

“There are no strangers living here only friends that you have yet to meet.”

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Chairman’s Report

Planning Applications dealt with:-

19/11584/FUL – New 3 bed dwelling on infill land south east of 2 Kings Rd.

No objections recognising that this is a renewal of lapsed previously agreed applications – with the proviso that height and mass of the original planned house is not exceeded.

19/11921/OUT – Outline Planning Proposal for proposed erection of 4 no. self/custom build dwellings at land at The Clay, Easterton. After a short but detailed presentation by the applicant’s agent questions were invited from some 12 members of the public attending. The statutory view of your Parish Council was that we object principally because the application conflicted heavily with Wiltshire Council’s Core Strategy 2 requirement for infill only in small communities. This argument was allied to a number of other negative considerations.

Strawberry Fields Housing Development – Many of the unsatisfactory small planning issues identified at a site meeting in December remain outstanding, and a further site meeting with both the contracts manager and the site manager is being pursued.

Potholes, potholes, potholes! –They don’t get get dealt with by magic but rely upon being reported to Wiltshire Highways. Whilst your Parish Councillors make efforts to report these issues on your behalf we can’t be everywhere all the time. Please help yourself, and us, by reporting issues online to:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/mywiltshire-online-reporting

(where you can also app download from this page)

Register or report if already registered, then select “Report it” from the left hand column.

Ash Die Back Community Meeting in MOD Tidworth – two parish councillors attended this meeting and they confirm that the effects of this disease can pose a serious safety risk where infected trees weaken suddenly. The Salisbury Plain Training Area (SPTA) is having essential and significant work carried out to combat this disease which will involve the closure of the A345 on some nights to facilitate the movement of specialist equipment.

For more information please contact 08000223334 –

foetrycommission@landmark.mod.uk

Please adhere to any signage posted in areas affected and do not spread this disease by careless movement.

Diseased ash trees on private land should not be ignored, and those on public land should be reported to Wiltshire Council (see note on reporting above)

Village Photographs: With our new Village website being formed as I write we could do with interesting photos of the Village, if possible covering all the seasons. If you can donate pictures please

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email them to Cllr Andy Fuller – andy.fuller@newington.house (Newington House, 8 Eastcott, Devizes SN10 4PJ).

SPTA Newsletter: For those of you with access to the internet the following hyperlink can be used to access this and the firing times:

www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter.

The Next Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, 17th February, 2020** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number 305510

Hall Modernisation Programme

The trustees have continued their fund-raising efforts with some success. Sufficient funds are now available for the Phase 2 works and the contractor has already started this work. If all goes to schedule, we should have a new suite of ladies' toilets and a new storeroom, both in the East extension, available around the end of February. The hall will be available for use, albeit with some limitations in the meantime. Anybody who plans to use the hall during this time are advised to discuss their requirements with the booking secretary, David Green T: 01380812527 or E: davidgreen5@btinternet.com

Hall Facilities and Charges

The Hall currently offers one auditorium/function room, a stage, toilets (including disabled and baby changing facilities), a kitchen (with hob, cooker, microwave, chiller cabinet, glass washer, kettles and washing up with hot and cold water), a separate bar/servery (with glass washer, a chiller cabinet, washing up and kettles). The kitchen and bar are stocked with crockery, cutlery and glasses. The hall also holds on behalf of the village 2 frame tents, gazebos and folding tables. There are 100 upholstered chairs and some 70 plastic chairs.

Charges are due to be reviewed by 1 April 2020, but are currently set at:

Easterton residents and Parish functions	£6 per hour
Non Easterton residents	£7 per hour
Local government, polling etc	
Commercial and youth events	£12 per hour
Events – fete, Burns' supper etc	£5 per hour

Most bookings require a £50 deposit, refundable if the terms of the hiring agreement are met. Youth events (which in all cases must have adult supervision) may attract a higher deposit at the discretion of the trustees.

Special rates may be arranged for regular hirers.

WiFi in the Hall

A grant from the Parish Council – provided by the Community Infrastructure Levy from the Former Jam Factory developer – will fund the provision of WiFi in the Hall. Further details will be published in due course, but the Village Hall Committee would welcome and support any proposal to establish a regular computer club or forum. It is envisaged that younger elements of the Village may be able to offer help



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and advice to the more senior (and in many cases less computer savvy) residents with their computers, tablets and mobile 'phones. Anybody who is interested should speak to any committee member/trustee.

VE Day Commemoration

The committee is planning, hopefully in collaboration with the Parish Council, an event to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. This will be on the rescheduled **May Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May**. The theme will be 1940s and there will be live (and appropriate) music, food, a bar and a raffle. Planning is at an early stage, but the band is booked, so watch for details.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

First, and most importantly, a huge thank you to those who supported and organised our Christmas events in St Barnabas. Thirty people made Christmas wreaths under Sally Bullock's direction, many people purchased packs of the St Barnabas Christmas card (a photo of part of the plaster relief in the church), and many supported our weekend Christmas Tree Festival under the direction of June Wright with children's crafts run by Collette Carson. A wonderful selection of unique trees were provided by Easterton Village Hall, Irene Bulsom, St Barnabas School, the WI and, exclusively from Market Lavington; the Library, the Community Choir, the Museum, Trinity Church, the Knit and Natter group, the Brownies, Gemini Hairdressers, Mums and Chums and the Green Dragon. Thank you all very much for proving community spirit is not dead!

Church services in February for the Lavingtons and Easterton can always be found on a poster in the porch of St Barnabas as well as at the back of the Market Lavington and Easterton magazine delivered to all households. Specific to St Barnabas in February is the Lay Led Service on 16th February at 10.30 a.m. and Parish Communion on 23rd February at 11 a.m. The church is opened every day for private meditation and tea and coffee is always available on a 'help yourself' basis in the St Barnabas Room.

While St Barnabas PCC fundraises to keep the church well maintained, we do our best to support those less well off than ourselves by charitable giving. In kind, during 2019, we took many boxes of donations to the Devizes Food Bank after our Harvest Festival service, while our Toy Service provided many bags of new toys in answer to the Salvation Army appeal. In 'cash', the Remembrance Sunday service raised £91.21 and this, together with the Village Hall curry lunch, where a wonderful £460 was raised, gave £551.20 to the annual Poppy Appeal. Over the Christmas period through the Christingle Service, £114 was donated to the Children's Society, which aids vulnerable children, especially teenagers, through projects and accommodation, while collections contributed to the charity 'Crisis' providing the homeless with accommodation and food at Christmastime.

Please remember ALL are very welcome at any or all services in St Barnabas.

Pat Morrison – Church Warden Tel. 812357

EASTERTON SHORT MAT BOWLS & SOCIAL CLUB

(not affiliated)

We are a small private club that meets every Thursday evening 7.30 to 10pm in the Village Hall for friendly 'ends' of team bowling. This is primarily a relaxed social evening with a break for light refreshment.



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We would like to 'grow' our membership beyond the present 14 and we would welcome enquiries from anyone of any age – or just turn up and see if you would like to join in.

You don't need any experience or special equipment other than smooth soled shoes or slippers (or even just an extra pair of socks!)

A selection of different sized bowls are held for you to try/use – you don't need to buy them. More than one mat is available so teams needn't be overcrowded.

First evening is free, normally £3, plus a small annual sub of £8.

Why not give us a try? You don't need to commit to every Thursday.

Enquiries to Chris Saunders Tel: 812317

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON WI

On 11th February at 7.30pm in the Old School the W.I. will be holding its AGM. This is a great chance to find out about what has happened and what is in store for the year to come. Our President will also be giving a talk. Who knows what possible secrets may be revealed? Why not come and join us?

If you would like any further information about our WI please contact Wendy Gibbon, WI Secretary on 01380 818654.

WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The staff and committee of West Lavington Youth Club would like to thank you all for your continued support. Current opening times for the Youth Club at West Lavington Centre are as follows:

*Mondays 7.00-9.00pm
Thursdays 6.30pm-8.30pm Drop in session
Fridays 7.00pm-9.00pm*

All young people are welcome – come in and keep warm on these cold winter evenings and make new Friends.

Eric Freeman, Chairman, Management Committee

REMEMBER.... That it is your input which keeps the Echoes going so if you have any contributions such as small private ads or announcements for this newsheet please either hand them in to Sue Allen, 57 High Street or email me on oceanbamboo43@gmail.com by 20th February, 2020.

Susan Deegan - 01225708670



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