

EASTERTON ECHOES

EASTCOTT AND EASTERTON SANDS

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"THERE ARE NO STRANGERS LIVING HERE, ONLY FRIENDS THAT YOU HAVE YET TO MEET"

Chairman's message

Inspiration comes from a Radio 4 'Thought for the Day' – "I am what you are".

All of us in this village rely knowingly or unknowingly upon our neighbours. The actions that we take to stay safe during this pandemic, particularly during the present lockdown, have far reaching consequences witnessed by the comparative safety of this part of the County.

The results of your sustained efforts to stay safe should finally be rewarded in the not too distant future with the availability of vaccines to control and defeat this Coronavirus. We should then be actively looking for ways to encourage our friends and neighbours to venture out more, to enjoy gathering in friendship without first having to check for observance of health safety precautions.

We have been conditioned to act to keep ourselves and those around us SAFE, so much so that hopefully we will shortly have to reverse the process when, again, "I am what you are" will be the mantra to encourage the community to get out and engage with each other once more.

In the meantime – if you need help just ask your neighbours or anyone on the published volunteer network set up to support the community.

Christmas in Easterton – In these troubled if not depressing times your Parish Council has taken the unusual step of financing a large Christmas tree to brighten up and bring some cheer to the village for the festive season. The magnificent tree and lights have been supplied by Superior Plants and the landlord in The Royal Oak has kindly offered use of a prominent space in the front of the pub together with use of the power for the lighting. This is probably the most central vantage point for the Village Christmas tree for everyone to see and enjoy.

Chris Saunders

Next Virtual Parish Council Meeting is the 14th December at 7.30pm, specifically for the discussion of next year's budget (April 2021- March 2022) and therefore also the Precept level.

We welcome all to attend virtually and to contact Gill Tatum, the Clerk via clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com before 12 noon on the 14th December for joining instructions.

Consultation and Budget Spending on Community projects or ideas to benefit the village

The Parish Council welcome any community project proposals and ideas from Parishioners which could be considered for the budget spending.

FYI our current budget covers areas such as; the Parish Gardener (who undertakes landscaping maintenance of our rights of way), our flooding telemetry equipment, our defibrillator, the playground, burial ground maintenance, the clerk salary, our website and **boomCast** system. We have also some budget spending available for donations and have in the past supported organisations such as Easterton Village Hall, West Lavington Youth Club and the Royal British Legion. Perhaps specific projects like a Notice Board for Eastcott or Easterton Sands or consideration of an Electric Vehicle Charging Point in the village ? So ideas please to the Parish Clerk.

Please email any budget ideas/proposals to the Clerk prior to the 7th December 2020.
clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION on COVID FROM YOUR LOCAL SURGERIES

THE MARKET LAVINGTON AND COURTYARD SURGERIES

CORONAVIRUS (COVID) VACCINATION UPDATE

As you are probably aware from recent press releases, a Corona Virus vaccine is on the horizon. This is going to be a huge operation to deliver to all of our patients and we will need your help in doing so.

At the moment all GP practices are preparing plans for delivering vaccination to their patients. We will work in pre-existing groups called Primary Care Networks, where several local GP Surgeries will plan together to provide vaccinations for the whole community from a central point. There will also be national larger sites as well, and you will be able to choose which one is more convenient for you.

It is likely that you will need 2 doses 3 weeks apart, both doses have to be provided at the same clinic location. Vaccination may or may not be available on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

All these plans have to be approved by NHS England before they can be used. Advice from NHS England and the Department of Health advice changes on an almost daily basis as plans are put forward, we are keeping up to date with the information received but please be aware guidance may change.

The vaccines have to be stored at very low temperatures before they are delivered to doctors. Once doctors receive them they will have to be used within five days.

The government wants less than 5% of vaccines to be wasted, so it is likely that vaccine appointments will be offered at very short notice, and you may need to rearrange any existing plans to be able to attend your vaccination appointments.

We are awaiting information on the vaccination schedule and the eligible patients will be contacted directly.

The best way you can help your practice deliver the vaccine is to ensure that they have the correct contact details for you, mobile phone, e-mail, and if you are housebound.

PLEASE Contact your surgery below with your details.

Courtyard Surgery email: reception.courtyard@nhs.net

Market Lavington Surgery email: reception2.marketlavington@nhs.net

Local COVID-19 contact tracing is now taking place

If you receive a call from **0300 456 0100** please be sure to pick up

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DAY LEWIS PHARMACY, MARKET LAVINGTON

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

Closed 12 noon to 2pm for deep cleaning.

The Pharmacy will continue to be open throughout this 2nd Lockdown.

Repeat Prescriptions Requests

A kindly request to help the pharmacy's efficiency and your continual supply of medication, please give the pharmacy at least a few days notice before you run out completely.

PRESCRIPTIONS HELP OR COLLECTION

Please use the Easterton Volunteer Support Contacts list if you need any help from our volunteers. Please look on the Easterton Website for details : www.eastertonpc.org.uk

MARKET LAVINGTON SURGERY. Market Lavington

Contact the surgery: Appointment Line: 01380 812500 Main Lines: 01380 812500

see website for opening times

email: Reception2.marketlavington@nhs.net

website: www.marketlavingtonnhs.uk

THE COURTYARD SURGERY West Lavington

Tel: 01380 813300

Open 8am to 12noon, 1.30pm to 6.30pm

website: www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk

email: reception.courtyard@nhs.net

We at the Courtyard Surgery, have spent all summer working on the assumption that all our patients are contagious with asymptomatic Covid-19. This has been good training for the team here and we have all learnt new skills and ways of working.

- We are not reducing our opening hours, patients are still being invited in, but the doctors are phoning everyone before inviting them in.
- When people phone in to be put on the list to be contacted, the patient support team may ask for additional information or even request a photo of a rash be sent by e-mail or in request to a text message.
- We are making use of both telephone and video consultations.
- Prescriptions are sent electronically to chemists so there is no need to collect paper scripts from the surgery.
- Prescriptions can be requested either by e-mail, Airmid app, the surgery website or by letter, if someone has a repeat prescription/squirrel they can ask the chemist to contact us to renew it, the local chemists all have our e-mail address.

If people are worried about symptoms they can have them checked at any time using the DoctorLink via our website, which will send messages to us in the morning.

STOP PRESS

Flu Vaccines message from the Courtyard Surgery in November

“ We at the surgery, strongly recommend flu vaccination for those in eligible categories. There is good data that a combination of flu and covid is associated with worse outcomes. ”

EASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL CORONAVIRUS COMMUNITY SUPPORT

The Parish Council are maintaining this Community Support 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.

VOLUNTEER CONTACT	TEL: NO:	EMAIL ADDRESS:
Cllr Sarah Bates	07502 484449	sarahannebates2111@gmail.com
Councillor Anthony Snook	07831 116136	anthonysnook@tiscali.co.uk
Councillor Judy Boyt	01380 818719 07860242836	judy@judyboyt.com
Community Volunteer Briony Clarke	07976 798196	briony@padesk.com
Community Volunteer Victoria Turner	01380 699043 07725 269718	victoria@badgerswood.net

COVID-19 UPDATES:

The government updates its COVID-19 case rate data daily. You can view this information and check COVID-19 case rates in your local postcode area here:

<https://coronavirus.data.gov.uk/>

Many Wiltshire Council services are continuing to run during the current national restrictions (5 November to 2 December).

For more information about council services visit our website

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/public-health-coronavirus.>

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number: 305510

Annual General Meeting of Easterton Village Hall, to be held on Zoom at 5pm on Tuesday 1st December 2020. Members of the public are very welcome to attend, but should give notice of their intent to

The Secretary: David Green Tel: 01380 812527 by Friday 27th November 2020.

Hall Modernisation Update. The final phase of the hall modernisation programme is now under way.

GRAND DRAW RESULTS. The draw originally scheduled for Sunday 8th November was brought forward to Wednesday 4th November in advance of the second lockdown. An independent scrutineer, Professor Chris Branford White, was in attendance to see fair play. The organisers are most grateful to those individuals and local businesses who donated prizes, as well as those who “hoofed” round the village selling tickets, and to all of you who bought tickets. The draw raised £1,473 towards the hall modernisation.

Prize	Donated by	Name on ticket
Prize of £250	Draw tickets	Joanna Green
Meal for two & B wine	Royal Oak	Charlotte Neal
Prize of £50	Easterton Vehicles Ltd	Theresa Chadwick
Voucher	Douse & Son	Snook
Voucher	Turners Fire	T Somerset Webb
Voucher	Gemini	Jim Spencer
Seasonal Hamper	Gerry Hamilton	Green
Guinness set	Raine & David Green	Chris Saunders
Vodka set	Raine & David Green	Nick Cunningham
Voucher	Alpha Print	John Kyte
Local Produce Hamper	Carol Street	Steve Richardson
Dairy Milk	Coop	Green
Bottle Rioja	HK Motors	Beth Warren
Bottle Sangria	HK Motors	John Cocking
Bottle Champagne	Briony & Kieran ClarkePierce	Purdon
½ case wine	Sally & Richard Snook	Gompalls
Bottle Malt Whisky	Heather & Chris Saunders	Mel Newberry
Bottle Champagne	Rebecca & Nick Harman	Jade Turnbull
Tin Quality Street	Sue & Mike Allen	Laura Moss
Bottle Echo Falls	Rebecca & Nick Harman	Sammi-Jo

Other ways of supporting the Village Hall :

AmazonSmile - www.smile.amazon.co.uk is a simple, automatic way for anyone shopping online to support the hall – at no extra cost to you or the hall. 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.

Co-op Local Community Fund. The Village Hall is one of this year's beneficiaries. If you are a Co-op member you will be able to select Easterton Village Hall as your nominated beneficiary. For more information look on the website : www.coop.co.uk



What's your story ?

Claire Spelling

Photographer

(more fantastic photos on Claire's website.)

Q. How long have you lived in Easterton?

10 years living in the Cotswolds I moved with my two horses, Errol and Scoobie to Easterton in September 2011.

Q. What brought you to Easterton?

James Roberts who ran the JR Foundation Station at Mr and Mrs Craig's Sands Farm. He used natural horsemanship to help troubled horses, and start young horses into their future. I became his official photographer in 2009, taking pictures of James, his students, owners and their horses. He became a close friend and colleague. After two years of driving back and forth I decided to make the move to Wiltshire. I had found the community in Easterton (mainly through socialising at the Royal Oak) so friendly and welcoming it felt like a really positive step for me. Sadly James was tragically killed in a car accident in November 2012 and his passing was a great loss to so many people in the area. His lessons in life live on though. My photo of him is framed on my wall with one of his favourite sayings. *'Your day is what you make it, and today is going to be a great day'*.



Q. How would you describe your life in eight words?

Conservationist, filmmaker, photographer, animal-lover, quite tired, gin, crumpets.

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

I think to be able to sing, or play an instrument really well. I love music, played the flute and piano, maybe I will take up the piano again when I have more time.

Q. Where were you born?

I was actually born in Harlow in Essex. I left Harlow when I was 16 to pursue a career working with horses and ended up working in several different parts of the country before moving to London in the early 90's.

Q. Education, where did you go to school/college/university?

I left Harlow and school when I was 16 to pursue a career working with horses and ended up working in different parts of the country before moving to London in the early 90's. We didn't have much money growing up and there wasn't any opportunity for me to go on to study further. I had wanted in those days to work in television or be a vet but was encouraged at school to be secretary instead. I ended up doing one year on the government YTS scheme as a trainee secretary at an electronics firm on £18.50 a week, before following my heart to Sussex and a job working with horses. I had always loved horses, this felt like a better option for me than being stuck behind a typewriter!

Many years later in 2016, I made the leap back into education. I finally achieved my dream of university by going to Falmouth University and taking a BA in Wildlife Photography and Filmmaking. It was an incredible experience and I achieved a First Class award – something I will be proud of forever. In 2019, I enrolled on an MA in Film and Television, and I was halfway through this when Covid-19 hit. I am now intermitting my studies, and hope to return in June 2021 to take my final term.

Q. Family, tell us a bit about your family?

I have two incredible younger sisters and both live in Shrewsbury. My sister Emma has two lovely boys, Luca and Matteo and works as a Process Manager for the local council, and my youngest sister Jennifer is a Principal Ecologist for the Canal and Rivers Trust. We lost our parents in 1993, and so our relationship has always been very close and supportive. We have a large maternal family, mostly based in Cornwall and lots and lots of cousins who have now dispersed all over the world.

Q. What is your greatest achievement?

While I am very proud of my degree, I think my greatest achievement was learning to scuba-dive, because I used to be terrified of going under the water. I remember having to take my mask off at the bottom of a freezing quarry dive to pass my training and that moment pushed me to my limits. But I somehow overcame my fears and did it. I'll never forget that feeling (and the hyperthermia!).

CLAIRE SPELLING Photographer contd...

Q. With whom in history do you admire the most?

I tend to naturally identify with strong female protagonists from Rachel Carson, who wrote 'Silent Spring' – and arguably started the global environmental movement, to the anti-capitalist Naomi Klein, the Nigerian feminist author Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and the photojournalist Jo-Anne McArthur, who has dedicated her life to telling the stories of the animals trapped in our human world.

Q. What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

Being a documentary filmmaker is by far the most challenging and rewarding job I have ever done. I am currently working on a documentary and fundraising film for the Wiltshire Wildlife Hospital, to help them raise money for a new hospital building. I was lucky enough to interview the legend that is Dame Judi Dench in the summer as part of the project. It has been a year in the making (thanks to Covid) and it has been a labour of love (and a few tears). Please keep an eye out for the campaign in the next few weeks and donate if you can. See my website below.

Q. What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Other than photography and filmmaking, riding horses is probably my most rewarding hobby. The feeling of freedom and trust you have with a horse when you ride them is hard to find elsewhere in life. I still miss my dear horse Scoobie, who I lost in 2016 to injury. We used to spend dusky evenings exploring the hill and ridgeway, it was magic.

Q. Who/what is your favourite author/book?

Picking one single author or book is very hard but 'Where the Crawdads Sing' by Delia Owens, 'Kafka on the Shore' by Haruki Murakami along with any book by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie.

Q. Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

My music tastes vary hugely. One of my favourite current song writers is Ben Howard, but I also love rock music, and my favourite live band is The Foo Fighters.

Q. What's your favourite film/TV programme?

I don't really have a true favourite, there are so many good films and series out there. I always loved American Beauty – so beautifully tragic. But also silly films like Bridget Jones' Diary and Deadpool! I've recently watched The Crown, which I thought was incredible, especially Claire Foy as Elizabeth and the overall production value was astounding.

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

Probably sweet peas – because they were my mum's favourite and the smell takes me back to her.

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

Toasted crumpets with marmite!

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

Diving in the ocean with humpback whales.

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

In March I was locked down in Cornwall, waiting for news of the University reopening. I was lucky to be close to the beach and next to woodland and lakes in an eco-pod, so I was spoilt for nature and time outdoors. However being apart from my partner for so long was hard and it was the first time, I had really experienced true isolation. I wouldn't want to do it again any time soon. Lockdown number two has been easier being at home here in Easterton and surrounded by such a wonderful community helps no end. This experience has taught me to not take the simple things for granted, and to cherish your friends and family.



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Wiltshire Council Updates

Launch of #WiltshireTogether Champions network

The council is launching the #WiltshireTogether Champions initiative to create a network of people who can get the latest COVID-19 information out across Wiltshire. This network will help the council share accurate and factual guidance and advice, which will help counter misleading and inaccurate information being spread through social media and word of mouth.

The #WiltshireTogether Champions will be able to keep up-to-date with the latest national guidance and receive Wiltshire-specific updates, so that they can keep themselves, their families, friends and communities safe. The messages will be created by the council, ready for champions to simply share in an easy and quick way.

Anyone that is interested in signing up to become a #WiltshireTogether Champion can email their details to: communitychampions@wiltshire.gov.uk

Gemma Brinn of Wiltshire Council's Public Health team has shared some information about the new local COVID-19 Contact Tracing Service which you can [click here to watch on YouTube](#).

New Local Restrictions Support Grant scheme opens for applications

The council has launched the Local Restrictions Support Grant scheme after receiving over £7 million of Government funding to support local businesses. for support and advice please contact:

email: Covid-19BusinessSupport@wiltshire.gov.uk

ENERGY NEWS FOR ZERO CARBON BY 2030

Innovations and progress are happening, the Government have announced new plans and help for the Green future

Did you know that:

- Wiltshire Council are investing in well designed, Zero Carbon and energy efficient homes and housing.
- They are also making plans in identifying and supporting safe cycle routes initially in towns and urban areas, connecting villages rurally.
- Devizes Town Council are switching to electric vehicles
- Prototype Hydrogen combi-boilers for domestic use are being piloted in a test project in the North by a consortium of Baxi Heating and Worcester Bosch. this project H21, is demonstrating how existing natural gas networks can be repurposed to carry 100% hydrogen. The boilers have been developed as part of the UK government-funded Hy4Heat programme, which is also supporting the development of hydrogen-ready gas cookers, fires and gas meters.
- Plans for a 3.75W Community Solar project (called Riding Sunbeams) to power the railway on the London to Eastbourne mainline.
- The government has issued a 10 point plan and a multi-billion pound package of investment for a Green Industrial Revolution and creating 250000 new jobs linked to the Green economy .

To come next issue: The Dormouse needs a helping hand - this area does have them.

The editor would like to ask if there is anyone who would like to take on the voluntary role of supplying articles or news for the future Echoes: Areas such as recipes, handy hints, crosswords.

LOCAL SHOPS and SUPPLIERS

THE CO-OP. Market Lavington. **Tel: 01380 813338**

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

Tel: 01380 848691 website: www.planksfarmshop.co.uk

email: enquiries@planksfarmshop.co.uk

Open 9:30am - 4.00pm Mon - Sat. Sunday 10am - 4:00pm

Please note Planks Farm Shop is open for key workers 8:30 - 9:30 everyday

DOUSE & SON BUTCHERS,

Tel: 01380 812344 website: www.rdouse.co.uk

HERITAGE FINE FOODS

Tel: 01380 860968 website: www.heritagefinefoods.co.uk

email: sales@heritagefinefoods.co.uk

Look on their website for details on their **5adaybox** of veg and fruit delivered to your door.

ASHTON FARMS OF WILTSHIRE **Tel: 01380 870758** email: sales@ashtonfarms.co.uk

PLANKS DAIRIES,

Tel: 01380 860968 email: milk@planksdairies.co.uk

Manor Farm, Poulshot, DEVIZES SN10 1RY

Planks Dairies deliver milk, cream, bread, cheese, yoghurts, potatoes and fruit juices to your door

THE POST OFFICE, Market Lavington **Tel: 01380 812267**

Open Mon - Fri 9.00am - 5pm. Sat: 9:00 - 12noon

SUPERIOR PLANTS

Tel: 07969661847 email: tony@superiorplants.co.uk

Open 10-4pm 7 days a week. Collect and Deliveries

Order your Christmas trees for Christmas from Superior Plants Plenty of sizes are available

TAKEAWAY FOOD

TURNERS FIRE, Market Lavington **Tel: 01380 698100** website: www.turnersfire.co.uk

THE GREEN DRAGON, Market Lavington.

Tel: 01380 813235 website: www.greendragonlavington.co.uk

Take Away meals and local delivery service. Sunday Roast - please book by Saturday Morning.

Bed and Breakfast Accommodation is available.

TSANG'S KITCHEN, Market Lavington **Tel: 01380 816363** website: www.tsangskitchen.weebly.com

DIRECTORY OF INDEPENDENT TRADERS AND SERVICES - SHOP LOCAL

Support your local small businesses and freelancers and shop local. Devizes shops are open for Christmas, look out for late shopping hours and special events such as IndieDay and the Facebook Christmas Market. Some shops offer free local delivery.

For more information click on link : www.indevizes.org.uk/