

EASTERTON ECHOES

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

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE:

"Snippets" from our Parish Council Virtual Meeting 15th June

We welcomed **Richard Brooks** as a fully co-opted Parish Councillor. Richard will undertake Governance responsibility – a lead role previously covered by the much missed late Andy Fuller.

COVID-19 Volunteer activity – your parish council led support team continue to monitor the needs of vulnerable residents.

The Jam Factory, Strawberry Fields – GreenSquare directors are working on an information and historical board to position at the site entrance. The 'Jam Factory' manual fire 'engine' has been located in Swindon but it is possibly too large to be displayed locally.

First Aid or a second defibrillator? – Councillors are discussing whether to promote another defibrillator at the Village Hall end of the village and/or to hold First Aid days for residents to develop greater expertise and essential knowledge in First Aid, or both! Please let us know your opinion - speak to a Councillor or contact the Parish Clerk.

Ash die back – this isn't going away! (see report of planned work on MoD land). Wiltshire Highways are also engaging with this countywide problem **BUT** residents must be vigilant in monitoring the condition of all trees on their property – diseased trees can rapidly become unstable and dangerous - if concerned contact an accredited tree surgeon for advice.

Highways & Byways – our new Wiltshire Council Parish Steward Kevin Surgenor will have started work in the village by the time that you read this. He has much new growth to catch up with and to get to know the village on his one day a month visits – please welcome him.

Your own Property Responsibilities – where your vegetation affects village areas of common usage (stream, pavements, footpaths, bridleways, tracks or indeed highways) now is the time to increasingly step up to your responsibilities and maintain your boundaries. Needless to say all debris must be safely disposed of in a correct manner and not fly-tipped. (See article on fly tipping and litter)

Childrens Play Area – regrettably this area must remain closed until COVID-19 restrictions are further relaxed.

NEXT PARISH VIRTUAL COUNCIL MEETING July 20th 2020 at 19:30 hrs

Any member of the public wishing to participate please call the Parish Clerk by 12 noon on 20th July. Tel: 07979 866387 or email clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

Please note you will need access to a laptop/desktop computer, iPad or smart phone. Full instructions will be given and no software or cost is involved. Alternatively questions may be submitted to the Clerk by email or via phone. **ALL WELCOME**

EASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- Do you need help with essential shopping, collecting medicines or errands?
- **Please contact any of us on list below for help**, we will try and organise support from the Easterton Volunteers Group.

EASTERTON VOLUNTEER SUPPORT CONTACTS:

BE SAFE, BE ISOLATED BUT DON'T BE ALONE, PLEASE CALL US FOR HELP AND SUPPORT, DON'T WAIT.

VOLUNTEER CONTACT	Tel: No:	Address
Councillor Victoria Turner	01380 699043 07725 269718	victoria@badgerswood.net
Councillor Anthony Snook	07831 116136	anthonysnook@tiscali.co.uk
Councillor Judy Boyt	01380 818719 07860 242836	judy@judyboyt.com
Community Volunteer Briony Clarke	07976 798196	briony@padesk.com

FACE MASK ADVICE FROM THE HEALTH AND SAFETY EXECUTIVE

The wearing of face masks on public transport or some places of work, the following Health and Safety Executive (HSE) guidelines .

- Before putting on a mask, clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.
- Cover mouth and nose with mask and make sure there are no gaps between your face and the mask.
- Avoid touching the mask while using it; if you do, clean your hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

- Replace the mask with a new one as soon as it is damp and do not re-use single-use masks.
- To remove the mask: remove it from behind (do not touch the front of mask); discard immediately in a closed bin; clean hands with alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water.

For further information and advice about returning to work go to the HSE website: www.hse.gov.uk

PPE suppliers and Business support

To help businesses prepare for re-opening, the council is providing a list of suppliers who are offering PPE supplies click on website link below:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/business-advice-support-covid19

TAKE YOUR LITTER HOME



It has been noted that with the increase in the public using the byways, paths and bridleways there is an increase in litter being dropped or thrown into the hedges. In addition to this there is the amount of dog faeces not being picked up.

THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR FLY-TIPPING.

You can be prosecuted if your waste is illegally fly-tipped, even if dumped by someone else. We all have a duty of care under the Environmental Protection Act to ensure that they only give their waste to authorised persons, with a waste carriers licence, check that the person is an authorised waste carrier by visiting the website:

www.environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers

or call the **Environment Agency** Tel: **03708 506506**.

Fly Tipping is causing harm to both the environment and to wildlife with unknown harmful substances and materials that can leach into watercourses or be consumed by animals, the latter in some cases being poisoned. Councils can track whose rubbish it is by searching and sifting through the pile and getting a paper trail - once they know where and who, they will call on that person. So beware, of waste collectors cold calling or especially advertising on the social media. - either go to the official recycling centres or contact the Council and report a problem click on this link: www.wiltshire.gov.uk or by downloading the My Wiltshire App.

FLYTIPPING IN EASTERTON

Please find attached picture of the disgraceful mess that has been 'fly tipped' or rather chucked over the garden fence.

To the people responsible for disposing of garden waste in the bank of Sam Moore's Lane (EAST5 Byway) would they kindly clear it up ASAP prior to it costing Wiltshire Council or for that matter the villagers of Easterton with their Council Tax contributions.

All fly tipping will be reported to Wiltshire Council and fines issued when necessary



WILTSHIRE HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES

You can now book online

Because of the need to limit people on site to ensure social distancing, the Council have implemented an online booking only system.

- People can only visit a HRC with a pre-booked slot; anyone who turns up without a booking will not be allowed to access the site.
- Online bookings to household recycling centres (HRCs), book up to three days in advance.
- Staff on the gate will check registration numbers against a list of bookings.
- Sites will be able to accept soil, rubble, plasterboard, textiles and, at some sites, asbestos once again.
- Only one person can get out of each car, staff cannot help to unload waste.
- Trailers or vehicles 3.5 tonnes and over will not be permitted.

To find out more about the new booking system, please [Click here for FAQs and recycling](#)

TIME TO RENEW GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS

The cost of having garden waste collected will be £50 per bin for the year.

Current garden waste subscriptions were due to expire on 30 June 2020, but customers should continue to present their bin to be emptied on their usual collection day with their current 2019-2020 red sticker until they receive a new one. Garden waste bins displaying a red 2019/20 bin sticker will continue to be emptied until 31 August. to renew or sign up click on link below:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/gardenwaste

Other options for composting are available if you don't have room for a garden waste bin. Tel: 0300 456 0102. or click on link:

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

GOVERNMENT UPDATES relating to the ease down rules

Please note that rules may have changed by the time this issue goes out. So if in doubt please check first. Click [here](#) for information.

Presently, up to six people will be able to meet outside (in parks, gardens and other private outdoor spaces) but strictly continuing to observe social distancing rules by staying two metres apart.

From July 6th

Those vulnerable who are shielding will be able to have more freedom to see other people.

- meet up to 6 people outdoors and form support bubbles with other households.

From August 1st the extremely vulnerable who are at risk will no longer need to shield in England.

To stay safe, the public must still do the following :

- Take hygiene precautions when they are outside
- Wash their hands as soon as they are back indoors
- Keep at least two metres apart from anyone outside their household at all times
- Take hand sanitiser with them in case there are no hand washing facilities.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

Parking enforcement

The council have re-introduced parking enforcement at all car parks, on residential and on-street parking areas. People using car parks should note the following guidance:

- Please pay using a [digital permit](#), contactless if possible or cash (no change given).
- Where possible, people should park leaving one space or more between cars to aid social distancing. This may not always be possible, but it may be achievable in quieter car parks.

For more information upon parking and charges please email:

parking@wiltshire.gov.uk

COVID-19 REGIONAL TESTING SITES

Drive-through pre-booked coronavirus testing facilities are open

To book a NHS test click on link below:

[nhs covid19 testing](#)

If you don't have internet access and wish to book Phone 119

For GOV.UK essential worker test portal click on link:

www.gov.uk/apply-coronavirus-test-essential-workers

SHARED LIVES

Shared Lives is a unique caring arrangement enabling more than 14,000 people nationally with a learning or physical disability, mental ill health, dementia or other ongoing needs, to share their carer's home and family life. Shared Lives promotes people's rights, choices and independence and helps vulnerable people feel included in family life and community activities.

Currently [Shared Lives Wiltshire](#) is looking to recruit to the local scheme.

People with care and support needs are referred to the scheme and matched with a formerly-recruited carer in Wiltshire.

The carer is paid between £371 and £571 per week and receives support, training and guidance from the Shared Lives team at Wiltshire Council.

If people would like to find out more Click on this link: [Shared Lives Wiltshire](#) or Tel: **01380 826451** or email sharedlives@wiltshire.gov.uk

EASTERTON COUNTRY FÊTE

This fantastic annual village event is still in the events calendar August 31st August 2020. This promises to be a great day out for all the family especially after the months of Lockdown we have had to endure.

Please contact via email if you wish to have a stand there or for more information.

Email: eastertonfete@gmail.com

Website: www.eastertonfete.com

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

The forecast relaxation of COVID-19 Government restrictions to take effect on 4th July does mean that the Hall could re-open from that date **but** there are a raft of Special Conditions plus revised Risk Assessments for both hirers and the Hall's trustees.

Unfortunately, parties and large social gatherings are still banned.

The present Social Distancing rules of 2m remain an aggravating if not almost impossible feature, when this rule is relaxed the trustees will look at the situation again. In the meantime a team of volunteers have taken the opportunity to completely redecorate inside the Hall in preparation for a return to some normality.

CHURCH NEWS

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Sadly the church building is still locked and unavailable, however, the Church community is very much open and functioning.

- There is a Benefice - wide service every Sunday morning between 10 and 11am. This takes place on Zoom and includes worship and an opportunity to talk to people from across all five churches in the Benefice. It is both informal and very enjoyable and open to all.
- Anyone wishing to join needs to get in touch with the Reverend Marion to get the code and invitation required by Zoom.

The Rev. Marion Harrison **01380 816963** Pat Morrison **01380 812357**

Email: lavingtonrector@gmail.com or lavingtonchurch@gmail.com

OBITUARIES

KEITH PALMER

It is with great sadness to report that Keith Palmer passed away peacefully surrounded by family on June 15th. A private family funeral will be held on June 30th. He will be travelling through Easterton High Street at 1pm if you wish to pay your respects.

STEVE WRAGG

Landlord of the Green Dragon , Market Lavington sadly passed away peacefully on Friday 19th June, following a long illness.

As Nicky and Jesse will be unable to hold a normal funeral at this time, we would love it if you could share any tributes, memories, photos or stories about Steve on the tribute page.

<https://www.forevermissed.com/stephen-wragg/>

WARNING ABOUT FAKE EMAILS AND CYBER CRIME

If you receive an email that in any way doesn't feel right or has links and attachments which are unfamiliar to you, always be cautious. Don't click on any links or attachments and forward the email to mimecheck@wiltshire.gov.uk.

or

Wiltshire Police Cyber and Scams: Click on this link: [Wiltshire Police cybercrime and scams](#)

AND NOW FOR GARDENERS DELIGHTS

Tony Archer of Superior Plants in Fiddington Hill Nurseries, Market Lavington would like to thank all their fantastic customers for their continued support and hope that the gardens are now enjoying the much needed rain.

Now it is time for an end of season sale to boost your garden with plants:

Open 7 days a week, 10am until 4pm,

All the staff at Superior Plants are following all social distancing guidelines so they look forward to seeing you soon at the nursery.

Email: tony@superiorplants.co.uk

Tel: **01380 813210** or Mob: **07969 661847**

'HELP A HOG'

Hedgehogs are one of the few wild mammals we are sometimes lucky to encounter close up. Their charismatic appearance makes them a firm favourite with the public. Sadly the levels of population are declining across the UK particularly across agricultural landscapes. Hedgehogs need help from us all to thrive.

Top tips to help them survive:

- Create Hedgehog highways so they can travel freely through your garden boundaries. They need 13 x13 cms gap at the bottom of the fences, gates etc.
- Stables are a favourite place for a hedgehog to give birth, being warm and dry. Please check carefully before mucking out, if a mother hog is disturbed she can abandon or even kill her young.
- Check areas carefully before mowing or trimming.
- Bonfires will make an inviting home for a hedgehog, so move piles on the day they are to be set alight.
- Take care digging over compost heaps.
- Check ponds, although Hogs can swim, they can't climb steep sided ponds and will eventually drown if they can't get out.
- A shallow bowl of water and some meaty cat or dog food would be appreciated by a hungry or thirsty hog, especially in dry hot weather.
- Every year hedgehogs are injured by litter and starve to death by getting trapped in discarded rubbish.
- Take care on the roads, hedgehogs are nocturnal so are often seen out at night. Their instinct is to roll up into a ball but they are no match for a vehicle.
- Make or buy a hedgehog home, this offers a hibernation site safe from predators in the winter. It may also be used as a nesting box for a mother and her young.
- See the British Hedgehog Preservation Society for building a hedgehog home.

For more information click on website link: www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

Information from Fay Vass CEO. The British Hedgehog Preservation Society. (BHPS)

ASH DIEBACK UPDATE

In January, Easterton Parish Council attended a meeting hosted by Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) to outline the work that Landmarc and DIO have to undertake across Salisbury Plain to clear dangerous trees infected with ash dieback disease. This work is required to ensure Salisbury Plain Training Area remains as a safe place to train for the military, as well as for the tenants who live and work there and the public who visit for recreation.

The first phase of work has been undertaken and completed at Ashdown Copse, Tidworth. DIO are now planning phase two. The work for this summer and through to the end of March 2021, will take place at Warminster Ranges, Heytesbury and Norton Plantation, Imber, Erlestoke and Bratton plus a large number of roadside trees found across the Plain. Dates and timescales still have to be confirmed but the table below illustrates when work may be

Location	Proposed timing
Warminster Ranges	July 2020
Imber	August/September 2020
Erlestoke	August/September/October 2020
Roadside trees	September onwards 2020/2021
Ash Down Copse	September 2020 only
Heytesbury	January - March 2021
Norton Plantation	January - March 2021

undertaken

Following felling work, a programme of site reinstatement and replanting will take place. This will start at Ashdown Copse this winter and then in winter 2021 in the woodlands worked later this year. DIO assure us that all work is being carried out under approved felling licences issued by the Forestry Commission with consent from Natural England and Historic England.

The second phase of DIO work is unlikely to have a major effect on Easterton although potential road closures may impact upon some travel around the region. The Parish Council will be kept informed as details become confirmed. This information will also be published [online](#) where further details of this programme can be found.

The Parish Council have also been advised that Wiltshire Council are beginning a programme of surveying and remediation of infected ash trees on roadsides and public highways.

Ash Dieback is now prevalent across the UK Ash tree stock. Ash trees currently form a major part of our landscape and the loss of many of this species through ash dieback is likely to have a significant impact on local woodlands, hedgerows and vistas - something we are all, unfortunately, going to have to come to terms with.

For further information about the disease, what to look out for and advice to landowners and householders can be found at:

<https://www.forestresearch.gov.uk/tools-and-resources/pest-and-disease-resources/ash-dieback-hymenoscyphus-fraxineus/>

COMMUNITY NEWS

PHARMACY & SURGERIES

PRESCRIPTIONS HELP OR COLLECTION

Please use the Easterton Volunteer Support Contacts list.

MARKET LAVINGTON SURGERY

Contact the surgery

THE COURTYARD SURGERY

Email request prescriptions or post request in surgery post box.

DAY LEWIS PHARMACY, MARKET LAVINGTON

Open 9am -12noon and 2pm - 6pm

Closed 12 noon to 2pm for deep cleaning.

Easing of Lockdown

Things are changing every day so if you are not sure if a shop is open, please phone them first or look on their website.

The shops that are opening but under Covid-19 restrictions and limited number of people allowed in at any time.

Some businesses are operating Call and Collect service only, others are call and delivery only. Please check first before setting out on your shopping day.

Directory of Independent Traders and services

The contact details for small businesses and freelancers in the locality.

Click on link below:

www.indevizes.org.uk/

SHOPS

The Co-op. Market Lavington.

Open Mon–Sun 7am - 10 pm.

The dedicated shopping hour for the vulnerable, the carers and NHS staff is still in place

Planks Farm Shop 01380 848691

enquiries@planksfarmshop.co.uk

Douse & Son Butchers 01380 812344

www.rdouse.co.uk

Walter Rose Butchers 01380 722335

www.walterroseandson.co.uk

Heritage Drive Thru 01380 860968

email: drivethru@heritagefinefoods.co.uk

Heritage Fine Foods 01380 860968

www.heritagefinefoods.co.uk

Email: sales@heritagefinefoods.co.uk

Ashton Farms of Wiltshire

Tel: 01380 870758

Email: sales@ashtonfarms.co.uk

Michael Bulling, Independent Dairyman,

Tel: 01225 776494 or 07831 477108

(Delivering all basics, bread, eggs, juices, yoghurts and milk to your door in Easterton.)

The Post Office, Market Lavington

Mon - Fri 8:45 - 5pm. Sat: 9:00 - 12noon

TAKEAWAY FOOD

MARKET LAVINGTON

Turners Fire, Woodlands Yard,

Tel: 01380 698100

MARKET LAVINGTON AND COURTYARD SURGERIES UPDATE

Both local surgeries and their staff have done a lot to care for their patients over the early weeks of Covid-19, incurring working weekends, spacing out appointments to give time to clean rooms between visits, creating new waiting areas, developing new ways of keeping in contact with their patients and holding consultations by video link.

the initial emergency is over and the hospitals are accepting referrals again. People will be asked to visit the surgeries for health checks and vaccinations. Contact the surgery if you have a health worry that you want checked out.

Your GP's and their staff are there for you but the way they work and interact with you will have changed for ever.

Colin Osborn (Courtyard surgery)