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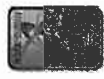
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MAY 2014



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'THE NEWS'

May 2014

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The anniversary of WW1 has been highlighted by the media in spades this year and we thought that it would be interesting to recount the unsung heroes many families had from that era.

One such story is on page 24 and is a relative of an Edington resident. We'd love to showcase more stories for relatives from WW1 so please if you have someone you knew who served, please share with us for our next 2 issues. You don't have to write anything as I will come and record your story and put it in words for you but pictures would be much appreciated.

It's plant sale and fair time - the next one in Erlestoke Church on the 10th so if you want to stock up with rare and reasonably priced plants get down there and have some of Helens' lovely cake as well - you know you want to!

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This year was quiet compared to most but will still have some ongoing issues that we have not finalised yet. We welcomed Simon West on to the council and still have one vacancy to fill so if you are interested please speak to Anita tonight.

We have had a number of meetings with the prison management relaying the village points and feeding back developments at the prison. A recent change is the new Police hub that has been installed just like a mini police station to be a visible presence to visitors and anybody outside the prison.

The B3098 continues to have issues that we are not happy with. We are still working on a safe crossing for school children at the bus stop. A number of things have been done from speed recording using the police metro count system; we are waiting for the full analysis from the recent study. We have installed our own speed warning sign as you enter the village from Lavington, and highlighting the issue to the Unitary Council in Devizes. We are looking into the parking outside the Aster housing bungalows, clearly to deepen the small layby is a main objective but it transpires that this is a private layby and we are still working on this issue.

This year we were told that the government would be reducing the funding for all parish councils this would have a financial effect on Erlestoke. At this point in time the government has no control on the amount the parish sets as a precept and a decision was taken to increase the precept up to the amount we would lose from a reduced government funding. This amounted to an increase of 5% for Erlestoke.

The installation of a new SSE Sub Station for the village has again been delayed. In fact we find it difficult to get any answer on the future plans for power supply for the village. We were told that the recession put things on hold, but now things seem to be improving we are expecting to rekindle this project.

This year we were given funding from the Unitary Council to purchase and install fencing in the Secret Garden specifically to fence off the MOD land adjacent to the Secret Garden which was demarked with a barb wire boundary. The funding covered the purchase of the material but not the cost for installation. We organised work parties throughout the year to install the fence. We have installed the fence in position but still need to finish off the work and will be organising one more work day for this. If anybody would like to help please let us know.

Some years ago the Erlestoke House gates were removed by the MOD and taken to another location, we have tracked down where these are and are now looking at retrieving these for the village.

There are a number of blocked drains along the High Street three at the Westbury end, three by the George and Dragon and the drain by the Water House Spring, is overflowing onto the road. These are planned to be cleaned on Wednesday 30th April. To do this traffic control will be used and we ask residents to park in the village car park throughout the day.

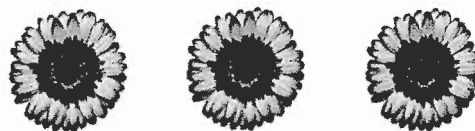
Throughout the year we attended the Area Board meeting in Devizes and reported back changes and information relevant to Erlestoke and Devizes. An ongoing project from Wiltshire Council and the Coalition Government is for Parish Councils to

participate in the Neighbourhood Plan for the Devizes Area. The Neighbourhood Plan is part of the Wiltshire Core Strategy for economy and regeneration of Wiltshire.

There is a cost to generating this plan in terms of time spent working on the project and publishing the overall document. Most towns and some villages have been working to complete their Neighbourhood plans typically taking up to three years to complete. Typical detail required is: About the area, Housing, Local Road Network, Transport, Education, Leisure and Wellbeing. Up to now Erlestoke council has chosen not to participate in the plan. The plan requires structured consultation with residents and analysis of data collected. As we are a small village we deemed this unnecessary, although we are still looking at this. We have a copy of the Devizes Neighbourhood plan for anybody who is interested to read. We meet every six weeks, and now the meetings last about two hours, importantly you find out what's is going on in the village. Don't forget to use the web site Erlestoke.org to look at village news and council minutes.

To register to be a Councillor you complete a simple form; you can get this from our Clerk Anita or your local Council Office. 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.

Stan Jonik - Chairman Erlestoke Parish Council



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ERLESTOKE CHURCH EVENTS

Book swap and coffee morning

Saturday 3rd May, 10am-12.30pm

Plant Sale at the Church on Saturday

May 10th At 2pm

Julian of Norwich

I hope that you all enjoyed the celebrations that surrounded Easter, and that any time off you may have had was refreshing. In a way, I want to talk about spiritual refreshment today. With interest in "Julian Groups" so strong throughout the land, I thought it would be good to find out more.

So who was Julian of Norwich, and what is a Julian Group?

It's a little difficult to explain about Julian, because there is so much that we don't know. 'Julian' is a male name, yet Julian of Norwich was quite definitely female – she was possibly a wife and mother, according to some sources, until the Black Death claimed the rest of her family, when she became what is known as an ' anchoress ' (a hermit, but with a *fixed* place of residence). The place where she lived as an anchoress was St Julian's Church in Norwich, hence the name by which she is known. It was her role to pray, to contemplate, and to worship God, all through the day, from between 3-5am in the morning until bedtime in the evening. She was unable to go anywhere else, but people could come to her at certain times of day, and speak to her through a window, to gain spiritual advice. She is possibly one of the first recorded English authoresses, with her **Revelations of Divine Love** becoming increasingly popular to a wide audience these days. Part of the reason for the success of the book is that it communicates in simple, vernacular language, and partly because it uses very dramatic imagery – the 14th century and our century of film and internet images share a graphic quality. People often say her work has a 'cinematic' feel to it. But it is what she wrote about, rather than how she conveyed it, which is most important. Her theme is the **Love of God**. Julian wrote about a series of visions she received on the love and compassion of Christ during a severe, almost lethal, illness she had at the age of 30, which she wrote-up following her recovery. Julian then reflected further on these for 15 years, before producing a longer text, which shows her growth in spiritual maturity. On sin, for example, Julian talks of Christians being angry with themselves, but of God changing this into peace and gentleness. Whereas the church of that century saw the Black Death as being a judgement, Julian wonders out loud if this is compatible with a *loving* God. And when there is conflict, she asks us to dig down beyond what we can see at the surface and to realise that, truly, "All will be well".

A Julian Group runs in this Benefice on the last Wednesday of each month at 8pm. It looks at Julian's writings in a contemplative, prayerful way. Come and find out more!

God bless you all.

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

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – MAY 2014

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
4 th May Third Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP HOLY BAPTISM	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
11 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	09.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
18 th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) (MJ) 11.00 THANKSIVING SERVICE (Non-Eucharistic) AT THE B.C.I.	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
25 th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	

NOTICES

Plant Sale – Bratton 17 May

Missouri State Chorale – Edington Priory Church – 24 May

Ascension Day Service – Edington Priory Church – 7am on 29 May

Public Morning & Evening Prayer

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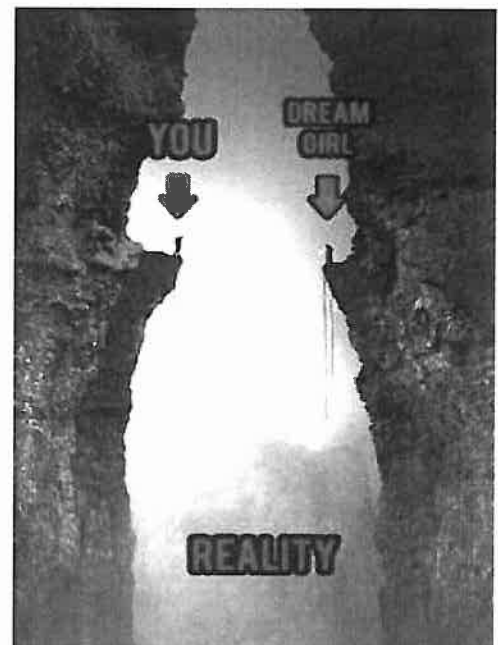
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Edington Parish Hall News



Our recent evening with Vocalese raised an amazing £597 for the upkeep of the Parish Hall. It was a really good evening enjoyed by all.

At our AGM it was time to say goodbye to three people who will be sadly missed by the Parish Hall Committee. Stella Callaway, our chair, Vera Tyler a committee member for 20 years and Edward Callaway who has made a major contribution to the hall's maintenance. These three have put many hours into serving our community by taking great care of the Parish Hall, being ready to organise or help out at events and attending committee meetings. The first time Stella came to the hall she was four! We want to say a big thank you and that they will all be greatly missed.



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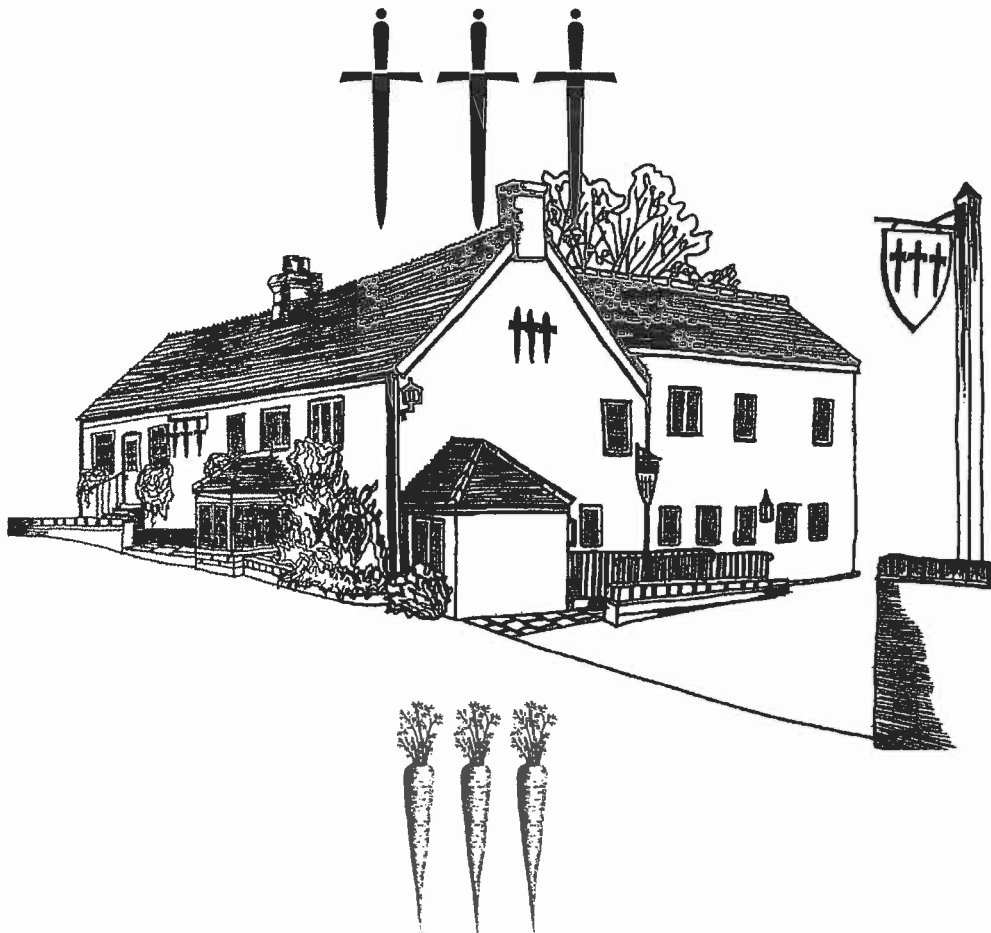


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The Choir Festival is a new venture which draws the four churches of the Benefice together. Singers from Bratton, Edington and Coulston will provide a varied programme of music which leads us through the church year. It includes classical highlights by Handel and Fauré, anthems from many periods down the centuries from Purcell and Telemann to composers of our own time. Note the date – 15th June and come to Erlestoke church and enjoy the evening with us

“A good part, and definitely the most fun part, of being a feminist is about frightening men.”

Julie Birchill
quoted in the Daily Mail

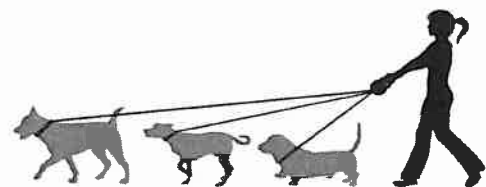


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ERLESTOKE BOOK SWAP & DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

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If you would like help just call us on 07852-256939 between 9am – 6pm Monday to Friday and one of our duty coordinators will log your request and find a volunteer to help you. All calls are charged at mobile rates. Responding to requests can be demanding so it helps to receive plenty of notice when being asked to organise assistance, ideally not less than 48 hours in advance.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Four Villages Link AGM will be held on Monday 12 May at 2:30pm, at Edington Parish Hall. This is a great opportunity to learn more about how the scheme has worked over the last year and we will also need to elect a permanent committee, as we have been operating with an interim one since last November.

We are still very keen to appoint new Committee members, so if you think you would be interested, please contact Lise Griffiths (Acting Chair) on 01380 830611 for more information. Being on the Committee involves attending meetings for a couple of hours once a quarter, and assisting with the smooth running of the scheme, perhaps by representing the Link at a village event, or helping behind the scenes with record keeping.

Perhaps you might consider helping our scheme in another way by becoming a volunteer - you can offer as much or as little time as you like, at a time to suit you. It is a great way to meet new people and become more involved in the community, as well as providing an important service to those in our four villages who might need a helping hand from time to time. Just come along to the AGM to find out more about how you can help your neighbours. Registered Charity No: 1064923

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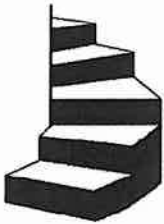
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All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door.

The G&J trip will return to its summer slot, leaving Edington **1pm**.

It will go to Stockbridge on **Friday May 16** and return at about 5pm.

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.

"The greatest danger for most of us
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Michelangelo



HILLY 11K RUN

10 May 2014

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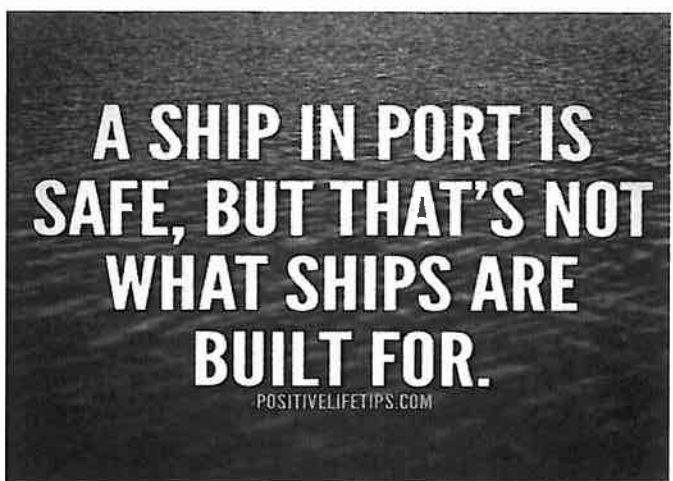
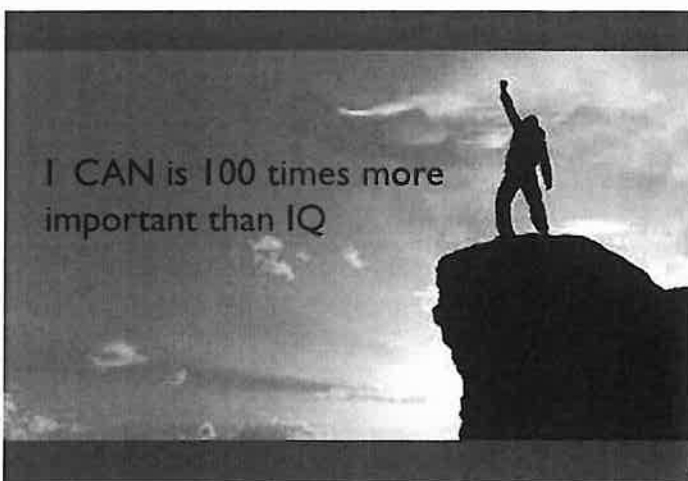
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An unfortunate set of results in the Cup competitions following on from last months' article: at the Adult stage we were knocked out in the Semi-Finals, although in the league we achieved a respectful mid-table status, with the last game being won 6-3 against Bradford United (goals: Craig Campbell hat-trick, Adam Bewley x 2, and Ben Mason). Whilst at Under 15 level the Badgers lost 4-0 to Corsham in the Cup.

The Annual Fun Day and Open Day, is confirmed for Saturday 7th June at the Lye Fields in Seend, starting at 12.00 and ending approx. 17.00pm, with the theme for the year being the World Cup in Brazil. As usual there will be tournaments, competitions, and Team presentations. We trust that all members of the Club and parents can attend from all age groups. Please advise your team managers of attendance for planning purposes. New members are also very welcome to come along to this event, and participate.

For the following season we ask all members/parents/supporters to register on the Club website(above – managed by 'pitchero') This will in future serve as the method for registering membership and payment of fees for the season – please start to you it now. This website will serve as the main information hub for the Club during the season. The Club is run on a voluntary basis, and we seek your help to make things easier to manage (any issues please ask your team coaching staff).



TRAINING

Levels of training on the Plain during the whole of May will be very high.

28 April – 11 May Ex PASHTUN DAWN involving troops and equipment from 20 Armoured Brigade conduct their operational pre- deployment training in preparation for their forthcoming tour in Afghanistan. The exercise will involve some 5000 troops, 300 tracked and wheeled armoured vehicles, both fixed and rotary wing aircraft. Large convoys will operate and there will be some disruption to civilian traffic at tank crossings on the A360, A345, A338, A3026 and Chitterne/Tilshead roads. During the exercise, there will be no access to the Larkhill Artillery Ranges and permissive stone tracks in the Tilshead/Chitterne/Shrewton triangle (Copehill Down area) will be closed in the interest of public safety. Under the Salisbury Plain Military Byelaws notice is given that the Military lands on Imber Ranges, Larkhill Artillery Ranges and the East will be in use for the period 3 – 11 May and their use for recreational purposes, other than on public rights of way, is suspended for this period. The public are to avoid areas where troops are training and to take extra precautions for their own safety when using public rights of way within all of the training area.

12 – 16 May. 1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers will deploy with a company of 14 Warriors operating across the Plain. 1st Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment will also train with its Warriors in the last week of May. Joining units will be Armoured Engineer elements from 26 Engineer Regiment, an Armoured Recovery Company from 6 Battalion REME and Logistic Support Squadrons from 3 & 4 Logistic Support Regiments.

30 May – 1 Jun. 3 Commando Brigade will be carrying out a logistics exercise involving elements of the Lead Commando Battle Group, and a fire support team concentration involving 2nd Battalion The Parachute Regiment. Finally 4th Parachute Regiment will conduct D Day landing commemoration rehearsals on Everleigh Drop Zone

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ACCESS

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Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned dates for 2014 are as follows:

Event	Open	Closed
Summer	1600 Thurs 21 Aug	to 0800 Tues 02 Sep.
Remembrance Service	Sat 08 Nov, Convoy from Warminster gate at 1000.	
Christmas & New Year	1600 Thurs 18 Dec	to 0800 Mon 05 Jan.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
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**A MESSAGE FROM JERRY WICKHAM
WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR ETHANDUNE**

**COULSTON, EDINGTON, BRATTON, HEYWOOD
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This is my first article, having been recently elected to Wiltshire Council. I feel very honoured to have been elected and intend to repay this by ensuring the interests of residents are well represented.

During the election campaign, I became aware of the concerns being expressed in Coulston, concerning the loss of the bus service, on-going issues of speeding and fundamentally the granting of permission for the solar farm at Stokes Marsh Farm. I am actively pursuing these issues, by trying to ascertain the rationale for the bus service ceasing and the way this happened, which was without notice. Equally, I have been working alongside the Parish Council to see what can be achieved to reduce the speed of traffic in the village, by direct discussions with representatives of Wiltshire Council Highways team, to look at the types of signs and their locations. Finally, I will be ensuring that the conditions imposed on the developers of the solar farm, are adhered to and that the process for consultation and dialogue with stakeholders is greatly improved.

A running theme in villages is that of vehicles speeding along narrow lanes. This is also an issue within Edington, particularly along the B3098. I was particularly pleased to hear that the Community Speed Watch scheme was up and running again, thanks to the services of a new co-ordinator. I look forward to joining the team, in the not too distant future, to see this first hand. I am also involved in looking at issues, associated with some parcels of land that have come available. The fact that some residents fear that they might lose their existing outlook and views, potentially to housing, makes this a very emotive issue. I have therefore provided guidance on what is contained within the Wiltshire Core Strategy.

Talking of the Core Strategy, this document, which has been prepared by Wiltshire Council, outlines the plans for development, regeneration, road networks and boosting the economy, up until 2026, and is being examined by a Government Planning Inspector. So far, it would appear much of its content is being accepted, although Wiltshire Council's identified housing needs were deemed too low and have been raised by 5000 to 42,000 new homes. Equally, the criteria, which ensured there were minimum distances between homes and wind turbines, has been removed by the Inspector. This is of concern, especially in light of the proposal for 3 large turbines within the parish of Bratton, adjacent to West Ashton.

Over the coming months, I look forward to meeting many more members of the community in order to introduce myself and ensure I am better placed to represent your interests. I welcome any contact from residents, especially concerning any issues that need resolving and I can be contacted as detailed below.

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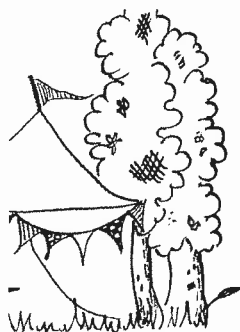
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Great emphasis (and high marks!) will be placed on the absence of litter; residents are requested to pick up any litter as a matter of routine, especially as grass verges etc. will be growing rapidly during this period. The village notice boards will be inspected and good practice is for them to be kept neat and tidy with information on past events being removed shortly after they have taken place. They will also be looking for evidence of a vibrant village as shown by information on clubs, groups and organisations being included on the notice boards.

The Parish Council is hopeful that our facilities, public buildings and general ambience will result in Edington performing well in the Competition this year. Please “do your bit” to ensure that it does!



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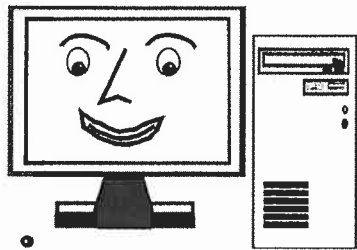
THE EDEN PROJECT

ENGINEERING EDEN – CREATING THE WORLD'S LARGEST GREENHOUSE

Mr Bjorn Watson, retired engineer and former director of the structural and civil engineers responsible for the engineering design of the Eden Project was welcomed to the meeting. He then proceeded to enthral us with an illustrated talk about Tim Smit and Jonathan Ball's initial idea of creating a "gateway into the fascinating world of plants and people" an entertaining educational showcase, an example of good practice in the scientific and environmental fields. Tim Smit's idea, after seeing the then Eurostar terminal at Waterloo, was to create a column free space with the wow factor of the old Crystal Palace. Funding came from the millennium fund and various other organisations. A china clay pit was purchased to the north east of St Austell in Cornwall. Mr Watson's company became involved in 1995. He explained not only was an architect needed as well as structural and civil engineers but geotechnical engineers, service engineers, landscape architects, a project manager, quantity surveyor and the building contractors. Some 1.8 million tonnes of earth were moved but retained in the site and problems were encountered from the start because the china clay is decomposed granite and soft so does not make firm foundations. The original idea of enclosing the pit with an arch, such as that at Waterloo was not viable and the biomes made up of hexagons and pentagons were agreed thus making geodesic domes. Foundations of concrete were built and galvanised steel was used for the construction. It was too expensive and impractical to use glass and ETFE foil, which Tim Smit described as "cling-film with attitude", was used. Pouches of this were made and fitted to the framework then filled with air, The completed biomes expand and contract with changes in temperature. Before construction a model was built and tested in a wind tunnel to ensure that it would cope with the Cornish gale force winds from the Atlantic. Further problems arose with water which has constantly to be drained into a lake. It is then used for irrigation and any excess eventually drains into local streams. During construction the soft china clay also began collapsing on the embankments and had to be reinforced with mesh and soil which was then sprayed with Hydroseed which grows quickly and anchors the embankments. There were two major storms whilst construction was underway creating further problems with landslip and water. The visitor centre and car parks were built at the same time as the biomes and there is also a restaurant which is supplied with vegetables grown in the areas outside the biomes. A space for concerts has also been provided. Since the opening in 2001 a timber environmental centre has been built. Mr Watson apart from confounding us with the amazing technical details of the construction gave us the breakdown of the project costs which amounted to eighty million pounds. For those of us who have visited the Eden project the details of its construction were a revelation and made it seem even more amazing. For those who haven't yet visited it is well worth while.

Next month 13th May will be the AGM for our branch. Members will have received nomination papers for the committee. It is very important to find new committee members if the good work of the Westbury U3A is to be continued. After just four years, this branch has developed and grown significantly. It would be very sad to see all the hard work undone for lack of volunteers! Following the business of the AGM, Mr. Tony Painter will be talking about the history and meaning of place names. This should be an interesting and informative talk- somewhat shorter than usual- and we hope we shall see you there. *Report submitted by Julie Vince*

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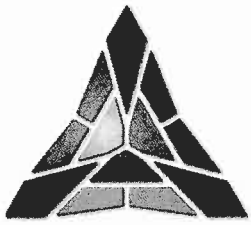
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The youngest children in our school have had a wonderful term of learning about dinosaurs. A life-sized model of a Minmi (an Ankylosaur) was made in their classroom, they had a trip to Devizes museum where they had fun with fossils and other wonderful artifacts and they had a trip to the library. As part of their work on helping people less fortunate than themselves, they also held a sponsored fun run for Sports relief and raised over £600 for this cause! It was lovely to see them running for a kilometre around our field to achieve this immense target.

We enjoy joining with our local congregations to share worship sometimes and this term we went to the Mothers' Day service at St Peter's in Great Cheverell. Our children did some of the readings and prayers, lit candles and handed out flowers to all the mothers in the church – it was a lovely service.

Holy Trinity has purchased the Mobile Classroom on our site after the closure of the Pre-school. We shall use it for Art, Design and Technology, Music and other learning experiences that demand more space than our classrooms can easily provide. Projects can be left out to dry or to be worked on the following day without disrupting other learning in the school. We have decided to designate the classroom as "The Art Centre". We were very grateful for donations from Great Cheverell Parish Council and the Soap Box Derby Committee which helped us transform the room and its grounds into a wonderful learning space for children in primary school.

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- improvements to the existing rights of way network such as surface improvements and replacing stiles with gates
- creating new rights of way or permissive links to avoid busy roads or provide new routes destination signing
- materials for promoting countryside access

Initial bids should be received by Friday 30 May. The final deadline for completed bids is Friday 25 July 2014. For further information see www.wiltshirelaf.org.uk

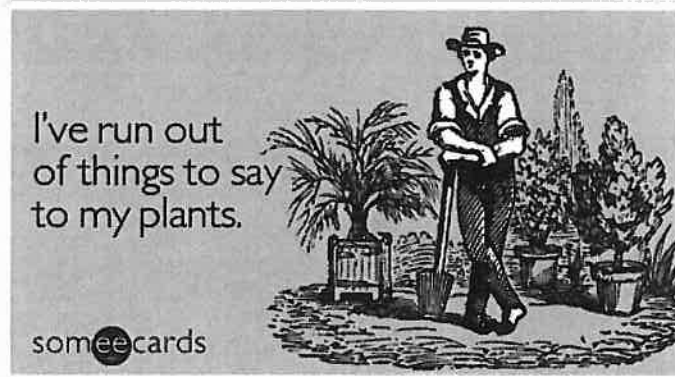


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HUBERT JAMES WILLEY, known as Bert, was born in July 1897 in Dublin. His mother lived at 10 Grafton Street and his father close by 24 George Street. He had four siblings, three sisters and one brother, all also born in Dublin; the family moved to London c. 1907/1908.

Like so many servicemen and women of the First World war Bert is unrecognised today yet, he was undoubtedly a man of immense bravery. He volunteered and joined the army shortly after the outbreak of the war aged 17 and enlisted in the Rifle Brigade 9th Battalion as private and finished as a captain. He survived the war from 1914 through to 1918 and then into 1920. He was twice awarded the DCM, (Distinguished Conduct Medal) then the second highest British gallantry award, for his service on the Western Front.

The first award was in 1915 when he was just a few weeks past his eighteenth birthday and by then he had already been promoted to sergeant. He was serving in the Ypres Salient as part of the British offensive at Loos. The Rifle Brigade, part of the 14th Light Division and together with the 3rd Division, were ordered to attack the strong German positions at Bellewaarde Farm near Hooge, which overlooked the British line; these positions were held by several battalions of the German army. The attack was described in the Rifle Brigade's regimental history as a 'costly fiasco'. The battalion in a highly exposed and unsupported position suffered very heavy casualties eventually losing all but four officers and one hundred and forty men – the casualty rate was 85%.

The citation in the London Gazette of 16th November 1915 reads:

'For conspicuous gallantry and ability on 25th September 1915 on Bellewaarde Ridge. During the action Serjeant (sic) Willey passed continually backwards and forwards trying to establish communication with the Battalion on his right and later when all his officers had been killed, he rallied and organised the men of his own and other Companies and captured a position in the German second line trenches, which he held against all counter attacks. During the day he was under incessant machine gun and shellfire.'

He also took six prisoners and made them carry back the wounded of his party. He exhibited the greatest bravery and devotion to duty."

Two years later Bert was still serving with 9th Battalion near Ypres. On 22nd August 1917, the 14th Division was ordered to attack German positions in woods either side of the Ypres – Menin road. Bert's platoon, numbering thirty-six men, was sent into a wood known by the British as Inverness Copse, only one sergeant and four men survived, the sergeant was Bert. Bert collected stragglers from other Battalions and held a post to the north of the copse and south of the Menin Road, until relieved.

For his actions he was awarded a bar to his DCM and gazetted on 22nd October 1917:

"For conspicuous gallantry and devotion to duty. He led his platoon through a heavy barrage to reinforce another unit, which was being strongly counter-attacked. He rallied men who had been driven back and led them forward. Though counter-attacked again and losing heavily, he held on to his position, which was of the greatest importance, until relieved. He set an example to all.

In May 1918 Bert was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant and posted to the 13th Battalion of the Rifle Brigade. In late August 1918 the Battalion took part in the attack on Ablainzeville and Favreuil, part of the Second Battle of Bapaume. In this battle Bert was wounded and the overall Battalion casualties were fifty killed and two hundred and fifty-nine injured. Bert was further promoted to Lieutenant in 1919 and to Captain in 1920.

However, his bravery was not finished because on leaving the army he joined the Metropolitan Police in 1920. In 1941 he was awarded the King's Commendation for Brave Conduct for his action during the London Blitz. He died prematurely in 1948 while in command of the Wimbledon sub-division, having once again risen through the ranks to today's equivalent of Chief Superintendent.

Bert was a quiet, unassuming, but remarkable man whom I was proud to know – he was my uncle.

T. E. Don

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All sessions will run from 10am to 12pm so if you are wondering if volunteering is for you or what opportunities there are in your area come along and see us. We will have access to our database where we have details of over 1500 opportunities across Wiltshire so we're bound to be able to find something to suit you whether you've got a few hours a month or a day a week. Here is a taste of some of our opportunities:

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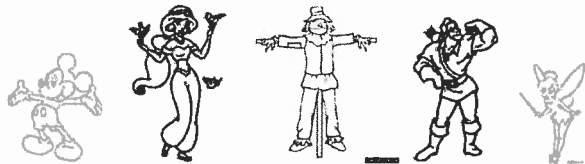
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EDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

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New speed watch co coordinator. Thank you to Debbie Hinton for taking up this important post. Community speed watch cameras will now be back in operation in the village.

Monastery road closure for changes to junction with Lower Road. Work will start during last week in March with temporary traffic lights. It is expected to last 3-4 weeks. Final re-surfacing scheduled to take place 27-28 April during which time Monastery road will be closed to traffic.

Mobile library our mobile library service is under review. If you want to keep it please use it as attendance is declining and unless it picks up the service could be lost.



Many thanks to the entrants of this years **Edington Cider tasting**. Once again we had a wide variety of ciders to try. The winner this year was Steve Russell Second place was John Matthews and third was Dave Perkins. The quality of the ciders seems to be getting better every. The best Sloe gin was won by Andy Hinton by default as he was the only entrant. Our thanks to the May Ball Committee have decided to purchase a new press and apple crusher to replace some of the equipment, so next year even more professional equipment will be available for the village to use,

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Would you be available for a couple of hours a month. Full training for the use of the speed gun will be given. The volunteers who carry out speed watch greatly help in both lowering and monitoring the speed of vehicles passing through our village, making it a safer place to live.

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ON WEDNESDAY 20TH AUGUST 2014 AT 6.30 FOR 7PM.

Tickets are £22.50 each and may be ordered on or after Sunday 22 June from Mr W.J. Pepler, Chapel Plaister's Cottage, Chapel Plaister, Box Wilts. SN13 8HZ. Tel 01225 811344. Cheques should be made payable to 'Edington Priory Church Musical Evening'. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope.

The Committee will allocate tickets on Friday 11th July. They will endeavour to accommodate requests to sit with friends if this is stated when ordering tickets. Parking : Please use the Festival Parking on Monastery Road – if you require Disabled Parking please contact John Pepler (details above)

Edington 100 club

Thank you to all the members of the parish hall 100 club for rejoining for another year. This is hugely appreciated.

Many thanks Claire



Edington Scarecrow Walk 2014

When: Sunday 8th June

Theme: Disney



Watch out for more information over the next few weeks regarding how to enter or take part in this event

We would hugely welcome any volunteers to help with the organisation in the run-up to this event and/or to help on the day serving tea and cakes

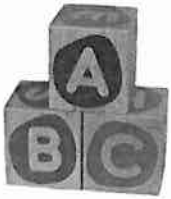
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After the Committee's successful Bug Hunt last term, their attention is now focussed on our major fundraiser and social of the year, taking place on **Saturday May 17, Jubilee Hall, Bratton at 8pm**. The theme is "**A night at the Movies**" and any movie related fancy dress is optional. Tickets are a very reasonable £5 and there will be a cash bar, raffle tickets and snacks on sale on the night. Book those babysitters and we hope to see you there! The children will be taking full advantage of the lovely spring weather this term with lots of exploration of our local environment; renovating our bug hotel and planting seeds for vegetable and herb growing. We are delighted to welcome 5 new families to the group this term and are taking bookings for children aged 2 and above who would like to join us in September.





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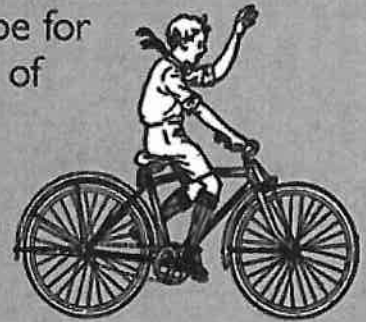
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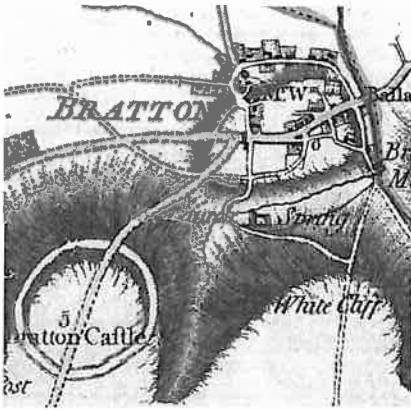
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Sunday 4th May

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MAY BRATTON HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The next meeting of the Bratton History Association
18th May at 4pm in the Church Institute.

The speaker will be Margaret Miller and the subject of his talk will be:

MEMORIES OF WILTSHIRE LIFE

Newcomers and non-members welcome.

Further details can be obtained from posters in the village or by contacting *Mo Maclean* on 01380 830221

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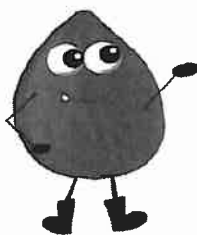
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The first session is free, and only £2 per family thereafter (to help with the food, and running cost). Tea/coffee for parents is available and also a healthy snack and activity for the children.

We would like to give a warm welcome to Ivy and her mummy Sarah Moore to the Under 5s family! We would also like to wish a Happy Birthday to Arthur Albano who will be 4 in May and Toby Hiscock 3.

Contact Vanessa Lescott 07776133099 for any queries on joining.

EDINGTON FAIR 14 June – Liz Pike tel 830684

Theme – Edington 1914

Hope you all have this date booked in your Diaries. We have Bratton Silver Band booked and displays and photographs of this period plus all the usual favourites of the fair. As always we need your help to make it the success it usually is. A prize will be given to the best themed Stall and for the best period dressed person.

Please support the stall holders donations needed

Plants:	Jacky Hiscocks	Tel 830133
Cakes:	Clare Brown	Tel 830733
White elephant:	Yvonne King	Tel 830327
Books:	Roger Pinson	Tel 830407
Raffle:	Liz Pike	Tel 830684
Tombola:	Sue and Julian Hayter	Tel 831350
Craft Fair:	Laura Williams	Tel 07474 199 123

We still need volunteers to run the Stocks, and skittles all popular games so come and volunteer, help them happen.

Evening party – Live Band Pig roast and real ale



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News from your Local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator

Lise Griffiths – 07541 353401

As the days get longer and we start to enjoy an improvement in the weather, our thoughts usually turn to doing a bit more outside. We can enjoy the benefits of keeping active, even when we are older. Some of the benefits of regular exercise include:

- Helping to reduce the likelihood of suffering from many diseases or helping in the management of existing conditions
- Helping to maintain mobility and balance and reduce the risk of falling
- Getting together for activity with others which can be enjoyable and help us feel less isolated

There are a range of exercise groups for older people in the Westbury area including chair-based exercise groups and postural stability classes, which are designed to help those who have had a fall or are afraid of falling. T'ai chi is great for balance and co-ordination and there are a number of informal walking groups in the area. Or you could start swimming – it's cheaper for people over 60. Gardening is also good exercise, and you could make it a social activity too by joining a gardening club!

As your local Good Neighbour Co-ordinator I am able to provide you with more information about this or any other issue affecting older people in our local communities, so please don't hesitate to contact me – details below.

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Steeple Rocks Concert 29th March

A packed St Mary's church was delighted by the artistry of Peter King, thrilled by the talented 15 year old Clover Kayne and carried along by the enthusiasm of Steeple Rocks Choir. A wonderful evening full of music from every genre, something for every taste. We managed to raise over £1000 for St Mary's Preservation Trust so a huge thank you to all those who supported this event.

Adrienne Hale Steeple Rocks Choir

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Cricket Season Underway

Our first season as owners of the Walled Garden cricket ground!

Thanks to our groundsman, Patrick, and all the hard working volunteers at the club, the square and outfield are looking splendid and all is ready to welcome the season of cricket, with hopefully lots of sunshine and good weather too.

Our opening home matches of the season are:

Wednesday	30 Apr	6pm	V Urchfont
Sunday	4 May	2.30pm	V Rode
Sunday	25 May	2.30pm	V Norton St Phillip
Wednesday	28 May	6pm	V Winsley
Sunday	1 June	2.30pm	V Nomads



Why not come along, bring a chair and the papers and enjoy the cricket. There's usually tea and cake on offer. A great way to spend a leisurely Sunday or balmy Wednesday evening. Visitors will be able to view our slowly growing gallery of old photos in the pavilion. These show historic snapshots of old and recent Erlestoke and Coulston teams and pictures of the grounds in the olden days when it was the walled garden of the estate. We would love to have more pictures and if any villagers have photos of the grounds in the olden days or pictures of bygone ECCC teams we would love to copy them and add them to our gallery. Please contact me or the club secretary, Mark Douse if you have a picture to share. Let's hope for great weather, great cricket and lots of enjoyment in the season ahead. Jasper Dorgan, Chairman ECCC 01380 830013

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NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Our speaker on Tuesday 8th April was Russell Lewis, who being a resident of Edington was well known to some of our members. Russell came along to tell us about the history of the Melksham Almshouses. They were built in 1862 by an amazing lady called Rachel Fowler to provide homes at that time for the poor women of the town, and after her death were left to benefit the parish. Miss Fowler set up several charities in the town, her great concern being the welfare of local people especially unmarried women like herself. She founded the Melksham Almshouses (then named after her) which still survive at the back of The City. She also founded the New Hall for use as a lecture and reading room. She was a member of the Society of Friends and appears to have been an outstanding person and very much an individualist with a lively interest in the welfare of Melksham and its people, especially those that had fallen on hard times.

Now after a series of charitable grants the almshouses are once again providing shelter to people in need. The original concerns of housing the poor women of the area have now changed and at the moment the residents consist of one lady and four men. These five 19th century almshouse are a key part of Melksham's heritage and starting last April have been completely restored, brought up to date ready to help a new generation of needy people. Russell is the secretary of the Melksham Almshouses Charity and helped oversee the refurbishment, a job which he so obviously enjoys. He told us that this has been a complete modernisation where the five houses were literally gutted, so that they now have modern interiors but still keeping the same historic exterior. The gardens have also been modernised and there's a communal garden for the five residents. The bulk of the work was funded by the charity which maintains the houses with several other grants including a large sum from the national Almshouses Association, which is dedicated to keeping these historic buildings all over the country.

There was a discussion on the Wiltshire Federation giving support to the flood victims in Somerset. Somerset Federation also suggested that it would be helpful to get tourism going again and urge people to visit on days out and holidays. We then came onto raising funds for our WI this year and as the £5 given to each member last year worked well with member's talents increasing that amount, we shall probably do that again. Our skittle captain gave a report on matches last season and although we didn't come anywhere near winning we have all had good evenings out. Bratton Ladies British Legion asked us to a friendly skittles match on 11th May (which since the meeting we have been to and had a very sociable and enjoyable time – we won that one!!) One of us had been to a talk by Rosie Thomas the author which sounded like another successful WI outing. Bratton WI has asked us to join them on a walk around their village on 1st May with proceeds going to ACWW. Various village matters were then discussed including the Fayre. Seasonal recipes are needed for our website. Our next meeting on 13th May will be a Resolution Meeting where Organ donation will be one of the subjects under discussion. Do come along and join us as you can always be sure of a friendly and warm welcome.

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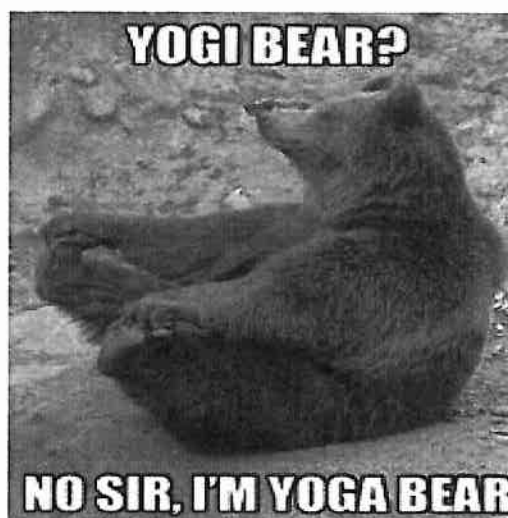
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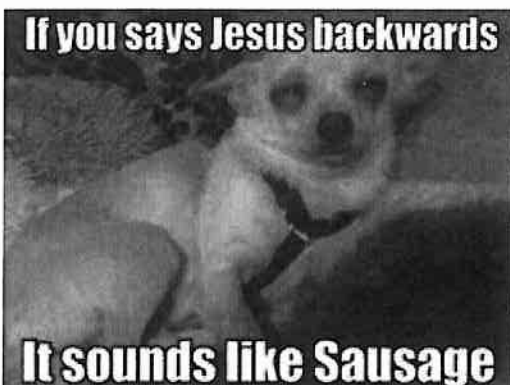
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EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

(FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 8PM)

Members had a very informative talk from Sally Gregson about plants for damp and also shady areas.

Sally brought along a very good selection of plants which together with slides accompanied her talk. Sally suggested ways to create these types of areas giving a different interest to the garden.

The next meeting is 1st May starting at 7.45 for the AGM. The speaker is Peter Holloway on 'Fuschias'

provisional programmes for the coming year will be available.

Please save extra plants for the Fair on 14th June and help would be appreciated on the stall on the day. Don't forget to book the trips to Botanical Gardens - 3rd June, Wisley 6th July, Bishops Palace - August 7th.

Enjoy the current spell of good weather!

Visitors are always welcome to join us for the meeting. JAH



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 03 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10.30am-Midday
- 04 Monthly Carvery, Erlestoke Golf Club, Midday-3pm
- 04 Bank Holiday Bash, G & D Erlestoke, 3pm onwards
- 04 Cricket, Erlestoke CC, 2.30pm
- 09 DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES FOR THE EDINGTON SCARECROW TRAIL**
- 10 Hilly 11 km race, Bratton
- 10 Grand Plant SALE, Erlestoke Church, 2pm
- 12 AGM - LINK, Edington Parish Hall, 2.30pm
- 13 AGM - U3A, Westbury
- 16 G & J trip to Stockbridge, leaves Edington P.O. at 1pm
- 16 Tapas evening for Macmillan at the G & D Erlestoke
- 17 Tea and Talk on Sudan, Edington Parish Hall, 4pm
- 18 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 19 Pub Lunch, The Duke Bratton, 12.30 for 1pm
- 21 Pub Lunch, George and Dragon, Erlestoke, 12.30pm
- 24 Disco, Erlestoke Golf Club from 7.30pm
- 24 Missouri State Chorale, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 25 Cricket, Erlestoke CC, 2.30pm
- 28 Cricket, Erlestoke CC, 6pm

JUNE

- 01 Grittleton Plant Fair, Grittleton House, 11-4pm
- 01 Cricket, Erlestoke CC, 2.30pm
- 07 Anselm Singers, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 07 Badgers Footy Fun Day, Lye Fields, Seed, 12am-5pm
- 08 Bowood Charity Dog Show
- 08 EDINGTON SCARECROW TRAIL**
- 14 EDINGTON FAIR**
- 15 Benefice Choir Festival, Erlestoke Church, 6.30pm



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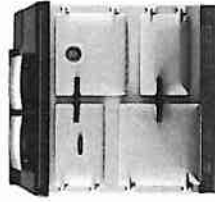
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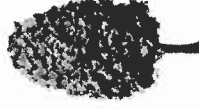
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