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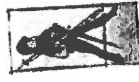
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ERLESTOKE SAUSAGE SIZZLE

30th July 2016

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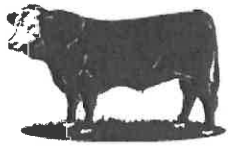
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1 st Sunday 3 rd July Thomas the Apostle			11.00 BENEFICE SERVICE	
2 nd Sunday 10 th July Trinity Seven	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE	11.00 EUCHARIST FOR THE DEDICATION FESTIVAL (FOLLOWED BY THE 'THANK YOU' LUNCH)	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 17 th July Trinity Eight	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FOOTPRINTS SERVICE AT ST JAMES'	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 24 th July Trinity Nine	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 (CW)	
5 th Sunday 31 st July Trinity Ten	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 MATINS at ST JAMES'	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION WITH BAPTISM (CW)		

SELECTED SPECIAL

Friday 22nd July: Edington - Mary Magdalene venue and time tbc

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Most of the nurses work in NHS hospitals or the community. A small number work in hospices and private hospitals, but do not charge for their services. As specialists they do not routinely undertake nursing care but are there to assess complex needs, give advice to other healthcare professionals and support people with cancer to understand their treatment options. Every day in Wiltshire nine people are told they have cancer. They need your help to raise more income and reach more people so can that they can bring Macmillan's vital services to everyone who needs them. They're looking for a special volunteer in the Salisbury area who wants to raise awareness of what Macmillan does. There are a number of ways in which you can help; the role is so varied and interesting. You'll be making a massive difference to Macmillan and, ultimately, to the lives of people affected by cancer.

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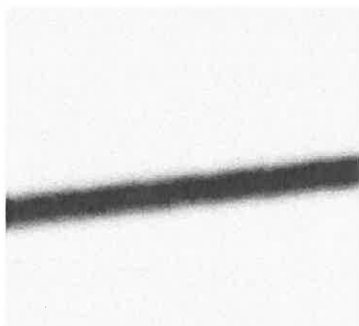


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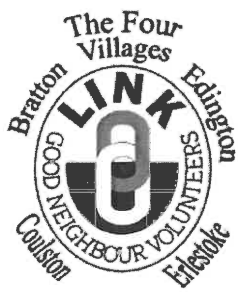
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In 2015 our 40 strong volunteer base freely gave more than 700 hours of their time and undertook journeys totalling over 5500 miles, the majority of which were to and from medical appointments at our local hospitals. It is purely down to the continued commitment of our amazing group of volunteers that we are able to offer such an important service to our community.

So, if you would like help just call us on 07852-256939 and one of our duty coordinators will log your request and find a volunteer to help you. All calls are charged at mobile rates. Responding to requests can be demanding so it really helps to receive plenty of notice when being asked to organise assistance, ideally not less than 48 hours in advance and particularly so during these busy summer months.

With an increasing population of older people, together with the cuts in locally funded services, it is inevitable that we are being called upon more frequently for assistance. As a result, we are always looking for new volunteers to help with our many requests. 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 07852-256939. We look forward to hearing from you.

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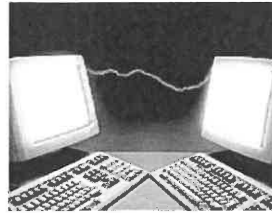
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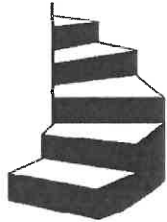


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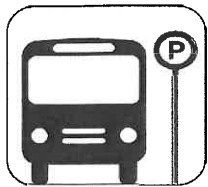
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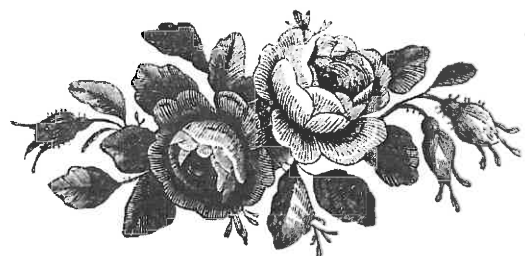
The G&J trip to **PEWSEY** will be on **Friday 8TH JULY** leaving Edington at **1pm** and returning around 5.00pm. Please book your seat for any of these trips (or to hire the TVM for your group or for yourself and family/friends) by contacting Pauline at Edington post Office (telephone 830 013). Pick up points for all journeys can be organised to suit you.

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Under 6	Medals for each team member			
U7	Medals for each team member			
U8	William G.	Charlie B.	Jack S.	
U8	Oliver E.	Jensen J.	Logan B.	
U9 Whites	Dominic E.	Finlay K.	Harry N.	Harry C.
U9 Blacks	Sam L.	Oscar C.	Joseph P.	
U12	Charlie S.	Josh B.	Robert S.	
U13	Sammie J.	Jacob D.	Josh H.	
U15	Jack C.	James S.	Ed C.	

MORE PLAYERS WANTED: The Club are now open for new members in all age groups (Boys and Girls) to start in September, with the following age group teams to participate in the various area Leagues and contact details (*age groups = Under 6 on 31 August of 2016*):

- Reception Year + Under 6: Mark Goddard : 01380-813160
- Under 7: Mark (temporary)
- Under 8: Sharon Black : 01380-818193
- Under 9: Mark Goddard – above
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Edington charity of the month August – Christian Hope International.

Christian Hope International was born out of the pain and suffering that occurred during the Rwandan genocide in Central Africa in 1994. It seeks to bring the true hope along with practical support to those in need in Africa and Eastern Europe.

Working in partnership with the Christian Community in the 'Developing World' they seek to provide practical aid, resourcing small community projects and enabling children to receive a good education through child sponsorship. You can help to assist these families by donating to their health project and providing health insurance for those in most need. For just £3 per person per year is the cost of Health insurance in Rwanda. This insurance pays for treatment for any illness and 90% of the cost of medicine. Combating Malaria is a constant battle and in Rwanda instances of Malaria have increased three-fold in recent times. Many, particularly young children, die because their families are too poor to afford the care they need.

Each project is prepared with the needs of the recipient (not the donor) in mind. The ideas for the projects come from our partners overseas and Christian Hope International seeks to respond to those needs. The aim of each project is to assist in the move away from dependency to self sufficiency.

*Please help by sending your donations to the PCC Treasurer for Edington Priory Church;
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Westbury & District U3A

Those gathered in the United Reformed Church hall this month heard a fascinating talk about Monkey World. Mike Colbourne, or Monkey Mike as he often referred to, worked at both Chester and Bristol Zoos before joining Monkey World over 20 years ago. The sanctuary, 65 acres, which is situated in the Dorset countryside near Wareham first opened in 1987. Initially Monkey World was intended to provide a home for abused chimpanzees used as props by Spanish beach photographers, but is now home to several species of primate.

The rescued chimps undergo medical checks and rehabilitation before being introduced to one of the four social groups living in one of the large enclosures. Mike told the individual stories of several of the chimps, showing in some cases the pictures taken on their arrival and after rehabilitation. The centre does not intentionally breed from the chimps; the females being on the contraceptive pill, but "accidents" do happen and it is sometimes necessary to hand rear the babies as the mothers may be unable to look after their offspring. The other animals include orang-utans, woolly monkeys and gibbons and Monkey World has a successful breeding programme for all of these. Mike told the story of Gordon the orang-utan, who was born a month prematurely at the centre in December 1997. He spent his first few weeks in an incubator, cared for by Mike and the other staff. Pictures were shown of Gordon in his incubator and some of him as an adult who now has a son of his own.

Mike stressed that the purpose of the sanctuary was to house the animals that they care for in the best possible manner. To this end the enclosures are very large and visitors sometimes find it more difficult to see the animals than at zoos. However with a bit of patience the animals can be seen in an environment very near that of their natural habitat. The next monthly meeting is on July 12 when the speaker will talk about military medals. Newcomers are always welcome, we meet at the United Reformed Church Hall, starting at 2pm.

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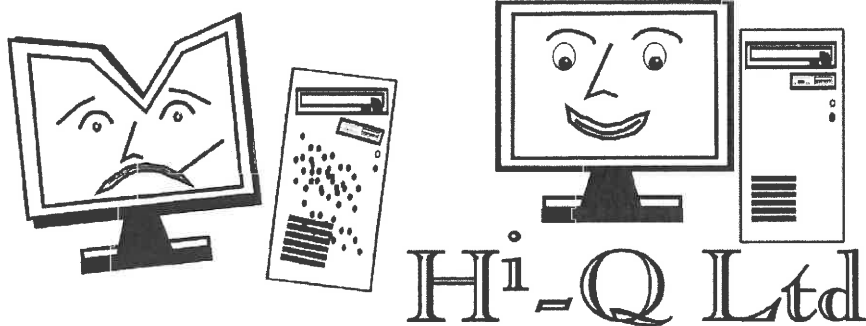
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Between the entertainment races for all ages were run

Winners were: under 5's - 1st Ruby 2nd Bethan 3rd Riley

5-10 — 1st Toby, 2nd Tai, 3rd Jacob, 10-16 — 1st Caer, 2nd Olivia, 3rd Saffron

The adult race caused much hilarity as all runners had to carry a pint of Ale supplied by the 3 Daggers Inn. This was won by Stephen Fairbrother.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the day. I think Edington is an amazing village. With a week to go we had only 20 tombola prizes and a rather thin raffle, an SOS to the village and what a response! Many thanks go to the generosity of villagers and shops and businesses of Bratton and Westbury. You will be pleased to know that thanks to you the raffle and tombola raised just under £1000.

Following on from the Fair was the Queen's Birthday Bash, a chance to relax with glass in hand and listen to the strains of The White Horse Band followed by some very talented youngsters on the open mic. Our thanks go to The Daggers for sponsoring the evening event.

Raffle winners: 3 Daggers food Hamper Moloney, £50 countryside tokens Val Crocker, Days mini bus hire Karen Harris

A full list of raffle prize winners is in the post office.



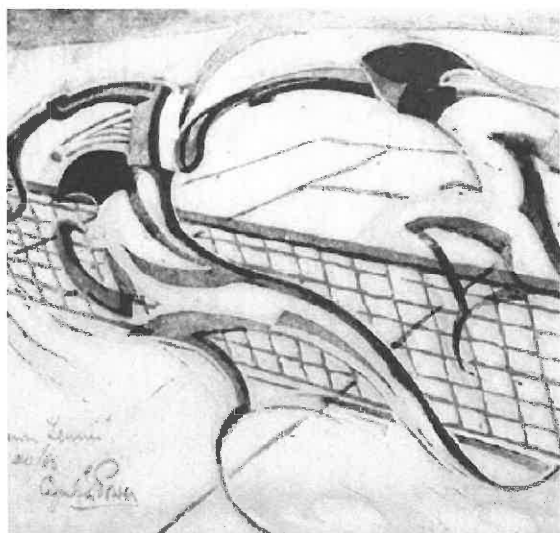
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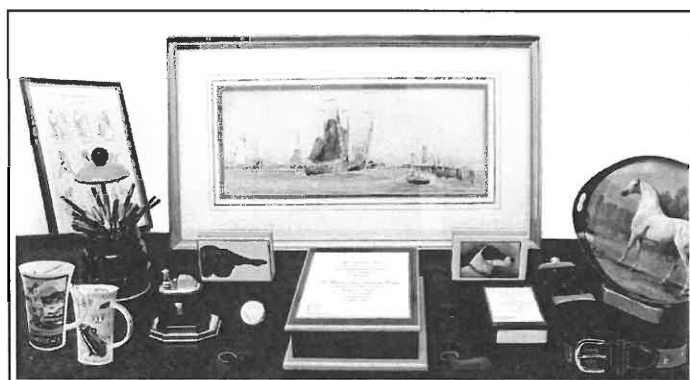
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Do you want some good news for a change?

Wiltshire has a thriving and growing economy. Only 0.6% of the working age population is claiming Job Seekers Allowance, which is about half the national figure. Not bad, I'd say! Schools are doing well. Over 90% of our children are being educated in schools that are rated Good or Outstanding by Ofsted, which puts Wiltshire very nearly at the top of the national list. The proportion of students getting GCSE Grade A*-C including English & Maths is well above the national average.

Another positive point is that, on average, men and women in Wiltshire live in good health for longer than those in other parts of England.

But when more of us reach old age we may need more help. Wiltshire Council's Adult Care Services have supported 26,483 individuals between April 2015 and March 2016. This includes residents who received both long term and short term support. Help to live at home is designed to help people who are frail, sick or disabled live at home for as long as it is safe and it helps people to continue to look after themselves in their own home.

To help the environment, waste diverted from landfill continues to exceed the target of 75%. Landfill = Bad. Recycling = Good. Please keep it up!

Less happily, the number of incidents of fly-tipping increased by 22% over the year. Actions to reduce the number of incidents include increased camera surveillance and increased joint working operations with the Police to intercept waste which is being transported illegally. In addition, the Council will make full use of the new fixed penalty notice (introduced in May 2016) as an added deterrent to would-be fly tippers.

Support for local communities last year came in the form of grants from Area Boards, which totalled £1.7 million, supporting 1,038 local projects. For every £1 of grants an additional £4.53 was leveraged from other sources so the total investment in Wiltshire communities totalled over £5.7 million.

To know more about the County statistics go to www.services.wiltshire.gov.uk/citizDash/CitizenDashboard/MainReports

The next Devizes Area Board meets in West Lavington Village Hall on 11th July at 6.30pm. All are welcome, so come!

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

There will be no Supper Night in July due to the Fete. The next Supper Night will be 16th September 2016.

BREAKFASTS will be served during August 8.30am to 10 am every Saturday and Sunday. £5.00 for 3 course plus tea/coffee

To book tables for the above ring Gill Hurn 01380 830497 or Ken Witcomb 01380 830297

BRATTON VILLAGE FETE

Don't miss Sat 16th July 2016 on the village green. £1.00 Adults entry – from 1.30pm Something for all the family including Various stalls, fairground ride and slide. Train rides. Bratton Silver Band, Bratton School and Morris Dancers. Teas in the Pavilion.

JUBILEE PLAYERS

Thanks to everyone who attended our Variety Show. A wonderful success enjoyed by all who took part and all who came.

What's next?? We will be performing either a complete play or one act plays on 10th, 11th, 12th November 2016 and either a Pantomime or similar on 2nd ,3rd and 4th February 2017.

For anybody of any age who is interested in either taking part or helping in any way in either production, PLEASE contact us or just come along on a Wednesday evening at 8.00pm in the Jubilee Hall, Bratton.

Val Witcomb 01380 830297 or kenwitcomb@btinternet.com, Ken Davies 07792 533357 or daviskj101@aol.com, Gill Hurn 01380 830497

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If you are one of those unsung heroes of our communities, please step forward and let us know. Anyone who helps out informally, or who runs a group or business that might be helpful for people living with dementia, is invited to be included. The roadmap aims to recognise all the very local support that is outside the officially provided services.

The roadmap is being created by a team from local charities Alzheimer's Support, Alzheimer's Society, AgeUk Wiltshire, Healthwatch Wiltshire and Wiltshire Council. It's free to be included. To get on the map please email roadmap@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk or call 01225 776481.

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By the time you are reading this the nation will have decided its future with Europe. Whichever way it has gone bridges will need to be built for there have been significant differences between members of both major parties and both Government and Opposition will need to regroup in order to function effectively. We will be holding them all in our prayers.

These months we continue each Sunday looking at Jesus' life through the writing of Luke, but we also have the celebration of 3 important people in the story of Jesus – James and Bartholomew and Mary Magdalene and one event that is seen as most significant. This last is on the 6th August when we celebrate the Transfiguration.

But first James. Known as St James the Great he is the Patron Saint of Bratton Church celebrated on the 25th July and was one of the close inner circle of Jesus' disciples. He was one of the leaders of the early church in Jerusalem and was martyred for his faith in Jesus Christ about 12 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. He was 'put to death with the sword' which suggests that he was in fact beheaded. It is thought that he was the first of the disciples to be martyred. It is not clear whether he might have gone to Spain during his life but a tradition has developed that after his death his remains ended up in Compostella which has become a significant place of pilgrimage to this day. There is an established route and some people from our villages have made that journey. Another interesting possibility, but not proven, is that St Catherine's Well in Stradbroke, Bratton was a place of refreshment for pilgrims on that journey visiting many churches dedicated to St James on their way.

Much less is known of Bartholomew. Thought to be otherwise known as Nathanael he was one of the disciples called by Jesus early in his ministry. It is said that he took the Good News of Jesus to India where he was martyred either by beheading or being flayed alive and crucified.

What these 2 stories show is that the early disciples were so convinced of the divinity of Jesus – that he was God – that they were prepared to speak out and travel to distance places to speak of him and, if necessary to die for him. And they still do. We only have to read about the way in which Christians in Syria and Iraq are being persecuted under the ISIS regime to see that very ordinary people are prepared to stand up for their faith. Pray God that we might do the same.

2 Diary dates: on the 2nd July our exploration of Spirituality at Edington Parish Hall between 4 and 6pm will again focus on Prayer. Then on the 5th September our new Rector Andrew Sinclair will take over the reins of our 4 parishes. We look forward to his ministry amongst us and we wish him well.

In the love and peace of Christ.

Malcolm Wieck (Honorary Associate Priest)

New Parish Councillor We welcome Mr Jeff Lupton on his appointment of Parish councillor. We still have a casual vacancy if any villager is interested contact Malcom Weick tel 830

Best kept village Competition The village has looked its best over the last month. Thank you to everybody that has taken pride in the village by picking up litter and keeping verges tidy. Can we ask you to continue your hard work through July as the second round of Judging takes place during the first 2 weeks There has been a couple of incidences where cattle have been spooked by dogs and on one occasion it took over 24 hours before they could be encouraged out of their barn so Please keep dogs on leads while walking near animals and pick up after them even in fields as their faeces can cause disease in cattle.

Neighbourhood Plan Questionnaire You should have a had your completed questionnaires collected by the end of June . We value you opinion so if it has not been collected please hand it in to the post office or a parish councillor. Results will be published when collated.

Playfield Thank you to all the dog owners who are now keeping their pets out of the playfield, however, there are still a few residents who still feel the rule does not apply to them. We are hoping to apply for grants this summer to enable the purchase of a small slide unit for tots and an adult exercise course. Any donations to support this would be welcome. The steps of the large slide have become dangerous. We have applied for replacement steps but until they arrive can we ask parents to keep their children off the slide, the steps are cordoned off but children are still using them. Please help us prevent an accident.

Parking We live in a village with narrow lanes and with many houses not designed for cars which means parking will always be a difficulty ,but the Parish council respectfully asks car owners to be considerate while parking. Summer in the country means hay making and harvest so large farm vehicles will need access particularly round The Green Tinhead Road and Longhollow. An oil delivery vehicle and ambulance were unable to access Downs View recently due to poor parking blocking access. Just a reminder that Parking on pavements is illegal as is parking near junctions.

Bonfires Most of us love a good bonfire and we are sure most of you are considerate to your neighbours but they can be a real nuisance so think before lighting them.

Funding Opportunity Tesco Bags of Help scheme Launched October 2015 to enable local community groups to apply for money to develop local resources and promote greener living and working. Second round of funding opened in April this year website www.groundwork.org.uk/tescocommunityscheme.

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2 nd Sunday 14 th August Trinity Twelve	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION(CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 21 st August (Edington Festival Week commencing)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FOOTPRINTS SERVICE AT St James'	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 21.15 COMPLINE	NB No Evensong at Erlestoke	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 28 th August	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	11.00 SOLEMN EUCHARIST FOR THE LAST SERVICE OF THE EDINGTON FESTIVAL 2016	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

6th August: Transfiguration of our Lord - TBC

The 61st anniversary of the Edington Festival of Music Within the Liturgy runs between the 21st and 28th August

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

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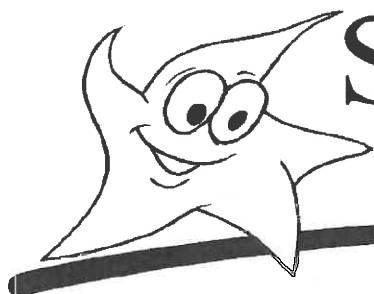
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The last year has been challenging for the Council with some important issues requiring close detailed understanding and decision taking that affect the village well into the future. We are still one person short on the council, and if you are a resident of Erlestoke and would like to take part in what's happening in the village please let us know.

We formed a Neighbourhood Planning Committee chaired by Andrew Cooper to look into future development of Erlestoke. You will see from the agenda tonight we are keen to find out if there is an interest in the "Neighbourhood Plan". This must be driven from residents and not the just the council. We will look at the response from tonight's meeting and make a decision on its future.

The future of the George & Dragon is still ongoing, Erlestoke Parish Council applied to Wiltshire Council to consider the George & Dragon to be a "Community Asset" for the village, we were successful and to date that still applies. To manage the village's proposal the "Erlestoke Hub" was formed and chaired by Keith Lewcock. We were very pleased by the response from Erlestoke, Victoria Park, and interested people from the area. The upshot was that we raised enough finance to put an offer to the owners based on an expert valuation paid for by the Erlestoke Hub.

We are still working on the road crossing for school children on the B3098 adjacent to the George & Dragon. It seems lack of money from Highways will push this issue further down the priority list. We know the dangers but can't seem to move forward on this.

You may have noticed that speed checking is being carried out on the High Street we wait for the results. Councillor Dean Moore will manage the introduction of visual speed indicators that will flash your speed as you travel through the village. They will not be installed permanently but periodically throughout the year.

The Governments cut backs eventually have an impact on our services. We have lost the mobile library, the bus service to local hospitals and a possible reduction in bus service. All these will affect the life and wellbeing of the village but out of our control. We have reported the change of the road signs at the Lower Road cross road. The Erlestoke pointer sign is missing together with the junction warning sign being moved right on the junction thus reducing any warning distance at all. Strangely Highways do not inform us of these changes in our parish so we are following up after the event.

Our MP Claire Perry invited 2 members of Erlestoke Parish Council to visit Parliament on the 16th of November to have an open discussion about any local issues. Cllrs Jonik and our Clerk Anita Whittle attended. We raised the issue of the George & Dragon Community Asset and the very slow broadband speed received in the village. We also attended a separate meeting in Marlborough with Claire Perry and a BT executive who was there to answer questions on broadband. The meeting was attended by locals from Claire Perrys (MP) constituency, but it soon became apparent that all the complaints came from village residents from the area. An observation was that there is a lack of interest in solving the broadband speed for villages and more interest in towns and cities where the cost benefits are obvious. Some villages are talking about paying for the installation themselves but at a

great expense. It has become apparent that the railway line through Erlestoke has fibre broadband running along the track.

We have had to deal with a number of environmental issues, first the announcement that Fracking is being looked at in the Erlestoke Parish, we have received a letter from Wiltshire Council that a licence to explore for gas and oil has been released for tender. Our Clerk Anita will publish this and answer questions at this meeting. Secondly it has been noted that there is a reduction in the spring water that feeds the Erlestoke lakes, we are not sure if this water is being extracted or it is a strange once in a life time occurrence in Erlestoke.

Thirdly the eight hundred trees that are to be felled in Erlestoke woods was initially planned for January this year, but we have received no reason for the delay.

Due to the recent changes of contract at Wiltshire Highways the reporting system for highways issues has changed. All problems must be reported either via the Wiltshire council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk or via the My Wiltshire app. This option has been added to the Erlestoke website www.erlestoke.org. The website menu option also allows reporting of any issue within the Parish and direct to Wiltshire Council.

The “Clean for the Queen” proved very successful thanks to Justin Hunt-Davis for organising the litter pick on the 5th and 6th of March. Through Adrian Hampton Wiltshire Council provided litter pickers and high viz jackets. 7 people turned out to take part.

This year we approved a small rise of £0.13 per week per band D household to help with our Precept. I would like to thank all the Councillors and parishioners for their efforts throughout the year and a special thanks to our Clerk Anita Whittle and our Devizes Area Board Councillor Richard Gamble for the support and hard work they do for the village.

ERLESTOKE WALLED GARDEN



LONDON MOONWALK 2016

That's over for another year and I'm definitely not doing it again next year!

We arrived on Clapham Common and it was alive with 15,000 walkers in their brightly coloured decorated bras – men and women – and a steel band to get us in the “Carnival” mood. There were a lot of tutus, fairy lights, feathers and stripes. Some of the costumes were out of this world. The atmosphere was fabulous and although it was a chilly night for walking, it wasn't raining – hallelujah.

As we followed the course around The Capital through Saturday night and into Sunday morning all the popular landmarks looked stunning.

I have to admit that I didn't find the 26.4 miles any easier second time around but we did know what to expect. So, after just under 8½ hours, at 7am on Sunday morning with the sun out we crossed the finish line. I was tired, emotional and hurting but with slightly less blisters than last year.

Over the two years of doing the Moonwalk our little group has raised over £6000, which we are delighted with – thank you very much. The Walk the Walk charity splits the money we raise between research into beating Breast Cancer for good and also provides help for people who are going through it now.

So I thank everyone that has supported us, waved at us, tooted at us and sponsored us, from the bottom of my heart and promise twice is quite enough for me!

Kim x

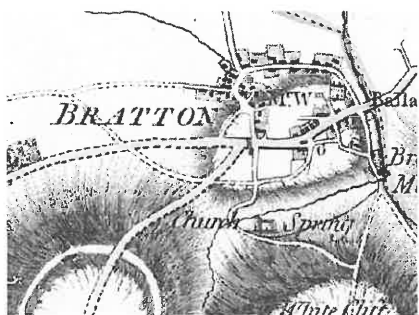
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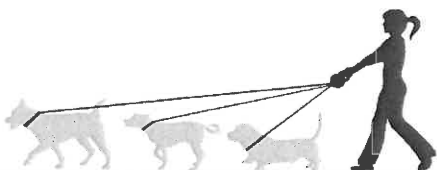
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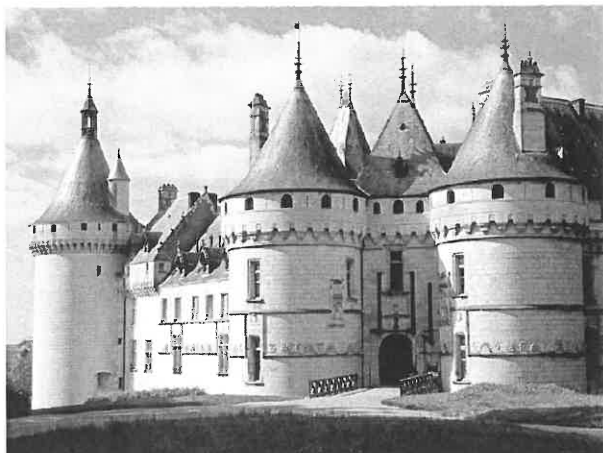
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The Jazz Appreciation Society (formerly the Jazz Record Appreciation Group) met on 25th May with two lambs to the slaughter. We had an enjoyable evening and, by the time you read this, there will have been another meeting on 29th June. The July date will be 27th so please, if you have any inclination to join us, do come along. We meet at about 7.30pm and finish in time for you to be at home watching the ten o'clock news. The Pentire, Church Lane, Bratton, BA13 4SL.

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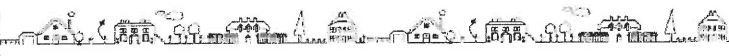
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EDINGTON FESTIVAL MUSICAL EVENING



Over the years, guests attending the popular Musical Evening held on the Wednesday of each Festival week, have quietly been raising funds for local village charities. What originally started as a picnic has now developed into a unique opportunity for patrons to have a wonderful supper – the puddings, provided by the ladies of Edington and the surrounding villages are renowned for their calorific content – interspersed with songs from the Festival singers who are able to show off their vocal talents in a relaxed and informal manner.

This year the Musical Evening will take place on Wednesday 24 August in a marquee on the Parish Field behind the Church (by kind permission of Edington Parish Council), 6:30 for 7pm. Tickets are priced at £23 and are available now from Hugh Hancock, Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, Wiltshire, BA14 6AX. Tel: 01225 754626 or email: musicalsupper@hancock-office.org. Cheques should be made payable to 'Edington Priory Church Music Evening' and please enclose a stamped addressed envelope. The Committee will endeavour to accommodate requests to sit with friends if this is communicated; similarly, please give notice of any disabled parking requirements when ordering tickets. ***The funds raised each year are channelled into various village charities and activities and, over the years, beneficiaries have included the Three Villages Minibus, the Parish Hall, the Priory Church's heating and running expenses and The News.***

New members and visitors are always welcome

Meetings every second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall

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Contact Meg McGlynn for further information 01380 830 755

If you had walked past Edington Parish Hall on the evening of Tuesday 14th June you would have heard a lovely sound coming from inside: it was Sian Penlington succeeding in encouraging us to sing with our natural voice. "Singing with the Natural Voice" is part of a nationwide organisation which promotes celebrating the voice you have been born with, rather than trying to train it to an ideal of perfection. Apparently there are no wrong notes, just different ones!

After going through a warm up by doing some breathing exercises with face pulling and making some strange sounds, Sian then split us into 3 groups and we were singing 3-part harmony in no time. We made a good sound and it was great fun.

Joan Gifford, who already sings in one of Sian's two choirs – one in Bradford on Avon and the other in Devizes – was, of course, the natural choice to give Sian our heartfelt thanks for such an entertaining evening.

Meg welcomed a visitor who is about to become a new member and she also thanked all those who made cakes and helped with the tea tent at the Fair. Special thanks to Tracy Miller for her show stopping "Olympic rings cakes" which were the centrepiece of the groaning cake table.

There are plenty of events on offer this summer ranging from a coach trip to Bucklers Hard to a Lace & Craft day and, in November, the Wiltshire Federation's first Dinner

and Dance, which is extremely good value for such an entertaining evening in prospect.

Our next meeting on 12 July, is our garden party starting at 7pm and then on 9th August we will hear about the "History of Knees Department Store" with Jonathan Knee. All are very welcome.





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Summer may have arrived by the time you read thiswe live in hope!

Certainly the roses are wonderful this year and some of our group went to Mottisfont Abbey near Romsey in June and saw the walled rose garden at the peak of perfection. If you haven't been yet, do make a note of it – the National Trust Abbey grounds are beautiful, and there is free transport around the estate for those with restricted mobility.

Also in June some of our members in Edington opened their gardens for the club; the sun came out just in time for everyone to enjoy a strawberry cream tea and whether the gardens were large or small, formal or cottage style, the dedication and care made them lovely to enjoy.

June was a busy month as we also enjoyed the Edington Village Fair. There really was fun for everyone and we were very pleased to be joint winners of the best decorated stall on this year's Olympic theme. The rain mainly stayed off for the crucial hours.....

Please do look at the village website for details about visits planned this Summer, including Sherborne Castle 13th July and Stourhead 4th August plus a visit to Poulshot wholesale nurseries on 6th September instead of our usual club meeting. Also check out details of the great speakers we have lined up.

Visitors are always made welcome at our meetings, which are usually the first Thursday in the month in the parish hall at 7.30pm Ring for details.

Remember to put our Flower & Produce Show date in your diary; 3rd September in Edington Parish Hall & Grounds at 2.30 pm.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

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NEWS FROM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY ACADEMY

Residential Trips

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End of term

As we rush towards the end of this school year, we are having a wonderful time with events such as our evening music concert, showcasing our outstanding young musicians, our French concert in which every child takes part in a French sketch or song, our Year 3/Year 4 performance of Shakespeare's *Midsummer Night's Dream*, our Sports day, the Year 6 Leavers' trip to the Cathedral, our School Eucharist celebrated by the Bishop in our school hall, afternoons in school for parents including the Year 6 Restaurant and our Grand Opening of the new Outdoor Classroom. Children are enjoying eating their lunch outside as a picnic in our beautiful school grounds, and having fun with lots of outdoor learning. So much going on at school!

Every day is an open day

We do not limit prospective parents or other visitors to a few open days in the year – if you would like to see our school and find out more about it please phone and make an appointment at any time. Lots of photos and information can be found on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk. Our phone number is 01380 813796.



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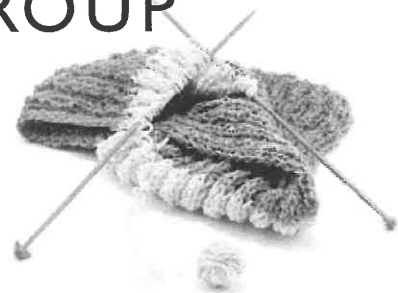
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SALISBURY PLAIN

July will be a very busy month on the Plain starting with the continuation of the **Field Training Unit Ex WESSEX STORM** training the Scots Dragoon Guards in their light cavalry role using the Army Weapons Effect Simulation system. During the remainder of the month fourteen armoured, armoured infantry and mechanised infantry sub-units will conduct low and intermediate level armoured manoeuvre training in a series of two 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 Ranges and Copehill Down village from 25 - 28 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 armoured self propelled 155mm guns, multi launch rocket systems and 105mm light guns will live fire on the Larkhill Ranges.

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. In dry weather conditions dust clouds may produce a hazard at these crossings.

Notice is given that the training areas in the Copehill Down and Bourne Valley (SPTA East) areas will be heavily used by tracked and wheeled armoured vehicles over this period and that recreational use of the Salisbury Plain military lands is to be restricted to public rights of way only as per the byelaws.

Use of Civilian Drones, UAVs and Model Aircrafts on SPTA

SPTA airspace is heavily used by military aircraft and UAVs and no unauthorised use of its airspace is to take place under any circumstances. Over the last three months we have encountered unauthorised flying by a paramotorist in the area between Shrewton and Tilshead, an individual flying a hang-glider over the impact area in the centre of Salisbury Plain and an individual flying his/her UAV in the area between Tilshead and Warminster; all three actions break the Salisbury Plain Military Byelaws 1981 and could have resulted in loss of life. Every effort is being made to ensure that these occurrences are not repeated in the future. Complaints/Enquiries should be made to 01980 620819.

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

Event	Open	Closed
Summer	1800hrs Fri 12 Aug 16	0800hrs Mon 5 Sep 16
Remembrance Sun	1800hrs Fri 11 Nov 16	0800hrs Mon 14 Nov 16

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
2. Dates may change if operational training needs dictate.

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Carbon monoxide readings for smokers are also available.

If you would like to chat with a Wiltshire Council health trainer prior to this date please contact:

Deb Griffin on 07810 75709 or Bev Salter on 07787 127400



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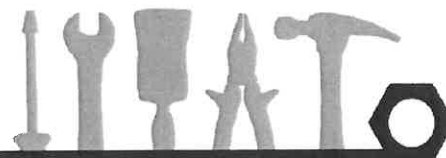
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- 08 G&J Trip to Pewsey, leaves Edinton PO 1pm
- 09 Ecclesia, Edington Priory evensong, 4pm
- 09 Sidmouth Street Festival Devizes
- 12 U3A, United reform church hall, Westbury, 2pm
- 16 Bratton Fete, Bratton Village Green, 1.30pm
- 20 Cream Teas for TVM, Ed Parish Hall, 3.15pm
- 27 Jazz Appreciation Society, Edington, 7.30pm
- 30 Sausage Sizzle, Erlestoke Village Green, 4.30pm

AUGUST


- Breakfasts, Bratton Jubilee Hall,
every Sat and Sun, 8.30–10am
- 06 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-midday
- 14 Macmillan Fete, White Horse Country Park
- 24 Edington Musical Evening with Supper, Parish
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SEPTEMBER

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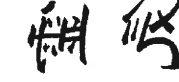
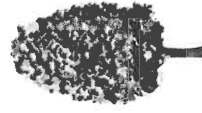
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