

EASTERTON ECHOES

EASTCOTT AND EASTERTON SANDS

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Chairman's message:

"Tomorrow will be a better day" (Captain Sir Tom Moore)

- If not tomorrow, then next week or next month.

Captain Tom was repeating these words at the start of the pandemic when the future was uncertain and worrying for so many, and so little was known about the virus.

The difference between then (March) and now could not be more marked – scientists are now making remarkable progress in understanding how this virus works, and therefore how to contain it and, ultimately, defeat it.

New tests are being developed to identify Covid-19 efficiently and these tests are particularly well suited to those in a healthcare setting – the NHS, care homes, GP surgeries, plus of course schools. Medical experts are finding different ways to successfully manage the treatment of patients without having recourse to intensive care units.

As a village community we have developed a net of volunteers on hand to arrange help for those self-isolating, possibly living alone or caring for another.

We have sourced and listed local shops providing home deliveries.

We developed the "electronic Echoes" in anticipation of the peak of the pandemic – to provide helpful information and reassurance.

Earlier this year we joined the country in expressing our support and gratitude for all those working in the NHS.

On the 15th of September we remembered with awe the bravery of the young pilots, the few, who saved the UK from invasion by their heroics over the south coast between July and October 1940.

NOW we should applaud those still with us, those around us, who in many ways have quietly become "good neighbours" and, knowing them, will continue to make themselves available as this second wave of infection is dealt with – particularly if we keep on protecting each other.

"Things will get better, they always do"

Chris Saunders

Future Parish Council Meetings 2020:

5th October 2020 Defibrillator Training 7.30pm at the Village Hall if possible.

19th October 2020 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting.

Any member of the public wishing to participate please call the Clerk 07979866387 by 12 noon on 19th October 2020 or email clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

Alternatively questions may be submitted to the Clerk by email or via phone.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number: 305510



In last month's Echoes the Chairman referred to progress on the village hall modernisation programme. In particular he noted that the overall project cost of some £250,000 is now less than £9,000 from fruition. This is in no small part due to the efforts of you in the village, and many local businesses as well as contributions from national charities and other more local organisations, who have supported our fund raising in a very positive manner.

We now need your continued support to raise the funds for Phase 3 – the new gentlemen's and accessible toilets in the East extension and the fitting out of the function room in the North extension. These final works will also see a new storage room to replace the old gentlemen's toilets and small store as well as improved stage access.

The trustees are now proposing 2 activities/initiatives to raise the necessary cash for this.

1. **A Grand Draw.** Because there is no country fete this year, the fete committee has supported our cause by allowing us to run a draw for the benefit of our programme. They have very kindly donated the Wiltshire Council licence for the draw and are covering the printing costs of the tickets. For this the trustees are most grateful. The format of the draw will mirror previous years' draws, with a star prize of £250 and a host of other great prizes generously donated by local businesses and individuals.

Tickets will be on sale either at your doorstep or by calling Rebecca on Mob: [07518 150103](tel:07518150103).

The draw will be held on Remembrance Sunday 8th November in the hall.

2. **Take the Pledge.** During Phase 1 of the project a number of people around the village pledged a fixed sum (usually £20 or less) per month for 12 months by standing order. The pledge was matched with a gift aid agreement so that 25% was added to each pledge. We intend to reopen this opportunity in Phase 3. If you feel you are able to support this cause please call: Chris on Tel: [01380 813217](tel:01380813217) or speak to any of the trustees.

We urgently need your support to complete this important community project.

A further request for help. In October the fence along the car park will be replaced. Although the exact dates are not known yet, the bank is heavily overgrown with brambles. We will be asking for volunteers to help with this. If you would be prepared to help please call David on Tel: [01380 812527](tel:01380812527).

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Anne and Gordon Blagbrough

On a sunny September afternoon it was a pleasure to spend a socially distanced hour with Gordon and Anne Blagbrough to find out a little bit about their lives.

Q. How long have you lived in Easterton?

We arrived here in 1986

Q. What brought you to Easterton?

Gordon: *The location, stables and 11 acres. With the knowledge of two years left in my job (find out more about that later) and an interest in establishing a point-to-point yard "Canfield" was the perfect location.*

Anne: *We decided to buy the property whilst sitting up on The Plain looking down on Easterton, knowing that we had found our next home. It also happened to be our Silver Wedding Anniversary!*

Q. Where were you born?

Gordon: Leeds **Anne:** The Isle of Man

Q. What about your education and careers?

Gordon: *I left school at 15 with not a single exam! I joined an engineering firm and became an apprentice for the grand sum of 18/6 per week (just under £1), most of which I gave to my mother. At 17, with the permission of my parents, I walked into the recruiting office in Leeds and joined the RAF. I completed my initial training at Jurby on the Isle of Man and then went on to Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) where I flew Tiger Moths and Havards to name a couple of aircraft. I went to RAF Valley, on Anglesey, for fast jet training and was posted to Germany, to serve with No11 Squadron on Venoms. I went on to become a training instructor. Following seven years' service (and many exams!) with the RAF, I applied to join British Overseas Airways Corporation (BOAC) and joined in 1958. Initially, I flew the Britannia 312, known as the "Whispering Giant", but primarily flew Boeing 707's and 747's. I left British Airways as a senior Captain after 30 years service.*

Anne: *I started my training as a nurse at the age of 18, at Middlesex Hospital where I worked for four and half years. I then went on to complete a midwifery Part 1 at St Thomas' in London.*

Anne Contd. *In 1958, I too joined BOAC (later to become British Airways) where I met Gordon at a seedy nightclub called "The Equator Club" in Nairobi. We married in 1960 on November 5th, Bonfire Night! In those days, I was not allowed to stay working for the airline, as I was married and had to leave my job. [That didn't stop Anne's entrepreneurial talents as she went on to set up a business hiring cars for special events, then went on to sell Weekenders clothes and is now very well known for working with Forever Aloe products and uses these products each year to raise money for Cancer Research.]*

Q. What about family?

We have three wonderful sons who are in their 50's, two with military careers and one a trained Alpine Guide who works in the Icefields of British Columbia, Canada. We have six grandchildren, three at or having just left university and the three youngest still at college or school

Q. What Hobbies do you have?

Gordon: *When we initially arrived in Easterton I was keen to set up the point-to-point yard and had some successes with "Copper Streak" and "Mr Butler" at local point to points and occasional hunter chases. There were a number of exciting times including when I was riding a new horse on Salisbury Plain, in the fog, got unshipped, and the horse made its way home far more quickly than I did! I now play golf regularly and also enjoy painting and attend Graham Sproston's classes in the Village Hall – although, sadly, COVID-19 prevents this at the moment.*

Anne: *Like Gordon, I enjoy golf and painting, particularly abstract.*

Q. Do you have a nickname?

Gordon: *Bloggers!*

Q. How have the last few COVID months been for you?

We have both adjusted well to new routines, appreciating the help and support of friends, neighbours and Easterton's Volunteer Group.



Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle

Lions Clubs Message in a Bottle is a simple but effective way for people to keep their basic personal and medical details where they can be found in an emergency on a standard form and in a common location – the fridge.

Message in a Bottle (known within Lions as MIAB) helps emergency services personnel to save valuable time in identifying an individual very quickly and knowing if they have any allergies or take special medication.

Paramedics, police, fire-fighters and social services support this Lions life-saving initiative and know to look in the fridge when they see the Message in a Bottle stickers, supplied. The initiative provides peace of mind that prompt and appropriate medical assistance can be provided, and next of kin / emergency contacts can be notified.

How to obtain a Message in a Bottle

Members of the public and other organisations can obtain a Message in a Bottle kit by contacting their local Lions club

More than 6 million Message in a Bottle kits have been distributed by Lions Clubs International (MD105) British Isles to people with conditions such as diabetes, allergies, disabilities and life-threatening illnesses.

Clubs are able to provide Message in a Bottle within their local communities free of charge thanks to fund-raising and generous donations from the public and businesses. It is not just vulnerable people who benefit from Message in a Bottle. Anyone with health conditions could have an accident at home.

The Message in a Bottle kit includes a form, where personal and medical information is detailed. This is placed in the bottle (with its distinctive green branding), which is stored in the fridge. Two stickers are provided: one for the fridge door and the other for inside of the front door of the premises.

Spare copies of the form can be downloaded: <https://lionsclubs.co/MemberArea/knowledge/lions-message-in-a-bottle/>

What is the cost of the bottles for 'Message in a Bottle'?

Kits are supplied by local Lions clubs FREE of charge to members of the public, as well as to health centres, doctors' surgeries and chemists. Lions clubs may also work with organisations, such as neighbourhood watch, Age Concern and housing associations, to make bottles widely available.

Distributed in the Devizes area by the Devizes Lions <http://www.devizeslions.org.uk/> Contact us on 0345 833 6749 or by e-mail at: admin@devizeslions.org.uk



CHURCH NEWS

Currently the churches at West Lavington, and Easterton are open for private prayer on Wednesday afternoons, 1 pm to 4 pm, and Sunday mornings 9 am to 12 noon. This leaves 72 hours between open sessions.

Market Lavington is currently closed to allow some maintenance work to be done.

Please follow the instructions in the church for keeping socially distanced and leave your contact details for "Track and Trace"

STOP PRESS

Your milkman - Michael Bulling is semi-retiring this week ending 25th September.

After 26 years of delivering doorstep milk and food in Easterton, Michael Bulling is going into semi retirement and this coming week (ending 25th September) will be his last week in the village. But the good news is he is handing the Easterton round on to Planks Dairy. He has been a stalwart throughout delivering essentials to the village come rain, shine, snow, storms, flooding and throughout the lockdown period. Perhaps residents might like to keep an eye out to pass on their own personal thanks.

**Anne Blagbrough plans to hold a Zoom
Macmillan Coffee Morning**
on Wednesday October 14th. Please contact her for
an invitation
01380 812426

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL HOUSING UPDATE

The Council's new commercial housing company, Stone Circle Housing Company, has its first tenant at St Margaret's Close in Trowbridge.

Stone Circle is a wholly owned subsidiary of Wiltshire Council that was set up for the benefit of Wiltshire residents. It is comprised of the holding company, Stone Circle Development Company and Stone Circle Housing Company, which purchases residential property as a way of meeting housing needs for residents in Wiltshire. A further 21 properties are expected to be purchased this year in Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham.

The Council is facing a range of strategic housing needs that cannot be easily addressed by its current approaches; for example, the lack of key worker accommodation is impacting on the availability of services in parts of Wiltshire, and the council also procures accommodation for homeless people at a high cost.

The quality and cost of these developments could be improved by private rented sector accommodation provided by a local housing company, which is what the Stone Circle Housing Company was established to achieve. The Stone Circle Development Company also enables the Council to undertake residential developments that, subject to planning permission, could deliver more than 500 units of accommodation over the next three years, and also increase the potential return that could be generated from the developments, for the benefit of Wiltshire residents.

GARDENING TIPS FROM TONY ARCHER

Autumn is here already and the weather is still lovely at the moment.

It is now time for thinking about planting for the Autumn, Winter and Spring.

Winter Flowering Pansies, Violas, Wallflowers and Bulbs are the traditional favourites.

There are many other options these days with new varieties of Hellebores and lots of other choices of winter hardy plants.

Tip number 1: Most bulbs need to be planted around twice the depth of the bulb, however bulbs like Allium, that give us the striking blue flower rising high above the beds, need to be planted at four times the depth of the bulb to give that extra stability.

Tip number 2: Any bulbs like "Snake's Head Fritillary" need to be planted on their side so that water can drain easily from the bulb and not collect inside the bulb to rot. Shoots will always go up and roots will always travel down so you will get a much better result if you plant them this way.

Good luck with the planting and a little investment at this time of year will pay dividends in the Spring.

Tony Archer of Superior Plants, Fiddington Hill Nurseries, Market Lavington

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Mob: 07969 661847

Email: tony@superiorplants.co.uk

'Wonder Woman' Carmela and her Amazing Journey

Carmela Chillery-Watson is a determined, inspirational little 6 year old who lives in **Market Lavington.**

Although she has a rare form of Muscular Dystrophy, Carmela has set herself a massive physical challenge of 300km in 30 days to help raise vital funds for research in to her fatal condition to help give her and others alike hope of a future. She has a team helping her complete 2000km it would take to get to see her favourite super hero Wonder Woman's Italian home.

This 'team' includes Easterton's Anthony Snook who adds his walked kms to Carmela's tally. To date Carmela and her team have achieved 1589 kms, so they are on target.

There is a facebook page set up to show how she is doing and the following website

www.carmelasstanduptomusculardystrophy.co.uk/

Since 2017, Carmela has been helping to fundraise for MDUK, with an indoor skydive, a yearly triathlon since she was 4 years old, School Go Orange, Carbooties, cake sales, Fetes, Bucket Collections, Quizzes, Crafts, Mud Run, toy sale, BGC Charity Day and physical challenge events ! With the help of friends and family, Carmela has raised just over £22400 so far.

So if you are exhausted after reading that then sit down and help her achieve her goals and donate via her webpage or the JustGiving page.

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

Covid-19 cases in Wiltshire

A number of cases of Covid-19 have been reported in Wiltshire over the past few weeks. We would like to reassure people living and working in Wiltshire that while we do expect to see more cases in the weeks and months ahead, we have robust mechanisms in place to contain the infection and protect the health of the local community.

For more information and advice on coronavirus (COVID-19)

- PHE www.gov.uk/coronavirus
- NHS www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/
- 'Hands. Face. Space' public information campaign - www.gov.uk/prevent-spread-of-coronavirus-indoors-this-winter

COVID-19 testing in Wiltshire

Regularly check the online portal to not miss out on the opportunity of getting a test as close to their home as possible. Booking slots are made available the evening before for morning appointments, and on the morning for afternoon appointments.

Those who are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms – a high temperature, a new continuous cough, a loss or change to sense of smell or test, should visit the [NHS website](http://www.nhs.uk) or call 119 to book an appointment or order a home test kit.

Have you got the new MyWilts App to report any potholes or other problems direct to Wiltshire Council via your phone. (The old app will be replaced as from Sept 22nd)

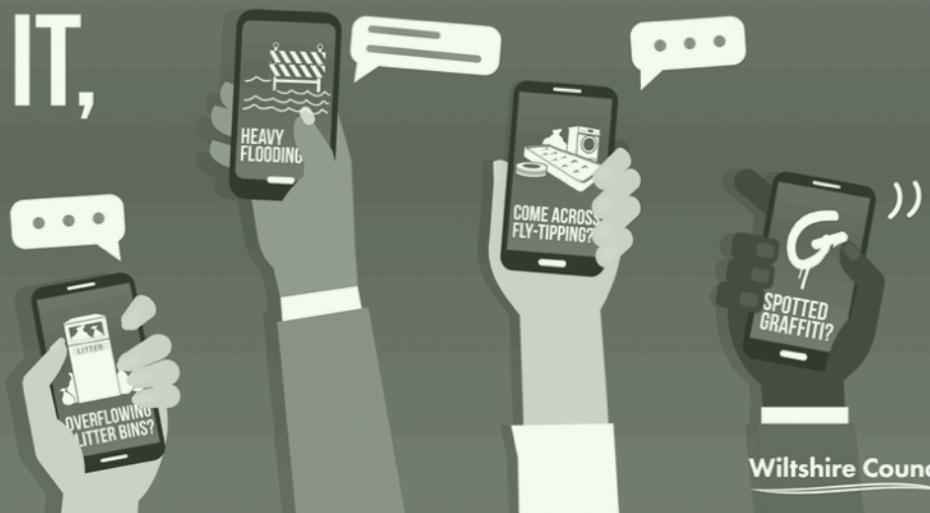
Go to the Wiltshire Council website to find out more www.my.wiltshire.gov.uk it is an excellent way to report a problem quickly and directly.

Please download the MyWiltshire App onto your phone

**YOU REPORT IT,
WE SORT IT**

Simply, quickly
and easily with
MyWilts

my.wiltshire.gov.uk





WORTON AND CHEVERELL FC(YOUTH) THE BADGERS



www.wortonandcheverellfc.com

The football season for Worton & Cheverell is due to start within a few days of writing this contribution. Our teams are ready and have been busy with training and some pre-season friendlies in preparation for the season.

TEAM NEWS:

Badger cubs. (3-6)

Growing in numbers all the time. Having fun and learning new skills. Training Saturday 9-10am at Elisha field Market Lavington. Please contact Dave Kiddle if your child would like to try for free.

U7s & u8s

Both having friendly matches in preparation for league matches starting 19/20th September.

Training now a Wednesday 6-7pm at Northbrook Market Lavington. Looking for more players for their squads.

U9s & U10s – All looking forward to new season by playing friendly matches. All kids enjoying sessions. New players welcome.

U11s – Good pre-season training and ready for League matches vs AFC Corsham and Melksham Town. Looking for additional players.

U13's – Ready for start of new season. Played four pre-season friendlies in preparation for start of season.

U14s - Preparation for new league season going well with friendly matches against older opponents. With wins against South Newton and Bishops Cannings.

U15s - Several pre-season matches under belts and ready for league matches against Chippenham Town and Melksham Town

Contacts

Badger Cubs– Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U8- Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U11 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

U13 -Mark Goddard- 01380 813160

U15– Aiden Allmark- 07341 819154

U7– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U9/10- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U14– Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

Adults – Pete Drew – 07885 527546

Follow us on Facebook – [Worton and Cheverell Youth Football Club](#)

SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE TO RE-OPEN FOR SIX-WEEK SEASON WITH REDUCED CAPACITY

Wiltshire Creative is delighted to announce that Salisbury Playhouse will re-open in October with a socially-distanced six-week season of theatre, dance, music and live screenings, running between 14 October and 21 November for more information on see website : www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk