

# EASTERTON ECHOES

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

## Chairmans message

The Echoes has now been reverted to being published every 4 weeks to give the editors a break but a lot can happen in those 4 weeks. Of course if there is any important updates we will send them out to you via our boomCast system.

This month we bade a reluctant but fond farewell to Cllr. Victoria Turner after some 5 yrs on the Parish Council introducing the Council to the new communication system **boomCast** prior to the lockdown, engaging with the Parish Gardener and Parish Steward on the ever-present grounds maintenance issues within the parish involving green spaces, highways and byways. **Don't panic!** Victoria is not leaving the village and has promised to continue to take a keen interest in the community and attend the parish meetings as a parishioner to keep us Councillors on our toes!

One of the issues triggered by the pandemic can be the problems caused partly by the greatly increased use of the considerable number of 'public rights of way' within the village and beyond. Where a right of way, possibly ancient, crosses farmland please respect established footpath usage taking care to follow only clearly indicated routes and not diverting knowingly onto private land. Follow the country code.

## The Village Hall update

In a departure from Parish Council issues (but not from community interests) I'm taking this opportunity to bring everyone up to date regarding **EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL:-**

Unless you are new to the village you will know that in 2017 the Village Hall Trustees finally embarked upon a long awaited buildings improvement programme (new toilets, storage areas, 'family room' and much improved backstage facilities – not to mention an entirely new roof!)

The projected build costs were, back in 2015, £201,518 (plus VAT = £241,821 incl.) --- The first 2 of 3 build phases cost £168,825 inc. VAT and the final phase 3 has been costed at £43,895 + some VAT (mostly on purchases) bringing total project costs to approximately £218,000 incl. ---Well within budget helped considerably by volunteer painting of phase2 extension + the kitchen + all the auditorium and stripping and resealing the timber flooring there and on the stage.

## That's the good news and now for.....

- a) The Parish Council generously agreed to give £7223 CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) generated from Strawberry Fields development to the Village Hall Project as it is an important village Infrastructure. But the final Phase 3 cost fundraising is still £15,000 short of target and pending news of a successful result of our bid for further grant funding, this final phase is on hold
- b) The COVID-19 restrictions have dictated that, until this month, the trustees have been unable to re-open the hall. Even now such are the restrictions placed upon hirers and the volunteer committee alike that our existing long term hirers wish to wait for further easing before re-engaging with the Hall – at least for the next few weeks. Hopefully by the end of August we will all have a better idea of which way we are going with this pandemic and the secure guidelines can be eased further.
- c) At present hall users would be faced with limitations on numbers; social distancing plus other risk mitigation methods; risk assessment; NHS Test & Trace Records; managing of 'pinch points' within the hall; cleaning/sanitising before & after hiring; use of PPE and procedure should anyone become unwell with COVID-19.

Here's to a better future!!

Chris Saunders

**Next Parish meeting: 21st September 2020 at 7:30pm at the village Hall** (subject to the Covid19 restrictions of social distancing). All welcome. For any further information please contact the Parish Clerk,

Email: [clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com)

## Wiltshire Council

### ROAD CLOSURE 14 SEPTEMBER to 09 OCTOBER 2020

#### Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984

**Temporary Closure of: A342 (Part), Rushall, Charlton, Wilsford, Marden, Chirton and Urchfont**  
(Ref: TTRO 6667)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

A342 (Part), Rushall, Charlton, Wilsford, Marden, Chirton and Urchfont; from its junction with Pewsey Road to its junction with B3098.

**To enable:** Wiltshire Council to carry out verge and highway remedial works.

**Alternative route:** via A342 (unaffected length) – A360 – B3086 – The Packway and vice versa.

**Alternative route for vehicles over 4.1 metres:** via A342 (unaffected length) – A360 – Cheverell Road – High Street – A360 - B3086 – The Packway and vice versa.

**The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.**

**This Order will come into operation on 14 September 2020 and the closure will be required between the hours of 20:00 and 06:00 until 09 October 2020.**

It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

**For further information:**

**Please contact Ben Leverett of Wiltshire Council on 07826943272.**

**Sustainable Transport Group, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge BA14 8JN**

## ENERGY SURVEY Provisional Results

Of the survey sent out end of last year we received 22 completed forms back from the residents with interesting comments and suggestions. A full analysis will be published later after having a meeting with an energy consultant in September, to see if there is a way forward to help the village and community towards a more energy efficient future. There are funds out there for village energy biased projects which the Council will investigate and put forward to the Community.

Solar Panel and ground source energy installations were the common thread and consensus was if there was an opportunity for a collective to install solar panels or another energy source at an economical cost within the village then the responders to the initial survey would be interested.

Suggestions so far: the need to install Electric Charging points for cars in the village; suggested site at the village Hall, Individual on suitable houses or land, wind power turbines, micro hydro systems. Safe cycle routes round the village, Community Garden, Allotments, repair shop/shed held in the village Hall, planting trees, managing hedgerows such as correct laying and layering of hedges.

One of the aims to help the village to become zero Carbon rated, is to investigate and hold public meetings with companies/consultants/ who can deliver or advise on the potential of new energy projects.

There will be another survey coming out about how the village sees the future and how to improve what we have to enhance the community and the environment .

Cllr. Judy Boyt

## **SPOTLIGHT on PARISH RESIDENTS**

**DEBBIE FULLER**, Garden Designer  
An Aussie in Wiltshire with a Garden Mission

### **What made you interested in gardens?**

*"It all really started by accident. The house my husband and I bought in 1987 had a long thin garden which was entirely full of vegetables and looked like an allotment. At the time I was working as a Company Secretary and, with the help of my mother-in-law, over the next five years we totally rebuilt it at weekends."*

### **What happened next?**

*"During my time at home following the birth of my sons, I started giving friends advice on their gardens. I found that I could look at any garden and communicate to the homeowner some ways of improving what they already had without necessarily doing anything too complicated."*

### **How would you describe yourself?**

*"I am a Ready Steady Cook gardener - I will work with whatever I am given, improving on what currently exists to the satisfaction of the clients."*

### **What was your big break?**

*"A friend asked me to redesign her garden, she then moved into a larger house with a big garden and asked me to design and create that garden as well. An interior designer moved in next door to the friend, he was greatly impressed by what I had created in my friend's garden, so he recommended me to a number of his clients."*

### **How do you plan gardens that fit the client and the garden?**

*"I start by discussing the client's thoughts and ideas with them. The end result has got to be something that works for the client with a maintenance schedule that fits into the time that they have to give to it. I can then suggest the best way to achieve what the client is looking for while ensuring that the maintenance required will not overwhelm them. As the work is being done, I will teach the client how to maintain the things that have been added to their garden and am always available to return to the garden if required."*

Debbie has lived in Eastcott for five years creating a most beautiful garden out of a former horse paddock. She has just come out of retirement due to recent widowhood and returned to her love of gardening and the creation of beautiful spaces.

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Tel: 07792 986995



## THERE'S SAFETY IN NEIGHBOURS

### Our new Neighbourhood Watch campaign to prevent burglaries

As lockdown eases in the UK, we're expecting a rise in burglaries. We've partnered with the Home Office to create a new social media campaign to help keep people safe and continue the great work your scheme is already doing.

Our new **Safety in Neighbours** campaign is particularly exciting as it has a modern and eye-catching design to grab younger people's attention and attract even more new members.

Read more about the campaign below.

### We need your help

Please help us spread the word and share the campaign on your local Neighbourhood Watch's social media pages and chat groups. You could also share the press release attached with your local news media and radio stations.

- **Visit** our [campaign page](#)
- **Watch** our [campaign video](#)
- **Download** our campaign [social media pack](#)
- **Share** using **#SafetyinNeighbours** in the caption
- **Tag** Neighbourhood Watch in the post
  - **Facebook:** @ourwatch
  - **Twitter:** @N\_watch
  - **Instagram:** @neighbourhood.watch.insta

## The Arts Spotlight this month

### The Pounds Arts Centre, CORSHAM August newsletter

#### Hi everyone, how are we all in... August?

Well, you may have spotted that live performance is returning to The Pound arts centre later this month. In the form of outdoor theatre taking place in our car park. And this makes us so incredibly happy. We cannot wait to spend the day with the brilliant HandleBards, and of course, those of you that have tickets. We look forward to welcoming you through the gates and experiencing the joy of coming together for these special events.

Over these last four months we've done our very best to keep going – creating and sustaining an ongoing programme, keeping in close touch with you our wonderful audiences, supporting partners, artists and young people – and of course all the planning and preparation for re-opening. This week, our doors will be open to you on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 11am to 4pm, the last chance to catch the brilliant Incendiary exhibition, and our pop-up café will be providing a takeaway lunch of delicious delights along with our usual array of drinks.

At Pound Arts, community comes first, and as we journey out of this crisis we are determined to bring our communities with us. We're incredibly proud that we are slowly reopening our spaces to our community and artists. Since closing our doors in March we've needed your support more than ever to continue our work. If you are able, please consider donating to our [Pound Arts Comeback Fund](#).

If you haven't already done so, we hope that you all manage to get some sort of rest and respite planned in the coming weeks. This has been hard for everyone and we all deserve some TLC. So go get some wherever you are. You've earned it.

It's good to be back, to be moving forward. Come see us when you can, and we want to thank all of you for helping us through this incredibly challenging time.

**The Pound Arts Team**

[www.poundarts.org.uk](http://www.poundarts.org.uk)

## St Barnabas Church News

At present there is little change in the activity at St Barnabas church. We are pleased by the response to the Zoom services held every Sunday morning at 10.00am. If anyone is interested in joining us, please either email: [lavingtonrector@gmail.com](mailto:lavingtonrector@gmail.com) you will be sent an invitation and participation code or see details on the church web site or through the church office which is open on Monday and Thursday 10.00am until 12.00pm.

In addition to the above the church building is open for private prayer/reflection on Wednesday afternoon 1pm to 4pm and Sunday morning 9am to 12noon.

Please follow the instructions and restrictions displayed in each church to ensure that everyone remains safe and healthy. If we find that these are not being followed there will be no choice but to close the churches again.

Reverend Marion is considering the possibility of holding a Communion Service on rotation between the five churches of the Benefice. However, this is a long slow process ( this is the C of E!). First the PCC's of all the churches would have to meet to consider the details and we would be subject to severe restrictions with no singing or wine for the congregation. We would be interested to hear from anyone with a strong opinion on the subject. We are also very much aware that Remembrance Sunday is on the horizon and are looking into the feasibility of an open air service to commemorate the day.

### Recent Bereavements

Finally I must add a sad note by recording two losses, firstly Steve Brown who was a long standing member of the village and a supportive member of the church. Our thoughts are with his family, now of Little Cheveril.

We also feel deep sadness at the loss of Carol Part. Carol was, for many years an active and much loved member of our congregation - not to mention organist when we were in dire straits! She served most successfully on the PCC, notably as our treasurer and secretary. Above all we will miss her enthusiasm and positivity, she was warm, lively, creative and incredibly efficient. Our thoughts and love go out to her family and especially to David. We hold him in our hearts and prayers at this time.

**Pat Morrison** ( church warden)

## Easterton Parish Council Coronavirus Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is still here to help.

if you are in need of help,

Have you been told that you need to self-isolate ?

Do you need help with essential shopping, collecting medicines or errands?

Please contact **any of us below for help** – We will try and organise support from the Village.

Councillor **Anthony Snook**      07831 116136      [anthonysnook@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:anthonysnook@tiscali.co.uk)

Councillor **Judy Boyt**      07860 242836      [judy@judyboyt.com](mailto:judy@judyboyt.com)

**Briony Clarke**      07976 798196      [briony@padesk.com](mailto:briony@padesk.com)

**Victoria Turner**      07725269718      [victoria@badgerswood.net](mailto:victoria@badgerswood.net)

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## FLU VACCINES 2020

### Market Lavington Surgery

[www.marketlavingtonsurgery.nhs.uk](http://www.marketlavingtonsurgery.nhs.uk)

#### Plans for the 2020 Flu Clinics

This year, perhaps more than ever, it is important that those at risk and the most vulnerable within our community receive a flu vaccination. Market Lavington Surgery has worked hard to provide a solution that allows flu clinics to take place whilst maintaining social distancing and managing the ongoing threats posed by Covid-19.

Saturday 17th October  
Thursday 22nd October  
Morning  
Evening

Tel: **01380 812500**

Appointments must be pre-booked. A 'turn up and wait' service will not be operating this year.

Please note, the procedure on the day will be as follows:

Vaccinations will be offered in the first instance to the over 65s, as well as to those at risk due to an underlying health concern. (At this stage, vaccinations will not be offered to the general 50-64 year old population.)

If you believe you are eligible for a flu vaccination, please contact the Surgery on **01380 812500** to book your appointment.

Please ensure you wear a face mask at all times whilst inside the building. Alcohol gel will be available for your use.

The car park at the surgery can get congested during clinics. If at all possible, please arrive on foot to help with the smooth running of the clinic.

### The Courtyard Surgery. West Lavington

[www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk](http://www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk)

The Courtyard Surgery will be offering appointments once vaccines arrive.

If you are in an eligible group you may be offered vaccination when you have another appointment. People in the 50-64 year old group will not be offered vaccination until later in the season

Please arrive as close to your appointment time as possible as there is reduced seating available to ensure social distancing.

Please be ready for your injection.

Please bring a face covering and use the alcohol gel by the entrance.

A one way system will be in place within the surgery.

Tel: **01380 813300**

Clinics will be held at the Surgery on the following dates:

Friday 23rd October Thursday 29th October  
Saturday 31st October Thursday 5th November  
Friday 6th November

- Please arrive at your appointment time. If you arrive too early, you may be asked to wait in your car /outside the building until the time of your appointment.
- On arrival, staff will direct you to a place to wait, in order to maintain social distancing.
- Whilst waiting, you should remove all outer clothing/coats and roll up your sleeve.
- All clinical staff will be wearing full PPE and there will be minimal contact with the patient.
- Once you have received your flu vaccination, you will be asked to immediately leave the building via a separate exit.

## LINK SCHEME URGENT APPEAL

Community First are the supporting body for the 43 Link schemes that run throughout Wiltshire. As I am sure you know Link Schemes are voluntary groups which offer a transport and good neighbour service to local people who are in need, perhaps because they are elderly, disabled, isolated and lonely, single parents, or perhaps temporarily in need because of illness.

These essential services provide a safety net for those unable to access services in other ways. Link Schemes aim to complement other services, statutory and voluntary.

Link Schemes operate as small, independent charitable organisations and all volunteers use their own private vehicles. (Insurance and DBS checks are carried out).

To give you an idea of the level of support The Link Schemes offer, last year they made 31,351 health related journeys and completed 48,027 good neighbour tasks which incorporate collecting prescription's and shopping.

Due to Covid 19, the Link schemes have found themselves suffering from a large number of volunteers being unable to drive because of age and or vulnerability.

**WE DESPERATELY NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN PROMOTING OUR RECRUITMENT DRIVE TO FIND NEW VOLUNTEERS ACROSS WILTSHIRE TO KEEP THIS VITAL SERVICE GOING IN THESE TIMES.**

THANK YOU

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Normal working hours, Monday to Thursday 9.00am-2.30pm & Friday 9am-12pm.

Email: [sloyd@communityfirst.org.uk](mailto:sloyd@communityfirst.org.uk) | m: 07769 557 583 | t: 01380 722 241

**Defibrillator Training; 05/10/2020 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall (subject to COVID-19 social distancing requirements) ALL WELCOME**

**Reminder date this is a must event to learn how to use this piece of kit in an emergency. Please come, even as a refresher for those who have been before. Equipment is being continually updated so this is the time for you to get familiar with it and perhaps help save someones life.**

## GARDEN SECTION

### Allotments and a Community Orchard

The Market Lavington Parish Council has been approached by people seeking allotments and others who would like a community orchard provided in Market Lavington.

The Market Lavington Parish Council is looking to buy land for these two purposes, and seeking grants to convert the agricultural land for these purposes.

If you have a piece of land that you would be prepared to sell to the Parish Council please contact the Parish Clerk.

The Parish Council is required to get the best value on any purchases or contracts.

### Question for Easterton residents from the editor.

Is it about time we had allotments and a community orchard in Easterton as well ? Please contact Judy Boyt with your thoughts and support for such a project. Now is the time to capitalise on growing your own vegetables. Also for capitalising on the potential glut of fruit and vegetables and forming a cooperative to make jams, pickles etc and swap or sell on ? Any thoughts ? Please email: [judy@judyboyt.com](mailto:judy@judyboyt.com)

**Orchards were once widespread throughout the British isles – apple varieties hail from north of Inverness to the edge of Cornwall. Until recently every farm, country house and suburban garden had its own collection of fruit trees.**

Pressure on land for new houses and roads and the importation of cheap fruit from abroad has caused the loss of many of these small orchards. Orchards in villages and on the edge of towns are prime targets for development.

The acreage of commercial orchards has declined rapidly too. In 1970 MAFF recorded 62,200 hectares of orchards in the UK, which declined to 46,600 hectares in 1980 and further to 22,400 hectares in 1997. This is a 64% decline in 27 years.

We desperately need more places to relax and play in, and we also need shared activities to enable people of different age groups and backgrounds to come together. In city, town or village the Community Orchard is becoming the equivalent of the wood in the countryside a century and more ago – a communal asset for the whole parish. But more than that it can be the focal point for the whole village – the open-air village hall. We could have school orchards, city, museum, hospital and factory orchards open to all. Community Orchards help to revive an interest in fruit growing, provide a way of sharing knowledge and horticultural skills and stimulate us into growing food for ourselves again.

For more information on allotments and orchards, click on the links below:

[www.nsalg.org.uk](http://www.nsalg.org.uk)

[www.commonground.org.uk/community-orchards/](http://www.commonground.org.uk/community-orchards/)

## **STOP PRESS**

### **THE NEXT CHAPTER of The Blossom Tree Flowers., Market Lavington**



The Blossom Tree Flowers opened its little doors in August 2014, by myself Kathryn and to be perfectly honest thinking back now I was a little naïve to the level of hard work that it would require but after six successful years I am ready to take it to the next step.

So, from the 21<sup>st</sup> September I will be moving The Blossom Tree Flowers to work from home, by no means does this mean I am closing. just simply that I will be working from my new workshop, this has been something I have been working hard to achieve over the past 6 years and now feel the business is ready for, certainly with the current Coronavirus situation.

I have worked hard and managed to build up the business over the years, with so much support from all my customers local and both phone and internet, I am now at the stage that I am no longer reliant on the shop being the face of the business.

Although I will be very sad to close the shop being a little local myself, and know how much my customers enjoy coming into browse I have learnt that I am not superwoman like I once thought I was!

I will operate the business in the same way by receiving three deliveries of fresh stock from my wholesaler a week. I will offer free delivery within my delivery area (8-mile radius) and will still accommodate for same day orders and delivery to the best of my capacity as I have done with the shop.

Whether a smaller bunch or a larger bouquet, you will just need to call to order or alternatively you will be able to order and pay direct through my website, which is being updated for this new venture!

I will be very visible on social media so if you don't already follow me you will find me on both Instagram and Facebook with regular offers and stock updates.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support and look forward to providing the same if not better service for you in the future... Just because I am not in the shop does not mean the business is closed.

Exciting times ahead, thank you again for your support!! Very Best Wishes, Kathryn

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