

EASTERTON ECHOES

EASTERTON, EASTCOTT AND EASTERTON SANDS

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Chairman's Message:

Goodwill and peace to all of us starts here with the Parish Council's decision to mark the festive season for all residents, by having a fully lit Christmas tree installed in the front garden of The Royal Oak pub. Please note this does not, in itself, support trade at the pub but has the agreement of the brewery owners and pub landlords. We are taking advantage of the ground anchors and electrical wiring put in place for the previous tree placed there two years ago.

This is judged the most central village position available for a major powered festive display, although your Parish Council is open to constructive suggestions, perhaps involving street lighting columns, whereby festive events or national celebrations can be suitably highlighted more generally throughout the village in the future.

Budget and Precept levels have been calculated for year 22/23 with slightly increased budget of £19,500 giving rise to an increase in Band D rates of £1.95. (This is the forecast parish increase only and takes no account of any costs to be calculated by Wiltshire Council, the Police or Fire authorities)

Your parish councillors are meeting informally in December to finalise a draft Environmental Policy to be adopted by Easterton PC, plus consideration of possible Sustainability Projects to help us and the community to reduce their carbon footprint – which is where we may well be turning to residents for future involvement and support.

With very best wishes to one and all for Christmas and the New Year
from all on your Parish Council.

Chris Saunders

Editors Notes. *I will be taking a bit of a break over Christmas so the next issue will be in beginning of January. Thank you to all who have helped get the Echoes information into a readable newsletter, without them it would be a garbled mess. And thank you for all your messages of support and letting me know they are enjoying the Echoes.*

COVID-19 IN WILTSHIRE IS INCREASING STEEPLY

The case numbers appear to be particularly high in 5-14 age range and 35-49. The Government is advising that you should take a Rapid Flow test 'If you will be in a high risk situation that day' and that includes being in a crowded and enclosed spaces or if there is limited fresh air.

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABLE TO 12 -15 YEAR-OLDS

One dose is being offered to children aged from 12 -15years to give them the best protection against COVID-19. This includes children who turn 12 on the date of vaccination.

As shops are getting busier for the Christmas period please continue to wear face coverings when out and about, on public transport and in shops.

Please keep washing your hands regularly or sanitising them, and consider meeting others outside or, if indoors with others, open doors and windows to circulate fresh air.

Also, please book your first, second or booster vaccinations using the link: [bookonline/Gov/website](#) when offered. If you have COVID symptoms, please [book a test](#) and self-isolate immediately.

LOCAL TEST AND TRACE COVID SERVICE IS STILL IN OPERATION

Our local COVID-19 contact tracing partnership is still taking place.

If you get a phone call from [0300 456 0100](#), please pick up as this will be our contact tracers looking to pass on information and advice.

FINAL OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HEALTH EXPERTS ABOUT WINTER AND COVID-19

Kate Blackburn, Director of Public Health and Stacey Hunter, CEO of Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust will answer any winter health questions such as how local health services are preparing ahead for a challenging and busy period. The deadline for asking any questions has passed but email the following link to ask about the video and more information: Email: communications@wiltshire.gov.uk

There will be a video link to share their answers with you.

NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7:30 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

For any further information, or if you would like to attend the meeting, please contact the Parish Clerk .

Email: clerk.easterton.pc@gmail.com MOB: [07979 866387](tel:07979866387)

Easterton Parish Council will be discussing potential sustainable community projects to help us all towards reducing our carbon footprint but here are some general suggestions that may be useful

FROM THE ENERGY TRUST

“Unlike the world leaders who recently attended COP26, most of us don’t run a country. But the one thing we have in common is that each of us has a carbon footprint.

Your carbon footprint is the amount of greenhouse gas you create through your own day-to-day activity

As you might imagine, not everyone’s carbon footprint is equal. It can vary depending on your lifestyle, your income, and where you live.”

TOP TIPS TO HELP REDUCE YOUR CARBON FOOTPRINT

Learn more about the Climate emergency

Use low energy light bulbs - this could reduce CO2 emissions by up to 65 Kg per year. this is the equivalent to driving your car 220 miles

Draught proof your home - windows, doors, floorboards and chimneys are the prime places to draught proof.

Walk or cycle more often if you can

Consider Switching to an Air Source or ground source Heat Pump if possible

Turn your hot cylinder temperature down to 40/50%, turn your heating down or off in rooms you don’t use. put in new heating controls such as thermostat radiator valves.

Choose any new electrical appliances - that have a high energy efficiency rating

Reduce your energy use by making small changes to your habits - Frequency of use such as washing machines or tumble dryers is one factor, choose eco modes and on those sunny windy days, use the washing line outside.

Buy Preloved nappies - this works out cheaper (£200) and more climate friendly, while the equivalent is 4000 disposable nappies per child costing in region of £1500

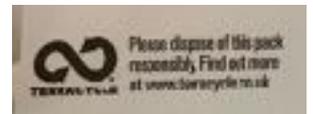
Compost your coffee - Hydrangeas love it.

Don’t throw food away - freeze it - Food waste is big in this country. Use your freezer for all suitable foods to use at another time - About 1/4 of food produced in the world for human consumption is wasted - that is 1.3billion tonnes p year.

This ends up in landfill and produces methane gas, speeding up the impact on climate change.

Use reusable period products - this comes in the form of a menstrual cup and will last for years. Also there is new underwear designed to act as a sanitary pad with no disposable materials. they can be washed in the washing machine and will last for years with proper care.

Reduce, Reuse or Recycle - Look out for the **TERRACYCLE** symbol on your wrappings, especially on packaging such as Crisps, Animal food packs, DishWasher packs, biscuit packs to name but a few. for more valuable information on what , who and how look on the following website: www.terracycle.com



FOR MORE USEFUL INFORMATION

Take a look on the **ENERGY TRUST** website for more information on how you might be able to help lower your carbon footprint.

website: energysavingtrust.org.uk/what-can-i-do-to-help-stop-climate-change/

Useful websites to investigate for what you can do for Climate, Environment and Energy

CENTRE OF ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGY (CAT), Macchynlleth, Wales:

www.cat.org.uk

BUGLIFE and CREATING B-LINES ACROSS BRITAIN:

www.buglife.org.uk

RSPB has many ideas and practical help in helping wildlife and climate:

www.rspb.org.uk

Ellen MacArthur’s Circular Economy Foundation:

To transform our throwaway culture into one where waste is eliminated, resources recirculated and nature regenerated.

www.ellenmacarthurfoundation.org

One Step Greener:

www.together-for-our-planet.ukcop26.org/onestepgreener/

Do Nation:

www.wearedonation.com

Home Improvements

If you have a low EPC rating on your home of D, E, F or G **and** an income under £30000 you may be eligible for home improvements grants up to £10000. For more information: www.swindonwiltshire-lad-applications.com

St Barnabas Church - December News and Christmas Service dates

December is a pretty busy month in the church's calendar, I think most things have already been mentioned as 'in the future', but now it's here and so these are final notices. I do hope there is something for everyone here and that this Christmas is an enjoyable one and as Covid free as possible.

Firstly, a disappointment - sadly there wasn't enough support for the Christmas Tree Festival so we have had to abandon the idea for this year - though I think we will probably try again next year.

THE TOY SERVICE is an annual event which we share with Trinity Church and St Mary's, Market Lavington. It will take place in St Barnabas, we ask people to bring along toys, either new or in good condition. We collect them and deliver them to the Salvation Army who organise them into gifts for needy children in this area. Please donate them unwrapped so that they can be sent to children appropriately, either girl or boy and of course appropriate age presents. And thank you in advance for your gifts.

THE CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. All the children at the service receive a Christingle. The money from the collection all goes to The Children's Society. A basket of Christingle boxes are available to collect from the church (open daily). PLEASE take one home and put in any loose coins you have and bring along the box to The Christingle Service. This is a lovely start to Christmas for the children and usually well attended.

CHRISTMAS FUND RAISER Sally Bullock will make you a large, beautiful wreath for your front door (or suitable for a grave) at a cost of £20 of which she will give £5 to church funds. There is an order list inside the church (on the font) to order a wreath in a variety of colours, which will then be delivered on the 8th, 9th or 10th December (when you will be expected to pay). Sally's wreaths are lovely so please take advantage of her generous offer.

Pat Morrison

DATE	TIME	SERVICE	PLACE
12th Dec	11:00am	Toy Service jointly with St Mary's - toys for Salvation Army	St Barnabas Church
18th/19th Dec	11:00am	Communion Service	St Barnabas Church
19th Dec	6:30pm	Traditional Carol Service	St Barnabas Church
22nd Dec	4:00pm	Christingle Service	St Barnabas Church
24th	10:00pm	Traditional Christmas 'midnight' Communion	St Barnabas Church

REPLACEMENT OF WOODEN CROSS AT ST BARNABAS' REMEMBRANCE GARDEN

WE WILL REMEMBER

The little Garden of Remembrance is in the churchyard at St Barnabas and is the Village's **only** focal point for Remembrance. Originally designed by David and Carol Part, it is small and simple – a circle of rosemary, with a wooden cross made from the branches of a tree felled in the churchyard.

But the wooden cross has fallen victim to time and weather and has deteriorated badly and must now be replaced.

Sadly, Carol died last year. She had been such a good friend to many in our villages, and fundraised for our Village Hall, St Barnabas and The Friends of Erlestoke Prison. True to herself, she left a small bequest which is being put towards a new, more permanent replacement.

Will you help us raise £1500 to get this project underway? You can make a donation – however small or however large - so that we can build on Carol's bequest, and provide a fitting and lasting focal point of Remembrance within the Village.

If you would like to support this appeal, please get in contact with either:

Sue Allen at 57 the High Street

email: sue.allen331@googlemail.com

or Gordon Somerville at 22 White Street

email: gordon.somerville@gmail.com

LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET THIS DONE BY REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY NEXT YEAR!

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

Chris Seymour

Q. How long have you lived in Easterton?

Lesley and I are new arrivals to Easterton and moved here to Strawberry Fields (aka the Jam Factory), about 3 months ago from Basingstoke.

Q. What brought you here to Easterton?

Our daughter and her family live in Market Lavington so it is nice to be nearby

Q. How would you describe your life to date in eight words or longer ?

Very varied

Q. Where were you born?

Tring in Hertfordshire

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

William Penn Secondary School, East Dulwich, London

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

My wife Lesley and I have been married for 56 years, we have 4 grown up children and 11 grandchildren

Q. What is your greatest achievement ?

Waking up !

Q. What was your favourite or most interesting jobs?

Being an Accident and Emergency Crew Member and when I was a volunteer Police Chaplain for Hampshire Police. I hope to join Wiltshire Police soon.

Q. What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Table tennis (I go to Market Lavington club) and Short Mat Bowls held in Easterton Village Hall, where we have met some great people and exercised at the same time. (Lesley is a keen knitter and plays Bowls too)

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

Being a creative gardener.

Q. Who, in history, do you admire the most?

Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Elgar's music

Q. Who is your favourite Author or book that you like?

Ruth Rendell, Ian Rankin and Peter Lovesey

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

Michael Portillo's Great Railway Journeys take you all around the world.

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

The Fuchsia, I love its elegant bell shaped flowers 'dancing' like ballerinas.

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

Sausage, egg and chips.

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

Cornwall

Q. How have the COVID months/years been for you?

We moved here in the pandemic and are really happy here, enjoying the long walks with our dog, exploring the great array footpaths while enjoying the beautiful countryside. So this rural space has been a bonus during this period.



Easterton Sewing Bees

These Wednesday evenings are proving popular with so many different skills being brought in by everyone. We have had two very interesting talks in our 'Show and Tell' while having a coffee break. Cathryne gave a wonderful insight to her passion for Crewel needlework with beautiful examples of her own work. While Kate showed examples of the tapestry seat covers originally made by her late mother but one was never finished, so Kate has taken it on and is in process of completing the last chair seat cover.

We welcome more people with all skills or wanting to learn to come along and join our lovely, lively group where we share our skills and knowledge. It is not just about sewing we would love some knitters to come along and share their skills or teach us beginners. Every Wednesday evening. See Village Hall events Page 6.

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILLOR DOMINIC MUNS FOR THE LAVINGTONS AND EASTERTON

Email: dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk

Mob: 07585 394178

I was very alarmed to hear that there was an attempted dog theft from the Plain this month. We have heard of numerous reports in Wiltshire over the last year but this one was incredibly close to home in a popular and well visited area and seemed to be coordinated to include the slashing of the victim's car tyres presumably so she could not give chase. After making some enquiries this turned out to be "fake news", there was no attempted dog theft although it appears the vandalism to the car was accurately reported. There *have* been ongoing acts of trespass by hare coursers and opportunistic thefts from cars, sheds and gardens across the area recently and it's clear we need to keep an eye out whilst not being scared to enjoy our surroundings.

If you do spot anyone behaving strangely or a suspicious vehicle loitering somewhere please notify the police immediately on 101 and warn your neighbours for good measure.

As many of you know I try to attend every parish council meeting across the area. It allows me to give updates on the work Wiltshire Council is doing but crucially I get to speak to fellow residents and hear about the local issues that matter to them. It is finding a solution to our local issues that got me into this role, not the party politics which frankly is an utter embarrassment at the moment.

Recent public attendance at parish council meetings has been high and I think it reflects the strong communities we live in. A few examples of contributions include residents with planning applications who have presented their proposals or sought advice, people raising concerns about Highways issues, objections to planning applications, pitches for financial support towards local projects have been delivered and thanks has been given for parish council support.

Your local parish council meets every month and is the perfect forum for discussion, support and action on so many elements that make up our rural communities. Having a moan on Facebook about a local issue doesn't achieve much - aside from temporarily venting some pent-up frustration. If you want to make a change then your local parish council is the best place to start.

As a statutory consultee on Planning and Rights of Way matters as well as the local representative body within the Community Area Transport Group dealing with Highways projects, your parish council has a "seat at the table" in many important discussions. In addition, your parish council has access to a budget formed from part of our council tax payments, so it is equipped to support local projects to improve our community from CCTV and play equipment to skateboard ramps and community events.

Public participation at a parish council meeting takes place at the beginning and you are free to leave at any time! It is entirely acceptable to turn up, listen or say a few words and then leave to be back at home in front of the TV within twenty minutes!

Finally a plea... if anyone is interested in a paid role as a Youth Worker / Youth Club Manager in the Lavington area please drop me a line!

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email or phone.

Dominic Muns

Wiltshire Council News Updates

www.wiltshire.gov.uk

YOU REPORT IT, WE SORT IT WITH MYWILTS

Have you downloaded the reporting app MyWilts? - see the website: and find MyWilts section for more details, how to download and how to report any incident online: ***What are you waiting for?***

You can report a number of issues at your fingertips, these include: Potholes - Abandoned vehicles - Weather emergencies - Fly tipping - Overflowing litter bins - Graffiti - Dog mess and more.

Potholes in Kings Road is a case in point - please report any you see to Wiltshire Council

COUNCIL WARNING FOR ANYONE CAUGHT FLY-TIPPING

COUNCIL DESTROYS VEHICLE USED FOR FLY-TIPPING

KEEP UP TO DATE WITH ROADWORKS IN COUNTY

Click on the [One Network Map](#) and type Wiltshire into the search box.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Registered Charity Number: 305510

THE EASTERTON AND EASTCOTT VILLAGE REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LUNCH (14TH NOVEMBER)

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Remembrance Day commemorations this year. At the Remembrance Sunday Service in St Barnabas Church, the chair of the Parish Council laid a wreath on behalf of us all, and individual crosses were laid in our small Memorial Garden in the churchyard.

The Village Hall then hosted a curry lunch, prepared by the 'chefs' of the village. Some 70 villagers attended each event. Final reckoning is not complete, but already over £1,000 has been contributed from the Church Service and the Lunch to be shared with our charities. Thank you to all who contributed and attended to make this another memorable Remembrance Sunday.



There was not much left of an excellent meal as shown in this picture of the remnants of the puddings.

Weekly Village Hall Activities	Activity	Time	Organiser Contact Details
MONDAY	Positive Connections: Dog Scent training	4.00pm - 8:30pm	Jo Thistleton-Dyer Mob: 07737 205884 Email: dyer@hotmail.co.uk
TUESDAY	Marlborough and District Canine Society		Dave Long Tel: 01380 720660
WEDNESDAY	The Easterton Sewing Bees	7:00pm - 9:30pm	Judy Boyt. Mob: 07860 242836 Helen Hardman. Mob: 07584 060644
THURSDAY	Short Mat Bowls and Social Club	7:00pm	Chris Saunders. Tel: 01380 812317
FRIDAY	Yoga with Ginny	10:30pm- 12 noon	Ginny Clother. Mob: 07973 517029
FRIDAY	Circuit training	7:00pm - 8:00pm	Ben Jones. Mob: 07554 692988

Rags2Riches4Schools 7th December 2021

Urchfont School is hosting a fundraising clothing collection. Do you have clothes in your wardrobe you no longer wear? Please help us fundraise by donating your **GOOD** quality, unwanted, re-usable (clean, dry and wearable) clothes and accessories. For a full list of items that can be donated please visit: www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk/what-we-collect/

RSPB NOTES FOR ENVIRONMENT

DO MORE FOR NATURE AND LOOK ON THE FOLLOWING LINK:

www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/my-climate-action/

Go peat free in your garden

Plant a tree or shrub, they provide food and shelter for wildlife

Love your logs and leaves - don't tidy up as it will attract all the best things: woodlice, worms, fungi and bacteria that helps the creatures who feast on them.

Garden Naturally - don't use pesticides or weedkillers. Keep your bird feeders clean

NEWS FROM DAUNTSEY ACADEMY PRIMARY SCHOOL

As always, Christmas is upon us just as the leaves are falling and we find ourselves busy dusting off our angel wings and polishing our halos before we know it!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those parents who came along to our open days during November and would welcome any of you who would like to still visit to give us a call to arrange a time in December. Whether you are choosing a school for your little one for September or moving to the area and needing a place during the year, it is so important to visit the school you are considering for your child and we welcome you all to come and see DAPS for yourselves.

I wish you all a wonderful Christmas season!

Philippa Winbolt, Headteacher.

CALENDAR OF VILLAGE AND OTHER LOCAL EVENTS

FOR NEW UPDATES PLEASE LOOK ON THE EASTERTON WEBSITE

www.eastertonpc.org.uk

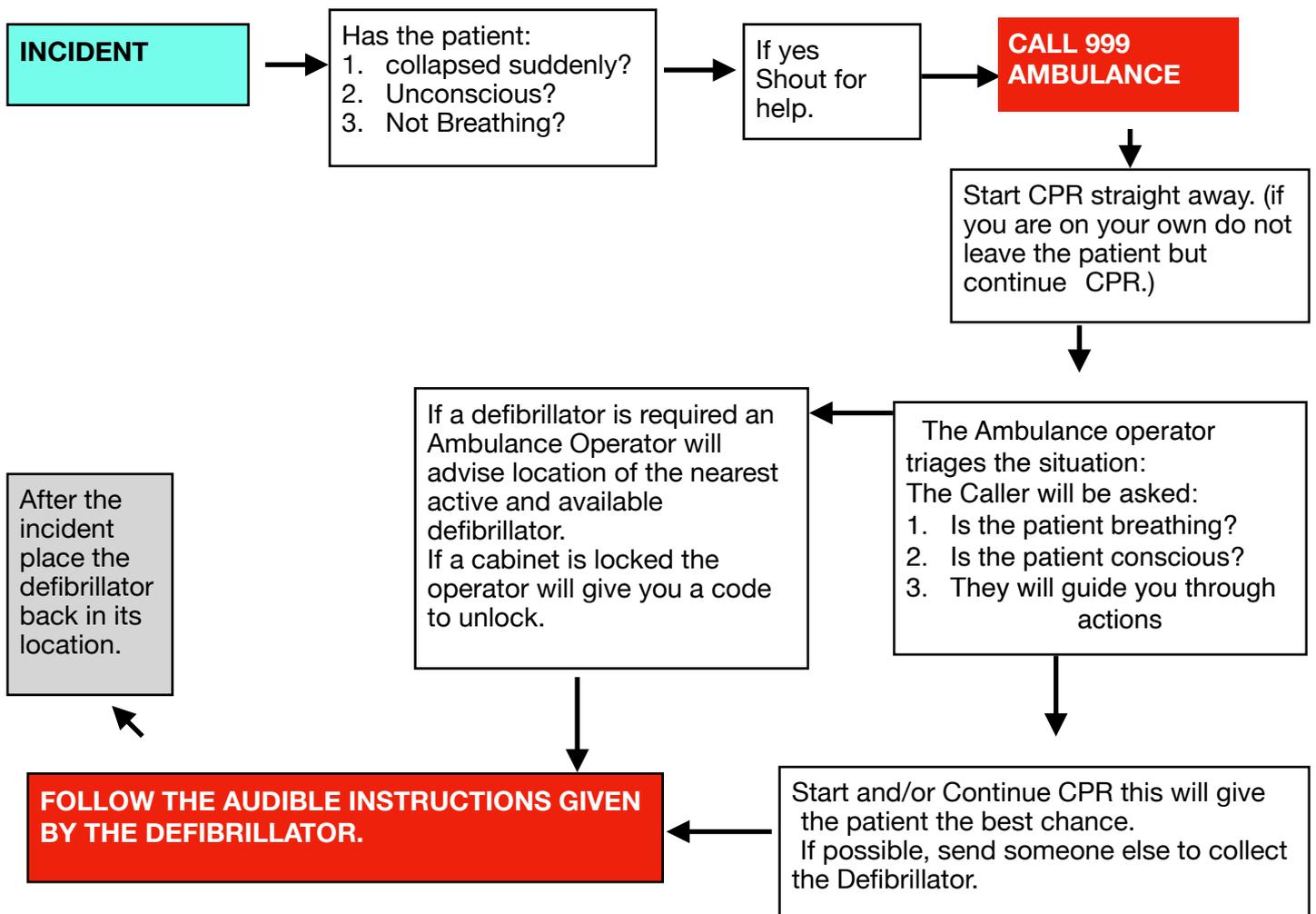
If you have a community event coming up please do let the editor know so it can be shown in this section.

EASTERTON PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR

A reminder that the Defibrillator location is on the wall of the Royal Oak Pub (Oak Lane side) it is an unlocked cabinet.

There was an excellent well attended Defibrillator training evening in the Easterton Village Hall last month, where attendees were able to either refresh or learn how to help and use the defibrillator. Something I would advise everyone to learn what to do in an emergency if someone collapses AND IS NOT BREATHING.

Here's what to do:



CHRISTMAS WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

Waste and recycling collections will **NOT** change over the Christmas and New Year Period. Waste collection crews will be working on Bank Holidays Monday 27th, Tuesday 28th December 2021 and Monday 3rd January 2022.

Residents can check their waste, recycling and garden waste collection days online on Waste Collection Calendar. See www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Cllr Dr Mark McClelland, Cabinet Member for Waste said: 'At Christmas time many of us generate more waste than usual. We would like everyone to do their bit by recycling as much of their waste as possible. Our kerbside recycling collection service helps make this easy to do. In addition to the everyday items people tend to recycle through use of their blue lidded bin and black box.'

It is important that people **do not place batteries or electrical items into any of their household waste bins**. These items can cause fires in collection vehicles or at waste processing/sorting facilities. Instead dispose of them at Household Recycling Centres (HRC's) or many supermarkets have collection points for batteries or you could check if there are more local drop off points - visit the following link [recycling location locator](#) for more information.

Please remember Local charity shops may be happy to receive donations of unwanted Christmas presents and textiles and shoes that are in good condition.

OUR POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICER PAULA YARRANTON 6015 THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM.

Devizes Police Station,
New Park Street, Devizes, Wilts. SN10 1DZ
Mob: **07471 029670**
Tel: **101 ext. 774 39814**

THE ARTS THE POUNDS ARTS CENTRE, Corsham

www.poundarts.org.uk

December 3rd - The Mr Wilsons Second Liners
(New Orleans meets 90s classics.)

December 9th Winter Snowscape with Catherine Beale via Zoom using watercolour techniques.

THE WHARF THEATRE, Devizes www.wharftheatre.co.uk

December 3rd - 11th Dick Whittington pantomime

SALISBURY PLAYHOUSE, Salisbury www.wiltshirecreative.co.uk

December 1st - 15th Willow Christmas Trees Festive Workshop

December 3rd - 31st Snow White and the Happy Ever After Beauty Salon

THE ECHOES IS YOUR NEWSLETTER AND NEEDS YOU AND YOUR NEWS

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Easterton Parish Council Coronavirus Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is still here to help everyone.

Are you in need of 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 volunteers.

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