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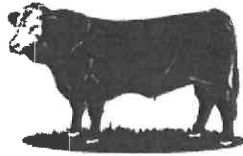
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2 nd Sunday 10 th April Third Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	09.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 17 th April Fourth Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FOOTPRINTS AT ST JAMES' (CW)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION & BAPTISM
4 th Sunday 24 th April Fifth Sunday of Easter	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP (MORNING PRAISE) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS

Public Morning & Evening Prayer : Thursdays at 7am and Saturdays at 8am in the Oratory room at the Church Institute at Bratton; Thursdays at Edington (9am)

Monday 4th April – Annunciation to the Blessed Virgin Mary – Communion Service TBC

Saturday 23rd – St Georges Day – Service TBC

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Their concerts are given by small groups of professional musicians who tailor repertoire to suit the individual needs of the audience. Programmes range from classical to jazz, folk, pop, show and old time; often a number of these styles can be included within one concert. In addition to their high standard of musicianship, the musicians possess exceptional communication skills, which enable them to involve audiences beyond a musical level and “bring the person out of the patient.”

Music in Hospitals concert lasts just over an hour, but their musicians provide more than just live music. They will arrive in good time for their performance, allowing time to meet their audience, and will stay to chat afterwards. They often find that the musicians take on the role of friend and listener as they chat to patients about the kind of day they have had or the memories the music has sparked. This is particularly welcomed by patients who have little contact with relatives or friends.

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Cantamus Chamber Choir Treasury: A Celebration of Music and Verse

Saturday 7 May 2016 7.30pm

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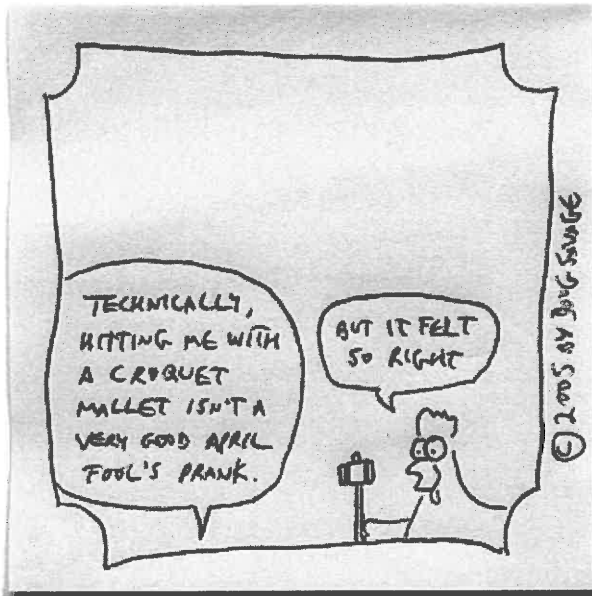
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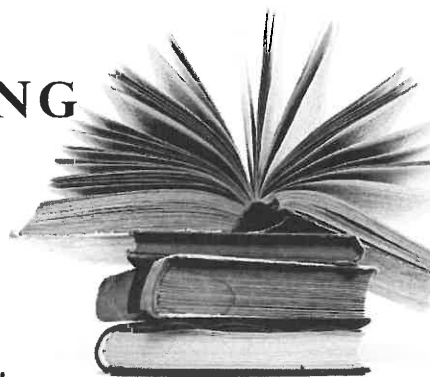


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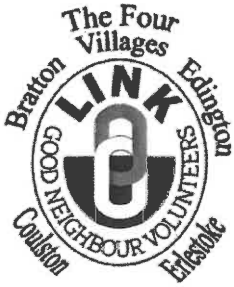
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FOUR VILLAGES LINK AGM – ADVANCE WARNING!

The Four Villages Link AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 May at 2:30pm, in the Upper Room at the Three Daggers. This is a great opportunity to find out how we have fared over the last financial year and to look at the challenges that we face going forward, particularly in view of the fact that the Hopper Bus service will be withdrawn in June. Perhaps you might consider helping our scheme in some way by becoming a volunteer - you can offer as much or as little time as you like, at a time to suit you. It is a great way to meet new people and become more involved in the community, as well as providing an important service to those in our four villages who might need a helping hand from time to time. Just come along to the AGM to find out more about how **you** can help **your** neighbours.

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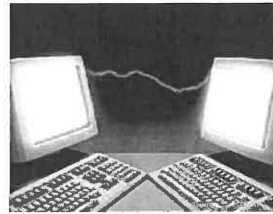
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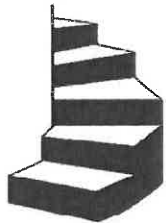


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Salisbury	£4	Sat 09	9.30am

The G&J trip to **Hungerford** will be on **Friday 29 April** leaving Edington at 1pm and returning around 5.15pm. 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.

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The U13's continued their fine form since January. After beating leaders Bradford Town, the previous home game they won a very physical encounter with second placed Frome Town 6-1. Goals from Jacob Duckett, Joe Davis, Luke Wilcox and Sammie Jones (3) moved them to second place in the table, 5 points behind leaders Bradford.

Under 15's have managed to play a couple of games since last report including a derby win over Devizes Town.

No International tour being planned this year as in the past, but we are in the early stages of planning for an U16 team and post exams tour for next season.

Team contact details

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Mark – 01380-813160/07974-723008; Under 9 –Dave 07843-678781.

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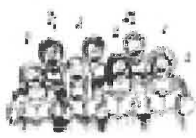
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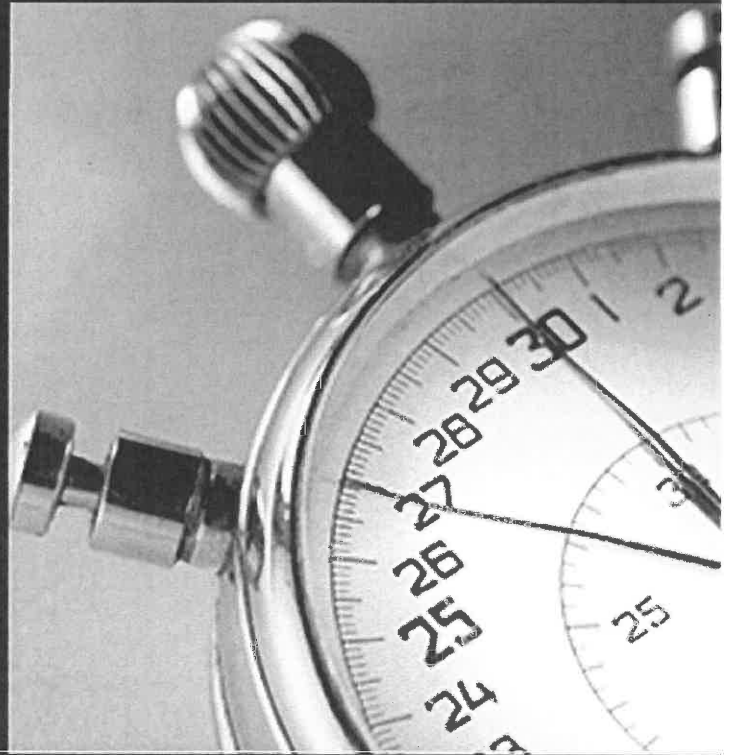
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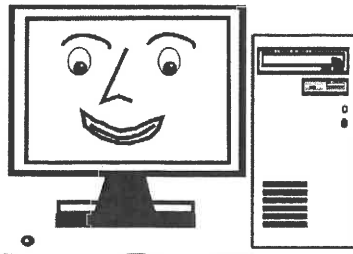
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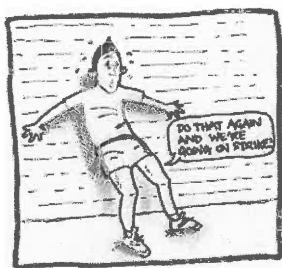


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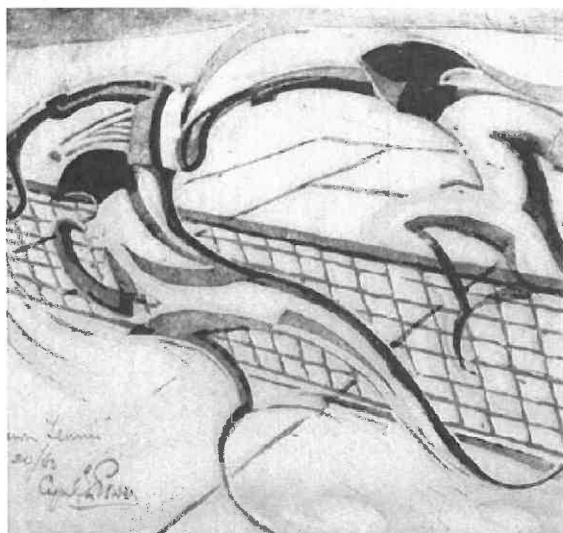
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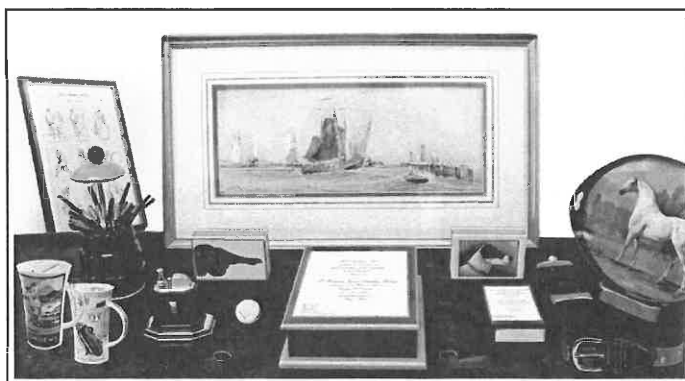
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The process of determining where new housing should go is not entirely straightforward. At a high level, the National Planning Policy Framework has set the principles in favour of more housing and the Wiltshire Core Strategy has laid down policies and minimum numbers for the county. In some cases, the Core Strategy specifies where new housing should go but in non-strategic locations like this Division, the picture needs colouring by other means.

The first driver for new developments can be developers themselves. Some of you will know that one developer proposed a very unwelcome housing estate outside Great Cheverell. Fortunately, they were seen off at appeal last year after much helpful input from the community. At a smaller scale, the Eastern Area Planning Committee has recently rejected a proposal in Market Lavington on the grounds that entry and exit to the site would be very dangerous, but this may yet face challenge at appeal.

A different problem has been encountered in Victoria Park where many residents would welcome some housing development if it would facilitate repair of the crumbling roads and footpaths and allow their adoption by Wiltshire Council. However, despite already having 50 houses, Victoria Park is designated in planning terms as "open countryside", which would normally prevent new development. I am trying to find a way around that problem.

More positively, Neighbourhood Planning teams in West Lavington, Market Lavington and Worton, are working to identify possible development sites and to assess community opinion about them. The required procedures are challenging to say the least, particularly for a small community reliant on volunteers with little or no professional experience. I commend their hard work (and some of you may know I should probably declare an interest here).

In all of these considerations, one common theme is the problem of highways and traffic. Our local road network is among the worst in the county. Let me know if you have a spare £15,000,000 or so, which could fulfil my ambition for a relief road on the Plain.



BRATTON PRESCHOOL

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March was certainly a busy month as the children celebrated World Book Day, Mothers Day and Easter. World Book Day saw the preschool inundated with characters from favourite stories and the children found the staff's mini panto version of Little Red Riding Hood highly amusing. Our wall display is testament to how important books are in our children's lives as each child's Book Worm illustrates the books they have shared at home. There is quite a variety!

As I write we are 'eggcitedly' awaiting the hatching of chicks in our incubator. Many thanks to Simone Brown for loaning the equipment and supervising the process. We have had some very interesting discussions about what the children are expecting to see come out of the eggs. Thanks must also go to Andy and Lynne Hobbs from The Duke whose recent donation has enabled us to replace our 4 sided Easel.

Our Committee continue to work hard in fundraising and following on from a successful Bug Hunt, the next date for your diary is the **Teddy Bear's Picnic on Friday 6 May at 3.15pm** at the Church Institute. There will be a 'Best Dressed Teddy' competition and lots of Teddy themed activities as well as a picnic tea.

Our waiting list is growing for September 2016 and if you have a two year old who is eligible to join preschool in the next academic year then we would urge you to visit us and complete a registration form at your earliest convenience.

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The next Supper Night will be on Friday 15th April 2016.

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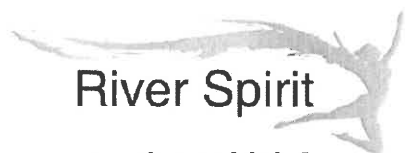
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Alleluia! Christ is Risen! That was our cry as we celebrated Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. It is the cry every Christian makes as part of their ongoing faith in the days and weeks that follow. Jesus truly died on the Cross on Good Friday and the Bible stories of the events that followed confirm that he came truly alive again. He met with his disciples, he ate meals – even cooked one at least – and yet he was different. Jesus had not merely been resuscitated – come out of a coma as it were. For if that had been the case he would simply live to die again at some later date. No, his was a different sort of life: at one moment entirely physical, touchable, and at another moment he would simply vanish from sight. But this miracle, for that is what it was, is only part of the story. It raises questions. We can readily understand the events of Good Friday and Easter Sunday on the surface. We know all about unfair trials resulting in innocent people being convicted - and that is what happened to Jesus. Similarly, although some do struggle with the concept of miracles, we can accept that Jesus was dead but is now alive. But underneath the surface there is so much more to these events. It is a fundamental of Christian faith that we believe that Jesus died for our sins which through the faith that we have in him means that we can be in a sin free relationship with God. Sin separated humankind from God and led to death. Jesus has taken all our sins then, now and in the future and freed us from perpetual death. Those who die in the faith of Jesus can be assured of life everlasting. Alleluia! Christ is Risen from the dead!

Turning to our programme on SPIRITUALITY we have two talks coming up. The first is on Saturday 2nd April at the Parish Hall at Edington from 4pm to approximately 6pm. It will be in the form of a workshop led by the Revd Colin Coward MBE on prayer, not just the Christian understanding of prayer, but exploring prayer through silence, stillness, meditation and awareness. Prayer is not just asking God for things that we feel are important to us but also of reaching an awareness of the presence of God. The second is on Saturday 30th April at Edington Priory Church again between 4 and 6pm. Led by the Revd Andrew Ashdown it is called 'Voices from Syria'. We can hear at first hand of all that is going on in that troubled part of God's world and how the Christians still living there are continuing to work out their faith. How does their spirituality cope with physical and mental pressures they are facing in their everyday lives. The situation is so terrible that this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from someone who has so recently been there, in the love and peace of Christ.

Malcolm Wieck

(Honorary Associate Priest)

Edington Parish Council Report

We are now able to recruit to **our Casual Vacancy**. This is open to all Edington residents on the electoral register. Any interested parties please contact Malcolm Wieck 830256 or Edington Parish chairman Mike Swaybe 830043 for more information

There have been a number of recent incidents of theft from cars in the area, including one broken into in the church car park. To avoid this happening please do not leave valuables visible in your car.

Dog fouling hot spot this month is the Coal path. Maybe we should all take responsibility to name and shame the offenders.

Planning: The following applications have been received:-

(i) 16/01202/FUL Installation of a blind dormer and internal alterations to create a granny annex (accommodation ancillary to the main house) at land adjoining 11 Inmead for Mr Rob Hart

(ii) 16/01792/TPO Fell Conifer T1-T3; Fell Lime tree T4; Reduce crown 20% and thin by 20% Yew T5; Beech T6 remove limb to west and crown reduction to match adjoining tree; fell conifer G1; at the Manor House 11 Lower Road for Mr A Edwards

Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Monday 23 April 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. The Main topic is Edington Neighbourhood plan. This is your plan the council needs your input to make it viable. Please come and let us know your views. Cheese and wine will be available after the meeting

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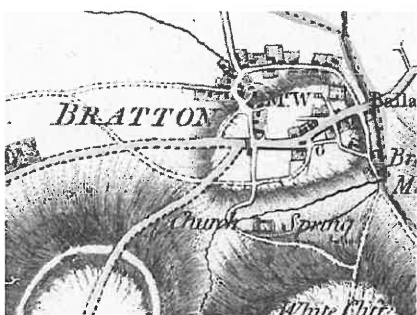
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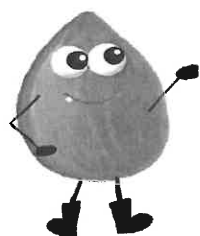
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This month has been the busiest we have seen in a long time with one of our most attended sessions in a long time! New mummies and babies, how refreshing! We have been busy making bubble wrap pictures, painting hand prints and decorating small hand-made paper baskets with gluing feathers, stickers and small fluffy chicks ready for our Easter egg hunt. After Easter we will begin serious planning of our activities for the Village Summer Fair. We had a toy cleaning night recently to give our stock a good scrub down, which was a sociable night despite everything.

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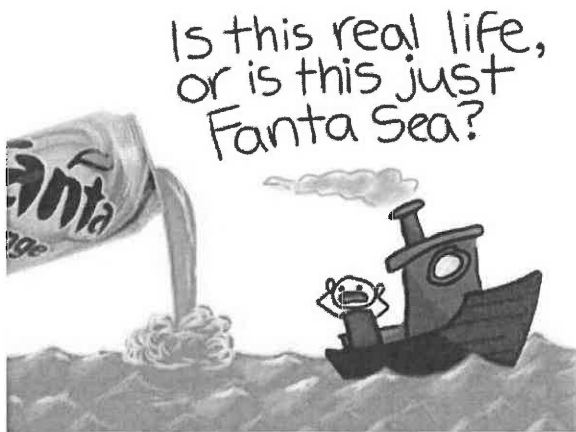
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What a treat we had during the month of March or, to be more precise, two treats!

There was our usual monthly meeting when we had a visit from Catrinel Matthews who gave us a talk about her journey into jewellery design entitled “Create With Colour”. Catrinel explained that she had no interest in jewellery until she went to Zanzibar and witnessed a display of such colourful items that on her return she decided to research where she might buy some pieces. However, she came across so many websites directing her to make her own jewellery that she decided to have a go.

She discovered that only a few simple tools were needed to get started. There was an abundance of different materials she could use in a variety of colours, with the US websites offering more choice than the UK ones. Her adventure into the world of jewellery showed her that design can be almost anything you want it to be. Her presentation, with visual aids, included an explanation of the various types of stones that could be used in a myriad of colours. We were shown a variety of lovely necklaces and bracelets she had made and were at liberty to try these on, which a majority of our ladies did. A very enjoyable evening was had by all and several ladies were heard to comment that they would be sure to tell their husbands about one or two pieces which had particularly caught their eye!

And then, a few days later a Fashion Show, by the students of Kingsdown School. About 30 young ladies, led by their tutor Jo Dyson, gave a splendid exhibition of their work in the Textiles Dept. The girls were aged between 13 and 17 and the audience of about 90, enjoyed an excellent display of their skills as they modelled trousers, shorts, dresses and handbags which they had designed and made themselves. There was much talent on show – look out for young designers from Wiltshire over the next few years! The evening was rounded off with a glass of wine together with cheese and biscuits. A very relaxing way to spend a Friday evening.

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Spring is here and its official! It is warm enough now to spend some time enjoying what bulbs there are and making notes of where new ones need to go for next year's display. We are at last beginning to believe we will be able to work, sit and eat in the garden for another summer, after a long wet autumn and winter.

Our last speaker at Gardening Club got us off to a good start by reminding us of the wonderful job done by the bees that visit our gardens. Claire Barker from local company Hive Originals gave us a crash course in bee-keeping and the benefits of honey and beeswax. Not only was she really informative (who knew there were 224 types of bees in the UK?) but also inspiring. Only one bee works all year – the honeybee. In a hive, one queen can live for 7 years, but the workers for less than 6 weeks. The workers are all females, who clean, forage, guard and feed the queen and generally make a home. Sound familiar? The drones are the males and their job is to fly and mate with a virgin queen. They all die by winter, but at its peak the hive averages 100,000 busy bees.

Claire showed us waxed honeycomb and honey and told us how it is all made and extracted, with each product having a specific use. From pollen, to propolis, royal jelly, beeswax, honeycomb and honey, all are beneficial because of their anti-bacterial, anti-fungal, anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant propertiesand of course the delicious taste of the honey.

Claire started her business so that she could make a living from her bees. She works with a laboratory and has spent many thousands of pounds developing an all-natural product range and in August 2013 she launched her business selling creams, lotions and balms. We were able to test her delicious-smelling products and members bought some at the end of the event. I can recommend the night cream, which smells great, is non-greasy and with none of the ingredients that cause problems for the environment and for our bodies.

Our next Club evening is on Thursday 7th April (7.30 pm), when Nicky Gilbert will be talking about dahlias. Do come along for coffee, cake, friendship and really useful gardening information. Also take a look at the our web pages on the village site to find out about the excellent trips and speakers still to come. Or ring 01380 830722 for more information.

Sandie Lewis, Secretary.

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Visit from Claire Perry

We enjoyed finding out more about democracy in our country through a workshop with Claire Perry in March – she held a mini-parliament session in our school hall, and we were very proud of how our children spoke up, confidently and respectfully presenting their views for and against the motion.

After that, Claire and Councillor Richard Gamble joined us in our Clean for the Queen campaign and we collected litter in our local area. It was very good to see that there was not much to collect! Our children understand the need to be stewards of our beautiful world and litter is one of the few things they can deal with proactively – so many other complex matters such as climate change, habitat destruction and soil erosion are difficult for them to challenge at their age.

We were delighted when Claire Perry was quoted in the local paper as saying that our children are “Impeccably behaved” – and indeed they always are.

Bluebell Wood

Spring is sparkling into our little onsite woodland area which the children call Bluebell Wood. Lots of lovely spring flowers are out now and the birds and squirrels give the children much joy. The children know that they must treat Bluebell Wood with respect as it is a little habitat for the wild things that live there. Part of our purpose of the outdoor classroom is to enable children to observe the woodland through the seasons and to learn more about the English countryside. Our beautiful grounds give the children the chance to appreciate how wonderful the world is.

Space Seeds

We have been chosen to take part in a very exciting scientific experiment with the RHS and some space scientists. They will send us two batches of seeds, one batch of which will have been up in space with Tim Peake, and the other lot will have remained earth-bound. Our children will set up the experiment and will measure the seedlings as they grow to see whether there is a difference in those that have been in space and those that have not.

If you wish to find out more about our school, you will find lots of photos and other items on our website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or you can phone us on 01380 813 796.

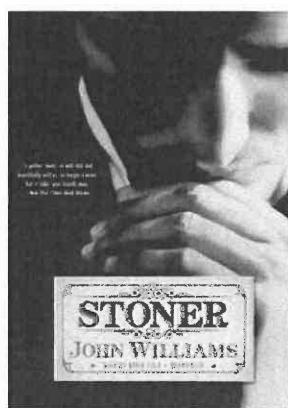
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EDINGTON READING CIRCLE

meets May 4th 8pm
at Millside to discuss:

'Stoner' by John Williams.

New members welcome.
Please contact Vera 830 218



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SHOE BOX FILLING
COFFEE MORNING



SATURDAY 23 APRIL 10:30 – 12:30
EDINGTON PARISH HALL

You are invited to a coffee morning in aid of the Operation Christmas Child 2016 appeal. Please help us collect items for the shoeboxes – our target this year is 50 boxes.

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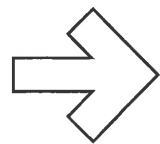
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In my article in last month's magazine, I mentioned how the budget in Wiltshire Council is spent and drew a distinction between the funds allocated to protect our vulnerable residents (£179m) and what is spent on our roads and waste collection etc (£150m). Having just seen the delivery of the latest Budget from the Government and the announcement of yet further cuts to public spending, we know that local government will no doubt be squeezed even more. Therefore we need to be certain that our funds are spent wisely.

Looking at this point, during the weekend of 5 & 6 March, many communities went out and collected litter for the 'Clean for the Queen' initiative. Across the county and indeed the country, verges, parks, paths and roads were cleared of litter through the dedication and hard work of very many residents, of all ages. Bags of litter were cleared and our villages look better for this. The question though is who and why was this litter deposited in the first place? I don't know about you, I wouldn't dream of throwing anything from my car, instead I take it home. But as we drive along many roads, the verges are strewn with litter and this is often fast food wrappers and cans and bottles and to be clear, this is a nationwide problem. I find this makes me angry that our beautiful county is being desecrated by individuals who have no social responsibility or conscience. Therefore let me return to the funding issue. Wiltshire Council presently spends £2m a year on litter picking, which is over and above what communities already do. Our main roads are dangerous places to operate and volunteers cannot be engaged in this way. Therefore properly trained and equipped people have to do this. This £2m comes out of the £150m I discussed above and is 1.33% of this amount. I hope you agree a significant amount of money!

Before writing this article this morning, I was copied into an email from an irate Town Councillor in Westbury complaining that Wiltshire Council was abrogating its responsibilities over litter picking. We all have our points of view but frankly greater efforts need to be directed into educating people to cease throwing litter out in the first place, rather than allocating more and more scarce funds to this issue. Otherwise it is treating the symptoms rather than finding a cure. There needs to be a drive from central Government akin to the recent successful charging for bags in supermarkets, which has shown an 80% reduction in use. I intend writing to our MP, Dr Andrew Murrison about this matter.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please feel free to make contact either through my email address jerry.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk or my home telephone of 01380 870 476 or mobile 07980 701 617.

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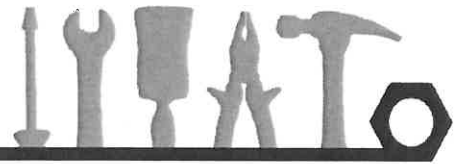
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APRIL

- 02 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-12pm
02 Quiz night, Bratton Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm
07 Ed Gardening Club, 7.30pm
16 Spring Bingo, Erlestoke Church, 1.30pm
16 Organ recital, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
15-17 Art & Craft Fair, Edington Priory
17 Bratton History, Bratton Institute, 4pm
20 Lunch, Ed Parish Hall, 12.30pm
22-23 Night of Opera, Devizes Town Hall, 7.30pm
23 Coffee Morning, Melbourne House, Bratton, 10.30am
29 G&J trip to Hungerford, leave Ed PO 1pm
30 Voices from Syria, Ed Priory. 4-6pm

MAY

- 02 Erlestoke Bank Holiday Plant Fair, Erlestoke Church, 2pm
04 Edington Reading Circle, Millside, 8pm
07 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-12pm
14 Bratton Hilly 11K, 11am
14 Steeple Rocks, St Mary's Church Steeple Ashton, 7.30pm
14 Harp evening, Edington priory, 7.30pm
15 Rowdeford Garden Fair, 11-3pm
21 Edington May Ball

JUNE

- 11 Edington Fair

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