

EDINGTON VILLAGE NEWS

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What's on in February

• Thursday 5th

Westbury shopping trip
Gardening Club

7pm, Parish Hall

• Monday 9th

Parish Council meeting

7.30pm, Parish Hall

• Tuesday 10th

WI

7.30pm, Parish Hall

• Wednesday 11th

TVM Lunch

12.30pm, Parish Hall

• Thursday 12th

Devizes shopping trip
Westbury shopping trip

• Saturday 14th

Salisbury shopping trip

• Sunday 15th

Edington Brass Concert

2.30pm, Edington Priory

• Tuesday 17th

Warminster shopping trip

• Wednesday 18th

Walking Group

10am, Parish Hall

• Thursday 19th

Westbury shopping trip

• Thursday 26th

Westbury shopping trip

Three Villages Minibus (TVM)

Shopping Trips Schedule

Shopping trips are open to all residents of our villages; we welcome everyone, of any age. We will pick you up and return you to your door.



Destination	Date	Start time
Devizes	Thursday 12 th February	9.00 am
Warminster	Tuesday 17 th February	1.25 pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.30 pm
Salisbury	Saturday 14 th February	9.30 am

Shopping Trips start at Edington

To book a seat contact Joy Fraser (01380 830426)

The TVM is also available for village groups to hire. Book through Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013.

Spotlight on the Village Volunteers

The village volunteers are a group of villagers who meet monthly to help with tasks around the village.

The tasks include grass cutting, repairing and repainting benches, restoring the village pond and anything else that needs doing.

They usually meet on the third Wednesday of the month either in the Parish Hall car park or near the pond to undertake the tasks for the month (and at the same time consume coffee and cake provided as a reward)!

Why not join them and help keep the village tidy. Contact John Richardson on 01380 830902 to volunteer.



Weekly events

• Monday

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield
behind 3 Daggers

Tai Chi - 11.00am - Parish
Hall

• Tuesday

Let's move dance fitness -
10.00am - Parish Hall

• Wednesday

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield
behind 3 Daggers

• Thursday

• Friday

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield
behind 3 Daggers

Yoga with Marilyn -
10.30am - Parish Hall

Edington Brass Band -
6.00pm - Parish Hall

Notices

Four Villages Link

If you need a lift to get to a hospital, the doctors or other appointments, you can phone **07785 256939** and make a request to the Four Villages Link coordinators. There is no charge for the service, but donations are gratefully received. We always welcome new volunteers, so if you have some time to spare, please call the same number or contact us via the website:

[https://
thefourvillageslink.org.uk/](https://thefourvillageslink.org.uk/)

Coffee Morning Drop-in

Every Tuesday in the Three Daggers Pub, 10.30-1130 am. Transport can be arranged by calling Pauline (01380 830013) or Joy (01380 830426)

Parish Council News

The Parish Council met in January and February and these notes have been combined from the two meetings.

The Precept for 2025 / 2026 was £21,000 and it was agreed that it will remain the same for 2026 / 2027.

There is a casual vacancy for the Parish Council and the council will welcome anyone who is interested in becoming a councillor to fill the vacancy; please contact our Chair Emily Greening on 07910 228383 or email parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk if you are interested.

Planning

At our January meeting Mr. Sheridan and Mr. Smith, from The Three Daggers, came to discuss their proposed planning application with the Parish Council ahead of it being submitted to Wiltshire Council.

The results of the recent Housing Needs Survey have been received and these will be incorporated into the Neighbourhood Plan as it is refreshed in the coming months.

Play Equipment

A comprehensive quarterly inspection report has been received and action, going forward, has been discussed. Representatives from Playdale will visit the playfield shortly to discuss work required in the immediate future following the report.

Highway Matters / Footpaths / LHFIG

The Parish Steward has been moved from Parish Steward duties to filling potholes.

Wiltshire Council has been asked to look at a number of 20 and 40 mph roundels which need repainting.

Crossroads Farm junction is still a matter of concern which will be addressed at the next LHFIG meeting along with other requests made by Steve Forward on behalf of the village.

Christmas Lights Switch On

This was a very successful and well attended evening event with carol singing to the accompaniment of Edington Brass and delicious refreshments. Thank you to everyone who made the evening such a success.

TVM Lunch

The monthly meal in aid of the TVM will be a 2-course lunch for £8 at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 11th February at 12.30pm. The TVM will be available for door-to-door pick-ups and drop-offs. Please book your place at the lunch and any pick-ups before Friday 6th February with Pauline at the Post Office or on 01380 830013.

An evening with VocalEase close harmony singing group

Saturday 14th March at Edington Parish Hall.
Tickets to be booked in advance, £10 each (includes light refreshments).
For further information please call [01380 830501](tel:01380830501)

Village Litter Pick

Please volunteer to join us in the Parish Hall car park at 9.30am on Saturday 7th March for an hour or so litter picking around the village.

Speedwatch

Mark Burgess has been trained and accepted as our coordinator for Speedwatch. He will take the lead in organising volunteers for Speedwatch in the future.

Join Our Village Speed-Watch Team!

Help Keep Our Roads Safe – Volunteer Today

Are you concerned about speeding in our village?

Do you want to make a real difference in your community? We're looking for volunteers to join our Village Speed-Watch Team!

- Work alongside friendly neighbours
- Help reduce speeding and improve road safety
- No experience necessary – training provided
- Flexible times to suit your schedule
- Make our village a safer place for everyone

Don't just complain – help stop speeding motorists!



How to get involved

Simply contact us at parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk to express your interest.

Your village. Your roads. Your safety.

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Village Lockup in the Station Yard.

Edington Fair equipment has been held in a lockup at Edington Station Yard for many years. Eric Mitchell has been efficiently keeping an eye on it and making arrangements for the borrowing of its contents for some time. He is no longer able to fulfil this role. Future arrangements need to be made. Please speak to Emily Greening or Pauline Dorgan if you would like to consider helping the village in this role.

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th February in the Parish Hall. The public are welcome to attend meetings. Meeting Minutes can be accessed at this link <https://edingtonwiltshire.org.uk/parish-council/parish-council-minutes/>

WI Report



Satellite imagery, drones, precision targeting alongside state of the art machinery. Not a description of modern warfare but of farming in the 21st century! This was the topic of our January WI meeting. A full hall of members and guests came to hear from two of Edington's oldest farming families. Emily Greening [née Pepler] who farms at Ballards with her husband James and parents Phillip and Rosemary, and Bob King who farms at Baynton and other sites with his not quite retired parents Mike and Yvonne. Both farms are mixed arable and livestock, but no longer have dairy cattle.

Emily and Bob agreed that, technology apart, the biggest change since their grandparents' day is the number of farm workers in this era of automation.

Ballards is primarily arable with cattle, sheep and pigs being very much Emily's domain. We watched a short film of a slightly surreal fully automated "milking parlour" not widely used at present but becoming more common. Emily's calves are tagged with a microchip, after which they have no secrets from her; amongst other things she can monitor their feeding from an app on her phone: the time, volume, frequency, and can use this information to detect any health problems in addition to maintaining other records.

Bob took us on a virtual tour of the arable cycle from ground preparation for sowing onto monitoring, feeding and managing the crops. Satellite imaging enables identification of the state of soil health before planting and during the growing season, with sowing, feeding and spraying targeted precisely according to the progress and condition of the plants. The only thing left to chance is the British weather! Neither farm has used insecticides for some years now, and both Emily and Bob feel that the returning ecological balance is beneficial for them and wider nature.

What of the day when a human farmer is no longer needed? Emily will still tend to her calves, James loves his machines, but Bob will be off to the Caribbean!

Forthcoming WI social activities will include: a "Theatre at Home" evening; the regular Walk and Talk on the third Wednesday of the month; and the first match of this year's skittles season.

If you are a regular user of the hall you may have seen our noticeboard with posters for events/workshops/trips organised by the Wiltshire Federation of WIs. Subject to availability, these are open to non-members, so do have look and see if anything appeals to you.

Our next meeting on February 9th will include a talk on simple Homeopathic first aid remedies. Look out for the posters nearer to the time.

Keevil School

Keevil School has enjoyed the first few weeks of the new term. We extend a special welcome to the new families who joined us in December.

We also say a very welcome hello to Alex Thwaite who joins the Keevil School community as our interim headteacher. Alex has really hit the ground running in maximising learning time to support children's learning. For anyone looking for a place in reception or KS1, Alex will be only too happy to give you a tour. Please contact the school office to book an appointment.

Our music teacher, Mrs Fowler organised a lovely start-of-term treat for the whole school by asking Music for Miniatures to perform 'Musicians' to everyone. The performance answers

the age-old question of which is better, brass vs woodwind (woodwind won!). Thank you to FoKS for funding this musical treat for everyone.

As part of their science learning, Apache class visited the Somerset earth science centre. They spent the day studying rocks and fossils and enjoyed a tour of the quarry.

Planning for our 2026 Keevil School Scarecrow trail is now underway! The event will take place in and around Keevil village by kind permission from the Parish Council and the residents. The dates are Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th May. If you would like to build or sponsor a scarecrow, please get in touch with Caroline: cjoram21@hotmail.co.uk. We are also accepting donations of bottles for the tombola, cuddly toys, and raffle prizes.

Finally, if you or anyone you know is interested in joining our staff as wraparound care leader, please see the job advert on our school website for more details.

Caroline Noonan, Chair of FoKS



Noticeboard

Edington & District Gardening Club

Edington Parish Hall

Thursday 5th February 2026

Doors Open at 7:00 pm



Bonnie Copeman

'Designing a Border in Pinks, Purples and Whites including Planting for Cut Flowers'

Members – entry £4.00

Visitors Welcome – entry £5.00

Reminder: use the SWAP SHOP – plants / seeds / books / other!



EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI

INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM ON:

TUESDAY 10th FEBRUARY 2026

AT 7.30PM

IN EDINGTON PARISH HALL

TO HEAR ABOUT:

**HOMEOPATHY and HOW TO USE
REMEDIES IN YOUR OWN HOME
with ANNE TOTTINGHAM
HOMEOPATH**



**FREE FOR MEMBERS
DONATIONS FOR VISITORS
ALL WELCOME!**

Good Quality Chairs For Sale

Up to 20 available - £10 per chair

For further information please contact

parishhall@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk



YOGA WITH MARILYN

**Would you like to improve your
strength, balance and flexibility and
also your wellbeing?**



Then why not join the Yoga class in Edington Parish Hall

When: Each Friday morning

Where: Edington Parish Hall

Time: 10.30am to 11.30am

Cost: £10.00 per session

All are welcome. If you already have a mat, please bring it with you.

**For more information contact Marilyn on 07941 095236 or
email maryoc1951@hotmail.com**



Yoga focuses on the joining together of mind, body and spirit through three main practices: postures, breathing and meditation.



EDINGTON BRASS
PRESENT

Echoes of Love In The Priory

With Special Guests
Doves Peace Choir



Join us for a beautiful celebration of love
through music.

Sunday 15th February 2026
2.30pm
Free Entry

Edington Priory
Monastery Road
Edington BA13 4QN



**Great Cheverell
Pantomime Players**
are proud to present

Wind In the Willows;
Mole's Rocky Road!



12, 13 and 14 February 2026
at The Pavilion, Great Cheverell
Curtain up 7:30pm, doors open 7pm

Tickets £10 each
Available from Cheverell Stores - cash only!

Fun for all the family! *Raffle and bar available!*

All proceeds going to local charities