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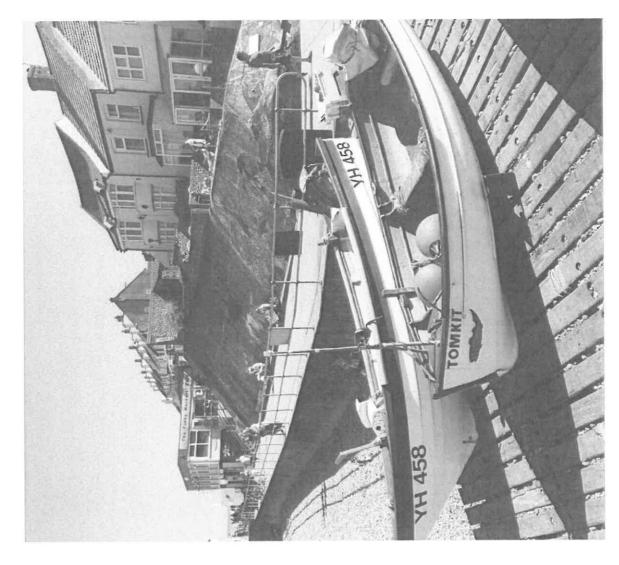
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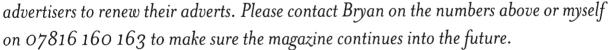
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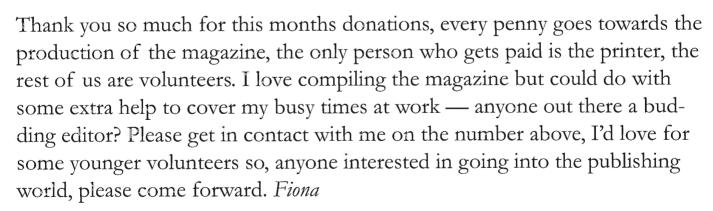
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SELECTED SPECIAL EVENTS:

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

Wednesday Communion Services:

At 9.30am on the 7^{th} , 14^{th} and 28^{th} September, and on 21^{st} September at 2.30pm at Edington Priory Church



Lunch in the Parish Hall

We are holding a harvest themed lunch with a choice of main courses and puddings in the Parish Hall, Edington. on Wednesday 21st Sep at 12.30 Price £7 in aid of Parish Hall Funds. All will be most welcome to join us. TVM will provide door

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ARC stands for the Arthur Rank Centre.



the rural resource unit for the churches in England and the name Addington came from Canon Richard Addington who inspired the original Addington Fund in East Anglia. His principles of providing financial support combined with pastoral care live on to this day. Cash grants from the Fund were made to those farmers who could not move or sell stock during the foot and mouth crisis, and grants were issued as a contribution towards additional feed costs. The ability of the Fund to make these grants was entirely due to the donations that poured into the office. Individuals and charitable trusts made very generous donations and the government match-funded private donations. However, it was the overwhelming support from the general public and churches that made this response possible. Between March 2001 and July 2002 a total of £10.3m was distributed to over 22,000 applicants. That this was achieved at an administrative cost of only 1.4% was mainly due to the huge nationwide voluntary contribution. Applicants were often isolated, misunderstood, depressed, frightened or, in some cases, suicidal. People with an understanding of the situation responded to all telephone calls to the office, and every caller was offered a local contact to provide pastoral care: a relationship that often still exists to this day.

Please help by sending your donations to the PCC Treasurer for Edington Priory Church; Col Hugh Hancock, Dunge Farm, West Ashton, Trowbridge, BA14 6AX

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If you have any questions or would like further information on the forthcoming work, please contact Landmarc Support Services National Service Centre at Westdown Camp on 0800 0223334.

ERLESTOKE BOOK SWAP

OP DROP IN COFFEE MORNING

SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

10am–12.30pm, Erlestoke Church Come for a chat amongst friends and discuss new books on offer – all welcome – even dogs!





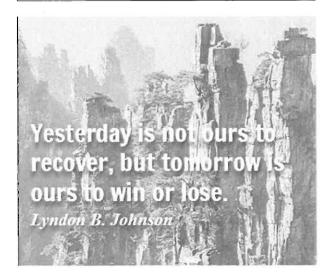
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amazing group that we are able to offer such an integral service to our neighbours. So, if you would like help just call us on 07852 256 939 and one of our duty coordinators will log your request and find a volunteer to help you. All calls are charged at mobile rates. Responding to requests can be demanding so it really helps to receive plenty of notice when being asked to organise assistance, ideally not less than 48 hours in advance and particularly so during these busy summer months.

shopping and befriending. It is purely down to the continued commitment of this

With an increasing population of older people, together with the cuts in locally funded services, it is inevitable that we are being called upon more frequently for assistance. As a result, we are always looking for new volunteers to help with our many requests. Being a volunteer can give you a new interest as well as making good use of your skills and experience so, if you feel you can help or would just like to find out more about volunteering in any capacity, then please call for an initial chat on 07852 256 939. We look forward to hearing from you.

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The next meeting of the Jazz Appreciation Society will be at Maggie's house in Bratton on Wednesday, 28th September at 7.30pm. Meanwhile, if you like 'big bands' look out for Frankie Capp with Nat Pierce's Juggernauts on the web. Maggie Atterbury

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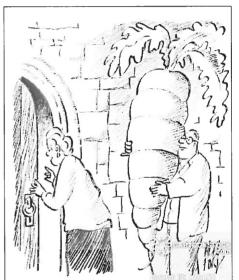
WESTBURY & DISTRICT U3A

August is considered by many to be a holiday month when many groups, clubs and societies do not hold a meeting. Whilst accepting this as a commonsense approach Westbury and District U3A have adopted the policy of arranging a Lunch outing each vear on would have been the August general meeting date. This year was no exception; the venue selected being The White Horse Country Club. Some 30 people were able to attend, seated around three large round tables in a private room.

As usual on these occasions the room was only quiet(ish) when the food had been served, each person having preselected starters and deserts whilst an excellent carvery was offered as the main course for carnivores, and there was a vegetarian alternative for

herbivores. Discussion during the meal was wide ranging including highlights from the past year, the outing to SS Great Britain, The Christmas Tea party, the uniform that the Yeoman of the Guard brought to show us and the recent talk on military medals being just a few.

Anne Thompson was thanked for once again arranging the meal. Anne also announced the titles of the talks at the September and October general meetings, these being "Life and times of an old fashioned fishmonger" and "As I was seated at the organ" on September 13th and October 11th respectively. These meetings are held in the United Reformed Church Hall on Warminster Road, at 1.45pm for 2pm. Do come and join us, your first general meeting is free.



Er... vicar - does the church have position on the donation of GM vegetables for the Harvest Festival?"

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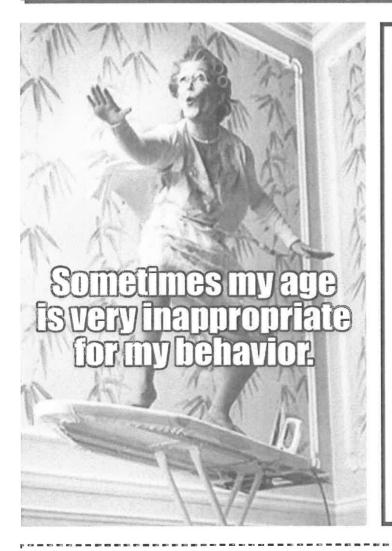
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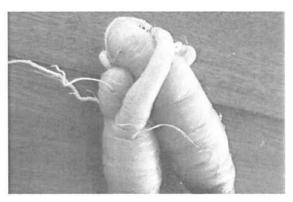
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The perfect weather of Indian Summer lengthened and lingered, warm sunny days were followed by brisk nights with Halloween a presentiment in the air.

WALLACE STEGNER, REMEMBERING LAUGHTER



THE WORLD FAMOUS ERLESTOKE PANTO IS RETURNING AFTER A 2 YEAR BREAK AND WE NEED PLAYERS

WILLING TO MAKE A RIGHT ROYAL PIRATICAL FOOL OF THEMSELVES

(all in a good cause of course – Oh yes it is!!!)

There will be a preliminary meeting for anybody interested

on Sun 18th September at 2.30pm in Gt Cheverell Pavilion

This year its going to be a lot of nonsense about pirates, boats, walking the plank and silver long johns.

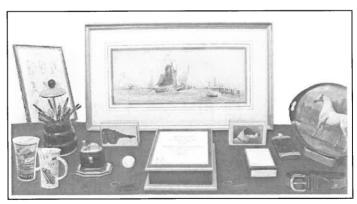
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One of the many good things about living in this area is the evidence of community spirit and good neighbourliness. We all get on with each other, don't we?

Most of us do, but I see a regular flow of issues that could be defined as un-neighbourly behaviour and they are some of the hardest matters to deal with.

Un-neighbourliness can take a number of forms. Littering is a common problem. It was staggering how much rubbish was collected from verges and hedgerows by the Clean for the Queen event. Don't drop it, take it home!

Dog poo is another perennial issue with deeply unpleasant results on pavements, footpaths, and grass areas. There are places where children cannot play and fields where farmers cannot allow their livestock to graze owing to the risk of infection from the faeces. Don't blame the dogs for the problem.

Shouting, loud music, smoke from bonfires, revving of engines – all are examples of crass behaviour that can peak in the summer, so I hope you have not been one of those to suffer this year. Overgrown hedges is another summer complaint. If vegetation from your land overhangs a public right of way or intrudes upon a neighbour's property, it's your duty to cut it back.

On the other hand, if one of your trees is a valued feature for the neighbours and the neighbourhood, please look after it. Trees take a lifetime to grow. If you own a good specimen, or if you own a forest, don't cut if you don't have to.

Inconsiderate parking that blocks driveways or prevents large vehicles from using roads and lanes is another common complaint. Just because a section of highway does not have formal restrictions does not mean it's OK to park. It's a criminal offence to obstruct a highway so think before you park. It could be a matter of life and death if an emergency vehicle is prevented from getting through.

Finally, if you are putting up a fence or building a shed, you may have a legal right but think of what it looks like from your neighbour's property. If they won't like it, try to find something more acceptable.

The message is "Do as you would be done by". It's an ancient principle. It's the Golden Rule.

Thank you

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us during the last few months. Support has been given in all kinds of ways. Villagers have offered us companionship, comfort, hugs, tears and laughter. We have had the furniture relocation team, the tea, talk and sympathy brigade, shopping appearing, food parcels, tempting treats, flowers, cards and messages. So much kindness which has meant a great deal to both of us during Simon's illness.

We feel blessed to be part of such a caring community. A heartfelt thank you to you all. Simon and Susan Hunt

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Thankyou to all who supported our breakfasts throughout August.

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Rev Andrew Sinclair to serve in Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke and Coulston Bratton, Wilts, 15th August 2016: Revd Andrew Sinclair, who has been Vicar of Verwood in East Dorset for the past 16 years will take up his new appointment on September 5th, 2015, at a service in Edington Priory conducted by the Bishop of Ramsbury, Rt Revd Edward Condry. Andrew was born in Germany but grew up mainly in London. He was educated at Sherborne in Dorset before studying Economics and Politics at Exeter University and doing his theological training at Westcott House, Cambridge. His interests include classical music (he has sung in Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir until recently) and golf (representing the Church of England in matches against churches in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and Sweden). Andrew is married to Julie and has twin boys, John and Will, who are 23. Having recently moved into the Rectory at Bratton, Andrew is excited about beginning a new ministry in the villages along the B3098.

Andrew says: 'Moving to a rural setting will provide a new challenge for me, as I have lived most of my life in cities and towns. There will be a lot to learn, but also opportunities for getting to know, serve and love the people of Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke and Coulston, and share with them in exploring life and faith together'.

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Journeying but not yet arriving is something we all have to put up with. I've been thinking about this recently, partly because I have just arrived to be your new Parish Priest, and yet I feel that I am only just beginning a new adventure in my life and ministry, living and working among you here in this beautiful part of Wiltshire. So in once sense I have arrived, but on another level I am only just starting out again on a new journey. For you as well, there may have been feelings during the months of vacancy about how much longer must we wait for a new Rector. feelings that turn to relief that I have arrived, combined with a degree of apprehension about what he's going to be like.

I hope to get to know you all better over the next weeks and months and years. Please continue to be patient, as it will take some time, but we will get there in the end!

In Christian spirituality, there is an important strand of theology that stresses that it is the journeying rather than the arrival that is most important. Moses, when he led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land, journeyed for forty years in the wilderness of Sinai. Towards the end, God took him up a mountain overlooking the River Jordan and Israel, but he died before ever reaching his goal. St. Athanasius, the 4th century Egyptian bishop who wrote a biography of Moses, did not consider this a failure on Moses' part. Rather the journey itself was what formed Moses into the great leader and prophet he became.

Pilgrimage is not about arriving at a place so that you can tick it off on the list of places you have been. Another of the great theologian saints of the 4th century, St. Gregory of Nyssa, complained about those who were visiting Jerusalem expecting to feel closer to God, urging them to read the Easter gospel that states clearly, "He is not here! He is risen!" In other words, you need to find God in your daily lives, where you are, not hanker after some other place that is 'holy'.

So, having arrived and settled in, I invite you to come with me on a new journey into the future, a journey of faith on which, with God's grace, we may draw closer to one another and to God. I cannot tell you how long it will take, or when we will arrive. It will be enough for us to find out more about God and one another by journeying on together in faith and love. My heartfelt thanks go to all of you who have helped to welcome my family to our new home in Bratton. Your kindness, generosity and hard work are very much appreciated. *Yours in Christ, Andrew Sinclair*

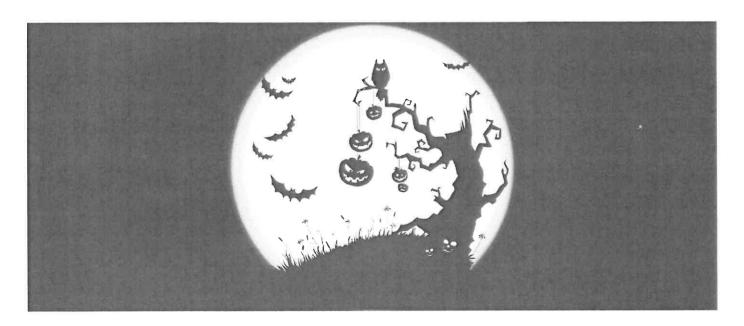


EDINGTON PUMPKIN DAY Saturday 29th October

Pumpkin soup, Pumpkin puds, fun games and competitions.

Our first committee meeting will be on Wednesday 7th September at 7.30pm at the Three Daggers Pub. Helpers/volunteers always welcome.

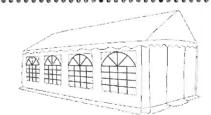
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THE EDINGTON TUESDAY DROP-IN

All are welcome to join us at the Three Daggers on Tuesdays between 11am and 12 noon for an informal chat and get together. Catch up on village gossip while you drink coffee and eat cake for £2.50. Children and dogs welcome too! If you find getting there difficult transport can

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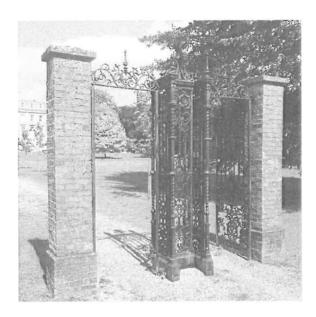
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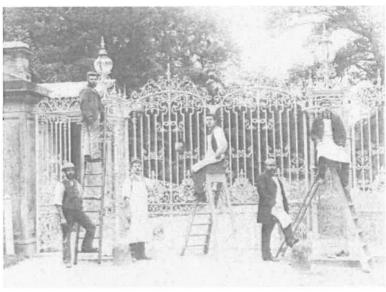


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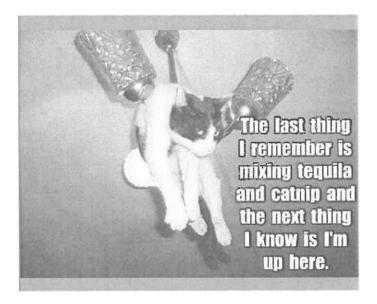
The talk will be given by MARK NOBLE and the subject of his lecture will be:

BELL RINGING IN BRATTON

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Chairman: Anne Bailey at chairman@brattonhistory.co.uk

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When: Every Thursday 10–12pm (closed during school holidays)

BRATTON PRESCHOOL

Contact Wendy Waller/Paulene Bryant 07949 286 991

I have just returned home from my 15th Leavers Play and Party and today's was just as special as the first one. It is always an emotional occasion as we say goodbye to those children going off to 'Big school' in September but it is also a source of pride as we celebrate how much each one has achieved and developed during their preschool years. It is a huge step being cared for by someone other than a family member and we always keep a small part of each child in our hearts and minds.

Each year we write a short performance which aims to encapsulate the essence of that year group. This year's was called 'Teamwork saves the day!' and incorporated some of their favourite songs and dances from the year. Despite final rehearsals being disrupted by bouts of illness, the full 'team' treated parents to a rousing performance. After a party lunch enjoyed by children and parents the children took part in the now 'traditional' water fight and for once, thanks to the lovely weather, no body minded getting wet!

The next few weeks will pass very quickly and we hope everyone enjoys some quality family time before the new academic year begins. Term starts on Monday 5 September but the preschool telephone will be monitored during the holidays so please do get in touch if you are interested in our few remaining spaces on Wednesday and Friday mornings.







-ddington arts

You've never heard saxophones like this! On Saturday October 15th at 7.30pm in Edington Priory Church, Marici Saxes will show you what beautiful, honey-toned and dextrous instruments the saxophone family includes.

Sarah Field, Fiona Asbury, Hannah Riches and Josie Simmons are all classically-trained, very un-stuffy saxophonists with different musical tastes. They play soprano, alto, tenor and baritone saxophones and have come together to play a huge range of music from tango (Piazzolla) to folk (Irish Suite by Josie Simmons), and 'serious' classical (Faure) to jazz (Richard Rodney Bennett). All the arrangements are by the quartet members. They have just completed their first CD, recorded in Wiltshire, and are already making huge waves on the London and international music scene. This is yet another Edington Arts concert not to be missed.

Tickets are £20 front nave, £15 rear nave and £10 sides, (10% discount to Edington Angels and 18 and under come free) in advance from 01380 831256 or music@edingtonarts.org . Programme information and (hopefully, if we can master the technology!) samples of their music will be at www.edingtonarts.org . (Please add £2 per ticket if you buy on the door).



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

Contact Meg McGlynn for further information 01380 830 755

Over the last two months our members have been well entertained with a garden party in Coulston and an interesting talk on the history of the Knees department store. Sadly, the weather played its part in not allowing us to enjoy the 'garden' part of the garden party in July but our members did enter into the spirit of the Olympic Games theme and, whilst there might have been a little illicit help from some mobile devices when it came to competition time, the evening was deemed to be a great success. Well done to all our medal winners!

At our recent August meeting Jonathan Knee, a great, great grandson of the founder of Knees gave an insight into the way that the store, founded in 1879 by Henry John Knee, has developed. Over the years, the Trowbridge based business grew from an ironmongery and bed manufacturer to a 'whole house solution' operation in the 1890s where customers could fully furnish a house from top to bottom through the judicious use of a catalogue. As it expanded into other nearby towns the Knees' empire continued to thrive, not only through its many shops but also through property investment and growth of the engineering division. Unfortunately, falling sales forced the Knees board of directors to make the decision to move out of its remaining Trowbridge shop site in Fore Street in 2014 and it has now relocated to the Spitfire Retail Park in Bradley Road where it sells a range of premium products for the home.

Have you ever visited Bucklers Hard on the banks of the Beaulieu River? Some of our members recently did and can thoroughly recommend it as a place of great interest with a wonderful museum that would keep children amused and interested. We have also had visits to see a small theatrical production in Bradford -on-Avon as well as hearing all about a Pee Power Project (yes, it is what you think!).

The National Federation of WIs has an Annual Council Meeting each summer and this year it was held in Brighton. Mary Lloyd from Bratton WI was our delegate for this event and we are grateful to her for giving us a report on what happened at the meeting, who the speakers were, the results of the resolutions and how the WI is making its way in this ever changing world. It is a challenge as always but we are rising to it.

Visitors are always welcome at our meetings on the second Tuesday of each month so look out for the posters to see if there is a topic that might be of interest to you. In August 5 ladies did exactly that and joined us for our meeting, so just come along and see what a friendly bunch we are!







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For our July meeting, Gill Hazell talked to us about classic, rare and unusual bulbs. We were treated to a photographic tour of the best bulbs on offer, from Amsterdam and South Africa in particular. When she started with just a mailing list, Gill grew mainly gladiolus and tulips and began to visit the Dutch shows, where her passion developed along with her business.

We saw classic tulips, narcissus, iris, fritillaries, alliums, pushkinias and crocus as well as some rarer forms including hardy orchids. Many of the slides were taken at major shows and gardens but some were in Gill's own garden where new varieties are grown on trial. We were given tips on good soil mixtures, how to make hippeastrum (amaryllis) flower from year to year, and how to catch and despatch the dreaded lily beetle.

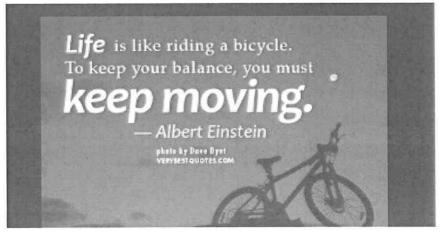
The website is currently under development but a catalogue is available through: greatwesterngladiolus.co.uk

In July members also visited Sherborne Castle Gardens and had a great time. We look forward to Stourhead on the 4th August.

If you would like to find out more, come along to a meeting as a visitor.....all the details you need are in the clubs section of the Edington Village website. If you want someone to introduce you to the first meeting, please do ring. Remember the Edington & District Flower & Produce Show in Edington Parish Hall on 3rd September at 2 pm. Show schedules and applications are available on the website and from Edington Post Office.

Hope to see you there....it is always great fun and Wendy's cream teas are a highlight. Sandie Lewis, Club Secretary, 01380 830 722





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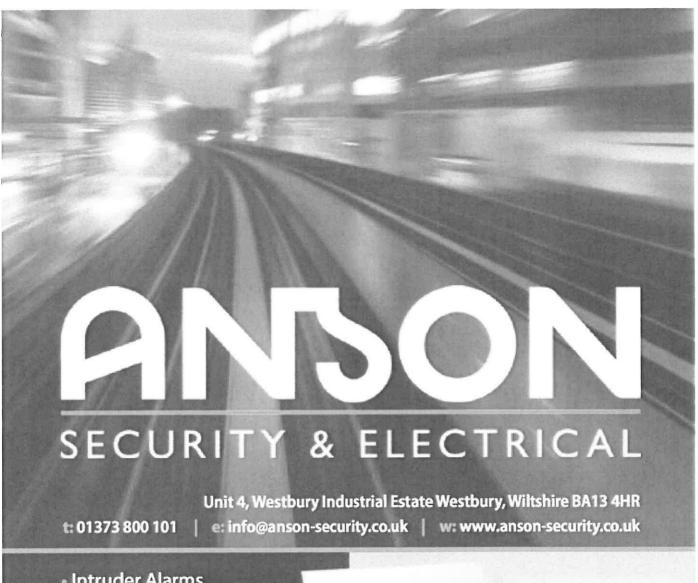
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Theme for this term

We are working on a whole school topic on the Neolithic times for the first half term, and we will take all the children to Stonehenge in the first few days back so that they can gain an insight into how people lived on Salisbury Plain millennia ago. This will provide richness for the learning that will follow, as children write reports, stories, poetry and diaries about our ancestors in this area.

Outstanding results

We were delighted once again with our outcomes in the statutory government tests. It is the first time we have been tested on the new, much more challenging curriculum, and it was wonderful to see that our teachers and support staff, and our amazing children, rose to the challenge magnificently. The table below shows how far above the national levels our little school has achieved. In an environment where so many schools have struggled, we are very proud of our aspirational and hardworking children, our committed and inspirational staff and our engaged and supportive families who have ensured that, at Holy Trinity, the children have continued to excel.

Measure	School outcomes	National outcomes
Percentage of children who		
reached the new expected	85%	53%
standard in both English and		
Maths.		
Percentage of children reaching		
the new expected standard in	85%	66%
Reading		
Percentage of children reaching		
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the new expected standard in	96%	70%
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Independent Monitoring Board – HMP Erlestoke, Devizes, Wiltshire Annual Report 1st April 2015 – 31st March 2016

The Annual Report compiled by the Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) for HMP Erlestoke was published on the 21st July 2016.

The report drew the Secretary of State's attention to the reduction of funding resulting in effects such as reduction in staffing levels, increased numbers and length of 'lock downs', delays in necessary repairs to the infrastructure. This has caused frustration within the prisoners and staff at such lack of resources.

The report also comments on the number of Indeterminate Public Protection (IPP) and Life Sentence Prisoners who are over tariff, and have no date for release. Not only does this cost the tax payer it is highly detrimental to the mental wellbeing of the prisoners concerned, and constitutes an injustice.

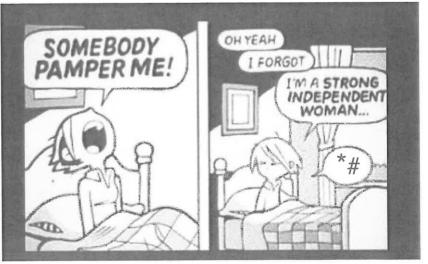
A copy of the Annual Report can be found in your local library or online at www.imb.org.uk/report/erlestoke-2015-16-annual-report/

Royal British Legion (RBL) Edington & District Summer BBQ on Sunday 11 September at 1pm Becketts House, Tinhead Road, Edington.

Members, guests and anyone interested in joining the RBL are most welcome to attend, a raffle prize is most welcome.









NEWS FROM YOUR WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR IERRY WICKHAM

I firstly hope everyone has had a good summer.

Recently it was reported in the news that the splitting of the BT and BT Openreach organizations was not going to go ahead. One part deals with our existing land lines and the other associated with the role out of broadband. You might therefore be asking why I am mentioning this.

After a phased scheme and significant investment, by both BT Openreach and Wiltshire Council, there are still parts of Wiltshire without access to any meaningful broadband speed. Whilst in excess of 90% of the county has high speed access, many homes still lag behind and seemingly as a country we are falling behind others. The village of Coulston for example has extremely low broadband speeds and there will be no assistance to this community from this original programme of work. Despite endeavoring to find ways to assist, this community is left with adopting outdated satellite or wireless options. Unfortunately, an individual £400 per household subsidy cannot be used towards the installation of a fibre solution through the village. I know Dr Andrew Murrison, our MP, is interested to hear views from communities and I have written to him about this. Coulston is not alone and I know of other areas encountering the same issues.

You might also recall that the communities along the B3098 had put forward this road for a freight assessment study which would consider the types of vehicles using the road and potentially look at schemes to minimize this. This was a competitive process and unfortunately our application failed to be in the top three schemes. This therefore means that we will have to put this forward again next year. A disappointment!

Finally, I was pleased to be able to propose Edington Parish Council's recent application to Westbury Area Board for funding towards play equipment for youngsters. I encourage communities to consider the grant scheme and put forward applications.

In the meantime, if you have an issue, please feel free to make contact either through my email address jerry.wickham@wiltshire.gov.uk or my home telephone of 01380 870476 or mobile 07980 701 617.

EDINGTON VILLAGE REGISTER - No update this month

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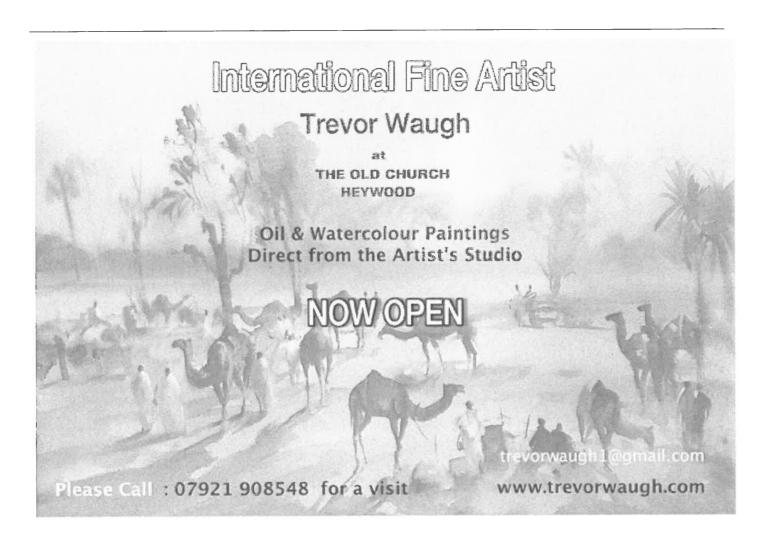
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMB	ER	
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- 04 Carvery, Erlestoke Golf Club
- 07 Pumpkin Day meeting, 3 Daggers, 7.30pm
- RBL BBQ, Becketts House, Tinhead Road,
 - Edington, Ipm
- 16 Bratton Supper Night, Jubilee Hall
- 16 G& trip leaves Edington P.O. at 1pm
- 18 PANTO Auditions, Gt Cheverell Pavilion, 2.30pm
- 18 Bratton History, Church Institute, 4pm
- 21 Harvest Lunch, Edington Parish Hall, 12.30pm
- 23 Pop up Pub Erlestoke Park, 6-9pm
- 28 Jazz Appreciation, Maggies House, 7.30pm

OCTOBER

01	Book Swap, Erlestoke Church, 10am-midday
10	Duck St Fair, Devizes Sports Club, 6-8pm

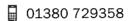
- 11 Duck St Fair, Devizes Sports Club, 9.30am-3pm
- 15 Study Day, Market Lavington Hall, 10am-4.30pm
- 15 Edington Arts, Marici Sax, Edington Priory, 7.30pm
- 29 Edington Pumpkin Day, Edington Parish Hall

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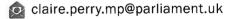
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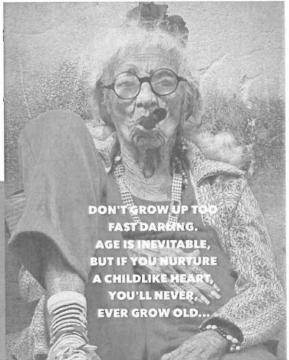
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