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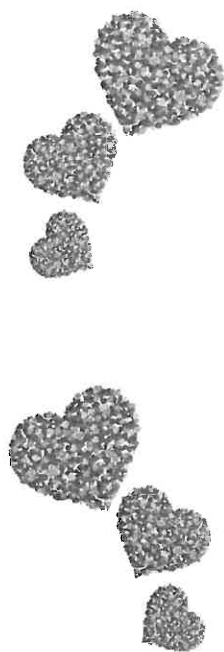
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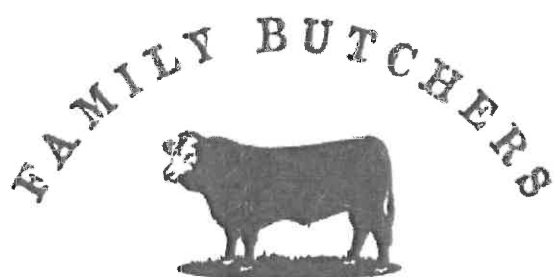
Happy New Year to everyone and as I didn't win the big rollover lottery over the holidays and I did buy a ticket it's back to the printing press for me and hold the front page as the fight to save the George and Dragon pub continues — *read the latest press release on page 14*. Very interesting, please send your comments to the News.

The New Year brings with it another plea for donations to the magazine. I may have gone on about it recently but just to make everyone aware that the adverts do not cover the full cost of printing – the only cost, as the production of the magazine and delivery to your door is all staffed entirely by stalwart volunteers. If you have any ideas how we can improve the magazine I would appreciate any constructive comments and/or money making ideas.

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Happy Valentines Day. *Fiona xxx*

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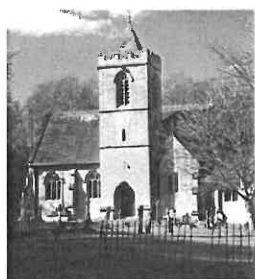
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2 nd Sunday 14 th February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 21 st February <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE - AT THE CHURCH INSTITUTE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 28 nd February <i>3rd Sunday of Lent</i> MW DAY OFF	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

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Christingle services: 11am at Bratton on 7th February

Shrove Tuesday/Pancake Day 9th February): 2-4pm at the Bratton Church Institute: Tea & Pancakes, with special pancake races for the children. Erlestoke: from 6pm at Chris Hampton's House.

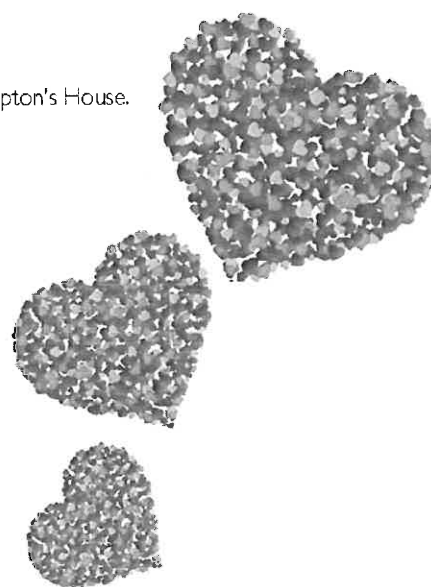
Ash Wednesday (10th February) Communion Service with Imposition of Ashes: 7am at St James', 11am for lunch (venue tbc) and 7.30pm at Edington Priory Church.

Lent Lunches: 12-2pm details/flyers to follow

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

Wednesday Communion Services: At 9.30am on the 3rd, 10th, 24th February. 17th at Shepherd's Cottage at 2.30pm

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"DENISE"

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Denise was much loved by all who came into contact with her, which was clear to see at her funeral; the people of Edington did her proud.

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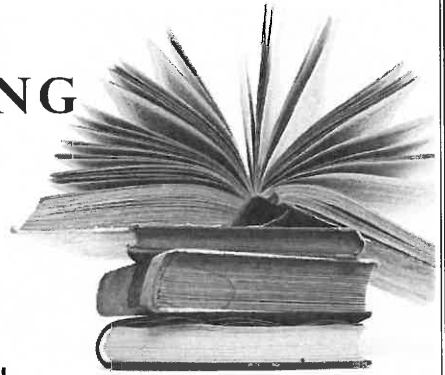


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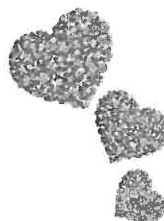
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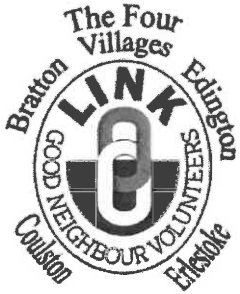
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To make your booking call 08456 525255 (then select Option 2) by 10.00am the day before you wish to travel. Further details can be found at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/connect2wilts-ruh-hopper.pdf.

TFVL is one of many support schemes in Wiltshire staffed by volunteers and anyone, of any age or ability can make use of it. Whilst 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.

However, the success of the scheme is purely down to the continuing support of our volunteers and, with an increasing population of older people, together with the decline in funding services locally, it is inevitable that we will be called upon more frequently to offer assistance. For instance, during December our dedicated, but dwindling, group of volunteers responded to 31 requests but unfortunately we were unable to fulfil all of them.

We are always looking for new volunteers to help with our 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.

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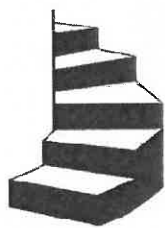


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We have a new coach (temp) for the Under 7s, with training taking place at Lavington School indoor sports hall every Friday at 5.30pm - please contact Mark Goddard for details. In addition we welcome Andy Duckett as new temp coach for the Under 10s who train on Fridays with the Under 9s at Northbrook at 6 pm, again contact details are below. Many thanks to Jason for all his help and commitment in running both teams over the last few years, and encouraging the development of the children from an early age.

For both teams and other age groups in the Club new members are welcome to come along and join in. The Under 15s had an entertaining but very muddy away draw 4-4 against Bath City. The team will shortly be taking place in the Quarter Finals of the County Cup at home to Chippenham, and the following week they will also play in the 2nd round of the League Cup against Warminster.

TEAM CONTACT DETAILS:

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WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR BACKS VILLAGE IN FIGHT FOR PUB

Villagers and the local community made it very clear to Wiltshire planners that they want the George & Dragon in Erlestoke to remain a pub. **135 people** signed a petition taken round the village. Wiltshire Council's planning application page was swamped by over 61 objection letters and emails. Wiltshire Councillor Richard Gamble is backing the villagers' efforts.

The campaign to buy the pub for the village is being run by The Erlestoke Hub Ltd., a limited company set up to purchase the pub on behalf of the local community. The pub is subject to an 'Asset of Community Value' order, which provided six months for the community to put forward an offer. The Group made an offer at valuation price, within the six months period, which was turned down by the owners. This situation has infuriated the group – and the village. "We are doing all we can to support the local community in their desire for the pub to remain open," says Keith Lewcock, Chairman of the Erlestoke Hub Ltd. "Many people are up in arms about a section of the owners' planning application report that seems to suggest a deal with the Planning Officer."

The supplementary report accompanying the most recent planning application for change of use mentions: "The Council agreed the specific wording on the marketing details and recommended that the property be offered at a figure "in the region of £320,000."

"The Council's Planning Officer stated that: 'At the end of the six months' marketing period and the six months' ACV moratorium period I will be able to recommend that planning permission be granted if ... the property has been marketed at a realistic price (which you are now proposing) and no realistic offer have been put forward for the purchase of the property.'"

The Erlestoke Hub Ltd. believes that they have put forward a realistic offer backed up by a valuation survey that priced the pub at £250,000. They have been offered no alternative evidence, either by the owners or the Wiltshire Planning Officer, for the much higher price. "This is outrageous," says Keith Lewcock. "For the Planning Officer to suggest such a high valuation – and a completely unjustified one – and then to say that planning will be granted if no offers at that level are received, does not seem to be playing fair."

Wiltshire Councillor Richard Gamble is supporting the village in their battle. He has already made a request for the Planning Application to go before the planning committee, whatever the Planning Officer decides. On the application he mentions: "This property was registered as an asset of community interest and a fair offer has been made by the community. The offer has, apparently, been rejected, which appears to bring the process into disrepute."

He has also said in an email to the Erlestoke Hub Ltd.: "I am very impressed indeed with the quality and the breadth of the community's response on this matter. I have briefed Claire Perry (MP for Devizes) on the matter, and the apparent gap in legislation in England that seems to hamper community asset purchases like this. She is willing to take it up with the relevant minister (and may already have done so)."

For more information: Keith Lewcock, Erlestoke Hub Ltd. 01380 831 009
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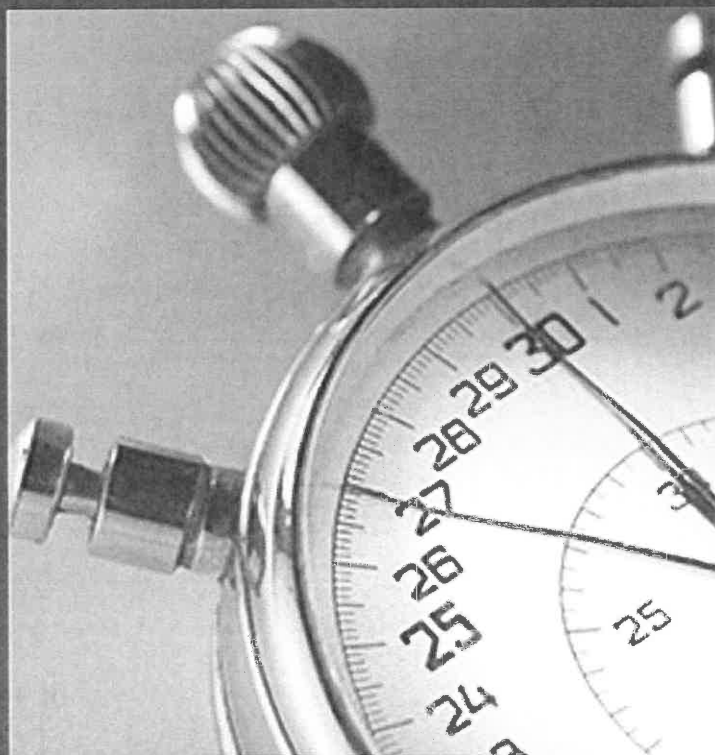
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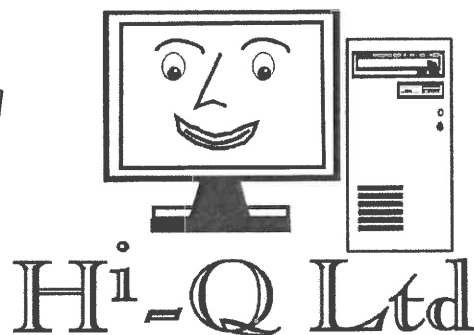
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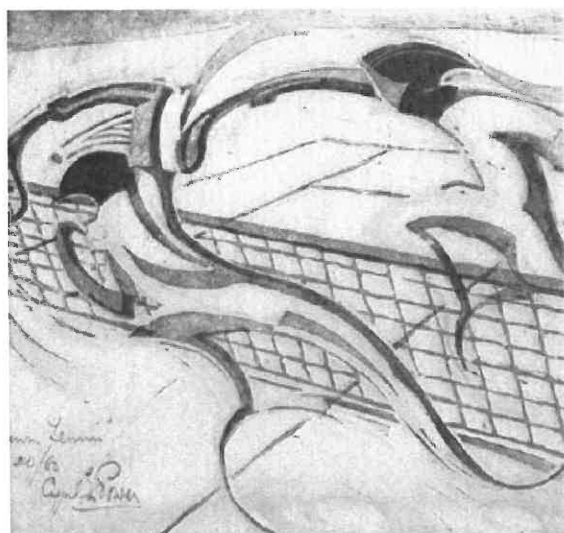
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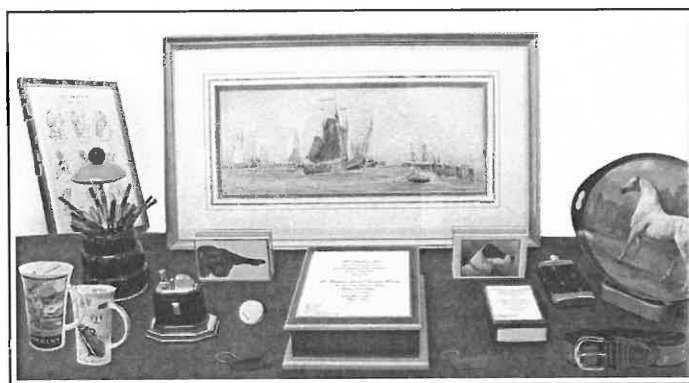
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At this time of year, for many in the public sector, the mind is focussed on money.

Wiltshire Council, for example, will decide in February what level of council tax to set for the coming financial year that runs from April 2016 to March 2017. Although the figures are not yet determined, we know that the grant from government will again fall by a significant amount. Just like you, local government must balance its expenditure against its income so all departments across the council are yet again considering where savings can be made. The task of deciding where to spend money is often not a matter of free choice. Many of the tasks undertaken by local government are laid down by statute and are thus obligations that cannot be avoided.

For example, any child that lives more than 3 miles from its designated school (2 miles for the under-eights) is entitled to free transport to that school. In a rural county like Wiltshire, that involves moving many thousands of children many miles every school day. The total cost over the year runs into several million pounds. It is a cost that cannot be avoided, although you may agree that it is spent in a good cause.

The council also spends several million pounds on supporting rural bus services. In this case, however, there is no obligation to do so. One such subsidised service is Wilts and Dorset service 2 between Devizes and Salisbury. In contrast, the X72 to Devizes and Bath is commercial and operates without subsidy. Wiltshire Council is consulting on where savings can be made and, if you are a bus user, I urge you to take part. Details can be found here www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/bus-service-consultation. Wiltshire Council also spends money on traffic management. You would think that painting a yellow line to control parking or moving a speed limit sign to a better position would be cheap and simple tasks. Indeed, the cost of actually painting the line or moving the sign is negligible. But the bureaucratic procedure required to issue a Traffic Regulation Order costs several thousand pounds, so the council is generally very reluctant to undertake these otherwise simple tasks.

Such examples are not uncommon. Therefore, if local government is to find the money to support good causes like rural bus services, a reduction in the burden of unnecessary, bureaucratic regulations would be a great help. You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.

BRATTON PRESCHOOL

(Contact Wendy Waller/Paulene Bryant) Tel: 07949 286991

Just before Christmas we learned that the gaping hole left by Lisa Sellers' absence through illness, was not going to be filled despite her courage and optimism and our hopes and wishes. This natural in the childcare profession could not overcome the cruellest of diseases and we were humbled to be invited to join her family and friends to bid a sad but fond farewell to a very special lady. Lisa's legacy is all around us at Preschool and will live on through our ethos and practice but our thoughts are never far from her family as they try to come to terms with their loss.

The children's interest, nay obsession, with Disney's film 'Frozen' has inspired this term's theme and the hall has been taken over by a myriad of Elsas and Anas in their very own Ice Castle. They will also be exploring the many properties of ice, painting with ice, making marshmallow Olafs and finding exploding snowballs to name but a few activities.

The Committee are busy preparing another 'Bug Hunt' for the village to enjoy on Saturday 19 March at 2pm, starting from the Church Institute. More details will appear in next month's magazine and also watch out for the posters. Save the date!

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

We would like to thank all who supported us in 2015 and wish everybody a belated Happy New Year.

The Supper Night will be on **Friday February 19th**. For bookings please ring Ken Witcomb on 01380 830297.

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What I will focus on is the 14th February – Valentine’s Day which gets its name from St. Valentine. During the year we celebrate the lives of various Saints but sadly St Valentine does seem to be over-looked – possibly because there is some uncertainty as to precisely who he was and possibly because his day has been overtaken somewhat by cards, gifts and romantic meals for 2, for love is in the air.

So who was St Valentine? It seems he did exist but he may have been one of three contenders. There was Valentine martyred in Rome about 269/270 and the Pope about 200 years later declared 14th February as his day. It is said he was a priest and that despite the then Emperor’s orders that he should not marry people, he continued to do so maintaining that it was part of God’s plan and purpose for the world. He was eventually jailed and beheaded but not before he fell in love with the jailer’s daughter, sending her a note on the evening of his execution which read: “from your Valentine”. It is the stuff of legend!

Of the other 2 one was Bishop of Terni and the other was martyred in Africa, but neither it seems has a telling story attached to them. Indeed such is the mystery surrounding them that our first hero is perhaps the same as the second.

And why has this day become what it is? Well, the legend suggests that Valentine, apart from sending the first Valentine’s card, was marrying couples in the name of love, and that reminds us of God’s love for us, of Jesus’ love for his bride, the church – that’s us, all who believe in him – and the love that we should have for God and one another.

St. Valentine’s Day falls on a Sunday this year. It is my hope and prayer that we celebrate Valentine and use it as an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to loving God and our friends, relations and neighbours. That is our calling for God is love. That is love – love, actually. And if we do, we will change the world. May the love of God, the peace of Christ and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you

Malcolm Wieck (Honorary Associate Priest)

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EDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council would like to wish everyone a belated Happy New Year. The turning on of the Christmas tree lights was very well supported with some hearty carol singing and we would like to thank the Three Daggers for providing the tree and the refreshments, most welcome on a cool December evening.

At our meeting in January we had a lengthy discussion setting the budget for the coming year and the end result was that due to a number of factors, including a reduction in the grant we receive from Wiltshire Council we have had to implement a small increase in the precept to cover our expected costs in maintaining the village assets. The Parish Council will of course do everything within its powers to keep costs to a minimum whilst retaining the current level of provision.

As part of the Queens 90th birthday celebrations there are plans for a nationwide Tidy Up on the weekend of March 4th – 6th and Edington will be doing its part by encouraging villagers to tidy up their part of the village, we will give more details in next month's edition of the News and on the village website.

The planned roadworks on the B3098 between Westbury and West Lavington, are provisionally scheduled to take place between 21st March and 8th April 2016 and it is anticipated that the road will be closed for at least some of the time, we will provide further information when we receive it in the meantime information above planned roadworks can be found on the Wiltshire Council website. There will also be roadworks in Salisbury Hollow from 2nd March to 4th April to enable Wiltshire Council to repair and resurface the road, this will also involve some restrictions at the bottom of Long Hollow.

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Finally can we renew our plea to dog owners to clear up after their animals as the Parish Council has received a number of complaints especially recently in the Court Lane, Baynton Way and Little Court Lane area along with the field between the Three Daggers and the Church.

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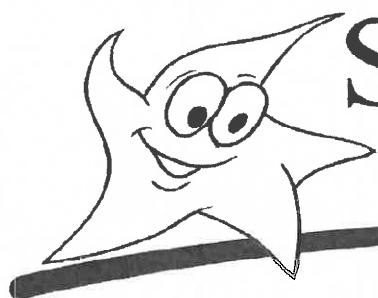
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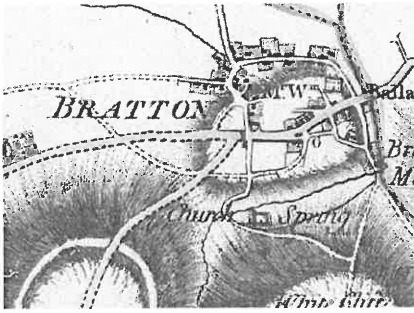
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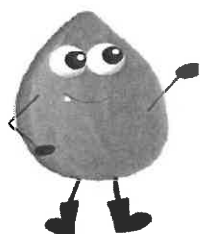
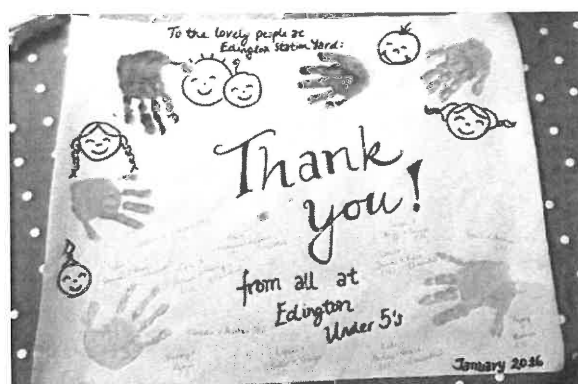
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Happy New Year! We're now back in the swing of things looking forward to a fun 2016 with all our little ones at Under 5s. December was great fun. We had the children's Christmas party with a magician and a special visitor from the North Pole and the Mummies all went out to the 3 Daggers for a well-deserved party celebration! We decorated the Parish Hall Christmas tree and the hall, made salt-dough decorations, painted, glued and lots more. We welcome 2 new arrivals; Lydia Peat, born mid-November and Rose Maughan born mid-December. Also, Happy Birthday to Beatrice who is 4 this month! We would like to give a special "Thank You" to the Edington Station Yard for their generous donation. We are very grateful!



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For over five years as your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator I have been providing information and signposting for older people in Bratton, Edington and Coulston who need help to connect with local services and sources of support. Wiltshire Council has taken the decision that this provision will be delivered differently in the future, and the statement below explains this. I expect to be in post until the end of March, so in the meantime please feel free to contact me on 07541 353401. I hope to be able to provide more information about future arrangements in the March magazine. Lise Griffiths

Wiltshire Council entered into a partnership with Community First in 2010, this partnership comes to an end in April 2016. The decision has been made not to renew this partnership but to work differently and facilitate local wellbeing through the county's area boards.

A Wiltshire Council spokesperson said: "Protecting those who feel isolated and lonely is a key priority for us. We asked older people what kind of services they felt should be available within their community and, based on this feedback, we have decided to provide this service in a different way.

"Our local area boards sit right at the heart of our communities and are ideally placed to provide and coordinate this new way of working. The new approach will build on the success of existing networks and links the area boards have. This will ensure local people connect with the resources and services they need to improve their wellbeing and help them remain independent within their community."

"We would also like to acknowledge the work that the Good Neighbour Co-ordinators and Community First have delivered over the last five years. This work has contributed significantly to our understanding of the support that vulnerable and older people across Wiltshire need."

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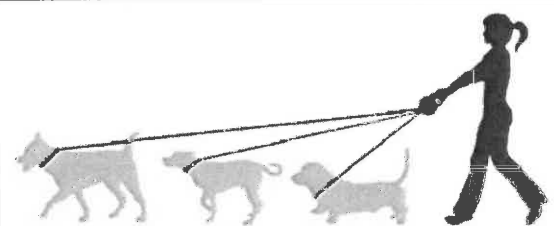


EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

A happy gardening 2016 to you all.

We have all been taken aback by primroses and daffodils blooming in the villages before Christmas, and roses and lavender in flower for eight months in succession! Rather than worry about your garden, enjoy it in the knowledge your plants will still perform as the year progresses and it is surprising how things right themselves by spring. If you haven't mulched yet, do that in early spring when there is no frost on the ground. It will help those plants that have been working extra hard in the unseasonably mild weather. At Gardening Club we ended our year well. In November we had the excellent Terry Heard at our meeting, who demonstrated the workmanship that results from his coppicing. It was one of our most interesting ever talks and we learnt much about the work of the woodsman, as well as enjoying a display of the vessels and baskets Terry makes. We particularly liked the making of besom brooms he demonstrated and several of us bought one to take home. If ever you get the chance to see Terry at work at one of the country or agricultural shows he attends, we can recommend him highly for both his skills and his entertaining presentation. We rounded off the year with two special events in December. Firstly our annual Christmas Supper with wonderful food, (thank you Wendy), some quizzes and a raffle. We had great fun. Secondly our final trip of the year to Westonbirt Arboretum where the trees were dressed in a beautiful lighting display and choristers sang to us. We decorated pine cones, drank hot chocolate and mulled wine (not together!) and had a lovely festive time. It actually stopped raining for our whole trip – the only time in days. **Consider joining the Gardening Club to inspire you for a good year in your own garden**, to hear excellent speakers, to go on trips to beautiful gardens and to meet gardeners happy to share their experience. Come along as a visitor if you would like to – the first Thursday in the month 7.30 in Edington Parish Hall – lots of information on our pages on the Edington Village website (edingtonwiltshire.org.uk) We look forward to seeing members and visitors old and new at our next meeting on 4th February, when Alan Power will talk about his work as Head Gardener at Stourhead. Later in the year we will also be visiting the garden. See you there.....*Sandie Lewis, Club Secretary*



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CELEBRATION of MARRIAGE

Clifton Cathedral on Saturday 6th February 2016.

Those who are celebrating significant anniversaries in 2016 are asked to contact Richard Williams via Alexander House, 0117 902 5595 and let them know of your anniversary. Then you will receive an invitation to the Mass and celebration. Those preparing for marriage are also invited.

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.

AUCTION

Auction of Promises & Small Goods will be held in St John's Parish Centre in late May. Further information in the next issue. (For information on any of the above contact Francis Geraghty 01380 871083 email: f.geraghty303@btinternet.com)

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News from Holy Trinity CE Primary Academy, Great Cheverell

Creative Curriculum

Our children love to learn through exciting topics and engaging themes. Field trips really bring the curriculum to life and we take our children off site as often as possible. Recently, the children in Year 5/Year 6 had a trip to Southampton as part of their Titanic/Arctic topic. As well as the tour of the museum and the city, they also had a boat ride around the harbour, and came back with such a lot to write about and use in their learning in many areas.

The children in Year 3 / Year 4 had a trip to @Bristol recently to enrich their learning on their topic of "Robots" – again, a hugely successful learning opportunity. Every class has some field trips planned or completed, and we also welcome parents into school at the end of some of the topics to share the final outcomes – perhaps a museum set up by the children, or a restaurant run by the children or an art gallery. These events give learning a purpose for the children and allow parents the chance to enjoy their children's learning.

We also enjoy having parents come into our Sharing Assembly every Friday, where a few children from each class will share some of the work that was done in the class during that week. It is fun to see the topics unfold and to see progression through the school.

Outdoor Classroom

Our children have asked for an outdoor classroom/play house/bird hide and our wonderful PFA (Parents and Friends Association) has taken on the challenge of raising funds and managing this project. A superb design, built from beautiful hardwood, will give our children the multipurpose and beautiful structure that they have asked for. If you would like to help us with fundraising for this project, or would like to contribute anything to help us make the target, please do get in touch. We hope to have the structure completed before the end of the summer term!

New Parents

Parents who have put in applications for their children to start in our school in September should hear around the middle of April whether they have been successful. We will invite these new families to a welcome meeting in May for the parents, and then some induction afternoons in June for their children. This is an exciting time for the school as well as these families – we shall walk their journey with them for seven years and it is lovely to meet them for the first time.

If you would like to find out more about our school, or to come and see the school, please contact us on 01380 813 796, or visit our webpage at www.holy-trinity.co.uk

SALISBURY PLAIN – FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

The month of February will start with the continuation of the Field Training Unit organised Army Weapons Effect Simulation Exercise WESSEX STORM for 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment in the light protective mobility infantry role which will use extensive areas across the Plain. This exercise will involve the use of Foxhound and Husky wheeled armoured vehicles and will be supported by elements of a light cavalry squadron in CVRT. They will be joined by a foreign force infantry company. The public should be aware that tank crossings over the A360, A345, A338, B390, and the C22 (Tilshead to Chitterne) roads will be very busy and if conditions are wet mud clearance parties will be working on the crossings. Notice is also given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used over this period and that recreational use of the Salisbury Plain military lands in these areas are to be restricted to public rights of way only as per the byelaws. The exercise will end on 11 February.

During the remainder of the month the majority of training will involve armoured formations conducting low level sub-unit training across all areas with elements of armoured (Challenger 2), armoured infantry (Warrior), armoured cavalry (CVRT), armoured engineers, and signals regiments plus light mechanised troops.

The last two weeks of the month will see 1 Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Brigade conducting Exercise STEEL SABRE involving live firing on the Larkhill Impact Area.

ACCESS

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.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned open dates for 2016 are as follows:

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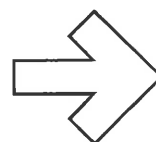
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News from your Wiltshire Councillor – Jerry Wickham

In Wiltshire Council, the next few months are a busy period for us with the important meeting of the entire Council in February to formulate and agree the budget for the next year. Year on year, the grant from central government reduces and the demand for services increases which means there is a widening gap.

In the autumn statement, the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced how councils could raise the council tax, without penalty, by 2% provided this was dedicated to adult social care. Wiltshire as a county already has a larger than average proportion of older residents, so any increase in resources will be welcomed. However, it is each and every one of us as council tax payers, who end up footing this bill and therefore these resources must be spent wisely. Despite this, we still have to continue to find more innovative and cost effective ways of delivering services and sometimes this means that these will change. I do 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.

I am reliably advised that repairs and resurfacing of the B3098 will commence at the end of March through into April. Road closure orders will be prepared shortly and will advise us where and when the works will take place. In effect the entire length of the road, certainly from Westbury through to the A360 at Littleton Panell will have sections repaired. This is very long overdue!

I am also pleased that the community at Edington will be able to begin developing a Neighbourhood Plan for the parish. This will enable the community to have a real say on the future development of the village albeit will take time to develop.

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.

EDINGTON VILLAGE REGISTER

We extend our thoughts and condolences to the families of Gina Coldrake, Denise Giddings and Louis Radice.

We welcome to the village Anne Ilsley who has come to live on Charlton Hill, Lucy and Rob Hart and their children Annabelle, Lizzie, Connie and Erin from Inmead and welcome back Mercedes and Stephen Henning who will shortly be moving into Pond House, Tinhead Road.

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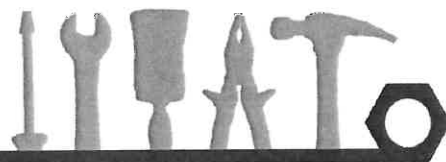
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- 04 Edington Gardening Club, Edington Parish Hall, 7.30pm
06 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-midday
08 Lunch Club, The Duke, Bratton, 12.30pm
14 VALENTINE'S DAY
17 Lunch for TVM, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm
19 G&J trip, leave Edington P.O., 11am

MARCH

- 06 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church,
10am-midday
19 Bug Hunt, Bratton Church
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