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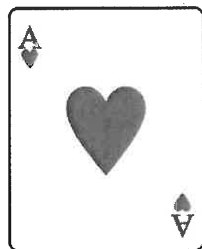
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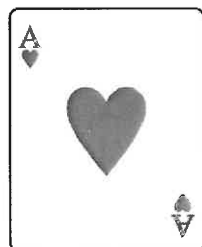
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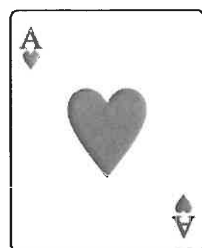
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We're privileged this month to receive some poems from the talented children from the Holy Trinity School, find three of them throughout the magazine and be impressed. We're looking forward to having regular features from the children on a variety of topics which should inspire some discussions on their individual approach and thought processes and no doubt galvanise us into action.



While you're in a generous mood as it's Valentine's and love and generosity is in the air, is there anyone out there interested in volunteering for the Treasurer's post with the News?, the current treasurer has moved away from the area and we are in desperate need of a new one ASAP. It's not an onerous duty and you would receive full training and support. Any willing volunteer please call me on 07816 160 163 to arrange a meeting to explain what is required. *Fiona*



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Thank you from the Gilbert Family

On Saturday 20th Dec the formality of a cheque to Pancreatic Cancer UK was handed over to Merv Gilbert in memory of Sean.

The money already deposited totalled £3,118.65, this being the proceeds from around the Gig in the garden, held back in September.

This was an amazing effort and the family would again wish to thank the @Gig@ committee and everyone who supported the event to make it the success it was.

This has also made Sean's passing a little easier to bear, he has been seen a few times and there is no reason why he shouldn't be, after growing up in and around Erlestoke for nearly 50 years.

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Saturday 7th February Book Swap from 10am in the Church.

Tuesday 17th February, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Brounckers House, Lower Road, Erlestoke. From 6pm. Raffle, Bring and buy and as many pancakes you can manage!

Saturday 28th March Childrens Easter Workshop, 10-12 noon at Erlestoke Church. All ages welcome but children 5 years and under must be accompanied by an adult.



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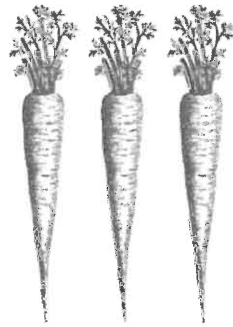
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Responding to Violence

As I write this article, events have just occurred in Paris which are deeply shocking. Murder has come to the streets, once again, of a Western capital. The impact of what is going on will surely be felt for years to come, even after the specifics have perhaps become fuzzy memories. Unfortunately, the danger with writing a topical article is that by the time you get to read this, another incident may, by then, have occurred.

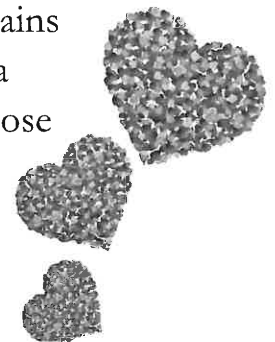
I have been reading the Qur'an this week, to confirm to myself that what is written in its pages is very far removed from what appears to be in the minds of the terrorists. We have all been deeply moved, I'm sure, by all that we have heard from Nigeria, France and so many other places, and I'm sure that we are all equally concerned about reactions against innocent Moslems as a consequence.

I'm not an expert on Islam, but as far as I can tell, the Qur'an only allows its adherents to kill in self-defence, or in the defence of those who are themselves being attacked (4:75): but even then there are important caveats which define these narrow circumstances precisely.

Once again, it is how a text is interpreted, or rather misinterpreted, that causes the problems. Throughout the history of Christianity and Judaism there have also been similar problems where texts have been misinterpreted, by accident or by design. Indeed, Jesus seems to spend a huge amount of his time in the Gospel accounts correcting the misinterpretations of the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

This is a time when all peoples of faith need to stand together in common cause and in condemnation of terrorism: all the holy books unequivocally condemn attacks upon the innocent. The asymmetry of resources between western nations and extremists might mean that there cannot be 'conventional' war between combatants on either side, but this does not, in any way, justify terrorist attacks upon the innocent.

About 15 years ago I was working in a school based in a small village. Residents were able to come in and use the photocopier. One day a teenage girl came in and wanted to photocopy a large quantity of materials to distribute at her local place of worship. These materials were of the sort that today we would recognise as being provocative or could ultimately lead vulnerable people to radicalisation. As I was at pains to point out to her, in refusing to allow her to photocopy them, there is a difference between freedom of expression and stirring up hatred. I suppose that my words were water off a duck's back, at the time, and perhaps only the passing of time would help her to see things differently. But I do still think that it is important for all of us to challenge hatred and violence whenever we encounter it, and in whatever form it takes.



God bless you all. Revd Mark Jones, Rector of Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – FEBRUARY 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 st Sunday 1 st February <i>Candlemas (transferred)</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 CHRISTINGLE SERVICE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION FOR CANDLEMAS (CW) 4PM CHRISTINGLE SERVICE		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
2 nd Sunday 8 th February <i>Second Sunday Before Lent</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION(CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE(JC/IH)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 15 th February <i>Sunday Next Before Lent</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE AT BCI	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 22 nd February <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

Christingle services: 11am at Bratton and 4pm at Edington on 1st February

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day: 2-4pm at the Bratton Church Institute: Tea & Pancakes, with special Pancake races for the children

Ash Wednesday (18th February) Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes: 11am at St James' and 7.30pm at Edington Priory Church.

Lent Lunches: 12-2pm Bratton Church Institute on Ash Wednesday, then please see fliers for locations on subsequent Wednesdays in Lent 12-2pm.

Public Morning & Evening Prayer : Mondays and Tuesdays (9am, 5pm) -at Bratton; Wednesday and Thursdays at Edington (9am), 5pm at Bratton;

Wednesday Communion Services:

At 9.30am on the 4th, 11th, 25th February. NB there are NO services on the 18th apart from the special 11am (Bratton) and 7.30pm (Edington) services.

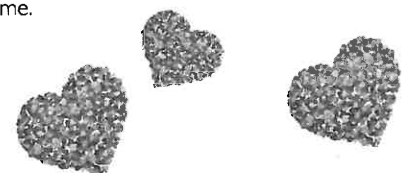
Benefice Lent Course: 6.00-7.30pm Wednesdays starting 25th February— 4 sessions, one at each church –please see separate information

Church4All: come and join in with the family-friendly fun at our joint Messy Church initiative with our Baptist partners. See posters for details.

The Bishop of Salisbury will be engaging us in debate at Dauntsey's School on the 5th March. All welcome.



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Edington Arts' first concert of the year in the Priory Church

Friday February 20th at 7.30pm

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We look forward to the pleasure of your company.

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Winter: by Fergus (Year 3) Holy Trinity

*In winter, I like
Some hot buttered toast
That's what I like about winter most.*

*A warm, lovely sitting room
Where I can relax
Some wood in the fire
Chopped up by an axe.*

*The countdown to Christmas
Seemed so long
And now its over
Christmas is gone.*



The Dalai Lama, when asked what surprised him most about humanity, answered "Man.... Because he sacrifices his health in order to make money. Then he sacrifices money to recuperate his health. And then he is so anxious about the future that he does not enjoy the present; the result being that he does not live in the present or the future; he lives as if he is never going to die, and then dies having never really lived."

The Dalai Lama



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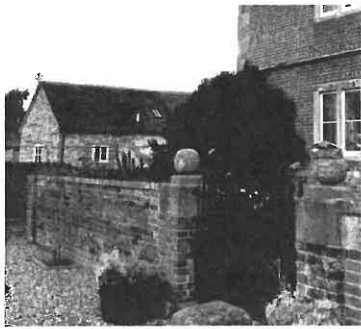
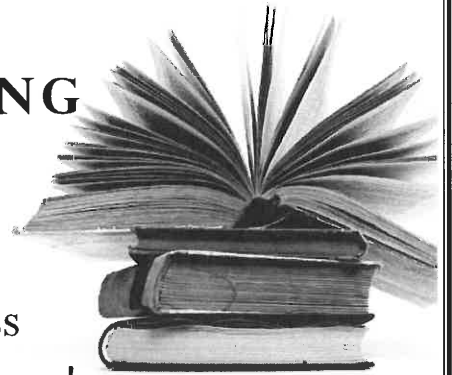
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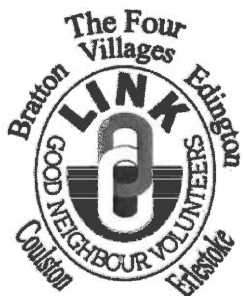
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TFVL is one of 45 support schemes in Wiltshire staffed by volunteers and anyone, of any age or ability can make use of the scheme for almost anything, and in this way we can help to improve the quality of life for residents in our community. Whilst the LINK supports and complements local health and social services it is able to operate at a far more personal level and, for your peace of mind, all our volunteers are CRB checked and carry identity badges. So, if you would like help just call us on **07852 256 939** 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.

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www.wiltshire.gov.uk/connect2wilts-ruh-hopper.pdf. The success of the LINK scheme is purely down to the continuing support of our volunteers and, with an increasing population of older people, together with the decline in locally funded services, it is inevitable that we will be called upon more frequently to offer assistance. As a result, we are always looking for new volunteers to help 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 so, if you feel you can help or would just like to find out more about volunteering in any capacity, then please call for an initial chat on **07852 256 939**. Registered Charity No: 1064923

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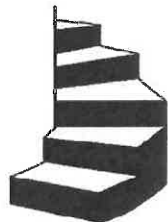
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Since our last publication the Christmas break and numerous game postponements means that there is not a lot of reporting this month. This is with the exception of the Sunday Adult team who continue to perform well in their league with 2 very good away wins in January so far : 1-5 against FC North Wiltshire, and 0-8 against The Mallard FC.



Below are some interesting trivia you may find interesting on the English Premier League today (current at start of season):



- ⚽ Jamie Carragher scored as many goals for Spurs as he did for Liverpool (own goals.....could only happen to a Liverpool player...)
- ⚽ Only 5 players have scored a hat-trick coming on as a substitute in a game: Lukaku (Everton), Solskjaer, Hasselbaink, Earnshaw, Adebayor.
- ⚽ 57% of the teams being promoted to the top flight through play-offs have been relegated the following season.
- ⚽ February 2003, Man Utd v Fulham, was the last game where no substitutes were used. (Before August 1965 substitutes were not allowed in English football).
- ⚽ Everton have competed in the top flight of English football for a record 111 seasons, playing more league games than any other team.
- ⚽ Worton and Cheverell FC 'The Badgers' – are one of the top flight Village teams in the area.

Steve Dagnall (Everton supporter)

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Nick Hornby (Opening sentence of Horny's book Fever Pitch)

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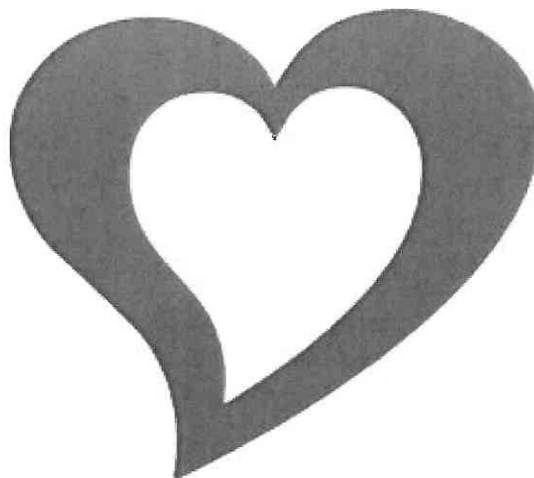
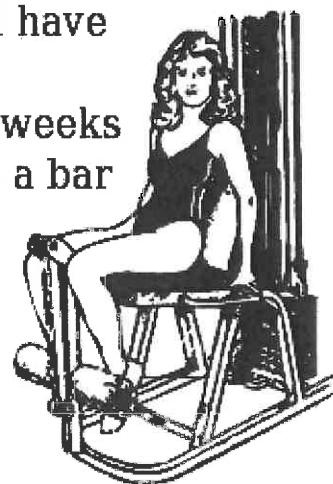
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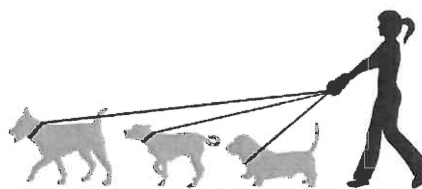
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Around 40 members met in the United Reformed Church Hall on 13th January to hear Elizabeth Gowing, her topic *Edith & I: On the Trail of An Edwardian Traveller in Kosovo*. As a teacher in Hackney Elizabeth taught some refugee children and was thrilled when her partner was offered a contract to act as an advisor to the prime minister of Kosovo.



Fascinated by the local customs, a mix derived from both Serbia and Albania, she was soon asking questions of her local friends and guides, on several occasions receiving the comment “What are you, AyDIT DourHAM” Persevering Elizabeth discovered that Edith Durham was a wealthy English lady who had travelled to the Baltics as a health cure, fallen in love with the area and thereafter spent as much time as possible travelling in Kosovo and the nearby states. At first this was for two months each year, the remainder being spent nursing her sick mother.

After her mother’s death she lived in Kosovo for some years. Although at first reputed to be a man in disguise or the King of England’s sister, Edith eventually became a loved and respected member of the local community. Many streets are named after her and there is a memorial to her in the mountains, erected after her death at the age of 80 in 1944.

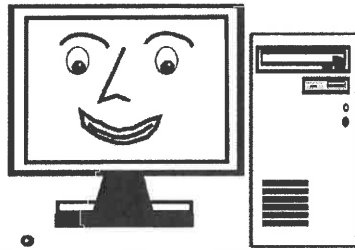
She did in fact run a hospital during the Balkan War, and continued to support the local communities even writing to the Guardian in 1927 asking that people shop in a particular shop which had imported goods for sale. Elizabeth feels she is following in Edith’s footsteps having founded a charity six years ago which enables local women to sell bags they have produced, and keep all profits as long as their children go to school.



There is a complete change of topic at the next meeting on February 10th when Keith Harvey will take us into the world of the Town Clerk. New members are very welcome; try us out, no charge for the first meeting.

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MORE IMPORTANTLY...

Although academic success is extremely important, we are always just as delighted with other aspects of our children's education and development. It is wonderful to see them growing into generous, truthful, responsible young people of great integrity. Each term, they choose a charity to support, and will fund raise enthusiastically to help those less fortunate than themselves. Last academic year, they "Bought Bricks" for an orphanage in India, which is linked to our school. Before Christmas, the children raised money to send a cow to Africa (or perhaps a sheep or donkey!). And this year they are working to raise funds for Wateraid, and hope to send ten water pumps to villages that have no access to clean water. Our children show a great sensitivity to the needs of others and it is a joy to us to see how readily they reach out to others who need support.

CHRISTMAS FUN

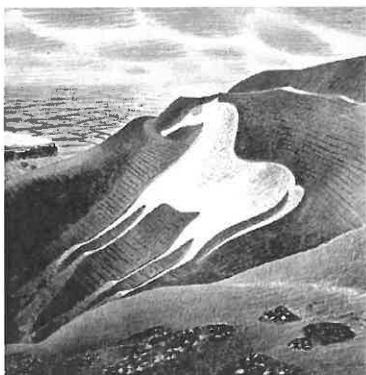
End-of-term was lovely, with handbells, recorder and choir concerts, the Christmas plays, Christmas party and quiet time for reflection. The whole school had a very moving carol service in St Peter's Church in Great Cheverell in the last week of term. The children held LED candles, and sang beautifully, enjoying the re-telling of the timeless Christmas story.

BLUEBELL WOOD

The early signs of Spring are starting to show in our little on-site woodland, with bulbs just peeking up through the cold earth. We will soon have snowdrops and crocuses, and, in a few months, the bluebells which give the area its name. The children love this space and know they have to treat it with respect, as an important living habitat on our school field.

A Message from Richard Gamble

Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division



Money seems to feature rather highly as a subject for consideration at this time of year.

At one level you are (perhaps that should be “I am”) coping with the costs of Christmas which, like most good causes, does not come cheap.

At another level, you may have just submitted your tax return and HMRC could be smiling at receipt of more of your hard-earned cash.

It can be tough for businesses too. If you are a retailer, this is when you have to pay the suppliers of stock you may or may not have sold in the pre- or post-Christmas rush.

Money features equally large in the mind of the public sector, although the chemistry is slightly different. Public sector budgets work strictly to an annual cycle that runs (to all intents and purposes) from April in one year to March in the next year. As a general rule, any allocated funds not spent by the end of March cannot be carried over to the following year, so some public institutions may be found to be fairly extravagant in this season. I am an admirer of Prudence but, sadly, she sometime goes on holiday at this time of year.

Of course, Wiltshire Council cannot be accused of extravagance and has saved some £100m of expenditure in the past few years by judicious management and without significant loss of services. The miracle is that we have done this while keeping Council Tax unchanged for 5 years. This represents a saving over the period of £782 pounds for a Band D property. So when you look at your bank statement, please consider how much worse it could have been if Wiltshire Council had not tightened its own belt over the period.

More savings must be made in the year ahead and Wiltshire Council is now discussing the budget for 2015/16. We must tighten the belt by a further £30 million, which will be tough but not impossible.

The public sector is sometimes accused of being flabby and self-indulgent but there is no doubt in my mind that financial discipline has made Wiltshire Council more fit for purpose. I only wish my own personal regime had been as effective in improving my physique!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **07762 018 209**.

Vera Totttingham and family wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their kindness and support after the death of Bill on 14 December 2014.

All the cards received and the number of friends and relatives who attended the crematorium service meant so much and gave such comfort to us. The donations given to The Alzheimer's Society were very generous.

We also extend special thanks to Edington W.I. members for their generosity in providing a lovely tea afterwards and the 3 Villages Minibus driven by Pauline providing transport.

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Singing carols too
The beautiful cobwebs
scattered with dew.

In winter I like this Do you?

The Three Villages Minibus (TVM)

TVM is a community facility available to all villagers and we try to cater for as many needs as possible. However recently the numbers using some of our scheduled trips have reduced and we are keen to know if alternatives would be more useful. Please complete this survey either by completing below and sending to Joy Fraser, 8 Greatwoods, Edington BA13 4QA or on line at www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/tvmsurvey

1. Please state which village you live in.

2. Do you use the TVM at present, please say how frequently you come on these journeys?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Never
Devizes				
Salisbury				
Warminster				
Westbury				
Joy and George trips				
Other occasional trips				

3. Would you be interested in using the TVM to visit other places?

	Weekly	Monthly	Occasionally	Never
Bath				
Frome				
Marlborough				
Trowbridge				

Are there any other places you would be interested in visiting?

Devizes and Salisbury journey's

Some of the journeys have dwindling numbers and we are looking at how we can increase them. At present the Devizes journey leaves the village at 9.00am and the return journey leaves Devizes at 11.30 am, and the Salisbury journey runs on a Saturday morning. *Would you use these services if the times were different?*

Please indicate your preferred times:

4. Departure to Devizes

Departure time	9.00 am	9.30 am	10.00 am

5. Return from Devizes

Return time	11.00 am	11.30 am	12.00 noon	12.30 pm

6. What time would you like to leave for Salisbury?

7. What time would you like to return from Salisbury?

8. Would you prefer a journey to Salisbury on a Tuesday afternoon? Yes / No (Please circle)

9. If you would prefer the journey to Salisbury to be on a Tuesday afternoon, please state your preferred departure time and return time from Salisbury.

Departure time to Salisbury	Return time from Salisbury

Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return your completed questionnaire to Pauline in the Post Office or to Joy Fraser, 8 Greatwoods, Edington



NEWS FROM YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR JERRY WICKHAM

I would like to start off by wishing you a happy new year - even if it is February now! In Wiltshire Council, we have a busy period ahead of us over the next few months with a series of full meetings of the entire Council, in order to ensure we are able to carry on providing services across the county.

At the time of writing this article we are almost at the eve of an extraordinary meeting with the sole business being the adoption of Wiltshire's Core Strategy. No doubt many readers might be asking why this is so important. Essentially, this strategy becomes the bedrock of all of our planning policies relative to where new homes are built, dealing with employment centres in the county, enhancements of our transport routes and how each of the respective areas in Wiltshire will develop. The new strategy brings this right up to date and is designed to serve the county in 2026.

We also have the very important issue this month of formulating a budget for the next year. This has to be seen against the backdrop of increasing demand but with a shrinking grant from central government. As Councillors, we have to produce a balanced budget against what has been roughly a 10% cut, year on year in central government funding for some time now. I remain confident that we will ensure our roads get repaired, our libraries remain open, our leisure centres continue to run and most importantly our most vulnerable residents continue to receive the help that they need.

Locally in Coulston, the roads will continue to be monitored to prevent contractors' vehicles from the solar farm using the village itself and in Edington the work by BT, in conjunction with Wiltshire Council, should bring super-fast broadband. In my home village of Keevil, we have recently seen the broadband speed increase ten fold!

As always, 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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BUT MY BOOBS ARE BIGGER.” *Author unknown*

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Kick start 2015 with a new challenge!

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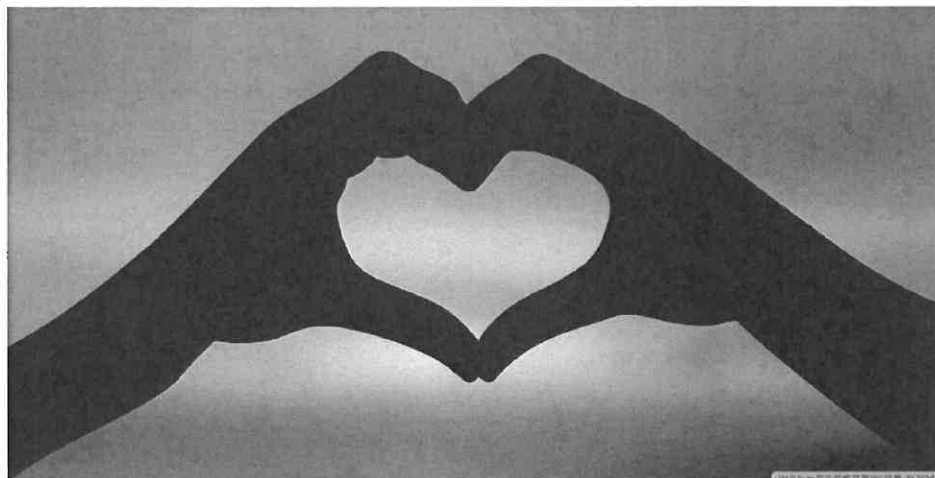
- Complementary Therapies/Beauty Treatments, Carer Support Wiltshire
- Visiting volunteer with dog/cat, Pets as Therapy
- Memory Awareness Volunteer, Alzheimer's Support
- NHS Complaints Advocate Volunteer, SWAN Advocacy Volunteer

Have you set yourself a new resolution for this year? Volunteering can help you achieve those goals! If you are looking to spend more time outdoors, or meet new people, or improve your IT skills, we can help you find the right opportunity.

Debbie got in touch with Volunteer Centre Wiltshire after being unemployed for some time due to ill health. She shared her experience with us:

"I feel more positive going forward and I am looking forward to getting out and meeting new people."

If you'd like to start volunteering get in touch and we can help find the best role for you. Visit our website: www.volunteercentrewiltshire.org.uk or call us on 0845 521 6224 to talk to one of our Volunteering Advisers. Volunteer Centre Wiltshire is located in DEVELOP's offices in Chippenham, 3 -4 New Road, SN15 1EJ.





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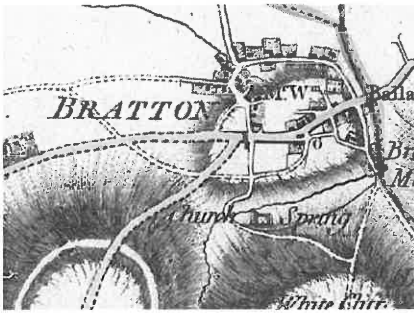
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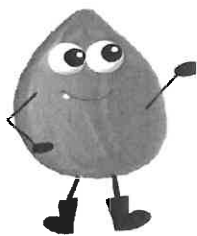
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At our January meeting we were delighted to have a previous member re-join after having to take time out because of work commitments.

Our speaker was Terry Hudson, a keen local photographer. Terry gave us a glimpse into the art of creative digital photography; beautifully illustrated by some of his own images. We learnt a little of the wide range of possibilities offered by modern software programmes and of the more personal and individual techniques involving lighting, positioning and movement amongst others. Terry answered questions from members and was thanked warmly for his talk and especially for having stood in at short notice in place of the advertised speaker.

Members then caught up on activities from before Christmas, including: the Wiltshire Federation Christmas Concert in Devizes, and two outings to Somerset. The latter had been organised to show support for some of the local businesses affected by the flooding last year. We heard of a trip to the Cider Distillery at Martock and one to the Shoe Museum at Street; both highly recommended and may be repeated for those unable to join us last year.

February will be our Annual Meeting when members will elect President and committee. All of our meetings are open to visitors who will be made very welcome. Our membership has a wide range of ages, careers, interests and activities and offers an opportunity to meet new people in a friendly and relaxed environment.



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JUBILEE HALL BRATTON EVENTS

The Committee would like to thank everybody who has supported the hall in 2014 and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

NOTES FOR YOUR DIARY

The next Supper Night will be Friday 20th February 2015. To book a table please ring 01380 830297.

The Hilly 11k will be on Saturday 9th May 2015.

The Village Fete will be held on Saturday 25th July 2015.

“I’D SHAVE MY LEGS
FOR YOU.”



3 months till summer.

Time to start!

Edington Parish Council News

Christmas now seems a distant memory but we would like to publicly thank the Three Daggers for donating the village Christmas Tree this year and for providing the very welcome mulled wine and mince pies for the light switching on

Thanks to the generosity of some of the residents and businesses of Edington plus a grant from the Area Board we have been able to order the swings for the playing field. These should be in place by the end of January. Thank you very much to all those who have made this possible.

Nobody can have failed to notice the road works that have plagued the village during January. While disruptive, the good news is they have been laying fibre optic cables, which will enable faster broadband to be delivered in a few months. The cable is owned by BT, but like your current telephone and current broad band services, you will have to sign up to it through a commercial company. Households will hopefully be notified when the service goes Live.

The Police report several thefts to cars, please insure you do not leave valuables on display in your cars while out walking on the hills. Poaching and hare coursing continue to be a problem if you see anything that arouses suspicion please ring the police. DO Not tackle them direct as some of these gangs can be dangerous.

**“EVERYDAY I FALL MORE IN LOVE WITH YOU,
EXCEPT ON THOSE DAYS YOU REALLY PISS ME OFF.”**

Edington Parish Hall

Edington Parish Hall Quiz on Saturday 28th March – 7 for 7.30p.m
£25 per table of four to include supper – byo drink.
Book tables with Pauline at Post Office 01380 830013.

Bratton Silver Band concert at Edington Priory Church - Saturday 16th May 4.00 p.m. to include tea
Tickets £7.50 from Pauline at Post Office 01380 830 013
and Rachel 01380 831227



EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

Our December meeting was very enjoyable with good company, good food (thanks Wendy), and a couple of quizzes.

The New year starts with our February meeting with Richard Cripps explaining the trials and tribulations of basic vegetable growing. Come along and find answers to those nagging problems.

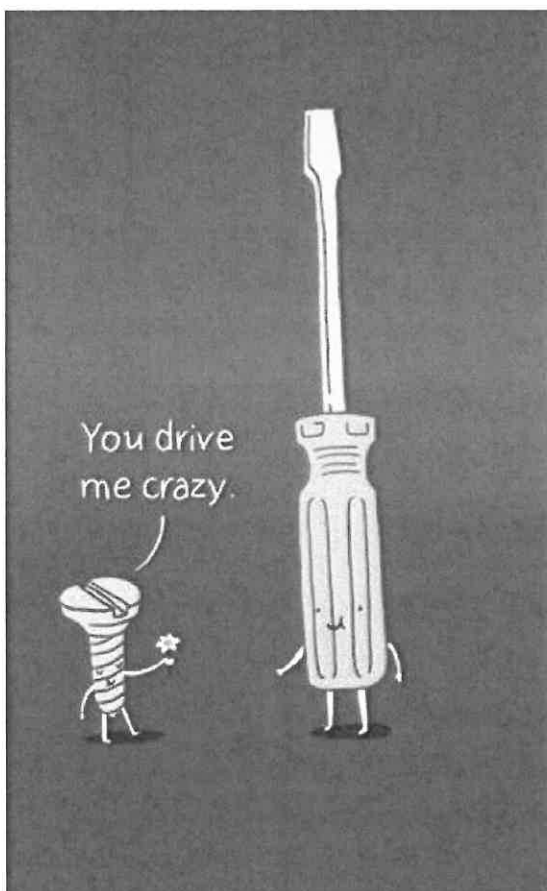
We have also arranged an extra outing to Kapunda Plants, Bath in March, do come along and sign up for the visit. The March speaker will talk on shrubs with practical tips on pruning.

We are always pleased to welcome visitors to our meeting, come and try us out. Look us up on the village web page or ring 830 133 for more details.

JAH

**Winter** by Grace(Year 3)

Holy Trinity

*In winter, I like**The fluffy slippers that curl around my feet**They feel like heaven to me.**The cosy cuddles that you get from your mates**They wrap around you and squeeze you tight.**Fires that glow and warm everyone**Especially when you snuggle up to your mum.**Soup that is tasty, just come from the stove**Baths all bubbly and sweet.**A towel so soft and thick.**Hot, hot chocolate for everyone.*



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 07 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am – midday
- 09 Lunch Club, The Duke, Bratton, 12.30pm
- 15 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 17 Shrove Tuesday, Pancakes, Brounckers House, 6pm
- 18 Lunch in aid of Parish Hall, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm
- 20 Edington Arts Concert, Edington Priory
- 20 Supper Night, Bratton Jubilee Hall
- 27 G&J Trip to Allington Farm shop, leaves Edington PO 11.30am

MARCH

- 28 Children's Easter Workshop, Erlestoke Church, 10am – midday
- 28 Quiz, Edington Parish Hall, 7pm

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