

EASTERTON ECHOES

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

Chairman's message

Ode to Spring (& BONFIRES)

*Spring may be just around the corner
Oh to open wide the windows again
But not for lingering smoke!*

*The warmer weather is so welcome
A chance to air washing on the line
Not today with a careless bonfire upwind!*

*Remember those hazy lazy days to enjoy?
Well they might just be hazy often than not!
With no opportunity to chat in the garden
Less eyes smart and clothing goes to pot.*

*Gone your weekend relaxing enjoyment
Of garden and friends alike,
Just because of inconsiderate neighbours
Who can't wait for a fair weekday wind
To blow clear of close habitation, or
Adopt a ban on weekend pyromania!*

(A serious message, with apologies to anyone expecting much to scan properly let alone rhyme!)

Wiltshire Council asks residents to be sensitive to those living nearby and avoid having bonfires wherever possible. “Never burn garden waste that is still green or recently cut and never burn any other household waste”

If you are affected by smoke from a bonfire Wiltshire Council recommend that you discuss your concerns initially with your neighbour. If this doesn't work then complete a 'smoke monitoring log sheet' and submit to Wiltshire Council together with any photos.

Full details and guidance on the WC website under 'bonfires', part of the Environmental Health section.

Lambing season is here.

Please when walking and exploring our many lovely paths, bridleways and byways in the area, stick to the legal path. Keep your dogs (however well behaved or trained they may be) on leads, especially when going through or near fields with livestock in them, in particular sheep and their lambs. Do not let your dogs chase any livestock, the consequences can be heartbreaking for both the owner and the farmer.

There was a recent event in the Cotswolds when a dog was let off the lead in a field of sheep and lambs. It killed several sheep and lambs and left many others traumatised and badly injured. The farmer used his right to shoot and kill the marauding dog to protect his stock.

Opportunity to hear Wiltshire Council plans towards Net Zero Carbon targets.

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on April 19th, 7:30pm by Zoom with our guest speaker Ariane Crampton from Wiltshire Council who will be talking about the Net Zero Carbon targets how it might affect our rural communities.

Also will be the chance to say farewell to our WCC Representative Cllr. Philip Whitehead as after the May elections the Boundaries will be redrawn and we will have a new WCC Cllr joining our meetings.

For any further information or if you would like to attend the meeting please contact the Parish Clerk.
Email: clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

Local Council Elections 6th May 2021 - MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT

On 6 May 2021, all eligible residents in Wiltshire will be invited to vote in a number of elections and referendums.

The Police and Crime Commissioner election, town and parish council elections, Wiltshire Council unitary elections, and nine local neighbourhood planning referendums will all be taking place.

The Wiltshire Council's top priority is for you to have your say in a safe way.

Given the pandemic, we understand that many of you may not wish to vote in person on election day. For this reason, we strongly recommend that you vote by post, as it is the easiest and most convenient way to vote. If you haven't already done so, you can apply for postal vote using the following link :

[Please click here for Government postal vote page](#)

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

If you feel that you would like to stand for Council please do apply via Wiltshire Council website

Your Parish Council is an interesting role to hold in a community like Easterton, we are a proactive Council who have a mantra to help improve the needs of the community. If you wish to be an elected Parish Councillor the forms are available at

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/media/5016>

The forms need to be printed off and completed.

If you're looking to put yourself forward as a candidate in the upcoming local unitary elections and town and parish council elections, Wiltshire Council have created a booking system for you to make appointments for the election team to check your nomination paper. The forms need to be printed off and completed. This system has been put in place due to the number of elections taking place on 6 May. Click on the links below to book

[Book nomination appointment](#)

[Cancel your nomination appointment](#)

The deadline to submit nomination papers is 8th April at 4pm, these have to be hand delivered to County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JN

ENERGY UPDATES

Sewage is our next energy source and it is supplied in vast continuous quantities by us - the human being.

Did you know that enough energy from your urine will power your mobile phone? (Don't try this at home as it is a little more science and engineering involved).

Did you know that the methane generated by sewage is an energy source and will power a car! This is actually being tested on an ordinary VW Beetle car with an ordinary engine No batteries required and the emissions are 99% clean from the exhaust! This is an important development as batteries are made of finite materials such as Lithium, which means battery operated cars are not sustainable in future.

Did you know that sewage contains many important minerals and good bacteria called Phages, that can target bad bacteria called Super bugs such as Ecoli and eradicate it? This is being researched and hailed the next generation of medicine. (Phages or Bacteriophages are the most abundant organisms in the biosphere.)

Did you know the by product of the biodigesters fed by sewage can be used as a fertiliser and compost for farming?

This is a natural and energy efficient method of creating energy in addition to solar, wind and water.

information taken from BBC Programme: The Secret Science of Sewage. (watch on BBC iplayer)

In addition to energy being produced from natural sources, Seville Spain is using the humble Seville Orange (normally used for marmalade) to produce Methane in bio-digesters as a source of energy for the town.

STOP PRESS GIGABIT FTTP BROADBAND ROLLOUT NEWS

EASTERTON AREA COMMUNITY FIBRE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME

Since the last months issue of the Echoes informing you of the Gigabit FTTP (Fibre to the Property) roll (or lack of it), there has been another Government announcement and again this area 3 is NOT on the National Rollout plan for receiving a Ultrafast Broadband FTTP. BUT for rural areas such as ours, there is a new funding scheme to be extended to help communities such as ours to get this Ultrafast Broadband installed.

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW ?

Your community needs You !

Through an initiative started by resident Andy Colley and supported in principle by the Easterton Parish Council as a benefit to the community. A start has been made as to how this will work, what the next steps are with Openreach and how we can benefit from the Government funding.

So, in the very near future you will receive more detailed information via boomCast, asking you to register your interest, so that we can get Openreach to carry out the important feasibility survey. We need to prove this is a 'Demand Led' project to benefit our community, hence the more Easterton addresses and interested parties that are registered, the better and more likely this upgrading of our Broadband will happen.

Points to remember are that:

- With the future of communication and a change in how more people working from home and downloading more information, data and streaming. We need a super fast, reliable broadband system with no loss of speeds at peak times or due to distance from the cabinet.
- 5% of the UK is NOT included in the current National Fibre Broadband rollout plans and we, this area, are in that 5%.
- We need to work in partnership with Openreach to get ultrafast broadband to our homes.
- Once FTTP has been installed to your property you can use your existing IP providers, you are not necessarily tied to BT
- Independant research says access to fast Broadband adds 3% to property values

HOW IT WORKS

Openreach has a dedicated team providing management and support to help make the process as simple as possible.

There are 9 steps to attain and the first 4 steps have been achieved already

1. Check if we are part of the National Rollout plan - **We are Not !**
2. Register internet with Openreach in having a Community Fibre Partnership - **We have done this**
3. Openreach send us information on how to get started - **They have sent information outlining the process**
4. Build support for the partnership and establish a working Community entity - **This is where we are at present**

The next steps need to be taken in order to get the ball rolling:

5. Openreach conducts their survey in order to provide a ballpark cost to bring fibre to the houses
6. Discuss any costs and probability within the community
7. Openreach to generate a firm cost and timescales based on their survey
8. The Community establishes the funding channels for Government Gigabit Vouchers Scheme.
9. Openreach plan and build the infrastructure enabling us to connect to the Ultrafast Broadband using our own choice of IP provider.

For any queries or more information please contact either:

Andy Colley Tel: **07917011940** Email: **andygcolley@gmail.com**

Judy Boyt Email: **judy@judyboyt.com**

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Registered Charity Number: 305510

The village hall has now undergone a substantial modernisation, providing enhanced facilities, including Broadband for all different functions. The main hall has a seated capacity of 100 (150 standing) and a smaller function room – The Garden Room – with a capacity of 50 seated (70 standing). This Garden Room has a coffee station and can be reconfigured as a classroom or seminar venue. and has access to the playing field and children's play area from this room.

There is a fully equipped kitchen and a separate bar, both opening onto and serving the the main hall. (Cutlery, crockery and glassware for up to 100 covers are included in the facilities.)

The stage now has full lighting and sound facilities whilst the Garden Room can serve as a "Green Room" for the stage. Other facilities include a new suite of toilets, accessible toilets, a baby changing station, storage plus On-site parking.

The hall is licensed for music and dancing: Monday to Friday – 8am to 1am the next day; Saturday – 8am to 12 midnight; Sunday – 8am to 1030pm. Alcohol sales are only permitted if a Temporary Event Notice (TEN) is obtained in advance. Hirers must acknowledge the Conditions of Hire in advance.

Under present Government COVID regulations the hall remains closed for the time being, although the local government and Police & Crime Commissioner elections will go ahead on 6th May.

Hire charges with effect from 1st April 2021 are as follows:

	Parish Functions	Easterton Residents	Non Easterton residents and Local Government	Commercial and Youth parties (12-25)
Main Hall	£5	£7	£8	£12
Garden Room	£4	£6	£7	£12
Hall and Garden Room	£10	£12	£14	£24

Special rates can be negotiated for regular club and group activities. Some storage facilities can be offered for such organisations. All enquiries for hall bookings should be addressed to the Hall Secretary:

David Green Tel: [01380812527](tel:01380812527), Email: davidgreen5@btinternet.com

Opening Ceremony - Saturday 17th July (subject to Government regulations)

To mark the end of the modernisation programme the trustees are planning a grand reopening event open to all the public and our local MP, Danny Kruger, who will officiate for the opening.

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

Here we still are with the churches open only for private prayer on Wednesday afternoon 1.00 to 4.00pm and Sunday morning 9.00 to 12.00am, of course our Zoom Services are still going strong at 10.00am on Sunday mornings (details from the Parish Office - Tel: [01380 816963](tel:01380816963)).

Any donations should be given to the parish representative, which, in our case is Sue Allen at 57 High St, Easterton.

Meanwhile, if we have a sunny day, do enjoy the church yard which is full of spring bulbs at this time of year.
Pat Morrison (Church Warden)

Kings Road Spring clean - the village Steward allocated to this parish responded well to the plea to make good the potholes dotted up the road and even did his best to clear the accumulation of grit/silt lying on and above the speed bumps. So we should be good until the next downpour.

Please note that the Kings Rd is allocated to be resurfaced but not until 2023/4

Our Parish Steward, Kevan, is normally in the village once a month - if anyone should notice a defect in the highway or highway furniture in any part of the village please contact Cllr Anthony Snook.

Email: anthonysnook@tiscali.co.uk Tel : [07831 116136](tel:07831116136)

THE ARTS AND NATURE

RSPB INFORMATION FOR SPRING

Did you know Saturday 20 March, was officially the first day of spring. Of course, it confirms what many of us are already enjoying: warmer weather, flowers bursting into bloom and more birdsong.

Last week's focus on birdsong certainly hit a note and we've been delighted to hear how many of you have found it useful. We've lots more on birdsong and bird identification to come in future newsletters, starting next week with the birds that fly in for summer. This week, why not try getting to grips with what flowers you see with Plantlife's Great British Wildflower Hunt.

Just as nature becomes more active at this time of year, many of us look for new activities and things to do. So this week, the RSPB are bringing you two very special events: a positive look at the future of our planet with Sir David Attenborough and others; plus, a personal guide to enjoying the UK's wildlife with presenter Miranda Krestovnikoff. See RSPB website for more details and activities.

www.rspb.org.uk

THE POUND ARTS CENTRE, CORSHAM

Pound Arts feeling good

We all have some days where we feel more energised, optimistic and are able to work at our best. Other days life feels much gloomier and more difficult to face. Pound Arts have put this 'Feel Good Pack' together to encourage you to take some time to consider what we all need in our lives to remain at our best and to suggest a few things you might be able to do to help keep yourself well and fulfilled.

[Download the pack](#)

www.poundarts.org.uk

THE WHARF THEATRE, DEVIZES

Following a year which has seen the struggle get worse for many, The Wharf Theatre have decided to join forces again with our fellow venues and join the #Light It in Red campaign. Anyone passing The Wharf will see a series of posters we have created especially to celebrate this campaign.

More exciting news, subject to Government guidelines there are 8 shows in pre-production with scheduled dates from July to December. Please look on the website for more details

www.wharftheatre.co.uk

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR CREATIVE HEALTH

A new National Centre for Creative Health aims to "mainstream" arts interventions in health and social care, seizing on the growing enthusiasm for the approach. The institute will play a pivotal role in making creativity an integral part of care systems within the UK, working with the NHS, local authorities and community organisations to further existing interventions and design new ones based on local needs. Its establishment is the result of a two-year inquiry led by the All-Party Parliamentary Group of Arts, Health and Wellbeing that found "the arts are integral to health and should be recognised as such by health services". The centre launches with a small team of researchers, trustees and advisors and financial backing from the Paul Hamlyn Foundation.

[Find out more information click here](#)

SWINDON DANCE TASTER DAY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 17 APRIL 2021

Swindon Dance's Centre for Advanced Training (CAT) provides access to world-class dance training opportunities for young people in the South West aged between 11 – 17 years, regardless of their personal circumstances. They are holding FREE online taster days on Saturday 17 April 2021 for each programme where students have the opportunity to take part in two practical dance workshops, have a virtual tour of the studios, as well as find out more about the CAT programmes.

www.swindondance.org.uk

WORTON & CHEVERELL FC (YOUTH)

'The Badgers'. www.wortonandcheverellfc.com

Monday 29th March 2021 – is the anticipated date of the return of grassroots football and our teams are ready to restart the season. **The club have decided that no more subs will be payable for the season and invite new players to come along and try for next few months without signing on fees.** The club will also look closely at the rates for next season in recognition of the lock down impacts this season.

So anticipating FA guidance, training returns as below:

Under 6's – Badger Cubs – Return on Friday 2nd April 0900 then every Saturday 0900 @ Elisha Field.

Under 7's – Return Friday 2nd 1000 @ Elisha Field and then Wednesday evenings 1800-1900 @ Elisha Field.

Under 8's – Return on Friday 2nd April 1000 and then Tuesday evenings 1800 @ Elisha Field.

Under 9-10s – Returns Friday 2nd April 1700-1800 @ St Barnabus. New players welcome.

Under 11's – Return Saturday 3rd April 1000-1200 and then Friday evenings 1800-1915 @ Elisha Field.

Under 13's - Return Friday 2nd April 1815-1915 @ Northbrook. New players welcome.

Under 14's – Return Friday 2nd April 1400 and then Friday evenings 1900-2000. This team have also entered Wiltshire Futsal league starting in May.

Under 15's – Return Tuesday 30th March 1915-2030 @ Northbrook.

Hopefully matches across the county will restart and teams can start to plan for playing tournaments when conditions allow and the feedback from all teams shows that all are ready and keen to get back to action!

Club Secretary fundraising update - Still going strong and completed 5 runs at the time of writing (15th). Vicky is raising funds for a Secondary Cancer charity during the year and will run (virtually or physical) two 10k runs every month in memory of a friend who passed away in November. A link is on our Facebook page for people to read.

Team Contacts for 2020/21 Season

Badger Cubs– Dave Kiddle - 07843 678781

U7– Pete Huntley- 07974756131

U8- Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U9/10- Mark Goddard – 01380 813160

U11 - Neil Black- 07769 261750

U13 -Mark Goddard- 01380 813160

U14– Dave Kiddle- 07843678781

U15– Aiden Allmark- 07341 819154

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE EVENTS

FOR NEW UPDATES PLEASE LOOK ON THE EASTERTON WEBSITE

www.eastertonpc.org.uk

19th APRIL 2021 ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Climate in Wiltshire: Guest Speaker Ariane Crampton from Wiltshire County Council

Come and hear what Wiltshire has done and is proposing to do to get towards a Net Zero Carbon and how we as a rural community can help ourselves. This is an opportunity to ask Questions related to the Climate. Contact The Parish Clerk for further information and to register your place on Zoom.

clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com

6TH MAY 2021 LOCAL ELECTIONS OPEN FOR ALL ELIGIBLE WILTSHIRE RESIDENTS

The Police and Crime Commissioner election, town and parish council elections, Wiltshire Council unitary elections, and nine local neighbourhood planning referendums will all be taking place, hopefully at the village Hall. If you cannot vote in person on election day, you can vote by post by applying for a postal vote using the link below:

[Government postal vote page, click here](#)

For more information please go to Government website

17TH JULY 2021 VILLAGE HALL OPENING CEREMONY (subject to Government regulations)

To mark the end of the modernisation programme the trustees are planning a grand reopening event on The event will be open to all and our local MP, Danny Kruger, who will officiate for the opening.

Poetry Corner as sent by Easterton Residents

EATING IN THE 50'S

Pasta had not been invented
Curry was a surname
A takeaway was a mathematical problem
A pizza was a leaning tower
Bananas and oranges only appeared at Christmas time
All crisps were plain: the only choice was whether or not to put the salt on or not.
A Chinese chippy was a foreign carpenter.
Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.
A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
Brown bread was something only poor people ate
Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking
Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.
Coffee was Camp, and came in a bottle.
Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.
Only Heinz made beans,
Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
Eating raw fish was poverty, not sushi.
None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
People who didn't peel potatoes were regarded as lazy.
Indian restaurants were only found in India.
Cooking outside was called Camping.
Seaweed was not a recognised food.
"Kebab" was not even a word never mind a food.
Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as liquid gold.
Prunes were medicinal.
Surprisingly, muesli was readily available in those days and was cattle feed.
Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we only ever had a picture of the real one.
Water came out of a tap, if someone suggested bottling it and charging more than petrol for it they would become a laughing stock.
The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties was elbows.

From Barbara Bowler

The FAIRIES have been creative.

We are so lucky where we live my dear,
We've dog poo fairies who live quite near.
The fairies are always about with their can of spray,
marking any dog poo, they see on their way.
It is easy to see now when out for a walk,
where the poo is, as it's not marked with chalk.
It's highlighted with an luminous spray paint,
The fairy's lovers of dog poo, is something they ain't.
There's nothing worse than dog poo on one's shoe,
Unless it's a child's, then it can make you blue.
For dog poo fairies there should be no need,
if dog owners picked up after their dog's deed.
Even if it might not be a very pleasant task,
please bag it and bin it is it too much to ask?
Luckily not all dog owners are made the same,
don't know who the bad are, or who to blame.
If one did, one could scoop the poop that's for sure,
then carefully take it back, to their owners' front door.

by Andrew 'Kooky' Stevens

Walks in Wiltshire for the walkers

Look for new walks on the following website:
www.walkingengland.co.uk/wiltshire
For more information contact John Harris

THE ECHOES IS YOUR NEWSLETTER AND NEEDS YOU AND YOUR NEWS

The Easterton Echoes team would be happy to receive any feedback on what we are printing every month. Even if you are happy with the content, it is always good to see your comments
Are there any forthcoming events to put in the newsletter ?

Please send to any of the Editors:

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SURGERY AND VACCINATION NEWS

Courtyard Surgery

www.courtyardsurgery.co.uk

Courtyard Surgery

The surgery has a list of who had which vaccine on which day, ready to call people in for second vaccines as soon as we are allowed to.

Market Lavington Surgery

www.marketlavingtonsurgery.nhs.uk

Appointment Line: **01380 812500**

Main Lines: **01380 812500**

Email: Reception2.marketlavington@nhs.net

Vaccination information

If you are in one of the top priority groups our reception team will get in contact with you.

Please do not call the surgery to find out when we will be booking you in.

Please go to this website for more information

www.bswccg.nhs.uk/latest-covid-19-updates

DIABETES

The Diabetes Prevention Programme is a behaviour change programme where people learn about, diet, physical activity and strategies to improve their overall health, all aimed at reducing their risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes.

Normally, people access the programme through their GP however, due to the pandemic and the subsequent pressure that our GP practices are facing, for a limited time we have enabled a self-referral option via the Diabetes UK 'Know Your Risk Score' – a check list of questions that can determine a person's risk factors - This has also enabled the programme to become more accessible to people within the area.

The risk tool can be accessed via the link below:

<https://riskscore.diabetes.org.uk/start>

More information about the programme can be found at

<https://preventing-diabetes.co.uk/bath-north-east-somerset-swinton-wiltshire/>

If you have any questions please contact:

Jayne Davis

Diabetes Prevention Service Coordinator

www.xylahealthandwellbeing.com

Easterton Parish Council Coronavirus Community Support The Volunteer Programme is still here to help anyone.

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 Sarah Bates 07501484449

sarahannebates2111@gmail.com

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WILTSHIRE WELLBEING HUB is still operating if you need help

Tel: **0300 003 4576** or email: wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk