

EASTERTON ECHOES

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Chairman's message

To those who care and those in need

Those of you who watch "The Repair Shop" will no doubt be in admiration of the skills shown by the many crafts people without whom this loved TV programme just wouldn't work.

A further attraction is the 'all for one, and one for all' attitude exhibited quietly by the artisans who, with each others support, recognise and respect the value of the memories accumulated in the broken items being worked upon.

The greatest "reward" is so often the initial history presented with the item offered for repair, augmented by the repairer's knowledge and research, and completed by the reactions of the customer so often lost for words and overcome by the realisation that a relative stranger should apply their skills with such care to restore an object, sometimes of little intrinsic value, and then return it to someone that they are unlikely to meet again.

The moral of the story is that in this continuing pandemic your many, possibly small, acts of kindness and consideration to neighbours and strangers are so welcomed by both those in immediate need, and by the community at large – for putting yourselves forward.....we are so proud of you. May we continue in this spirit.

Just to let you know our Parish Council is revising and reprinting of "Easterton's Rights of Way" leaflet (first made available in 2012.) This will be made available on request and on the website soon.

Also, take Care of the Countryside, leave nothing but your footprints and things as they should be, including gates.

Riparian owners are reminded of their 24/7 duty to please keep their section of the stream clear.

Stop Press:

We welcome Sarah Bates as the newest and youngest Councillor on the Parish Council. There is an updated list of Councillors on the Notice Board in the High Street and website: www.eastertonpc.org.uk

NEXT PARISH MEETING MONDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2020

Any member of the public wishing to participate please call the Clerk: 07979866387 by 12 noon on 16th November 2020 or email clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com
Alternatively questions may be submitted to the Clerk by email or via phone.



Michael Bulling on his last day delivering milk in Easterton

REMEMBRANCE DAY CHURCH SERVICES NOVEMBER 8th 2020

Our Remembrance Service at St Barnabas' Church has always been a focal point of our Village calendar and a poignant reminder of the many sacrifices made by 'those who gave their tomorrow so that we can enjoy our today.'

This year due to Covid19 measures, this important service will have to be an outside service held on 8th November 2020 where we have to be socially distanced and there will be no hymns or singing.

With this in mind we have arranged to gather for a short commemoration in the churchyard of St Barnabas' Church, focussed around our small Garden of Remembrance. The commemoration will start at 10.45 a.m. and with the Last Post, the 2 minutes silence and Reveille at or around 11 a.m. Afterwards, there will be an opportunity to place your own cross in our Garden of Remembrance.

Please come and join with us but the numbers are restricted to that which the churchyard can take with social distancing. To meet the Covid-19 requirements on maximum attendances, we have to ask you to book your place(s), leaving your name and the number of attendees, please contact:

Gordon Somerville Tel : [01380 812538](tel:01380812538) or Email: gordon.somerville@gmail.com.

Please remember:

- Facemasks need to be worn when we meet.
- Individuals, small Bubbles and multiple groups of up to 6 people are all allowed to gather in the grounds of a place of worship as long as everyone keeps to the rules for social distancing.



ONE THOUSAND MEN WALKING

One thousand men are walking
Walking side by side
Singing songs from home
The Spirit as their guide
They walk toward the light milord
They walk toward the sun
They smoke and laugh and smile
together
No foes to outrun
These men live on forever
In the hearts of those they saved
A nation truly grateful
For the path of peace they paved
They march as friend and comrades
But they do not march for war
A tranquil steady corps
The meadows lit with gold beams
A beacon for the brave
The emerald grass untrampled
A reward for what they gave
They dream of those they left behind
And know they dream of them
Forever in those poppy fields
There walks one thousand men

Written by Joshua Dyer 2019 (aged 14)

Church News from St Barnabas

I wonder if everyone gets as confused as I do by the various edicts from the government! Here is our latest update, I hope it doesn't change too much (unless for the better) in the near future.

At St Barnabas we continue to have our scheduled opening for private prayer on Sunday mornings (9.00am until 12.00pm) and Wednesday afternoons (1.00pm until 4.00pm), there is also a communion service on a rota basis with the other churches in the Benefice. Our next one here is on October 25th, the dates and places of the other services are published in the parish magazine.

Please Note that you have to 'book in' to these services by calling the Church office **Tel: 01380 816963** - this is a government requirement to allow for test and trace should it be needed. And, of course there is the weekly zoom service at 10.00am every Sunday.

We are coming up to a normally busy time in the church and, of course, this year is pretty limited. However, Remembrance Sunday will be observed as described in this Echoes, also we will be able to support the toys provided for needy children. This is usually done at our Toy Service, but is not possible this year. So, here are the details for anyone wishing to help:

The toys we collect are passed to the Salvation Army who sort, wrap and label them before they are gifted to needy families.

In the absence of a service could you please leave any donations at Sue Allen's house 57, High St, Easterton. They should be unwrapped so that the Salvation Army can sort them appropriately. If you have difficulty delivering them to Sue's house please call her on Tel: **01380 813603** and we will arrange for their collection.

We will then organise their delivery to Trowbridge Salvation Army for sorting, wrapping and labelling.

Do please donate if you can, there are going to be many families who need help this year. Donations need to be made by December 1st at the latest in order to allow for all the processes involved. Thank you so much in advance for any help you can give.

Thank you,
Pat Morrison (church warden)

Anne Blagbrough would like to thank everyone who supported the Zoom coffee morning on October 14th. We ran a competition and quiz, talked about the health giving properties of the Forever Aloe range and four customers spoke of their experience of our products.

The Quiz made £20 and with donations and profit from sales of aloe, I was delighted to send Macmillan our largest cheque ever for £390.

If anyone would like me to run a similar event for the charity of their choice, please get in touch with me Tel: **01380 812426**

Wiltshire Council Updates

Leisure services update

For up to date information on what's available, what's changed and how to access activities people should visit www.wiltshire.gov.uk/leisure-covid19.

The new three-tiered system of local COVID Alert Levels in England – set at medium, high, and very high. The government has published [information on local COVID alert levels](#), including what they mean, why they are being introduced and what the different levels are.

The restrictions in each tier are:

Medium

- Follow the rule of six if meeting indoors or outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

High

- No household mixing indoors
- Rule of six will apply outdoors
- Pubs and restaurants to shut at 10pm

Very High

- No household mixing indoors or outdoors in hospitality venues or private gardens
- Rule of six applies in outdoor public spaces like parks
- Pubs and bars not serving meals will be closed
- Guidance against travelling in and out of the area
- Further measures which may be agreed locally

The Government has also made available an [interactive map](#), which allows people to browse data for specific areas within the UK. The map displays weekly data including seven-day case rates and direction of change.

Wiltshire is Tier 1 - MEDIUM (lowest) tier of the COVID-19 alert levels. This means current restrictions will stay the same.

What is the council doing? The council's top priority remains the same – to continue to support Wiltshire residents and businesses through this pandemic so that the county emerges as strong as possible when we reach the other side.

What should Wiltshire residents do?

We must all play our part and not be complacent, that means keeping washing hands, wearing face coverings where required and socially distancing.

People must self-isolate when told to so, and this is now a [legal requirement](#).

Stay up to date with GOV-UK COVID-19 guidance and advice

All the latest guidance and advice published by government can be sent directly to you by clicking the following link: [GOV.UK COVID-19 updates](#).

COVID-19 Test and Trace support payment scheme

For those required to self-isolate, a £500 payment is available if they are working and on a low income and will lose money because they cannot work from home.

For More information go to : www.wiltshire.gov.uk/benefits-test-and-trace

More information on how to apply locally will be available on the website's [council tax and benefits pages](#) In the meantime, more information can also be found on the [government website](#).

COVID19 ADVICE ON CAR SHARING



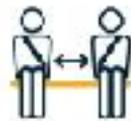
ADVICE ON CAR SHARING

At this time please avoid car sharing, but if you have to, please follow these simple steps

#WiltshireTogether



Cover face



Sit as far away as possible



Keep windows open



Wash hands



Share with the same small group only



Clean the car after every journey (including handles)

Please remember
Road Closure B3098 High Street (part) Market Lavington 4th November 2020

The B3098 High Street (Part), Market Lavington will be temporarily closed for highway works from between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 from the 4th November until 07 November 2020. The Diversion route is shown in the plan on this link [Diversion Route Plan](#).

Have you got the new MyWilts APP

to report any potholes or other problems direct to Wiltshire Council via your phone. 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



EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL Updates

Charity Number: 305510

Annual General Meeting. Notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting of Easterton Village Hall, to be held on Zoom at 5pm on **Tuesday 1st December 2020**. Members of the public who wish to attend on Zoom please contact the Secretary, **David Green** Tel: **01380 812527** by **Friday 27th November 2020**.

STOP PRESS NEWS The Coop Local Community Fund.

The Village Hall are to be one of this year's beneficiaries from 26th October. If you are a Coop member you will be able to select **Easterton Village Hall** as your nominated beneficiary .

You can also donate and support fundraising through any of the following options:

- **Grand Draw.** There is a grand draw in aid of the modernisation programme. The star prize is £250 and a host of other great prizes have been generously donated by local businesses and individuals, this is an opportunity to support your hall.
Tickets will be on sale either at your doorstep or by calling **Rebecca on Mobile: 07518 150103**.
The draw will be held on Remembrance Sunday 8th November at 12 noon in the hall. Because of current Government regulations, we are unable to admit members of the public to the draw. We have therefore invited an independent scrutineer to oversee proceedings. All winners will be notified after the draw and the results will be published in The Echoes.
- **Have you Taken 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. This opportunity has now been re-opened for Phase 3. If you feel you are able to support this cause please contact **Chris Saunders** Tel: **01380 813217** or speak to any of the trustees.
- **Amazon Smile** is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online to support the hall – **at no extra cost to you or the hall**. When you select Easterton Village Hall as your charity and shop at smile.amazon.co.uk you will find the same prices, selection and shopping experience, but with the added bonus that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of the net purchase price of eligible purchases to the hall. With Christmas shopping coming up this is a great way to support the hall.

Hall Modernisation Update. The redecorated hall is ready and will be available for bookings as soon as COVID-19 regulations allow. The final phase of the improvement programme involves the fitting out of the second function room in the North extension and installation of new gentlemen's and disabled toilets. We still have a funding shortfall of some £9,000 and efforts are in hand to raise this money.

THE ARTS UPDATES IN THE LOCAL AREA

The Pound Arts In Corsham Message:

We have opened our doors six days a week and have loved welcoming some of you back – to the gallery, the café bar and to regular classes – We hope to be able to offer more opportunities for you to engage with us in person as soon as we can, as well as keeping the opportunities to engage online coming too. For more information; www.poundarts.org.uk

The Wharf Theatre, Devizes.

We are performing under the Covid Secure measures and the first performance of My Mother Said I Never Should .. by Charlotte Keatley was a sell out with rave Reviews !
For more information on What's On at the theatre please look on website: www.wharftheatre.co.uk

SPOTLIGHT ON EASTERTON RESIDENT HEATHER WALKER

How long have you lived in Easterton?

I moved here with my partner, Tony, about 3 ½ years ago.

What brought you to Easterton?

I retired from my job as Head of Ballet and Student Welfare at the London Studio Centre, one of the major performing arts colleges, and craved pastures greener! A chain of unlikely events brought us here and we've loved every minute so far!!

How would you describe your life in eight words?

In no particular order, five should do it – exciting, challenging, surprising, varied, fulfilling.....

Where were you born? Leeds

Education?

I left Leeds at the age of 16 to go to the Royal Ballet School. I returned to academic studies at the tender age of 55 to complete a PGCE at the University of the Arts London.

What is your greatest achievement?

Probably dancing with the Royal Ballet at Covent Garden for 9 years, and having the great privilege of working with Dame Margot Fonteyn and Rudolf Nureyev, and choreographers such as Sir Frederick Ashton and Sir Kenneth Macmillan. Truly golden years for the Company.

What was your favourite or most interesting part of your career?

Becoming a ballerina was the fulfilment of my dreams. However, having later trained as a teacher, working in higher education gave me endless opportunities to continue my own studies, helping me gain an understanding of the impact of my own training and the need for a more holistic approach to the training, in particular, classical dancers. Combining my teaching activities with my responsibilities for student welfare led me to investigate the very difficult and distressing subject of disordered eating in its many forms, and the physical and psychological impact on young dancers.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Most definitely, gardening

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

I watch pretty much anything!

Is there a plant/flower that is a particular favourite and why?

Love them all so long as they're not red or orange!

If you could eat only one thing for the rest of your days, what would it be?

Sausages..... to keep Tony happy !

If you could acquire any additional talent, what would it be?

I wish I could play the piano.....

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

So many but Chopin is definitely up there!

If you could be anywhere else in the world where would it be?

I've been lucky to live in California, Chile and Luxembourg, and briefly in Venezuela and Japan but Easterton is doing just fine for me.

How have the last few COVID months been for you?

Frankly, we feel very blessed. We live in a lovely home with a garden, with a great little dog who insists we take her for endless long walks in the nearby wonderful countryside, and have great neighbours always ready with a smile and a joke over the fence.



Heather Walker
and Rudolf
Nureyev
November 1971

Incidentally, I was originally told I would be too small to be a ballerina but having subsequently grown, it became newsworthy. Rudi was singularly unimpressed at being asked to pose with a fledgling swan, But it is a treasured photograph.

ENERGY FOR EASTERTON

Note from Judy Boyt: I am in talks with an official advisor to focus in on what will be a feasible and practical energy and zero carbon project that will benefit the village and the climate as a whole. There are several ways to approach this potential project and I will hopefully be putting these forward to the PC and the Community in the near future.

If approved by the official bodies, then the project would be eligible for various grants including the Green Homes Grant and the Rural Development Grant Schemes .

But just as a word of warning on SCAMS please read the following:

CONSUMERS WARNED TO BE AWARE OF GREEN HOMES GRANT SCAMS

Devon, Somerset and Torbay Trading Standards are warning people to be wary of fraudsters attempting to exploit the new Government Green Homes Grant.

The Green Homes Grant is a funding initiative set up to encourage homeowners to invest money in improving the energy-efficiency of their property, while also giving the economy a crucial boost.

Only approved traders can carry out the work and must meet certain criteria before trading. Trading Standards is concerned that the introduction of the Green Homes Grant may lead to an increase in fraudsters and cold callers attempting to scam members of the public.

“You should never have representatives of the scheme coming to your property uninvited or cold calling to encourage you to join the scheme.

THE CLIMATE AND THE EARTHSHOT PRIZE

The Earthshot Prize is the most ambitious and prestigious of its kind – designed to incentivise change and help to repair our planet over the next ten years.

Taking inspiration from President John F. Kennedy’s Moonshot which united millions of people around an organising goal to put man on the moon and catalysed the development of new technology in the 1960s, The Earthshot Prize is centred around five ‘Earthshots’ – simple but ambitious goals for our planet which, if achieved by 2030, will improve life for us all, for generations to come.

“The Earth is at a tipping point and we face a stark choice: either we continue as we are and irreparably damage our planet, or we remember our unique power as human beings and our continual ability to lead, innovate and problem-solve. People can achieve great things. The next ten years present us with one of our greatest tests – a decade of action to repair the Earth.”

HH Prince William

Five, one million-pound prizes will be awarded each year for the next ten years, providing at least 50 solutions to the world’s greatest environmental problems by 2030.

The Earthshot Prize is about much more than awarding achievement – it is a decade of action to convene the environmental world with funders, businesses and individuals to maximise impact and take solutions to scale, to celebrate the people and places driving change; and to inspire people all over the world to work together to repair the planet.

See the Website for more news and information: www.earthshotprize.org

MESSAGE FROM DANNY KRUGER MP.

“Are you experiencing problem with your Broadband in the area, please contact the Parish Council with your details and the problems. As your MP I am trying to raise the awareness of any problems with a good and fast service. The Government has invested significantly in broadband in rural areas and most of Wiltshire is now well served, but there are still pockets of poor connectivity. I spoke this afternoon to OpenReach, who provide the digital infrastructure for most of the country, about what we can do to get gigabit capability (i.e. the fastest internet) everywhere. After some mind-boggling slides and some basic physics about the speed that data travels down copper wires versus digital fibre, I came away impressed by what is possible – but communities themselves need to act. OpenReach will work with us to improve local connectivity if we tell them where the problems are occurring. I am organising a summit for any villages or towns that want to discuss broadband, to enable us to go to OpenReach and the Council with a proper map of local needs.”

Email: danny.kruger.mp@parliament.uk

The Badgers - Worton and Cheverell FC (Youth) www.wortonandcheverellfc.com

First some bad news, unfortunately, we have had more Anti-social behaviour at Northbrook and this has been reported to the police but the good news is:

Badger Cubs (3-6)

Training moves indoor at Lavington School on Saturday 9-10am. Please contact Dave Kiddle if your child would like to try, the first 2 weeks are free.

U7s & u8s

Enjoying excellent performances in their first league matches. Training now on Wednesday 5.30pm at Northbrook, Market Lavington. Looking for more players for their squads.

U9s & U10s –League matches have started and some good performances by all players. Training moving into Lavington School Friday 1730-1830. New players welcome.

U11s – Good squad of 15 players now, performing well in some tough matches. Training moving indoors Friday 1830 at Lavington School.

U13's – 100% winning start to the season and looking stronger each match.

U14s – Good start to season with 100% win rate so far. County Cup campaign starts away to South Newton.

U15s – Tough start to season but seeing improved performances. Looking for a few more players to create possible second team.

Contacts

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| Badger Cubs, U8 and U14 – Dave Kiddle | Tel: 07843 678781 | U7 | Pete Huntley | Tel:07974756131 | |
| U9/10 and U13 | Mark Goddard. | Tel:01380 813160 | U11 | Neil Black | Tel:07769 261750 |
| U15 | Aiden Allmark | Tel: 07341 819154 | Adults: | Pete Drew | Tel:07885 527546 |

Note from editors: We would still like to hear from you if you have a story to tell or would like to contribute to this newsletter, features on local personalities, compile a crossword or a puzzle please let us know.

Contact either:

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EASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Parish Council are maintaining this Community Support for the time being while we are uncertain as to how the Pandemic situation will develop in the future.

This system has worked well through the kindness and generosity of all the army of volunteers over the last 7 months, helping a good number of the community in need.

So please if you need help with essential shopping, collecting medicines or errands, Please contact any of us on list below for help so that we can action our available army of volunteers.

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

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