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"There are no strangers living here, only friends that you have yet to meet."

THE EASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL AND WEBSITE

The Easterton Parish Council would like to welcome all the new residents of Easterton. We as a council are here to help engage with the community and respond where possible to its needs through representation as community advocates or the provision of services. If you would like to talk to any of us please see the list of Councillors available on the website: www.eastertonpc.org.uk
The website is a great source of information on both the village, walks, events and important updates in the area.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Registered Charity Number: 305510

THE EASTERTON VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LUNCH

Sunday 13th November 2022 starting 12 noon

This will take place in the Village Hall. Last year around 70 villagers and their families enjoyed the event, and over £1000 was raised and donated to our charities: The Royal British Legion and Easterton Village Hall. Please come along this year and make it a great day.

PLEASE NOTE: Tickets can only be bought in advance. Adults: £12.50

Children aged 6 to 16 are £6.00

Children under 6 come free.

The menu will be curry, with a non-curry and vegetarian option, and dessert and there will be a bar and a raffle. Please let us know if you prefer curry, non-curry or vegetarian or have any dietary requirements.

Seating in the Hall is limited, so do book quickly to avoid disappointment.

Please order your tickets from David Green Tel: 01380 812527

We all look forward to seeing you at the Easterton Village Hall on the day.

Country Fête Easterton 2022

This year's Fête was hugely successful and we thank everyone who supported, helped and volunteered to make it a great community event. An amount of **£2000** approx. was raised, all of which is available for distribution to village organisations and causes. If you would like to make an application for a grant, please either email us at eastertonfete@gmail.com or visit our website www.eastertonfete.com where you can download the Grant Application Form 2022.

Please return the completed form to the Fête Committee before 5pm on Friday 14th October 2022.

Thank you once again to everyone who supported and helped this year! If you would like any more information regarding the event please do not hesitate to contact us.

We hope to see you again next year for 2023!

Tara Deegan & Committee

**THE NEXT PARISH MEETING: OCTOBER
17TH AT 7.30 PM IN THE GARDEN ROOM
AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

For any further information or if you would like to attend the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk.

Email: clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

Mobile: **07437 857501**

A MESSAGE FROM CLLR DOMINIC MUNS Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons Hedges House Residents - West Lavington need your help.

Every now and again I hear people say, "There's no point objecting, they'll build it anyway", or "It's not worth the battle" or "Money talks". It annoys me, quite frankly. I've never been afraid to have a scrap and nothing gets me riled-up as much as someone who throws their weight around like they own the place. This month it was Aster's turn.

You might remember that Aster chose a Covid lockdown to tell vulnerable West Lavington residents living in Hedges House that they would lose their homes and would need to find somewhere else to live. I visited those poor souls a few times in the months that followed, and I was struck by both their determination to expose their appalling treatment, and their desire to make sure future residents were protected.

At the Eastern Area Planning Committee in September, Wiltshire Councillors voted unanimously to throw-out Aster's planning application for the Hedges House site. Emotions ran high at the meeting. It was clear that Aster had refused to listen to scores of residents who had told them face-to-face that the community needed homes suitable for elderly residents. Aster ignored us and now their application is in the bin. Good.

However, that sadly won't be the end of this sorry saga. I was quite clear when addressing the Committee; Aster should take their plans back to the drawing board and address the low ratio of bungalows to houses in their scheme so that it provides more for our elderly residents. Aster now has two options; they can follow the advice of the Committee and come up with a scheme that works for our community, or they can ignore public sentiment AGAIN and appeal to the Planning Inspectorate at significant cost to you and me.

I NEED YOUR HELP! If you feel that Aster should be listening to all of us who have stood in opposition to their plans - Hedges House tenants, the Planning Committee, the Parish Council, and many residents across the area – please add your voice to ours. Put some pressure on Aster to place our community's needs ahead of their own profit making.

PLEASE WRITE TO ASTER AND TELL THEM STRAIGHT...

"Do not ignore residents of The Lavingtons! Do not try to appeal the recent Hedges House planning decision! Amend your plans to build the type of social housing our community needs, rather than what might pay you a bigger bonus."

Send your email to Josh Dear, Regional Head of Housing at Aster josh.dear@aster.co.uk and Bjorn Howard, Group CEO bjorn.howard@aster.co.uk and feel free to copy me in too, just for the hell of it.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on Mob: 07585 394178.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

GET MORE FROM YOUR CONCESSIONARY BUS PASSES

Wiltshire Council have removed the 9:30 time restriction on all concessionary bus passes until Friday 31st March 2023. this means that you can travel on any buses in Wiltshire for free at any time of the day.

VACANT COMMERCIAL UNITS FUND GRANT SCHEME (VCUF)

New Trowbridge Future High Street scheme for vacant Commercial units.

Wiltshire Council is inviting applications from commercial and business owners or landlords.

The scheme is to target businesses and organisations to bring vacant commercial units back into use including the conversion of upper floors to residential use. This will reduce the number of vacant properties in the town centre and create new jobs for local people.

See link for more information: www.wiltshire.gov.uk/vacant-commercial-units-fund

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

MARY KYTE

How long have you lived in Easterton?

Since 1954

What brought you to Easterton?

I married my husband, Ron Kyte.

How would you describe your life in eight words?

I haven't had a hard life at all, very ordinary and hard working.

Where were you born?

Melksham in 1933 - at the farm opposite Leekes which was built on our plough ground. I lost a gold bracelet in that plough ground when I was a child, it is probably still under the car park there.

Education, where did you go to school/college/university?

I went to a convent in Chippenham and then Stonar.

Family, tell us a bit about your family?

My parents brought up my first cousin. My father's first wife died and they had a daughter. I was from his second marriage. I married Ron and we had two boys, John and Roy.

Who, in history, do you admire the most?

I think Churchill - he had the courage to stand up and send people to war and to die and that must be an awful thing to do.

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

As a farmer's wife I looked after the hens, helped with the pigs and brought up the boys.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Knitting, sewing and embroidery - I liked canvas and I knitted jumpers and cardigans.

Who/what is your favourite author/book?

I never did much reading but I always liked Daphne du Maurier.

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

No

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

Downton Abbey and Last of the Summer Wine

Is there a plant/flower that is a particular favourite?

Delphiniums and foxgloves because they are just beautiful and there are many colours and variations of delphiniums.

If you could eat only one thing for the rest of your days, what would it be?

Fruit, soft fruit

How have the last few COVID months been for you?

Not much different to normal.

as told to Kate Dihnott-Cooper

ARE YOU ENERGY LITERATE?

Knowing how much electricity a product consumes is not enough!

A kilowatt is a 1000watts and the amount of electricity a product consumes is measured in kilowatt hour.

Thus a 4kW rated tumble dryer used for two hours would consume 8kWh of electricity (4kWx2hours=8kWh)

See below for a guide on what it might cost per hour of use in pence: This will vary from brand to brand of product.

33kW: 353p Gas central heating boiler (semi-detached house)

24kW: 257p Gas central heating boiler (a flat)

3kW-16kW: 102-544p Air-source heat pump (depends on size installed)

9kW: 306p Electric shower

6kW: 204p Dual electric immersion heater

4kW: 136p Tumble drier

3.5kW: 37p Gas oven

3kW: 102p Electric oven

3kW: 102p Electric kettle

2kW: 21p Single gas burner on stove

2kW: 68p Single ring on electric stove

2kW: 68p Oil electric radiator

1.5kW: 51p 1 ring on electric cooker

0.9kW: 31p Microwave oven

0.56kW: 19p Infrared heating panel

0.320kW: 11p 42" plasma TV

0.2kW: 7p Slow cooker

0.1kW: 4p Electric blanket

0.06kW: 2p Laptop

0.05kW: 2p Halogen spot lamp

0.005kW: 0.2p LED light bulb

0.002kW: 0.1p Electric toothbrush

Taken from article in The Independent

ENERGY Surviving the Fuel Crisis with a Remoska® cooker by Easterton resident: Vivian Boughton

And it is cheap to run... Apart from its versatility this is the most important thing, as we face a very difficult time ahead with fuel costs. It is incredibly cheap to run, working on the same voltage as a light bulb and it works ! It was invented just before the Second World War in Czechoslovakia by an electrical engineer called Oldřich Homuta. It was manufactured extensively during the 40 years of Communist rule, when people were very hard up – it was cheap, efficient and often replaced the oven in people's small kitchens.



Here are some of the features listed on the Lakeland website, who are the official sellers of the Remoska:

- Compact and very economical – uses hardly any electricity, only 400W.
- Heats up quickly and has excellent heat conductivity.
- Cooks anything you can cook in an oven.
- Heat-resistant trivet included.
- 2 litre capacity.

I have lived with a Remoska happily now for some 15 or 16 years, in my small flat in Bristol, and later in London, and also for a while when I was living in a caravan, and it consistently is my most go-to cooking utensil for anything from soups and stews to baked potatoes, pies, cakes and bread.

It is fast, heats up very quickly and is incredibly economic in terms of electrical power. You can cook absolutely anything in it. If bought new it comes with a cook book to start you off, with 200 recipes covering a basic roast, burgers, pies, soups, stews, any kind of eggs, soufflés, puddings, cakes, pasta dishes, sauces etc. I don't think there is anything you cannot cook in a Remoska.

SAFETY POINT: the lid gets very hot, and when taken off care must be taken to rest it on the provided rests on the outside of the lid, with the heating part not in contact with anything else. **You must not put the inside heating element in the lid directly on a work surface.**

A final word of advice: Originally I bought one back in about 2005, and I loved it as I have indicated above. Eventually, probably because I hawked it around and didn't really look after it as I should have, the wiring broke, and I promptly bought another, more updated version. Personally I preferred the original version, and although I used the later one very successfully for a while, I hankered after the original type... and then I found the second-hand market for these on Ebay. Because I am so convinced about the efficiency and economy-saving nature of the Remoska I recently bought two of the original version on Ebay, and am keeping the extra one just in case!

Lately the Remoska people have taken the whole venture to a new level with the new 3-in-1 Oven to table version, which incorporates a pressure cooker facility in it. You can investigate the new versions of the Remoska on the Lakeland website, and you can also look at the Remoska.eu website. They aren't that cheap new, and if you are really strapped for cash I suggest you look on Ebay. Good luck... and if you want any further information or advice you can contact me:

Air Fryers An air fryer is similar to an oven in the sense that it bakes and roasts, but the difference is its heating elements are only located on top and are accompanied by a powerful fan, resulting in food **that's cooked quicker than by conventional oven** without having to pre-heat. Air fryers will cost on average **34p per hour** from next month, with conventional ovens costing 68p per hour, according to www.moneysavingexpert.com

I have one and love it. It is brilliant and does what it says and in a quicker time than a conventional oven, you can also cook cakes! I find that the taste of the food is better and chips are fantastic and it saves time, uses less oil. The model I have, also dehydrates, roasts, and bakes and is easy to clean.

Slow Cooker At the other end of the scale, a slow cooker takes longer to cook than a conventional cooker, **but costs a lot less per hour - only 8p**, according to www.moneysavingexpert.com/

I have one of these too and it is very useful for cooking through the day, especially stews and is ready for when you come in from work.

Judy Boyt

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

Churchwardens

Sue Allen

Sue Somerville

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First of all a big thank you to all those who contributed to our Harvest Festival. The donations were collected up and delivered to the Food Bank in Devizes where they were gratefully received and will be put to good use.

There will be a Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy Sale for Church funds on the 29th October at Sue Somerville's House - 22 White St, Easterton, from 10.00am to 12.00pm.

Please note the **Remembrance Service and Annual Remembrance Lunch** which are always such an important part of our year and details of which you will find separately in this newsletter.

Also - though not until **December 11th**, the **annual Toy Service** when we donate toys to the Salvation Army Christmas collection - time to check out those unused toys etc - even though it still seems too early to think about Christmas!

We are also pleased to say that there has been a good response to the idea of a Christmas Tree Festival - again details were in last months news but there is still time to catch up and get designing!

Date	Time	Church	Service
2nd Oct	10:30am	St Mary's Church, Market Lavington	Benefice Communion A celebration of St Francis of Assisi
9th Oct	11:00am	Community Hall, Market Lavington	joint service of St Barnabas, St Mary's and Trinity URC
16th Oct	11:00am	St Barnabas Church	Holy Communion Common Worship
	5:30pm	St Barnabas Church	Evening Prayer
28th Oct	6:30pm	St Barnabas Church	All Souls Service
13th November	10:30am	St Barnabas Church	Dedication of the new Commemorative Stone installed in the Garden of Remembrance

These are the services at St Barnabas in October but there are also services at West Lavington (5th Sunday Service All Saints Day) at 10.30am.

The next Benefice Service will be on November 6th at 10.30am, St Peter's Church, Little Cheverell

Remembrance Sunday Service – 10:30am on Sunday 13th November 2022

Our annual Remembrance Sunday Service is held again this year in St Barnabas' Church. After the service, we will move to the churchyard where we will dedicate the new commemorative stone installed in our small Garden of Remembrance, and place crosses to remember the many sacrifices made by those who gave their tomorrow so that we can enjoy our today.

Please come, bring your memories and thoughts and join with us at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday 13th November at St Barnabas' Church.

Gordon Somerville

THE ROYAL OAK, EASTERTON WELCOMES YOU

Victoria and Craig of the Royal Oak would like to share with you their new contact details so that you can book a table. Tel: **01380 812386**. email: theroyaloak@gmail.com

Food is available at the following times:



FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN THE

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT DETAILS
14th and 15th Oct	Who Dunnit - A Grand Design for Murder by the Urchfont Players	Urchfont Hall	tickets from either: Gill Hill 01380 840794 or Urchfont Village Shop
16th October	Edington Ensemble Strauss and Mozart Piano Quartets	Market Lavington Community Hall	Tickets: Daphne Moody 07701 078606 daphne.moody@btinternet.com
22nd Oct	Edington Arts 2022 Choral Workshop Simon Carrington will lead a day of learning Britten's "Rejoice in the Lamb" and Elgar's "God is Great"	Priory Church, Edington	www.edingtonarts.org/whats-on for more information email: anne@edingtonarts.org
26th, 28th 29th Oct	White Horse Opera L'elisir d'Amore	Lavington School 7:30pm	www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera

Lavington Community Choir returns to singing on Thursday 15th September at Lavington Community Hall **8:00pm for an 8.15pm start**

For more information Contact: pboyagis@gmail.com

Website www.lavingtoncommunitychoir.org

THE EASTERTON ARCHERS

ARE YOU INTERESTED OR SKILLED IN ARCHERY?

THE EASTERTON ARCHERS NEED YOU AND VOLUNTEERS

The Easterton Archery Club was originally formed in 1976 and has been active since then until the pandemic struck in 2019! Those of us who have been running it have decided it is time for us to step aside so we are looking for new volunteers to take it on.

There is a substantial amount of equipment all housed in a trailer and the club has funds.

We used to meet on a Wednesday evening during the summer months in the **Village Hall field** from approx. 6pm until 8pm. We had tried Sundays with success too so it can be flexible

If anybody is interested in Archery and especially if they wish to become involved in organising then please contact Richard Armstrong at richard@ritech-systems.com

Please be aware that I will not be picking up email regularly until beginning October so bear with me.
Richard Armstrong



Market Lavington Surgery Plans for the Flu Clinics 2022

We know that so soon after one of the hottest summers we have had in years, it seems a little early to be thinking about the Flu season. However, it will be fast upon us, please find our proposed dates for Market Lavington Surgery in 2022 listed below. We are continuing managing the ongoing threats posed by Covid-19 by using the pre-booked system. The Government confirmed in July 2022 that Flu vaccinations would again be available for all patients over 50.

Appointments must be pre-booked.

A 'turn up and wait' service will not be operating this year. If you believe you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact the Surgery on **01380 812500** to book your appointment.

Clinics will be held at the Surgery

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Time	Organiser Contact Details
MONDAY	Positive Connections: Dog Scent training Email: dyer@hotmail.co.uk	4.00pm - 8.30pm	Jo Thistleton-Dyer Mob: 07737 205884
TUESDAY	Marlborough and District Canine Society		Dave Long Tel: 01380 720660
WEDNESDAY	The Easterton Sewing Bees	7.00pm - 9.00pm	Judy Boyt Mob: 07860 242836 Helen Hardman Mob: 07584 060644
THURSDAY	Short Mat Bowls and Social Club	7.00pm	Chris Saunders Tel: 01380 812317
FRIDAY	Yoga with Ginny	10.30pm- 12noon	Ginny Clothier Mob: 07973 517029

LINK GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Link scheme is looking for more volunteers to help drive people to their appointments.

ANYONE NEEDING A LIFT TO SURGERY, HOSPITAL OR SHOPPING OR JUST A HELPING HAND in the Easterton, Market Lavington & Urchfont area, please contact the Link Coordinator: Tel: **01380 812755**

Keep up to date with improvement works

Contractors working on Wiltshire Council's behalf are carrying out road resurfacing and associated works in a number of towns across Wiltshire. You can see the full list of all roadworks taking place in the county by visiting the [One Network map](#) and typing 'Wiltshire' into the search box.

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WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE CLOTHING RECYCLING BANK IS BACK IN EASTERTON BY THE BUS STOP ON THE HIGH STREET

It's an easy way to turn your old clothing, shoes and more into donations for this lifesaving charity. Wiltshire Air Ambulance needs to raise £4million p year to keep operating. they are available up to 19hours a day, 365 days p year and attend on average, three incidents a day. find all the recycling banks here: www.recyclingsolutions.org.uk/clothing-banks/

SHARED LIVES

The Shared Lives Service helps people live as part of a family, within the carers home, where they receive the support or care that they need. The main purpose is to offer care or support to men and women over 18 who require support to live independently alongside other people in a family like setting. For more information contact Wiltshire Council:

<https://adults.wiltshire.gov.uk/Services/1366>

COMMUNITY POLICING Community Support Officer

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Easterton Parish Council Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is here to help anyone Please contact **any of us below for help**

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Please send your news in so that we can keep the community informed.

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