because they appreciate that the money raised by poppy sales goes towards helping those who return from Afghanistan with injuries, in helping the bereaved, in supplying care for those who need support, in helping out those with post-traumatic stress disorder, in helping those who find it difficult to adjust to civilian life, and for those ex-service members who find themselves on the streets. In short, wearing a poppy is not just an indicator of your thanks for those who did so much and sacrificed so much – it is also a symbol of your ongoing support for our debt of honour to those with ongoing difficulties. It is a badge of honour for our society, which says that loving and caring are at the heart of what we are. Even in a society where church-going is not what it was in terms of sheer numbers of regular attenders, it is clear that this Christian message is at the heart of what the vast majority in our society believe to be a civilised society to be all about, and it reflects back to us what our ideals really are.

“We will remember them”.

Revd Mark Jones, Rector of Bratton, Edington & Imber, Coulston and Erlestoke

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE NOVEMBER 2013

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
3 rd NOVEMBER <i>All Soulside</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11AM FAMILY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	16.00 ALL SOULS' SERVICE	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
10 th NOVEMBER <i>Remembrance Sunday</i>	07.30 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 09.15 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.45 SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.15 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 10.45 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE NB NO EVENSONG	18.30 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	
17 th NOVEMBER <i>2nd Sunday before Advent</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
24 th NOVEMBER <i>Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)</i>	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	

BCP = Book of Common Prayer.

CW = Common Worship, Order 1.

SPECIAL SERVICES (NOT LISTED ABOVE)

7.30pm, All Saints' Solemn Eucharist, Friday 1st November, Edington Priory Church

11am Remembrance Service, Imber (NB roads open from 10am-12 noon only), Saturday 9th November

MIDWEEK SERVICES

Public Morning & Evening Prayer

Monday, Tuesday Morning Prayer at 9am and 5.00pm at Bratton's Church Institute

Wednesday, Thursday Morning Prayer at 9am at Edington Priory Church, Evening Prayer at 5.00pm at Bratton's Church Institute

Wednesday Communion Services -

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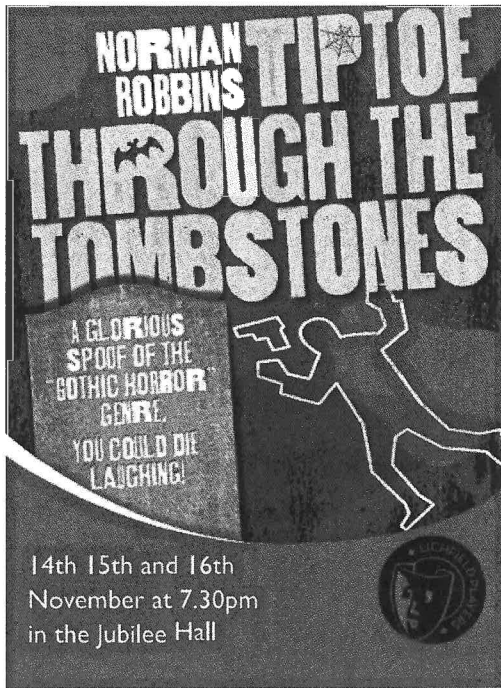
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is a comedy thriller by Norman Robbins and is a sequel to 'Tomb with a View' which we previously performed several years ago. Members of the Tomb family try to eradicate both visitors and each other to gain their inheritance.

Tickets £7, £6.50 concessions, (£6 friends)

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EDINGTON PARISH HALL NEWS

Thank you to everyone

who helped and came to our Harvest Supper. It was an enjoyable evening, thanks to Rachel, Andrew and Charlie for the music.

We have purchased six lightweight tables. On November 6th we will be doing our autumn clean. The maintenance outside will depend on when all the leaves etc. have fallen.

Please join us at our next fundraising event:

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 9TH NOVEMBER

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The Festival Supper Committee would like to thank everyone who generously donated raffle prizes and delicious puddings which contributed to the success of the evening. Over £2,000 was raised for village causes.



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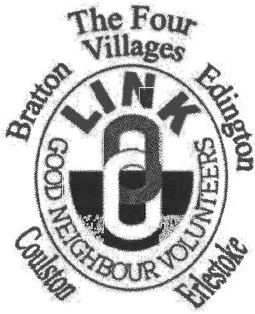
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Our services range from organising transport to and from medical appointments to carrying out small simple jobs around the house that do not require the services of a specialist tradesman. We even have a wheelchair that can be loaned out on a short term basis.

So, if you would like help just call us on 07852-256939 between 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday and one of our duty coordinators will log your request and find a volunteer to help you. All calls are charged at mobile rates. Responding to requests can be demanding so it helps to receive plenty of notice when being asked to organise assistance, ideally not less than 24 hours in advance.

We are always looking for new volunteers to serve our community helping with our many requests, connecting our clients with appropriate volunteers or serving on our Management Committee. Being a volunteer can give you a new interest as well as making good use of your skills and experience. The success of the LINK scheme is purely down to the continuing support of our volunteers and committee members so, if you feel you can help or would just like to find out more about volunteering in any capacity, then please give our Chairman a call for an initial chat on 01380 831055.

Our Annual General Meeting is being held on Monday 4 November at 7:30pm, at the Parish Hall, Edington. Come along and meet our volunteers, hear about how the LINK has fared over the last year and find out more about what we can do for the benefit of all our residents.

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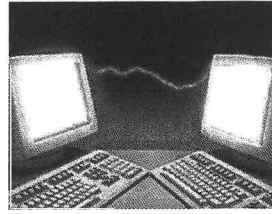
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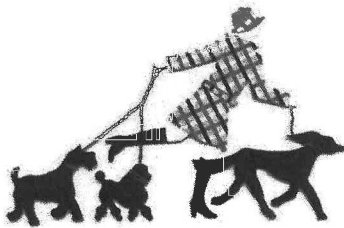
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Westbury	£1.70	Every Thursday	1.25 pm
Salisbury	£4.00	Sat 09	9.30am

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door.

The G&J trip will start from Edington at the earlier time of **11.00 am**. It will go to **Stourhead on November 15th** returning at about 3.15pm. You can enjoy lunch or a light bite; visit the National Trust shop or the farm shop

Please book your seat for any of these trips (or to hire the TVM for your group or for yourself and family/friends) by contacting *Pauline* at Edington post Office (telephone 830 013). Pick up points for all journeys can be organised to suit you.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE AT EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH

The annual Carol Service will be taking place at **4pm on Sunday 22nd December**, a service which involves both congregational singing and carols sung by Edington Church Choir. In past years the choir has often been augmented specially for this occasion and we would like to invite singers of any voice who would like to join us this year.

Rehearsals for the Christmas music will take place primarily on Thursdays beginning on 14th November at 7.00 pm in church for about an hour and a half on each occasion.

The choir sings regularly throughout the year and new members are also very welcome on a more permanent basis. If you are interested in being involved with the Christmas music only (or in singing regularly), please phone me on 01380 830733 or you will find me in church any Thursday evening from 6.15 pm well before the rest of the choir arrives for choir practice. *Peter Norfolk Brown (Choirmaster)*



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Following on from last month's newsletter, the Under 9 kit was kindly sponsored by Jemima's Gift – a Charity set up after the tragic death of a dearly loved daughter in a skiing accident in February this year. Many thanks.

A mixed mid-Autumn term report from the various age groups so far, with highlights as follows:



- ★ The Badger Cubs (Reception year) – are going from strength to strength with now over 6 players, and looking for more. This is a Fun session for those who are interested as an introduction into the Game.
- ★ Under 8s had a good match away at Trowbridge, with Toby scoring a wonder goal set up by Vincent. Man of the Match went to Herbie - well done all.
- ★ U11 Wizards away against Corsham – after coming from behind twice, but let down by conceding a goal in the last minute of time, the team drew 3-3.
- ★ U13 - good start to the season, with only one defeat so far, with a good win in the Mid Wilts Cup and County Cup matches to play.

Further news and info, and team contact information are available on the Club website above (or just google Worton and Cheverell FC)



www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-imber-range-perimeter-path

Tidworth and Bulford Garrison Bonfire at Old Carter Barracks on 7 November (Gates open at 1700, Guy Fawkes Competition at 1715 and Bonfire lit at 1830) – for more details call 01980 65 1673. Tidworth 3k & 10k Fun Runs on Sunday 4 November @ 1000 (see www.tidworth10k.co.uk).

TRAINING: Training in November will reduce slightly following a busy October.

4–8 November. Support Weapons School Ex **FIRST STRIKE** will use the whole Plain.

11–25 November. Exercise **WESSEX STORM** for 1st Battalion The Grenadier Guards battle group involving 800 troops and 140 vehicles. They will train in the light role using the Army Weapons Effect System and will have an infantry company from the Omani Army conducting joint training. The battle group will use wheeled armoured vehicles and a company of Warrior armoured infantry vehicles.

Disruption during this period should be minimal however there will be some air activity both by day and night involving attack and support helicopters.

21–29 November the three main courses at the Royal School of Artillery will conduct live firing with 155mm AS90, 105mm Light Guns and Multi Launch Rocket System which culminates in Ex **CROSSED CANNONS** in early December.

With winter approaching drivers are advised to take extra care when approaching tank crossings as there will be mud clearance parties and mechanical sweepers operating.

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Upcoming Major Exercises. During the following exercises access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

11 November 13–25 Nov 13 Ex **WESSEX THUNDER**

28 April 14–5 May 14 Ex **PASHTUN DAWN**

11 June 14–25 Jun 14 Ex **WESSEX THUNDER**

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.

This Newsletter is published up to 6 weeks before the event and changes may occur. Access timings for the next week can be found on the SPTA Walks Line: (01980) 67 4763.

IMBER RANGES. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE. The Remembrance Service is on Saturday 9th Nov starting at 1100 (with access to and from Warminster only). The convoy will move from the Warminster Imber Road barrier (VP2) at 1015. Access is only permitted for the church service. Provisional Christmas and New Year Dates. Planned dates are: 1600 20 Dec 13 – 0800 6 Jan 14.



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WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS
& ERLESTOKE DIVISION

Some of you may be aware that my responsibilities now include being Portfolio Holder for Education, Skills and Youth, and you can judge for yourself whether that title holds any hint of irony.

Excluding a small number of private establishments, we have 234 schools in Wiltshire. 199 are Primary, 29 are Secondary and 6 are Special Schools. Of these, 41 schools are academies (which are state funded but are otherwise independent) and the total school population numbers about 65,000.

Schools are largely self-administered by head teachers and boards of governors. There are about 3,500 governors, which make them the most numerous body of volunteers in the county. I have only met a small proportion but I have been very impressed by their commitment and professionalism and I congratulate all those of you reading this who undertake that very important task.

Congratulations are entirely appropriate because most Wiltshire Schools seem to be doing well. On provisional figures, the exam results at GCSE and A Level this year look as if they have been the best ever. 82% of our pupils are in schools that are now classed by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding, which puts us in the top quartile of the country. However, we are not complacent and Wiltshire is maintaining a Schools Improvement programme to ensure progress continues to be made.

Education is not an end in itself but it is a stepping stone for our young people to the rest of their lives. An education that does not lead to a worthwhile career must be of questionable value. I am pleased to know, therefore, that almost all of our young people go on to higher or further education or find jobs or apprenticeships or training.

Unemployment in Wiltshire (including youth unemployment) is about half the national average. But we do have some NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and their plight is a matter of concern.

It's over twelve years ago that a Prime Minister said his three top priorities for Britain were Education, Education and Education yet, recently, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development said Britain lagged behind most other developed countries for literacy and numeracy. That may not be entirely true in Wiltshire, but we still have work to do.

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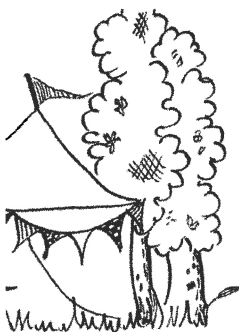
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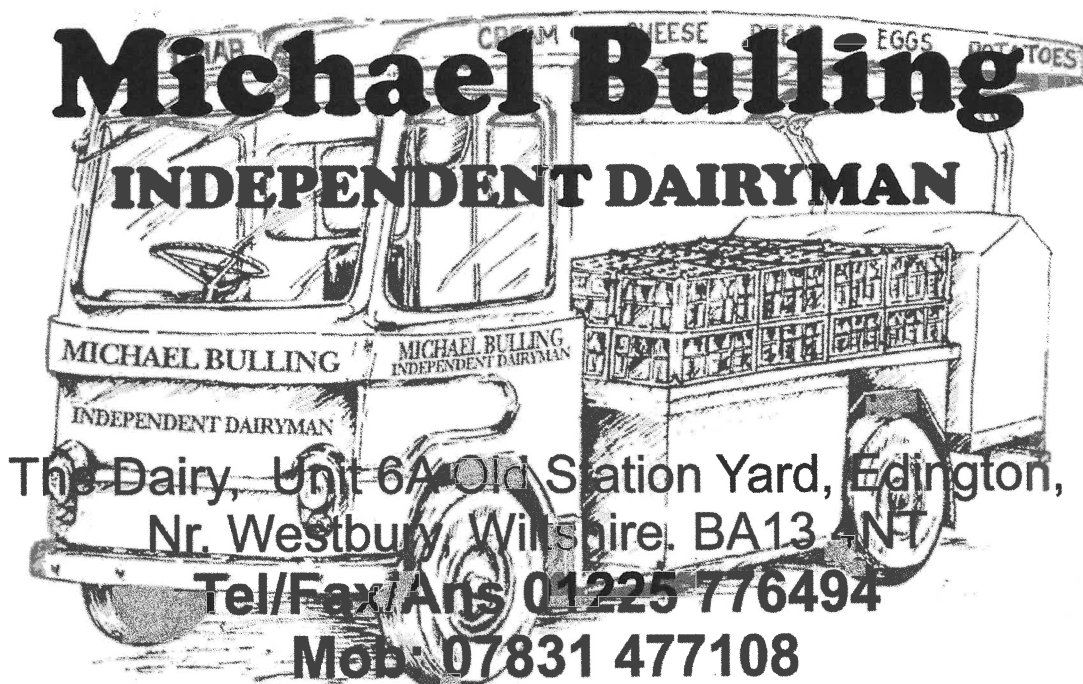
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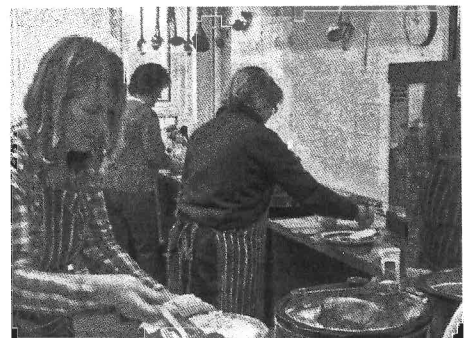
News from Volunteer Centre Wiltshire

With the nights drawing in are you looking for a new challenge?

Why not look for a volunteering opportunity to give you something to look forward to as the days get shorter and colder? There is a wide range of opportunities out there from befriending to environmental tasks to events organisation and many more besides. The Volunteer Centre has been busy over the past few months, helping volunteers find the right opportunity, registering new opportunities and attending events such as Fresher's Fairs, Planning for Retirement workshops and an English Heritage Volunteering Fair. Our new volunteering roles include story teller, minibus driver, volunteer advocate, official prison visitor, volunteer co-ordinator and fundraising for a number of different organisations.

So why should you volunteer? People volunteer for all sorts of different reasons but what's true for all volunteers who have found the right role is that they get far more out than they put in. The most obvious benefit is a 'feel good factor' but did you know that volunteering can also increase your self-confidence and self-esteem? Maybe you want to improve your employability? Volunteering can help by giving you experience, training and references. Look at the latest case study on our website to see how volunteering helped Vicky back into work. Or perhaps you simply want to fill some of your spare time with something worthwhile? Volunteering can be fun and fulfilling and gives you the chance to put something back and be part of something.

So if you're thinking about volunteering - get in touch and we can help you find the best role for you. Visit our website: www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk or call our Volunteering Adviser on 0845 521 6224.

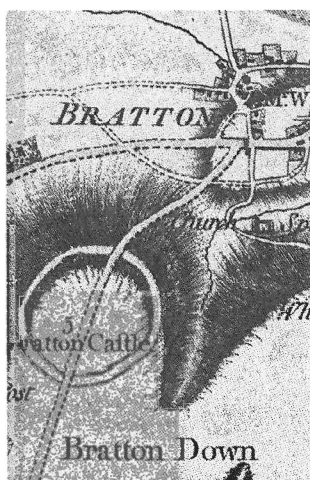


Volunteers cooking breakfast at Doorway



The “**Wonders of Westonbirt**” were brought to us by Brian Marsh. He explained how the house, estate and arboretum were created by Robert Halford in the 19th century when he discovered the site had a quarter of a square mile pocket of acid soil amongst the clay and sandy loam which covers the Cotswold limestone. Robert planted a wood and subsequently shelter belts were planted by him and his son George and specimen trees from around the world were brought in. Eventually, after passing through several generations of the Earls of Morley, the arboretum was taken by the government in lieu of death duties and handed to the newly created Forestry Commission who opened it to the public in 1961.

The arboretum is laid out in the picturesque style with winding paths that open up a different vista at each turn. Pictures of individual trees such as Redwoods and Douglas Fir illustrated how they can survive being some 400 feet up in the Cotswolds. The contrasts between our four seasons were also clearly shown, each season having its own beauty with the autumn colours now coming into their own. Maintenance continues throughout the year with some 300 trees being felled and 300 planted. Rare species are propagated and there is a programme to return the Cedar of Lebanon to the Lebanon. May 2014 will see the opening of a new car park and entrance. Following this fascinating insight into the history and workings of Westonbirt refreshments were enjoyed by all. Our speaker next month is Dennis Cartwright who will talk about *Mountain Railways*. We meet at 2pm on 12th November at the United Reformed Church in Warminster Road. Please do join us.



BRATTON HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Bratton History Association will be November 17th at 4pm in the Church Institute.

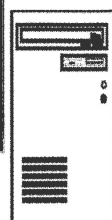
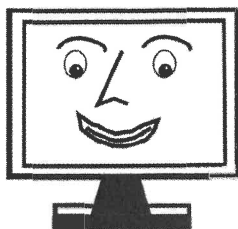
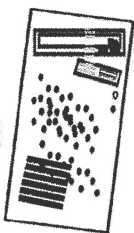
The speaker will be David Peet

DICKENS AND CHRISTMAS

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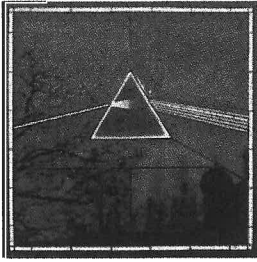
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The show starts with a fantastic singer/songwriter, Ben Maggs, then Purple Fish presents the whole of Dark Side of the Moon, followed by some absolutely classic rock songs to finish.

The evening is in support of Wiltshire Air Ambulance and it all takes place on Friday November 22nd at The Corn Exchange, Devizes. The doors open at 7pm. and tickets, £15 are available from Devizes Books, The Bell in Great Cheverell and Steeple Ashton Shop.

We would really like to thank all those who have given us support over the last few months, especially Martin Walker and Wadworth Brewery for their sponsorship.

Look forward to seeing you there!!

(Adrienne Hale and Purple Fish)



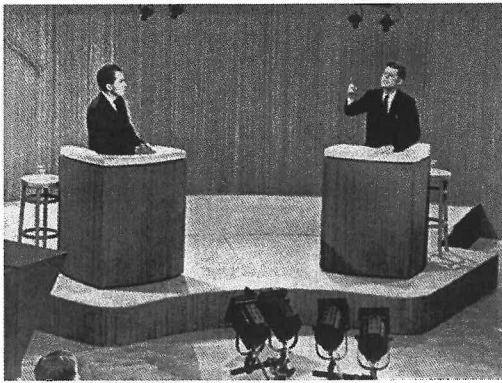
“It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it.”

WARREN BUFFETT,
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[‘Independent.co.uk’](http://Independent.co.uk)

Sherene, Michelle and Kobe would like to thank all who sent cards and messages of support on their recent sad loss.

Also everyone who came to the Priory to help celebrate Mike's life, with special thanks to all who helped on the day with organizing the hall for tea. He will be sadly missed, but the care and support we have been shown by the Villagers of Edington has done much to help us through this difficult time.

Sherene Jefferies



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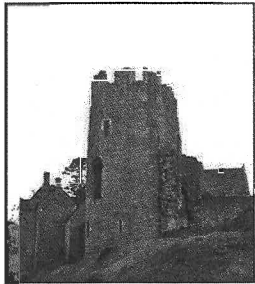
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School Trip

We have had lots of fun with our mediaeval theme this term. All the children in our school had a trip to Farleigh Hungerford Castle where they had a guided tour of the site, with great stories and information, they could dress up in replica outfits and examine (with white gloves) artefacts from the era.



Mediaeval building

We were also fortunate enough to have a day of mediaeval building in our school! Master thatcher, Will Barter and his team came into school and showed us how to make hurdles for wall building and how to thatch roofs. It was a tremendous day, seeing the old crafts that are still in use today and even the old tools from a thousand years ago, still being used today. We are very lucky to have such wonderful volunteers in our community who can enrich the children's learning so effectively.



Art Project

The work on our art project, which will result in a time line from Neolithic times to the present is going on apace. All the children have had a chance to create something for the display. We are very grateful to our "Artist in residence" Kate Sykes and her team who are working so hard to ensure a wonderful end result.



Archdeacon

We were lucky enough to have the Archdeacon of Wiltshire, the Ven Ruth Worsley, come to visit our school lead a great session of collective worship for our children and staff. Links with our local parishes and the wider church are always important to us as we are a Church of England school, and Christian values and ethos underpin everything we do here.

Admissions

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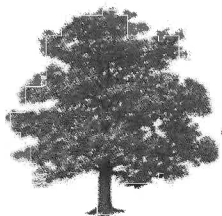
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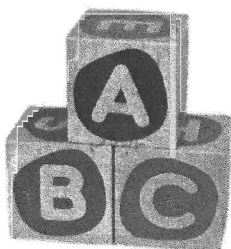
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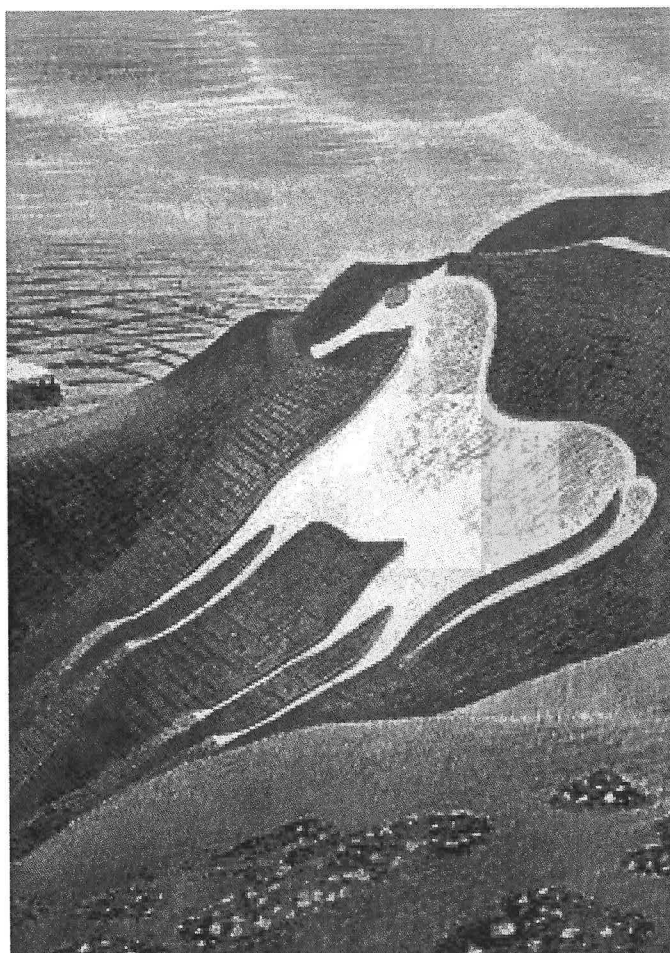


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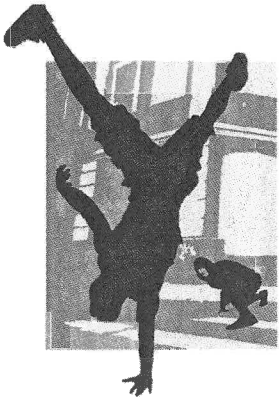
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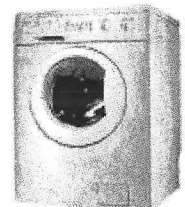
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Village Hall Annual General Meeting – 7.30pm Tuesday 19th November

If you would like to join the Hall Management Committee or would simply like to let us know what you would like to see happening in your Hall, why not come along to the Village Hall Annual General Meeting and enjoy a glass of wine? We'll also update you on our refurbishment plans. We are particularly keen to attract new members and if you are happy to organise events or can help with the business management of the Hall, please let me know.

Coulston Village Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 7th December from 10.30am

The Coulston Village Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday 7th December from 10.30am, so please make a note of the date and time. If you would like to help run a stall, please let a member of the Committee know. Of course if you are from one of our neighbouring villages and would like to get into the festive spirit early, pop a note in your diary and join us in some festive fun. Look out for further information on notice boards and through your door.

Sing-along-a-carol evening – Friday 13th December from 6.30pm

After the success of last year's evening there will be another chance to lose those inhibitions and sing your heart out amongst the talented and not so talented residents of Coulston, under the musical directorship of Mr Chris Thompson. More details soon.

Andrew Buley, Chairman, Tel: 831 372

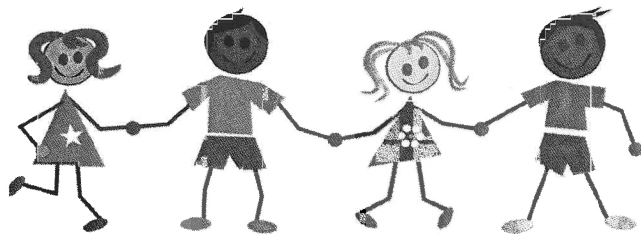
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EDINGTON UNDER FIVES

Tanya Lines (communications contact for Under 5's) 07941 201 988
tanya.lines@yahoo.co.uk.



Want a chance to meet more parents? Want to find something fun for your toddler /baby to do on a Thursday? Edington Under 5's warmly welcomes families every Thursday from 10-12 noon, in Edington Parish Hall.

For only £1.50 you will find a welcoming group of local parents, a chance to have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee and lots for your little ones to do:

Fun toys to play with, a different activity every week and a healthy snack (free Stay and Play for first-timers)

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING IN OCTOBER?

We had two really fun dates in October which included preparing for the best decorated pumpkin competition with mum's doing the carving and babes and toddlers the sticking and squishing (the most important bot of course). We also provided the decorations for the pumpkin fair and had a lot of fun painting and sticking in the process.

The other was preparing for, and holding, the Edington Under 5's Halloween party for all the local families. We made scary (well we thought so anyway!) paper plate and spider hanging decorations and 'horridly' decorated Halloween cakes. They were both great! Children also all took part in the 'yucky dip' with creepy crawlies to be found and made some gory grooves to Halloween music. A lot of fun had by all.

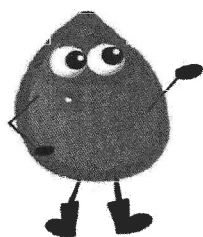
WHAT ARE WE DOING IN NOVEMBER?

In November we will be meeting as usual every Thursday 10-12pm and hope to hear about how your little ones coped with the big bangs of bonfire night. The older ones much better we expect!

FUTURE REMINDER DATES:

December 8th – Under 5's children's Christmas party, Edington Parish Hall

December 13th – Under 5's Mum's Christmas dinner, The Three Daggers.



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GETTING READY FOR WINTER – STAY WARM, STAY HEALTHY

Few of us look forward to the arrival of the winter months, and as we get older our bodies can find it harder to cope with the cold, but by being prepared, we can stay warm and healthy this winter. Here are a few things to consider, and information about where you can find sources of help.

If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab. Flu can develop into pneumonia which can be very serious. GP surgeries hold flu clinics at this time of year, so make sure you have booked in.

Ideally your living areas should be 18 – 21 degrees C during the day. Try to heat your bedroom before you go to bed and keep it about 18 degrees C overnight. I have a supply of free room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.

Try to keep moving if you can as this generates heat. Wearing several thin layers of clothing helps to keep you warmer than wearing one thick one, and eating at least one hot meal a day and having plenty of warm drinks will help keep your body temperature up.

You can request your pharmacy to deliver your regular medication if you can't get out. Even if it's cold, don't give up on staying connected to friends, family and social groups. Getting out of the house and socialising helps us to feel happier and healthier. Many groups and activities run during the day and I can provide options for transport if you have no means of getting there. If you can't get out, try to stay in touch by phone. I can give you information about social groups and activities running in your area.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can provide any more information on getting ready for winter. Lise Griffiths, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator, Westbury Rural Community Area (07541 353401)



Dauntsey's School Choral Society

The Society are currently rehearsing for a Sequence of Music and Readings that will take us through from Advent to Christmas.

The concert will take place on Wednesday 11 December 2013 in St Mary's Devizes at 7.30pm.

Entrance is free, but there will be a retiring collection towards the church's regeneration fund. *Susie Hancock*



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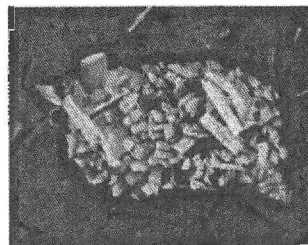
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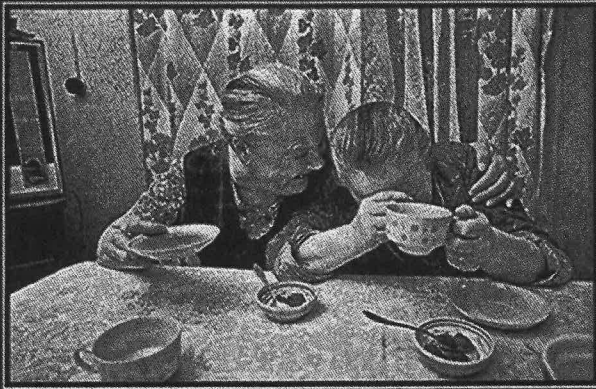
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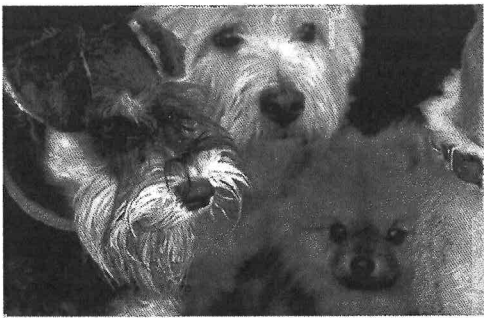
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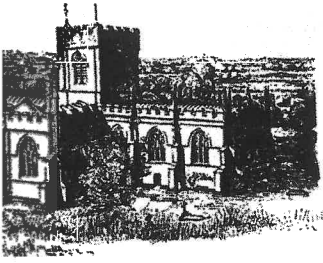
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Wiltshire Council have changed the way they provide local maintenance to the village. Since the new system has come into place very little has happened in Edington. We are very dissatisfied with this. Emily Peplar is our Parish Councillor with a responsibility for roads drains etc; she is putting together a list of what currently needs attention in the village with the intention of escalating our concerns. If you know of any repairs needed eg pot holes blocked drains unmaintained footpaths general maintenance etc can you let her know on 07910 228 383 so we can submit as complete a list as possible

The Festive Season is rapidly approaching. With that in mind we have decided this year to erect the Christmas tree in the playing field on the pub side as we have had difficulty safely anchoring a tree by the pond and the electric pylons have also proved a challenge there. We will be holding our usual lighting ceremony with carol singing and hand bell ringing on Saturday December 14th (Sunday if wet). All welcome full details will be in December's news.

Edington Charity of the month-Ghurka Welfare Trust



The Gurkha Welfare Trust cares for ex-Gurkhas and their families. They help repay the debt of honour owed the brave Gurkha soldiers, who have fought for our freedom for nearly 200 years.

Gurkhas come from the hills of Nepal and have been recruited to serve in the British Army for almost 200 years. The incredible bravery and loyalty of these remarkable people has won them great respect and affection.

The Trust relieves poverty and distress amongst Gurkha ex-servicemen and their dependents through a range of financial, medical and community aid. To assist in the coordination of benevolence and welfare for retired Gurkhas in the UK, working closely with government departments, service charities and other agencies.

The Trust pays a welfare pension to 7,475 needy Gurkha ex-servicemen and their widows living in Nepal, who did not complete 15 year's military service.

The Trust works within Gurkha communities to provide water and sanitation facilities, new schools, and educational grants for children of the Regiment and infrastructure.....It costs £35,000 each day to fund their vital, life-saving services so please help by sending your donation to the PCC Treasurer for Edington; Col Hugh Hancock, Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6AX

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact Helen O'Donoghue on 830501 for more information

Our speaker on Tuesday 8th October was not **BATMAN** but **BATWOMAN!!** Win Quinney from Bat Rescue came along with a couple of injured rescued bats Harriet a Common Pippistrelle and Bertie a Natterers Bat plus her assistant Batman (her husband). It seems Win's family including her son are all very involved in rescuing Bats. Sadly our UK bat population has declined dramatically during the past century. Many of the roosting sites and feeding grounds have been destroyed to make way for buildings, roads etc. Pesticides have not only killed their insect prey but also some bats as well. Now all British bats and their roosts are protected by law and it is illegal to harm or disturb bats. She then proceeded to give us lots of information on bats, the only flying mammals. During the summer females form maternity colonies where they give birth to a single young in June or early July. For 3 or 4 weeks they are fed solely on their mother's milk. After 4 weeks the young are able to fly and at 6 weeks they are able to forage for themselves. Sometimes, a grounded bat may just be exhausted and need a bit of time to recover with a little help. It may be in danger from passing predators so it is better to take it into captivity temporarily and get advice from the Bat Helpline or your local bat group. They are gentle creatures and seldom show aggression but they are wild animals and may be frightened and in pain. You must wear protective gloves and handle the bat as little as possible putting it in a box with a crumpled piece of cloth as the bat will feel safer if it has something to crawl into and hide. This is when Win comes to the rescue when contacted by the Bat rescue team. She has been called to many different locations including Erlestoke Prison where an injured bat was found. She is obviously dedicated to these very interesting creatures and that certainly came across with her fascinating talk. Some of our enterprising members had made the most of their talents by selling the fruits of their labours to help increase the amount of £5 which we were given to help with WI funds. The Soup Lunch on Wednesday 13th November 12.30 – 14.30 will be held at the Parish Hall with Soup and Pudding plus tea/coffee all for the sum of £5. There will be a raffle and sales table; this will help with our fund- raising. Hopefully we will get lots of visitors!

Various social activities were then discussed including our Christmas Meal at the local pub with friends or partners, which will then leave everyone free from having to prepare a supper at our Christmas meeting. The Federation Christmas Concert will be held this year at the Priory Church, the theme being Christmas Around the World with the guest appearance of Jo Sercome. Next Meeting will be on 12th November when The White Horse Potter will be coming along to entertain us. *Pam Perry.*



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SICK AND/OR HOUSEBOUND

Any catholic who is sick or housebound should let Canon Liam (01225 752152) know as he would be pleased to arrange a visit and bring Holy Communion, if desired.

First Holy Communion: Parents with a child entering Year 3 (or older) who wish their child to be prepared for First Communion are asked to collect a form from the porch of the church, complete it and return it to the Presbytery. Children for First Communion must be baptised Catholics, attending Mass, and parents and children must take part in the preparation.

Sharing of Faith: this group meets every Wednesday from 8-9pm in St John's Parish Centre. Anyone interested in finding out about the Catholic Church would be warmly welcomed.

FUTURE EVENTS

Carol Concert in St John's Parish Centre

Community Singing,

Mulled Wine & Mince Pies

Trowbridge Sunday 1st December from 7.00pm.

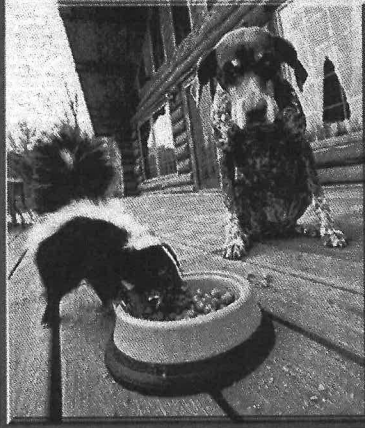
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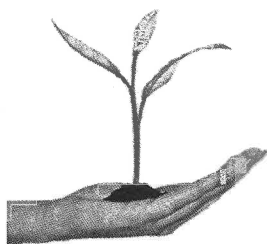


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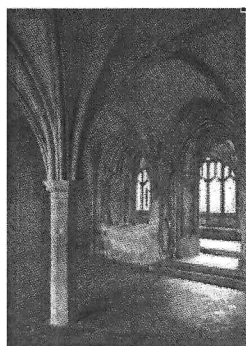
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EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

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26 members and one visitor enjoyed the October meeting. Sue Carter, headgardener at Lacock Abbey and frequent speaker on BBC Radio Wiltshire gave us an insight into the background of the place. Even after 10 years her enthusiasm still showed through. With the aid of slides of maps and designs, we saw how much the grounds have changed over the years, showing how tastes and ideas change with ownership.



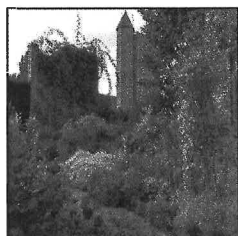
Three members represented the club at an Annual Quiz hosted this time by Box Gardening Club (previous winners), it was a fun evening with excellent refreshments. Corsham were the winners, perhaps next year?!

EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB DIARY DATES:

November 7th Neil Ross will talk about Sissinghurst behind the scenes. This is an Open Meeting, all welcome.

December 5th Social Evening

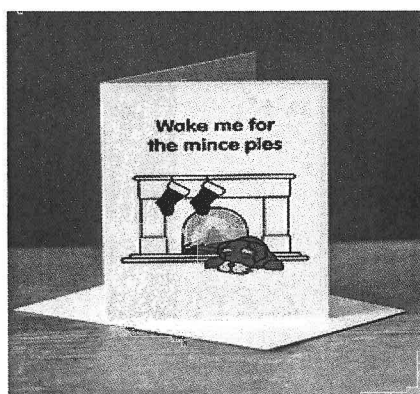
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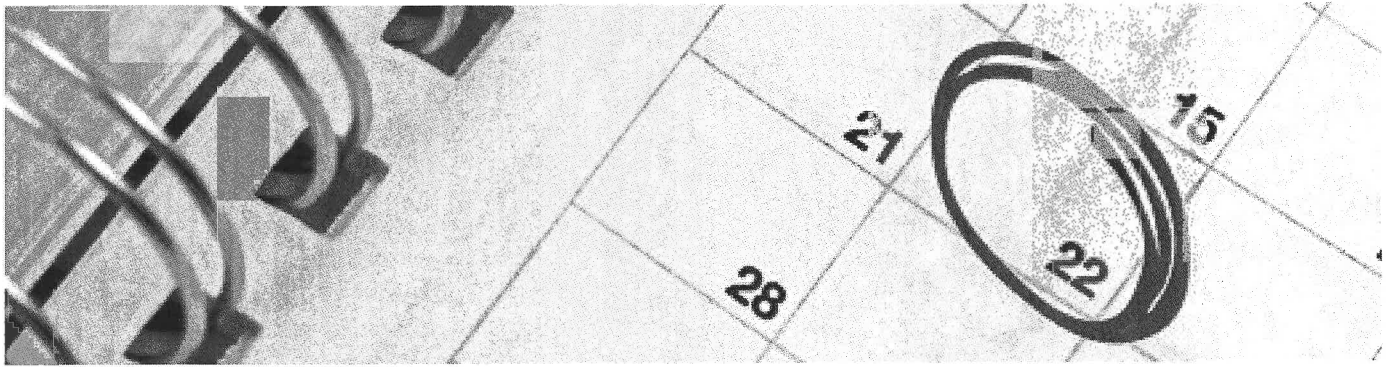
An enthusiastic person to help with the Bank at the entrance to the Parish Hall.
More details on 830133



Annual Charity Christmas Card Sale

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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Edington Priory Choir Practice every Thursday 7pm

Mobile Library alternate Thursdays.

Edington Gardening Club first Thursday every month 8pm

NOVEMBER

- 02 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church 10.30am-midday
- 02 Reiki Drop in, Edington Village Hall, 1.30-4.30pm
- 02 Fireworks, Erlstoke Cricket Club, from 5.30pm
- 07 Gardening Club Talk, Parish Hall 8pm
- 08 Blashford-Snell Talk, Jubilee Hall Bratton, 7.15pm
- 08 Coulston Quiz, Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 10 Remembrance Service, Erlestoke Church, 6.30pm
- 12 U3A talk, United Reform Church, 2pm
- 12 WI talk, White Horse Potter, Parish Hall 8pm
- 13 WI Great Food Debate, Edington Parish Hall, 1230-2.30pm
- 14/15/16 Jubilee Players, Theatre, Bratton Jubilee Hall 7.30pm
- 15 G&J trip to Stourhead, Edington PO 11am-3.15pm
- 16 Christmas Caard Sale, Edington Parish Hall, 10am-midday
- 17 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 18 Lunch Club, Duke Bratton, 12.30pm
- 19 Movie night, Erlestoke Church, 6-8pm
- 19 Coulston Village Hall AGM, 7.30pm
- 22 PURPLE FISH play 'Pink Floyd', Corn Exchange Devizes.
- 23 Stir -up Coffee Morning, Dairy House Farm, 10am-Midday

DECEMBER

- 03 Edington Reading Circle, Millside, 8pm
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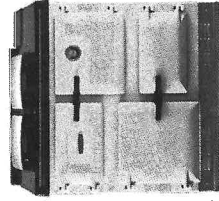
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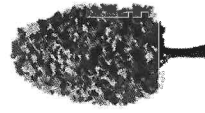
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