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Thank goodness Scotland are staying with the union – I was concerned over a lot of politicians promises for the future of Scotland, so glad we stuck with the devil we know.



It's pumpkin time and I will be presenting my efforts at the pumpkin day – although I doubt if my pumpkin will come near the monster that is Bill Kemp's (last years winner).

Good luck everyone.

Fiona



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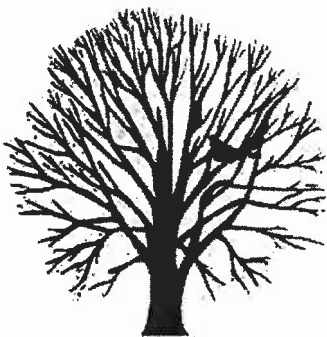
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Do you have a few hours to spare and a petrol strimmer? If so, would you be willing to help keep the Churchyard at Erlestoke strimmed. Please contact Chris Hampton on 01380 830204, or just turn up there and strim round the headstones. Thank you.

The Edington Musical Supper Committee would like to thank everyone who so generously donated prizes and puddings for the evening which was held in its new location in the Parish Field adjoining the Churchyard. We were especially glad to have such energetic and helpful waiters and waitresses – we hope they will all come again next year!



**THERE ARE TWO
GIFTS WE SHOULD
GIVE OUR CHILDREN;
ONE IS ROOTS, AND
THE OTHER IS WINGS.**

ERLESTOKE FLOWER ROTA OCTOBER



Oct 12 Mrs H Diskett
Oct 19 Mrs E Kemp
Oct 26 Mrs C Hampton

BUILDING A NEW FUTURE

I'm writing this article two days before the Independence Referendum in Scotland, which means I do not know the outcome, at the time of writing. The Referendum was not high on the list of many peoples' topics of conversation around here, even up until a few weeks ago - but now it is talked about widely, and people are praying about it openly in churches too. It's often said that the British don't talk about politics or religion in public: now they do.

Whatever the result, and putting aside the political aspects, I ask myself the question, "What is it that glues a country together?"

In a way, this question can be asked on a smaller scale too. What glues this community together? Indeed, what is the bond that holds couples together?

A shared bond, a belief that we are all on the same side, being part of the same team, sharing in common experience: these things come rapidly to mind. A history together; memories of shared times and cherished moments are important too. It's obviously important to enjoy spending time together, enjoying one another's company. Quite often, facing challenges or adversity together, in common cause, is also very important: on a local scale, this may not be anything like facing the same enemy in countless wars, but a battle against the wind and rain at a local fete, or mucking in together to make a barbecue happen, or joining in with fundraising for some local project or repair work. At the end of the day, of course, there has to be a will to move on, together, because no one can live on memories alone: part of life is re-invention and the re-energising of relationships.

I often get newly-engaged, but previously-divorced couples asking me whether they can get married in church. I am required to ask them some searching questions as part of the process before they can get married again in church. One question that I ask them to think about is, "What they have you learned about yourself, and about your previous relationship?". "How can this help you to build a better relationship in the future?".

Maybe these are questions for all of us nationally, locally and in our personal relationships too: what do our relationships tell us about ourselves, and why are we in these particular relationships? How, indeed is it possible to make them better – and can we spot the areas of difficulty, before there are problems?

God bless you all

Revd Mark Jones,

Rector of Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston.

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – OCTOBER 2014

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 st Sunday 5 th October <i>Sixteenth After Trinity</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 HARVEST SERVICE (incl. a BAPTISM) followed by a HARVEST LUNCH at the BCI	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION for HARVEST (CW)
2 nd Sunday 12 th October <i>Seventeenth After Trinity</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION 18.00 SING PRAISE		09.30 FAMILY WORSHIP ()	
3 rd Sunday 19 th October, <i>Eighteenth After Trinity</i>	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 'THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE': AT ST JAMES' CHURCH	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 26 th October <i>Nineteenth After Trinity</i>	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP WITH BAPTISM (Isabella & Eva) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

MIDWEEK SERVICES

SPECIAL EVENTS

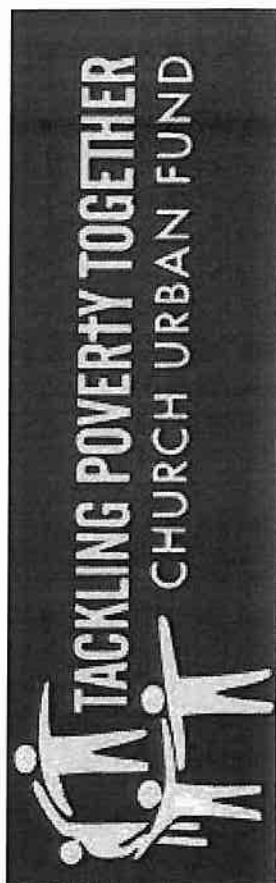
1. **Harvest Assembly:** 2.15pm, October 3rd at Holy Trinity Primary Academy
2. **Organ Recital:** Benjamin Nicholas, 17th October, 7.30pm at Edington Priory Church
3. **Harvest Festival Service for Bratton Primary School,** 2pm, Baptist Chapel
4. **Solemn Eucharist for All Saints'**, Edington Priory 9.30am Sun 2nd November
5. **Special Benefice Service for the Bereaved** (for All Soulstide), 2nd h
6. **Remembrance Sunday** (9th November) (with some emphasis on WWI commemorations):
At Bratton, 9.45am at St James' Church, 10.45 War Memorial; Edington. At Edington: 9.15 am Communion Service, 10.45 Remembrance Service;

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

Wednesday Communion Services:

At 9.30am on 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th October; at Edington Priory Church

“Now and then it’s good to pause in our pursuit of happiness and just be happy.” Guillaume Apollinaire



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THE GIG IN THE GARDEN & THE MEMORY OF SEAN GILBERT – A message from The Gilbert Family

A some may know, some may not, Sean was involved in the very early stages of planning an event similar to what took place over the weekend of 6-7th September and very successful it appears to have been. Recent events over the past few months overtook the original thinking of how and where the gig should take place. Andy and Janet, proprietors of the George and Dragon, offered their premises and the family of Sean wish to thank them for their much valued help and assistance to hold the event there. We would also like to thank all of you, probably too many to mention by name, who put the event together: Bands, raffle, prize donators, donations, villagers, the many who supported the event and the group who worked so hard to draw it all together. All we can do is express our sincere thanks, although there is deep sadness whining us all, we have been humbled so much by how many of your lives he has also passed through. He would have loved Saturday and the music and no doubt at some stage been the centre of attraction, it did seem the spirit of Sean was with us all and with this spirit and your compassion and memories. The charity will receive a substantial donation. *Thank you.*
Thank you also for the comforting tributes to Sean in the last issue of the News.



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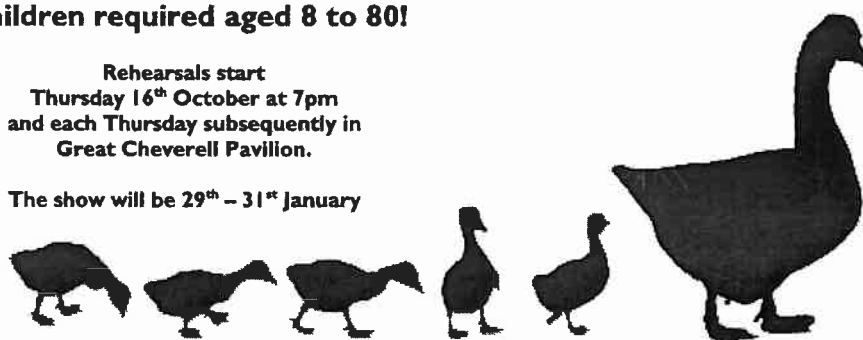
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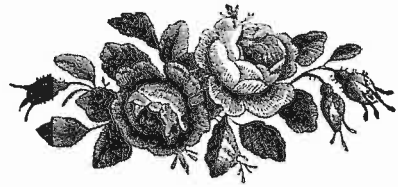
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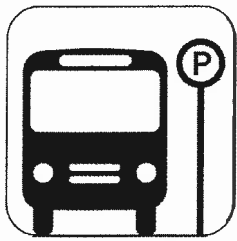
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The G&J trip to **Clarkes Retail Village** on **Friday October 17th** will leave Edington at the earlier time of 11am. and return at about 4pm.

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TEA TIME FOR THE TVM

We will be having a tea in aid of TVM on Wednesday October 8th at 3.00pm. in Edington Parish Hall. All are most welcome to come and enjoy tea and delicious cakes (we have yet to decide the menu!) so please come and join us. If you need a lift book your place on TVM with Pauline.

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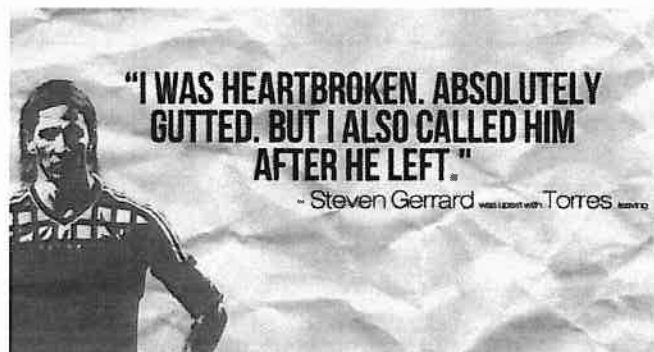


Season is now in full swing again, with age groups from reception year (age 5) to Adult level. It is a credit to this Club that we now have 3 Adult teams (2 Saturday, and 1 Sunday League team), with many of the players starting in the Club at Junior level.

At the Junior level, we now have a small group of 5 year olds who train at St.Barnabas' School on Saturday mornings at 09.00 a.m. Whilst the Under 7 and 8s are also playing matches here, with recent good results for both U7 teams – (Badgers and Cubs) against Bishops Cannings and Calne, whilst the Under 8's played Trowbridge. Big thank you to the team kit sponsors for this season to H K Motors (Under 7 team) and Phil Stone Builders (U8 team).

Preseason U14's have played matches at Warminster, Corsham and Trowbridge Town registering wins in each of the games. Their first game of the league season was away against 'Bath Arsenal' (Mid-Somer Norton League and Cup Winners last season) and they registered a very credible 1-1 draw. A goal from Harry Davis with assist from Alfie Brinton, backed up by 3 stunning saves from James Black were the highlights of a very hardworking performance. The only downside was a trip to the hospital for Harry Davis afterwards after injuring his knee. X-Rays proved clear, so just recovery time required.

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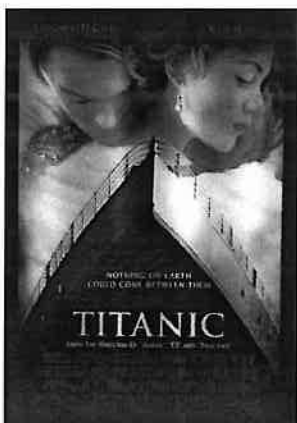
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Find out more about funding for your community project by visiting www.wscf.org.uk/grants or call us on 01380 729284 to find out more about how we can help.

Edington Parish Hall News



We would like to welcome Elizabeth Webbe as our new chair. Our short term aim is to raise funds for toilets with disability access, refitting our kitchen and improving storage.

Our annual harvest supper will be on Saturday 11th October with entertainment by Andrew and Rachel King. Tickets £10 each from Pauline at the post office.

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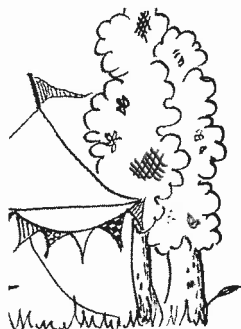
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MILITARY TRAINING IN OCTOBER

October starts with the Land Warfare Centre Armoured Troop Commanders Course Exercise **FIRST VIEW** training with Challenger 2 Tanks across the West and into the Centre on the 1st & 2nd October. At the same time 26 Engineer Regiment will start a 2 week Armoured Engineer battle run, and Armoured Infantry Companies from 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh and 1st Battalion The Yorkshire Regiment will conduct armoured manoeuvre training in Warriors.

11th – 17th October 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh and 101 Logistics Brigade will rehearse for and conduct the Land Command Power Demonstration exercise for the Joint Staff College Shrivenham. This will involve an Armoured Battle Group manoeuvring in the West and logistic stands around Old Carter Barracks near Bulford. At the same time the Armoured Infantry Course from Warminster will conduct Exercise **RARDENS REVENGE** in Warrior Armoured Vehicles across the Plain.

Throughout the latter half of the month an Armoured Cavalry Squadron from the Royal Dragoon Guards will be practicing their reconnaissance drills across the whole Plain in CVRT vehicles. 101 Logistics Brigade are due to conduct Exercise **GRIFFIN VIPER** for 3 weeks from 6th – 25th October which will involve three logistic regiments with some 180 heavy wheeled transport and load carrying vehicles running convoys across the whole Plain and making extensive use of the track system and tank crossings over main roads. A very busy final week in which the 2nd largest Armoured Exercise **TEAM SPIRIT** from the Land Warfare Centre incorporating the Brigade Reconnaissance course final exercise; **BADGERS STRESS** will take place. They will be joined by a Squadron of CVRT from the Royal Tank Regiment, an Armoured Engineer Squadron from 22 Engineer Regiment, a Multi Launch Rocket System Battery from 39 Regiment Royal Artillery and a Company of Omani troops preparing for Exercise **WESSEX STORM** in November.

Heavy use of Armoured vehicles during the month day and night will mean that the public are advised to restrict their recreational activities to the public rights of way and privileged tracks. If moving off them on foot then additional care should be taken to avoid disrupting military training and placing themselves at risk. Motorists are advised that the tank crossings on all major public roads transiting the Plain will be in regular use and that mud sweepers will be operating on the roads if the weather turns foul. Information about low flying is available from the **MOD** Low Flying Advisory Service (0845 600 7580) or on line at www.gov.uk/low-flying-in-your-area .

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NOTICES FROM THE U3A

At the close of the meeting notices were given that

a) The painting group are looking for new members and meets on the fourth Thursday of each month at Edington Parish Hall; and

b) A new Debating group has been formed and will meet at 2.30pm on the fourth Thursday of the month. This month it will be held at 27 Haynes Road.

Next month our speaker will be Bob Browning talking about "Sevington – a Victorian School in the 21st century".



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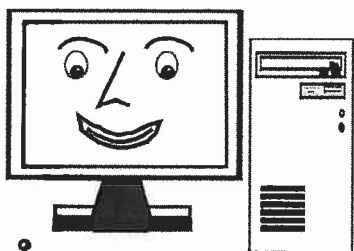
THE MAKING OF “CASABLANCA”

We were given an informative and entertaining talk by Edward Barham on the making of the film “Casablanca”. Firstly he explained to us that the film industry settled in Hollywood because of the good weather and light. Silent films used many experienced central European actors but these were often replaced by English speaking actors when talking pictures arrived as non accented “correct” speech was needed. The nationality of many actors/directors and technicians again became European as they fled Nazi Germany in the period leading up to and during the second world war.

We were then told that “Casablanca” began life as a stage play but it was never performed. The play was sold to Warner Bros for \$20,000. The film script however was barely recognisable from the original play. The budget was just under \$1,000,000 but was exceeded by some \$75,000. The film was premiered in New York on 26th November 1942 and grossed \$3,600,000 in its first year.

Mr Barham outlined the histories of the cast, many of whom had themselves escaped Nazi Germany and its allies and some of whom lost families in the concentration camps. Humphrey Bogart however was American, born to a well to do family and could have become a chess grand master but he went into films often playing villains opposite George Raft. Warner Bros noticed him in “High Sierra” and offered him the part in “Casablanca”. Ingrid Bergman was Swedish. Following the deaths of her parents she was brought up by an uncle and later used her inheritance to pay for acting lessons. She made films in both Sweden and Germany. Paul Henreid the third star was born in Trieste into a Viennese banking family. He went into films and fled Austria in 1934 coming to Britain where he became a naturalised citizen. He played the part of the German master in Goodbye Mr Chips. He then went to Hollywood and only agreed to take part in the film if he had equal billing. Many other actors in the film such as Carol Veidt (German), Sidney Greenstreet (British) and Peter Laurie (Hungarian) were also all born in the first fifteen or so years of the 20th century. They all had interesting histories and eventful lives before entering the film industry. The film’s story was all too real to many of them. They also were refugees. There were several factual errors in the film but that has never prevented Hollywood from letting facts get in the way of telling a good story. Many of the film crew became emotional during the part of the film that contained “the battle of the songs” where the German soldiers sang an old German folk song and the others the Marseilles, it was all too real to them. The film became memorable for six lines such as “here’s looking at you kid”. It was a triumph of duty over desire. The film was nominated for eight Oscars and won three, Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Director and Best Picture. It became a cult film when shown at Harvard during finals week, this became a tradition and is also shown at other universities. It is the most shown film on television in America.

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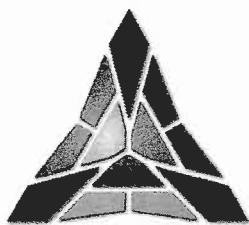
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GREAT START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR!

We had a wonderful start to our school year – in the very first week of term, we took all our children to Portsmouth Historic Dockyard to see HMS Victory and the Mary Rose. This was a tremendous way to start our topic centred around Turner's painting of *The Fighting Temeraire* (which was a sister ship to HMS Victory). Children have completed wonderful projects on this theme already – biographies of Admiral Lord Nelson and Turner, comparison between the Tudor ship, the Mary Rose, and the Georgian ship, the Victory, studies of life on board the ships, the Battle of Trafalgar and the food that was eaten, to name but a few. We have also seen some lovely art from the children on the theme.

NEW CHILDREN

We are always delighted to welcome our new children into our school – most of them into the Foundation Stage but others in various year groups through the school. We are a warm and welcoming community and new children settle quickly. We have been particularly pleased with the youngest children who have adjusted to school life and routines remarkably quickly! Our strong and supportive families help to ensure that transition is effective and learning is outstanding.

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In line with government requirements, all children in the Infants (Foundation stage, Year 1 and Year 2) receive free school meals if they want them. This initiative has rolled out very successfully in our school, thanks to the careful planning and preparation of our catering and MDSA team. In addition to enjoying the food, children work hard on table manners, being polite to each other, engaging in good conversation with others at the table and helping the younger children so that important life skills are learnt at lunch time as they are through the whole school day.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Once again, the academic achievements of our children have been outstanding – our average point score in the KS2 SATS this year was 31.8 and every Year 6 child achieved a level 4 or better in all subjects. More than a quarter of our children achieved Level 5 in all subjects – an exceptional achievement. Comparative data (allowing us to compare ourselves with schools nationally) will be available in late October, and will show that we have, once again, excelled in all areas – phonics, KS1 and KS2 SATS.

ADMISSIONS

To start school in September 2015, please remember to apply for a place before 15th January 2015. We have 19 places available for the Foundation Stage next year, and our admissions policy is available on our website www.holy-trinity.co.uk

If you would like to find out more about our school, please visit the school website at www.holy-trinity.co.uk or phone us on 01380 813 796.

A Message from Richard Gamble Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons & Erlestoke Division

If you have a good memory you may recall that, over a year ago, I wrote about the benefits of joint working with other public sector organisations. The police are now sharing Wiltshire Council offices and one of the areas where that association is proving most valuable is in safeguarding vulnerable children. In recent times, this has been a very topical subject!

One other area where joint working is proving helpful is public health, which was integrated with the Council in April 2013. The new public health team has just published its first annual report for the year 2013/14. As I write, the report has only just been approved by the Cabinet and I cannot provide an easy link but by the time you read this it will probably be available online via

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/publichealthwilts.htm where there is much other useful information.

In its first year, the public health team has successfully contained a measles outbreak, has supported around 2,500 people to stop smoking and has helped 285 people at risk of diabetes. It also successfully dealt with the health effects of the flooding last winter – remember that?

Other areas of importance include Early Intervention, ensuring children have the best start in life, reducing childhood obesity, reducing the impacts of drugs and alcohol and ensuring sexual health and wellbeing for young people. 5,900 young people were tested for Chlamydia of which 8.7% were positive and all of whom were treated.

For older people there were many other actions including assisting in the development of the Joint Wiltshire Dementia Strategy and supporting the “Before I Forget” campaign. More information is available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/healthandsocialcare/socialcareadults/healthandmedicaladvice/mentalhealthdementia.htm.

Wiltshire Council and the NHS CCG are working closely together on the wider aspects of mental health and a consultation will soon be underway on the strategy to deal with this. If this is an area that concerns you, look out for the publicity.

One other consultation that is now underway involves the Fire & Rescue Service that is considering a merger with Dorset and closer association with Wiltshire and Swindon Councils. I wholly support the latter idea. If you want to take part, you can find the information here www.wiltshirefire.gov.uk/strengtheningourfrs.

If you have difficulty accessing the internet for any of these items, please do not hesitate to contact me. You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to richard.gamble@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on 07762 018209.



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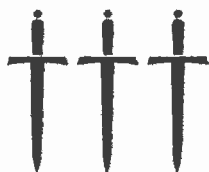
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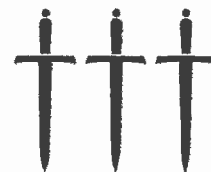
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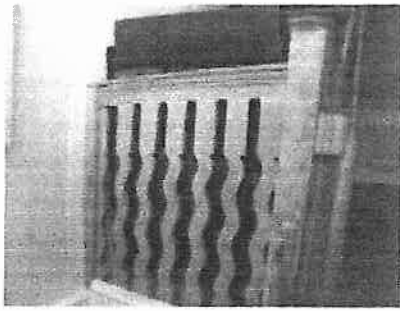
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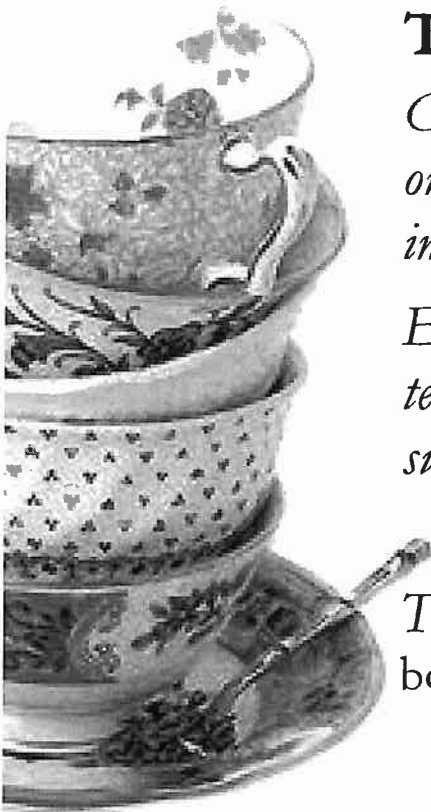
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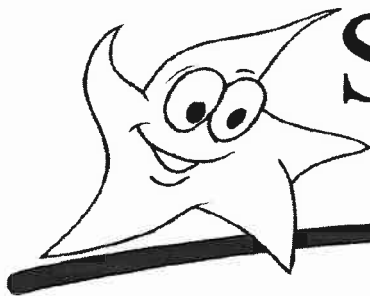


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BRATTON SCHOOL by David Brown, Head Teacher

It was a great pleasure to welcome all of our pupils back to school after the summer holidays and also to welcome a new cohort of children in the Reception class as well as some new children transferring to our school from other parts of the country. They all arrived to find a really smart and tidy school, particularly after the summer improvements. We have new carpets, fresh paint, new hand rails and brightly coloured playground markings. "It feels like a whole new school!" said one Year 5 pupil. We also welcomed a new teacher. Mr Josh Butler has joined us as one of the two teachers taking our Antelope class following Mrs Alice Hossent's move to Freshford Primary School at the end of term. Although we will miss Mrs. Hossent, we are very pleased that Mr Butler has joined the staff team.

This term sees the start of a new topic – The Incas! Children experienced a fascinating and fun morning recently when they tried to build an Inca wall, with closely fitting stones; played an Inca ball game; channelled water in an attempt to recreate an Inca irrigation system and even tried some Inca Maths! This topic has really captured the children's imagination and we are looking forward to all of the associated learning that there is when studying an ancient civilisation.

Our school will be open to the public on Tuesday 7th October, when we will be holding our Open Day. We invite all of our local community friends to visit the school and share with us our learning, success and fun. The school is open from 1.30-3pm and again from 5.30pm – 7pm. Please come along for a free cup of tea and piece of cake!

Already we are looking forward to taking part in the Westbury Music and Arts festival soon and visiting Bratton Baptist Church for our Harvest festival. (Edington Priory is already booked for our Christmas celebrations.)

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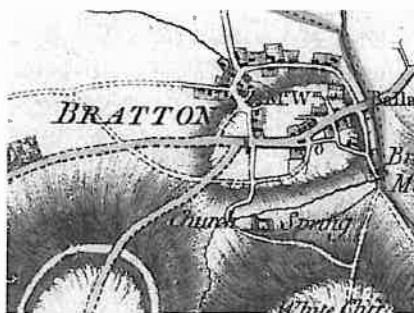
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Tea and coffee for parents are available as well as a healthy snack and activity for the children.

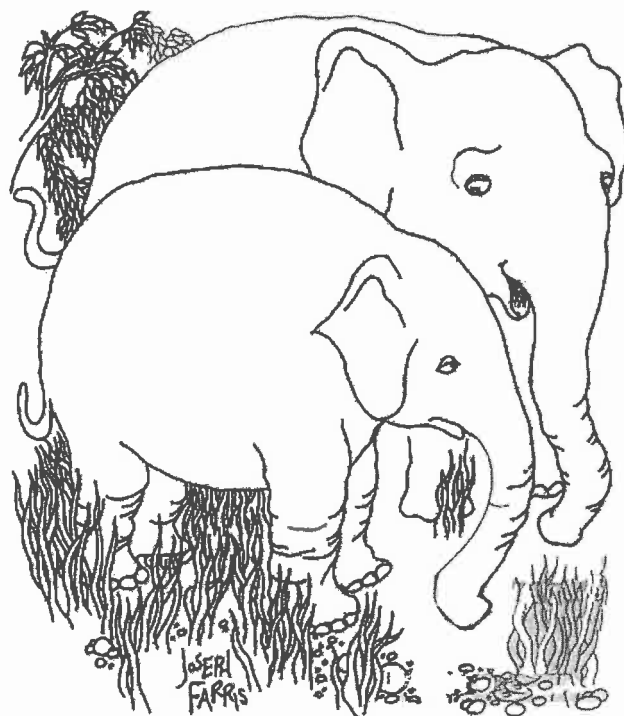
Where: Edington Parish Hall

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

In September the children created a display "inspired by literature" (Alice in Wonderland) as an entry to Edington Village Produce show, and won 3rd place! Good work everyone!

This month, we will be carving and decorating pumpkins for the village pumpkin show which will take place on Saturday 25th October. Please join us and enter the competition!

Edington Under 5s is hosting the music group "Mini Beatles". Please join us from September for some more musical fun.



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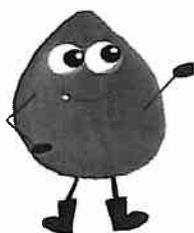
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GETTING READY FOR WINTER

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. **Check the exterior of your property** – are there any loose tiles, damp patches? Ensure your boiler has been serviced and chimneys have been swept. If you need it, Age UK has a list of registered traders to help you find the right person for the job. **Is your property fully insulated?** This will help keep your home warm and lower your bills. There are schemes running locally to provide advice on this, and you might be entitled to help with the cost. **Are your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms working?** Wiltshire Fire and Rescue carry out free home fire safety checks for qualifying households. Have a supply of salt and sand ready to put on icy surfaces. Ideally your living areas should be 18 – 21 degrees C during the day. I have a stock of free room thermometers, so please contact me if you would like one.

Are you concerned that you may not be able to cover your fuel bills? There are grants available to support older people on state benefits who spend more than 10% of their income on fuel.



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NEW ARTS BODY TO BRING CONCERTS TO EDINGTON

The fundraising, commissioning and installation of a new organ in Edington Priory Church has resulted in a welcome bonus; the creation of a concert-promoting organisation in the village, home to the internationally-known Edington Festival of Music within the Liturgy.

Edington Arts is the result of an ambition to use the splendid Harrison and Harrison organ for secular music, outside its use in services. The charity will be promoting up to six concerts a year of the best, most varied music from top musicians, at affordable prices for everyone. Performers will include organists, but also choral and instrumental ensembles spanning classical, jazz and folk music. The intention is also to provide publicity for all the other musical activity which takes place in the Priory Church, a well known venue often hosting musicians from all over the UK and abroad.

The first Edington Arts concert is an organ recital on Friday October 17th by Benjamin Nicholas, Reed Rubin Organist and Director of Music at Merton College Oxford, and Director of Edington Music Festival. His programme of Bach, Sweelinck, Walton, Rheinberger, Jackson and Edmundson will be a revelation to anyone who is used to hearing an organ only as part of a church service – and will be followed by a glass of wine or soft drink and a chance to chat to Mr Nicholas.

The wonderful characteristics of the organ were superbly demonstrated during this year's Edington Festival through a series of short and full-length recitals. Five of the UK's most brilliant Cathedral and Collegiate organists explored its full range of colour and expression, and there is now quite a queue of organists from all over the UK waiting for an opportunity to play it. The Ben Nicholas recital on October 17th will be its first public performance since the Festival.

Anyone interested in reserving seats for this concert, and in getting onto the Edington Arts mailing list for news of all forthcoming events, should visit their holding page on the web (while the full website is being built) at www.edingtonarts.org, or by phoning 01380 831454.

The concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 (front nave), £10 (rear nave) and £8 (sides). 18 and under come free.



BRISTOL ROYAL MAIL CHOIR TO VISIT EDINGTON

The Choir will give a concert in Edington Priory Church on Sunday 5th October, commencing at 4pm. The programme will include arrangements of spirituals, gospel hits and songs and, as part of the concert, members of the choir will entertain the audience with stories of their TV experiences.

The Royal Mail Choir was set up by Gareth Malone to participate in the BBC TV series of programmes “Sing while you work” and is made up of postmen and women, Delivery office, Mail Centre staff and managers from the Bristol area. Since its formation, the choir has gone from strength-to-strength performing across the country and internationally, in order to support and promote various charities, including Prostate Cancer UK for which it raised over £50000.

The choir is now directed by professional conductor David Ogden, and with him at the helm they have a busy schedule of concerts. They have performed at a range of venues from village halls around the country to the Birmingham NEC, Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and in the Colston Hall and St Georges in Bristol. In September 2013 they sang at the PostEurope 20th Anniversary celebrations in Brussels.

In 2012 the choir joined forces with X Factor winner, Joe McElderry, to raise money for charity, by releasing a single in aid of Prostate Cancer UK. Abide with Me was the first

professional recording by the choir and reached the top 10 in the Amazon Download chart. In September 2013 the choir recorded the Beatles classic ‘All you need is love’ in Abbey Road Studios, London for the Royal Mail ‘We love parcels’ TV advert.

Admission to the concert is free, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of the Stroke Association, the Royal Mails charity of the year for 2014.

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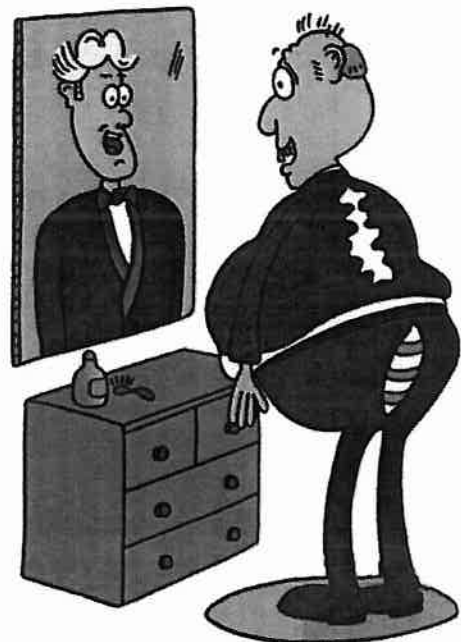
NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact Helen O'Donoghue on 830501 for more information

Our meeting on the 9th September certainly gave us some food for thought. Ged Fitzgerald of SOS Computer Solutions Ltd came to tell us how to stay secure on and off the Internet. This is a subject we all think we know about and won't be caught out but it was surprising how much we learnt Ged told us to watch out for Viruses, Trojan Horses, Spyware, Infected memory sticks, bogus emails and website and many other including Banking scams. The consequences of being 'caught out' were your data destroyed, files corrupted, firewall destroyed and passwords stolen plus many other things that could happen. He emphasised that Antivirus and Spyware were essential, look out for silly spelling mistake in e mails or websites. In other words always be aware on what you were opening. Scam telephone calls were something we all seem to have dealt with at some time. Also check your bank statements regularly. The main thing is to back up your data on a regular basis with an external hard drive, so that all those memories you want to keep won't be gone forever. This was a very informative talk.

Members brought along various items to be sold to help boost the £5 we were given initially to raise funds. One of our members reported on an outing with the Federation to Bletchley Park the home of Code breaking in WW11 and said what a very interesting trip this has been and well worth going. There were quite a few events to sign up for including a New Speakers Day at Codford on 2nd October which is always interesting as you get to hear a variety of speakers in one day. The Annual General Meeting at City Hall, Salisbury has come around once more on Wednesday 29th October where the speakers will be Mike Dilger and Valerie Stevens, this is always a good day out and you get to meet other members of the Federation from all over Wiltshire.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 14th October when Jane Panos from Edington will be telling us about *The Perils of Publishing*. All visitors are very welcome to come along and join us.



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Edington Parish Council report

Thank you to all the organisers of the many events this summer that makes Edington the vibrant village it is. We have now completed the Parish housing needs survey a big well done we had 47% turnout. more than any other village so far. The results are being collated but should be published in next months new.

Would any one like to adopt a Bench. Eves is no longer functioning so some of the benches could do with a bit of TLC. A couple of villagers have suggested forming a bench group to help maintain them. If any one would like to adopt a favourite bench or form a group please contact Malcolm Wick. We have had a survey done on the playground . the swings need to be replaced. Any suggestions to raise funds for this valuable resource welcome.



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We are now in the run up to a General Election. Your views are really important and now is the time to question those directly involved.

Come to QUESTION TIME

on Friday 28th November 2014

Jubilee Hall, Bratton

7.30 p.m.

Andrew Murrison, MP will chair a panel to include Angus Macpherson, *Crime & Police Commissioner for Wiltshire* and Jerry Wickham, *Wiltshire Councillor* and Euan Geddes, *Deputy Speaker House of Lords*.

Further details will be given in November's News



EDINGTON GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

PUMPKIN DAY 25 OCTOBER 2014

Edington Gardening Club - First Thursday in the month 7.30pm Parish Hall

The Flower & Produce Show brought our Summer events to a close. Edward Callaway was runaway winner this year, winning both the Best Gross and the Silver Salver. The Village Shield Group entry was won by The Gardening Club (their first venture into this class!). The Junior Cup was won by Eloise Marshall. The full results are with Pauline at the Post Office or on the village Web site with more photos. The delicious cream teas made it a very social occasion.

Our club outings to Wisley and The Bishops Palace in July and August were thoroughly enjoyed by those who went, and we look forward to the speaker on October 2nd. The topic is the Westonbirt Arboretum with Graham Anstey. Non-members are always welcome to come along to meetings, so come and see us.

JAH (further details on 830133)

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

October 2nd 'Westonbirt Arboretum' 7.30 EGC

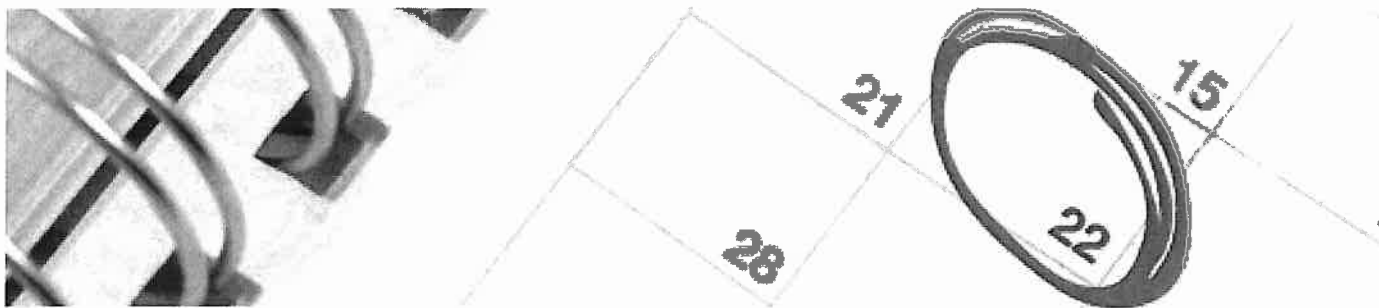
November 6th 'Find Room for Fruit' Mike Burgess 7.30 EGC

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

OCTOBER

- 02 Gardening Club Trip to Westonbirt Arboretum
- 04 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10.30am - midday
- 05 Royal Mail Choir Concert, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 05 Harvest Festival, Coulston Church
- 07 Bratton School Open Day 1.30pm to 3pm and 5.30pm to 7pm
- 08 Tea for TVM, Edington Parish Hall, 3pm
- 10-11 G&S concert, St Mary's Church Devizes, 7.30pm
- 11 Harvest festival supper, Edington Parish Hall
- 10/11 White Horse Opera, St Marys Church, Devizes, 7.30pm
- 13 Lunch Club, Duke Bratton, 12.30pm
- 13 Devizes Autumn Fair, Corn Exchange, 10am-4pm
- 15 Lunch Club, G&D Erlestoke, 12.30pm
- 17 G&J trip to Clarkes Village, 11 Edington PO
- 17 Organ Recital, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 18 Beerfest, Bratton Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm
- 19 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 20 Photography Tours, Edington Parish Hall, 6-8pm
- 25 Pumpkin Day, Edington Village Hall, 12-2pm

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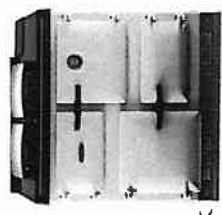
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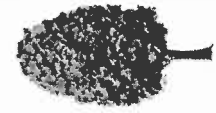
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