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One of our readers sent us the picture above taken in a field in the village, no further comment is necessary!



Welcome to the twenty-eighth edition of the Edington Village News.

This month we have articles about the the latest visit

undertaken by the Gardening Club and a reminder about the forthcoming Flower and Produce Show. An update on Public Footpaths and Permissive Paths, and a reminder from the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue about the dangers associated with the hot weather. There is also an invite to any budding thespians in our midst and if that wasn't enough Jo has gone round the bend in her quest for more knowledge!





Local surgeries latest

REMEMBER YOU MUST WEAR A FACE COVERING WHILST IN THE BUILDINGS

White Horse Health Centre and Bratton Surgery



Westbury surgery TELEPHONE 01373 828330

Bratton Surgery TELEPHONE 01380 831911

For medical emergencies dial 999

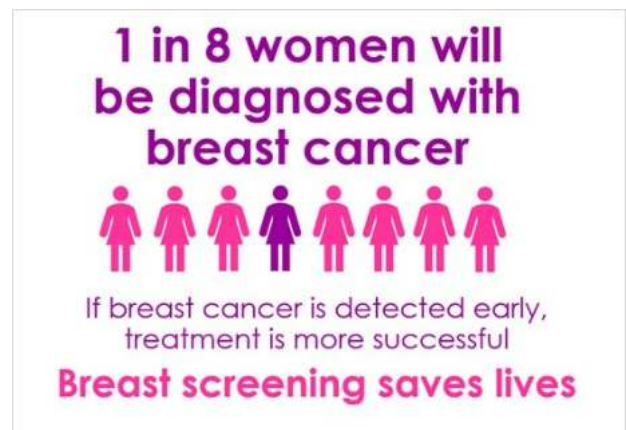


As a practice we really support breast screening. With 1 in 8 women being diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, it's important to detect cancer as early as possible to have the best chance of successful treatment. All women registered with our practice and aged 50-70 years will be invited for screening every 3 years. Make sure you attend your appointment when you receive your invitation. Screening saves lives.

Breast screening is a very important part of staying healthy and looking after yourself. Women aged 50-70 years will be invited for

screening once every 3 years and it's really important you attend. If you want to speak to a health professional about breast screening contact 01793 604036. They/We can talk you through what will happen and what to expect. You can also find a handy guide about what happens at breast screening here: <https://www.nhs.uk/.../breast-cancer-screening/what-happens/>

The breast screening van will next be in our area in September -November 2022 We know that attending breast screening is really important and most women will attend when they receive their appointment letter. If you've been putting it off, or want to talk the screening appointment through, we're happy to help and give you the information you need. Call 01793 604036 or contact whc.wilts.bss@nhs.net to find out more.



Westbury Group Practice Facts and Figures for the week 25th July - 29th July 2022

- Phone calls taken: 1932
- Face-to-Face appointments: 1667
- Telephone appointments: 857
- eConsults submitted: 129
- Appointments where the patient did not attend (DNA): 53 - equivalent to 13 hours
- On the day emergency appointments where the patient DNA'd: 3 – equivalent to 0.5 hours

Thank you

[Dr Edwards & Partners](mailto:Dr.Edwards@westburygp.co.uk)

www.westburygp.co.uk



Courtyard Surgery West Lavington
Telephone 01380 813300

The latest monthly surgery newsletter can be [viewed here](#).

Wiltshire Police



Latest news

In an emergency call 999, for everything else start online

For many people the school holidays mean some well-deserved time off, a break from school and possibly some time to get away.

For us, however, it means that we are likely to see a spike in demand and increases in calls for our service.

It will likely mean an increase in anti-social behaviour, cold calling and incidents linked to excess alcohol, violence and domestic abuse.

On average we receive over 107,000 999 calls and 270,000 101 calls each year. For some of these calls, 999 was not the right method of contacting us, and in some cases the online reporting forms on the website could have been used instead of calling 101.

Did you know that our Wiltshire Police website now has several different options where you can report a crime?

Last summer we asked you a very simple question and now we are asking the same: Do you click or do you call?

In an emergency, we always ask that you dial 999, but for non-emergency reports of crime or if you need to find information, we ask that you consider making a report or finding the information you need by using our website.

Assistant Chief Constable Dave Minty said:
"Since 2019 we have been continuously

developing our website as part of the national Single Online Home programme, and I'm really pleased to say that along with lots of advice and guidance there are now over 30 services online including reporting crimes, anti-social behaviour, road traffic incidents, domestic abuse, fraud, corruption and many more.

"In an emergency and when a crime is in progress, we still ask that you call 999, but for non-urgent reports you can use 101 or the reporting tools on the website.

"Online reports work in the same way as a 101 call, coming through to trained Contact Management Operators who deal with the report.

"Remember - In an emergency call 999, for everything else start online."




**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE**

#BringAPicnicNotABBQ

If British Summer Time and warmer days means you will be visiting one of Dorset & Wiltshire's local heathlands or outdoors spaces to enjoy the wildlife and wilderness, please take a picnic.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service (DWFRS) are encouraging residents and visitors to take a picnic and not BBQ. Warmer and breezy weather increases the risk of accidental or deliberate fires in our open spaces. A wildfire can move at speeds faster than an Olympic sprinter, so we are asking people who are out and about to follow some simple steps:

- If you are enjoying our open spaces when a fire occurs, get to a safe place and call 999 with as much information as possible.
- Consider downloading and using 



What3Words to identify your exact location.

- You can also help by reporting any antisocial behaviour on the heath to the Police on 101.

During 2021, DWFRS dealt with 494 fires in the open. In 2022, we have already seen large wildfires in Dorset & Wiltshire and firefighters across the UK have dealt with more wildfires between January and May than in the whole of 2021 (243 compared to 237 in 2021).

Area Manager Marc House, Head of Prevention at DWFRS said: "As we move into the summer, with longer daylight hours and warmer weather, understandably more people want to get out and use Dorset & Wiltshire's natural environments. There is a trend that the number of deliberately set fires and fires caused by BBQs and bonfires in these open spaces, increases.

He added: "I cannot stress enough how important it is to take extra care when enjoying

our beautiful open and forestry areas. If you are a smoker, please extinguish them fully before disposing of them responsibly – never ever just throw them away lit, similar to throwing them out from car windows – the result could be 50 or 100 firefighters tackling the subsequent blaze."

Anyone caught starting a fire on a heath will be prosecuted whether it is a case of deliberate arson or neglect, for example an unauthorised camp fire or a disposable BBQ that gets out of control. Wildfires cost lives not only to endangered plants and animals but also put people and houses in danger.

**We need your help to protect our countryside.
Please #BringAPicnicNotABBQ**



Wiltshire Council

Latest News from Wiltshire Council

Melksham Community Campus is open!

It was an exciting day for Melksham today (1 August), as Melksham Community Campus opened to an excited public for the very first time - offering a variety of leisure, library and community services.

The doors opened at 10am, with residents and families in attendance and keen to see the brand-new campus for themselves and try out the facilities. The campus can be found in the centre of Melksham at the Market Place (SN12 6ES).

The campus was formally opened by local children Finley, Erin, Murdoch, Corin and Echer, who cut the ribbon at 10am.

On display were some vibrant aquatic-themed pictures, coloured in by local schoolchildren as part of a recent competition that saw two youngsters win a month's free swim at the campus. There was also another competition for people to enter on the opening day with a month's free membership on offer.

The campus was constructed by Pellikaan Construction Ltd and has been supported with a grant from Sport England. It offers a wide range of facilities and services under one roof, including a gym; cycle and fitness studios; a 25m pool and learner pool; sports hall; library and meeting space for the community. Melksham Without Parish Council has also relocated to the campus.

More information about Melksham Community Campus, including how to become a leisure member and information about all the facilities, can be found at [Melksham Community Campus - Wiltshire Council](#).

Wiltshire Council 'minded to refuse' Westbury incinerator planning application

Wiltshire Council's Strategic Planning Committee has today (Wednesday 27 July)

voted against approving a planning application from Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd for an energy from waste facility in Westbury. The final decision about whether to grant planning permission will now pass to an independent planning inspector acting on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The committee was minded to refuse the application based on the grounds that it does not represent sustainable development. The committee delegated the final wording of the motion to officers, and this will be resolved in the coming days - but it does not change the committee's decision. When this is agreed, the planning inspector will be informed.

The committee had previously resolved to approve the application on 22 June 2021, and then revisited the decision on 20 April 2022 to consider changes since the original resolution was made. The committee also considered additional representations from third parties.

Cllr Nick Botterill, Cabinet Member for Planning, said: The planning application for a revised energy from waste facility in Westbury has been carefully considered today by the Strategic Planning Committee, after reviewing all the new evidence that has come to light since the first application was considered in June last year.

"The committee has decided to advise the Secretary of State that it would have refused planning permission on the grounds that it does not represent sustainable development." On 31 March, the council received notification that the Secretary of State did not wish to call-in the earlier version of the application. On 28 June 2022, Northacre Renewable Energy Ltd submitted an appeal against the council's failure to determine the application to the Secretary of State. The appeal argues that circumstances had not changed from when the application was considered in June 2021 and that they had no choice but to appeal, as the council had taken too long to make a final decision. The appeal is expected to be considered later in 2022.



Edington Parish Council News

Public footpaths and permissive paths - having consulted various bodies the Parish Council have come to the conclusion that there is no simple answer as to the maintenance of footpaths. There are two types of footpaths that we have in the village, Public Footpaths and Permissive Paths and the rules for each are different.

The guidance for Public Footpaths is

- Most land is privately owned, and the public only have the right to pass and repass along the designated Public Right of Way (PRoW). 'Usual accompaniments' are permitted and can include dogs, pushchairs and wheelchairs.
- The local authority is legally responsible for maintaining the surface of paths and bridges, and for keeping the PRoW clear of overgrowth. However, this duty does not extend to growing crops or other foliage that is overhanging on to the PRoW.
- If the land is ploughed or cultivated, the land owner or the owners agent/contractor is responsible for re-instating the PRoW and making sure that the line of a PRoW is clearly visible on the ground. They should ensure that no sown arable or horticultural crop grows on or extends over the PRoW. It is acceptable to have a grass surface.
- Side growth from the crop or overhanging hedges or trees which obstruct the path must be kept clear by the landowner/ occupier, to allow passage across the entire width of the path throughout the year.

The guidance for Permissive Paths is

- Where the route is not a PRoW and members of the public are allowed to use it as a permissive path, the above does not apply and it will be the farmer rather than the local authority that will be responsible for the safety of its surface. However the farmer has the right to stop the use of the Permissive Path at any time.

How wide should a PRoW be

- As a general guide, the law sets out minimum widths which apply in certain circumstances, such as when reinstating a PRoW after ploughing. These widths are:
 - Field edge footpath: 1.5 metres
 - Cross field footpath: 1 metre

Do dogs have to be on a lead on a PRoW?

- No, there is no legal requirement for dogs to be on a lead on a PRoW. However, the public only have a right to pass and repass over the PRoW, and does not extend to any adjacent land. Therefore, if a dog should deviate from the PRoW then this would amount to a trespass.
 - The Countryside Code provides that dogs should be 'under effective control' in an attempt to keep them away from wildlife, livestock, horses, and other people unless invited.
 - There are some circumstances where a dog must be kept on a lead. These include areas that have a Public Spaces Protection Order for Dog Control, which should be clearly marked.
 - Dogs must be on a lead on open access land between 1 March and 31 July each year. Additionally, when in the vicinity of livestock on access land, dogs must be kept on a lead at all times.

Again the Parish Council have received complaints about dog mess being left around the village, sometimes even in black bags! If your dog leaves an offering please clear it up and place the bag in one of the many litter bins around the village.

If you own a dog it is your responsibility to clean up after it.

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email

parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



Village Musings

As Edington shimmered in the heat of the recent heat wave, it was concerning to see how tinder dry the landscape became. We know that there were terrible fires on Salisbury Plain but this time we were fortunate that our village escaped any fire damage. However, everyone knows only too well how worrying the changing climate is for our country and our lives – we will all have to adjust to much hotter conditions and to establish different lifestyles.

As we all work towards a more environmentally friendly approach to living on our precious planet, it is lovely to see how people in Edington work together to try to do their bit. I know that many of us car share wherever possible, that we offer to pick up groceries for each other to reduce car journeys, we turn off lights and electrical appliances whenever they are not needed.



I know that many people are working towards greening their front gardens, rather than having them as car parks, so that water can soak into the ground. And we store precious water in water butts, we reuse “grey” water from our sinks to water gardens, and we reduce water use in the home.



A lot of us gardeners are having to re-examine the plants we can have in our gardens as well, with choices being made for those that can tolerate heat and drought more effectively. Many people are moving towards a more vegetarian diet and I know most of us prefer to eat things grown locally. Growing our own vegetables is such a joy, though watering can be a real issue – especially if there is no readily available water supply as on the local allotments! And we are now getting used to our fields being baked gold in the heat rather than showing their green freshness.

As a community, we need to act to limit our impact on the environment. We need to safeguard every precious green space. We need more green spaces filled with plants including wildflowers and indigenous trees, fewer vehicles on our roads, protection for our local wildlife and the precious environment that is their home, especially the green spaces within the village which are so precious and so vulnerable to development and climate change.

Mercedes Henning



EDINGTON & TINHEAD AUGUST NEWS

A LIFETIME OF SINGING with ANDREW KING



(brothers.. which one is Andrew?!)

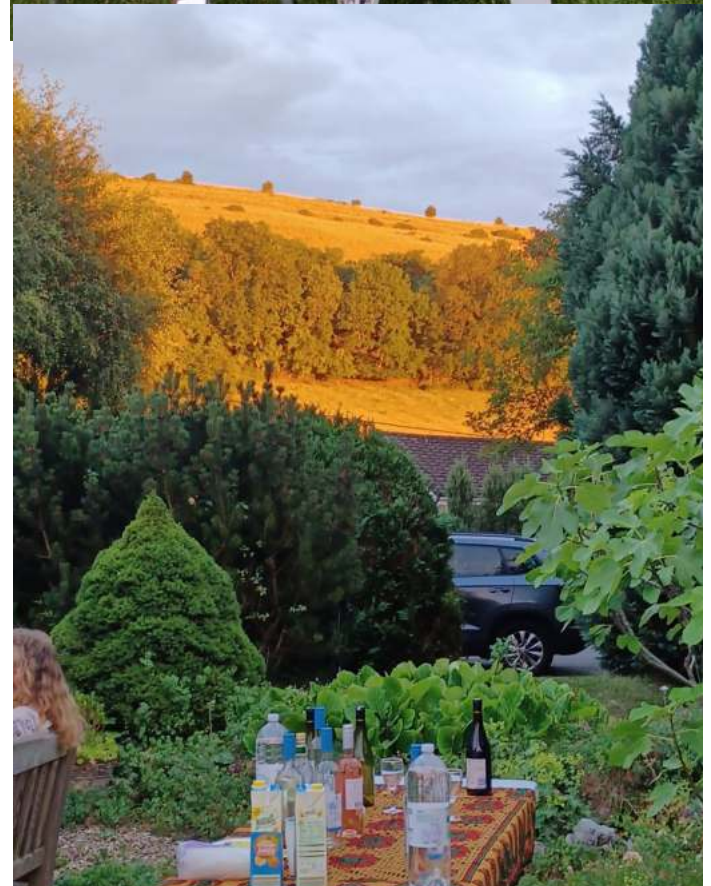
**TUESDAY 9th AUGUST 7.30pm
IN THE PARISH HALL**

ALL WELCOME!



WI Garden party

Amazing evening with thanks to Karen Wright for the use of her kitchen and garden on Tuesday 12th July. Fabulous sunset.





Edington & District Gardening Club

First Thursday in the month from
7.00pm Parish Hall

**EDGC met on Thursday 7th July
for a talk on "Your Garden as a
Wildlife Haven".**

Dr Stephen Henning, a zoologist, started out explaining how many different animals already live in our gardens. He explained how food chains and food webs work, with plants as producers of food at the bottom of the chain, then animals eating the plants, and other animals eating those plant eaters. He showed how, once a balance is established in our gardens, we will find that most garden pests can be kept under control by their natural predators with no need for using artificial insecticides or herbicides.

It was interesting to find out that a blue tit chick will eat 100 caterpillars a day, and there may be as many as 16 chicks in a nest. So the parents of those chicks could be foraging for 1600 caterpillars in our gardens every single day! This should drastically reduce the damage done to our plants, if we can make sure birds are welcome and safe in our gardens.

We also heard about the benefits of wasps in the garden – many of them parasitise caterpillars which might otherwise cause problems in the garden. As many as 95% of butterfly and moth caterpillars are likely to be parasitised if wasps are left to do their work.

And we looked at the lacewings and ladybirds which prey on aphids – left to their own devices, they will help control these pests very effectively, but they will also be killed by any insecticide used on the aphids. Any artificial poison will knock the balance out.

Thrushes and hedgehogs eat slugs and snails

– and so, occasionally, do wood mice! So we should be encouraging all these animals into our garden to help keep everything in balance.

Stephen emphasised the importance of having a pond or bucket of water with access for small animals in our gardens, of having as much indigenous planting as possible with some wilder areas left to grow freely, and of aiming to grow single, rather than double varieties of flowers, as these are much more useful for insects which are so important in the ecology of our gardens.

We were given the chance to make our own small insect hotels out of flowerpots, pinecones, sticks and other plant matter. If we have plenty of habitats in our garden, the diversity of wildlife will increase.

Whilst we may have to accept a few holes in our hosta leaves by the end of a season, overall, nurturing our gardens to be wildlife havens is not only beneficial for the plants and animals, but also provides us with a wealth of interest in our gardens.

For any further details ring **Jacky 830133**

EDGC VISIT TO BEGGARS KNOLL 24th June

Wednesday 24th June was a very hot day, so we were grateful for our visit being in the cooler evening. Our group of eleven were greeted by the owners Colin Little and Penny Stirling, and before dividing us into 2 groups, we were given a short outline of how the garden developed over the 22 years that they had been living at Beggars Knoll.

The garden is essentially a series of rooms, the Chinese philosophy being that the garden should not be seen all at once. We were enthusiastically informed about dragons (good) and devils (bad), how the four pavilions (tings in Chinese) were made, why the paths are zig zag (devils can only run in straight lines) and many more fascinating facts about the origins of Chinese gardens, and this one in





particular.

The garden is full of rare trees and shrubs, plus more familiar plants, not all in the garden originated in China. Elaborate gates complete with carved dragons welcome visitors into each garden, everyone with a name, e.g. The Red

Wall Garden, which has...a red wall. A beautiful Moon Gate and many mosaics also featured, and we were very impressed with the hard work and creativity displayed. We ended our tour on the lawn, with tea and cake and pleasant conversation.



Edington & District Gardening Club

Flower & Produce Show

Saturday 3rd September open to the public 2.30pm

Teas & cakes available!

Have some fun, don't say 'I COULD HAVE DONE THAT!!'

Put something in!

FLOWERS FRUIT VEG CAKES HANDICRAFTS ART PHOTOGRAPHY

CHILDRENS CLASSES FREE! NEW THIS YEAR - Under 16 Trophy

Schedules available on the village web page or Pauline at the Post Office

Coffee Morning Drop In



Every Tuesday,

10.30 - 11.30 am

in the Three Daggers.

Transport available contact

Pauline or Joy.



Four Villages Link

If you require a lift to an appointment, shopping or help around the house or garden, call our coordinator on 07852 256939.

Information on LINK can be found at <http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/>

Catherine Elliott



Some water wildlife in Edington

Not all wildlife found around Edington is easily observable. This may be because they are nocturnal or occupy a habitat not easily accessible to the casual walker or are not found in gardens.

One animal I would love to see in Edington is the kingfisher. Several people have seen them along the stream that crosses Lambourne Lane. The habitat there is perfect for them as I have seen numerous small fish in the clear water of the stream.

My best experience of observing kingfishers happened back in 2009 when I took a group of my students to the Slimbridge Wildfowl and Wetlands Reserve to study the waterfowl there. From one the hides there I saw a pair of kingfishers nesting in a bank. I was entranced as I



Kingfisher waiting patiently on a bullrush for a fish to swim by (del. S.F. Henning)

saw one of them dive into the water from its perch on a bullrush and catch a fish. I sketched them and later turned the sketches into a couple of paintings.



Success – kingfisher emerging with fish it caught (del. S.F. Henning)

Kingfishers usually feed on small fish and aquatic insects. They usually hunt from a perch and from there will dive into the water in pursuit of small fish, tadpoles, or insects. Occasionally the kingfisher will hover in the air before diving. They nest in tunnels dug into the bank of slow flowing streams by both parent birds. The tunnel can be up to 3 ft long with the entrance hole slightly lower than the rounded nest chamber. The female lays 6-7 white eggs, and both the parents are involved in incubating them for 19-21 days until they hatch. On hatching the young are helpless and naked. They take from 23 to 27 days to fledge. By the time they leave the nest it would be littered by an accumulation of regurgitated fish bones.





I was very interested in a report of an otter being seen walking along Tinhead Road in Edington a few weeks ago. This is not surprising as otters are now reported as regular visitors on many of Wiltshire's best-known rivers and waterways such as the Kennet and Avon Canal and the Salisbury Avon. Otter signs have also been observed in towns such as Chippenham, Salisbury, and Swindon as well as in the countryside.

rivers, or quite small streams. Otters eat mainly aquatic organisms, including fish, frogs, crayfish, insects, and some small mammals. They hunt singly or in pairs and although otters generally forage in water, they are equally at home on land, sometimes traveling between 10 and 18 miles in search of food. On land they will look for birds, eggs, insects, and small mammals to satisfy their hunger.

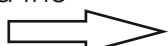
Otters are mostly solitary except when they



Otters feed mainly on fish (del. S.F. Henning)

It has also been reported that the police have put out a warning that some otters have been taking and killing expensive pet fish from ponds in Wiltshire. The police suggest that people use either welded mesh to cover the pond or erect a wire fence if they are worried.

Otters usually live near water where there is plenty of cover, mostly by freshwater lakes,

come together to breed. After mating the female makes a nest known as a holt, usually in a natural hole in a riverbank, or under tree roots. The holt usually has multiple entrances, some of which may be underwater, which allows the otter to escape unseen if disturbed. The gestation period is about 9 weeks, and the females usually give birth to 2-3 blind 



Grey heron waiting patiently at the edge of a pond at dusk for food to swim by (del. S.F. Henning)

and toothless cubs. The mother raises her cubs without help from the male. Weaning starts at about seven weeks. After about 10 weeks she takes them out of the holt for the first time, and a few weeks later they venture into the water for their first swim. She will protect them until they're about a year old when she goes on heat again. The cubs may stay on the mother's territory for another few months before they leave to find their own territories. The cubs will start to breed themselves at about the age of two. Otters can live up to ten years old in the wild although in captivity some have lived as long as 20 years.

Another animal accused of taking and killing exotic fish is the heron. I have spoken to a couple of people in Edington who say they have had grey herons catching the fish from their ponds. Herons are mainly fish feeders and are usually seen alone standing motionless in the

shallow waters of ponds and lakes. If a fish or frog swims into range, it will strike at them with a lightning fast thrust of its sharp beak. It stabs the prey with its beak and then swallows it whole. Besides fish and frogs, they will also take small mammals, reptiles, insects and even birds.

Herons nest in large colonies, or heronries, usually built high up in tall trees. The nest is a platform of sticks and twigs with a shallow, rounded hollow in the top. They will use the same nest year after year. The female usually builds the nest and lays from 3-5 pale greenish-blue eggs. Incubation is done by both parents and takes from 23-28 days. The young are helpless and downy when they first hatch out of the egg, and they take from 50-55 days to fledge.

Dr Stephen Henning



EDINGTON PARISH HALL

The last day of July was warm if somewhat cloudy but was perfect for people to sit outside of the Parish Hall to enjoy Afternoon Tea. Cream teas and a variety of homemade cakes were on offer to tempt taste buds.

After the last two years when Covid impacted the use of the hall, it was good to offer a relaxed social occasion for people to enjoy. The sound of chatter and laughter soon filled the air and more tables and chairs had to be moved outside as faces new and familiar formed a steady stream of customers! An enjoyable time was had and several people asked if this was going to become an annual event – watch this space!

The Parish Hall Committee would like to thank everyone who came to support our fund raising event and £135 was raised for Parish Hall funds.

Our next fund raising events are:-

**Saturday 17th September – 9.30am -11.30am
Carpet Bowls taster session.**

Come and have a go!

**Saturday 1st October – 10am – 12 noon.
Macmillan Coffee morning** (all proceeds will go to Macmillan Cancer)

**Saturday 29th October – 10am -12 noon Carpet
Bowls and Bacon Rolls taster session.**

**Saturday 19th November- 7.30pm Curry & Quiz
night (Teams of 4)**

We hope to see you there.

More details of the September Bowls taster session will be in the September edition and on the village website.

Bratton Jubilee Players

This year's Christmas Pantomime will be 'Cinderella'. The dates for your diary are Thursday 24th, Friday 25th and Saturday 26th November. There will be two performances on the Saturday. Further details to follow.

We are looking for local children to join in the pantomime fun. We're looking for enthusiastic young people who love singing, dancing and performing. We're also on the lookout for parents who can help supervise our young actors behind the scenes. Please contact our director Jo Jolly on joannajolly@gmail.com by August 17th if you're interested.

There are still a few adult parts yet to be cast - do get in touch with Jo if you harbour a desire to be on stage. Newcomers welcome!

If you are not into acting, would you like to join the fun and sing along in a panto chorus?

Enthusiasm is more important than talent!

Rehearsals are some Wednesday evenings from mid August, and Sunday afternoons nearer the performance dates in November.

Please contact Cathy on cjelliott12@gmail.com.



AROUND THE BEND TOUR (Not everyone's idea of fun!)

I can't remember if the invitation came with my water bill, or if I read about it somewhere but it caught my eye.... At first I thought it may have been something light hearted to do with getting older and maybe senile... but once I realised it was being promoted by Wessex Water and was to be held at the Westbury Recycling Centre I realised what it was all about.....

Always looking for different things to do and local places to go, I clicked on the link and booked 2 tickets for an early evening tour. It's suggested we wore stout shoes!

OK, so by now you probably think I'm crazy but it was a thoroughly interesting, if at times smelly experience. We were lucky to be in a small group of 4 of us, and had two guides showing us around.

We explored the older part of the site first and one of the most fascinating sights was the contents of a skip..... waste that gets passed



through several different processes, and finally ends with a small amount that has nowhere to go other than land fill. I could not believe my eyes, in the skip were plants growing out of the dried excrement remains, plants? Yes PLANTS, tomato

plants!! Apparently the pips just do not get digested and eventually get caught up in the final stage of water purification and end up in the skip! I have to say, I could not face tomatoes that evening with my supper.

There was also one other container that ends up other unprocessed waste... sweetcorn but we won't go there.



I won't bore you with too much other than to say, the main message from the tour was what can safely go "Around the Bend" i.e. what we should be putting into our toilets,

it's easy to remember, it's the 3 P's

Poo Paper Pee

I did ask how manufacturers get away with selling "flushable wipes" when they do not biodegrade or if you are lucky take 100+ years to do so, and it is because "flushable" just means they can physically travel round the bend of modern toilets!

Happy flushing!

JO PETERSEN



STEEPLE ASHTON SEPTEMBER SPECTACULAR

A Charity Evening

Saturday 10th September 2022
Church Paddock, Steeple Ashton BA14 6EL
7:00pm till Midnight

A FUN PACKED EVENING INCLUDING:
FABULOUS STREET FOOD FROM THREE CONTINENTS, MAIN & PUD
AN AUCTION WITH PAUL MARTIN (BBC'S FLOG IT)
CASINO, MAGICIAN
AND
DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY TO 'ANGELS', THE UK'S PREMIER ABBA TRIBUTE BAND

BRING FRIENDS, WHY NOT BOOK A TABLE,
MAKE UP A PARTY

ALL PROFITS TO:-
WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk
MND ASSOCIATION www.mndassociation.org
EVIE'S GIFT www.eviesgift.org.uk
Sponsored by: Mulberry Live In Care Ltd

MARQUEE IN CHURCH PADDOCK WITH A LICENSED BAR
TOILET FACILITIES
ON SITE CAR PARKING

TICKETS ARE £45PP AND AVAILABLE FROM:

www.eventbrite.co.uk (plus booking fee)

Steeple Ashton Village Shop
Francis Ash (01380) 871306
Guy Bagnall (01380) 870395





View from the Boundary

Well, what a few weeks of weather and cricket we have had. The ground has never looked so dry and thanks to some aerial drone handiwork, we can see the remnants of the old pond and wall that once sat under the square. Needless to say Patrick, the resident grounds man and miracle worker, has been busy trying to keep the square well-watered; not an easy task in these burning temperatures.

But the hot weather has not put off the Erlestoke cricketers and we have been fortunate enough to welcome a selection of Wiltshire teams too, including the over 60's, U13 and U15 Girls and U15 boys, all of whom have enjoyed the wonderful ground we have.

In addition to the county cricket games played at the Walled Garden recently, the Saturday league team has continued to go from strength to strength and led by Toby Dorgan's 1000 runs for the season to date, we currently sit top of division 3 with 3 games to go. There was a little slip-up on Saturday 6th away at Chippenham, but fortunately for us, Combe Down and Potterne 3 who lie in 2nd and 3rd also lost so nothing much has changed at the top. But we can't lift the foot of the gas now and we prepare to travel to Marshfield on the 20th to try and put the league to bed.

The Sunday and Midweek side have also had a great run of games, with a good number of wins under their belts and some excellently close-fought losses. As always, these games have been very enjoyable to both play and watch and it's such a shame that the end of the season is already in sight. But with the annual cricket tour this weekend looking to be the hottest on record, there's still plenty of cricket to

be played.

It's also been wonderful to welcome so many new members, both playing and social. The arrival of Oli Hardman and Zak Roberts at the Walled Garden have really boosted the quality at the club and we hope that they have enjoyed their first few games with us scoring runs and taking wickets. It's been great to have you part of the club and hope you'll be keen to return next season.

Joe Dorgan
Chairman, ECCC

EDINGTON PARISH HALL

At the top of Monastery Road, is available for hire at very reasonable rates and has the benefit of a car park opposite the hall. Suitable for parties, meetings, family celebrations, funeral wakes and other events.

For more information or to book the hall, using the online booking system, go to www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/hall. Alternatively email parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk or phone 01380 830441. We look forward to welcoming you to the hall.





THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



The government has announced relaxation of covid rules regarding the wearing of face coverings in buses, but passengers may still feel more comfortable continuing the practice at present.

A hand sanitiser is still available for use when entering the minibus.

All these journeys accept concessionary passes and will return you to your door.

These trips are open to all resident of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age.

TVM is also available for village groups to hire.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Lunch in the Parish Hall

We are holding a 2 Course
Lunch
(with a choice of main course
and a selection of puddings)
on
Wednesday September 14th
at
12.30pm.
in the Parish Hall, Edington.

Please let Pauline (tel: 830013)
know by Friday 9th September if
you are coming as this helps with
catering arrangements.

TVM will provide door to door
transport

Shopping Trips starting at Edington on

Destination	August	September	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 4th	Thursday 1st	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 16th	Tuesday 20th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.25pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 6th	Saturday 10th	9.30am

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Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
16th August	1.25pm	TVM Warminster shopping	
16th August	7.30pm	WI meeting - A lifetime of signing	Parish Hall
21st - 28th August		Edington Music Festival	Priory Church
24th August	6.30pm	Musical Supper	Coal Path Field
1st September	9.00am	Devizes shopping	
3rd September	2.30pm	Flower and Produce Show	Parish Hall
10th September	9.30am	Salisbury Shopping	
12th September	7.30pm	Parish Council meeting	Parish Hall
13th September	7.30pm	WI meeting - Pots, Clay and other muddy matters	Parish Hall
14th September	12.30pm	Village Lunch	Parish Hall
17th September	9.30am	Carpet Bowls taster session	Parish Hall
20th September	1.25pm	Warminster shopping	
24th September	7.30pm	Edington Arts - Marici Saxophone Quartet	Priory Church
1st October	10am - 12 noon	MacMillan coffee morning	Parish Hall

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For these and future events please check the village website for more details.

Contacting us

Email the newsletter at
newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk
or via the village website
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Future editions

We welcome your comments on this 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 or speak to Pauline in the Post Office.

newsletter@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Deadline for articles 5th of the month.

Sharing the Newsletter

We are still hearing about villagers who say that they haven't heard about this newsletter, next time you speak to any of your neighbours and friends why not ask if they are receiving a copy and if not inform them that they can register for an emailed copy through the village website or send an email, the address is below. If they are unable to receive an electronic copy a paper copy can be obtained from Edington Post Office or perhaps you could volunteer to print out a copy for your neighbour.

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