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Latest from the Parish Council



Edington helpline – to date we have over 50 volunteers and the helpline has received 22 calls. The helpline can provide assistance with shopping, collecting prescriptions, dog walking

and a listening and talking service along with many other things that we can find access too. If you need help please call the helpline and we can help you in these difficult times, if we cannot help we will find someone who can help you.

Why the council are producing this newsletter?

Although there are numerous sources of information available in various locations we have started this newsletter to bring together all of the most useful pieces of information for people in one place. If the information you

want is not here ring the helpline and we will try to find it for you.

The Parish Council has received some donations to help villagers experiencing difficulty in these times, if you are struggling to purchase essential items or pay outstanding bills please contact the helpline and we may be able to assist you.

At present we have no clear idea as to how long these difficult times will continue so please contact us before the problem becomes overwhelming. All calls to the helpline will be treated in the strictest confidence.

We are planning to publish this newsletter monthly but may produce it more frequently if there is a change in information or events, the village website will also be updated on a regular basis to help keep everyone up to date with the latest information. The newsletter can be delivered directly to your inbox just visit www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter and enter your details.

Don't forget to contact the help line on 07933143021 (available 9am to 6pm, 7 days a week)

White Horse Health Centre - latest



COVID-19 Surgery Update

White Horse Health Centre would like to reassure our patients that the surgery is not closed. However, following NHS guidance we are operating by booking telephone appointments where possible for the



foreseeable future as per NHS guidance. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time. Please see the following information in regards to our services. The guidance on Covid-19 will continue to change and we will keep you updated.

- All patients requesting on the day appointments will be screened through reception using our existing triage system and a second layer of triage with a phone call from a member of the Acute Care Team.
- Any patient with respiratory symptoms and/ or temperature should not come to the practice. You will be treated over the phone where possible, or asked to call 111.
- Any patient with any other symptom, where possible will be treated over the phone. If the clinician you speak to decides they need to see you, they will make this decision and ask you to attend the practice.

Routine chronic disease appointments:

You should receive a text message advising you not to come in for your appointment and you will receive a telephone appointment instead. Again, if they feel you need to be seen the clinician will make an appropriate appointment.

Routine GP appointments:

All routine GP appointments have been changed to phone calls. The telephoning GP will make a decision during the call to decide what is required for the patient and patients will only be brought in for a face to face appointment if essential.

Existing routine Nurse/HCA appointments:

These appointments will remain as they are. However, if you are unwell please cancel your appointment.

New requests for Nurse/HCA appointments:

We will not book any more routine non-essential appointments however there will be some

essential appointments that need to be booked, this will be at the discretion of the practice.

Child Immunisations

These will continue as usual.

Blood Tests:

The Drop-in blood clinic has been temporary suspended, all blood tests are now bookable appointments.

Wound care:

Leg club will be cancelled until further notice and these patients will be seen at the surgery. All wound care will continue as planned and continue to be booked as required.

Prescriptions:

Please do not order additional medication, we will only issue your regular quantity. If you use the POD service, please continue to do so.

You can find out more including an online consultation system on the surgery website www.westburygp.co.uk

Wiltshire Police – advice



Beware of email scams, cold calling etc.

Scammers and criminals are already looking for opportunities to scam people as a result of the Coronavirus / COVID-19 pandemic. Happily, there are many more stories of kindness and generosity, but we want to make people aware of the scams as they emerge – which they seem to be on a daily basis.

There have been reports received by Wiltshire Police of people door-knocking and claiming to be from the Health Authority.



What happens:

The criminal knocks on your door.
They claim to be from the Health Authority.
They offer to do COVID-19 testing on residents.
There are also reports of the criminal offering to take the residents temperature.

THIS IS A SCAM!

What to do:

Do not let them in.
Do not allow them to take any money or details from you.
Report to Wiltshire Police on 101.
If you ask them to leave and they don't, contact the police on 999.
Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Report it

There has been a report of an elderly resident in Kent who lost money when they gave their bank card to someone who offered to do some shopping for them.

Do **not** give your bank card to anyone.

Payment

Don't ever give your bank or card details to anyone, even if you think you know them very well. You could either agree to pay in cash after they have delivered the shopping or pay them online if you have the facility to do so. Or maybe you could agree another method of payment - but never give your bank or card details.

Useful Contacts if you need help and support

If you are self-isolating, you could contact one of these organisations for help and support, all of them have websites and most have phone numbers:

Action for Happiness monthly coping calendar to help you through the current crisis

Age UK Wiltshire 0808 196 2424

Asthma UK 0300 222 5800

BHF 0300 330 3311

CALM helpline for men open 5pm to midnight
0800 55858

Diabetes UK 0345 123 2399

Mind 0300 123 3393

No Panic helpline for young people 0300 606 1174

Samaritans 116 123

Scope 0808 800 3333

Silver Line independent support for older people 0800 470 8090

Wiltshire Council Wellbeing Hub - 0300 003 4576

Visit www.actionfraud.police.uk for information and extra help as to how keep safe online

Also www.victimsupport.org.uk – Support line – 03003030157



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Online active communities' resources

With people stuck at home for the foreseeable future, Wiltshire Council have compiled a list of resources across a wide range of subjects to try and provide something of interest for everyone. The resources have been broken down into categories: Keep active; Mental Health; Read and rhyme; Creativity, culture and heritage; Digital learning; Home schooling. To view all of the available resources go to the Wiltshire Council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk and search for "Active Communities Resource page".

Library Service – latest

All libraries until further notice are closed.

Any items borrowed that were due back from 9 March onward will be renewed automatically throughout the closed period and no fines or charges will be incurred. If your loans were due back before this date, please contact libraryenquiries@wiltshire.gov.uk. Items cannot be reserved whilst the libraries are closed. The library service will hold all Wiltshire items that were reserved before the libraries closed.

You can still borrow eBooks, eAudiobooks and eMagazines. More information is available on the [e-book page](#).

Local buses – latest

Faresaver buses - April 2020 - Coronavirus updated 2/4/2020

Faresaver are continuing to operate a reduced timetable on all services at the moment due to the Coronavirus outbreak. Timetables on the

'current timetables' section of the website are up to date but please be aware that the x34 and 76/87 services are currently operating to a Saturday timetable.

Also school services x10, 555, 635, 287, x83 and x86 will not operate until schools/colleges reopen.

If you have any queries regarding these timetables please contact us on 01249 444444 or visit the website. www.faresaver.co.uk

Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue - message



Please avoid having bonfires at the moment, they cause many unnecessary turnouts and they get out of control easily as it is dry.

Neighbours complaining about bonfires also tie up 999 lines. People are also suffering with breathing difficulties and we are mindful that smoke won't help.

Edington Parish Council news



The Parish Council undertook their first online meeting on Monday of last week and it was deemed a success by all attending. After the initial novelty of seeing what was in the background of everyone's room and the occasional interruption by pets and children the council were able to

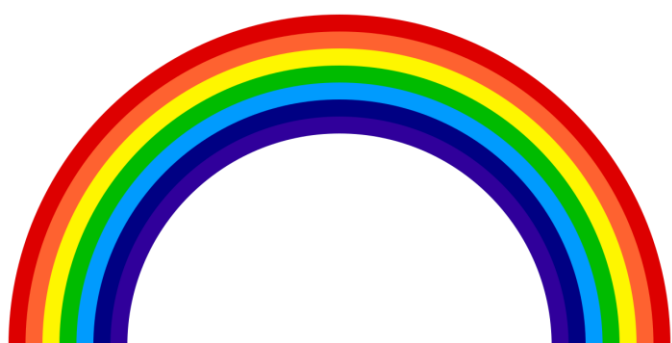
complete all of the business on the agenda. Following our successful initial meeting we have decided to hold future meetings online until such time as we are able to meet again in the Parish Hall. At present we do not have a date for our next meeting but have decided that future dates will be determined by any planning applications that need scrutiny or any other issues that need the council's immediate attention.

Dates and agendas of future meetings will be posted on the village website.



Any person on the Electoral Roll who wishes to "attend" a meeting of the Parish Council should notify the PC by going on to the Village Website and clicking on the PC link and they will be sent the link to join the meeting.

The council would like to thank all of those villagers who have come out on a Thursday evening to support all of the NHS, carers and key workers and volunteers who are doing such a fantastic job for everyone in need at present.



The noise emanating from the Greatwoods and Greater Lane area each week increases and recently there has been singing from the GreatAndGreater's tribute group, there are rumours of a dance session in the coming weeks. We would also like to thank all of those households who have put rainbows and animals including bears in their windows as a sign of support, it certainly brightens up the village.

Why not send in your pictures from Thursday night at 8 when we clap in Edington and throughout the country for NHS, carers, key workers and volunteers; we may publish them in the next edition of the newsletter!

You may have noticed some additional white lines and 30 signs painted on the road surface along the B3098 within the village, these have been partly paid for by the Parish Council to raise driver's awareness of the narrowness of the road and the speed limit. These along with the speed indicator device will see a reduction in the speed of the traffic using the road.



We are in the process of finalising the initial findings produced by Wiltshire Council for the implementation of a 20mph limit through the village on all roads except the B3098. We hope to have the finalised plans in the near future and then we can move to the next stage which involves Wiltshire Council putting it into their substantive bids meeting for implementation in 2021/2022, subject to any additional financial constraints placed on the council as a result of the coronavirus outbreak. More news on this as and when we receive it. In the meantime we have been informed that the new HGV signage has been ordered and in the near future will be erected around the village directing heavy goods vehicles away from many of the village roads when trying to access the Station Yard complex.

To find out more about what the Parish Council is doing to make the roads safer visit the village website and on the front page is a section on Safer Roads in Edington which has the latest updates.

Bin collections as you know have changed, unfortunately there have been some teething problems with the new collection rounds. If your bin is not emptied on the newly allotted day please leave it at the kerbside as it may well be emptied the following day, if it is not emptied on the following day please use the Wiltshire



App to report a missed collection. You can also report it via the Wiltshire Council website, <https://ifforms.wiltshire.gov.uk>

Latest planning applications:-

Land North of Court Farm, Court Lane, Edington
- Convert redundant dairy into micro distillery.

Planning applications can be viewed on the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/planning

The Four Villages LINK



Scheme is a voluntary group which offers transport and good neighbour services to local people in need - perhaps because they are elderly, or single parents or perhaps temporarily in need because

of illness, or, in fact for any person with a need for our support. These essential services provide a safety net for those unable to access services in other ways. It is a registered Charity and operates in line with Charity Commission Guidelines.

The LINK scheme is desperately in need of new people to join as volunteers and/or members of the Management Committee. Both Ian Lafferty, the current Chair and Meg McGlynn the Secretary, are standing down at the AGM later this month. To find out more about how you can help by joining the volunteers go to the Edington village website.

<http://www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk> and search for "Four Villages Link".

Local businesses offering services with delivery

Below are some of the local businesses that are offering a delivery service. The Edington Parish Council do not endorse any of these businesses, they are merely businesses that have been recommended by villagers. If you know of any other businesses that provide a delivery service to the village please email us at newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk and we will add them to the list for the next edition of the newsletter.

Bratton Plant Centre – large selection of plants available tel 07498 818 268 Website www.brattonplantcentre.co.uk

Brokerswood Farm Shop – meat, fruit and vegetables, dairy products and store cupboard ingredients, plus some frozen foods. Free delivery on orders over £25, tel 01225 753000 Website www.brokerswoodfarmshop.co.uk

Central Fruits – local suppliers of fruit and vegetables straight from the grower, tel 07741252862 or 07468412207

Davies of Westbury – garden supplies, hardware, electrical products, household products and paints, at present delivery restricted to vulnerable and elderly persons, ring for details tel 01373 822431

Elliott's Traditional Butchers - High St. Westbury, tel 01380 865948, Website www.elliottsbutcherswestbury.co.uk/.

Michael Bulling – milkman tel 01225 776494 or 07831477108

Planks Farmshop - Lydeway, nr Devizes, fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, dairy, store cupboard and a range of ready meals. tel 01380 848691 email liz@planksfarmshop.co.uk Website www.planksfarmshop.co.uk

Walter Rose and Son – butchers, meat vegetables and much more tel 01380 722335 Website www.walterroseandson.co.uk



Wiltshire Fruit and Vegetable Co Ltd, - Fresh Fruit and Vegetables for Wiltshire Residences also dairy products. tel 01380 502498 Website www.wiltshirefruitandveg.co.uk

5adaybox – fruit and veg boxes, kitchen cupboard ingredients and a selection of dairy products, tel 01380 860968 Website www.5adaybox.co.uk

Edington Post Office

Throughout the lockdown and beyond, our hours remain unchanged. Monday – Friday 9am – 12noon.

Some people may not be aware that you can take money out from all the high street banks, can deposit cash and, if you have personalised paying in slips, cheques can also be deposited.

We have strict social distancing in place, i.e. only one customer inside the post office at any one time, but you can queue up to 2 metres apart and catch up on village news whilst awaiting your turn. Bring your own umbrella if wet!

We also have a few blank cards for sale and there are still a few (original) village tea towels for sale, a vintage collector's item.

Bus Stop

There are plenty of books and DVDs in the bus stop, feel free to take or to leave as many as you want.

Pauline

Village Musings

The musings of a villager

In these extraordinary times, we are so fortunate to live a village as beautiful as Edington. The walks we can take each day are varied, beautiful and healing and there are perfect little spaces all over the village which can help us to remain positive, calm and joyful.

We have the village pond near our home – and what joy this brings! It is worth taking a detour to have a look at this lovely spot, if you have not been here for a while. At the moment, there are some rather funny model crocodile heads that bob about on the surface! They make us smile and the children enjoy them.

But you might also see some wonderful examples of our natural world enjoying the pond as well - the mallard ducks that fly into the pond regularly, the frogs and the amazing



insects and other invertebrate life that colonise this increasingly wildlife friendly spot. The aim is

to have half to three quarters of the pond covered in vegetation since this is the best way to encourage natural wildlife to be safe and healthy in the pond. The water plants are thriving in this amazing spring weather and we will soon see the water lilies in flower.

The blanket weed is monitored and the excess is removed when necessary. But overall, the pond is left to the wildlife and it is a privilege to stand and enjoy it for a few minutes on our walks.

Mercedes Henning



The Story of the Jersey Penny

This penny dated 1858 originates from Jersey and was found on Salisbury Plain by an Edington resident. It was probably worn as a medallion or good-luck token by a soldier going to war.



The explanation for this is as follows. Until 1840, Jersey used French currency with 20 "sous" equal to a "livre" and 26 "livres" were worth one Pound. In that year, an Order of Council decreed that the English currency should be used and the Jersey Penny became a 'piece de deux sous' or 1/13th of a shilling. This can clearly be seen on the picture below of a penny from a similar date (1841).

It was the link with thirteen that gave the penny its good-luck reputation.

After 1870, Jersey changed to the English currency of 12 pence to the shilling so the good-luck reputation of the Jersey Penny came to an end.

ONE THIRTEENTH OF A SHILLING



George Fraser

Edington Nature Notes

Butterflies of Edington

In this time of Lockdown, we are blessed to be living in Edington nestled on the northern slopes of Salisbury Plain. We are surrounded by beautiful rolling countryside and bountiful wildlife. In particular, this year I have noticed an abundance of butterflies which is probably due to the mild winter we have just had.

The first out in early February were the butterflies that hibernate overwinter as adults in hollow trees, wood piles, sheds and so on – the Peacocks, Small Tortoiseshells and Commas. Their early emergence allows them to take advantage to lay their eggs on the early growth of stinging nettles on which their caterpillars feed – so leave a patch of them for the butterflies in some unwanted corner of your garden.

Another early appearance is from the bright



sulphur yellow male Brimstone which also overwinters as an adult among the foliage of evergreen

plants. I always know spring is on the way when I see this magnificent butterfly frolicking around the garden. The females are less conspicuous and are of a pale greenish-yellow colour and spend their time looking for some fresh growth of buckthorn on which to lay their eggs.

This year the Orange Tips were out earlier than usual in early April and were abundant everywhere in the garden. They appear later, as the butterfly overwinters as a pupa. Again it is the males who are conspicuous with their orange wing tips while the females are much



duller with black tips to their wings. Their caterpillars feed on Cruciferous plants like watercress and garlic mustard. The females could easily be mistaken for the small white butterfly which is also flying at this time and whose caterpillars also feed on Cruciferous plants, particularly cabbages.

Another species appearing in April was the Holly Blue who overwintered as a pupa. They



can be observed flying around the garden. Each butterfly has its own territory, which it patrols

regularly, returning again and again to rest on its favourite leaf. Their caterpillars feed on holly in spring (hence their name) and Ivy in Autumn.

One thing I have not seen yet this year is the Speckled Wood, a dark brown butterfly with yellow spots, which is usually a frequent visitor to our garden but it should be out in the next few weeks.

During the next few months there is going to be a changing of the guard as these early appearing species will be replaced by a new group of species that usually overwinter as larvae (caterpillars).



In May we will find the Large White and the Green-veined White starting to make their appearance

in the garden. In May we are also likely to see

the first Painted Lady butterflies who will start arriving after migrating from North Africa via Spain. Another migrant from Europe, the Red Admiral, will also be found in our gardens.

In July we will find the very dark brown Ringlet in our gardens and along the hedgerows, the Hedge Brown (also known as the Gatekeeper) and, on the fields, the Meadow Brown. All the brown butterflies have caterpillars that feed on grasses.

If you take a walk up on to Salisbury plain, you will find yourself in chalk grassland, a unique habitat and an important stronghold for our declining downland butterflies such as the brilliant sky-blue Adonis Blue which can be



found in numbers on the hills above Edington in May and July and again in August and

September. Also often found in numbers from July to September going up City Hollow to the Plain is the pale silvery-blue coloured Chalkhill Blue. Other species one is likely to see on the plain over the summer months are the bright violet-blue coloured Common Blue and the Brown Argus. Also keep your eye out for the Small Copper, the Small Heath, the Marbled White, the Wall and the Small and Dingy Skippers. Every walk is a safari if you are looking out for butterflies!

Stephen Henning



Vie Hale

11th March 1924 – 29th April 2020

Viola Elizabeth Hale (only ever known as Vie) died last week. She had been living in a residential home for the past eighteen months, but until then she had been a constant on the village scene, and beyond.

A true one off, delightfully eccentric, and always interested and interesting whenever you talked to her. Vie will have a private cremation, but there will be a memorial service, hopefully in the autumn, in the Parish Church, followed by a good funeral tea. Vie would travel many a mile to attend her many friends and acquaintance's funerals – and always gave a report on the tea, so we will make sure she has a good one.

All her family, friends and acquaintances will miss Vie very much, and we hope you will be able to join us in the autumn to celebrate and remember her long and happy life.



Vie on her 96th birthday



Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket Club



Covid stops Play

After the driest April on record, Erlestoke and Coulston Cricket club was looking forward to the start of the season. Preseason training had been

going well, kit bags had been brought out of hibernation and whites washed and pressed in readiness for that first game. But who would have thought that with all that sunshine beating down, no cricket would be possible! By now, the club should have played 6 games; 2 league and 4 friendlies. There would have been runs scored, wickets taken and plenty of excuses flying around the changing room and the pub as to why that catch had been dropped, why the ball had hit the stumps and why that was the best ball ever bowled by anyone ever, totally unplayable (Mike Barton).



So it is strange to walk around the ground on a sunny Sunday afternoon without the sound of leather on willow. In its place, the distant rumble of a groundsman doing his best to keep

everything ready just in case we get the nod. The rolling and cutting continue, but alas there is no play.

And so, with no cricket to keep them busy, the clubs many members now find themselves in the foreign climate of a summer weekend at home. Wives and girlfriends are making the most of this unprecedented time and many jobs, chores and tasks, that for so long have been waiting for a free weekend, now have the time to be tackled. There are no excuses any more. It truly is a hard time for the village cricketer!



But we hold on in hope, that in the coming weeks, news will come that restrictions can be lifted and that we might once again be able to don the whites and take to the field. It's not going to be the season that we hoped of back in late 2019, but it will certainly be one to remember.

Joe Dorgan

Chairman, ECCC



Sharing the Newsletter

We are aware that not everyone in Edington has access to the internet and may therefore not receive this newsletter. Please check with your neighbours that they know about this newsletter and a paper copy can be obtained from Edington Post Office or perhaps you could volunteer to print out a copy for your neighbour. If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website

www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/newsletter and enter your details or email newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk and you will be added to the mailing list.

Future editions

We welcome your comments on this new venture, please send them to the address below. If you would like to contribute an article to a future edition of the Edington Village News please email us with details of your article and we will contact you.

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Contacting us

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**A BIG THANK YOU
TO THE**



Care workers, and ALL
Essential workers,
Volunteers and 'Good
Neighbours' who are keeping
our community safe





COPING CALENDAR: KEEP CALM. STAY WISE. BE KIND.

30 actions to look after ourselves and each other as we face this global crisis together. Please use & share

1 Make a plan to help you keep calm and stay in contact	2 Enjoy washing your hands. Remember all they do for you!	3 Write down ten things you feel grateful for in life and why	4 Stay hydrated, eat healthy food and boost your immune system	5 Get active. Even if you're stuck indoors, move & stretch	6 Contact a neighbour or friend and offer to help them	7 Share what you are feeling and be willing to ask for help
8 Take five minutes to sit still and breathe. Repeat regularly	9 Call a loved one to catch up and really listen to them	10 Get good sleep. No screens before bed or when waking up	11 Notice five things that are beautiful in the world around you	12 Immerse yourself in a new book, TV show or podcast	13 Respond positively to everyone you interact with	14 Play a game that you enjoyed when you were younger
15 Make some progress on a project that matters to you	16 Rediscover your favourite music that really lifts your spirits	17 Learn something new or do something creative	18 Find a fun way to do an extra 15 minutes of physical activity	19 Do three acts of kindness to help others, however small	20 Make time for self-care. Do something kind for yourself	21 Send a letter or message to someone you can't be with
22 Find positive stories in the news and share these with others	23 Have a tech-free day. Stop scrolling and turn off the news	24 Put your worries into perspective and try to let them go	25 Look for the good in others' and notice their strengths	26 Take a small step towards an important goal	27 Thank three people you're grateful to and tell them why	28 Make a plan to meet up with others again later in the year
29 Connect with nature. Breathe and notice life continuing	30 Remember that all feelings and situations pass in time	<p>“Everything can be taken from us but one thing: the freedom to choose our attitude in any given set of circumstances” ~ Viktor Frankl</p>				

www.actionforhappiness.org

Find out more about the Ten Keys to Happier Living, including books, guides, posters and more here: www.actionforhappiness.org/10-keys

ACTION FOR HAPPINESS



Some of the village rainbows and animals displayed in windows



Chase the Rainbows
Please join the chase for rainbows by putting a rainbow in your window or on your gate. The children of the village are loving spotting them on their isolated walks.

The greater the storm the brighter the rainbow

