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# THE NEWS

THE COMMUNITY MAGAZINE FOR EDINGTON, ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON

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Excellent news this month — we have a willing volunteer to take over the treasurer's post at the News. Bryan Mulligan-Scaife has stepped up to the plate and after being retired from producing the magazine for many years in the past he is firmly back in the fold. Welcome Bryan, I know you will have some innovative ideas to increase our coffers and allow me to take the magazine to the next level.



Sad news that the pub in Erlestoke is up for sale and has applied for change of planning to make it a residential property. The Parish council has objected to this application and has submitted a comprehensive objection.

Lots of exciting events in March to keep you all occupied so enjoy and go to as many as you can, I certainly will. *Fiona*

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## CRIME REPORTS

From the 1st of January 2015 to the 31st of January 2015 there have been 6 recorded incidents in the rural south area of Devizes, which included the following:

Market Lavington	1 x criminal damage
West Lavington	1x criminal damage
Potterne	nothing reported
Great Cheverell	nothing reported
Little Cheverell	nothing reported
Worton	1 x Burglary
Erlestoke	nothing reported
Easterton	nothing reported
Urchfont	1 x theft and 2 x Burglary

Some of the other reports of note that we have received over this period refer to a white van selling generators and other tools. We have also had reports of a suspicious white van in and around the villages at or near to the time of the burglaries. It is possibly a 05 or 06 plate van. Please can you ask the local community to be vigilant and take details of any sightings of similar vehicles or for that fact any vehicle seen in suspicious circumstances. These details can then be passed via 101 or email.



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

Snapshots from the successful pancake supper held at Brounckers House on Shrove Tuesday



## Coulston Church Flowers

LENT – 18th February to 4th April

**EASTER DAY**, Sunday 5th April

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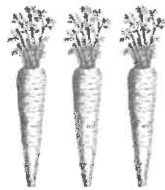
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Lent is an unusual time within the Christian year. Everyone knows about Christmas and Easter, and many people on the fringes of church life make their visits to church at these times: and they are very warmly-welcomed to their local churches and to all the fun activities going on. Indeed, as I travel from church to church at these major festivals, I am amazed at the number of people that go to church. The Church of England is a real and vibrant presence in each of our local communities, and very much at the centre of village life: it's the sort of coverage and percentage market share that large supermarkets would die for!

However, it's not always like that, and congregations can be much smaller at other times (although I am in the privileged position of travelling between many services in a day, and so see that lots of smaller congregations do still add up significantly across the local area). In all honesty, people don't relate to Lent in the same way as they do to Easter and Christmas, which are entirely joyful. Lent is more complex: it is subtle, it is an acquired taste – and there are some overtones from history that still need dealing with in the modern age.

Historically, Lent has been a time in the church year where people who like doom and gloom could really roll around in it. Jesus warned us against this type of attitude and about making sacrifices for the show of it all. There is also a danger that psychologically-susceptible people may be unnecessarily harsh in their judgements of themselves: perhaps the question to ask, in restoring balance, is what would the all-forgiving Jesus ask of you, as opposed to what you demand of yourself? Actually then, in modern good practise, Lent is a time of self-examination and deep reflection- but it always needs to be kept in balance, and within a loving context, that encourages personal growth, and does not dwell unnecessarily on the negative.

Sacrifices and 'giving things up for Lent' are still undertaken by many churchgoers, and I don't want to stop this: but these days, people are far tighter about why they are doing it. Sacrifice without purpose benefits nobody. The idea of 'giving things up for Lent' is to do with acknowledging a distraction or a source of focus in your life which competes with a focus on God, or a focus on something which you have identified as being unhelpful in a balanced life. Actually identifying the area which you're not happy about does take some time and prayerful reflection, and is half the battle: automatically going for a ban on chocolate biscuits might not always be the best option, if you have really dug deep!

So Lent is a complex thing: difficult to do well, and demanding – but well worth it!

God bless you all.

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

MARCH 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> March Second Sunday of Lent	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY SERVICE: FAIR TRADE THEME	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> March Third Sunday of	18.00 SING PRAISE(JC/IH)	18.30 EVENSONG	09.30 BENEFICE COMMUNION SERVICE (Displaced by Palm Sunday) – with Revd James Campbell	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> March Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY-FRIENDLY MOTHERING SUNDAY SERVICE	09.30 FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNION FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY (CW)	15.30 FAMILY-FRIENDLY SERVICE FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY	11.00 FAMILY-FRIENDLY COMMUNION FOR MOTHERING SUNDAY (CW)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March Fifth Sunday of Lent	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> March PALM SUNDAY	09.30 PILGRIMAGE COMMENCEMENT SERVICE – Outside BCI	10.45 PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION TO CHURCH (FROM PARISH HALL) 11.00 EUCHARIST FOR PALM SUNDAY	16.30 EVENSONG FOR PALM SUNDAY FOLLOWED BY PILGRIMS' TEA	15.00 PALM SUNDAY SERVICE
HOLY WEEK SERVICES	1/4/15: 7.30 PM COMPLINE WITH SPECIAL REFLECTION 2/4/15 7.30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY FELLOWSHIP MEAL & SPECIAL REFLECTION FOR HOLY WEEK (BCI)	30/3/15 7.30 PM COMPLINE WITH SPECIAL REFLECTION 2/4/15 7.30PM MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST WITH FOOTWASHING & VIGIL		31/3/15 7.30 PM COMPLINE WITH SPECIAL REFLECTION

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS

**Church 4 All (A joint Messy Church-type initiative with local Baptists):** Bratton Church Institute 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3.30-5.30pm (includes meal –all free, but donations gratefully received if you wish to do so): **NB children must be looked after by a responsible adult.**

**Benefice Lent Course: 6.00-7.30pm Wednesdays:** 4/3 Coulston Village Hall, 11/3 Erlestoke Church, 18/3 Edington Parish Hall

**Lent Lunches:** please see fliers for locations



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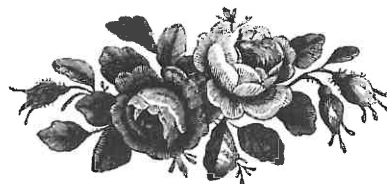
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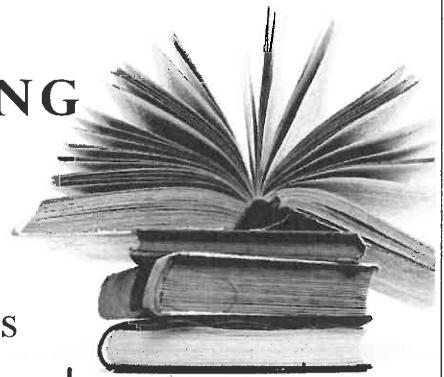
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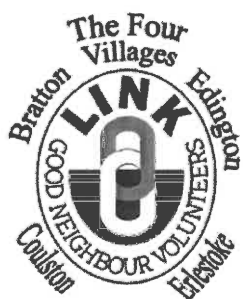
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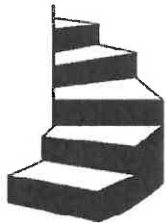


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TVM's AGM and tea will be held on Wednesday March 25th at 3pm in Edington Parish Hall.



### HOW I CURRENTLY JUSTIFY THE CONSUMPTION OF A BOX OF JAFFA CAKES!

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We all have our own reasons for signing up - to get fit, for a good cause, a narrow escape, not such a narrow escape or just to get out of the house for training just as the kids start to kick off in the evening! So if you see a lonely walker with a head torch and no dog, or a group of gabbling female walkers plodding – sorry speed walking around the local lanes please don't think that we are damsels in distress. There's no need to stop and offer assistance (but thank you anyway) – just drive on by and toot and wave.

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Thank you for your support and patience. *Kim Johnson*

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Under 14's summary:

A few games off because of weather and pitch conditions, scores disappointing, but good displays despite scores.



Looking for additional players for rest of this season and looking ahead to next season. If interested then contact Neil (Coach) 01380 818193.

This international touring side are currently planning their German Summer Tour, with various fund raising events, for which we look forward to your support:



**Sunday 15th February** – Sponsored 100Km relay run at Devizes Leisure Centre – all players, coaches and some parents all contributing to completing the distance.

**Saturday 28th February** – Bag Packing at Asda - Melksham

**Friday 13th March** – Fundraising Ball, £22.50 including 2 course supper. If interested then contact Neil.

**Saturday 28th March** – Bag Packing at Morrisons - Devizes

**Saturday 4th April** – A 54 hole sponsored event at Erlestoke by the team coach, with funds being split between the football tour and Devizes Opportunity Centre (Caps Charity for 2015).



At the younger ages of the Club, the Under 7's and Reception Year continue with their indoor training at Lavington School Sports Hall on Fridays from 5pm. If you want a 'taster' session, please come along or contact Mark on 01380 813 160 – new players always welcome.

The Under 10's despite being equal at half-time in a hotly contested match at Home against Frome Town, were narrowly outdone in the second half with a header which was just out of reach. Again, for both the Under 10s' and Under 9s – we still need more players for the team – please contact Jason on 07590 427 999 (*Both Boys and Girls welcome*)

*Steve Dagnall 01380-727 976*



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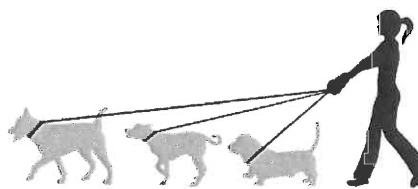
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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

A large number of members gathered at the Westbury and District U3A February meeting to hear Keith Harvey, Westbury Town Clerk describe his role. Keith started by telling us, briefly, how he came to the position. Having lived in Westbury from childhood he worked for local construction companies after leaving school, firstly in finance then administration and finally personnel. This involved a considerable amount of travel not just within the United Kingdom but as far afield as South Africa. Eventually he decided to leave and have a “gap year”, after which he successfully applied for the post of Westbury Town Clerk. Keith did remark that there was no handover, the previous clerk left on a Friday, he then started on the following Monday. As he put it, an adventure into the unknown! Keith then took us through the intricacies of local government and the role of Westbury Town Council as opposed to that of Wiltshire Council. He also showed us photographs of some of the highlights of Westbury life over the last five years since he became Town Clerk, a position he has made entirely his own. I for one certainly learnt a lot.

Next month the fascinating secrets of handwriting will be revealed. Do join us on March 10th at the United Reformed Church Hall at 1.45pm.

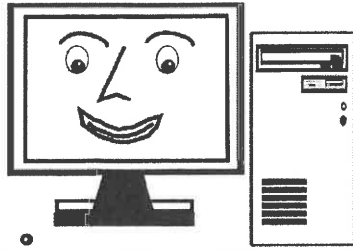
## ICE BY ELEANOR (AGED 10)

I wake to hear the quiet pat of falling snow. With legs like jelly, I go over to my window and pull back the tightly closed curtains to reveal a world where the fashion craze is Ice. Suddenly, my head is as clear as the icicles that guard my frosted window. In record time, I



pull on my warmest clothes and furry leather boots, before ice diving into a world that used to be my back garden. I head to the small lake at the bottom of our field, only to find that it has gone. I take a step forward and hear the heart-stopping CRACK of breaking ice. I realise that I am already on it, or should I say in it.....

Got one of these? Want one of these?

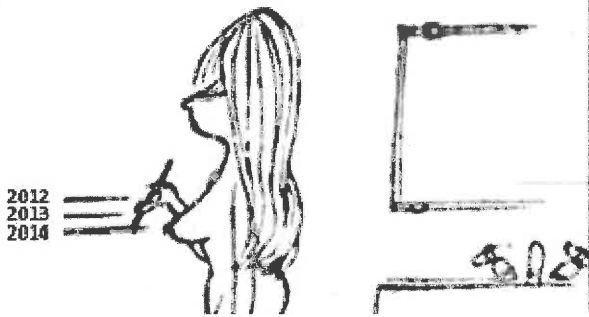


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## COOKING AND HEALTHY LIVING

Mrs Heath, a member of our staff for over 25 years, plans for, prepares and runs the very popular cooking programme as part of the school curriculum. Each child takes part in a short course of cooking lessons, in which they will learn to prepare a three course meal, using healthy, low fat and low sugar fresh ingredients. Within this programme they will also learn about important food groups, the impact of healthy eating on their bodies, and hygiene. It is lovely to see them sitting together at the end of the afternoon, on a beautifully set table, eating the delicious meals that they have prepared.



## PE FUNDING

We have been very grateful for the PE funding that has been given to schools for the past two years. It has enabled us to buy in expert coaches who teach our classes once a week and improve our teachers' skills at the same time. We have also been able to upgrade our very old and inadequate stock of PE equipment, so that when the funding dries up, we shall be able to continue the great work of providing our children with high quality PE every week.

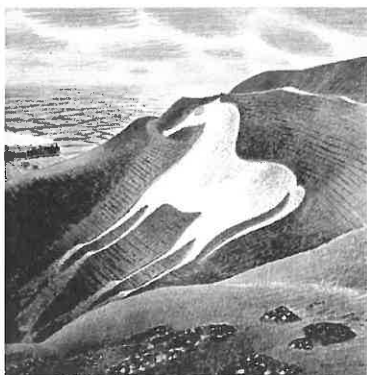
## SNOW

We are still hoping for snow! When it snows, we allow our children to go out and have longer playtimes than usual. They can sledge down the hill, build snow models and enjoy an event that is rare in our part of the country.

Please visit our website and see some photos, read our news and find out more about our school at [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk)

## A Message from Richard Gamble

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division



It may still be winter for a few weeks yet, but spring is on its way. The days are getting longer, the snowdrops are out and when the sun shines, it is just about possible to feel a little warmth.

The economy is rather like that. Slowly, the gloom of the worst recession since the war is beginning to lift. On the most recent data, for example, only 2.0% of 18 to 24 year olds in Wiltshire were on Job Seekers Allowance, and the proportion is steadily falling. Just 1.1% of 16 year olds were not in education, employment or training. That amounts to a mere 53 individuals, all of whom have access to support to help them find their feet and to plan for the future.

From another angle, there is a burst of new business formation. At the last count, 2,825 businesses in Wiltshire were under 2 years old. Starting a new business can be tough so if you know someone locally who has set up a new enterprise, I urge you to give them your support and your custom. The whole local economy will benefit from their success.

Of course, a growing economy poses some challenges. The construction industry has been one of the first sectors to feel the upturn and, to most of us, that must be a good thing. However, having regard to the “education” part of my portfolio responsibilities (the others are “skills” and “youth”), the result has been that bids for school building contracts are coming in rather higher than I would wish. I am delighted, therefore, that government has agreed to increase the amount of capital available to Wiltshire for “basic need” (i.e. new school places) to nearly £16 million in 2017/18 (up from £5.4m in 15/16 and £5.7m in 16/17).

Not everything in the economic garden is rosy, of course, and there may be storms still to come. But there are unmistakable signs that we are past the worst.

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

“BY ALL MEANS MARRY. IF YOU GET A GOOD WIFE YOU WILL  
BECOME HAPPY – IF YOU GET A BAD ONE YOU WILL BECOME A  
PHILOSOPHER.” *Socrates*

## EDINGTON HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

Last year your Parish Council conducted a Housing Needs Survey in order to inform the development of a new village plan for the years ahead.

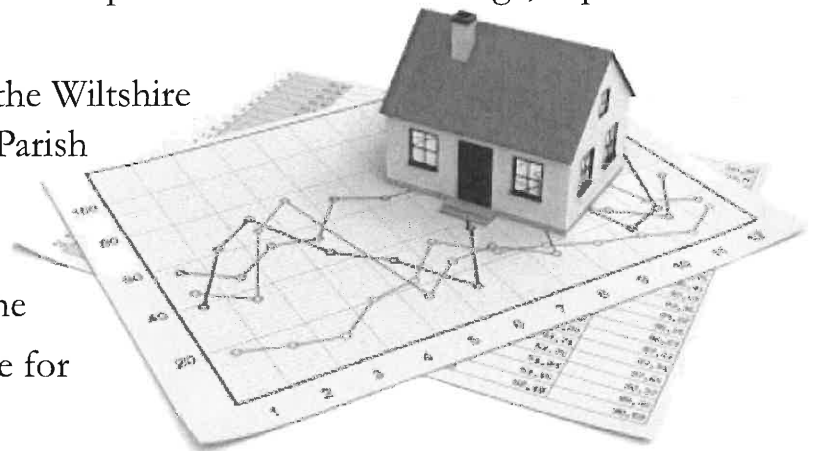
The response rate of 47% was really good for a survey of this nature and has given your Parish Council sufficient information to develop plans for the future. The survey includes parts of Bratton, including Bonnie Park, which lie within the Edington Parish boundaries. The main outcomes of the survey are:

- 1) The village comprises 92% of owner occupiers, with 4% socially rented and 2% rented from a landlord ( figures are approximations);
- 2) 75% of the population have lived in the village in excess of 10 years. The age group is largely in the 45 + age group;
- 3) 75% of the respondents are in favour of new homes in the village, with 58% supporting new starter homes for the young and a significant number in favour of social rented accommodation. There is no perceived demand for large, expensive developments.

The full survey results are available on the Wiltshire Council web-site and on the Edington Parish web-site.

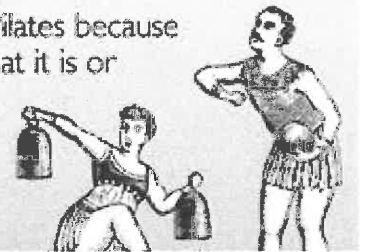
Thank you to all those who took the time to complete the survey and help the Parish Council in formulating the future for your village.

*Eric Mitchell, Chair, Edington Parish Council*



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Spring is an excellent reminder that I was supposed to get in shape before spring.





## Jane Taylor – BBC Radio 2 favourite

### A Special Spring Concert Saturday 21st March



**Bratton Village Hall 7.30pm Doors. Starts 8 – 10pm**

Fresh from appearing on the Clare Balding Show and recording a session at BBC Maida Vale Studios, after opening for Jools Holland & winning 'Best Album' at the Independent Music Awards, Jane Taylor and her band are coming to Bratton to perform a special Spring concert as part of their UK Rural Tour. Expect a little magic, a lot of warmth, gypsy jazz mixed with classical, blues, gospel, Spanish guitar and something quintessentially English. This is a unique opportunity to catch an intimate performance with an award winning, critically acclaimed artist, right on your doorstep! Tickets £10 from [www.janetaylor.co.uk/tickets](http://www.janetaylor.co.uk/tickets) or Tel: 07855 135 233

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Tickets are £22/17/12, with 18 and under FREE but if you book in advance through , or by phone from 871549 or 831256, they will be £20/15/10. Offer ends March 31st.

The Governing Body of Bratton School currently has **vacancies for**

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## News from your Wiltshire Councillor Jerry Wickham

At the time of writing this article, as Councillors in Wiltshire, we are engaged in the discussions on producing a balanced budget for 2015/16. The grant we receive from central government has reduced by £15m and with other needs, such as the first pay rise for our staff for a number of years and other areas of demand going up, has meant that we have to find a total of £30m in savings. This is being achieved but we are insisting that we will continue to protect the elderly, young and vulnerable in our communities. We are also determined to once again freeze the Council Tax, since by raising it affects everyone. This will be the sixth year in succession of a freeze and during this time the average householder has saved £780.

Difficult decisions have to be made and we are therefore going to charge for the collection of green waste and I fully appreciate that very many residents responded recently to a survey on this very subject. The result of this was that most people chose for a 3 month suspension in recognition of the need to save money. However, due to the lower level of grant to the Council, charging for green waste will result in higher levels of savings. We are genuinely sorry about this but it is also felt that this is fairer option, since it allows people to chose to pay a yearly charge of £40, (£1.60 per collection) whereas raising the Council Tax affects everyone, whether they have a garden or not.

Locally, the Westbury Area Board has recently met and in recognition of the area's homes putting out high levels of household waste, before any recycling, has launched an initiative involving schools, to raise awareness with a view of reducing what we throw out. It has been some while since we last had a publicity drive on this but I hope that we can build further upon this over the next year at village events.

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 70 1617.

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words I spoke out of  
hunger.





## STEEPLE ROCKS

Following the great success of last November's musical evening in conjunction with Opus One Big Band in St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, we would like to announce a further concert on Friday May 1st in Warminster Civic Centre. This joint event will be in aid of the charity Help For Heroes and we hope to see as many local people there as possible. Details of how to buy tickets etc will be on our website [steeplerockschoir.weebly.com](http://steeplerockschoir.weebly.com) and in next month's magazine. Tickets will be £10.

*Adrienne Hale*



## ADVANCED NOTICE

**Edington Fair** will take place on **6 JUNE 2015**,  
the theme this year is **Circus**.

Ideas and offers of help welcome. **Liz Pike 830684**



## EARLY WARNING!

### ROSSANO SPORTIELLO

By popular request Maggie Atterbury will present this talented jazz pianist, resident in New York, at Edington Priory Church on Friday 1st May 2015 commencing at 7.30pm.

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## EDINGTON CHURCH: EASTER LILIES

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## LUNCH CLUBS FOR MARCH



*Duke Pub Lunch Club, Bratton*

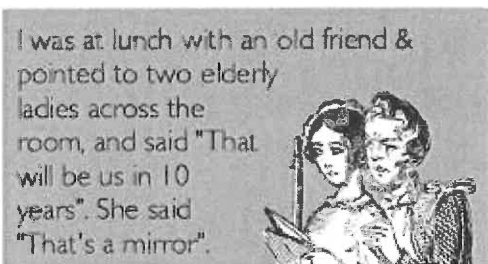
**9 March 12.30 for 1pm**

Please contact Lise on the number above to order and book your place.

The lunch club is open to anyone – main courses £7.50. A good opportunity to meet up with people over a home cooked meal. Thanks again to Lyn and the team for making us so welcome.

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Note: For those of you that may not be aware, the Erlestoke lunch club that previously met in the George & Dragon every 3rd Wednesday of the month has now re-located to the Churchill Arms in West Lavington.



I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed to two elderly ladies across the room, and said "That will be us in 10 years". She said "That's a mirror".



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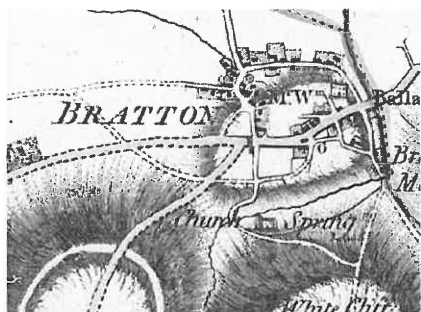
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Tea/coffee for parents is available and also a

healthy snack and activity for the children. **Where:** Edington Parish Hall.

**When:** Every Thursday 10-12pm (closed during school holidays)

In January and February the children enjoyed creating and painting inflated paper fish and making their own pop up cards. Much fun was also had reading stories and singing along as usual with the "Mini Beatles" group.

The Under 5s mums have had a clear out of older, unusable toys this month, so if anyone has any unwanted toys, books or ride ons that they would be prepared to donate to the group, this would be very much appreciated.

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We would like to say huge congratulations to Kelly Rose on the birth of baby Halle and to Lynne Redman on the birth of baby George. We look forward to Halle and George joining their siblings, Charlie and Katie, at Under 5s!

We would also like to send belated Happy Birthday wishes to Teddy who was 4 in February and to Zara who was 3.



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## GOOD NEIGHBOURS

### NEWS FROM YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR CO-ORDINATOR

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*Lise Griffiths (Edington, Coulston and Bratton) 07541 353 401 or westburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk. Alex North, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages. M: 07557 922 027*

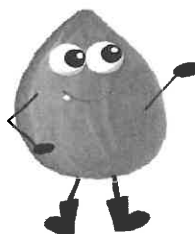
With the arrival of March and the lighter evenings, it is useful to be aware of the simple steps that can be taken to avoid being the victim of a rogue trader or bogus caller.

Wiltshire Council's Consumer advice for senior customers recommends the following:

- Have a door security chain and always use it when opening the door
- Don't let any caller into your home if you are unsure of his or her identity
- Don't take identification at face value – if you are not expecting the caller don't let him/her in
- Don't worry if it seems rude – any legitimate caller will understand your concerns

There seems to have been an increase in unwanted phone calls recently – we have leaflets and information which can help to reduce this problem. Contact me for more details about this or any other information on issues affecting older people in our villages.

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## NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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## OR WHAT DO THOSE INSPIRING WOMEN GET UP TO EVERY MONTH?

A welcoming glass of wine/juice greeted all at our annual meeting on 10th February.

**Our skittles team** are doing quite well, winning more than we are losing at least.

The financial report was good as we have had successful events this year as well as raising money for the WI charity ACWW (Associated Country Women of the World) and for the 3 villages minibus.

The committee report highlighted many things over the past year including:

**A visit to Stonehenge;** to a cider distillery to support people in the Somerset Levels – well a cider distillery is as good a place as any to visit in Somerset! **Listening to Adam Henson of Countryfile** extol the virtues of rare breed animals;

**Recipes on the village website;**

**Walking with Bratton WI members** to raise funds for ACWW;

**Dancing with Dee dee Wilde of Pans People;**

**Having a cookery demo at the 3 Daggers;**

**Learning how to stay safe on the internet...and attending a carol concert** in Devizes amongst many more activities.

We are a much smaller WI now with an age range from 30+ to 90+ and there is always something to interest all. two of the committee, Lynne and Anne stepped down this year, and two joined, Liz and Sandra. Helen was voted in as President for a 3rd year in this role.

We finished the evening with chat and a quiz including...

**Which year did food rationing end?**

**Who wrote 'Fifty shades of Grey'?**

**Which number is opposite 3 on a dice?** We do have challenging tasks ...really! The programme for 2015/16 will be available on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm in Edington Parish Hall when we will look at the stars with astronomers from Frome.

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## JUBILEE HALL BRATTON EVENTS

Notes for your diary:

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

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

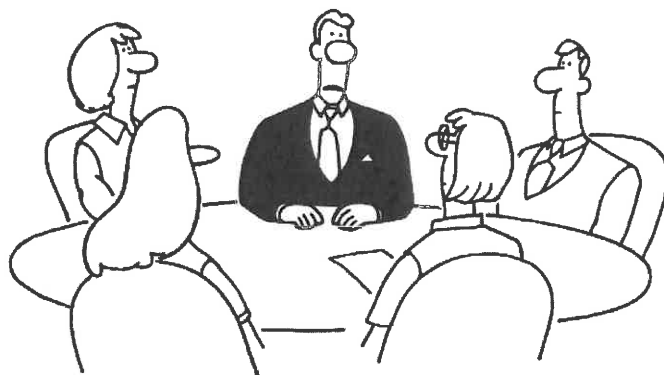
**The Village Fete** will be held on Saturday 25th July 2015.

**WANTED DESPERATELY** needed fresh blood with new ideas to help form the future committee.

The **A.G.M. of the Jubilee Hall** will be held on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.30pm followed by Cheese and Wine.

The hall belongs to the village and originally a representative of all organisations stood on the committee to ensure the ongoing management of the hall and interests of the village.

The present size committee cannot run and put on the various activities needed to support the hall.



"Whew! That was close!  
We almost decided something!"

## Edington Parish Council News

**B3980** The county council have given notice of plans to do extensive repairs to the B3980 this summer from Westbury to Lavington.

**Speedwatch.** We are looking for volunteers to join our small band that help keep speeding through the village down please contact our co-ordinator on 831 029 if you can spare a little time. It's not too onerous as we share speeding devices with other villages in the area. Full training given, high visibility jackets provided.

**Litter pick, 21 March 9.30am** Church Car Park. Volunteers needed. Come and help keep our lovely village tidy. The more of us that turn up the easier it is to cover the village. Grab sticks bags and high visibility jackets provided. See you there.

**Annual Parish Council Meeting, 20 April** Advance warning for you to put it in your diaries. More information next month.

**Dog Owners** With Spring around the corner, the cows will soon be out in the fields again. Please pick up your dog poo. Cows would prefer not to have their dinner polluted.

**Planning** Various tree works to The Filberts, 5 Lower Road.

**Next Parish Council Meeting, 9 March** Parish Hall. All meetings open to the public.

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## Edington Parish Hall

**Edington Parish Hall Quiz** on Saturday 28th March – 7 for 7.30p.m  
£25 per table of four to include supper – byo drink.  
Book tables with Pauline at Post Office 01380 830 013.

**Bratton Silver Band concert at Edington Priory Church**  
Saturday 16th May 4pm to include tea  
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and Rachel 01380 831227



## EDINGTON &amp; DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM



On 5th February we were treated to the marvellous knowledge and excellent tips of Richard Cripps, garden and estates consultant.

Although the intention was really to focus on the basics of vegetable growing, Richard provided a wealth of information about getting the best from your garden whatever you grow.

He began with some myth-busting and good tips – seeds don't need light to germinate, an easy method to sow seeds, and using left over brassica seed to grow tasty and nutritious micro leaves – the ones that cost a fortune in specialist shops and restaurants!

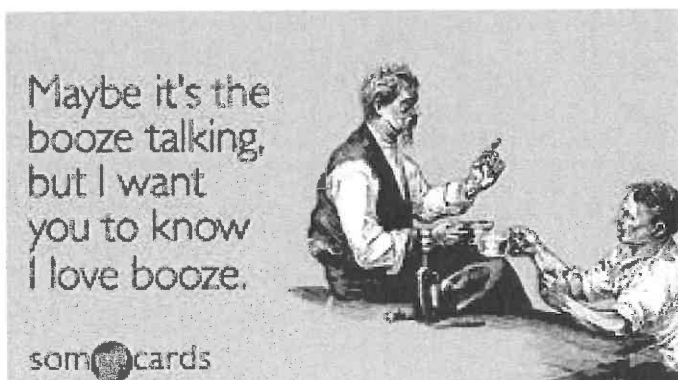
We were also treated to some excellent tips about 'good housekeeping for healthy plants'... digging and manuring, recognising pests and diseases and crop rotation.

We learnt how to know our soil, how to best use the warmer spots in our gardens and how to plan for a succession of plants rather than one huge glut!

Finally Richard encouraged us to try new varieties as well as the old favourites he showed us in his vintage seed catalogues. He reassured us that more things will go right than wrong, since given water and half-decent weather the seeds will grow and thrive. We are keen to try out his tips so that we have bumper crops for the plant and produce show this year!

Our next speaker is on 5th March, when John Tucker will give us some tips on pruning and caring for shrubs. We meet at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall and visitors are always made welcome.

*Sandie Lewis*







## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

### MARCH

- 01 Erlestoke Golf Club Carvery
- 05 Edington Gardening Club, Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 07 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am
- 09 Lunch Club, The Duke Bratton, 12.30pm
- 10 U3A meeting, United Reform Church, Westbury, 1.45pm
- 10 WI, Edington Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Badgers Fund Raising Ball, *see page 15*
- 15 Erlestoke Golf Club Mothering Sunday Lunch
- 15 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 15 Edington Farm Shop Mothers Day free gift
- 18 Lunch for TVM, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30
- 18 Lunch Club, The Churchill Arms, West Lavington, 12.30
- 19 Dauntsey's Spring Concert, Dauntsey's School, 7.30pm
- 21 Jenny Taylor Concert, Bratton Village Hall, 7.30pm
- 27 G and J Trip to Butterfly Farm, Leave Edington PO 11am
- 28 Children's Easter Workshop, Erlestoke Church, 10am – midday
- 28 Quiz, Edington Parish Hall, 7pm

### APRIL

- 10 Edington Arts, Priory Church, 7.30pm
- 18 Concert, St Johns Church, Devizes, 7.30pm

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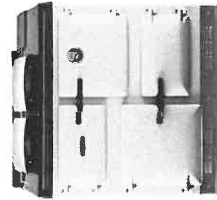
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