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# 'THE NEWS'

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This month, Erlestoke Action Group to 'Save the Pub' has been in full action to raise the pledges to enable the community to buy the pub and make it a much needed community hub for all. A BBQ in the Park was organised to spread the word and tell the residents how the project to buy the pub was progressing. It was a great success and highlighted the fact that there is strong support for community events and a need for a location where all the community can get together and socialise. The event generated more ideas for the near future and a plan to celebrate next years Royal occasion with another Right Royal Fete on the Green. **Watch this space.** Anyone who would like to pledge money to the cause or support by joining the Steering Committee (there are many jobs we need help with) please contact me on 831097 / 07816 160 163 *Fiona*



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## ERLESTOKE AND COULSTON CRICKET CLUB

The season over, the cricket pitches put to bed for the winter and the kit is packed away into hibernation until next. Some of it may even get washed!

This could be a miserable time of the year for the club and its players – but not when we have the ECCC Bonfire Night to look forward to!

The Cricket Club Bonfire up at the Walled Garden will be on Saturday November 7th. The fire is usually lit at around 5.30pm with the firework display beginning at 6.00pm. We will be serving burgers, hot dogs, hot soup, mulled wine and various beverages.

The Cricket Club bonfire has established a great local reputation for a wonderful firework, display, bonfire and conviviality. The Walled Garden makes a safe environment for children and car parking is on-site.

**So come along to Bonfire Night on Saturday 7th November.**

The Sean Gilbert Memorial Cricket festival held over a weekend in early August was a great success with good crowds enjoying the various games and activities and there was plenty of fun and laughter. Just the kind of day and event that Sean would have loved and it was good to have him there with us.

The few stalwart players managed to play through the night and on in to Sunday and Sean's candle shone throughout. Sponsorship money is still coming in and some pledges are still awaited but the festival has already raised £2500. The proceeds will be split between Macmillan Nurses and ECCC. A big thank you to all who came along and supported the event and helped make the weekend such a success,

If you would like to keep in touch with happenings and news at Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club you can now follow us on twitter at @erlestokeccc.

*Jasper Dorgan, Chairman ECCC*

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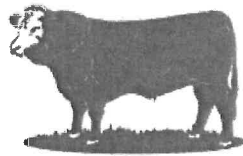
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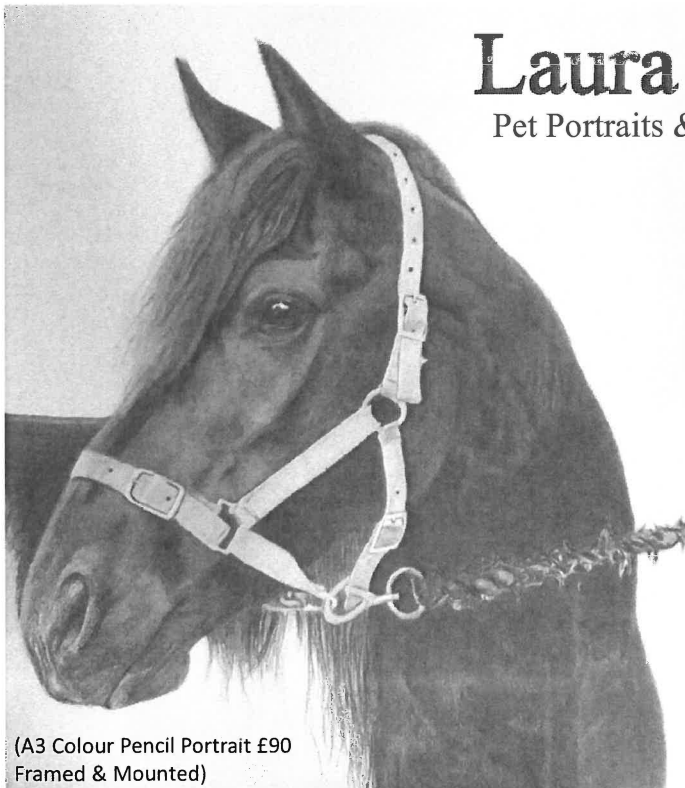
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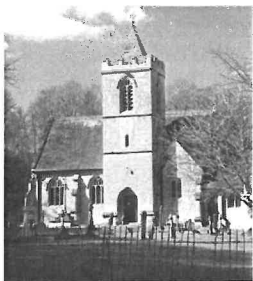
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## ERLESTOKE CHURCH EVENTS

3 Oct Book Swap

17 Oct Afternoon Tea Edington Parish Hall 4pm farewell for the Vicar and family



## STRIPPERS NEEDED...

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This is the last article that I shall be writing for this publication, as I shall be licensed to a new post by the Archbishop of Wales at the end of October. It has been a great pleasure to serve here.

I just wanted to say a few words of thanks for the many kind things that you have said to me, and for the many very positive comments you have made, right from the start, about this series of articles. It is heart-warming to know that these articles are so well-received by churchgoers and non-church goers alike. I have been fortunate to be with you during an immensely active period. It saw the start of Messy Church in Bratton, growth in attendances and in electoral rolls across the Benefice, a large increase in the number of baptisms and a 40% increase in weddings. Re-ordering at Erlestoke church was completed, new facilities created for Imber, Edington was reordered to make it more family-friendly, and a £437,000 project related to the building and installation of a new organ was carried out, along with car park and other works. Repair work at Coulston has just been completed, and the outside of the church looks magnificent. Bratton chancel repairs and installation of a hearing loop and items to help the infirm will now be carried out just after I have left.

I have a number of striking images to take with me: of the cross and the view from Picquet Hill during our ecumenical services; of the fun at Erlestoke church workshops; of darkened churches and the faces of families lit up by candles at Christingle services. Christmasses at all of our local churches have always been magical. I also look back with great satisfaction at the Remembrance services, that drew our communities together: the torch-lit procession and candlelit gathering at Coulston commemorating World War I was particularly evocative. The Commemoration of the Anniversary of the Evacuation of Imber was also significant, where my abiding memory was of people rocking from side in the pews at Edington, singing along to wartime classics, as well as of the poignant memories and poetry shared. This was recorded by the BBC; one of a set of collaborations with them which I never expected when I first came here. Eventually these collaborations included a TV documentary, some TV news reports, numerous local radio interviews, eight broadcasts from the Edington Festival (4 live and 4 recorded) and three Radio 4 programmes (which included Sunday Worship).

Surreal images compete for attention: three red London double deckers crossing the Salisbury Plain, in convoy, past burnt-out tanks on the way to Imber for a service was soon eclipsed by the even more surreal sight of a church group crawling through a Soviet era submarine at a former Cold War naval base in Tallinn, Estonia (when we went out to hand over the old Edington organ to a school there, where it was also blessed by the Primate of the Estonian church and myself).

Of my four Edington Festivals, two really stood out – the one where the new organ was installed, and the most recent, the 60th Anniversary. I want to pay tribute once again to all who worked so hard to make these possible. Indeed, the hard work of friends has made all of our recent church achievements possible, and I thank you all for everything that you have done.

*God bless you all, Revd Mark Jones, Rector of Bratton, Edington & Imber, Erlestoke and Coulston.*

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestoke	Coulston
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> October Eighteenth after Trinity	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 HARVEST SERVICE with guest speaker from local Foodbanks	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 HARVEST SERVICE FOR COULSTON
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> October Nineteenth after Trinity	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (CW) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.00 SING PRAISE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> October Luke the Evangelist		11.00 BENEFICE SERVICE: LAST SERVICE OF REVD MARK JONES		
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Twenty First after Trinity/Bible Sunday	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW) (Summer Time in the EU ends)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 THANKSGIVING FOR THE BIRTH OF JAMIE MALLETT 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

**SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS & SERVICES:**

- Daily offices:** Morning Prayer will be led by participants on Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 9am at Edington during the Vacancy.
- Wednesday Communion Services:** At 9.30am on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> October at Edington Priory Church.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> October: Musical Evening at Edington Priory Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Memorial Service, Edington: Mrs Emma Evans, RIP. Time: 1.30pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest at Bratton (Guest speaker: Mark Holling, Trussell Trust, responsible for our local Foodbanks).
- 4<sup>th</sup> October: Harvest Festival for Coulston.
- 10<sup>th</sup> October: 3pm Imber St Giles' - Evensong (NB Access by escorted convoy only from Vedette Post 2, Warminster at 2pm)
- 17<sup>th</sup> October: Farewell Tea for Revd Mark Jones and Family at Parish Hall, Edington: 4-6pm
- 18<sup>th</sup> October: Benefice Service – Last Service of Revd Mark Jones (licensing by Archbishop Morgan 28<sup>th</sup> October, St Augustine's, Penarth)

**COULSTON CHURCH FLOWERS**

- Sunday 4 October Harvest Festival Mrs C. Fisher and Mrs M. Hicks
- Sunday 18 October – Mrs H. de Chazal
- Sunday 1 November – Mrs P. Dorward
- Sunday 15 November – Mrs M. McGlynn

**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Any donations of fruit, flowers and vegetables for our service on the 4<sup>th</sup> would be very welcome. They can either be dropped off at the church on Saturday morning or brought to the service. The produce is given to the Crown Centre in Devizes to help provide meals for the elderly and is always very gratefully received.



# Lunch in Aid of TVM

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All students come away with increased self-esteem, and have gained some basic lifetime skills through working directly in the farm environment. They will have been made responsible, under supervision, for some aspect of the farm's day-to-day operation, and for the welfare of the animals under their care.

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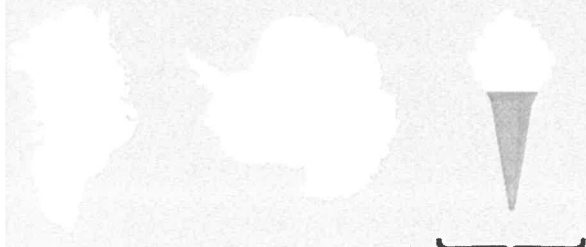
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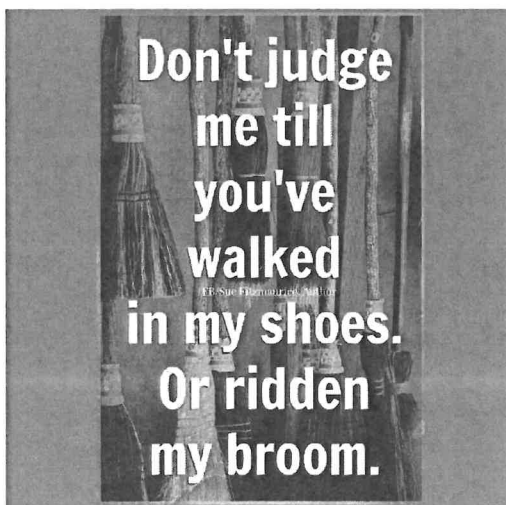
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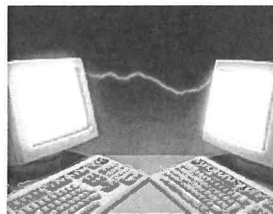
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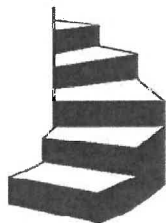


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Other age groups – *see coach contact details below.*

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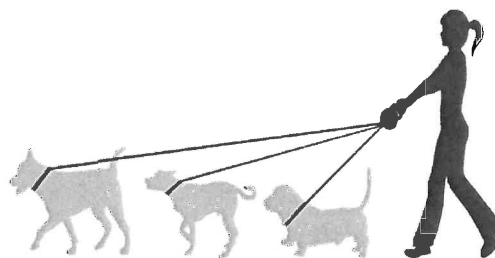
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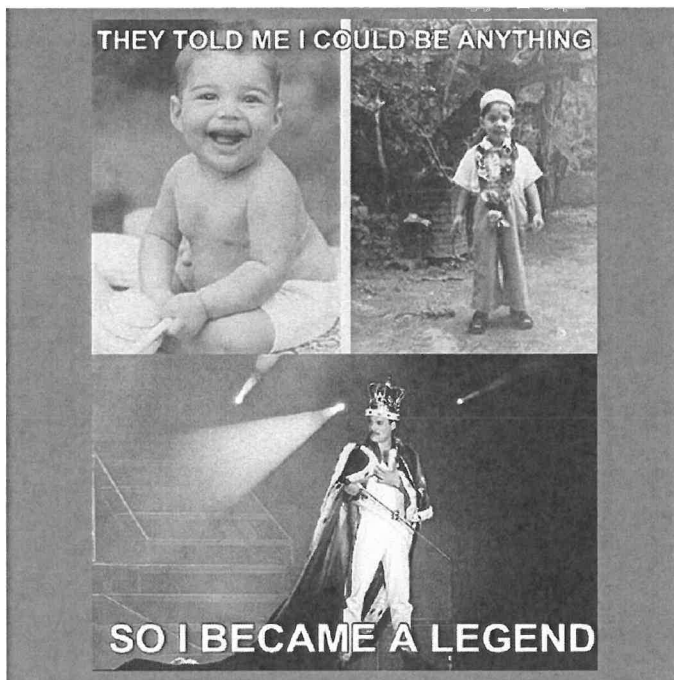
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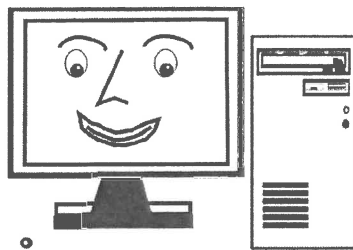
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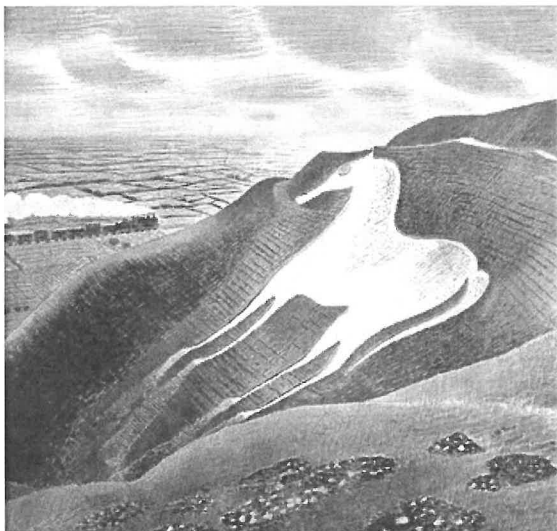
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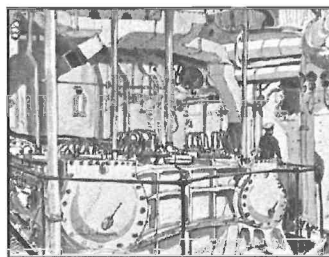
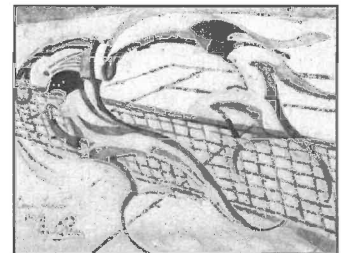
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## BRATTON SCHOOL

We are now 2 weeks in to the new term at Bratton Primary School. We were delighted to welcome all our existing pupils back to Bratton Primary School but, for the first time, we welcomed all of our new children and parents who have joined us, not only in Reception, but across various year groups. This has meant the school numbers have grown, with us up to 130 this year. We are very pleased and excited by this growth and respect and welcome the trust in us that parents have shown in choosing to educate their children at Bratton Primary.

We have welcomed 4 new members of staff to our team, two teachers and two new teaching assistants, with one teacher employed specifically to target early intervention for all our children, allowing areas that need focus to be addressed rapidly, ensuring misconceptions are ironed out and progress can be maintained back in class. We are also pleased to announce that Mrs Denham is now the Deputy Head of the school, ensuring a stable and cohesive leadership team as we continue to plan for the schools future development and improvement.

In that sphere here at Bratton Primary we have now overhauled all of our planning to take full advantage of the principles and practices that underpin the National Curriculum. We have, therefore, reconfigured our longer and medium term planning, with skill development always at the forefront, from there looking at how we can then fully engage and challenge all of our children through astutely selected topics and contexts, all aiming for our children to make the maximum progress in their learning. In addition to this we are now implementing new assessment systems to measure each child's progress and performance against each skill, backing these judgements up with evidence across time. This will lead to a more child focused picture of them as learners, allowing far more targeted planning and interventions, giving more accurate feedback to the children, teachers and parents regarding what we need to do in order to improve.

One overarching new initiative we have put in place, to underpin the new curriculum, planning and assessment changes, is an enhanced approach to how we learn.

Learning to learn is the key for all of us and these skills can, and we believe must, be taught and developed explicitly. We will be combining the work of Carol Dweck and her 'Growth Mindset' approach, also using some of the systems from 'Building Learning Power', providing children with the tools to approach their learning with confidence, explicitly working on strategies that will help them achieve and grow.

As you can hear it has already been an exciting and energised start to the new year at Bratton Primary School. If anyone 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 01380 830 511.

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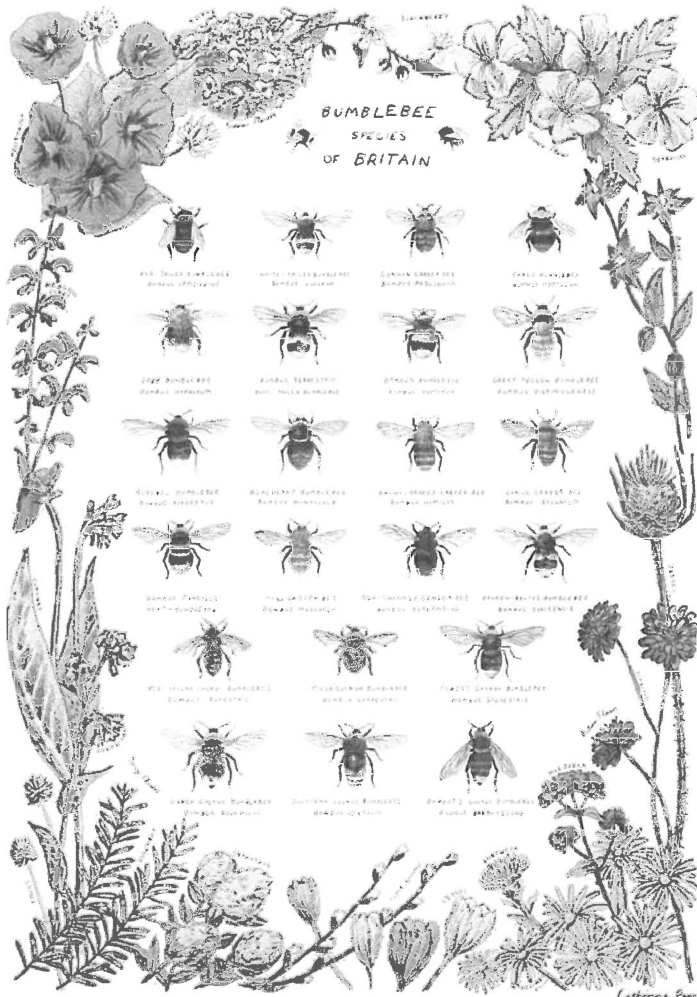
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### THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr Jonik advised that a meeting had taken place and that Andrew Cooper had been appointed chairman of the group. Along with those listed in the open forum of the July meeting, Bill Kemp had also joined. It was felt by the group that a full Neighbourhood Plan would be beyond the village financially, so the group is looking at the other alternatives, Village Design Statement, Community Plan and Action Plan. Andrew Cooper is talking to Wiltshire Council about these other options.

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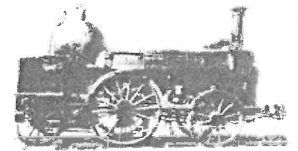
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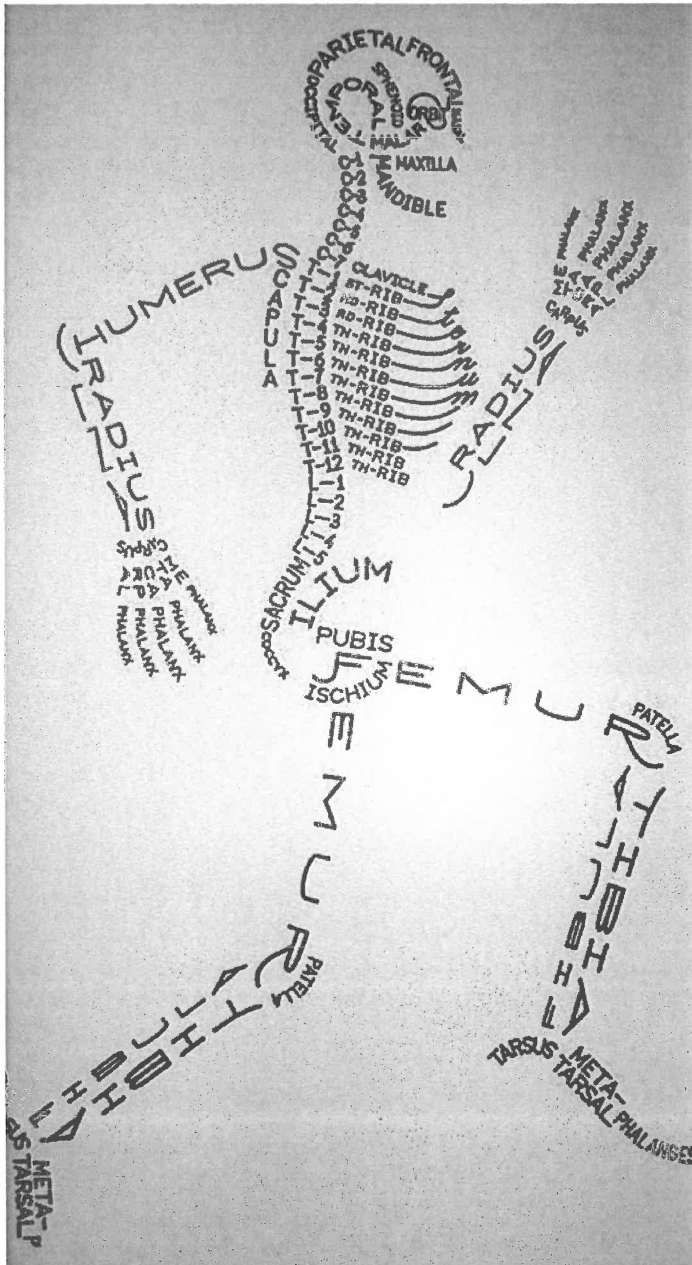
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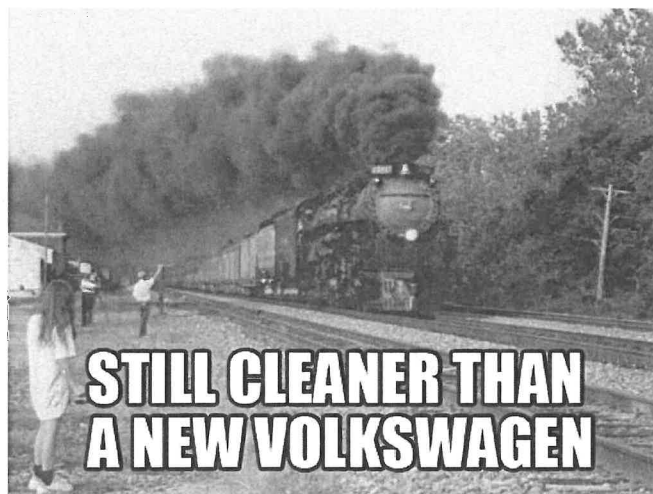
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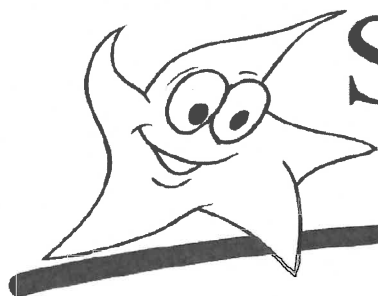
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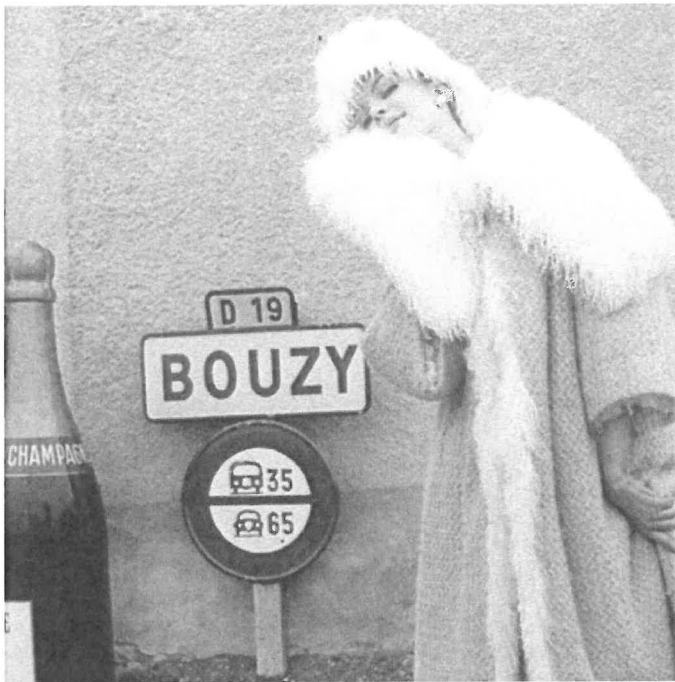
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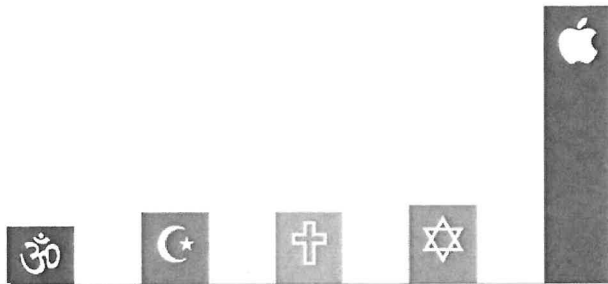
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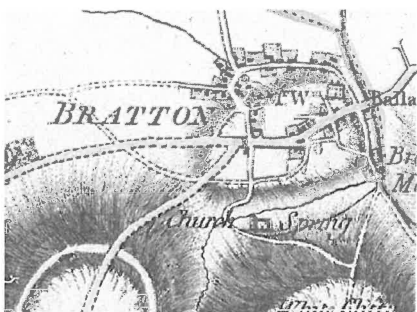
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A tale of threads and patches made in Bratton

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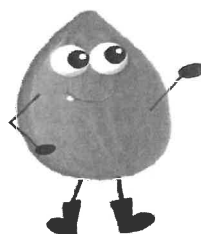
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Join us for the **Community First AGM on Wednesday 7th October, 5.30pm** at **Devizes Town Hall** We will again be acknowledging the exceptional contribution made by groups and individuals to their community, and those we have worked with over the past year. *Community First, Unit C2, Beacon Business Centre, Hopton Park, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2EY*



## NEWS FROM YOUR GOOD NEIGHBOUR CO-ORDINATOR

*A free and confidential service for residents of Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke and Coulston*

*Lise Griffiths (Edington, Coulston and Bratton) 07541 353 401 or westburygnc@communityfirst.org.uk. Alex North, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator for Devizes villages. M: 07557 922 027*

### **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. We have a supply of 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

I can provide more information on all of the above, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any problems or queries about preparing for winter.

**Lise Griffiths, Good Neighbour Co-ordinator – 07541 353 401 or westburygn@communityfirst.org.uk**



New members and visitors are always welcome

Meetings every second Tuesday of the month in the Parish Hall

[www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinhedwi](http://www.facebook.com/edingtonandtinhedwi)

During the last 3 – 4 months we have been very busy.

#### IN JUNE:

We were shown the intricacies of underwater detecting with John Clarke a member of the Wyvern Historical & Detecting Society. Did you know that the word “grotty” comes from the coin “groat”?

#### IN JULY:

Together with the Under 5 group, we held a coffee morning to raise funds for a new Children’s Hospice in Wiltshire. Lots of cakes were provided. . . mainly from the under five mums! Sandra used money from an educational bursary to advance her already excellent watercolour techniques. We visited Tracy Miller’s farm and just missed the birth of a newborn calf but were able to see it stagger to its feet. We saw some really lovely cattle and Tracy explained the whole working of the farm to us. We then returned to the hall for a lovely ploughman’s supper provided by the committee.

#### IN AUGUST:

Stephen Smith stood in at short notice to talk about “Jack the Ripper”. It was a very interesting look at social history.

#### IN SEPTEMBER:

Katy England from Salisbury museum brought the Stone Age to Life in a very vivid and interesting way. She is an excellent speaker and we can recommend her. Gradually over thousands of years life began to change, the weather became much colder then about 40,000 years ago homo sapiens arrived and were able to make more sophisticated tools and use bone needle and thread of deer sinew, the Neanderthals died out, or did they, maybe they are in our genes? At the meeting we sang Jerusalem and raised our glasses of bubbly to 100 years of the WI. We also congratulated and toasted Joan and John Gifford for their 50th wedding anniversary. We were invited to Bratton with other WIs for a fun skittles evening. Bratton won – was it a fix?! Some of our members visited the Flower festival at Salisbury cathedral with a theme of the Magna Carta. It was an amazing sight to see so many flowers displayed in such inventive ways. On the 16th September the date of the first WI being formed in Anglesey – a number of us joined with our local WIs – the Weavers group – at a meal and dance at Southwick. This was a very enjoyable evening.

The autumn is a good time to join the WI as your fees will last until January 2017.

You are welcome to join us at our next meeting on **Tuesday 13 October** at 7.30pm when we will hear Nicholas Webb talking about the Founder of the “Save the Children” Fund, Eglantyne Webb.

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and coffee.

If you would like to join us please  
contact Kris Massey on 01380 830085



What's  
the difference  
between a cat and  
a comma?

*One has claws at the end  
of its paws and one  
is a pause at the end of a  
clause.*

## Edington Parish Council News

**Vacancy:** Unfortunately Our Chairman Eric Mitchell has had to stand down. It is also his intention to leave the council. Thank you Eric for your commitment and leadership you will be a hard act to follow. Eric's resignation will mean we will have a casual vacancy to fill in the New Year.

**Policing:** Our local Police have set their priorities for the next 3 months. They will be on the lookout for parking infringements ie parking on pavements near junctions or obstructing the highway. Parking is a problem in many areas of the village but particularly near the pub, Long Hollow and the Green. If you are one of the offenders you have been warned. Hare Coursing is also a problem the Police will be monitoring; they will be conducting regular patrols to frequently used sites. If you see any suspicious activity please inform the police, car registration numbers can be very helpful, do not attempt to challenge as they can be violent characters.

Parking in the Village Hall car park. This car park was built to provide parking for the Parish Hall. Unfortunately several villagers are now using it to regularly leave their cars for extended periods. This is causing problems with parking for events taking place in the hall. If the problem does not improve the Council will lock the gate between events.

**Drains:** With winter approaching the importance of good drainage off roads and pavements is essential to help elevate flooding. If you see a blocked drain please report it to the county council. If drains are blocked by leaves and easily movable debris we would be grateful if villagers could kick them out of the drains.

**Dog Fouling:** Please pick up after your dogs. Last month's black spot is the Green. This is a well used piece of grass use by children waiting to catch school buses. Can the dog owners whose dogs are using this piece of grass please take their business home with them.

**Best Kept Village competition:** We came 6th the medium village category. Full details are on the web site. Generally Judges were pleased with what they saw ,but we lost marks on public seating and the bus shelter. If anyone would like to adopt a seat, contact Malcolm on 830256 if every seat was adopted we might even win next year.

### Planning

(1) 15/07267/FUL erection of garage/carport and replacement window at end of chapel at 4B Salisbury Hollow for Mr Roy Zaman



EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB

FIRST THURSDAY IN THE MONTH PARISH HALL 7.30PM

EDINGTON & DISTRICT GARDENING CLUB 10TH FLOWER & PRODUCE SHOW, 2015.

Our 10th Flower Show proved to be as popular as ever. Nearly 200 exhibits displayed by 28 individuals, including the children, were much appreciated by the independent judges as well as the viewing public. This is always a social event for the village, enjoying the chatter and the cream teas and cakes! Most of the entries are not from the gardening club members!

Thanks go to the committee and helpers putting the day together, making the day run very smoothly.

Results: Children's Cup – Owen Raymond, Village Shield – Edington & District Gardening Club (we won by only 1 point from Edington & Tinhead W.I.), Best In Show – Sandra Salmon (Floral Art 'Summer Days', Best Gross – Edward Callaway, 2nd Catrinel Matthews, Silver Salver (Best 10 nominated exhibits) 1st Edward Callaway with 40 points, the maximum available, 2nd Sandra Salmons with 33 points.

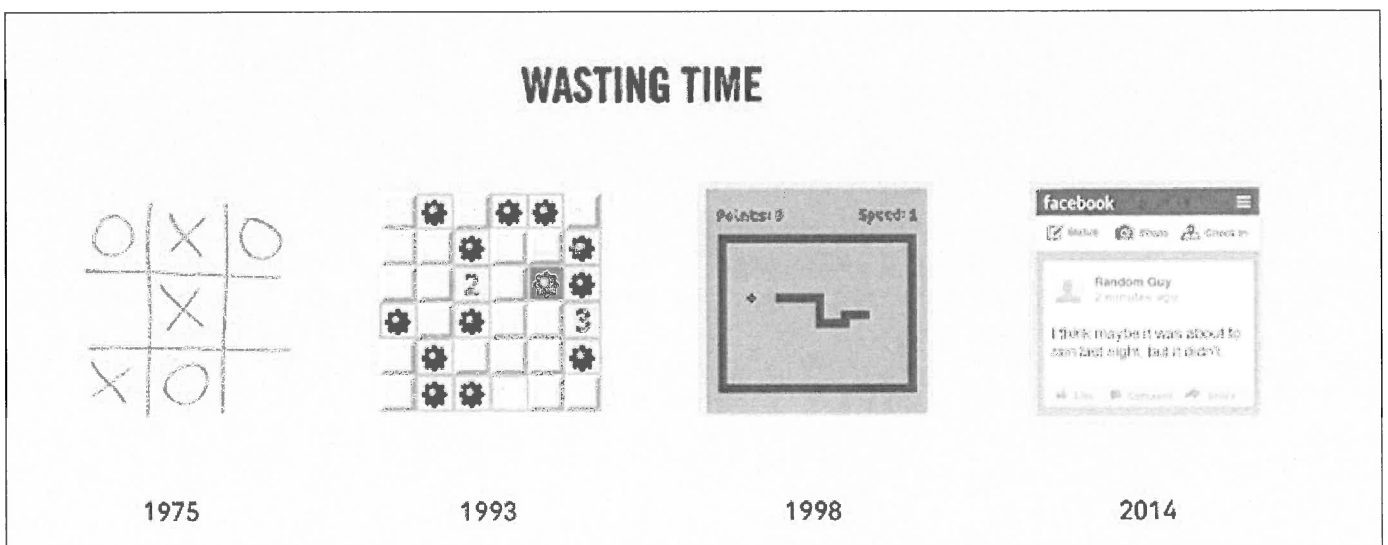
All the results are on the web site and will also be with Pauline at the Post Office for a couple of weeks. We look forward to our Show again next year wondering what the weather will allow us to grow and show.

**Diary dates:**

*1 October* Talk and demonstration 'Sunflowers & Pumpkins' with Julia Moore

*5 November* Talk and demonstration on Coppicing and related topics with Terry Heard.

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New website [www.brattonjubileehall.info](http://www.brattonjubileehall.info)

We also have a new facebook site.

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### RECRUITING GOVERNORS

We have four vacancies coming up on our governing body. There will be vacancies for two Parent Governors and vacancies for two Foundation Governors.

Parent Governors should be parents of children currently in our school, and are elected by the parents themselves. If we only receive two nominations for the posts, both will automatically be elected. If there are more than two, then we will hold elections and go out to parents for voting.

Foundation Governors should be practising Christians and, whilst carrying out all other governors' duties, have an especially important role in ensuring that the Christian ethos and Christian values of the school are upheld and are at the heart of all we do here. This is because our school has a Church of England foundation. These governors are appointed from the nominated candidates by our Board of Trustees and are in the majority on our Board of Governors. If you are interested in either of these roles, please come and have a chat with the headteacher or with any other governors – we can discuss what is involved and how to set about applying.

### TOPICS FOR THIS TERM:

Our themes this year include Marvellous Me (Stonehenge class, FS/Year1), Weather and the Rugby World Cup (White Horse class, Year1/Year 2), Rise of the Robots (Sarum class, Year 3/Year 4), Britain since 1948 (Avebury class, Year 4/Year 5) and Edwardian Britain (Silbury class, Year 5/Year 6). We will use the painting the “Mystical Nativity” by Botticelli as our stimulus for the Christmas period, giving the children a chance to reflect on Christmas themes through their study of this great work. There are several trips planned – including a trip to a market garden, a trip to Southampton to see where the Titanic departed and a trip to @Bristol to make and programme Lego robots.

### ADMISSIONS TO OUR SCHOOL

If your child is born between 1/9/2011 and 31/08/2012, they will be due to start primary school in September 2016 and the deadline for applications is noon on 15th January 2016. If you would like to apply for a place in our school, please contact us to arrange a visit to the school and to have a chat to the headteacher. Phone 01380 813796 or see our website [www.holy-trinity.co.uk](http://www.holy-trinity.co.uk) .

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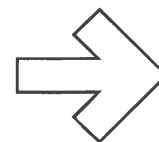
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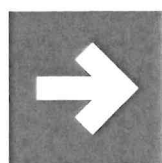
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## PUMPKIN DAY

**SATURDAY 31 OCTOBER 12-2 PM**

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**Light lunches** of Soup and sweet will be served from 12 – 2pm

Lots of activities and games for all the family.

Come on you artistic villagers try your hand at carving or see

what an amazing amount of cookery can be done with a humble pumpkin.

**Competitions this year are as follows:** Largest home grown pumpkin, best carved pumpkin adult & also child, best decorated pumpkin.

**Cookery:** Most unusual dish using pumpkins, Savoury pumpkin dish, Sweet pumpkin dish: Pumpkin preserve.

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Entries to be brought to Hall before 11am, Hall closed for judging 11-12

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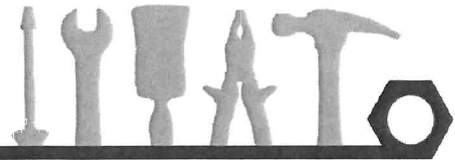
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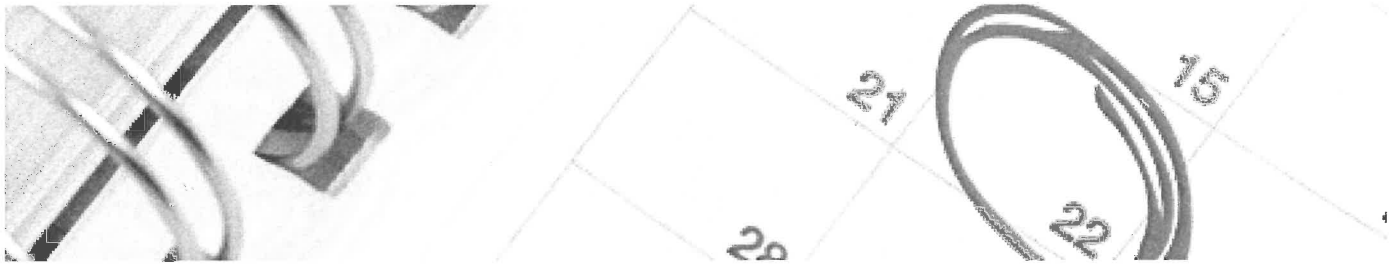
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### OCTOBER

- 02 **Supper and Music Night in Edington Priory 7.30-10pm**
- 03 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church 10am–midday
- 03 Entertaining Angels, Wharf Theatre, Devizes
- 04 Golf Club Carvery
- 05 Edington Gardening Club, Parish Hall 7.30pm
- 7-8 Duck Street Fair, Market Lavington, 6-9pm Wed, 9-2pm Thursday
- 10 Badger's Bash, Market Lavington Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 WI meeting, Edington Parish Hall, 7.30pm
- 13 Devizes Autumn Fair, Corn Exchange, 10am-3.30pm
- 16 G&J trip to Wells, leave Edington PO at 1pm  
Lunch Club, The Duke, Bratton, 12.30pm
- 17 **Edington Arts Brass Concert, Edington Priory, 7.30pm**
- 17 Study Day, Market Lavington Hall, 10.30am-4.30pm
- 21 **Lunch for TVM, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm**

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