

EDINGTON VILLAGE NEWS

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What's on in March

- **Thursday 5th**
 - **Devizes shopping trip**
 - **Westbury shopping trip**
 - **Gardening Club**
7pm, Parish Hall
- **Saturday 7th**
 - **Village Litter Pick**
9.30am, Parish Hall Car Park
- **Monday 9th**
 - **Parish Council meeting**
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 10th**
 - **WI Meeting**
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Wednesday 11th**
 - **TVM Lunch**
12.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Thursday 12th**
 - **Westbury shopping trip**
- **Saturday 14th**
 - **Salisbury shopping trip**
 - **Emergency First Aid training**
10am, Parish Hall
 - **VocalEase close harmony singing group**
7.30pm, Parish Hall
- **Tuesday 17th**
 - **Warminster shopping trip**
- **Wednesday 18th**
 - **Walking Group**
10am, Parish Hall

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 5 th March	9.00 am
Warminster	Tuesday 17 th March	1.25 pm
Westbury	Every Thursday	1.20 pm
Salisbury	Saturday 14 th March	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 Bell Ringers

We are a group of all ages and varying abilities. We enjoy our pastime and are enthusiastic about keeping the heritage of church bell ringing alive. Not all the members ring regularly, and not all are churchgoers, but we try to ensure that the bells are rung before all morning services. We also ring for weddings, the Remembrance Day service and on other occasions.



If you are already a ringer or have never rung before and would like to 'have a go' or learn in earnest, then we would be delighted to welcome you at Tuesday evening practices at 7pm at the Parish Church. It does not require much strength so teenagers and older all qualify as potential candidates. For some of us, the most tiring bit is climbing the stairs of the bell tower!

- **Thursday 19th**

- **Westbury shopping trip**

- **Thursday 26th**

- **Westbury shopping trip**

Weekly events

- **Monday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

Tai Chi - 11.00am - Parish Hall

- **Tuesday**

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

Coffee morning drop-in - 10.30am - Three Dagers

Bell ringing practice - 7.00pm - Parish Church

- **Wednesday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

- **Thursday**

- **Friday**

Tai Chi - 8.15am - Playfield behind the Three Dagers

Yoga with Marilyn - 10.30am - Parish Hall

Notices & Forthcoming Events

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/>

Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 9th February.

Casual Vacancy

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

Freedom of Information (FOI) Act Request

Being laypeople, the council has had to seek legal advice from our solicitors before responding to two complex FOI requests from a local resident about the playfield land swap. Unfortunately, this advice will result in considerable un-budgeted costs to the Parish budget.

Policing

PCSO Alice Moore will be visiting the Coffee Morning drop-in at The Three Dagers from 10.30 to 11.30 on Tuesday 28th April to answer any questions you may have about support from her and the Warminster Area Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Playfield

Following a visit from the Playdale company, necessary work, highlighted by their investigations, will be carried out on several pieces of play equipment.

Wiltshire Council Report

Mike Phillips offered the council the help and support of Wiltshire Council legal services if it was required for FOI or other matters.

Having been approached by concerned residents, there had been discussions between Mike and the local neighbourhood policing team following the persistent disregard of double yellow lines in the village. Car owners will be receiving letters concerning their parking on the lines.

There have been several Wiltshire Council U-turns following budget-making decisions that previously withdrew their support of Link services and closing some recycling centres. These plans will now not go ahead.

Parish Stewards are likely to have fewer hours to give their support to local villages .

Coffee Morning Drop-in

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

TVM Lunch

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

TVM AGM

The TVM AGM will be held on Wednesday 15th April at 2pm at the Edington Parish Hall. Please do come along to support this well-used village asset and offer your thoughts on what you'd like to see or what might be improved. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to attend. If you are thinking of coming along please let Pauline at the Post Office know so we can get an idea of tea and cake numbers.

Meet your local Police Community Support Officer

PCSO Alice Moore will be attending the Coffee Morning drop-in on Tuesday 28th April. The aim is to promote positive relationships and ensure that PCSOs gain a good understanding of the needs and concerns of local residents, supporting efforts to make our neighbourhood safer. Do come along to discuss crime and policing matters in our area and raise any concerns you might have.

Highway Matters / Footpaths / LHFIG

The results of the traffic survey near The City last December have been received. They show that the 85th percentile speed (i.e. the speed above which the top 15% of vehicles was traveling) was 36.61mph. There are discussions to be had about whether to instal another SID pole in this area as a result, but we feel that a more comprehensive approach to traffic on the B3098 is required. In a similar vein, the SID on Lower Road has shown that 90% of drivers are exceeding the 20mph speed limit. This SID will move to Tinhead Road in March and it is expected that similar results will be seen. Both these roads would also probably benefit from some form of traffic calming.

Crossroads Farm junction is still a matter of concern and we await a response from Wiltshire Council as to the feasibility of making the side-road approaches STOP rather than GIVE WAY priorities.

Finally, Wiltshire Council has agreed to part-fund the application of a buff-coloured High Friction Surface onto the Parish Hall footpath paving slabs at the Lower Road end. These slabs get very slippery when wet and so this new surface will help prevent falls.

Speed Watch

Mark Burgess has been trained and accepted as our coordinator for Speed Watch. He will take the lead in organising volunteers for Speed Watch in the future. Don't just complain about the traffic, volunteer to help do something about it by joining the Speed Watch team.

Battle of Ethandun Commemoration

We are investigating organising a celebration in 2028 for the 1150th anniversary of the Battle of Ethandun. This defining battle shaped the course of English history, and our village, and so we hope to celebrate it in style with a programme of events, perhaps including a re-enactment, talks, music, performances, craft displays and more. But these things don't organise themselves, and so we are seeking volunteers to form an organising committee.

Areas that will need committee volunteers to provide their help will include: Publicity & Social Media; Finance & Grants; Infrastructure & Facilities (loos, car parking, stalls etc), Event Programme; Participant Liaison (re-enactment groups, blue-light services etc); and a committee Chair to coordinate it all.

Two years to go might seem a long time but we need to start making plans soon in order to establish the event. Please contact us at parishcouncil@edingtonwiltshire.org.uk if you would be willing to spare some time to help.

Village Litter Pick

Please volunteer to join us in the Parish Hall Car Park at 9.30am on Saturday 7th March for the annual village litter pick. An hour or so of your time will go a long way to helping keep our village clean and tidy.

Flower Boxes

The council is grateful to Jacky Hiscock who has contacted the council on behalf of the Edington and District Gardening Club about the need to replace the flower box on the Steeple Ashton Road. The three flower boxes have been maintained as a very attractive welcome to the village, for which we are grateful. Hiscock Engineers Ltd will make a new box to match the other box which was replaced following damage by a car. .

Next Parish Council Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held at 7.30pm on Monday 9th March 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/>.

Emergency First Aid Training

Would you know what to do if someone collapsed right in front of you? If not this may be for you. Edington & Tinhead W.I. will be facilitating an EFA session run by The Saint John's Ambulance Service on **Saturday March 14th from 10.00 -12.00 at Edington Parish Hall.**

The session will include a short training video and hands-on resuscitation practice including use of an automated defibrillator. There is no charge but the St John's would appreciate donations to their service. If you wish to reserve a place, contact Helen on 01380 830501/ helenod42@gmail.com.

The LINK needs you and one day you may need the LINK!

The 4 villages link is in urgent need of more volunteers to meet a growing demand for its services; mostly providing transport for residents of our villages to attend hospital and medical appointments. Just a job a month would make a difference. If you think you may be able to help or to find out a bit more about us, contact one of our coordinators on 07852 256939 or Helen on 01380 830501.

Calling all knitters!

Join a new group whatever your ability meeting up on the 3rd Thursday evening monthly. The main aim is to begin knitting poppies for November, but there is an opportunity to knit hats for prem babies and anything else you fancy.

Initiated by Edington & Tinhead WI but not exclusive to the group although you can come to see what we do every 2nd Tuesday eve at the parish hall!

Contact Jackie by email: pikedjn@aol.com for more information.

WI Report



Anne Tottingham welcomed two visitors to our February meeting. She was also our evening's Speaker, giving us an insight into the history of Homeopathy and her own work as a homeopath. Anne trained for four years in the mid-1990s.

The German founder of Homeopathy living in the 18th Century, Dr Samuel Hahnemann, believed that instead of treating an isolated symptom, questions should be about the background, the whole body experience and especially when the symptoms began. He undertook scientific experiments on his friends for many years, confirming his theories on homeopathy - "similar suffering". Anne gave us a list of some remedies and explained what similar suffering means -, mirroring, treating like with like.

Examples are: Nux Vomica - poison nut, is good for nausea, sickness and hangovers. *Alium Cepa* - red onion for hay fever and colds. One member commented that she boils an onion to help at the onset of a cold! Some of the ingredients sound alarming, but Anne explained the system of dilution to 1 part in 100. Anne tends to use tablets, but there are also granules and liquids, all produced in one of the few licensed pharmacies in the country.

Animals can also be given remedies. During the Foot and Mouth outbreak a farmer in a heavily affected area put a remedy in the water trough and none of his cattle caught the disease.

It was a fascinating insight into Anne's work - the questions and comments showed our interest and Anne was warmly thanked.

In a brief session after the talk, knitting poppies and setting up a knitting/craft group, the next Walk, Skittles and the New Speakers Day were all discussed.

Next month will be the 88th birthday of Edington and Tinhead WI... The speaker will be Amy Leavin , on How Artisan Chocolate is Made. That must help us to celebrate!



Edington & District Gardening Club Report

Deadly, Dangerous and risky to hold - the title of a very interesting talk by Lucy Ellis on poisonous plants. She began with the plant causing the highest death toll worldwide - Tobacco. 8 million people die annually as a result of smoking. The most deadly if consumed - Castor oil plant with seeds that resemble ticks but with a poison that can be broken down by heat. The most dangerous to touch is Giant Hogweed, distinguishable from the common Hogweed by its blotchy stem. The sap on the skin causes burns and blisters when exposed to sunlight - phototoxicity.

The most poisonous UK herbaceous plants are Deadly Nightshade. All parts are toxic - the berries being particularly dangerous. They look like Sloes and taste delicious! Hemlock has no antidote and is responsible for tightening muscles and can be a problem weeks after being cut down. If consumed, Monkshood with its attractive blue flowers and daffodils which to some look like spring onions, are dangerous. Euphorbia, including Poinsettia and common Rue have dangerous sap. Seeds of lily of the valley, Foxgloves and Arum species are toxic.

There are killer Trees! Yew. All parts are poisonous to humans and animals except the red fleshy part of the fruit. Laburnum. Extremely poisonous particularly the seeds. Laurel. When the leaves are cut, they produce hydrogen cyanide so beware enclosed spaces! Walnut leaves can poison the soil where they fall.

Finally, Lucy gave advice to all. Protect yourself, wear gloves and always wash hands after gardening! We were very grateful to Lucy for stepping in at the last minute and enjoyed her presentation.

Keevil School

It has been another busy term at Keevil School. We're very excited to be welcoming Max Burr, former head teacher at the school, back to Keevil until the end of the academic year. Mr Burr will be our interim head teacher while we recruit a substantive head teacher. A big thank you to Alex Thwaite from West Ashton school for looking after the head teacher role for a term.

Mrs Kirsty Bayford joined the Keevil staff team for four weeks as cover for Mrs Baxter who was on a placement as part of her teacher training year. The reception children have loved having Mrs Bayford with them. A huge thank you for everything you've done during your four weeks with us! To celebrate National Storytelling Week, the Year 5 pupils enjoyed a trip to Goodson Lodge care home in Trowbridge. The children chose their favourite books to read aloud to the residents who were all delighted to hear from the children and even shared a few stories of their own.

FoKS (friends of Keevil School) kindly funded some new equipment for our Forest School. The new drills, saws and hammers arrived in February and will be put to good use in the coming weeks and months, especially as the weather improves!

Huge congratulations to Miss Norris and the Keevil School Dance Club who represented the school at the KS2 West Wilts Dance Festival. The performance was held at Bath Forum in front of a sellout crowd. The students performed a Latin-inspired routine to a song from the Disney film Encanto. It was wonderful to see the children up on stage thriving and enjoying themselves. The fun doesn't stop here though as we are already looking forward to taking part in the KS1 dance festival in June.

Plans for the Keevil School Scarecrow Trail are well underway. Thank you to everyone who has already been in touch to sponsor, offer help, and donate items for the 2026 event. We are now recruiting scarecrow builders. If you or your organisation would like to get involved, please let Caroline know (cjoram21@hotmail.co.uk). We are also keen to hear from anyone interested in becoming a sponsor. The dates are 16th and 17th May. Come and join us. More details about the fun-packed program for the weekend will be shared next month.

Caroline Noonan, FoKS Chair



Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club - The View from the Boundary



Erlestoke & Coulston Cricket Club (ECCC) is looking to increase its player pool and are looking for new, old or returning players to join our growing team numbers and to enjoy the pleasures of summer cricket, friendship and with beers to follow. Despite our club name, we have many players and members from Edington who form a key contingent in our club so please do feel welcome to come along to either play or spectate.

New players wishing to dust down or discover their cricket muscles can do so at our pre-season Sunday evening cricket nets on 15th and 29th March and 5th and 12th April, all beginning at 5pm at Lavington school.

The season starts in April with friendly mid-week matches and two Saturday teams, so there is cricket available for all levels of ability.

Parking permits are now available from the Edington Post Office, you can pay online or by cash at the Post Office.

Everyone is welcome to come and watch the cricket, enjoy the sun and take a tour of the ongoing new pavilion works as shown below. Exciting news this season is that we now have electricity from our solar panels on the old pavilion - so there will cups of tea available!

Joe Dorgan, Chairman ECCC, 07846 213702



Noticeboard

VILLAGE LITTER PICK



7th MARCH 2026

9:30AM

**PLEASE HELP CLEAN UP
THE VILLAGE**
MEET IN THE EDINGTON
PARISH HALL CAR PARK
@ 9:30AM ON

SATURDAY 7th MARCH 2026



An evening with VocalEase close harmony singing group



Six Guys in harmony
with a programme of
songs in close
harmony including folk
songs, barber shop and
popular songs from the
Beatles to the
Noughties

When – Saturday 14th March 2026 at 7.30pm

Where – Edington Parish Hall

Cost - Tickets £10 each (includes refreshments, bring your own drinks)

Tickets to be booked in advance

For further information please call 01380 830501

St James Church Bratton

Mothering Sunday Service

Sunday 15th March 2026

at 11am

Please come and join us for our Mothering Sunday Service at 11.00am in St James Church and bring your mum along too! Rev. Katey will be leading our worship, and everyone will have the opportunity to take home a small posy of flowers and to enjoy a slice of Simnel cake with their coffee after the service.

Mothering Sunday, also known as Refreshment Sunday, was introduced in the Middle Ages for people who were employed a long way from home. They were given the opportunity of returning home to their Mother Church on the fourth Sunday in Lent: this was known as "Going-a-mothering". Later in the Seventeenth century this would include seeing their own families and sometimes taking with them a cake.

Please come and join us as we give thanks for our Mothers; recognising their unconditional love, endless sacrifices, guidance and strength that shape who we are.

We look forward to seeing you

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.



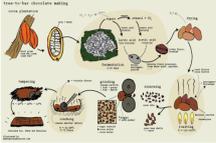


EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI
 INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM
 ON:



TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2026
AT 7.30PM
IN EDINGTON PARISH HALL
 TO HEAR
AMY LEVIN TELL US
HOW ARTISAN CHOCOLATE IS MADE
WITH THE BEST INGREDIENTS

PLUS:
 HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 88th BIRTHDAY!!



FREE FOR MEMBERS
DONATIONS FOR VISITORS
ALL WELCOME!

EDINGTON WALKING GROUP

(INITIATED by EDINGTON & TINHEAD WI)

INVITE YOU ALL TO
WALK & TALK

Every 4th Wednesday
 Meeting at **10am** at

EDINGTON CHURCH CAR PARK

The next walk will be on:

WEDNESDAY 25th MARCH 2026

BRING FRIENDS, DOGS ON LEADS....
We will walk for up to 2 hours

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CONTACT:

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 or:
 ANNE: tottinghamanne@gmail.com

Join Our Village Speed-Watch Team!

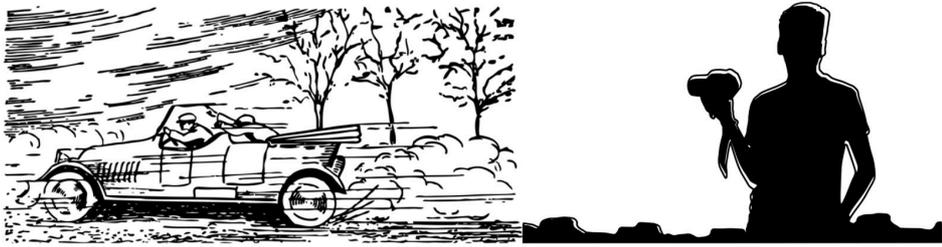
Help Keep Our Roads Safe – Volunteer Today

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.