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Where has the summer gone? Lots of events and activities have swallowed up the time and we're almost in autumn already. The Edington Festival was another roaring success as well as all the other events that have been going on in the three villages and Bratton. As I write this the Devizes Festival is about to start over the bank holiday with more fun and frolicks – but before you start thinking about a rest – go and check your pumpkins and select the biggest or most curious for the Edington Show, mine have taken over half of my garden but sadly there's not one to beat Bill Kemp's – the winner of last year's prize.

It was with great sadness that Sean Gilbert passed away last month and there is a fitting obituary to him from his cricket colleagues on pages 22/23. I remember his unforgettable appearances in the Erlestoke Pantos another example of his willingness to join in with village life. He certainly squeezed the most out of his 49 years but will be sadly missed.

On a happier note the front cover this month is of a young Gilbert Green who is inviting everyone to celebrate his 90th birthday this month – see pages 38/39. Fiona

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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 830204, or just turn up there and strim round the headstones. Thank you.

I detest 'Jingle Bells,' 'White Christmas,' 'Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer,' and the obscene spending bonanza that nowadays seems to occupy not just December, but November and much of October, too. RICHARD DAWKINS

A DATE TO TAKE OUT OF DIARY

We regret that we have had to cancel the Barbeque scheduled for September 6th on the field by Erlestoke Church. Other village activities are being planned, and we would love to hear from anyone in the village with ideas and time to help.



Contact Erlestoke PCC if you would like to help, please

ERLESTOKE FLOWER ROTA



SEPTEMBER

Sep 14 Mrs P Hampton
Sep 21 Mrs L Lydall
Sep 28 Mrs A Tye

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

At this time of year, many people are thinking of Harvest, and giving thanks for the food that we have: and there are many services in these villages to which you are all warmly invited – Harvest is part of the glue that holds our community together. However, as I write this, there are many places around the world where people simply don't know when they will be fed again. There are people who simply can't get out of their homes in Syria to buy bread and, at the time of writing, airdrops are being made to provide food for the Yasidis of Iraq who have fled their homes: we don't know how lucky we are.

Sometimes 'religion' gets unfairly blamed for conflicts, because it is the easiest marker to distinguish between two warring peoples, the actual root of whose dispute is difficult to explain. Usually it's about land or resources, or simple aggression against something perceived as 'other' or 'unlike us'. Unfortunately however, 'religion' is often a cause of conflict, and people of faith should honestly acknowledge that fact. Perhaps, however, I should say that it is almost always the *misinterpretation* of a given faith that causes the trouble: I simply don't know of any religion which advocates the killing of others for any of the excuses that I've ever heard.

This morning I heard a radio programme about German children who were being fostered towards the end of World War II, and in the years that followed. The unusual thing was that these children were being fostered in the Netherlands, because there were no homes at all for these children to live in their own completely flattened cities. Many children were found homes in Holland by churches, and they were looked after by families who had experienced Nazi occupation. Some of the houses belonged to Dutchmen had recently returned from concentration camps, as Allied armies advanced and freed them. They could not speak to even their wives about what they had seen or heard. But they took their occupier's children in, and treated them as their own children. Many years later, as adults, the children returned to show their thanks.

I think that there is a poignant message here about loving one's neighbour as oneself, that all would do well to ponder.

God bless you all.

Revd Mark Jones

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

SERVICES IN THE BENEFICE – SEPTEMBER 2014

Sunday	Bratton	Edington	Erlestone	Coulston
1 st Sunday 7 th September	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP:	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)		11.00 PARISH COMMUNION WITH HOLY BAPTISM (Tilly and Nathaniel)
2 nd Sunday 14 th September	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 PARISH COMMUNION 18.00 SING PRAISE	NB NOTE TIME CHANGE: 3PM HARVEST SERVICE FOLLOWED BY HARVEST TEA IN CHURCH NB NO EVENSONG	09.30 FAMILY WORSHIP	
3 rd Sunday 21 st September, Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 'THIRD SUNDAY SERVICE': AT THE CHURCH INSTITUTE	09.30 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	18.30 EVENSONG	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)
4 th Sunday 28 th September	11.00 PARISH COMMUNION (CW)	08.00 HOLY COMMUNION (BCP) 11.00 FAMILY WORSHIP 18.30 EVENSONG	9.30 PARISH COMMUNION	

MIDWEEK SERVICES

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 3rd, 10th, 24th at Edington
Priory Church ; 2pm on 17th at Edington Priory Church



EDINGTON CHARITY OF THE MONTH

CROSSPOINT – WESTBURY

Crosspoint is a local charity, founded on Christian values, which seeks to promote the well being of local residents and contribute to the relief of those in need, irrespective of age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, race or religion.

In September 2011 they set up a welcome centre in the town that would be open to all, where people can for example: drop in for a chat, receive help to fill in forms, be guided and informed of other groups who may be assist them. The Welcome Centre is open 3 half day sessions per week:

Mondays 3pm–5pm

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The Band was formed in 2012 by the current Musical Director, Mervyn Smith (an ex military musician) and currently has 18 members ranging from novices to ex professional musicians. Mervyn's aim is to gently improve every player's confidence, technical ability and general musicianship by playing a wide selection of music .

Like most Bands we are looking for new players to swell our numbers so whether you're proficient, learning an instrument or returning after a long lay-off from playing, why not come along to one of our rehearsals? The band rehearsals are now held in Easterton Village Hall every Wednesday evening from 8pm - 9.30pm. so either simply come along to one of our rehearsals or contact *Mervyn* for further information on : 07985 665 417



EDINGTON PRIORY CHURCH JAZZ BBQ

THANK YOU

Grateful thanks to all who helped to make this year's Jazz BBQ a success. Although the numbers were down the event raised a total of £1595.50 for church funds. Special thanks to our village friends who, once again, manned the grill and bar and worked tirelessly the whole evening. *We could not have done it without you!* Maggie

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So whether you've got a few hours a month or a day a week you can get involved with volunteering. Get in touch with us and we can help find the best role for you. Visit our website:

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DO YOU HAVE SOME SPARE TIME AVAILABLE TO HELP OUR COMMUNITY?

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You will become a member of our Co-ordinator team and share this duty with three others approximately every eight weeks. Normally the mobile is held for a two week period.

The phone is answered on weekdays 9am to 6pm.

The mobile phone is easily swapped between members of the team.

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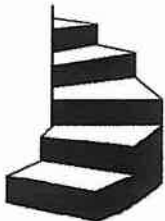


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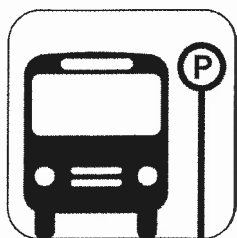
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Under 7 (2 teams – full) – Mark Goddard 01380 813160

Under 8 - Dave Kiddle 07843 678781

Under 9/10 - Jason Reynolds 07590 427999

Under 11 – Ian Cook 01380 848437

Under 12 – Jake Davis 07741 306303 (1 team)

Under 14 – Neil Black 01380 818193

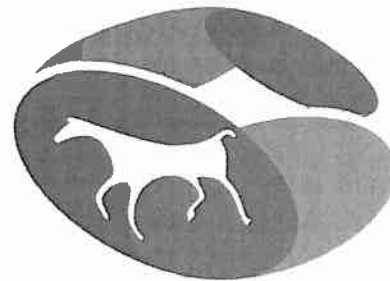
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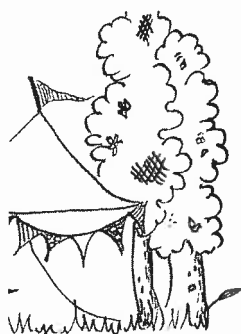
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A Company from 1st Battalion the Yorkshire Regiment will use the West for low level training in Warrior Combat Vehicles in the 1st week followed by a Warrior Company from 1st Battalion the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers in the East 15th – 19th.

Armoured sub-units from 26 Engineer Regiment and 1st Battalion The Royal Welsh in Warrior vehicles will train across the Centre and East of the Plain.

Autumn training levels will increase substantially in October and November returning to levels last seen prior to the start of Operations in Afghanistan.

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.

Complaints/Enquiries should be made to (01980) 620819.

Imber Ranges. The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened. Planned open dates for 2014 are as follows:

EVENT	OPEN		CLOSED
Summer	1600hrs Thurs 21st Aug	to	0800hrs Tues 02nd Sep.
Remembrance Service	Sat 08th Nov Convoy from Warminster gate at 1000hrs.		
Christmas & New Year	1600hrs Thurs 18th Dec	to	0800hrs Mon 05th Jan.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
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Imber pre-Second World War

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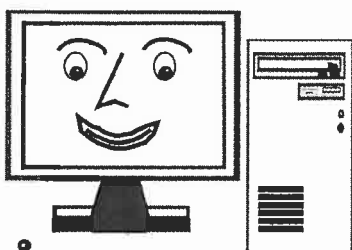
U3A members gathered for their monthly general meeting on July 8 and enjoyed early refreshments after hearing of plans for a theatre visit in September and a lunch outing in August. This is on 12 August, replacing the Tuesday afternoon general meeting at the URC Church Hall. The summer lunch is fast becoming a U3A tradition.

The booked speaker was unable to attend and so one of our committee members Rev Mary Teed stepped in and gave an excellent impromptu talk, sharing some memories from her time “a-vicaring” during her service as a Methodist minister. She explained that when she first started, in the days before Sunday shop opening and plenty of places to eat, hospitality for a visiting preacher was provided by the local churches. Thus dinner would be provided by a member of the church where Mary had taken the morning service, tea by a member of the church where she took the afternoon service and sandwiches at the end of the evening service. Very welcome when she could be out all day with a mileage of around 100 miles. One church where the vestry doubled as a broom cupboard proved very memorable. She was told by the steward on duty not to start the service until a cyclist, visibly en-route, had arrived. The notices took 20 minutes and the steward chatted to the congregation as he took the collection and then brought everyone up to date with the news he had garnered. The entire congregation expected the service to finish on time so she had to cut her sermon short. Mary enjoyed celebrating marriages, but was unnerved by the couple who sobbed throughout their wedding ceremony, “We are just very emotional” she was told. Another memorable wedding involved the removal of two rows of chairs to enable the bride’s very wide crinoline dress to go down the aisle. At the same wedding the men all dressed in pink and silver and the couples seven children were all bridesmaids or pageboys. Funerals were also part of the job and Mary briefly remembered a couple. Yes, it has happened - the coffin slid off the carriage and down the hill chased by two portly funeral directors. At another the lady concerned had left instructions that her sons were not to carry her coffin, in or out, of the church. “They never took me out in life, they will not in death”

One church that Mary preached at always arranged for a kettle to be put over a slow hob before the sermon, ready for an after service cuppa. The whistle when it boiled signalling the end of the sermon! Mary was thanked for her excellent talk, having ably demonstrated one of the attributes of an ideal minister (as ascertained by a survey she conducted at one time) – the ability to talk at any meeting even at short notice.

The next meeting at the URC Church Hall on September 9 will hear about “The making of Casablanca”.

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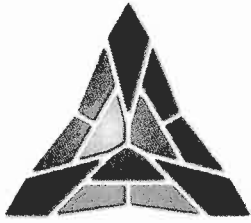
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MUSIC CONCERT

Our summer evening music concert is a wonderful forum for our children to perform on the instruments for which the school provides tuition. We had really outstanding performances from recorders, handbells, ukuleles, guitars, brass instruments, keyboards and the school choir. It was with great pride that we watched our children stand up before a large audience and perform so confidently and so beautifully.



FRENCH CONCERT

This is another great favourite! Lots of laughter as the children performed little sketches in French – always with a surprise twist at the end! The younger children learnt and performed songs and showed how far they have progressed in becoming more fluent in their additional language.

SCHOOL EUCHARIST

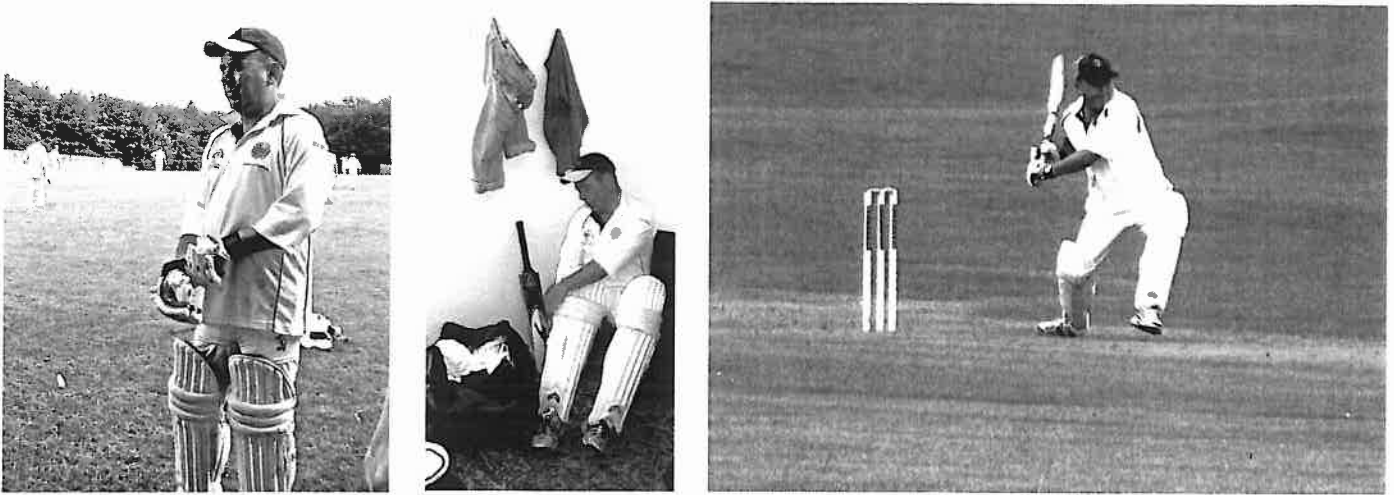
The Venerable Ruth Worsley, Archdeacon of Wilts, helped us celebrate our annual school Eucharist, with lots of singing, dancing and quiet time for reflection – a perfect moment to enjoy thinking about the importance of Christian values in our lives and to consider particularly the school values of Courage, Compassion, Aspiration and Joy.

ACADEMIC OUTCOMES

We are very proud of our children's academic outcomes, which are once again significantly higher than national levels in all age groups that are tested against statutory government targets. Our committed staff, conscientious and aspirational children and our supportive and engaged families ensure that this great work continues year after year.

We return to school on 2nd September for children in Year 1 – 6 and on 8th September for those children starting school for the first time in the Foundation Stage.

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SEAN GILBERT

Opened his innings 16th March 1965. Retired from this life 17th July 2014.

Sean sadly passed away aged just 49, which in Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club terms would be seen as jug avoidance.

Of course he died far too early, but he packed more into his life than many of us ever will. Cricketer, twitcher, bargee, businessman, dependable friend, father, and all-round top bloke. Those who attended his funeral will have noted that he managed to fill not only the church, but the ante-room and half of the churchyard. That is pretty special.

From a cricket perspective Sean was, as a friend said, the one player you always wanted to see in the changing room. Not just because he could bat and bowl, but because he would ensure an enjoyable game. From that tell-tale grunt as he bowled his slow ball, to his huffing and puffing between wickets, and the occasional seagull cry, no one had as much presence on the field.

Sean occupied most of the positions on the ECCC committee at one time or another. He was Sunday captain for several years, and also Wednesday captain during the same period. A feat not accomplished since. Teams were always carefully chosen, teas arranged, transport sorted, and all apparently effortlessly. Sean was a born leader. As a leader he also had a tendency to lead us into temptation, but we would have followed him virtually anywhere. Except maybe The Pelican in Devizes. The annual firework night at The Walled Garden was Sean's idea, and one that he managed almost single-handedly every year without fuss or complaint. It's grown to be the single-most successful event held at the club. As the 'Gypsy King' he also enjoyed the annual camp out at the club, presiding over proceedings from his camper van. He was never the last to bed as, in his own words, he was "a sprinter, not a marathon runner".

One of Sean's last wishes was to see one last game of cricket at the Walled Garden. Sadly, he never made it. But he'll always be up there for us. Not a match will go by without one or other of us saying "Do you remember when Sean ..." You are sorely missed my friend.

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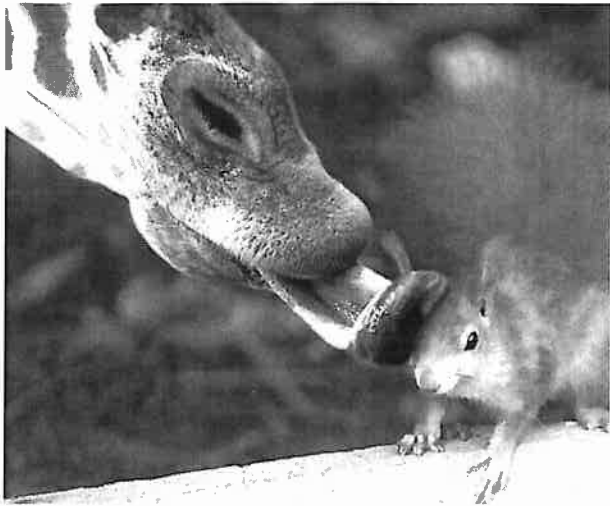
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Local ringers will be ringing at Edington Priory Church on the anniversary of death of six ringers from Edington, namely:-

- *Private John Frederick Pike Lawes* – Wiltshire Regiment, died 18 August 1916 age unknown; CWGC Grave/Memorial: III. A. 11. Son of Herbert and Elizabeth Lawes of Tinhead; husband of Sarah Daisy Lawes of The Lamb Inn, Tinhead.
- *Private Reginald Cecil Wordley* – Grenadier Guards, died 1 December 1917 age 21; Cambrai Memorial, Louverval. Son of Decimus and Mary Wordley of Edington.
- *Gunner Reginald Charles Rogers* – Royal Field Artillery, died 28 December 1917 age unknown. Buried at Hermies Hill British Cemetery.
- *Private Leonard Drewett* – Devonshire Regiment, died 12 March 1918 age 32. Born in Edington and buried at Edington Priory Church. Son of Stephen and Ellen Drewett of Kington Langley, Chippenham.
- *Lance Corporal William John Wheeler* – Wiltshire Regiment, died 23 March 1918 age unknown; Arras Memorial Bay 7.
- *Rifleman Thomas James Blagden* – South Lancashire Regiment, died 19 January 1919 age 20. Buried at Heverlee War Cemetery. Son of Thomas and Selina Blagden of Edington. Subject of a Promenade Play produced in the 1990s?

In order to fully publicise each of these events we need further information about these men and/or their families. If you have any information we would be very grateful if you could contact either Joanna Robertson on 01380 830375 or Julia Russell on Julia.Russell056@tiscali.co.uk – your help will be very much appreciated.

We look forward to hearing from you.

The adjacent photograph of Edington Football Team of 1912-13 includes four of the ringers, namely: *Back Row* Leonard Drewett, George Bathard, Percy Wheeler, (John) Jack Lawes, William Rogers, not known; *Middle Row*: (Francis John) Jack Wheeler, (William) Billy Humphries, (Victor) Vic Cullimore, (William) Puddy Cullimore, (William John) Bill Wheeler. *Front Row* Arthur Wheeler and Reginald Rogers.

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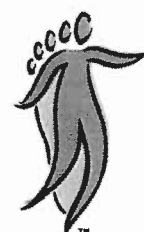
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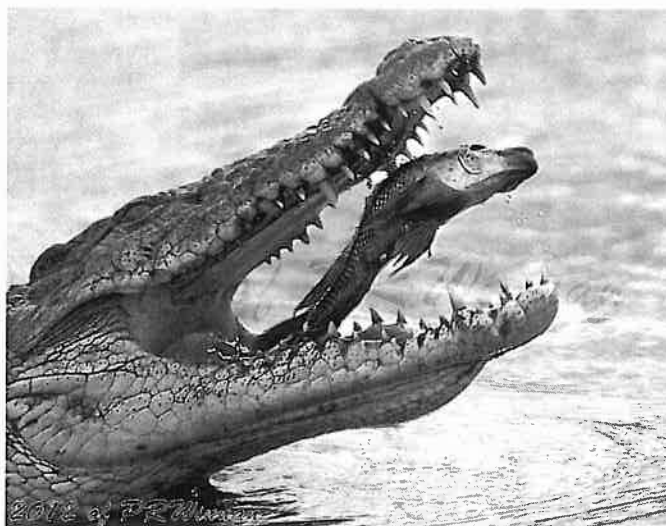
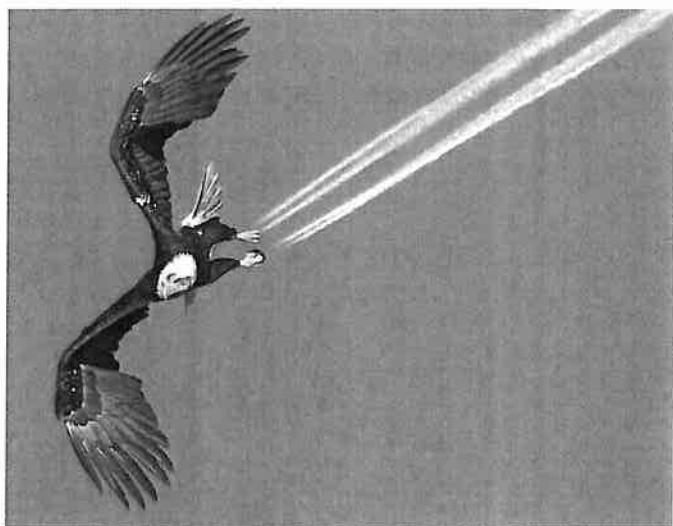


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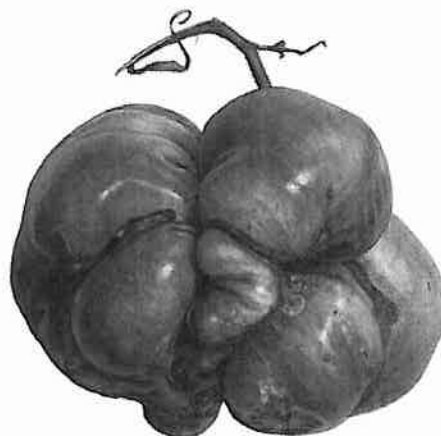
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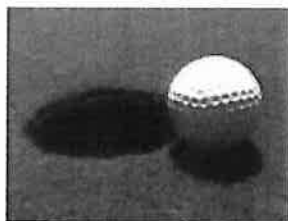
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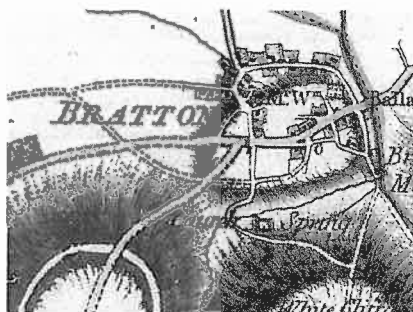


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The talk will be given by Jan Rose and the subject of her talk is:

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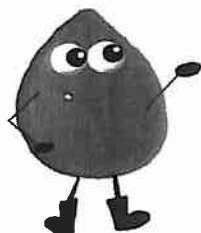
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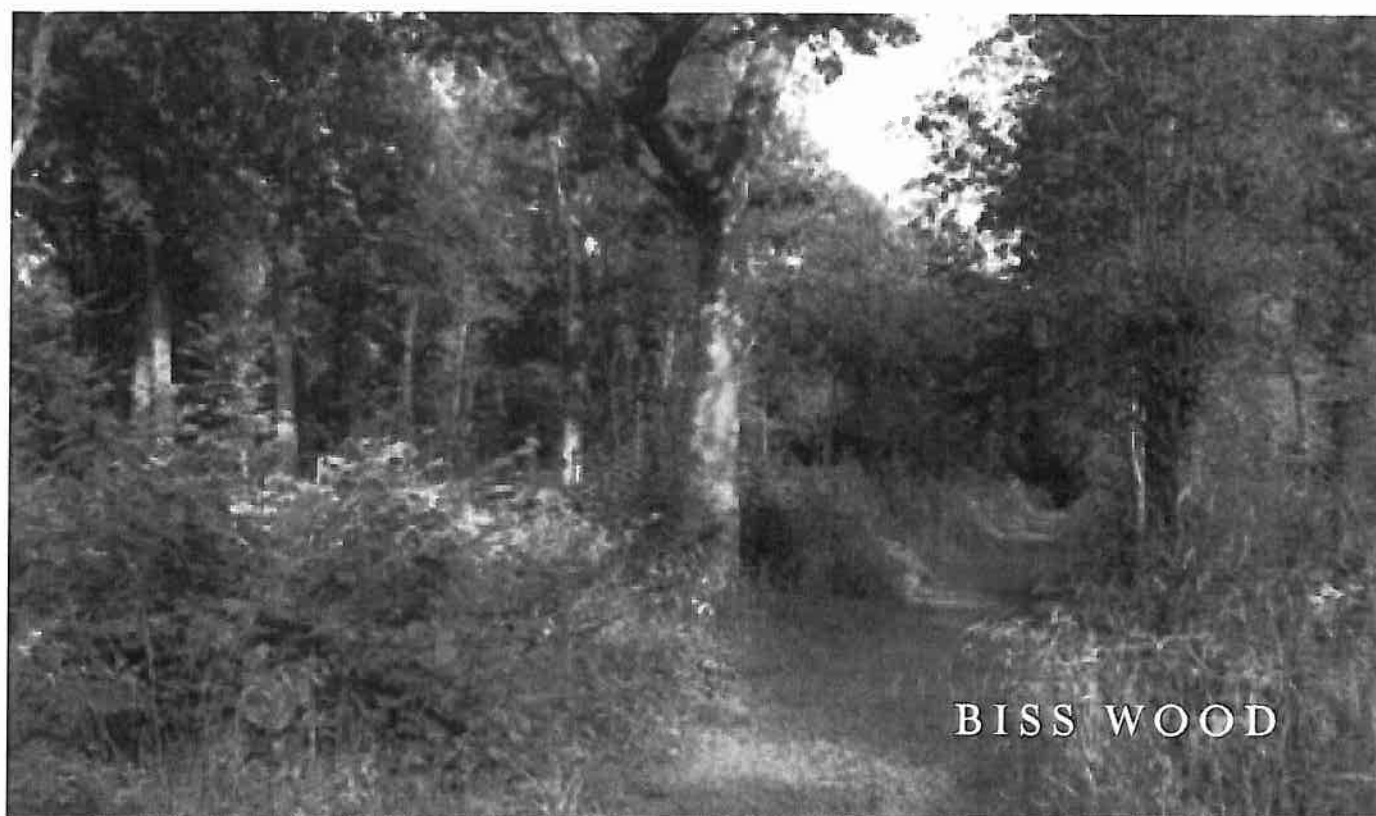
Gilbert Green invites
the village of Edington
to afternoon tea with buffet (sweet and savoury),
at Edington Village Hall,

13th September 2014 2pm-5pm.

All welcome but could you let Pauline at the post office
(or tel: 01380 830 013) if you are thinking of coming,
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Gilbert Green – 90 years old on 12/09/2014

Gilbert and Julian Green moved to Edington in 1987, shortly after Gilbert retired, and following his purchase of Biss Wood nearby. Gilbert had decided to become a 'conservation forester' for his 52-acre designated ancient woodland, which was under threat of destruction. Before this he was a geologist with the British Geological Survey (BGS), finally becoming District Geologist for the South West. Biss Wood became his second career, as he worked indefatigably to enhance its value for wildlife and local amenity, as well as for commercial value – although the latter was always secondary.

Among his many important developments there he provided it with a pond, glades and proper stoned access tracks (rides), initiated a coppicing cycle (a traditional form of woodland management), along the way recruiting a band of volunteers. In 1987-8 he extended the wood in by 9 acres into farmland that had once been part of the wood, planting nearly 1,000 trees to do so. When he could finally take no more active part in its management in 2013, he gifted Biss Wood to the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust, who will manage it alongside Green Lane Wood nearby, for the benefit of the nation and the environment.

Both Gilbert and Julian were active in the village and the church. Gilbert took many positions of responsibility – including Church Warden (1996–2002), among other tasks helping to organise the 1998 'Music in Country Churches' concert attended by Prince Charles. In other activities he was Vice Chair of the Parish Council for a number of years, and founded the Wiltshire Geological Society. He was Treasurer for the Edington Music Festival for a time.

Julian sadly died in 2009, and is buried in the churchyard in Edington. Gilbert continues to live independently in the village, and draws much daily comfort from the friendship and help he receives from a community in which he has become well known. His own personal choice for the best way to mark his birthday is to host a party for anyone in the village who would like to join him on the 13th September – details opposite. Gilbert has four sons – Robert, Hilary, Matthew and Richard, and four grandchildren.



NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

Contact Helen O'Donoghue on 830501 for more information

At our July meeting we were pleased to welcome four visitors to hear a lively, entertaining and thought provoking talk, "A Woman in Scholarship and on TV" by Professor Francesca Stavrokopoulou of Exeter University. The talk was based on the recent TV series, examining the Bible from an historical rather than theological perspective. We heard about some of the very hostile reactions to her conclusions, based not on academic grounds in most cases but on her acknowledged atheism/youth/ gender or indeed all three! Professor Stavrokopoulou. described some of the difficulties faced by women such as herself in what is still seen by many as a male preserve; however as well as enjoying her work and being a successful and respected academic she is clearly more than a match for any of her detractors.

We had a report from the President on the National Conference of the W.I. that had been held in June. Finances are healthy, a series of "Inspiring Women" conferences, enabling members and National Federation committee to meet had been a great success, Denman College has a new business plan and is on target to break even. The Resolution asking that people make known their views on organ donation was passed with a 97% majority. Outside guest speakers for the day were: Sir Andrew Motion, Doctor George McGavin and Bill Turnbull. Plans are also well underway for the Centenary anniversary of the W.I. In 2015. The Talents scheme to boost our income continues and there was produce for sale at the meeting. Members were invited to join Potterne Springs W.I. on a visit to Devizes Museum.

In August we met for a BBQ There was a minimum of business: a proposed outing in the Autumn to Somerset to give some financial support to areas affected by the winter floods. Anne Tottingham was thanked for being the driving force behind the sub group that has met this past year and produced recipes for the Village website. Recipes will now appear at more infrequent intervals. Most of the evening was spent catching up with friends over some delicious food and wine.

The Speaker next month will be Jed FitzGerald "Staying safe on the internet" Do come along if this or any other topic interests you.

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JUBILEE HALL BRATTON EVENTS

Bratton Jubilee Hall

A big thank you to all who helped or came to the Village fete and supported us to make it a success. Marie Nunn has resigned from the Management Committee as of the 31 August 2014 due to other commitments. We would like to thank her for her hard work and support over the last 20 years. Gill Hurn will be acting Chairman until the A.G.M. in March 2015 and can be contacted on 01381 830497.

We are **DESPERATELY** looking for new Committee members to help manage the hall. Please ring Gill on the above number.

The **Supper nights** will start again on 19 September. For bookings please ring Gill.

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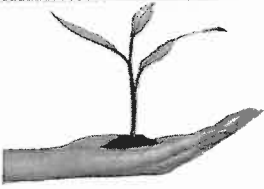
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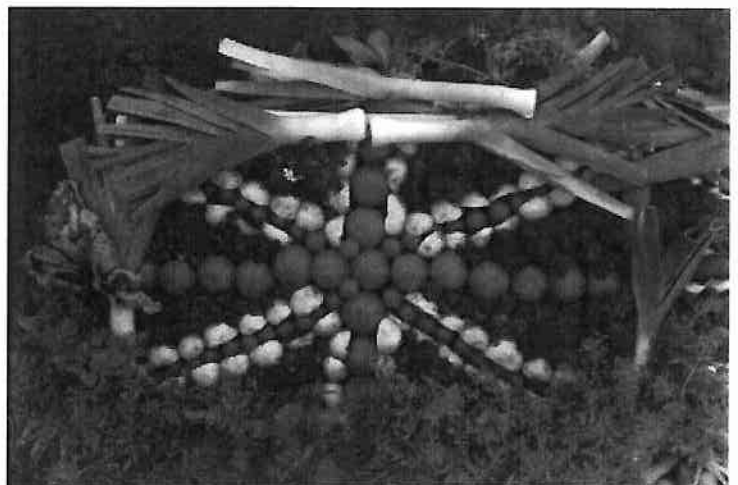
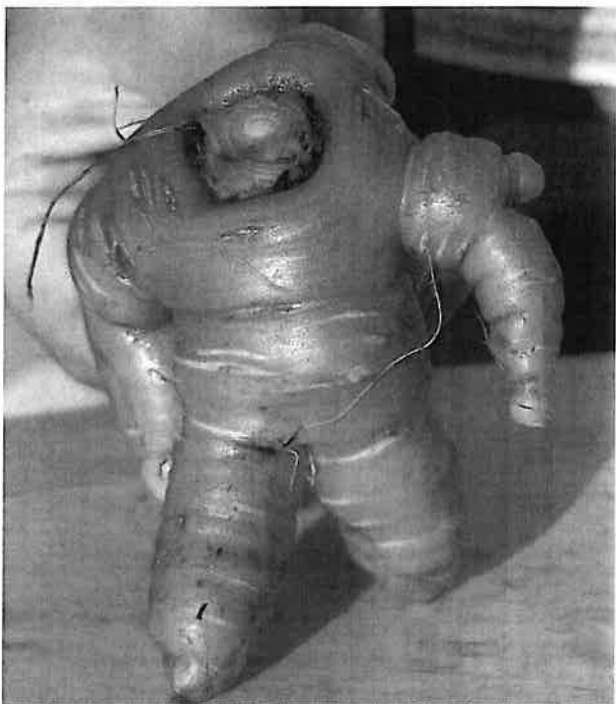
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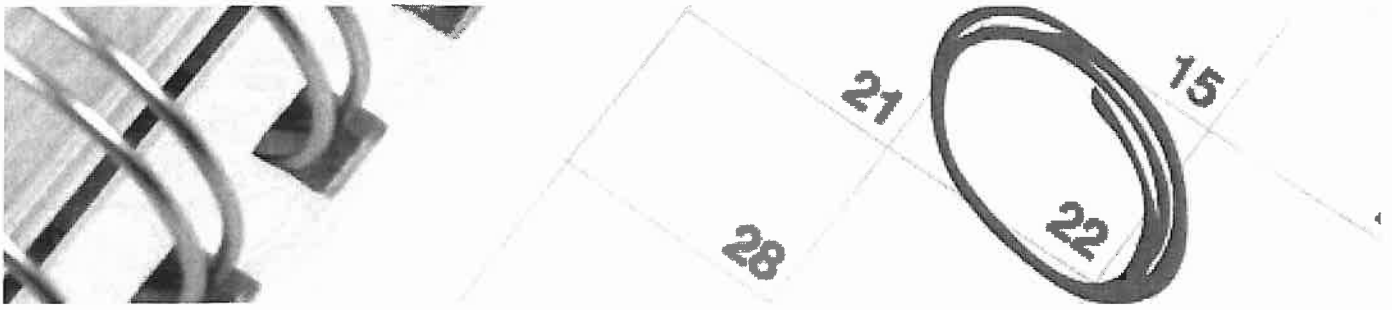
Monday 1st September 7.30 in the Three Daggers, new blood especially welcome
Liz Pike 830684

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 06 Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10.30am-12 midday
- 06 Edington Flower and Produce Show
- 13 Gilbert Green's Birthday, Edington Village Hall, 2-5pm
- 19 G&J trip to Shaftsbury, Edington PO 1pm
- 21 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 27 Military Pageant, Tidworth, 16.30pm

OCTOBER

- 10/11 White Horse Opera, St Marys Church, Devizes, 7.30pm
- 13 Devizes Autumn Fair, Corn Exchange, 10am-4pm
- 18 Beerfest, Bratton Jubilee Hall, 7.30pm
- 25 Pumpkin Day, Edington Village Hall

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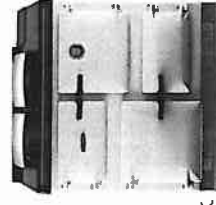
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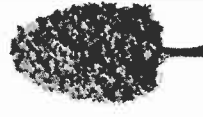
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