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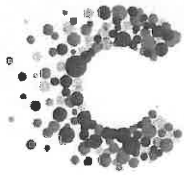
You'll all be gearing up for voting by the time you read this, I have been giving this some serious thought as I have not been convinced strongly by any party. Who to vote for? — no politician has had the courtesy to do any canvassing apart from dropping leaflets — and then not all of the parties have done this. I would welcome a chat about how policies would benefit the rural community particularly in the realms of superfast broadband and rail links. I may well have died of boredom by then by the overexposure of American style debates (who cares?) I'd much rather see them visiting some real constituents and not pre selected candidates for publicity stunts.

Thank you for the response to our plea for donations last month, Bryan Mulligan-Scaife will continue to shake his begging bowl!! Enjoy the lovely weather forecast for this month.

Fiona

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9th May – Plant Sale, 2pm. Plants, raffle, refreshments. Any donations of plants gratefully received and can be dropped off at the Church.

PLEASE NOTE.... No book swap on Saturday 6th June due to a wedding taking place



ERLESTOKE CHURCH FLOWERS

3rd May No Service

10th May Mrs Jeffries

24th May Mrs Diskett



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In the film “The Queen”, starring Michael Sheen and Helen Mirren, we have a fictionalised glimpse of the meeting between the Sovereign and the winner of a general election, where the Queen asks the Prime Minister to form a Government in her name. It’s formally known as “an invitation to kiss hands”, with the actual invitation and reception of the Minister being the invitation to form a government. Kissing hands, as a sign of fealty and loyalty, does not take place at this time in modern practice. Famously, in the film, Sheen is aware of the name of the meeting, but is unfamiliar with what is actually involved, as he has never held ministerial office before. The winner of the General election asserts himself and calls upon the Queen to invite him to form a government. He is gently, but firmly, reminded that it is the Sovereign, in this country, who takes the initiative in asking someone who can command the respect of the House to form a government. Sheen is then reminded of all of the Prime Ministers who have gone before him, whose duty it has been to serve the Sovereign and the nation in the office of Prime Minister. The episode is amusing and memorable, but is entirely fictitious, and has a purpose in helping us to understand the personalities and roles of the main characters for the rest of the film.

I expect that many people, by the time when the General Election results are actually known, will be heartily sick of all the coverage. Writing this piece in early April, experts also predict some additional serious haggling before a government is eventually formed that will command a working majority in the House of Commons. But when all is said and done, it is not the tears in the eyes of well-known politicians, the disappointment and the many surprises that an election is all about. It is not about the particular occupant of a bullet-proof car and the drama of a drive with motorcycle outriders to Buckingham Palace to kiss hands. The trappings of power ought to be incidental to the fact that, whatever government is elected, it is there to serve all of the people. In this country, our monarchs are made to take solemn Coronation vows before God to defend the weak against the strong, to minister justice impartially and to serve the whole nation before they can be crowned. The vows made by our senior politicians when they are sworn of the Privy Council are not witnessed by the public, but are a solemn undertaking nonetheless, and carry responsibilities as well as privileges.

I ask that you will join me in praying for all who offer themselves as candidates; for all whose role it is to carry out the policies of whatever government is formed; for those who call that government to account, and for all those are elected to serve others.

May God bless us all



SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE APRIL 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 st Sunday 3 rd May The Fifth Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY SERVICE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
2 nd Sunday 10 th May The Sixth Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 MATTINS at St James' 18.00 SING PRAISE(MJ/JC/IH)	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 17 th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE AT BCI	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.00 DEANERY SUMMER SERVICE at WEST LAVINGTON – NB no Evensong at Erlestoke	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 24 th May PENTECOST/ WHITSUNDAY	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) (MW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	
5 th Sunday 31 st May TRINITY SUNDAY		11.00 BENEFICE & CLUSTER SERVICE (James Campbell to preach)		

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 1st May: 7.30pm Edington Priory Church: Rossanno Sportiello performance (jazz evening)
- 9th May: Plant Sale at Erlestoke, begins 2pm
- 14th May Ascension Day Early Morning Service in the Tower and body of Edington Priory Church, followed by Breakfast, 7am
- 17th May: Deanery Summer Service at West Lavington, 6pm
- 30th May: Spring Clean at St James', prior to tomorrow's visit of the Bishop of Ramsbury

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AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BEGAN WITH ONE MAN'S OUTRAGE AND HIS COURAGE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

After learning of two Portuguese students imprisoned for raising a toast to freedom in 1961, British lawyer Peter Benenson published an article, "The Forgotten Prisoners" in the Observer newspaper. That article launched the "Appeal for Amnesty 1961", a worldwide campaign that provoked a remarkable response. Reprinted in newspapers across the world, his call to action resonated with the values and aspirations of people everywhere. This was the genesis of Amnesty International.

- ★ In 1971 Amnesty International's 10th anniversary receives widespread publicity in international press, radio and television, in a year when 700 prisoners are released.
- ★ In 1986 Amnesty International marked its 25th anniversary with *Voices for Freedom*, an anthology reflecting the lives of people who fought for human rights and for whom the organization has worked.
- ★ Amnesty International USA launches the Conspiracy of Hope concert tour with U2, FelaKuti, Sting, Peter Gabriel, Lou Reed, the Neville Brothers and others.
- ★ In 1991 Amnesty International's 30th anniversary broadens its scope to cover work on abuses by armed groups, hostage-taking and people imprisoned for their sexual orientation.
- ★ After political change in eastern and central Europe, more than 40 Amnesty International groups are set up in every country of the region
- ★ In 2007 Amnesty International launches a global petition calling on Sudan's government to protect civilians in Darfur, and produces a CD, *Make Some Noise: the Campaign to Save Darfur*, featuring 30 internationally known musicians to mobilize support.
- ★ Following intense campaigning by Amnesty International and its partners in the World Coalition against the Death Penalty, the UN adopts the first-ever resolution calling for a global moratorium on the use of the death penalty.
- ★ Nelson Mandela accepts the Ambassador of Conscience Award and congratulates Amnesty International for making the struggle against poverty its focus for the coming years.
- ★ Amnesty International organizes worldwide protests against five years of unlawful detentions in Guantánamo Bay.
- ★ In a landmark victory for Indigenous rights and corporate accountability, the Indian government rejects plans by multinational corporation Vedanta to mine bauxite in the Niyamgiri Hills, eastern India. The decision follows years of campaigning by the DongriaKondh and other Indigenous communities who described the proposed mining project as a threat to their very existence. Amnesty International's damning report, *don't mine us out of existence*, forms the basis for this decision.
- ★ Aung San Suu Kyi, Myanmar's best-known prisoner of conscience, is released from house arrest in November.

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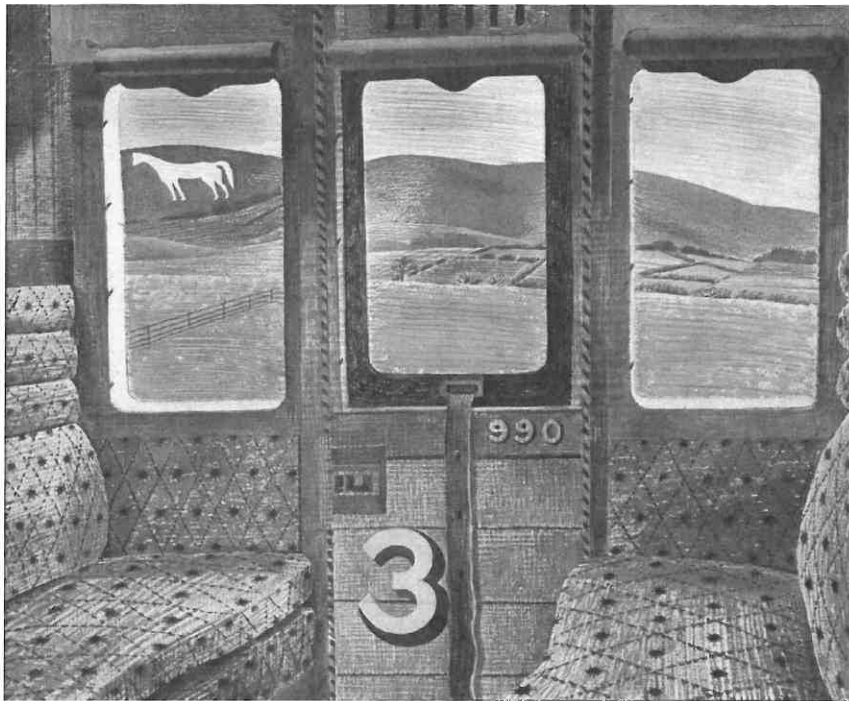
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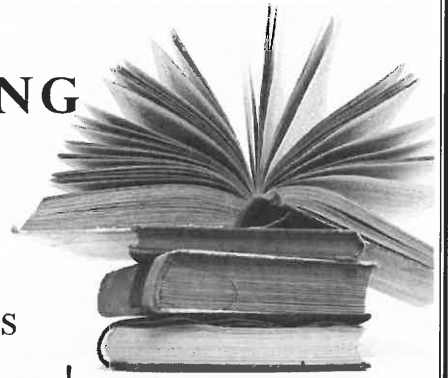
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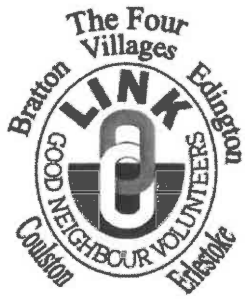
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Perhaps you might consider helping our scheme in some way by becoming a volunteer – you can offer as much or as little time as you like, at a time to suit you. It is a great way to meet new people and become more involved in the community, as well 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.

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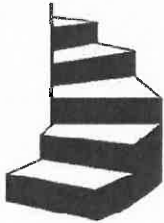


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NOT LONG NOW!...Kim Johnston



With weather like this I cannot possibly grumble about our training for the London 2015 MoonWalk in May. Although as our training walks get longer - we are getting pickier about the terrain! I had never really thought about it before because I would only walk with a dog, but a smooth tarmac surface is so much easier to walk on when you are doing anything up to 20 miles. With the clocks changing it means that we can hit the roads and pavements in the daylight. We stretch out on our walks to the local villages - Edington, Steeple Ashton, Keevil, Bulkington, Roundway, Stert to name but a few. And it is beautiful –I know I'm biased but we really do live in a stunning part of the country.

Our final information packs have just come through the post giving us our Moonwalk route etc and we will certainly be seeing most of the tourist hot spots around our capital even if it is in the wee small hours. We start, and finish, at Clapham Common, go around Battersea Park, follow the river up to the Tower of London then cross over the river and come back on the other side, taking in Buckingham Palace, Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens on the way back. Almost a shame that we will be too pooped to enjoy the sights. But for the time being I'm getting just a little bit excited! Thank you for your support.

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At Under 7 and 8 levels, the squads had a day out at Swindon Town FC, with a tour of the ground followed by an hour and half training session nearby, to then return to the stadium to watch Swindon beat Peterborough 1-0. Great day out, and many thanks for the coaches for organising this eye opener for the younger players. Training now takes place Friday evenings at St Barnabas' with Under 5 from 5.30-6pm, and U7/8 from 6-7pm.



At Under 11 level, a new Jose Mourinho is required ! For next season we are looking for a new manager (when they will be at U12 level). The team are looking for any interested parent or prospective footballer to volunteer. Next season training will be Saturday a.m., with matches on Sundays. If interested please contact Ian Cook on 07825016411 or email iancook21@yahoo.com.



(Ed: Many thanks Ian for all your help throughout the last few years in giving the team the focus and development they deserved).

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Reception Year (tasters) + Under 7 & 8's: Dave 07843678781 or Mark 01380-813160 . U- 6 & 9 & 10 – Jason 07590 427 999 .

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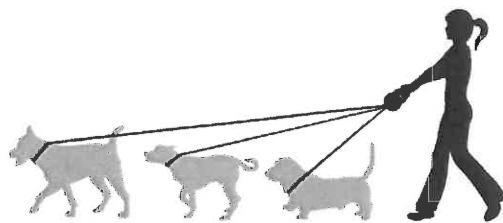
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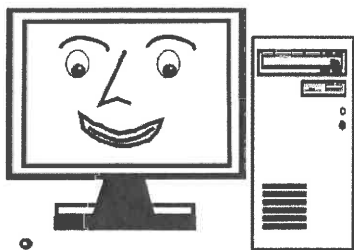
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Links with the local community

We were delighted to offer our premises for the use of the Gardening Club of Great Cheverell (to host a visiting lecturer) and the congregation of St Peter's Great Cheverell (to celebrate Mothering Sunday in "café-style worship"), during March. The Mothering Sunday Service, held in our new Art Centre, was a relaxed and enjoyable alternative to a more formal church service and it was fun to have playdough activities and drama through the service and refreshments at the end – helping to build a strong and supportive community who know and care for each other. We also host a football club on our field over the weekends, through the Worton and Cheverell Badgers. Schools should be at the heart of the community and we are always glad to reach out to the wider community.

Library refurbishment

We are working on a big project to improve our library as part of our drive to ensure that more children read for pleasure. The children have had a lot of input into the ideas for the library and we are incorporating as many of these ideas as possible – as well as lots more fiction, including graphic novels, magazines, annuals, they would like Kindles and audio books, posters, a chandelier, and reading buddies. They would like better book cases and a more welcoming environment. We look forward to this project being completed before the end of 2015.

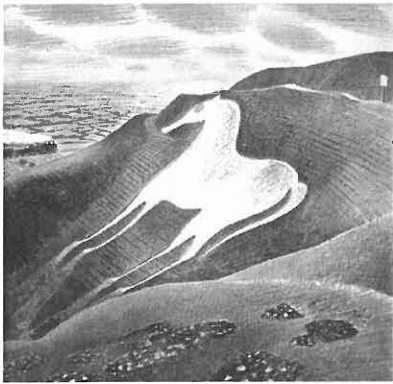


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A MESSAGE FROM RICHARD GAMBLE WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR FOR THE LAVINGTONS & ERLESTOKE DIVISION

How is your memory? If, like me, you are getting on a bit, you may find that it's easier to remember some events from your early life than it is to remember things from just days ago. Those old memories may give you the idea that life was once nicer than it is now. Somebody recently told me that they thought the world was better 40 years ago. Less traffic, better television, polite children, respectable politicians. At least in those days I was at ease with the cutting edge of technology. I was among the first to buy a Sinclair computer and I soon mastered the electronic game of tennis that it offered. I even had a phonecard that worked in cashless telephone boxes.

Unfortunately, I have since succumbed to another feature of the aging process, that it is now harder to keep up with technology and social trends. I'm old enough to think that mobile phones are phones, but mobile. In fact, they are super computers that can access almost anything on the internet, can send or receive emails or texts, can take photos or movies, can direct you like sat-navs and can have applications (apps) that perform miracles. With the **My Wiltshire app**, for example, you can report things like potholes, dog mess, graffiti, litter and street lighting on the go using your smartphone. More details are here www.wiltshire.gov.uk/report.htm. If you are young enough, give it a try!

I have recently had the opportunity to visit many of our schools and, without exception, I have been impressed with the teachers and the children that I have met. Over 85% of children in Wiltshire are now in schools rated by Ofsted as Good or Outstanding, which is well above the national average. All of the schools in this area come into one of those categories and the head teachers, the staff and the pupils all deserve credit for that achievement despite the fact that our funding from government per child is about the lowest in the country.

Of course, the world is not perfect and who can tell what lies ahead. But I hope one phrase used by my grandfather still holds true. When asked how things were going, he'd invariably reply "Onwards and upwards".

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to Richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018 209.

SYLVANUS ARTHUR 'VENN' HARRIS D.F.C. 1922–2015

'Venn' as he was known to everyone, founded this magazine, 'The News', during 1980 and 1981 together with Ted Bunting, both residents of Edington; others were also involved. Prior to that time there were two publications, one produced by the church and the other more community based. Venn and Ted decided that it was both wasteful economically and in terms of effort to continue with two and they were merged. Ted Bunting became the first editor and Venn the Treasurer. Under their guidance 'The News' flourished, with advertising encouraged to help defray costs aided by donations and helpers to distribute it. Since those beginnings there have been two further editors and several treasurers and the magazine has gone from strength to strength.

Venn was born in Walston, Devon in 1922, into a family that became four. He was educated at Wellingborough Public School. He then studied at Agriculture College, eventually joining the RAF in the early days of World War II, when he trained in South Africa as a pilot. He saw service in India, Japan and elsewhere in the Far East as well as Europe; he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery. He left the RAF with the rank of Squadron Leader and after the war became a banker. Such was his modesty that very few, if any, knew of his wartime exploits. While stationed in Hong Kong in 1966 he met Mary, a WREN officer and their subsequent marriage lasted almost fifty years, until Venn's death at 93 this year.

Moving to Edington in the 1970's Venn and Mary took an active part in village life. A very keen gardener he was famed locally for his grapes, as well as being renowned for his bee keeping and supplying many with his superb honey. For a number of years Venn could be seen manning the gate to the annual Edington Fair and collecting the entrance fee. He also had a keen interest in beagling and continued with it well into his late 80's despite failing eyesight. As the upkeep of a large garden became too much Venn and Mary moved to Devizes, where they lived until Venn's death this April.

He was a lovely man, a true gentleman in every aspect of that word. He always had a kind word and never spoke ill of anyone and was always willing to offer advice when called upon. Despite his many activities he remained a very private and modest man. There are some people one comes across in life that you admire and never forget, Venn was such a person. B. M-S

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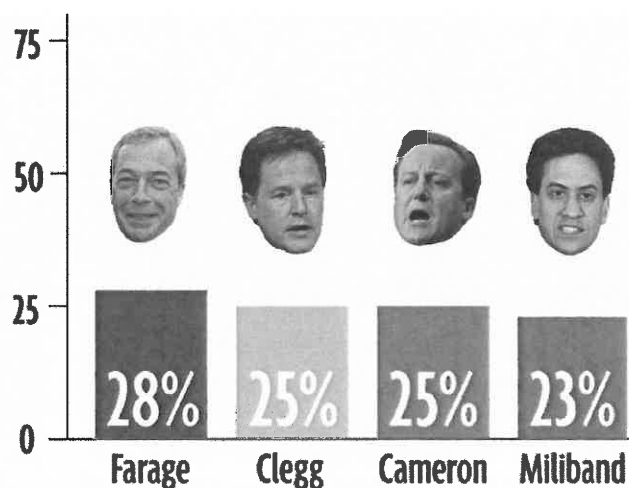
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NEWS FROM YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR JERRY WICKHAM

By the time you are reading this item, we will be only a matter of days away from the General Election. Despite being a politician in my own small way, I personally do not believe that fixed term sessions of Parliament are necessarily good. What with the lead up and the campaign itself, has meant that our lives have become consumed by this for months and I personally look forward to a conclusion.

I don't know about you but I am disgusted with the state of some parts of our countryside but this is not unique to Wiltshire. Driving around parts of the country, I have seen similar accumulations on many roads and villages. I fail to understand how anyone can think it right to throw things from their car in our beautiful countryside, but alas there are individuals who are anti-social!

During the latter part of March, I was able to join a dedicated group of litter pickers in Edington and we collected many bags of rubbish, and the village looked better for it. Wiltshire Council has begun clearing the fast roads and I recently witnessed 4 workers from Balfour Beatty clearing the litter along the A350. The improvement was dramatic. However this would be avoidable if rubbish was not left or thrown out in the first place. I also cannot understand the mentality of some who go to all the trouble of depositing their disused '3 piece suite' etc in a farm gateway. They have had to put this in/on a vehicle so I question why they did not take it instead to one our 11 household recycling centres, where it would be disposed of. As a Council, we then will respond to reports and then have to clear this up! I am afraid that this is a problem of society which will not be addressed overnight and will require specific effort and attention.

I have had my rant for May but I suspect I am not alone in having these views!

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please feel free to make contact either through my email address jerry.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk or my home telephone of 01380 870 476 or mobile 07980 701 617.



“A minor operation is one performed on somebody else?” *Victoria Wood*



EDINGTON fair

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We are in desperate need of more leaders to come on board to help us to continue to offer these opportunities to our young people. Without adult support we may have to limit our activities or even disband in the future. If you would like further details on how to become a leader or feel you can offer Bratton Youth Club your time and help, please contact our Chairperson Alice Wilkins on 01380 830 900

All sessions take place in the Jubilee Hall, Bratton, between 7.30pm and 9.30 pm unless otherwise advertised. For more details of Youth Club events phone *Simon 830 550 or Wanda 830 278.*

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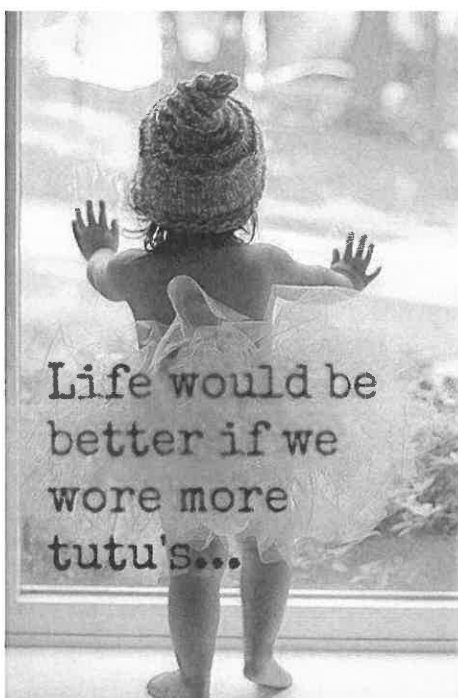
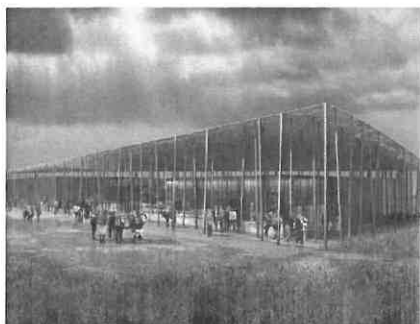
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In addition to lots of fun making bunting, singing and playing games this month, the children had a lovely time taking part in an Easter egg hunt in Westbury (thanks very much to the Easter Bunny for hiding lots of yummy chocolate eggs and to Annalisa Wilson for use of her garden and welcoming us all into her home!).

The children loved exploring with their buckets and finding eggs in trees, bushes, sheds, flower gardens and even the trampoline!

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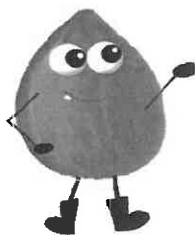
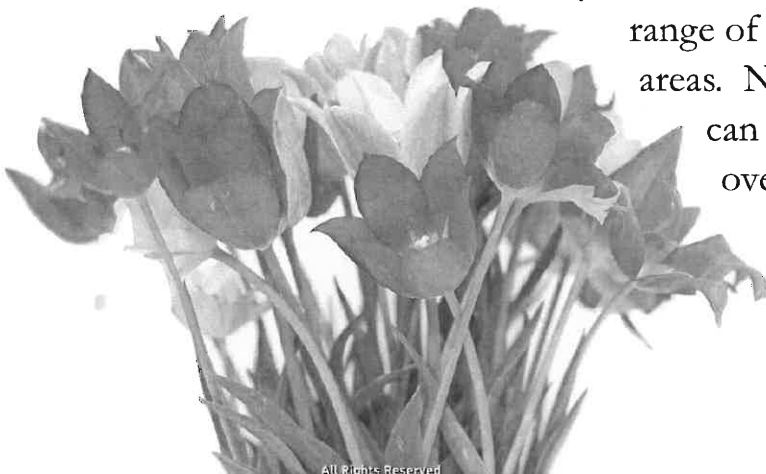
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Now that the longer days and lighter evenings are with us our thoughts turn to getting out and about, be it in the garden or further afield. Maybe you would like to get out socially and would like to know more about social activities in your area, or you are thinking about taking up some exercise on a more regular basis? There are some great local walking groups, or gentle exercise classes in the Westbury area. Perhaps you need a bit of extra help with the garden? I can provide you with a list of trusted traders who may be able to help.

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AND, OH YES – ACTING?

To be frank the Jubilee Players are struggling to survive, so much so that we have been unable to put on a play this Spring due to our depleted membership. We would very much like to bring back the Bratton pantomime with a production of Jack and the Beanstalk in mid January 2016, but it won't happen unless we have an influx of help.

To this end we are inviting anyone who has an interest in either being in, or helping with, the pantomime to come along to one of our informal get togethers on Wednesday, 1st July in the Jubilee Hall, Bratton at 8.00pm. This will give us an indication as to whether the panto is a viable proposition or not. Please be clear this is not an audition just an informal evening to gauge what, if any, interest we might have. If for some reason you are unable to attend but would like to be "one of the panto gang" please ring Ken and Val Witcomb on 01380 830297 or e-mail Linda Lee on lee1851@btinternet.com and leave your contact details .

Don't let this opportunity pass you by, otherwise you know what people will say
"IT'S BEHIND YOU"!!!!!!

Edington Parish Council News

Best Kept village competition Judging of this competition is during May and June. Last year we came second, with your help we might come first. Please keep your verges tidy and pick up any litter you see. Dog owners pick up after your dogs. If you see anything amiss, contact the parish council. Thank you.

Dog Fouling this is the most common complaint we receive. The areas at the bottom of Inmead and the entrance to Wier field by the pub, are particularly bad. Both of these are near litter bins. Dog fouling is an offence as well as a nuisance, We do not want to call in a dog warden but if the few that persistently fail to clear up after their dogs do not mend their ways we may have to result to this.

Garden Waste Collection

Anyone wishing to sign up to garden waste collections should do so before 17 May to receive service from 15 June.

Ducks the Ducks on the pond have multiplied and are beginning to be a nuisance to surrounding houses and businesses. We feel that the number of ducks is now excessive to the area of pond available. We plan to reduce the duck population to a maximum of 4. Many villagers enjoy feeding the ducks, unfortunately the uneaten food is attracting rats and other pests. Please be mindful of this if you intend to feed them.

Newcomer Packs Chloe Watts and Jackie Hiscock have delivered welcome packs to newcomers to the village for many years. Jackie has now retired. We would like to thank her for all her hard work. Chloe is happy to continue making up the packs but needs your help. We had 30 Newcomers last year. Can villagers notify Chloe if you have a new neighbour so nobody misses out. We feel it would be more personal if a near neighbour delivered the pack so if you would like to assist please contact Chloe tel 830600

Planning

(i) 15/02585/TCA Yew tree – 30% reduction, shape and deadwood at The Grange, 4 Inmead for Mrs Rhona Atterton

(ii) 15/03022/TCA 1. Sycamore 15m plus tall, canopy 5m in radius to be felled. 2. Ornamental Cherry tree approximately 7m tall, canopy diameter 4m – fell. 3. Ornamental Cherry tree approximately 7m tall, canopy diameter 4m- reduction to reduce overhang; at 1/2 Charlton Hill for Mrs Anne Ilsley

Next meeting Monday 11 May 2015 at The Parish Hall at 7.30pm, visitors welcome



EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

For our April meeting the committee had to think on their feet as at short notice we had no speaker.

We need not have worried! **Jacky** started the meeting with a couple of verses from the poem 'The Glory of the Garden' by Rudyard Kipling and then gave a few tips on what to do in the garden this week. **Sandie** then gave an excellent talk on Viola Odorata. With the aid of a beautifully arranged table of violets and china, Sandie informed us she had 20 different varieties in her garden, from white through to pink and dark purple, although they are supposed to need full sun and good soil, once you have some they are prolific, spreading by seed to all corners of the garden. The Parma Violet however, needs specialist care and warmth. **Jan** then spoke of the comparison of her previous garden in Hertfordshire and her garden here in Edington. Although the soil was beautiful, if she dug too deeply rocks would be churned up, so much so that as a memento she brought one with her! It is always a good idea to look around at neighbouring gardens to see exactly what grows well before you plant. **George** then compared his Mother's Garden in County Durham, which he tends regularly, with his own here, let's say we won't be putting the biggest swede in the Flower & Produce Show. It was interesting how much the sea fogs affect some plants, especially causing mould on strawberries. **Edward** then told us of his progress involving 4 new beds, starting from scratch, they will be seasonal with ornamental grasses. We look forward to taking up the offer of a visit later in the year. We welcomed a visitor from Westbury who enjoyed the evening.

DIARY DATES:

Visit to Henley Mill on June 18th evening

Visit to Hauser & Wirth on August 6th afternoon

Don't forget to keep plants for the stall at the Fair on June 6th

Flower & Produce Show 5th September

Next month's speaker is Robert Harvey talking on 'British Wild Flowers in Nature and the Garden'.v

Please note this is also our AGM and due to the Election we will be meeting on Wednesday 6th May at 7.15pm. Visitors are always made most welcome.

Jacky Hiscock



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EDINGTON VILLAGE REGISTER

We extend our sympathies to the families of Ron Dale, Dennis Couldrake and Joyce Davies.

We welcome Phil, Stacey and Remi who have come to live at The Laurels, Westbury Road

EDINGTON PARISH HALL

Bratton Silver Band Concert at Edington Priory Church

Saturday 16th May at 4pm to include tea

Tickets £7.50 from Pauline at Post Office 01380 830 013
 and Rachel 01380 831227





BOWOOD DOG SHOW

For the 10th and FINAL time, the Bowood Charity Dog Show & Summer Fair will now take place on Sunday 21st June 2015. Over the last 9 years it has raised over £250,000 and, as a final gesture, will be trying to get to £300,000 for charities serving the people of Wiltshire. See website:

www.bowooddogshow.org, follow us on Facebook and Twitter or email bowooddogshow@aol.co.uk.

JUBILEE PLAYERS

QUIZ NIGHT

7.30 pm Friday 5th June 2015, yeams of 4 £5 per head to include supper, tickets from Gill Hurn 01380 830 497 or Val Witcomb 01380 830 297

BRATTON JUBILEE HALL

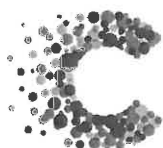
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The next Supper Night will be Friday 15 May 2015. To book a table please ring 01380 830 297 or 01380 830 497

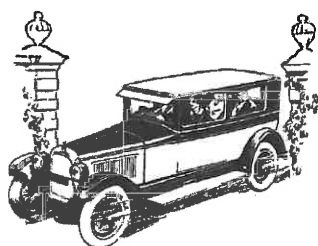
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will be on Saturday 9th May 2015. Entry forms available on line or from the Duke.

THE VILLAGE FETE will be held on Saturday 25th July 2015. Please contact Gill Hurn 01380 830497 or Ken Witcomb 01380 830297 if you are interested in having a stall.

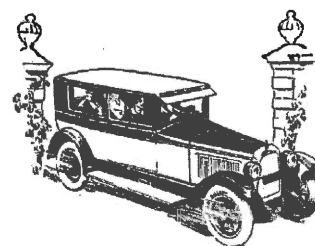


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25 YEARS SITTING ON THE BENCH (LIFE OF A JP)

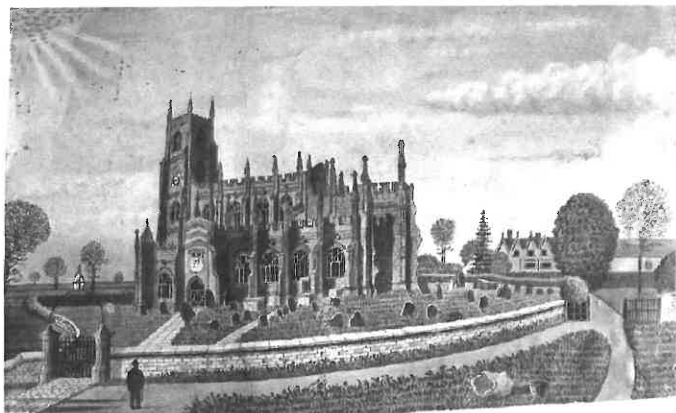
THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

At the meeting on Tuesday 14th April Mrs Priscilla Gray spoke about her life as a JP and how it changed over the years since she became one in 1986. At that time Magistrates were recommended, proposed, and then interviewed. Nowadays you may ring up and apply. Also female magistrates although they no longer had to wear hats in 1986 they were not allowed to wear trouser suits. Men could not wear school/college/regimental ties. Magistrates are not allowed to draw attention to themselves by the way they dress, they must appear neutral. They are not paid but can claim travelling and lunch expenses but if they are self employed and need to employ somebody else to cover their absence these costs may also be claimed. Those who work often find it difficult to have time off to attend court and then occasionally resign in order to keep their jobs. Following initial training there are at least two days further training a year.

Mrs Gray began her life as a magistrates on the Westbury bench, which then met in Warminster because they had cells. The court later moved to Trowbridge. Smaller courts were useful in that the magistrates knew the locality which offences took place, particularly relevant in the case of motoring offences. She stressed that magistrates must see each case on its merits. Usually three magistrates sit with the middle one acting as chair and who speaks on behalf of them all. Sitting in front of them is a legal adviser who arranges the business of the court.

In 1990 it was decided the smaller benches would be amalgamated and Trowbridge, Bradford-on-Avon, Melksham Warminster and Whorlesdown (who met at Steeple Ashton) became West Wilts Magistrates Court. After ten years it was decided there would be another amalgamation and North & West Wilts Magistrates came into being and they sit at Chippenham. Magistrates also sit on Saturdays and Bank Holiday Mondays and also deal with Youth and Family courts when very difficult decisions have to be made. Until quite recently they also dealt with licencing matters such as protection orders for new publicans, occasional licences and gun licences. Magistrates, if they are on duty, may be woken in the middle of the night in order to sign search warrants. Mrs Gray illustrated her talk with several amusing anecdotes and said she felt it had been a privilege to serve as a magistrate, that it had always been a challenge and she had enjoyed the camaraderie with her colleagues. There was a question and answer session at the end of a very informative and enjoyable talk which was followed by refreshments. A reminder that next month's meeting at 2pm on Tuesday 9th May at the United Reformed Church Hall is the AGM and will be followed by a talk by Veronyca Bates entitled "Pressing Matters" (Fighting the Publisher).

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

Contact: 01380 870 602,
Aeberhard@btinternet.com.

Lunch in Aid of TVM

The minibus will be holding a lunch on Wednesday 20 May at 12.30pm. in the Parish Hall, Edington – price £7.

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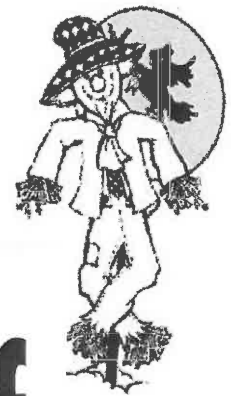
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EARLY WARNING – JAZZ BBQ

This year's Jazz BBQ will take place on Friday 24th July commencing at 7 pm. Food and drink in the car park as usual and good music in Edington Priory Church. The band this year will be Opus One Swing Band, something a little different to get your foot tapping. Don't forget to bring your dancing shoes! More next month but you can book early through Maggie Atterbury on 01380 830452, tickets price £10



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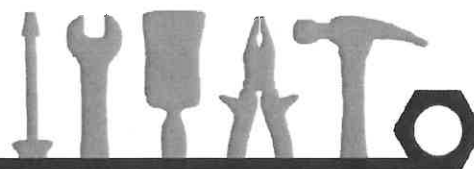
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 01 Steeple Rocks Choir, St Marys Church, Steeple Ashton, 7pm
- 01 Rossano Sportiello, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 02 Book swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-midday
- 09 Plant Sale, Erlestoke Church
- 08 G&J Trip to Glastonbury, Edington P.O. 1pm
- 09 Bratton Hilly Run
- 09 Erlestoke Church Plant Sale, 2pm
- 09 Coffee Morning, West Lavington Village Hall, 10-12
- 16 Bratton Silver Band, Edington Priory, 4pm
- 16 Stert Car Boot Sale, Country House, 6.30pm
- 17 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 18 Lunch Club, The Duke Bratton, 12.30pm
- 20 Lunch for TVM, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm
- 23 Edington May Ball

JUNE

- 06 **EDINGTON FAIR**
- 14 **EDINGTON SCARECROW TRAIL**
- 20 Calling all singers, Edington priory, 9.30am
- 21 Bowood Dog Show

JULY

- 04 Steeple Ashton Organ Recital and Picnic, 5.30pm

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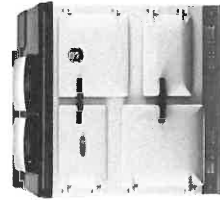
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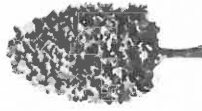
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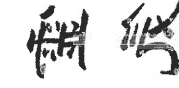
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