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2 nd Sunday 8 th May Sunday after Asuncion day	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 MATINS at St James' 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 15 th May Pentacost	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) II.00 FOOTPRINTS SERVICE (INCLUDE EUCHARIST) at St James'	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 Evensong	II.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 22nd May Trinity Sunday	II.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) II.00 FAMILY WORSHIP (MORNING PRAISE) I8.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	a a
5 th Sunday 29 th May	II.00 BENEFICE SERVICE			

SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

Sunday 1st May: Benefice "Village Walk for Rogationtide" at Bratton starting at the Church Institute at 1530.

Monday 2nd May: Philip and James Apostles communion service tbc Thursday 5th May: Ascension Day Celebration – 7am starting in the Tower in Edington, followed by breakfast

Saturday 14th May: Saint Matthias apostle Eucharist tbc

Thursday 26th May: Corpus Christi - service tbc

Tuesday 31st May: Visit of the VM to Elizabeth – service tbc

Public Moming & Evening Prayer: Thursdays at 7am and Saturdays at 8am in the Oratory room at the Church Institute at Bratton; Thursdays at Edington (9am)

Wednesday Communion Services:

At 9.30am on the $4^{\rm th}$, $11^{\rm th}$, $25^{\rm th}$ May and on $18^{\rm th}$ May at 2.30pm Shepherd's Cottage, Edington .



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Jazz Record Appreciation Group

After much discussion, deliberation and some degree of procrastination, I have decided on the last Wednesday in the month, commencing 25th May. We will run through to the end of September and those who are not adverse to wet, dark journeys can carry on through Autumn and Winter! There will be some degree of flexibility as to dates but you will not have to sign up for 100% attendance. At present there about half a dozen interested in the idea and a few more could be accommodated.

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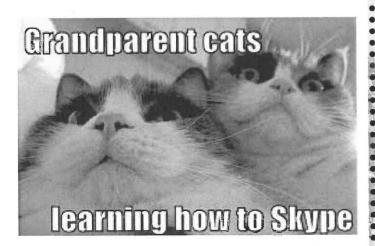
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As you are aware, the Wiltshire Hopper Bus service to the RUH will be withdrawn in June. However, as it is currently still operating please use it if at all possible. It is a bookable service, operating Monday - Friday at affordable rates (concessionary fares are available) and there is wheelchair access available. To make your booking call 08456-525255 (then select Option 2) by 10:00 the day before you wish to travel. Further details can be found at: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/connect2wilts-ruh-hopper.pdf.

FOUR VILLAGES LINK AGM

The Four Villages Link AGM will be held on Wednesday 11 May at 2:30pm, in the Upper Room at the Three Daggers. This is a great opportunity to find out how we have fared over the last financial year and to look at the challenges that we face going forward, particularly in view of the withdrawal of the Hopper Bus service.

We are very grateful to all our volunteers for the time they give freely to help others in our community. 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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Training is progressing well for the Under 6/7 age group every Friday from 5.30 pm at St Barnabas' Primary School. At the Under 8 age level there has been some great match performances and we are now looking forward to some Tournaments later this season.

Under 9 level, recently had two good tournaments at Highworth Town and Chippenham Town, which the children really enjoyed. Training continues for this group on Fridays 6-7 pm at the Northbrook ground in Market Lavington.

TEAM CONTACT DETAILS

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APRIL MEETING

There was a busy start to the April U3A meeting as many members renewed annual subscriptions on arrival. Once everyone was settled, the chairman Carolyn Los reminded people that the AGM will take place on Tuesday 10th May and she asked that as many people as possible attend. Next details of the excursion to SS Great Britain on 16 May were again given and members asked to ensure that they had booked a place should they wish to go. Anne Thompson then introduced the speaker Jane Arnold, who gave a very entertaining and instructive talk entitled "Nude but not Rude". Sitting quietly in a dressing gown her first point was most emphatically made as she stood up removing it and revealing herself to be fully clothed. Yes she said as a Life Model her job was to pose naked, she was used to and comfortable with that situation, and that was the only time she was. She then proceeded to show us, fully clothed of course, some of the poses that she has to adopt. These have to be interesting for the class to draw from all angles. Some poses are very difficult to maintain for more than five minutes and place stresses on the body.

Until fairly recently a career as a Life Model was not respectable and it was difficult even for famous artists to draw from live female models. Some renaissance artists used young men and added breasts whilst others drew from corpses!

Life classes have a structured format. The session starts with a series of short poses of five minutes or less, then some longer poses with the longest being 90 minutes. Jane confessed to thinking about the next pose during the short poses, usually one that would counteract any stiffness resulting from the first pose. Food was on her mind during medium length poses, the time being used to plan the week's menus. Lengthy poses provided time for pleasant virtual visits to homes and gardens. Jane stated a Life Model usually elects her own poses and she ensured that she was always comfortable, taking

cushions and ensuring that the room is warm enough for her to be comfortable. Needless to say there have been some funny and embarrassing moments. It was only after poses in front of a window in a disused chapel that Jane realised that she would have been visible from the road. There were many questions for Jane to answer after which she was thanked for a most entertaining and instructive talk



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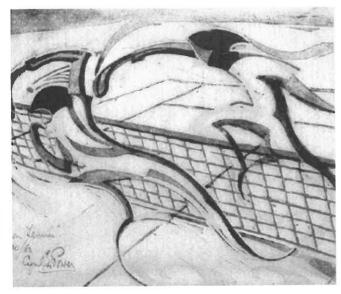
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Where do you think responsibility should lie for the various functions that must be undertaken to support and maintain a civilised society?

The list starts with each of us as individuals. Above that there are tiers of family, community, nation and human society as a whole.

Corporately, in administrative terms, the tiers of authority are parish council, unitary council, national government and European Union. Perhaps I should top the list with the United Nations but I am not sure if I can credit that august body with "authority".

My view is that, if you want things done, the best place to start is at the bottom! If you can, do it yourself. If you can't, ask the parish council, then Wiltshire Council, then government, etc.

If you see litter, pick it up. Don't rely on someone else to do it. If your footpath needs clearing and you can't do it yourself, ask the parish council (but then why not volunteer to help?). Notice a pot hole in the highway? That's a job for the professionals, so Wiltshire Council may be able to solve it (but money is scarce, remember). Worried about national defence? Best leave that to the government. I'm not going to mention the EU!

Of course, you may be a person who rebels against any authority, established order, or ruling power (and I will admit that my desk does have a touch of anarchy about it). But selfish individuality simply does not work in a family, let alone in a community. Anarchy

is a state of lawlessness or political disorder and, you may agree, it is almost certainly less desirable than a functioning democracy.

At the other end of the scale is tyranny, which is defined as "a situation in which someone or something controls how you are able to live, in an unfair way".

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This month the children are preparing to go on Safari. They have chosen their destination in our travel agent role play area and are soon to board the aeroplane and explore a traditional African village before embarking on their jeep safari to view lots of exciting animals!

We are busy allocating sessions for our September intake and if you have not yet registered your two year old to start preschool then we would urge you to visit us without delay as places are filling up fast.

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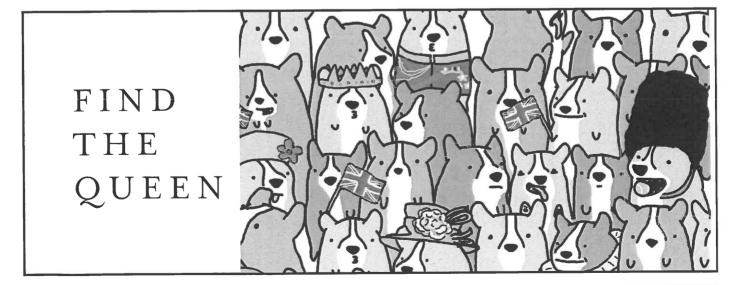
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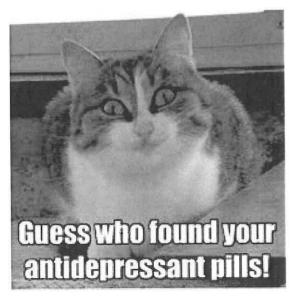
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We continue our journey exploring important events that are so significant for those who follow Jesus Christ. This month we see the Easter season coming to an end with the last of the three great Festivals of the Christian year - Pentecost. At Christmas we celebrated the birth of Jesus, at Easter his resurrection and the fact that at times he could be as real in the physical sense as you and me but at other times could appear and disappear at will -a bit like we understand ghosts to be. But as Jesus himself said: "a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have". And now, on the 15th May: Pentecost. But even this is preceded by another significant Festival - the Ascension without which I suggest there could be no Pentecost. The Ascension Festival is on the 5th May and we celebrate Jesus' return to His Father, God, in heaven. Jesus had told his followers that he would be leaving them and that they were to await the coming of the Holy Spirit. In fact he made it clear that unless he did go the Holy Spirit would not come. And so after Jesus' ascension his followers waited and prayed. And then 10 days later something quite amazing happened. They were altogether – about 120 of them – when suddenly "a sound like the blowing of a violent wind filled the whole house where they were sitting and they saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them." It was a mind blowing moment. From that small beginning came the millions who now follow Jesus Christ.

So what was it all about? One way of thinking is that in the days that Jesus was physically with them he could only, as it were, be in one place at a time. But now Christians here in this little part of Wiltshire can experience an awareness of the presence of Christ while at the same time people on the other side of the world can have a similar experience, as can someone in London or indeed anywhere. Time and space can no longer be a barrier to a relationship with our Lord. For the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Jesus.

And that leads me to think of the Doctrine of the Holy Trinity which we celebrate on the 22nd May – Trinity Sunday - when Christians acknowledge that, yes, there is one God but whom we meet in three persons God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. I can tell you that many a sermon and many a preacher has struggled with

how best to explain this concept but the more we seek to know Christ the more we realise the truth of his own statements: I and the Father are one.

And that is what faith is all about!

In the love and peace of Christ.

Malcolm Wieck (Honorary Associate Priest)

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Edington Parish Council report

Casual Vacancy. We are looking for an enthusiastic volunteer to join the Parish Council, Contact Malcolm Wieck tel. 830 256 if interested.

Police report. Reminder to all residents ensure you lock your garaged and sheds, at this time of year there is an increase in gardening power tools being stolen from insecure sheds. It is a good idea to keep a record of any serial numbers, Websites such as www.immobilise.com allow you to securely register the details of valuable items

There has been a spate of car thefts in the area. Always lock the car and do not leave handbags etc on view.

Door to door Pedlars have been in the area again. They do not have valid licence to trade, do not buy anything from them and report to the police if you see them.

Village Playground. The Play area is an important and valued area that is well used by villagers and visitors. It is owned by the village and managed by the Parish Council for your enjoyment. We have had a request for more play equipment for the under fives so we are considering purchasing one or more pieces. Your ideas are welcome, there is a catalogue in the post office. Please give your ideas to Pauline Dorgan at the post office Tel 830013. We are saddened by the disrespect shown by some villagers who continue to walk dogs in the field putting children's health at risk.

Road works. You will have noticed that work has now started on the B3098. We are pleased to inform you that £1,500 has also been set aside to help slow down traffic by the pond in Tinhead Road. All our roads will shortly have a heavy traffic survey.

Speedwatch coordinator. We are looking for someone to take over this valuable job. It is not a lot of work but speedwatch in the village cannot continue without one. Somebody must have a few hours they could spare to help.

Village benches. We would like to thank Mr and Mrs Richardson for volunteering to maintain the village benches. Your hard work is much appreciated.

Planning. 16/0236/FUL Rear Single storey extension (resubmission of W/12/01954/FUL) at 4 A Tinhead Road for Mr Vincent Albano.

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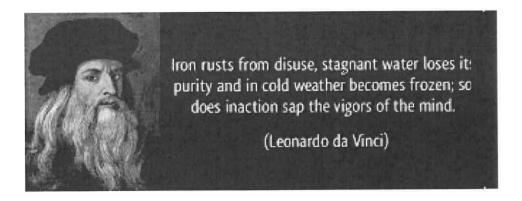
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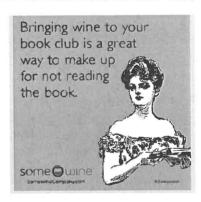
Health Trainers work with their clients for six one hour sessions, building motivation and confidence to enable the client to help themselves and maintain the

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BRATTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Last term at Bratton Primary School saw the school move forward in many facets:

Academically we continue to build on the whole school learning ethos of our growth mindset, guided by the principle that learning ability is never fixed, meaning we develop in our children reflective, resilient and resourceful learning qualities.

This approach has tied in with our new assessment systems, focussing on each child's skill development. We have built on the close working relationship we have with our parents, sharing progress and targets ahead through our newly introduced mid-year reports, followed up by parent consultations in March. This has allowed us all; children, parents and teachers, to be fully aware of what skills the children are already secure in and those they need further development of, with clear actions ahead to support and facilitate this progress through working together.

Last term saw the school take part in a variety of activities and events in and around the community. We enjoyed an enthused and immersive whole school Book Week in March, celebrating World Book Day through shared story writing, 'extreme reading', 'shelfies' and creating potato book characters, all encouraging children into the fantastic world of books! A group of children from across Key Stage 2 went to perform at the Forum in Bath as part of the County Dance Festival, where the children displayed very high standards of behaviour all evening, culminating in a vibrant, energised performance, particularly strong in the children's use of the stage and their confidence in 'selling' the routine! We also took part in the Westbury Lions Concert, held at Matravers. On the night the performance of La Bamba, Singing in the rain and Rocking all over the world were very well received, with the yellow umbrellas making for an eye catching centre piece to our section. Sporting wise we entered the Westbury Going for Goals 7-aside football tournament. The team came up against some strong opposition, but performed admirably, impressing with their attitude and outlook, meaning we were awarded the Fair Play Cup for our overall approach to the whole day.

We have also welcomed new children to the school across last term, meaning our numbers have now risen to 131, with growing interest from an ever widening circle geographically, with new parents noting the positive outlook and ethos within the school when they visit and the enthused vision and direction of the leadership team. We are now looking forward to a busy and successful summer term!

As mentioned we have been delighted to welcome many prospective new parents to our school over these last few weeks, with strong feedback and positive responses and if anyone else would like to know more about what we are doing or would like to see the school first hand then please do not hesitate to contact us on 01380830511.

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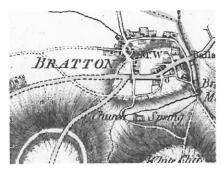
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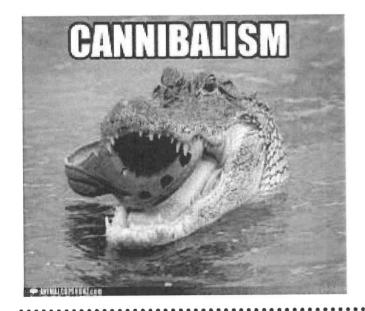
Annual membership: £8 Single, £12 Couple.

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Further details can be obtained from posters in the village or by contacting: Secretary: Mo Maclean on 01380 830 221 or sec@brattonhistory.co.uk

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Children can enjoy playing, singing, a healthy snack and a fun craft activity. Tea and coffee is available for parents. Where: Edington Parish Hall. When: Every Thursday 10–12pm (closed during school holidays)

It's been an emotional time for the Under 5's this month, with a second stalwart member from Erlestoke leaving for other parts of the country, we wish them well! The singing and crafting carried on nevertheless. We got creative in our Easter basket making, an essential item for the big day, our annual Easter Egg hunt. Former group leader Tracy Miller kindly invited the entire group to come to the farm where we had a fabulous morning. There was tea and hot cross buns on arrival, while Bailey instructed the group in creative pipe cleaner bunnies. Word arrived that the Easter Bunny had been through the garden and the kids had great fun finding the eggs and other treats. The weather held out long enough for a tour to see the cows and their gorgeous calves before rounding off with a picnic lunch inside. The next big event we are preparing for is the Edington Fair, where Under 5s will be organising a medley of children's races and games. Finally, we send out a big thank you to another former member, Sarah Marshall, for donating a hugely generous £200 to the group. We are extremely grateful.



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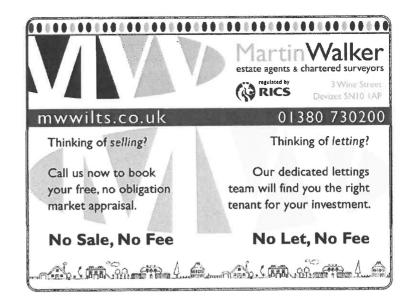
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Tickets are £20/15/10 (on the door please add £2), with a 10% discount for Edington Angels, available from (01380) 831256 or 871549, or online through the website at www.edingtonarts.org which has full programme details.





New members and visitors are always welcome Meetings every second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinheadwi

Contact Meg McGlynn for further information 01380 830 755

The temperature is beginning to rise, the sun to shine and the birds to sing. This was the perfect time for Edington and Tinhead WI to have the subject of garden birds for their April meeting.

Our speaker, Christine Johnson from the Wiltshire Ornithological Society, told us that gardens are a paradise for birds and as a whole we spend as much as £200 million on bird food. It is good that we all do as there is not so much natural food around for them now particularly as farming is much more efficient and therefore not so much grain is dropped and there are not so many insects around either.

House Sparrows are declining as are Starlings, Song Thrushes and House Martins so it is most important that we help their numbers by adding nectar giving plants to our gardens to encourage insects which in turn encourages birds. Do not be too tidy around the garden either so birds can nest undisturbed and ensure water and food are nearby. Food such as teasels, sunflower hearts and, as always seeds and nuts, are ideal and bird tables and feeders should be kept clean to avoid spreading any virus. It would help to provide a nest box but facing north/east so that when the hot weather eventually comes the chicks will not be too warm.

However, it is not all bad news as some birds are increasing in numbers, the goldfinch being one. Happy Bird Watching!

Our meeting was attended by Jenny Coates a WI adviser who told us about her work with various WI groups around Wiltshire. We also celebrated our 78th birthday with

some wonderful home-made cakes (of something suitable and a good time

Next month will be our Resolution discussion being avoiding food waste treatment of dementia patients in

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EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

Spring really is here at last and our latest speaker inspired us to get our dahlias started. Nick Gilbert from Gilbert's Nursery near Romsey is something of an expert, coming from a family where they grow over 400 varieties! Nick's father was a prize-winner across the UK and in Europe.

We learned that the dahlia is prized across the world, and is the national flower of Mexico. Andreas Dahl (hence dahlia) a Mexican botanist, introduced the dahlia to the rest of the world following the Aztec peoples' use of the tubers as a valued food.

Nick gave a beautifully illustrated talk showing a huge variety of decorative dahlias, with types including anemone, water lily, pom-pom and collarette types. Dahlias prefer a sunny position but tolerate many soil conditions as long as they are well fed. For overwintering they can be cut down — and almost always regenerate even if they become frosted. So Nick's advice is unless you want the space for something else, (in which case you can dig up and keep in a shed or greenhouse), you can leave them in situ all year. Dahlias are also great in containers and mix well with other plants.

Nick showed us how to start off tubers, how to take cuttings to make extra stock and how to get great growth (fish, blood and bone is a good fertilizer). Dead heading is the key to a long-flowering show, splitting large clumps in spring keeps new growth coming — and they have an excellent vase life.

Plants at the nursery provided a wonderful show and the great thing about dahlias is you

can go from small and subtle, to as big and blowsy as you like depending on your taste! We hope to visit the nursery in future — and they have our pre-requisite of cake, tea and coffee in their on-site café!

Our AGM is on 4th May followed by a 50/50 table top sale, (please note change of day due to polling station use of Parish Hall). Visitors and new members always welcome.

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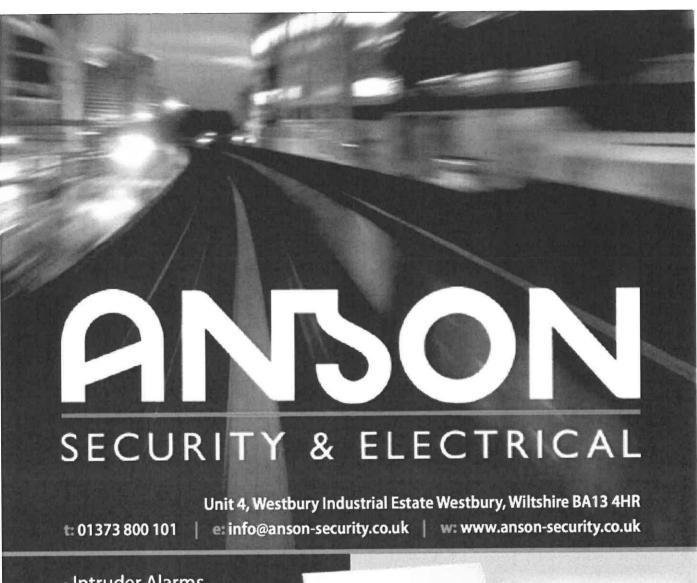


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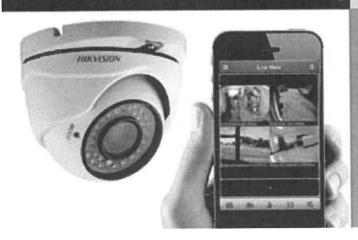
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Making Learning Fun!

There is no doubt that happy learners are good learners, so we work very hard in our school to make sure the children enjoy their learning. We take them on lots of trips and invite lots of visitors into school to create excitement and to give authentic learning experiences. This term various classes will have been to the Devizes Canal, on a walk around the village, a walk to the church and a residential adventure trip. We will have welcomed a poet to work with each class and a scientist who works on animal conservation around the world to talk to the children. And, of course, our exciting Space Seed project continues, as we watch the germination and growing of seeds that have been in space compared to those that remained earthbound.

Music and sport

We give a high priority to both music and sport in our school — our school choir is taking part in another Devizes competition held at the end of April, and singing as a whole school is a very important part of our community. The children enjoy singing in rounds and harmony, and we have fun with action songs and songs from other cultures. We offer lots of music within the school curriculum and peripatetic music teachers provide great opportunities for children to learn to play an instrument.

We recently played and won a tag rugby tournament, involving several other primary schools and held at Avon Valley College – and we were very proud both of the win and also of our children's non-triumphalist approach to their victory, ensuring that their rivals were treated with courtesy and respect. Whilst we enjoy healthy competition and strive to win, our children always abide by the code of good sportsmanship.

New children

The parents of children due to start at our school in September should, by now, have received notification of this. We shall be writing to invite them to the first induction meeting in May, for parents, and then the children will be invited to induction afternoons in the last summer half term. It is always wonderful to welcome new parents and new children into our school family!

Please find out more about our school by visiting the website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or phone us to make an appointment to look around - 01380 813 796.



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Queen gives the thumbs up to the Erlestoke Party in the park to celebrate her 90th Birthday

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SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA

The major training event on Salisbury Plain during the month of May will be the European Union Battle Group Certification Exercise taking place 2-20 May across all areas of the Plain. The Battle Group is based on 2nd Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment with European force elements drawn from Latvia, Lithuania, Sweden and Finland totalling some 2000 troops. The force is primarily equipped with light role wheeled vehicles and, with the exception of a squadron of CVRT reconnaissance tanks and an armoured recovery company will be the only troops exercising on the area during this period. In the last week of May the Plain will host the Royal Artillery Review marking the 300th anniversary of the Royal Artillery. The event will take place at Knighton Down and will involve an artillery live firing demonstration (this event is a ticketed event). Other activity during this week will include Challenger 2 tank squadron and CVRT sub-units training in the West and East of the Plain together with a Royal Netherlands Marine Corps joint force exercise.

USE OF CIVILIAN DRONES, UAVS AND MODEL AIRCRAFTS ON SPTA.

SPTA airspace is heavily used by military aircraft and UAVs and no unauthorised use of its airspace is to take place under any circumstances. Over the last three months we have encountered unauthorised flying by a paramotorist in the area between Shrewton and Tilshead, an individual flying a hang-glider over the impact area in the centre of Salisbury Plain and an individual flying his/her UAV in the area between Tilshead and Warminster; all three actions break the Salisbury Plain Military Byelaws 1981 and could have resulted in loss of life.

Every effort is being made to ensure that these occurrences are not repeated in the future.

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EDINGTON READING CIRCLE

meets May 4th 8pm at Millside to discuss:

'Stoner' by John Williams

New members welcome. Please contact Vera 830 218



News from your Wiltshire Councillor\ Jerry Wickham

By the time we are all reading this article, the very long awaited work on the B3098 should be reaching its conclusion. I was elected on a by election in March 2014 and part of my campaign was to draw Wiltshire Council's attention to the state of this road. Some might suggest that

this shows the extent of my influence in that over 2 years the repairs only now are taking place!

Despite this, I have been working behind the scenes to get this work moved up the priority list. Wiltshire Council is currently spending £21m on the actual major maintenance of our roads. £14m comes effectively from central Government but this sum only really allows us to maintain our A and B class roads at their current level. Wiltshire Council decided to add a further £7m each year in order to extend the repairs and maintenance beyond standing still and we are beginning to see the proven benefits of this work. However, wet and or cold winters, as we have seen in the recent past, can very rapidly erode any good work completed.

We have also recently seen the re-launch of the Parish Steward scheme under the new contract with Ringway. The scheme is designed so that in effect each area has its own dedicated Parish Steward, with a role to undertake work in villages, which is driven by requests from the community. The scheme is not designed to deal with work associated with the Council's statutory duty or on the grounds of safety but for where the community wants some work completed. It will be fully up and running by the early Autumn with new vehicles and stewards, steadily joining the team up until then. However, Ringway have a long established good relationship and knowledge of Wiltshire and there is the very firm belief that this will be an excellent relationship. When this is added to the work that is now being completed by our new grass cutting contractor, means that there should be a far better service being provided.

Finally, all of this discussion of roads is now of particular interest to me in that I have moved from being the Portfolio holder for Waste to now have the Highways Portfolio. My aim is to ensure that these contractors provide a service to the county of the highest but cost effective standard.

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 870476 or mobile 07980 701617.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 02 Erlestoke Bank Holiday Plant Fair, Erlestoke Church, 2pm
- 04 Edington Reading Circle, Millside, 8pm
- 07 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-12pm
- 07 Edington Meet and Greet, Parish Hall, 10am to Midday
- 07 Coffee Morning, Worton Village Hall, 10-12
- 14 Bratton Hilly 11K, 11am
- 14 Steeple Rocks, St Mary's Church Steeple Ashton, 7.30pm
- 14 Harp evening, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 15 Rowdeford Garden Fair, 11-3pm
- 18 Lunch, Edington Parish Hall,1230
- 20 G&J Trip to Chipping Campden, leaves Edington PO 1pm
- 21 Edington May Ball

JUNE

- 11 Edington Fair
- II Erlestoke Party for the Queen

AUGUST

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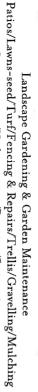
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