



Welcome from the Chairman



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

The last few days have shown how true that this is, particularly the heartening response to the request for volunteers to support residents, who have been advised to self-isolate. We have access to some 20 volunteers who are mobile and 10 others who can support in the administration of each call for help.

If you are able to and wish to volunteer your help, then please contact one of the main Administrators of the Volunteer Scheme, see below.

These special Coronavirus editions will initially be on a weekly basis, if possible, in order to keep everyone up to date with developments, Wiltshire Council updates and relevant support information for those in self isolation.

The last paper Echoes were delivered by hand, two weeks ago. Huge thanks from us to the fantastic team over the years, most of whom are now self isolating, keep safe.

We aim to continue getting the Echoes out to you and have moved to a digital method to share important news. For this to be a success we need your help to let as many people know (safely and from the advised distance) to check their emails (plus junk box).



New Electronic System



This is the first Electronic Echoes using a very secure system called Boomcast. To date, Parish Councillors have been gathering and collating the contact details of over 60% of the Easterton Households, so that we could roll out this new digital broadcast communication system. We would hope that the remaining 40% will join us soon, so please spread the word and if you or your neighbour hasn't already agreed to let us use your contact details safely, it is not too late.

Please send your details, name, email address, mobile, landline and house address to our Parish Clerk, Gillian Tatum: clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

I realise that this is a lot to ask, but I now want to appeal to everyone receiving this message by digital broadcast to contact their neighbours to establish either:-

A) that the neighbour(s) have or can provide contact details (name, address, email, mobile and/or landline) to the Parish Clerk.

Or if technology is not available:

B) that the neighbour(s) wish to continue receiving news & updates in paper form – in which case the contact information is also still required please so that we have that on record.

We would ask that if someone you know hasn't got a computer or printer that you could print the Echoes and deliver a paper copy for them both now and in the future. If this is not possible then we would like to know so that we can organise a different way of getting the Echoes or other information to them.

The Volunteer Scheme

The main Administrators of the Volunteer Scheme or for any help are as follows:

Cllr. Victoria Turner Tel: 01380 699043
Mob: 07725 269718
Email: victoria@badgerswood.net

Cllr. Anthony Snook Mob: 07831 116136
Email: anthohnsnook@tiscali.co.uk

Cllr. Judy Boyt Tel: 01380 818719
Mob: 07860 242836.
Email: judy@judyboyt.com

Community Volunteer:

Briony Clarke Mob: 07976 798196
Email: briony@padesk.com

If you need help with essential shopping, collecting medicines or errands please contact any one of the above for help.

Stop Press Items

Government COVID-19 reminder. Please click on link for information below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

Prescriptions – Market Lavington surgery advises contacting the Community Collector Tel: [0300 1233442](tel:03001233442). if you are having problems with prescriptions, beware this service works to office hours, 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday at the moment.

Day Lewis Pharmacy, Market Lavington closes, we believe, from 12 noon to 2pm for deep cleaning every day, so best to avoid those times. We are awaiting confirmation from Day Lewis.

Wiltshire Council has set up a **Wiltshire Wellbeing Hub** designated specifically for the most vulnerable residents to receive support and guidance during COVID-19. The phone line number is **0300 003 4576** and will be open from **Saturday 27 March - working hours only.**

There are some March issues of the Parish and Community magazine that remain undelivered. These can be collected from St Barnabas Church porch which remains open every day.

The children's play area remains closed until further notice – please respect this.



Shopping Update



See the latest information on availability of local resources below:

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| Planks Farm Shop | 01380 848691 | enquiries@planksfarmshop.co.uk |
| Walter Rose Butchers | 01380 722335 | |
| R Douse & Son Butchers | 01380 812344 | |
| Heritage Drive Thru | 01380 860968 | drivethru@heritagefinefoods.co.uk |
| Ashton Farms of Wiltshire | 01380 870758 | sales @ashtonfarms.co.uk |

Time slots for over 70's and vulnerable are available as follows:

The Co-op. Mon-Sat 8am - 9am and Sun 10am - 11am

Iceland, Devizes Wednesday 9am-11am

This is changing all the time, so if you hear of a fresh source please share it with us.

The main supermarkets are suffering from 'overload' at present with delivery slots within 2 weeks being very hard, if not impossible, to find – so local shopping for bits & pieces may become the norm for some time.



New Features Wanted for the New Easterton Echoes



Stepping into the future of the New Echoes we would like to encourage new articles and features that reflect the village and community. We are presently putting together a team who will present the Echoes both for electronic distribution and print format too. But we would like to open out the information and add features such as; a request page, a children's and youth page with their own contributions and stories. Ideas page such as a community project. A weekly recipe page? WI, clubs and groups news pages.

If you have ideas on what you would like to see in the Community News, your local paper - the Echoes, please do let us know. Contact either:

Anthony Snook anthonysnook@tiscali.com

or Judy Boyt judyboyt@judyboyt.com

I have received a prompt to consider a grand celebration when this pandemic is finally defeated – definitely something to look forward to.

Until then keep safe.

Chris Saunders. Chairman Easterton Parish Council