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Welcome to the fortieth edition of the Edington Village News.

This month our regular contributor Dr Stephen Henning continues his article on his holiday to the Norfolk

Broads. Courtyard Surgery in West Lavington are inviting people to their Surgery Open Day and we have two more annual village events, the Edington Music Festival and the Edington and District Gardening Club Flower and Produce Show.

We also have news of increased activity in the skies over the village and Keevil airfield as the regional gliding championships are being held this week. If that isn't enough to whet your appetite to read more in this edition we have another article in our occasional series from an Edington Resident about life in the French village of Cussay.

Talking of whetting your appetite this month's recipe is another favourite at the Parish Hall lunch, Sausage Plait.

Now that the rumours have started that summer is returning make sure that you have kept Sunday 13th August free to enjoy the sunshine whilst indulging in a Cream tea and homemade cakes outside the Parish Hall from 2.30pm onwards.

Sunday 20th August is the start of the annual Edington Music Festival when the population of the village increases significantly with the influx of choristers from around the country and the many visitors to the church forming the congregation for the numerous services.

Hopefully the summer will continue into September when the Edington and District Gardening Club hold their annual Flower and Produce Show on Saturday 2nd September at 2.30pm in the Parish Hall. There is still time to enter the show, full details on the village website.

The Three Village Minibus is the perfect way for villagers to visit Devizes and Salisbury without having to worry about driving there or parking. The regular monthly trips are listed on the diary page along with the regular trips to Westbury and Warminster. Places can be booked with Pauline or Joy, details on the TVM page.





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

Measles cases are on the rise.
Please see the latest information on our website
News pages; click on this link to view.
<https://westburygp.co.uk/news/>

Royal United Hospital (RUH) Waiting times can be viewed on their website; here is the link to their site:

RUH.NHS.UK

[Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust](https://www.royalunitedhospitals.com/)

Dr Edwards & Partners

www.westburygp.co.uk

Courtyard Surgery, West Lavington



Telephone 01380 813 300

For medical emergencies dial 999

[Latest newsletter can be found here.](#)

Friends of Courtyard Surgery

9th September 2023

Surgery Open Day

We will be having an Open Day giving people the opportunity to see what we do here, to look at our garden, and make contact with other healthcare related providers.

There will be refreshments available
If you have a healthcare related business or organisation please contact

Susan Zaman sueandroyz@msn.com

To book a place.

In the past we have had representatives from 1st Response, Yoga teachers, Apiarists, and others.

<https://www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk/>



Do you think you or someone you know may have a learning disability?

**A learning disability is different for everyone
No two people are the same**

A person with a learning disability might have some difficulty:

- Understanding complicated information
- Learning some new skills
- Looking after themselves or living alone

If you think this is you or someone you know, we would like to know so we can support you

Speak to reception who will put you touch with a clinician





Wiltshire Police

ActionFraud
National Fraud & Cyber Crime Reporting Centre
0300 123 2040

Watch out for this WhatsApp scam

Large community and religious WhatsApp groups are being targeted by scammers who infiltrate them to try and deceive their members into sending them money. Since January of this year, 268 people have reported falling victim to this scam.

The fraud often begins when a member of the group receives a WhatsApp audio call from the fraudster, pretending, or claiming, to be a member of the group. This is done in order to gain the individual's trust, and often the scammer will use a false profile picture and / or display name, so at first glance it would appear to be a genuine member of the group.

The fraudster will then call the victim and say they are sending a one-time passcode which will allow them to join an upcoming video call for group members. The scammer then asks the victim to share this passcode with them so they can be "registered" for the video call. What's really happening is that the scammer is asking for a registration code to register the victim's WhatsApp account to a new device where they then "port" their WhatsApp profile over.

Once the fraudster has access to the victim's WhatsApp account, they will enable two-step verification which makes it impossible for the victim to access their account. The scammer will then message other members of the group, or friends and family in the victim's contacts, asking them to transfer money urgently as they are in desperate need of help.

Oliver Shaw, Detective Chief Superintendent and Head of Action Fraud and the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) said:

"WhatsApp continues to be a popular platform

for community and religious groups, but sadly also for fraudsters. Here, the scammers rely on the goodwill of group members and their intrinsic desire to help others in distress.

"We urge people always to be wary when receiving contact via WhatsApp or other messaging platforms. This is particularly the case when being asked to provide account information – despite the fact that you may recognise the individual's profile picture and / or name.

"Never share your account information with anyone, and if you think it's a fraudulent approach, report the message and block the sender within WhatsApp. To make your account more secure, we advise setting up two-step verification to provide an extra layer of protection. This makes it increasingly more difficult for fraudsters to gain access to somebody else's WhatsApp account".

Analysis of Action Fraud reports indicate that victims targeted by this scam are often part of large WhatsApp community, alumni and academic, work groups, and religious groups (such as church or prayer groups).

What can you do to avoid being a victim?

- Never share your account's two-factor authentication (2FA) code (that's the six digit code you receive via SMS).
- Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account. Tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.
- THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

If you have been a victim of fraud or cybercrime, report it at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling **0300 123 2040**.



Wiltshire Council

News from Wiltshire Council

Two weeks left to register for the solar panel and battery storage Solar Together scheme

Published 28 July 2023

Swindon and Wiltshire residents still have time to register their interest for the Solar Together scheme and invest in cost-effective renewable energy for their home or business.

Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council are working with iChoosr, independent experts in group-buying, to run a second Solar Together scheme, following the success of the first in 2022.

The scheme launched on 5 June, and people have until 11 August to register for free and with no obligation to go ahead, joining almost 5,000 people across Swindon and Wiltshire who have already registered.

The initiative offers solar panels with optional battery storage and electrical vehicle (EV) charge points, as well as offering battery storage for those who have already invested in solar panels and are looking to get more from the renewable energy they generate and increase their independence from the grid. People can also select whether they would like to discuss options to divert solar energy to power the immersion heater in their hot water tank if they have one.

Solar Together operates on a group-buying approach, with the core principle that coming together as a group provides enhanced buying power and allows the approved providers to offer a better price than individual homeowners might get from entering the market alone.

People who are interested can register for free, and, following a competitive bidding process managed by Solar Together, will then be sent their recommended provider and costs,

with no obligation to proceed with the installation.

To register for the scheme, residents must either own their own house or have permission from the landlord to install solar panels. Small and medium-sized enterprises (non-domestic) and Commonhold Associations meeting this requirement can also participate.

The first round of the scheme, launched in May 2022, resulted in 1,047 installations across Wiltshire and Swindon consisting of almost 9,900 solar panels and over 800 storage batteries. The total installations are estimated to deliver over 18,500 tonnes of carbon reduction over 25 years. This equates to roughly 10,000 cars off roads for a year.

[To register click here.](#)

Tree Wardens scheme to be relaunched in Wiltshire

Published 27 July 2023

Following a successful bid for almost £300,000 from a Government fund, Wiltshire Council is relaunching the national Tree Warden scheme in the county.

The Council, in partnership with Swindon Borough Council, received a £294,800 grant from the Government's Forestry Commission and DEFRA Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund. The aim of the fund is to provide local authorities with financial support to bring on board the additional professional expertise they need to drive tree planting and woodland creation commitments.

The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative led by the Tree Council, and Wiltshire Council is looking to recruit volunteer Tree Wardens in each Wiltshire town and parish area as well as across the Borough of Swindon. Tree Wardens will work with Wiltshire Council Woodland Officers and act as local tree champions who help plant, promote and protect trees in appropriate locations in their local area.





Projects that Tree Wardens can be involved in could include:

- Arranging local tree planting days
- Watering and caring for local trees
- Working with the local authorities and community groups to plant and care for street trees
- Rejuvenating local woodlands
- Raising funds and finding land for tree planting projects
- Going into local schools to talk about the value of trees

Cllr Tamara Reay, Wiltshire Council Portfolio Holder for Climate Change, said: We're delighted to have been successful in receiving this funding, which we can use to help us achieve our ambitious tree planting targets, whilst also promoting the enhancement of existing trees and woodlands - all key themes in our Natural Environment Plan.

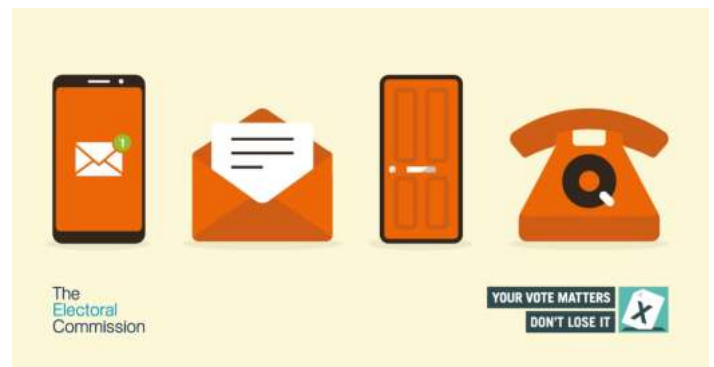
We need to take action to ensure our future generations can continue to enjoy the beauty that Wiltshire landscapes have to offer. Tree Wardens are local people who are keen to plant, look after and stand up for the trees in their local area. The role is voluntary, so anyone who is interested can decide how much time they dedicate to it and how it fits in with their normal routine. You do not need to be an expert to take up this role, as we will provide knowledge and training, all you require is a genuine interest in trees and the local environment.

Anyone interested in taking up this role in their local area, to have a look at www.wiltshire.gov.uk/trees-and-woodland-in-wiltshire or contact either their local Parish Council or the Woodland Grant Application and Planting Support (GAPS) team on GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window) for more information.

The funding for Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council will also be used to help deliver tree planting targets over the next two years that will see planting of 111ha of trees in the 2023-24

and a further 222ha in 2024-25. It is anticipated that the majority of these will be delivered through community and private landowner initiatives, working with partners such as the Woodland Trust, and Forestry Commission to develop bids for funding. For more information or to express an interest people should contact Wiltshire Council via the GAPS Team at GAPS@wiltshire.gov.uk (opens new window) or communityforest@swindon.gov.uk for Swindon Borough Council.

More information about the Government fund can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-fund-opens-to-accelerate-tree-planting> (opens new window).



Your vote matters - don't lose it!

Have you received an email from us to check your details on the electoral register?

Each year, we check that everyone who is eligible to vote in our area is registered. Follow the instructions in your email to respond, so we can check our records are up-to-date.

[More information on our annual canvass process can be found here](#)

Pothole reports

Last week, from 24-30 July, we filled a total of 268 potholes and had 155 reported to us.

When we receive a pothole report, it is assessed by an engineer, and given a priority based on our defect criteria, as set out in our Highways Safety Inspection Manual.

Please report any potholes on Wiltshire's roads to us using MyWilts app.



Edington Parish Council News

Speeding in Edington

The data for July from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) near Longlands Close, recording vehicles entering the village has just been downloaded. 59.5% of all vehicles coming into the village from the Brattton direction were exceeding the 30 mph limit. 34.7% were between 30 and 35 mph, 17.4% were between 35 and 40 mph and 7% were in excess of 40 mph.

The speedwatch team operated for three weeks in July and recorded in their 18 sessions 98 motorist exceeding 35mph and of those 4 were in excess of 48 mph! These were only the ones that we "caught". One observation from the team is that some of the offenders were villagers however some villagers thanked the team for their efforts in trying to reduce the speed of vehicles travelling along the B3098. The team record all motorists exceeding the 35 mph criteria set by Wiltshire Police regardless of whether we recognise them as villagers or not.

The Parish Council are still working with Wiltshire Highways to find a suitable solution to reduce the speed of traffic on the B3098. The speed watch team will hopefully be able to start sessions on Lower Road in the autumn once the police re-authorise it.

The SID has now been moved to the other end of the village near the junction with Long Hollow to alert drivers to the speed that they are doing when entering the village and this will also provide the Parish Council with statistics as to whether speeding is a problem here as well.

Now that the nesting season for birds has finished it is time to check the hedges on your boundary. Are they overhanging one of the few pavements that we have in the village or one of the public footpaths or even overhanging into the road? To make the village safer for everyone please trim back any overhanging vegetation to ensure that people can pass safely.

Thank you to the village volunteers who last month spent their time tidying the Parish Hall car park and the area around the Parish Hall.

Finally a reminder for some dog owners who unfortunately are still forgetting to clear up after their dog leaves a present on the ground whilst out for a walk. If you own a dog it is your responsibility to clean up after it, the dog clean up fairy does not exist in Edington to clean up and even remove the poo bags from the hedge that you leave it in!

Forthcoming roadworks.

There are no scheduled roadworks in the immediate area in August or September.

You can find out about roadworks across Wiltshire by going to <https://one.network/>

Remember you can always contact the Parish Council by email parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Wanted

Volunteers to help carry out maintenance around the village.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of the month and tasks include grass cutting, repairing and painting benches, general tidying up and eating cake with coffee!

Why not join us at 9.30 am on Wednesday 16th August, venue village pond Tinhead Road

Contact the Parish Council for more information



Village Musings

Everywhere you look in our village at the moment, there is something of extraordinary, almost unbearable beauty. We have the most perfect skies here in Edington, and our sunsets and sunrises have to be amongst the best in the world.



Seeing clouds outlined in gold, against the silhouettes of the hedgerows or trees is one of the most breathtaking things we could experience, no matter how far we travel or how many foreign places we visit. And we are lucky to be in place where we often see the stunning, flattened lenticular cloud formation as the air drops off the Plain.



Our wild flowers are embroidering every verge and hillside at present, with perfection in their tiny shapes and glorious colours. To see them massed in the planned wildflower planting areas is also a real treat –

we have them here in Edington at the entrance to Berry road, and there are other little wildflower plots around Steeple Ashton and all over this local area. These help our pollinators hugely but it is also worth noting that our gardens can do just as good a job for insects, providing we plant single varieties so the centre of the plant is available for insects, and providing we do not ever use insecticides in our gardens.



It is time to enjoy our farmers getting in the harvest now – there is something utterly fascinating about watching a combine harvester tramp tirelessly up and down the fields, and watching the straw being baled and dropped in intricate patterns over the shorn golden surface. We are all asked to keep our cars out of the narrow lanes so that the huge machinery necessary for the harvest can be manoeuvred safely through our village.

Mercedes Henning



COME AND ENJOY
SUNDAY AFTERNOON TEA
IN
EDINGTON PARISH HALL



WHEN : SUNDAY 13TH AUGUST

TIME: 2.30PM – 5PM

COST: CREAM TEA £3.50

HOME MADE CAKE £2.00 A SLICE

(HOT OR COLD DRINKS INCLUDED)



In aid of Parish Hall Funds



An Evening with VocalEase

On a wet and not very warm July evening where a welcome glass of glühwein would perhaps have been more appropriate than a glass of Pimms, the audience gathered for the sell out event. And what a treat awaited us. The Six Guys in Harmony, Richard, Gareth, Mark, Andrew, Nick and Kevin that are VocalEase entertained us with a wonderful selection of songs, many of which were arranged by Andrew King.



The first half of the performance included traditional songs such as 'The Oak and the Ash', 'The Water is Wide' as well as Stock, Aitken, Waterman's 'Love in the First Degree', 'He ain't heavy, he's my brother' and 'Love me for a reason' to name but a few.

During the interval, a light supper, prepared by the Parish Hall Committee, was enjoyed by all and there was also time to replenish drinks from the bar ably run by David, John and Pauline.



The second half opened with 'Fields of Gold', followed by a bit of Otis Redding – 'Dock of the Bay', not forgetting some Lennon & McCartney which for some of us, brought back memories of youth (misspent or not!!) and concluded with 'The Rose' and 'The old Whiff song.'

Each song was introduced with a little bit of background information which added to the enjoyment.

What a talented group of singers VocalEase are and after some well deserved applause and cries of 'encore', which they duly gave, a vote of thanks concluded the evening. VocalEase say that they sing for the pleasure of making harmony together and sometimes invite others to share in the pleasure with them – well we were certainly able to do that!

Perhaps they will soon return to Edington to entertain us again!

The evening was in aid of Parish Hall Funds and the committee are very grateful to VocalEase for their most generous support (they did not charge a performance fee) and just over £520 was raised.





Wildlife of the Norfolk Boards – Part 2

In June 2023 I went to the Norfolk Broads to try to see the British Swallowtail butterfly for the first time. We had some excellent sightings of the swallowtail at Horsey Windpump on our first day we were there.

The next day we hoped to go to RSPB Strumpshaw Fen which is known as a good place to see the swallowtail. However, the day dawned a bit cold and cloudy and certainly not good weather to see another swallowtail. So instead, we went back to Horsey Windpump and did the 2.5 mile walk to the beach.

As we set off along the edge of the field, we had a wonderful sighting of a reed warbler singing its little head off in the reeds. We watched it for several minutes. Reed warblers are summer visitors that breed in the UK, with the

largest concentrations in East Anglia and along the south coast. They winter in Africa. They eat insects but will also eat berries in autumn. They weave their nests as slings between two or three reed stems and lay three to five eggs in them. There was also a kestrel hovering over the field which we also watched for some time.

A bit further along we had a good sighting of a male reed bunting singing next to the path in the reeds. They can be found in wetlands, reedbeds and on farmland across the UK. They in fact occur in wetlands and reedbeds near us in Wiltshire. They feed on seeds, insects, and other invertebrates. In the winter, reed buntings join mixed flocks of buntings, finches, and sparrows to feed on seeds on farmland. During the breeding season, males can be spotted perched high on reeds, rushes, or scrub, voicing their simple, three-note territorial call. Females breed low in dense vegetation, and construct their nests from grass, reeds, and moss.



We had a wonderful sighting of a reed warbler singing its little head off in the reeds (del. S.F. Henning).



The male reed bunting usually sings perched on top of a bush, or reed (del. S.F. Henning).





We eventually got to the dunes separating the fenlands from the beach and sea. According to the notice board, both species of seal that live in the UK can be seen on the beach at Horsey. Common seals, despite their name, are fewer in numbers than the larger grey seals and are more often seen outside the grey seal pupping season. The grey seals give birth to their pups on the beach between October and March. I walked through the gap cut through the dunes onto the beach while Mercedes made her way to the top of the dunes.



Reading the sign about the Horsey Grey Seal Colony

The beach was broad and sandy with rocky groins every 100 metres or so to protect the beach from sand loss. There were no seals on the beach, but a number could be seen swimming in the waves crashing onto the beach. Mercedes called to me that she could see lots of seals in the sea from the top of the dunes. I then climbed up and joined her.



Watching the seals in the waves from one of the rocky groins



We could see a lot of seals in the sea and surfing the waves.

After a while we returned to the path on the inside of the dunes and walked along to as far as the public carpark. On the way we were treated to the sight of skylarks spiralling up into



We saw a European crane from a hide at the RSPB Strumpshaw Fen (del. S.F. Henning)



the air singing – we often see these on our regular walks over the downs above Edington and are always delighted when we do. We then set off inland back to Horsey Windpump. The next day was warmer and sunnier, so we finally went to the RSPB Strumpshaw Fen to look for the swallowtail. We set off on the Fen Trail which was some 2.5 miles long. We walked slowly around and stopped off at the Fen Hide where we saw some European cranes – my first sighting of these in the wild. They had a nest and a chick – a real highlight of the day.

There was also a pair of marsh harriers flying around. I think they also had a nest. We saw the male swoop down into the reeds and catch a small mammal in his talons. Then as he flew up, the female also rose up from the ground and flew up towards him. He then dropped the prey for her, and she caught it in mid-air with her



The male marsh harrier dropped the prey for his mate, and she caught it in mid-air with her talons (del. S.F. Henning)

talons. She then then landed on a small bush/ tree where she proceeded to pull the prey apart with her beak. We don't know if they had a nest nearby but it seems likely. They nest on the ground amongst the reeds.



Below the hide was a moorhen and garganey ducklings.

Also seen from the hide was a heron, little grebes, and coots, plus the normal mallard ducks with their chicks.

We then stopped at the Tower Hide where we saw a lone graylag goose and a moorhen walking along the edge of the water with his long yellow toes. There was also a garganey duck with ducklings just below the hide.



Milk parsley (*Peucedanum palustre*) the larval foodplant of the swallowtail among the reeds.





On our way again we saw a skein of Canada geese flying over us in a perfect V-formation. We saw posters about the swallowtail butterfly but saw none of them flying about the reeds. We found their foodplant, milk parsley, along the edge of the boardwalk in the reedbed. Milk parsley is only found in the Broads



Waiting to see a swallowtail butterfly outside the doctor's house at Strumpshaw Fen with some of the other fanatics.

fens on marshy grassland over peaty soil or in the reedbeds.

At the Information Centre they had said that the swallowtail is most often seen in the Doctor's Garden along Tinker's Lane. It comes to the garden to feed on the flowers. However, when we got there it was still cloudy and cold and we did not see anything. We saw a couple of people with a camera and a huge telephoto lens looking into the garden. They said they had seen a swallowtail when the sun came out briefly, but before they could photograph it the clouds returned, and it dropped down into the vegetation. Several more butterfly enthusiasts arrived with binoculars and cameras but there was no sighting of the swallowtail. We got fed up waiting and walked back to the Information Centre smug in the knowledge that we had seen the swallowtail already at Horsey Windpump. We did tell those waiting that they might be better to go there to see it but they preferred to stay where they were.

Dr Stephen Henning.





FRIENDS' LUNCH

**Saturday, 26 August 2023
at 1pm**

Come and meet our speaker, Carol Bennett,

who will be giving a talk about
'John Donne's Tempestuous Century'
at 4.15pm after the Friends' Annual Meeting.

All welcome - Tickets: £12

The lunch will be a buffet,
with wine and soft drinks included.

Please apply, by Monday 14 August, to:
Wendy Pollard – wendy@thepollards.co.uk
or 01380 830441

If you have any dietary requirements, please let Wendy know at time of booking.



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Charity No: 1199368





Edington & District Gardening Club

First Thursday in the month 7.00pm at the Parish Hall

Since our June meeting we have had 3 tours. The first being a visit to Hauser & Wirth Garden in Bruton. We visited the garden soon after it was formed about 8 years ago, re-visiting did not disappoint. We were shown around the garden by our guide and then we wandered at our leisure chatting to the gardener and enjoying a coffee in the lovely surrounds. This garden was created by Piet Oudolf, from the Netherlands, and has designed the landscaping scheme for the entire site, including Oudolf Field – a large perennial meadow situated behind the gallery buildings. Carefully shaped and planted, the garden echoes the tradition of classical gardens, but the variety of species and combination of plants creates a looseness, softening the formality of its appearance. Known for his use of plants with spectacular seed heads, the garden has all year-round interest.

Our July meeting although in the Parish Hall, we were transported virtually. Helena Crouch gave an insight into the botanical treasures of the Mendip Hills from the coast at Brean Down and then eastwards through Cheddar and beyond to Frome. Helena has been recording rare plant activity for over 25 years, being county recorder for North Somerset and organises weekly walks. The slides were beautiful, and it was difficult to think the plants being shown were quite tiny.

We then went to Cadenham Manor. This garden is open under the National Garden Scheme. The four-acre garden was laid out in the 1950s as a formal garden around a 17th Century Wiltshire Manor house and dovecote in the French style. We explored its many rooms, divided by yew hedges and moats, looking out across ancient grasslands. The White Garden, and the Phlox walk are interspersed by rooms full

of vegetables, fruit trees and cut flowers – all to be found off a spectacular avenue leading to a temple-like folly. In the bed of an old canal (Wilts and Berks) is a water garden. The garden was designed by Victoria's grandmother, Elizabeth Blackwell between 1945 and 2000. She transformed the house, the farm and especially the garden, introducing 70 varieties of old roses. Although the roses were over it would be nice to revisit another time when they are in full bloom.. The tea and cake afterwards were very welcome!

The next garden visit in August to Longstock Water Gardens, please contact Angeline if you wish to go. There is no meeting in the Hall in August.

September 2nd is the Flower & Produce Show in the Parish Hall. Schedules are available at the post office with Pauline or on the Village Web page. Why not give it a go this year? It is a lovely social event but we do need the entries to make it so. Have some fun and put in an entry.

Further details about the club on 830133 or see the village web page / clubs and societies/ Edington Gardening Club

Jacky



Edington & District Gardening Club

Flower & Produce Show

in Edington Parish Hall

Saturday 2nd September

open to the public 2.30pm



A tale of two villages:

Destruction, Renewal, Pride and Joy

At the time of writing we are at the height of summer in our twin village of Cussay in the Loire Valley and combines are everywhere day and night.

Beautiful warm sunny days and long evenings are a constant joy but are often accompanied by spectacular storms. This year sadly, one such storm struck the roof of our local ancient church and all was lost in the consequent fire, despite being adjacent to a large river and the best efforts of 50 permanent and volunteer pompiers from the surrounding region.



Conversely, soon after, countering the destruction, we visited a restored beautiful place, a priory, which in typically French fashion



"The rehabilitation of the Louroux priory was co-financed by the European Union"



also made good use of its ancient cow byres, turning them into a great place for a spot of lunch and glass of wine. Win win.

France is now making rapid progress on solar and wind power installations, despite their lead in nuclear power generation and even our small village now has two car charging points in the car park.





And, rather than using good agricultural land for solar panels, new subsidised farm barns are rapidly appearing, with solid solar panel roofs, seemingly eminently sensible to us, being a win-win.



Rural France is well known for its well maintained roads and litter-free roadsides. Vigilant to keep it so, our region the Touraine has invested in roadside publicity pointing out that "The Touraine is not a rubbish bin (poubelle)" and on the last day of school before the summer break we were pleased to see organised school parties collecting street litter in our nearest town.

And finally, you know it's high summer in Cussay when the skies are big, bright and clear, the swallows are swooping and the fields smile at you as you pass them, with the glow of cheery sunflowers meeting the sky blue on the horizon.

Edington Resident





FRIENDS' TALK

Saturday, 26 August 2023
at 4.15pm

'Fate, Chance, Kings and Desperate Men'

Come and hear Carol Bennett
introduce us to
'Voices from John Donne's
Tempestuous Century'

All welcome

Entry Free

The talk is preceded by tea and homemade cakes



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Regional Gliding Champs coming to Wiltshire

Bannerdown Gliding Club, based on Keevil Airfield, will be hosting the Bannerdown Regional Gliding Competition including the Interservices Championships from 5-13 August. There will be approximately 45 competition sailplanes conducting cross country flights throughout the week, depending on the weather.

Throughout the week if you happen to look up you may see the fleet of gliders circling overhead as the pilots prepare to start the race, or see them cruising towards the finish line towards the end of the day. The gliders are launched in late morning or early afternoon using powered tug aircraft. This is completed in approximately 90 minutes and the gliders are released in different locations each day depending on the conditions and course that has been set.

During the week you might see competition crews with glider trailers arriving or leaving the airfield if they need to collect gliders that have landed away from site. You may also see more vehicles and caravans at the start and end of the week as pilots and their crews arrive to stay at the airfield. All competition attendees will be specifically briefed on care when driving in the local area, villages and community. You can track the gliders' progress online at [Bannerdown Regional Gliding Competition 2023](#)

You can find out more information about gliding as a sport and the competition through the club at www.bannerdown.co.uk or email the competition at comp_admin@bannerdown.co.uk.





SAUSAGE PLAIT

(another popular Parish Hall Lunch recipe!)

Ingredients

1 pack ready rolled puff pastry sheet (approx. 320g)
1 ½ packs thick Lincolnshire sausages (12 sausages, approx. 675g)
1 onion finely chopped
1 tbsp oil
2 tbsp tomato puree
2 teasp mixed herbs
Salt & pepper
1 large egg beaten

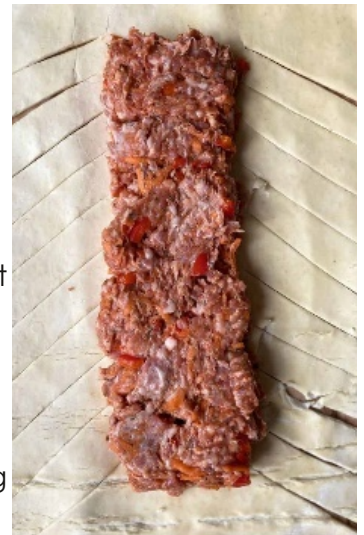
Oven temp: 200 C, Gas 7 for 20 minutes. Then 160 C, Gas 5 for approx. 30 minutes.

Cooking time: 45 – 50 minutes



Method

1. Follow the instructions on the packet of pastry for the time to allow the pastry to come to room temperature before using.
2. Pre heat the oven. Line a baking tray approx. 24cm x 34cm with baking parchment
3. Peel and finely chop the onion. Heat the oil and gently fry the onion until softened but not brown. Allow to cool.
4. Skin the sausages and place in a mixing bowl with the tomato puree, mixed herbs, seasoning and the cooled onion. Add half of the beaten egg and mix well
5. Carefully unroll the pastry sheet and place on the lined baking tray
6. Spoon the filling down the middle of the pastry in a sausage shape – leave a little gap at the top and bottom.
7. Cut the pastry at a slight diagonal, on either side of the filling, into approx. 1.5cm strips, the same number each side (about 12 per side) Brush the pastry all over with a little of the saved egg
8. Tuck the top and bottom edges of the pastry over the filling. Starting at the top, lay the pastry strips over the filling, taking one from each side, to cross like a plait.
9. Brush the top and sides of the plait with the last of the egg.
10. Bake for 20 minutes at 200C /Gas 7 and then reduce the oven temperature to 160C / Gas 5 for approx. 30 minutes to ensure that the filling is cooked. Cover if the pastry becomes too brown. The plait should be golden brown.
11. Serve in slices, hot or cold as a main course with vegetables or salad or include in a picnic / packed lunch.
12. Freezes well.



NOTE – shortcrust pastry also works well. Ingredients such as chopped mushrooms, chopped peppers, chopped apple etc can also be added.



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.



Four Villages Link

Do you live in Bratton, Edington, Erlestoke or Coulston and would benefit from a helping hand?

We have a team of volunteers who are happy to help at no cost to you (unless you would like to make a donation). Our services include:

- Driving you to and from appointments – doctor, dentist, hospital
- Taking you shopping
- Visiting you for a chat or help around the home.

Phone 07852 256939 and our friendly coordinator will make the arrangements.

Go to this site if you would like to read more about Four Villages Link:

<http://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/>

Catherine Elliott



Let's Move!

DANCE FITNESS

Low Impact Dance Fitness
Edington Parish Hall
Tuesdays 10-10:45am

NO CLASS ON TUESDAY 22ND AUGUST 2023



A view from the Boundary

For many of us, one of the prime reasons we decided to take up cricket was the knowledge that we'd be spending our weekend afternoons in glorious sunshine and warm summer weather. In principle a sound decision but every now and then a season comes along that dampens our cricketing hopes and this year seems to be one of those seasons. With the last 3 weekends being washed out, as well as a soggy cricket tour to Slapton Sands, it's been a bit frustrating up at The Walled Garden with not much cricket being played. And if you think it's bad for us players, spare a thought for our dedicated groundsman who has dodged showers and storms to get pitches ready, only to watch the rain fall come match day, washing away any chance of play and all his hard work.

Tour to Slapton was particularly frustrating as we saw rain fall on Friday and Sunday mornings cancelling the games, only for the sun to then come out in the afternoon. A break in the rain did see us play Saturday and a good game was had on an entertaining typical Devon strip that provided a variety of bounce and spin. Fed up with the conditions, we finished our tour up at the ground and welcomed Fulham Tavener's who had been having a more successful visit to Wiltshire as part of their tour. Thanks to the grounds-man's desire to see some cricket played, the game was given a go even though conditions were damp and rain was circling. Batting first (due to most of the team still being in the Three Dagers enjoying refreshments) Fulham Tavs proceeded to endure light drizzle, heavy drizzle and down right monsoons to post a competitive score on what was now a very damp pitch. Erlestoke took to the task quickly and runs from Martin and Mike soon had the home side up with the run rate. But with another

shower interruption and a flurry of wickets, it all came down to the last over. Indecision in the fielding side as to who should bowl finally ended when the captain stepped up. Needing 14 off 6 balls to draw, with the field set on the boundary it was not looking like a tour win was going to happen. But fortunately Joe Dorgan had found his way to the crease. Cricket starved for the weekend you could see that he was intent on finishing on a high. The first ball was hit high into the leg side and the fielder in the deep set himself, only to see the ball fumbled over the boundary- a dropped catch but 6 runs. Second ball was sloshed to deep mid on - no run. Ball three was splashed to long off and a run was taken; but a fumble saw a second taken and Dorgan was back on strike. The fourth ball was sent high into the mizzly heavens, taking the run the whole crowd watched as the bowler called for the ball. Making good ground on the damp outfield, he made it only to drop the catch! And to add insult to injury Dorgan took a cheeky second run whilst the bowler sat in disbelief. 4 off 2 - could it be done? An angry and frustrated bowler let loose a quick delivery that Dorgan could only paddle to the cover fielder - no run! 4 off the last ball to tie the game..... as all in the ground held their breath, the last delivery was let go; quicker and wider, Dorgan advanced a few paces and smashed the ball for 6 over the cover boundary and Erlestoke had won! The disbelief in the pub afterwards had not left the Tavaners lads, but a few beers soon put an end to any hard feelings. We look forward to welcoming them back next year for our annual fixture.

The weather has had frustrating impact on the league side too who are keen to ensure they stay in Division 2 next year. Not being able to earn any real points over the last 3 weeks, they now have 4 games left to ensure their safety. Fortunately, availability has improved and skipper Mike Barton has a good, strong set of players to choose from to ensure the strongest possible end to the season. Shame it hasn't been like this all year as we might have been





fighting for promotion, ultimately where the club feel they should be challenging. We welcome Marshfield on Saturday and hope for a good result.

The end of July also saw the end of our junior sessions which have proved really successful. The move to a Monday evening certainly seems to have helped availability and we have had over 40 children sign up over the sessions. Thanks to everyone who supported us and to the coaches who ran the sessions. We hope to see you all again next year.

Hopefully the sun will return soon and the cricket will once again be in full swing. Plenty of games left to be played and it's never too late to come and have a game. We've already had a few new guys come and get involved so please get in touch if you're interested or just come and enjoy an afternoon at the ground in a beautiful setting.

Joe Dorgan

<https://erlestokecoulston.play-cricket.com>

FIXTURES.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TEAM 1	VS	TEAM 2
AUG SATURDAY 12th	13:00		Erlestoke & Coulston CC- 1st XI Form Guide L L L W X		Marshfield CC- 2nd XI A W X W X Form Guide
AUG SATURDAY 19th	13:00	Goatacre Cricket Ground	Goatacre CC- 2nd XI Form Guide W X X W X		Erlestoke & Coulston CC- 1st XI L L L W X Form Guide
AUG WEDNESDAY 23rd	18:00	Newsyde, Urchfont	Urchfont CC- Midweek XI Form Guide L W L X X		Erlestoke & Coulston CC- Friendly XI L X A L L Form Guide
AUG SATURDAY 26th	13:00		Erlestoke & Coulston CC- 1st XI Form Guide L L L W X		Nationwide House CC- 1st XI L A L L X Form Guide
SEP SUNDAY 3rd	13:00	Norton St Philip Cricket Club	Norton St Philip CC- Friendly XI Form Guide A W W L L		Erlestoke & Coulston CC- Friendly XI L X A L L Form Guide



Edington Parish Hall

Forthcoming events in Edington Parish Hall

Sunday 13th August -Afternoon Tea in the Parish Hall

After the success of last year's tea, the committee invite you to join them for Sunday Afternoon Tea @ the Parish Hall on Sunday 13th August from 2.30pm to 5.00pm. Come and enjoy a Cream tea and homemade cakes while relaxing with family and friends. Everyone is most welcome to join us. We look forward to seeing you.

SAVE THE DATES FOR THESE FORTHCOMING EVENTS!

Saturday 7th October -Carpet Bowls and bacon butties 10am – 12 noon.

Come and improve your bowling skills or try a new sport. More details in next month's newsletter.



Saturday 18th November – Curry & Quiz Night

Teams of 4. Plenty of time to hone your quizzing skills!

Would you like to keep fit and reduce your stress levels, then why not come to one of these classes that have recently started in the Parish Hall.

Let's Move Dance fitness is each Tuesday morning from 10am to 10.45am. A low impact dance fitness class that is great fun and costs £5 per session.

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your well being, then why not come to Yoga with Marilyn each Friday morning from 10.30am to 11.30am, cost £7 per session. All are welcome.

Details of both classes can be found on the village website www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

Please note that due to the Edington Music Festival using the Parish Hall, neither class will take place during the week of the 20th to 26th August,



YOGA WITH MARILYN

Would you like to improve your strength, balance and flexibility and also your well being?

Then why not join the new Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am



Remedy corner with Anne Tottenham Homeopath

Having recently spent time with family with a 6-month-old baby who was in a lot of pain with

TEETHING

I thought I would share some remedies. Remember you cannot get addicted to any homeopathic remedies and they can work alongside conventional medicine. With babies it's worth either dissolving a pillule in a dropper bottle of water or getting the remedy as granules which can be rubbed into the baby's gums. Babies, like all small children, have a lot of energy, use up remedies quickly and the remedy needs to be repeated. In the case of teething or acute pain this can be every 5 minutes up to 20 minutes. Always be mindful that as soon the baby seems calm or soothed, **STOP**.

Chamomilla (from chamomile)

This is the main remedy for teething. One cheek hot, one very pale. Pains make the baby scream, demand things which are immediately thrown in anger. They hit and kick, but rapid rocking or walking calms them. Their fists are always in their mouth.

Calc Carb

Teething is painful, slow, and difficult and accompanied with diarrhoea. Gums are chewed especially during sleep, as though they were grinding their teeth!

Belladonna

Cheeks are red hot and swollen. Sleep is restless and the pain is severe. The baby may cry out suddenly and may be excessively thirsty. They

can be sensitive to light and noise and do not like being touched.

Phytolacca

A baby needing this remedy will want to bite on anything even their own gums which can relieve the pains.

Calc Phos

This remedy help where the teething is slow and difficult often accompanied by greenish diarrhoea or colds and coughs.

As always do feel FREE to call or email me for FREE ADVICE.

Tel: **07905748359**

email: tottenhamanne@gmail.com



**Edington
Under
Fives**

We meet every Thursday in
Edington Parish Hall
between
10am and 12 noon.

The first session is free, and only £2 per family thereafter (to help with running costs). For more information contact Emily on
07910228383



Coffee Morning Drop In

Every Tuesday
10.30 - 11.30 am
in the Three Daggers.

Transport available contact
Pauline or Joy.



THREE VILLAGES MINIBUS (TVM)



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

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

Groups within our villages can hire TVM if they have a driver who satisfies our criteria; please contact Pauline on 830013.

Joy Fraser (830426)

Lunch in the Parish Hall

We are holding a two course Harvest Themed Lunch
(with a choice of Pies & a Selection of Puddings)
on

Wednesday September 13th at 12.30pm.



in Edington Parish Hall.

Price £8.00 in aid of the Three Villages Minibus.

All will be most welcome to join
us.



Please let Pauline know (by Friday September 8th) if are coming, as this helps with catering arrangements.



TVM will provide door to door transport.

Please book your place with Pauline

Shopping Trips starting at Edington

Destination	August	September	Start Time
Devizes - £3.20	Thursday 3rd	Thursday 7th	9am
Warminster - £2.80	Tuesday 15th	Tuesday 19th	1.25pm
Westbury - £2.30	Every Thursday	Every Thursday	1.30pm
Salisbury - £5.00	Saturday 12th	Saturday 9th	9.30am

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.

Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place



Edington What's On Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue
12th August	9.30am	TVM Salisbury Shopping	
13th August	2.30pm	Afternoon Tea at the Parish Hall	Parish Hall
15th August	1.25pm	TVM Warminster Shopping	
20th - 27th August		Edington Music Festival	Priory Church
23rd August	6.30pm	Musical Supper	Coal Path Field
26th August	4.15pm	Edington Friend's Talk	Priory Church
2nd September	2.30pm	Flower and Produce Show	Parish Hall
7th September	9.00am	TVM Devizes Shopping	
9th September	9.30am	TVM Salisbury Shopping	
9th September		Courtyard Surgery Open Day	Courtyard Surgery
13th September	12.30pm	Parish Hall Lunch	Parish Hall
19th September	1.25pm	TVM Warminster Shopping	
7th October	10.00am	Carpet Bowls	Parish Hall
Every Tuesday	10.00 am	Let's Move Dance Fitness	Parish Hall
Every Friday	10.30am	Yoga	Parish Hall

TVM trips - please Contact Pauline or Joy Fraser to book a place

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
www.edingtonwiltshire.org.uk

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.

If you would like to receive this newsletter electronically please visit the village website

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and enter your details or email

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and you will be added to the mailing list.