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#### DEADLINE FOR ALL COPY & ADVERTISING 18TH OF THE MONTH



This is my sentiment for all those early Christmas celebrations. I am giving them all a stiff ignoring until the first carol service. My attention will be on who wins the Pumpkin Competition this month – and of course the world famous Erlestoke Panto which is

rehearsing every Thursday until the performance on 29-31 January next year - get your tickets now for a hilarious night of 'Mother Goose meets Sherlock Holmes'.

Lots of firework events on this month so be careful out there and wrap up warm as it's going to be a fierce winter according to the berry count! Fiona



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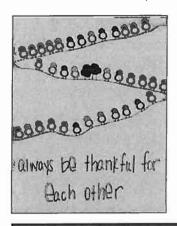
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#### **ERLESTOKE CHURCH NEWS**

Join us for The Book Swap at the Church on Saturday I November from 10am Meet up with chums for a natter meet fellow villagers, tea or coffee, cake and biscuits. All Welcome – particularly doggies.



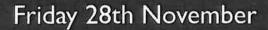


#### WE NEED YOU

Do you have a few hours to spare and a petrol strimmer? If so, would you be willing to help keep the Churchyard at Erlestoke strimmed. Please contact Chris Hampton on 01380 830 204, or just turn up there and strim round the headstones. Thank you.

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Come and ask your questions and air your views



7.00p.m. Jubilee Hall, Bratton £7.50 to include Ploughman's Supper & Discounted Bar

Andrew Murrison MP to chair panel to include:

Angus Macpherson, Police Crime Commissioner Jerry Wickham, Local Councillor Euan Geddes, Deputy Speaker, House of Lords

Contact Penny Fairclough 01380830123 or pfairclough@mac.com for further information and application forms

#### REMEMBERING

I have a confession to make. I'm a secret fan of the BBC TV sitcom Dad's Army. It all came out when I was a Curate, and I was taking my first ever Family Service on Christmas Day. I like informal services, and on Christmas Day that year there was a really good excuse to get amongst the congregation with my portable microphone and find out what they had received from Father Christmas. Inevitably, the tables were turned, and the congregation found out that someone had given me some Dad's Army DVDs. I have now been able to warp another generation, as my daughter and I sit down to watch them together. It's good to enjoy family time, and it's educational for both of us as we are transported back to the early years of World War II. Sometimes, truth is stranger than fiction, and I have recently read about a Home Guard from Middlesex who turned up for duty with an enamel colander on his head, as his wife insisted that he be protected from falling bombs. Many Home Guards did indeed parade with sharp implements tied to broom handles, at first, but unlike Private Pike, not many left the brush still on the other end!

Contrary to their image, the Home Guard served with valour and distinction: two George Crosses and thirteen George Medals were won by members of the Guard, and one thousand two hundred and six were killed in the line of duty, with five hundred and fifty seven seriously wounded.

Sometimes, the civilian's stories go untold. Some one hundred and seventy seven thousand people regularly sheltered in the 79 underground stations of the capital during the war. Apparently, five thousand people camped out in Epping Forest each night to avoid the bombing of London, and a community of eight thousand lived in caves at Chislehurst in Kent. Special trains were apparently laid on to take these cave-dwellers to and from their roles in the City. They didn't have a Bronze Age lifestyle though: they had electricity, a barber's shop and a church: in fact, the first hymn to be sung at that church was 'Rock of Ages'!

As we contemplate the lives lost in so many conflicts, and pay tribute to our armed forces, perhaps it is also worthwhile to remember all those civilians whose contribution aren't always recognised: those who stayed behind to farm, to mine, to look after the children and the sick, to create the munitions and the medicines, and to keep the country running. Everyone played a part, and millions risked their lives for others'. As Jesus said, "No man hath greater love than this, that he lay down his life for his neighbour": but we also need to pay tribute to the millions who made other, and different sacrifices too.

God bless you all.

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

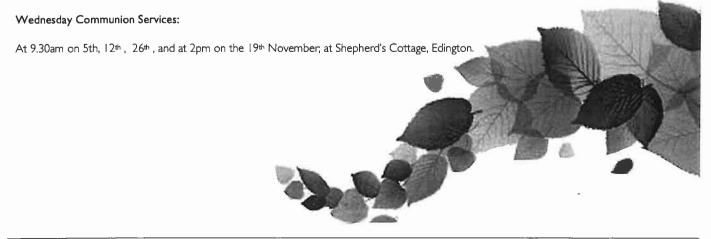
#### SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE - NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
Sunday  2 <sup>nd</sup> November  All Saints/All Souls'	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	09.30 SOLEMN EUCHARIST FOR ALL SAINTS (CW)		I I.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) I 6.00 BEREAVEMENT SERVICE (ALL SOULS')
2nd Sunday 9th November Remembrance Sunday	NB NO 7.30AM SERVICE 09.30 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 10.45 SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL 6PM SING PRAISE	09.15 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 10.45 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE	8.30 REMEMBRANCE  SERVICE	I 7.00 REMEMBRANCE SERVICE WITH WALK OF REMEMBRANCE (The walk commences at the Village Hall and concludes with a short service in Church)
3rd Sunday 16th November Second Sunday before Advent	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP)  11.00 MATTINS AT ST JAMES' CHURCH	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday  23 <sup>rd</sup> November Christ the King	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	
5th Sunday 30th November, First Sunday of Advent		I 8.30 BENEFICE SERVICE: THE SERVICE OF LIGHT		

#### SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS: Please note the times of Remembrance Services in each village

- 8th November, I Iam Imber Remembrance Service with the Rt Revd Dr Edward Condry. Convoy from Vedette Post 2 at 10am.
- 11th November: 10.50 am Armistice Service at the War Memorial, Bratton
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November: I0am 'T/Edington': Teddy Bear Parachuting Event and 'Stir-up' Coffee Morning at Edington Priory Church
- 29th November: Benefice Quiet Day in Glastonbury

Public Morning & Evening Prayer: Mondays and Tuesdays (9am, 5pm) -at Bratton; Wednesday and Thursdays at Edington (9am), 5pm at Bratton;





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#### EDINGTON FAIR ACCOUNTS by M. King (Hon Treasurer)

As at 30 Sept 2014-10-23:

Balance Forward	1 611.49	Donations	I 920.00
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The 2015 Directory Supplement for the Three Villages will be with the December/January issue of The News If any persons are knowing of any amendments or additions please contact tinheadsmithy@aol.com as soon as possible. Thank you in advance

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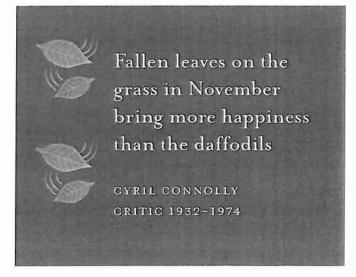
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If you would like help just call us on 07852 256 939 between 9am—6pm Monday to Friday and one of our duty coordinators will log your request and find a volunteer to help you. All calls are charged at mobile rates. Responding to requests can be demanding so it helps to receive plenty of notice when being asked to organise assistance, ideally not less than 48 hours in advance.

#### THE FOUR VILLAGES LINK - HELP REQUIRED!



The Four Villages Link Scheme, which covers Bratton, Edington, Coulston and Erlestoke urgently need volunteers to help keep this vital rural service operating. The scheme, a registered charity, is staffed entirely by volunteers without whose willingness to give up a little of their free time we would not be able to support those in our community who are unable to access essential services or social activities.

With an increasing population of older people, together with the decline in locally funded services, it is inevitable that the scheme will be called upon more frequently to offer help in a variety of ways – from organising transport to and from medical appointments to carrying out small simple jobs around the house that do not require the services of a specialist tradesman.

Please would you consider helping your community by either becoming a volunteer (you can offer as much or as little time as you like, at a time to suit you), or by acting as a coordinator, matching client requirements to volunteer resources. Either way, it is a great opportunity to meet new people and become more involved in the neighbourhood, as well as providing an important service to those in our four villages who might need a helping hand from time to time. Why not pick up the phone and call 07852 256 939 for more information and an informal chat about what we do?

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Westbury	£1.70	Every Thursday	1.25pm
Salisbury	£4	Saturday 8th	9.30am

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door. The G&J trip to Swindon Retail Outlet on Friday November 21st will leave Edington at 11am and return at about 4pm.

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.

#### ADVANCE NOTICE

We will be having a lunch in aid of TVM on Wednesday December 10th at 12.15pm. in Edington Parish Hall. All are most welcome to come and join us -(we have yet to finalise the menu.

Many thanks to all who supported our tea in October – we raised £100 for the ongoing costs of running TVM.







#### THE BADGERS WORTON AND CHEVERELL F.C.

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'It is never too late to start playing football, new members welcome – please contact the relevant team coaches for information on training sessions (contact info on Club website above or google 'Worton and Cheverell FC').

The Website provides updates on team news and results, in addition to membership payment methods via the web. Payments are now due, BUT you will need to be registered on the Club website (both parent and player).

At Adult level, we now have 3 teams: 2 playing on a Saturday in the Trowbridge and District League, with October results being disappointing with a 4-1 loss to Calne and a 9-0 loss to Holt for the 1st team, whilst the Reserves faired slightly better with a 2-3 loss to Bratton and a 2-2 draw against 'The Stiffs'! One team also plays in the Sunday Chippenham League, who are currently top of the table with 11 points (3 wins, and 2 draws).

Under 12's had a frustrating tie losing 2-4 to Calne, with 4 easy away goals but 2 great goals for the Badgers. Whilst the Under 14's have had a great to start to the season with 2 good wins in October – 8-3 against Westbury 'Lions' and an 11-0 win against Westbury 'Tigers'.

Finally, many thanks to Martin Rose – newly appointed honorary Club member for supply of water for line marking at Worton School pitch.









#### CHRISTMAS CARDS CHARITY SALE

Saturday November 15th, 10am until midday

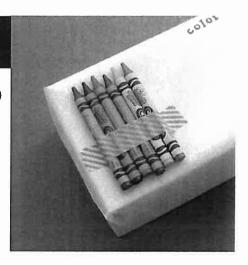
The Parish Hall, Edington

Come along for a chat, refreshments and a chance to browse the stalls of the charities attending this year. Always an enjoyable hassle free couple of hours!

#### PLEASE HELP

#### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Each year a group of ladies across our villages furiously knit hats, gloves, bags and puppets that go towards filling shoe boxes with a variety of items that are given to children from deprived or war torn areas via the Samaritan's Purse charity.



Currently our boxes are bereft of pens, crayons, pencils, rulers, felt tips, small soft toys, soap, toothpaste, and combs and we would really appreciate donations of any of these items. Collection points are Edington Priory Church (the black box at the back of the church) and Edington Post Office. As we need to ensure that all boxes are completed ready for despatch at the end of the month we need all contributions by Wednesday 12 November.

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Safe Places are there to be used when people may feel in need of a little extra help or support for various reasons; for example, during times of anxiety, fear or distress. Examples could be if you feel upset or unwell. Lost your purse or wallet or perhaps forgotten which bus you need to catch.



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#### MILITARY TRAINING IN NOVEMBER

November will see a lot of activity across the whole of Salisbury Plain. Artillery, Mortar and Heavy Machine gun live firing will take place during the 1st and last weeks of the month. The first week of the month the Land Warfare Centre Combined Arms Tactics Division will deploy an Armoured Battle Group with opposing forces on Ex LIONS STRIKE. At the same time the Royal Tank Regiment Reconnaissance Squadron in CVRT will conduct low level troop training alongside an Armoured Cavalry Squadron from the Royal Dragoon Guards and a Multi Launch Rocket System battery from 39 Regiment Royal Artillery. From 8<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> November the Field Training Unit will run an Army Weapons Effect Simulation Exercise WESSEX STORM for 1 Scots Guards in the Mechanised Infantry role across the whole Plain, involving the use of Jackal and Mastiff wheeled armoured vehicles. These will be in escorted convoys using the B3098 and A342 during parts of the exercise. Concurrently the Land Warfare Centre Reconnaissance and Tactics Division Light Cavalry and







Support Weapons School Anti-Tank courses will conduct their initial course exercises. In the final week of November the Armoured Infantry INCO Warrior Comd Course will train in the East of SPTA on Ex SHARPENED WARRIOR, together with the Defence Logistic School final exercise Ex TIMBER TRUSS, including 2 Challenger 2 Squadrons plus Regimental HQ from the Royal Tank Regiment.

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Remembrance Service Sat 08 November Convoy from Warminster gate at 1000hrs. Christmas & New Year 1600hrs Thurs 18 December to 0800hrs Mon 05 January 15.

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

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE THIRD AGE

The damp darkness of the October afternoon did not prevent 35 people attending at the United Reformed Church Hall for the U3A meeting this month. Members were surprised to discover the table in front of the speaker loaded with bundles of shapes, sizes and colours. No – it wasn't a sale. The speaker who had been booked for this afternoon was seriously ill and so, at very short notice, Mrs Jacquie Williams was persuaded to come to talk on the subject "The history and origins of Quilting"

We were surprised to learn that quilting has been around for over 5,000 years. Earliest examples were found in China and in the tombs of the Egyptian Pharaohs. Quilts were known in Mongolia from 100BC and archaeologists found a quilt from that date being used as a carpet.

Mrs Williams described how quilted garments were worn in the Middle Ages under armour and sometimes over armour to protect against rain and snow. Japanese armour sometimes consisted entirely of heavy quilted garments. The earliest surviving quilt was made in the 14th century and came from Sicily. It can still be seen in the Victoria and Albert Museum, bearing the legend of Tristan.

England and Wales began to develop their own traditions of quilting and many of these found their way to the new colonies in America during the 17th century.

The first sewing machine to be produced caused much consternation. It was thought that women could not control machinery and if freed from their arduous labours, women would go wild. It was said that "Only men had the intelligence and temperance for machines, - women, those delicate creatures, could use needles, brooms, washboards, but not machines". It was an interesting and thought provoking afternoon which captivated the attention of the men as much as the women. The meeting was very grateful to Mrs Williams and her helper Sue for sharing their ideas and challenging those of us who are



not very nimble with our fingers. At the start of the meeting the chair announced the sad deaths of two of our members, Mrs Sheila Powner and Mr John Nicholls. We send condolences to the families and will miss both members from the activities of chess, marjohn, bridge and canastal. Next month there will be a talk on the subject "A Policeman's Lot!" We hope to see you there at 2pm on 13 November.

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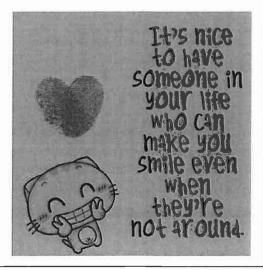
Our children have, as ever, really enjoyed our lovely school grounds this Autumn. We are fortunate to have on site a small area of woodland (which the children call Bluebell Wood) and many other beautiful and exciting areas where children can learn and explore. Some children have learnt about the work of Andy Goldsworthy, and have completed some outstanding art in his style this term. Other children have done really carefully executed observational drawings using the "gifts" from our Harvest thanksgiving celebration.

#### Cooking Lessons

Every week we have cooking lessons in our new Art Centre (which also has a great kitchen attached). Children learn about healthy eating, good nutrition, hygiene, health and safety in the kitchen and they prepare a series of little meals. Amongst the food they have experimented with this term are fruit ice cream, fruit crumbles, pizza and salsa. A lot of science, geography and other areas of the curriculum are enriched by the cooking experience.

#### Clubs

Gardening club grew some enormous pumpkins this year — and some very tiny ones as well! These formed part of our Harvest display. They have made sure that our grounds always look lovely, with flowers, fruit and vegetables growing in abundance. Street surfing was popular this term, and children could choose to take part in various other special interest clubs as well including football, netball, cricket, judo, ukulele, handbells, junk modelling, book club and chess.



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OPRAH WINFREY

November may see some interesting developments in the realm of strategic planning in Wiltshire and in the local scene too. Close to the top of my wish-list is that the inspection of **Wiltshire draft Core Strategy** will be completed and that a final recommendation by the Inspector to approve the Strategy will be sent to the Secretary of State.

It is more than two and a half years since the base document of the Strategy was published in February 2012. It was approved by the Council in June 2012 and then submitted for examination by the Planning Inspectorate.

A whole year passed before the inspection process actually got underway in the form of public hearings in mid-2013. Evidently, those hearings did not tick all the boxes and I understand that the subsequent correspondence between the Council and the Inspector has since reached a record level. The Inspector's letters can all be seen on the Council's website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment/planningpolicy/wiltshirecorestrategy/wiltshirecorestrategyexamination.htm .

A final public hearing was held in late September 2014 so, with luck, the Inspector's report will now soon emerge.

Not only has this long process placed a substantial administrative burden on Wiltshire's strategic planning staff, it has left development control procedures in a difficult interim position. Until adoption, the draft Strategy can only be given limited weight when making planning decisions. At the same time, less weight can be given in this area to the old Kennet Local Plan, which was adopted in 2004 and is now pretty out of date.

Neighbourhood Plans, which are intended to put local meat on the bones of the Core Strategy, are even further behind. Many groups of worthy volunteers at parish and town level are ploughing through some pretty heavy bureaucratic processes in the hope of setting out the local vision.

In the meantime, there are no substantive local planning policies on which to base development control decisions. In this limbo, the high-level National Planning Policy Framework is the only definitive document. It is written in general terms but the underlying theme is a presumption in favour of development.

In many places, developers have sought to take advantage of the weakness of local planning controls to propose unsuitable schemes. One such scheme for a development of 25 houses outside Great Cheverell was put forward by Gladman Developments Limited, which was rightly refused by Wiltshire Council's planning officers. The applicant's appeal will be heard by during the course of November. The proposals would not accord with the Core Strategy or the old Kennet Local Plan. I hope the Inspector will agree the development is not welcome.

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.

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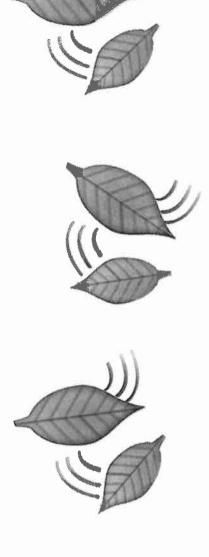
It seems to me that having had a wonderful summer and early autumn, the recent spell of wet weather has come as a bit of a shock to us all. It is at this time of the year, with falling leaves and rain, that the gullies in our roads, quickly get blocked resulting in localised flooding. Wiltshire has in excess of 87,000 gullies and therefore clearing them takes a great deal

of time and effort. If, whilst out and about, you see a gully blocked with leaves or other debris, quickly clearing this away yourself can often resolve the problem. However, we are aware that sometimes it is not as simple as this and special gully cleaning equipment needs to be used. To report this and a whole host of other issues, to include potholes, flooding, graffiti, dog mess, fly-tipping and street lighting issues amongst others, can be completed by using the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov/report or an alternative is to download the My Wiltshire App, on a smart phone and again be able to report similar issues. Whilst a short registration process is required, the App enables the exact location to be identified and an ability to upload photographs of the problem. Through this way, the issue is logged and you can be updated on progress made to resolve it. Of course for those not wanting to use these types of technology, can telephone the Council's customer service team on 0300 456 0100.

Locally, I have very much enjoyed meeting up with the bell ringers at Edington Priory Church and was pleased to see how the classes they run, is encouraging new ringers from young to more mature in age, from right across west Wiltshire. Westbury Area Board recently provided funds to improve some of their equipment and in the future, I very much look forward to seeing this being put to good effect. I was also very pleased to support and then gain approval for f,1,000, again via the Westbury Area Board, to pay for a handrail along the path by the Parish Hall at Edington, which will be installed in the near future. In Coulston, we have begun exploring whether the village's allotments can be transferred to the Parish Council under Wiltshire Council's Community Asset Transfer scheme which would then enable the community to take control of this facility. Lastly, highways officers have recently installed new signs on the entry points to the village to warn motorists of the narrow lanes and perhaps encourage a reduction in their speed. And on a more general note, councillor colleagues and myself continue to put pressure on getting sections of the B3098 repaired, which as we all know has some sections in a dreadful state of repair along its entire route. As always, my role is to hear the views of people and wherever possible provide advice and try and help.

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 701617.





#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Many people in Edington must be aware of the proliferation in the numbers of rodents in the village. Some of us are suffering from this invasion more than others. However in the interests of all, this is a request for vigilance and reporting of sightings/damage to the council and a plea for those who feed birds including the ducks around the village pond to do so sparingly as vermin eat any of this food left uneaten.

There is no point in having people report sightings to me, but if they have a concern, Wiltshire Council pest control officers have had to come to the village pond a few weeks ago and also to some private houses. My concern is that people want to feed the ducks and the garden birds but are not aware of the consequences. Recently a rat was killed on the roadway near here. It was at least 9 inches long, not including its tail. It may well be one of the 'super rats' which are moving westwards from the southeast. I'm not an expert. We don't need to encourage them to breed even more, the weather has helped them enormously.

My phone no: 01380 830396 Sandra Salmons



# COULSTON COMMEMORATION EVENT



#### SUNDAY 9 NOVEMBER

#### GATHER AT THE VILLAGE HALL AT 5 PM

Everyone is invited to join in a village Commemoration of the start of World War One and Remembrance of those from Coulston who lost their lives in the Great War 1914-1918. The event will include a procession from the Village War Memorial to the Church where we will commemorate with music and readings of the events that took place between August and Christmas 1914. Afterwards everyone is invited to a social gathering at the Village Hall where there will be further information on display about the Coulston servicemen who died in the war. Would those coming to the Commemoration evening please bring with them a plate of finger food for the social gathering or contact Helen Park / Mel Suter in advance to offer assistance.

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## COULSTON DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT UPDATE



Thank you to everyone who has supported this project over the past two years. At long last the Defibrillator is now installed in the secure yellow cabinet inside the red phone box outside Coulston village hall. To access the Defibrillator please first dial 999. If you are within 1/4 mile of the Defibrillator the operator will be able to give

you the code to open the yellow secure cabinet and access the Defibrillator. Twenty five Coulston residents have completed training to use the Defibrillator but anyone can use it as clear audio instructions are given when the Defibrillator is opened. Once again thank you to everyone who has helped with this project.

Mel Suter & Helen Park, Coulston Defibrillator project

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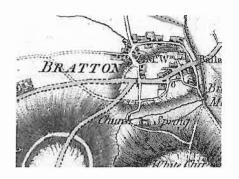
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Where: Edington Parish Hall

When: Every Thursdays 10-12pm (closed during school holidays, except weekly summer outings)

In October the children got to stand barefoot in paint and walk on paper to create little tiny colourful foot prints. They loved it! They also decorated their pumpkins ready for the village Pumpkin Show and decorated paper planes.

This year's children's Christmas Party will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 3pm-5pm at Edington Village Hall. There will be entertainment and some party food. Entry fee: £2 per child and 50p per adult. Edington Under 5s is hosting the music group "Mini Beatles" every week. Please join us for some more musical fun.

We would like to give a very warm welcome our new little members, James (2 months old), Huxley (1 year and 4 months old) and Charlie (3 years old). We would also like to wish a Happy Birthday to Nathaniel and Finley who are 1 and 3 this month.

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Few of us look forward to the arrival of the winter months, and as we get older our bodies can find it harder to cope with the cold, but by being prepared, we can stay warm and healthy this winter. Here are a few things to consider, and information about where you can find sources of help. If you are over 65 you are entitled to a free flu jab. Flu can develop into pneumonia which can be very serious. GP surgeries hold flu clinics at this time of year, so make sure you have booked in. Ideally your living areas should be 18–21 degrees C during the day. Try to heat your bedroom before you go to bed and keep it about 18 degrees C overnight. I have a supply of free room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.

Try to keep moving if you can as this generates heat. Wearing several thin layers of clothing helps to keep you warmer than wearing one thick one, and eating at least one hot meal a day and having plenty of warm drinks will help keep your body temperature up.

You can request your pharmacy to deliver your regular medication if you can't get out, or call your local Link scheme who may be able to find a volunteer to collect it for you. Even if it's cold, don't give up on staying connected to friends, family and social groups, means of getting there, the Link may be able to help you.



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#### BILL FOSS

Sadly, as many of you will know Bill Foss passed away recently at home, whilst settled in front of the T.V. watching cricket, one of the sporting loves of his life. Bill and his wife Margaret came to Tinhead about 15 years ago, and soon became involved in village life, through golf, church, pub, and the R.B.L. where their charm and interesting conversation shone through.

He once told the author "My real name is Cecil, dear boy". Apparently on joining his regiment during the early days of World War II his Commanding Officer had said, "Cecil! No that will never do, you'll be Bill", and Bill he became.

Bill had been reading law at Oxford at the outbreak of war, studies were curtailed, and he found himself in the infantry, commissioned into the Ox and Bucks

regiment. He went on to volunteer for S.O.E. duties. The end of the war saw him behind Japanese lines in the Far East. Once extracted from the jungles of Malaya, he was put to work at the war trials of the Japanese command.

Law studies were never resumed, and a career in business again involving the Far East, followed. He met and married Margaret and they raised four sons. Retirement found them in Edington.

His wartime experiences underpinned his commitment to the Edington and Coulston R.B.L., where he was our President for several years.

In recent years Bill and Margaret moved to Sevenoaks to be nearer family, but regular phone calls and the occasional visit kept them in touch with old friends. Bill was a charming gentleman who will be greatly missed.



Thank you for publicising the concert by the Bristol Royal Mail Choir, held at Edington Priory Church. The Choir, which featured on the BBC TV series "Sing while you work", combined their singing with a number of anecdotes about the creation of the Choir for the TV series.

Their efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience and the retiring collection raised £384 for the Stroke Association which, being the Royal Mail's Charity of the Year and their support with the provision of matched funding, resulted in a total of £768.

Yours, George Fraser, 8 Greatwoods, Edington.

#### EDINGTON'S PHOTOGRAPHIC ARCHIVE

Edington Parish Council has purchased an external hard drive to store photographs of the village, villagers and events. All villagers are invited to donate

photographs/digital photographs for the use of future generations. We are interested in collecting historical photographs of the village,

plus compiling current scenes and activities. We would like photos to be taken on a regular basis showing the village throughout the year, these can be of events, people, buildings, wildlife etc. Anything that future generations may appreciate.

We are thinking of creating an annual calendar with the previous year's photographs showing the village/activities or anything to do with Edington to raise money for the village. Any persons wanting to donate any images please contact tinheadsmithy@aol.com. Please also see the village website for more details.







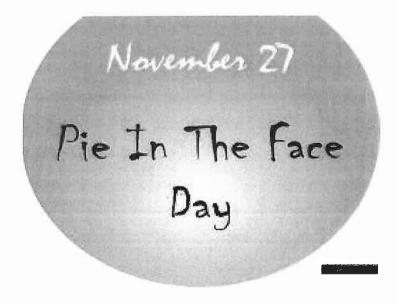
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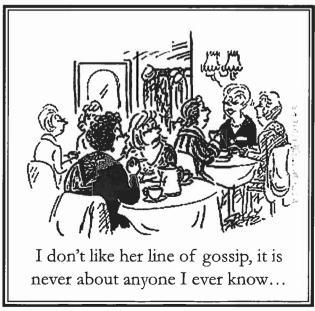
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At our meeting on 14 October we were given a fascinating insight into the Perils of Publishing. Several visitors joined us to hear local poet and author Jane Panos describing the stages leading to publication – publishing, self-publishing as a book or an e-book, proof reading, formatting, choosing the title and designing the cover are just some of the stages by which her ideas are turned into print. Proofreading is best done by someone other than the author, and Jane's local friends often undertake this for her. If the book has been formatted as a paper copy, it then has to be reformatted in an entirely different way for an ebook. She and fellow writers support each other, for example giving their opinions on cover design. The design and title should reflect the theme and Jane showed us examples of highly misleading versions of some well-known books. Jane is seen daily walking with her dog, but if she doesn't stop for a chat, it's because she is talking to her characters and developing her ideas – or rather the characters' ideas, which can demand reshaping and re writing. We all gained better understanding of the writer's dedication and the many decisions to be made.

A bring and buy was held to raise funds for women in need across the world. Members reported on a Quiz Evening and on the New Speakers Day.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 November when Clare McNaughton will speak on Tales From The Domestic Frontline. All visitors are very welcome to come along and join us.





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#### Edington Parish Council News

We have received good news from Westbury Area Board. They will fund a hand rail from the Parish hall to the road. Hopefully this will be installed in the near future. We have applied for matched funding to help us renew the swings in the playfield, which are showing signs of rot and will need replacing this winter to comply with safety standards. Any ideas to raise the remainder? This is likely to be several thousand pounds, donations also welcome. The swings are probably the most used equipment in the playfields so we would like to replace them as soon as funds can be found.

Advance Notices: We will be erecting the Christmas tree on Saturday 13 December. As usual there will be a competition for the best tree decorations, the more we have the prettier the tree will be. Lights will be turned on with carols and mulled cider on Sunday 14 final details next month

We have received information from county that faster broadband should be arriving at Devizes Exchange, which includes Edington, in Autumn 2015.

Planning: (a) The following applications have been received:

- (i) 4/08145/FUL Revised design and siting of ancillary gymnasium previously approved under application 13/07030/FUL at Hillside Cottage 45 Westbury Road for Hillside Cottage Ltd.
- (ii) 14/08451/FUL Alterations and extensions to dwelling at Linwood, 18 Court Lane for Mr S Wylam.
- (iii) 14/08677/VAR Variation of Condition 4 to planning application 13/02309/FUL to enable the re routing of the project grid connection at Stokes Marsh Farm, Coulston for Mr Chris Bale.
- (iv) 14/08854/TCA Crown prune cherry tree by 30% at 54 Westbury Road for Mr Jasper Dorgan.
- (v) 14/08880/FUL Remove existing single storey flat roof garage and provide new larger single storey pitched roof garage extension. Alterations to WC and store to form wet room and porch raised to suit new floor levels (amendment to 14/06674/FUL) at June Cottage 35 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs J & M Ridger (b) The following decisions have been received:- (i) 14/06674/FUL Removal of existing single storey flat roof garage extension and erection of larger single storey flat roof garage extension; alterations to WC and store to form wet room and porch raised to suit new floor levels at June Cottage 35 Westbury Road for Mr and Mrs J & M Ridger – approved

Full details of planning applications can be found on Wiltshire county council website



#### EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

#### FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

#### EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB TALK by Graham Anstey on the "Wonders of Westonbirt"

Graham gave us a very informative talk about National Arboretum at Westonbirt covering everything from its origins to the future plans for the site. The origins of the arboretum can be attributed to the needs of affluent Victorian Londoners having a need for fresh water and one of the providers of this resource, Robert Holford, having the desire to establish one of the largest mansions in the country at the time. The history of the arboretum has been shaped from a legacy of Victorian fashions, a wealthy family, globe-trotting and death-defying plant hunters and landscape design. What started as an arboretum in which to house specimens collected from around the world is now a world class tree collection of over 2500 different types which receives more than 350,000 visits a year.

In the following years the land was passed to the government in lieu of death duties and the estate is now technically looked after by the Environment Secretary but this responsibility has been passed to the Forestry Commission who employ an army of 260 volunteers to assist their staff in maintaining the estate.

Recently there have been major improvements to the car parking areas to allow more of the grounds to become natural grassland again and the future plans include a tree top walkway to provide visitors with a new experience at height.

Our next talk will be on Thursday 6th November at 7.30pm in Edington Parish Hall when Mike Burgess will be giving a talk entitled "Find room for fruit." Visitors always welcome.

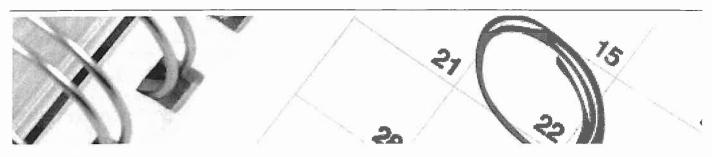
#### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

November 6th 'Find Room for Fruit' Mike Burgess 7.30pm EGC

#### Charity Christmas Card Sale

It's that time of year again! Our annual sale will be Saturday 15th November from 10am until noon. If there is anyone who would like a table to sell cards / items to support and promote your favourite charity please contact me asap. There is no charge for the table so all proceeds will go to the charity concerned. Sale of Refreshments cover the cost of the Hall and any surplus will go to another charity. It is always a friendly, relaxed and enjoyable morning.

Please ring Jacky on 830 133 or contact Pauline at the Post Office.



#### FORTHCOMING EVENTS

#### **NOVEMBER**

01	Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10.30am-midday		
06	Garden Club Talk, Edington Parish Hall, 7.30pm		
09	Coulston Commemorative Event, Village Hall, 5pm		
10	Lunch Club, Duke Bratton, 12.30pm		
13	U3A Meet, United Reform Church Hall, 2pm		
13/14/15	Play, Bratton Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm		
15	Xmas Card Sale, Edington Parish Hall, 10am-midday		
16	Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm		
16	Xmas concert, Edington Priory, 6.15 for 7pm		
21	G&J trip to Swindon Retail Outlet, Edington PO leave 11am		
22	Purple Fish Concert, Devizes Corn Exchange, 7pm		
22	Tedington Stir Up Day, Edington		
28	Open Forum, Jubilee Hall Bratton, 7pm		
29	Steeple Rocks, St Mary's Church, Steeple Ashton, 7.30pm		
	DECEMBER		
01	Lunch Club, Duke Bratton, 12.30pm		
10	TVM Lunch, Edington Parish Hall, 1215		
12	Xmas Dinner, Bratton Jubilee Hall		
13/14	Xmas Tree Event and lighting ceremony Edington		

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