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# THE NEWS

THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE FOR EDINGTON, ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON



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# 'THE NEWS'

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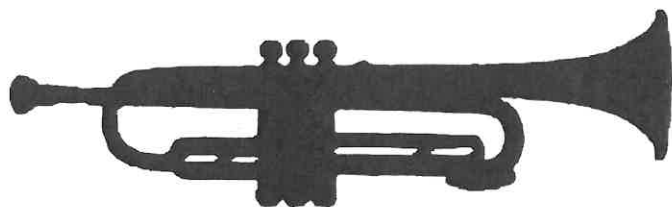
## DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY & ADVERTISING 18TH OF THE MONTH

You may be aware of the sad news that George and Dragon in Erlestone is closed now pending a change of use to residential. There were objections from the Parish Council who successfully applied to have the Pub listed as an Asset of Village Community (AVC). This action gives interested parties 6 months to raise funds to buy the building before consideration for change of use will be considered by the Council.

The **pull out centrefold** in this month's magazine details some of the interesting history of the pub over the centuries and outlines the ideas that the steering group wish to explore. All comments are welcome, as well as offers of help and advice.

A steering group has been founded with the intention of raising money to buy the pub for use as a community establishment. There are many possibilities for community use but the first step is to get support from the villagers and surrounding areas so we can show that this is a viable proposition. The steering group in the process of applying for both capital and loan grants and is talking to the various foundations and associations who assist with specialist advice on the various methods of both raising the money and sorting the structure of how the facility would be used. **The Group needs support from all the surrounding villages and are seeking some legal, financial and general advice for running such a venue — do you have the skills and would be willing to assist us?** If you could spare a few hours to help our cause please email Keith Lewcock or the rest of the team at [savethegeorge@mail.com](mailto:savethegeorge@mail.com). *Fiona*

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## EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH 13TH JAZZ

FRIDAY 24TH JULY, 2015

Yes, it really is the 13th event, hard to believe but lucky for some, they say. We hope that a slight change in direction will help boost our dwindling numbers so this year we have invited a “big band” to provide the music. Some of you might already have heard them during one of their combined concerts with Steeple Rocks. There has been positive feedback. The Opus One Swing Band was formed in 2009, the dream child of Bernard Wight and Julian Scott. It presents big band music with a smaller line-up and is conducted by Bernard from the piano. Locally recruited experienced musicians and skilfully written arrangements produce a rich, full throated sound. The band comprises three trumpets, three saxes, three rhythm and two singers.

The general source of the music is from “The Great American Songbook” with an emphasis on “swing” and includes material from Count Basie, Tommy Dorsey, Duke Ellington, Glenn Miller, etc. Songs are by George and Ira Gershwin, Rodgers and Hart, Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and many more. This is not to say that more modern music is ignored. Indeed rock and jive are included in the programme but, as you would imagine, the signature tune is Tommy Dorsey’s ‘Opus One’. Tickets, priced £10 are available now from Maggie Atterbury on 01380 830 452. The bar and barbecue in the car park kick off at 7pm while the music starts at 7.30pm in the church. There will be two short intervals and maybe a surprise item in the car park. See you there!

Dear Adrian and Steeple Rocks Choir,

Please accept my abject apologies re the error in last month’s publication. A senior moment. I used to know a group called the Jazzabelles in South Carolina! I have made a real faux pas re the singing group and called them “Steeple Belles” not “Steeple Rocks”!  
Many thanks *Maggie Atterbury*

## MUSICIANS WANTED

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The band rehearsals are now held in Easterton Village Hall every Wednesday evening from 8pm–9.30pm. so either simply come along to one of our rehearsals or contact *Mervyn* for further information on : 07985 665 417





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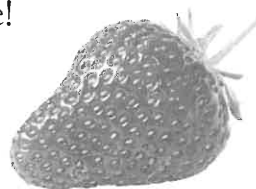
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## ERLESTOKE CHURCH EVENTS

**4th July** Book Swap from 10am

**5th July** Strawberry Teas from 2.30pm at Brounckers House, Lower Road. Come and make your taste buds tingle! Raffle, bring and buy and the pool available for you to have a dip!



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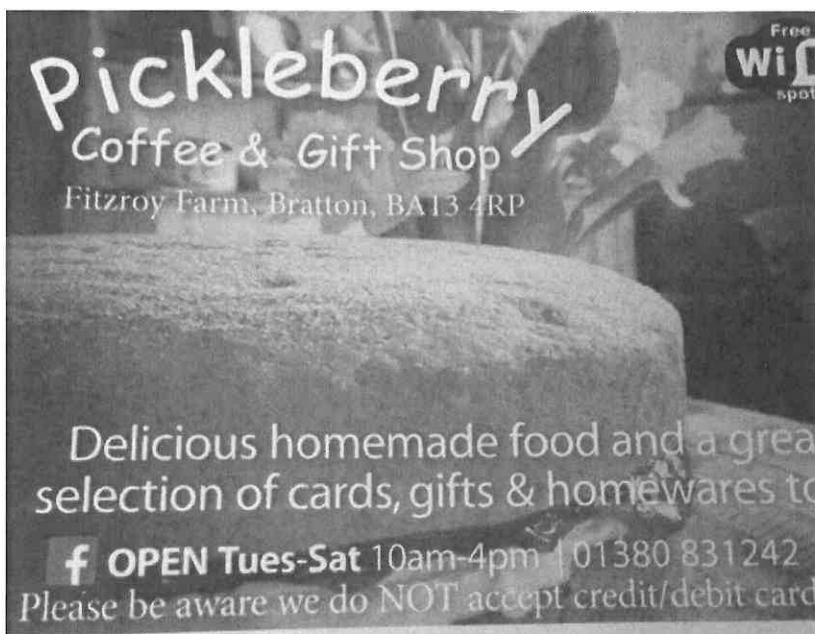
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## FROM A SMALL SEED...

Now that July is here, I hope that you are able to enjoy all the beautiful plants flowering at the moment. It perhaps wasn't that long ago when a hand tapped some uninspiring brownish seeds out of their container ready for sowing – and now look at what they've become!

St. Mark's Gospel mentions seeds.

*“With what can we compare the kingdom of God? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade”.*

I think that this means that all great achievements start from small beginnings. The author of Mark's Gospel goes on to suggest how the Kingdom of God may be built up by each and every one of us playing our part: starting off small, and by doing our best, and in small steps - building up gradually to something magnificent, something whose greatness could never even have been guessed at when starting out on that path.

Although it was the preferred explanation hundreds of years ago, nowadays many scholars do not believe that establishing the Kingdom of God and growing the Church is necessarily the same thing – although there is a considerable overlap. You could, for example, not be a practising Christian and yet help to bring about part of what God wants for the world through your charity work, or through the way you attempt to re-shape society by political action, for example. However, most people find it easiest to understand bringing about God's plans, his Kingdom, through participating in the work of the church, which is absolutely central to the Kingdom. Going back to the seed analogy, the church started off small, just into double figures, and now has 2,200 million members, and continues to grow. Each member is committed to making the world a better place through caring for others, practical action, raising money for charities and, of course, through prayer and worship.

In our local area, the C of E churches support nearly 40 charities; some local, some national, some international. They have a special interest in providing medicine and education in the Sudan and South Sudan, and are involved with the Station Yard, numerous local projects, are deeply involved with the local schools, and provide, through their various buildings, places for councils to meet, halls for ballet classes and other groups, rehearsal venues e.g. for the Bratton Silver Band, and for playgroups and pre-schools to meet.

**God bless you all.**

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

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE JULY 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday  5 <sup>th</sup> July <i>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  11.00 FAMILY SERVICE WITH HOLY BAPTISM	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday  12 <sup>th</sup> July <i>The Sixth Sunday after Trinity</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW)  11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)  18.00 SING PRAISE	11.00 EUCHARIST FOR THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL (NB TIME CHANGE)  (FOLLOWED BY THE 'THANK YOU' LUNCH)	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday  19 <sup>th</sup> July <i>The Seventh Sunday after Trinity</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 <sup>th</sup> Sunday  26 <sup>th</sup> July <i>The Eighth Sunday after Trinity (St James the Apostle, transferred)</i>	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION for the PATRONAL FESTIVAL (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP  18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

**SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:**

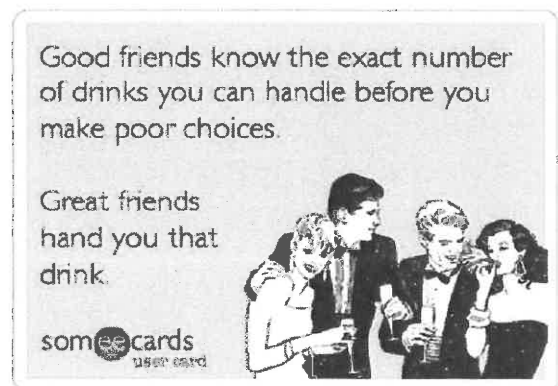
7th July: 1.30pm Bishop of Salisbury presiding at an Eucharist at Holy Trinity Primary Academy  
 11th July: Special Summer Evensong service with Visiting Choir, Edington Priory Church  
 12th July: Dedication Festival and Thank You Lunch, Edington Priory Church  
 20th July: Holy Trinity Primary Academy Leavers' Service  
 22nd July: Bratton Primary School Leavers' Service, 9.30am  
 24th July: Jazz evening, Edington Priory Church  
 26th July: Patronal Festival, St James' Church, Bratton followed by refreshments

**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 1<sup>st</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> July at Edington Priory Church, and at 2.30pm at the church on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

NB There is no communion service on the 8<sup>th</sup> of July.



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE AUGUST 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday  2 <sup>nd</sup> August The Ninth Sunday after Trinity	You are warmly invited to take part in the Benefice service at Coulston today.	You are warmly invited to take part in the Benefice service at Coulston today.	You are warmly invited to take part in the Benefice service at Coulston today.	11.00 BENEFICE SERVICE (MJ)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday  9 <sup>th</sup> August The Tenth Sunday after Trinity (MJ away)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) (MW OR COVER)  11.00 MATTINS (MW OR COVER)  18.00 SING PRAISE (JC/IH)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION with CELEBRATION OF LAMMASTIDE (CW)(COVER)	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP (AK )	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday  16 <sup>th</sup> August The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (MJ away)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) (MW)  11.00 THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE AT BCI (AK)	09.30 SOLEMN EUCHARIST FOR THE MATRONAL FESTIVAL (MW)	NB No Evensong at Erlestoke	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)(MW OR COVER)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday  23 <sup>rd</sup> August The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity  (Edington Festival Week 22-30 Aug)	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) (MJ)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)(MJ)  NOTE: THIS IS A CHANGE TO THE NORMAL PATTERN	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION (MW)	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday  30 <sup>th</sup> August The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity		11.00 SOLEMN EUCHARIST - LAST SERVICE OF THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL 2015 (MJ)		

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Edington Festival of Music Within the Liturgy runs between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

Public Morning & Evening Prayer : will not be said publically during August.

Wednesday Communion Services:

At 9.30am on the 5<sup>th</sup> (MW), 12<sup>th</sup> (MW) at Edington Priory Church and at 2.30pm **at the church** on 19<sup>th</sup> (MJ ) August (NB If MW can't do the 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> they will need to be cancelled



## JULY – MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION.

Motor neurone disease (MND) is a progressive disease that attacks the motor neurones, or nerves, in the brain and spinal cord. This means messages gradually stop reaching muscles, which leads to weakness and wasting. MND can affect how you walk, talk, eat, drink and breathe. Although there is currently no cure for MND, symptoms can be managed to help you achieve the best possible quality of life. MND is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that attacks the upper and lower motor neurones. The muscles first affected tend to be those in the hands, feet and mouth, dependent on which type of the disease you are diagnosed with. The effects of MND can vary enormously from person to person, from the presenting symptoms, and the rate and pattern of the disease progression, to the length of survival time after diagnosis. In recent years there is evidence to suggest the incidence of Motor Neurone Disease (MND) is increasing. This could possibly be due to more accurate diagnostic testing. Also, as people are generally living for longer, the incidence of a disease more common in older people will continue to increase. Motor Neurone Disease association improve care and support for people with MND, their families and carers. They fund and promote research that leads to new understanding and treatments, and brings them closer to a cure for MND.



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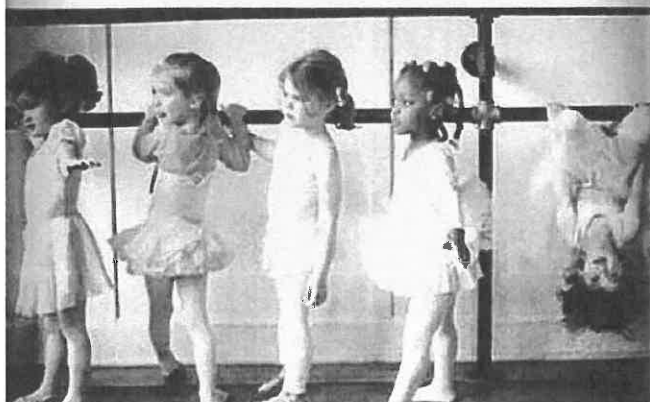
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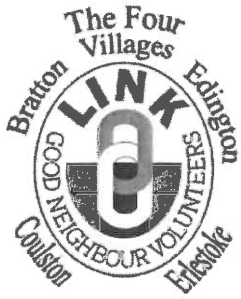
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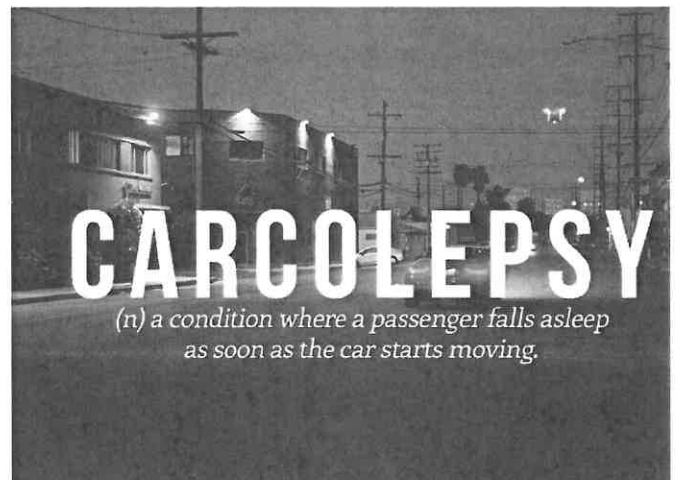
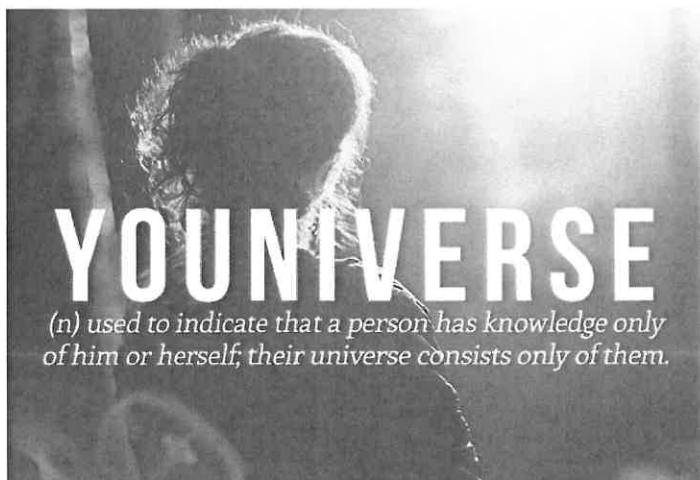
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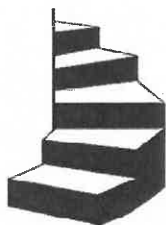


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## Team Reports:

**New Reception year** training will start in September (first Saturday after term starts) either at Holy Trinity / Gt Cheverell or Worton.  
Contact Jason 07590 427 999 to register:

- U7** With only 1 loss in 2 years the team are looking forward to joining the League in September.
- U8** Great season, ending with tournaments in Devizes, Westbury and Trowbridge. Last session is on 3rd July, when the Chelsea FC Foundation will run a training evening for the squad.
- U10** Successful recent tour of Manchester and Bolton, including a visit to Old Trafford, was enjoyed by the whole team.
- U14** Ending in 6th place (3 points behind 3rd) in the top league. This International team recently completed a tour to Germany, playing 2 matches (winning one on penalties, and losing the other). Other highlights included a Tour of FC Koln stadium, the Dom (Cathedral) and Phantasialand. Many thanks for all those contributing to fundraising. Full list of team contacts for next season in the next 2 editions.

<b>The BADGERS' - Worton &amp; Cheverell F.C..</b>				
<b>2014/15 Presentations July 2015</b>				
	<u>Respect Award</u>	<u>Players Player</u>	<u>Managers Player / Most Improved</u>	<u>Golden Boot/Glove</u>
<b>Under 6</b>	Theo	Leon H.	Charlie	Leon H.
<b>U7 - Badgers</b>	Jensen G.	Thomas B.	Bailey P.	Cory N.
<b>U7 - Wizards</b>	Oliver E.	Archie B.	Theo C.	Thomas E.
<b>U8 - Badgers</b>	Dominic E.	Oscar T.	Joe B. / Elliot D.	Finley K.
<b>U8 - Wizards</b>	Joseph P.	Sam L.	Henry P. / Alexander H.	Toby W.
<b>U9</b>	Joe B.	Oliver R.	Oliver R.	Rory L.
<b>U10</b>	Ben L.	George L.	Eddie W.	Jake M.
<b>U11</b>	Jeremy B.	Charlie S.	Josh B.	James H.
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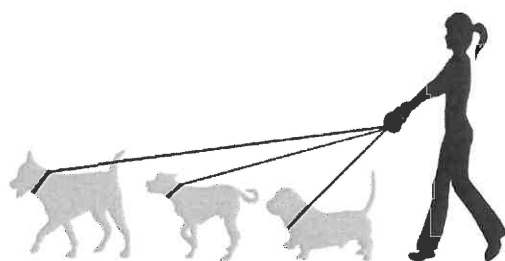
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From Compline by candlelight on Sunday 23rd at 9.15pm, through to Solemn Eucharist at 11.30am on Sunday 30th, there will be 48 different pieces of choral church music from the 16th to the 21st centuries, including two new commissions; 26 services taken by our own and visiting clergy; 3 choirs; 5 organists each playing for half an hour before evening services, and over 60 choristers and conductors.

As usual, Choral Evensong on the Wednesday (afternoon) will be broadcast live on BBC Radio 3, and will be followed by the Festival Evening and Supper in the Parish Field marquee, marking a return to the usual buffet and deserts format.

As part of the celebrations there will be an exhibition in the church of 60 past Festival participants who have gone on to achieve great things in their fields; great names from international opera, choral ensembles, organists, music directors and academics are among them, but also some who have made their mark in completely different areas.

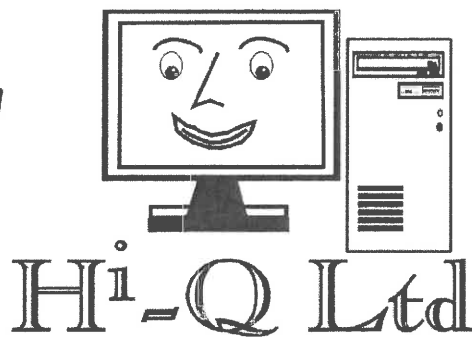
There will also be a range of 60th Festival merchandise for sale – good products at keen prices, in aid of Festival funds for the future.

All services are of course free and unticketed; full details of services and music are at [www.edingtonfestival.org](http://www.edingtonfestival.org).

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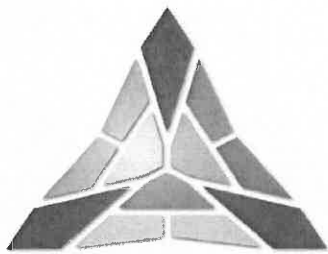
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We were delighted to receive a very generous donation of £750 from the Edington Station Yard Ltd this year, with a commitment for a similar sum in the next two years, to support music in our school. Until recently, Government funding has been available to support projects such as instrument tuition with a music specialist for every Year 3 child, but now that this funding has been withdrawn, we are going to have to find other sources of income to continue with our programme of enrichment. We were, therefore, extremely grateful when the Board of Edington Station Yard Ltd approached us with this offer of funding – their generosity will ensure that the Year 3 programme can continue. We are most fortunate to be part of such a strong and supportive community.

## CHANGES TO EDUCATION

We are preparing for a change of curriculum, assessment and inspection regimes in line with the Government's new protocols. From next year, the whole assessment process will be completely new, with different criteria (as yet not defined) for outstanding performance and with levels now a thing of the past. It is not clear yet how the new system will work but we know that our children will continue to achieve in the outstanding way in which they always do – our teachers are outstanding, our children are committed and aspirational and our families are supportive and engaged.

## SUMMER TERM FUN

This term is one of our favourites, with so many different things happening – all our children have had a trip to American museum in Bath, to support our topic on “The Quiltmaker’s Gift” – this was a really interesting trip with children learning about Native Americans, European settlers and the culture of the early Americas.

Everyone has also had a workshop on renewable energy and a trip to the Solar Farm in Devizes as the result of a generous donation of time, buses, specialist input and resources by Gaiger Bros Ltd. This project has enriched the work we do on helping children to understand their role as “Stewards of Our World” - our children are going to have to deal with climate change and need to have a solid understanding of the issues involved. We are very grateful to the Gaigers for their support with this work.

Coming up, we also have several sports events, including sports day (always hotly contested in our school!), parties, art exhibitions, music concerts, a French concert, events to which parents are invited, Leavers’ celebrations, a Eucharist with the Bishop presiding, and, of course, lots of outdoor activities and picnics to make best use of this wonderful summer weather.



## A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE

### WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS & ERLESTOKE DIVISION

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In one of my recent Messages, I suggested that the General Election could be seen as an expression of the liberty of the people that can be linked back to the Magna Carta, signed 800 years ago.

A mere two hundred years ago, another event curtailed the career of a despotic ruler of the time and that too has had implications that resonate today. I refer, of course, to the Battle of Waterloo.

In the years before Waterloo, Napoleon had sought to extend his hegemony across the whole of Europe. Military power was part of it but Napoleon had also sought to diminish the prosperity and growth of his rival, Great Britain, by the imposition of a large-scale embargo against British trade. This policy was known as the Continental System and it was, in part, successful. British trade dropped considerably, but the law of unintended consequences applied and Marseille, Bordeaux and La Rochelle also suffered from the loss of trade. Across the continent, food prices rose and the resentment of client states against Napoleon increased. Russia's refusal to join the Continental System led eventually to the invasion of Russia in 1812 and Napoleon's defeat there marked the beginning of his downfall.

Indeed, the support of other nations was vital to Wellington's success at Waterloo. His army was described as a Coalition and included Dutch and Belgian troops and soldiers from various German states as well. The battle was eventually won only after the intervention of the Prussians under Blucher.

I am not sure if we can draw any lessons from this. The power of free trade? The need for alliances? The fact that what seems like a good idea at the time can have unintended consequences?

I can't help noticing that the Waterloo battlefield is very near to Brussels and, in a year or two's time, the liberty of the British people will again be expressed in the EU Referendum. It will be interesting to see if that too becomes a landmark in history.



## NEWS FROM YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR JERRY WICKHAM

There has been quite a busy time on planning matters in both Edington and Coulston of late.

In Edington, there was an outline application for 9 houses, at land adjacent to Little Court Lane. In a packed Parish Council meeting, we heard from both representatives from the developer as well as local residents, some for but many against the proposal. At the conclusion, the Parish Council considered this and entered their objections. I subsequently then asked for the matter to be heard before a planning committee, if the Wiltshire planning officer was minded to approve the application, since I was aware of the real feeling in the village. I was also of the belief that this application was contrary to the relatively new Wiltshire Core Strategy. We now know that the developer has decided to withdraw this application.

Meanwhile in Coulston, notice was given of an intention to convert some stables into a dwelling in New Road. This type of application arises from new legislation which in part extends permitted development rights. When faced with this notification, planners have to demonstrate in effect why this should not go ahead. Following both a Parish Council meeting and then another packed public meeting, a number of representations were made, which were in contrast to some the statements in the original application. Wiltshire Council have now determined this entire application and have refused it. Of course it follows that there is a right of appeal, so it is a question of seeing what emerges.

It was also a pleasure to attend and open the village fete at Edington which seemed a very well supported event.

Finally, at the recent Area Board, I was very pleased to support some additional funding for the Edington Ringing centre, at Edington Priory, which teaches bell ringing. These sessions are well used by all age groups.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please feel free to make contact either through my email address [jerry.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:jerry.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk) or my home telephone of 01380 870 476 or mobile 07980 701617.

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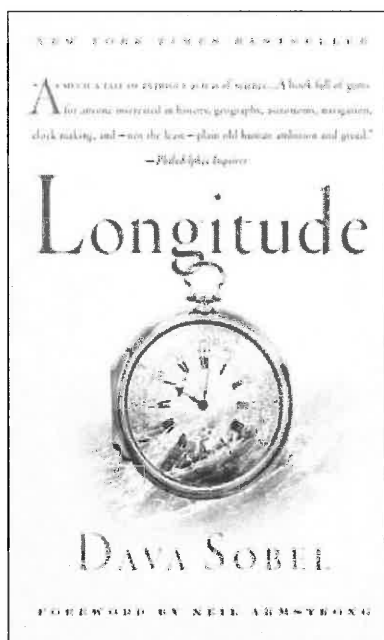
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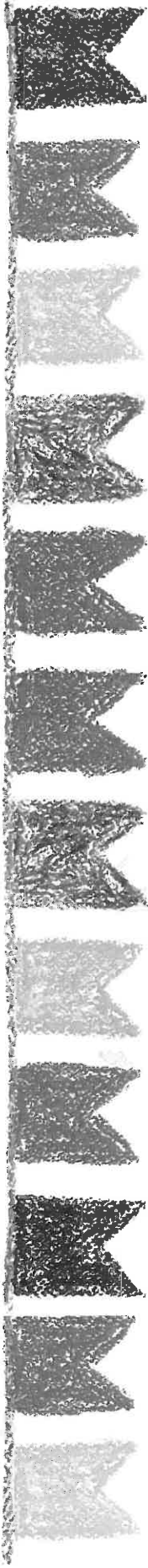
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There were many other attractions and games to keep the visitors busy or they could just relax drink a cup of WI tea and listen to a traditional fair organ. Congratulations to The Gardening Club who won the best themed stand for the third year running.

The hula hoop competition winners were:

Adult: Jen Albano with a creditable 1600 hoops, child: Millie May with an amazing 8990.

Raffle Winners: Meal at the Three Daggers: Shirley Fox, £50 Country Wide: Karen Harris, Meal At The Duke: Yolanda Weatherhead, £30 Morrison's: Wendy, Three Daggers Food Hamper: Williams family. The full list of winners is available at Edington Post Office.

The fair's profit this year was £2,600 which has been distributed to village groups and projects.

We would like to thank all are sponsors particularly The Three Daggers for the use of their premises and generous raffle prizes and the many people that helped make the day such a success. A particularly big thank you goes to Andy Hinton who has produced the lovely spit roast pigs for the evening party. We will miss you.

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The first session is free, and only £2 per family thereafter (to help with the food and running costs).

Tea/coffee for parents is available and also a healthy snack and activity for the children. **Where:** Edington Parish Hall.

June has been a fun month, with one of the highlights being the annual village fair. Under 5s ran a Hula Hoop competition stall and our youngest winner completed over 9000 revolutions! Phenomenal work!

We are getting ever closer to the summer holidays and as in previous years, we have lots of outings planned. These are by no means restricted to Under 5s - older children are welcome too! Dates as follows:

23 July 2015: Southwick Country Park

30 July 2015: Shearwater

6 August 2015: Warminster Park

13 August 2015: Brokerswood

20 August 2015: Erlestoke Park

27 August 2015: Edington Park

We aim to meet at 10.30am. Remember to bring a picnic, blankets, sun hats, sun cream and wellies! Contact Vanessa Lescott for more information on 07776 133099.

There were more new faces this month and we would like to give a very warm welcome to Archie and Harry and mum, Ceri.

We would also like to wish a very Happy Birthday to **Katie** who will be three this month!

We hope to see everyone over the summer! Happy holidays!

## Wiltshire



### GOOD NEIGHBOURS

#### NEWS FROM YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR CO-ORDINATOR

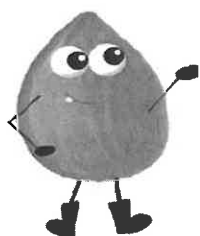
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#### Falls Awareness

There are many things that contribute towards the risk of falling either in the home or out and about, and there are a number of steps we can take to help reduce the likelihood of having a fall. Here are just a few:

- Check for hazards such as a loose carpets or rugs, clutter or cables. Are the stairs well lit with suitable rails?
- Much as we love our pets, they can be a trip hazard. A bell on the collar can help!
- Have your eyes and hearing checked regularly.
- Manage your medicines – some medication can cause dizziness or affect balance.
- Tackle the fear of falling – if you have had a fall, or don't feel confident to move about, there are exercise classes available locally which can help.
- Consider having a personal alarm (Lifeline) which you can use in the event of a fall to get help quickly. Some providers can now also supply fall detectors.
- If you would like further information on any of the above, or any other issue affecting older people in our community, please call your Good Neighbour Co-ordinator Lise Griffiths on 07541 353401 or email [westburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:westburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk)



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*Contact Helen O'Donoghue on 830501 for more information*

**As part of our centenary celebrations you are all welcome to attend a Bring and Buy and Coffee morning on Thursday July 9th from 10am to 12 noon** combining with the Under 5 group session at the Parish hall. There will also be used books for sale including children's books. Monies raised will go to Wiltshire Children's Hospice providing care for children in their own homes.

Our speaker in June was John Clarke, a member of the Wyvern Historical & Detecting Society, talking about "Underwater Treasure Hunting".

John has been detecting for 30 years and is more enthusiastic now than he was at the beginning. He has written a book entitled "Metal Detecting, an Essential guide to detecting Inland, on Beaches & Underwater". He showed us a metal detector that could have been used in the early days and the one he uses now which has 2 GB of sophisticated data. John is an expert in using the detector to hear the sounds made by different types of metal.

He had also brought examples of "finds" from 500BC to a 1946 sixpence which was thicker than its counterpart in 1938.

He had many rings of varying dates including a Saxon ring set with emeralds.

Did you know that grotty referred to the coin groat?

Sarah Marshall gave a very full report with photos of her visit to the garden party at Buckingham Palace on 3rd June organised as part of the 100 years celebrations. Lovely hat Sarah!

She attended with Joan Gifford in her capacity as Vice president of the Federation.

Other events attended by some of our members in May, June and July included clay pigeon shooting, archery and a Japanese Day. Once every 2 years our WI gives a bursary to help with educational courses including the WIs own Denman College in Oxfordshire. Sandra Salmons used her bursary toward the cost of a water colour course she attended in Devon and she shared some lovely samples of her work. In September we are looking forward to our centenary meal with our neighbouring WIs, called as a group Weavers, and a fun skittles event by invitation of Bratton WI.

Our next meeting on Tuesday 14 July will be a visit to Tracy Miller's farm in Edington. This will include a Ploughman's supper.

If you have been thinking about joining us, do come along on the 14th or contact Helen our president on the number above.

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## Bratton Primary School

Since the last article I wrote I have had a few more weeks to become established into the post at Bratton and things are moving in a pleasing and purposeful direction. We have had a very positive uptake of places for our new Reception class, starting in September, as well as a number of new children arriving to join us in various year groups further up the school; great news for the School! Within the school we have been involved in a number of events and competitions. In the sporting sphere we won the Westbury Tag Rugby competition held in May and recently put in a very creditable performance in the local Kwik Cricket competition. A group of children worked very hard to learn 3 complex and tricky Maypole routines, which they performed admirably at the Edington fair, soon to reprise this at the Bratton Fair, with a little extra as well

Academically the school has seen Year 6 work hard in completing their national SATs papers, with Year 2 currently working on theirs, with both year groups showing great determination and application to the challenges faced. As a staff we are looking ahead to the excitement of reinvigorating our curriculum as well as enhancing our assessment frameworks and it is a busy time as we build towards Sports Day and the end of year production, this year held at the Jubilee Hall. We also continue to enjoy great parental support for all our events and initiatives, further evidence of which was provided by the strong turnout and support for the recent working party in our Reception outdoor space, all greatly appreciated by the whole school.

The conclusion of the academic year approaches and at Bratton Primary we are focusing on ending the year strongly but are full of energy and excitement for the direction of travel ahead. *Mr Bolton*

## Edington Parish Council News

June's meeting was well attended with a packed room. The start of the meeting was dedicated to the planning application in Little Court Lane. The developer QDOS was given time to outline his plans and villagers given the opportunity to respond prior to the council considering the plan in detail. We have since heard that the developer has withdrawn this application.

The principle objection to planning was the narrow lanes and poor access at The Green and Junction of the B3098. These roads are problematic at all times but particularly now summer is here. Would villagers be mindful of parking to allow access for farm vehicles as hay making and shortly harvest mean an increase in large farm machinery using our narrow lanes.

A reminder to dog owners to pick up after your dogs both on the footpaths and in the fields as dog faeces can be hazardous to farm animals. The Parish Council would be grateful if villagers could help prevent dogs straying onto the playing field, this is a legal requirement as well as putting children at risk.

Please note the telephone number of the Chairman, Eric Mitchel is 830 582

### Planning

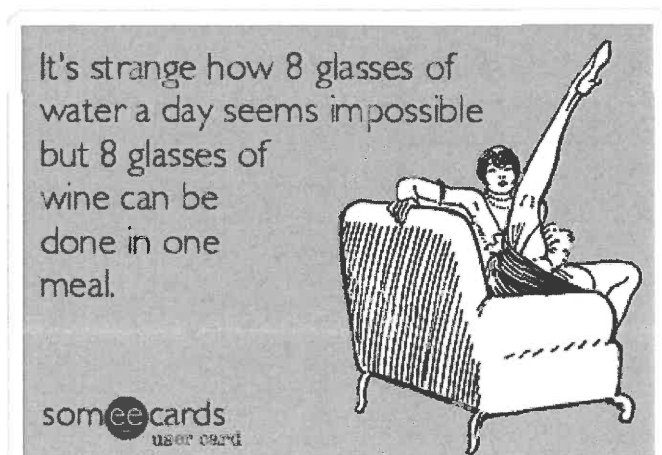
(a) The following applications have been received:-

(i) 15/04363/FUL Extend and convert existing bungalow to a one and half storey building (Resubmission of Planning Permission W/12/00699/FUL) at 22a Westbury Road for Mrs Bridget Roberts

(ii) 15/03425/OUT Erection of 9 houses, garages, parking and access road (outline application with some matters reserved) at Land at Little Court Lane for QDOS Homes Ltd

### EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW

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## EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

We were entertained and informed in equal measure by Charlotte Popescu on “Keeping hens in the garden”. This was a new topic for us although there are hen-keepers among our members, some “may-be’s” and some “no-thank-you’s”. All of us learned something new from a real expert who went from keeping 4 to 50 free range hens and now writes popular books and articles on the rewards (and some trials) of keeping hens.....and cockerels.

There are now three quarters of a million hen-keepers in the U.K who love the charm of these creatures and enjoy the wonderful fresh eggs they provide. We discovered hens have good eyesight, and are sociable; love grass, perching, preening and dustbaths , need shelter from the wind and rain and enjoy sunbathing.

We saw a lovely slideshow of many of the breeds available including larger pure breeds such as Rhode Island Reds, Marans, Orpingtons and Leghorns and the smaller pure breeds of bantams (including the Araucana which lays a lovely blue egg). We learnt about the hybrids developed to breed all year and the hardy garden-bred crossbreeds. We looked at the recovering ex-battery hens and also the role of the cockerel who as well as fertilizing the eggs, keeps alert for buzzards and breaks up hen-fights!

We finished by looking at some general care tips including food shelter and feeding options. We heard about predators – badgers, foxes, buzzards and dogs and discovered that although hens may eat your vegetables if they are not protected, they will also eat your slugs and snails. Hurrah for hens! We ended the evening by buying some multi-coloured freshly laid eggs and signed books on both hen-keeping and cookery – another of Charlottes area of expertise.

We have a number of summer outings planned, visitors are welcome and all details can be found on the village website or call the Club Secretary on 07764 576106.

*Sandie Lewis, Club Secretary*



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**St Bernadette's Sunday Mass – 9am**

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## DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

This will be led by Bishop Declan from 21 to 28  
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St Bernadette's Social Group Afternoon Tea  
Grass Acres Community Hall Westbury  
Sunday 5 July from 3pm

## GLASTONBURY PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 12 July. Coach leaves Westbury (Station  
Road) at 9.45am & Trowbridge (St John's Primary  
School) at 10am returning 6pm. Adults £7 – Family  
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## BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

### Notes for your diary

The next Supper Night will be  
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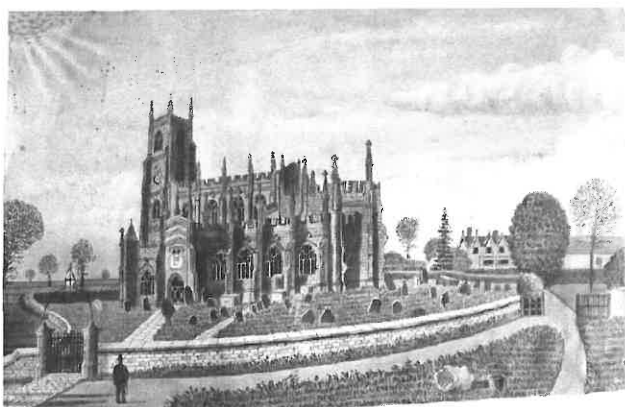


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## “THE VIEW FROM THE WINGS”

Mr Brian Freeland entertained us with a very interesting and amusing talk about all aspects of theatre. Following a visit to the Old Vic Theatre in Bristol, where the young Peter O'Toole was performing, Mr Freeland decided he wanted to work in the theatre. He trained in various theatres in the fields of management, lighting design and as theatre manager as well as director. He has now retired from the theatre itself but is still writing scripts as well as giving talks on his experiences and directing amateur dramatics. Mr Freeland began his career while the Crazy Gang was still performing and can recall when Tommy Trinder was the presenter of Sunday Night at the London Palladium before Bruce Forsyth took over. He also worked in pantomimes and remembers Harry Secombe performing. He certainly had us all laughing with anecdotes and stories of the actors he has worked with as well as the various “digs” the actors stayed in and the idiosyncracies of the landladies. He recalled working at Butlin's theatre where they would not allow any risqué jokes or double entendres where one amateur holidaymaker's jokes were a bit close to the knuckle and the curtain brought down on him. Mr Freeland told us that in his opinion the hardest workers in the theatre were the ballet dancers, who rehearsed the next ballet in the morning, rehearsed their current one in the afternoon and performed in the evening. Then by way of relaxation would go to a disco. Mr Freeland has also directed opera in Scotland and Ireland. In Wexford, a slope had been built on the stage but covered in formica which was slippery. It was discovered that covering it in lemon juice made it safe but on the first night somebody cleaned it and the opening singer slid down the slope, still singing, followed by the second singer both narrowly missing the orchestra pit. They were then followed by the chorus with the audience convulsed with laughter. Mr Freeland said that he has worked all over the world even China during Chairman Mao's time when the Peking and Shanghai ballet dancers all wore the blue boiler suits, there were no cars anywhere and one child was terrified by seeing western people. Mr Freeland spoke of George Bernard Shaw, whom he greatly admired for his prodigious output as well as the two thousand lectures he gave and the quarter of a million postcards and letters he wrote. He ended by saying he had worked with Edith Evans, Sybil Thorndyke, Laurence Olivier, John Gielgud to name but a few. There followed some questions and answers and refreshments which were needed after so much laughter. Next month our speaker will be John Clark talking about Underwater Treasure Hunting. **Do please join us at the United Reformed Church Hall at 2pm on Tuesday 14th July.**

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Picnic tables and chairs will be available on a first-come basis and wine for sale will also be available. Picnic set up from 5.30pm onwards.

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## Lunch for the Parish Hall

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## CHILD'S CONTRIBUTION

*The Hammerman Project By Lydia Y6*

The Hammerman project is a project about a man who lived in the early 1900's called Alfred Williams. He was a blacksmith (that is why he was called a hammerman). He travelled around Wiltshire collecting folksongs. However, unfortunately, he did not obtain any tunes. The job for us, the children at Holy Trinity, was to compose tunes for two of the songs that he had collected. Mr Guy Wilson led the project, helping us to make sure the music fitted the lyrics. We also crafted puppets, using clay, papier mache and paint. We added detailed facial expressions on the final images so that they could be used in our performances. We used the puppets to tell the story of the folk songs. It was a difficult project but we enjoyed it.

### Salisbury Plain Training Area Newsletter

#### General Overview:

July will be a very busy month on the Plain with 8 Armoured and Armoured Infantry sub-units conducting low and intermediate level armoured manoeuvre training in a series of 2 week exercises. In addition the Plain will see the largest Armoured exercise in the calendar Ex LIONS STRIKE involving the Combined Arms Tactics Course using the Imber and Larkhill dry training areas from 18th – 23rd July. At the same time four of the Royal School of Artillery courses will combine for their largest training exercise of the year Ex CROSSED CANNONS during which AS90 and Light Gun live firing will take place. As a consequence Armoured vehicle usage of the tank crossings on the A360, A345 and A338 will increase and with dry weather conditions dust clouds may produce a hazard at these crossings.

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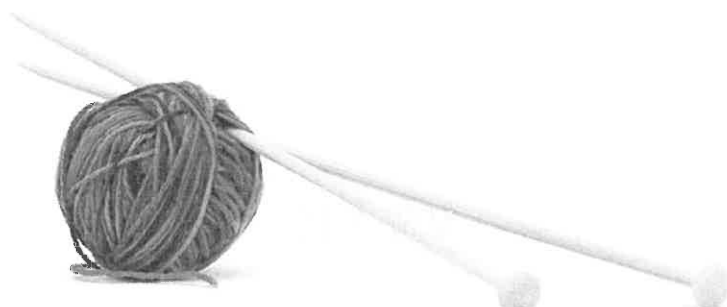
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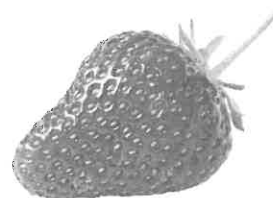
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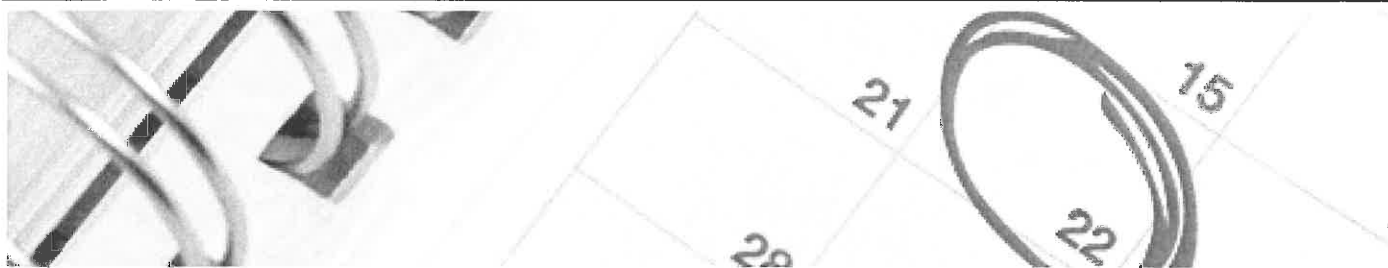
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## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 03 G&J Trip to Hungerford leaves Edington P.O. 1pm
- 04 Erlestoke Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-midday
- 04 Steeple Ashton Organ Recital and Picnic, 5.30pm
- 05 **ERLESTOKE STRAWBERRY CREAM TEAS**, Brounckers House, from 2.30pm
- 05 Golf Club Carvery
- 08 Lunch edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm
- 09 Coffee morning/Bring and Buy, Edington Parish Hall, 10am-midday
- 11-12 Three Daggers Summer Fayre from midday
- 13 Luch Club. The Duke, Bratton, 12.30pm
- 14 WI meeting
- 17 Bratton Supper Night, Bratton Jubilee Hall
- 24 Edington Jazz BBQ, Edington Priory, 7pm
- 25 Bratton Village Fete
- 29 Edington Reading Group, Mill Side, 8pm
- 31 G&J trip to Tetbury, Leaves Edington P.O. 1pm

### AUGUST

- 01 Breakfast, Bratton Jubilee Hall, 8.30am-10pm
- 01 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church 10am-midday
- 02 Golf Club Carvery
- 26 Edington Musical Festival and Evening Supper, Parish Field, 6.30pm

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through a dividend. There is a great deal of support for the purchase of community assets, such as Pubs and we are already in contact with helpful organisations seeking service and capital grants as well as loans.

We are keen to gauge the level of interest from the community and will be developing the legal structure required. This will be followed by a more detailed prospectus and business plan but currently a verbal pledge of support is all that is required.

This is a great opportunity and it is important to recognise that a healthy well run community Pub will add significant value to our community, village and houses.

If you would like helpful information please look at the following website by the Plunkett Foundation. [www.pubs.coop](http://www.pubs.coop), and see how many communities have made a real success of a project like ours.

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Extracts from the accounts of  
'the George Inn' 1829

*"Take Horse Radish Parsley Roots of each, a Handful of Mustard Seed, boil them together in two quarts of water until it is reduced to three pints. Strain it off and bottle it. Take half a tea cupful of the tea and two teaspoons of the medicine Night and Morning."*

WRITTEN IN THE COVER OF THE HANDWRITTEN ACCOUNTS  
OF THE GEORGE INN, ERLESTOKE, 1854.

## *Community and friends of Erlestoke*

An important part of the village's history is under threat

For over 300 years our Pub, The George and Dragon, has been serving beer and food to the local labourers, foresters, villagers and passing travellers as well as providing stabling for the local work horses.

In 1827 Mr John J Hopkins took over the tenancy of The George, as it was then called, and ran it until 1855 when he sold the stock for £412.14.2 to the new Publican Jonathon Shore.

160 years later one of our village community, a direct descendent of Jonathon Shore, has had to watch with dismay as the George and Dragon has struggled to survive. It has been beset by the challenges facing rural Pubs in small communities and now, as is so common, faces the ignominious fate of becoming a private residence.

## *We should not be losing our Pub*

The Parish Council and members of the local community believe that the Pub can be commercially viable, if run properly. With that in mind we are putting forward a proposal which, with support and help, could enable the community to buy the Pub from the current owners and place it back at the heart of our community and village – where it belongs.

As times have changed Pubs have had to adapt to survive and we are not under any illusions that the traditional model for the George,

Ann Hopkins born 1830 in Erlestoke with one of her sons circa 1860. She was married to Jonathon Shore, the landlord who died in 1863/4



followed over the last 300 years will be enough. We firmly believe that the business is not only commercially viable, but can also serve as a community asset. It can help replace our lost village hall, shop and Post Office, as well as provide a location for some of the important activities that our recent survey highlighted were needed in the village. And of course we shouldn't forget that it adds value to our village and our homes.

## *How can you help*

Please email [savethegeorge@mail.com](mailto:savethegeorge@mail.com) to lodge your support and obtain the steering committee's details.

Having a comprehensive list of supporters is important as there are many grants available for projects like ours, if the community supports the project. We promise not to bombard you with emails.

Overleaf you can find more detailed information on how this could work and how you can become involved. We have a limited amount of time and if you wish to speak to any member of the steering committee and can offer more immediate help and support please let us know.

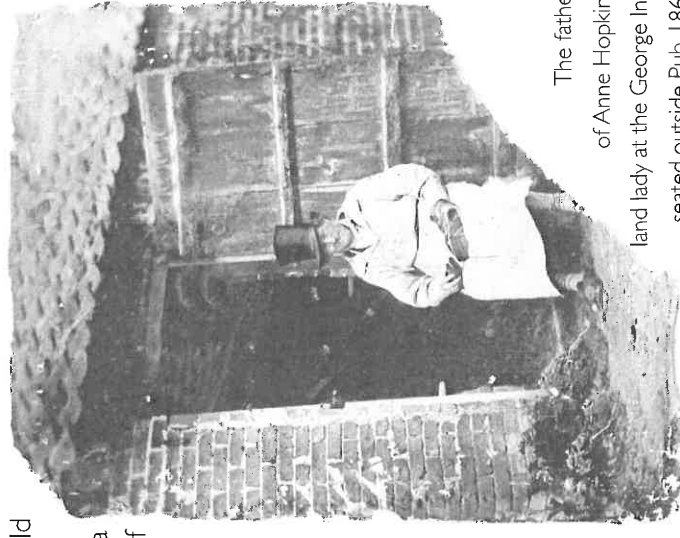
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The father  
of Anne Hopkins,  
land lady at the George Inn,  
seated outside Pub, 1860



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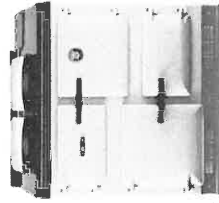
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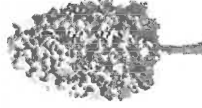
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