

EASTERTON ECHOES

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

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

CLOCKS CHANGE ON SUNDAY 30TH OCTOBER

Invited by our esteemed editor to write a few words my first reaction was to reminisce about The Repair Shop – but more of that later.

I am well aware that politics can be a very uncomfortable subject at present, no matter which side of the house that you follow. But I am forcibly reminded that your unpaid volunteer Easterton Parish Councillors form a non-political parish council, normally meeting once a month when, with a variety of talents, we do our best to maintain and improve the working infrastructure in Easterton for the benefit of all.

This is not to say that we don't get our teeth into some gritty problems but these are tackled with goodwill and in all seriousness. Much of the time we try to be light hearted and are quite capable of laughing at ourselves.

To any parishioner who wants to know more, or even take the councillors to task, why not come along to any parish council meeting which is advertised on the village website, or the Noticeboard at the side of the High Street bus shelter. Copies of previous parish council minutes are available on the website –

www.eastertonpc.org.uk

Back to The Repair Shop – I imagine that many watched the special edition shown on Wednesday 26th October when HM King Charles, then HRH, was seen conversing freely with presenter Jay Blades in a refreshingly relaxed manner. The message that they were both pushing was the need for more artisan apprenticeships before some of these skills die out.

There must be many retirees in this parish with skills no longer utilised to the full, if at all. The Sewing Bee group got together in 2021 and practise a variety of skills and crafts every Wednesday in the Village Hall. Perhaps you have another expertise that you can share with others and start a new Group at another time?

I am sure the Repair Shop inspires us all and could be a gentle nudge to venture out and start a new group.

Why not enquire to David Green the Village Hall's Secretary: Tel: [01308 812527](tel:01308812527) for more information on hiring the Hall. (The Garden Room is often available at very affordable rates).

Chris Saunders

FLOOD FLASH - a timely reminder to all those living next to the stream please ensure that your section of the stream is free of obstruction and that any unwanted vegetation/branches washed into the stream is removed to a safe place.

Cost of living support - message from Wiltshire Council

We're coordinating information on what community facilities and services are being provided in the county, to support you through the cost of living challenges.

We're also producing an interactive map so that in a few clicks you can quickly find what warm spaces and community food providers are available in your local area. We're aiming to have the map on our website by the end of this month.

[CLICK HERE More information on what we're doing to support you through the cost of living challenges](#)

THE NEXT PARISH MEETING:
21ST NOVEMBER AT 7.30 PM IN THE
GARDEN ROOM AT 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
Mobile: [07437 857501](tel:07437857501)

A MESSAGE FROM CLLR DOMINIC MUNS Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

As a parent of one child at primary and one at secondary school I have seen the tiredness creep-in through October. For school staff too, the holiday can't come soon enough. With school finances being rapidly eroded by inflation, the pressure is on for schools to deliver the best education possible with less and less resource. No wonder teachers look forward to holidays.

I quite often drone on about our young people but that is because they are our future. If we teach them well, guide them, inspire them and support them they will look after themselves, and us, whilst making the World a better place. Schools, alongside parents and guardians, help put our young people on the right track, and we should support them however we can. If you can support your local school in some way, either through volunteering with projects, donations of material or simply by supporting PTA-run events, you are making a positive difference.

I realise that trying to encourage you to support others at a time when you might need support yourself might be a tough sell. We've all seen a significant impact to our finances due, in the main, to the unholy trinity of Covid, Putin and Truss. To leave things on a positive note, as of this afternoon at least one of those problems is no more.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on Mob: 07585 394178

Country Fête Easterton 2022

This year's fête was hugely successful and we thank everyone who supported, helped and volunteered to make it a great community event. A total profit of over **£2000** was raised for the village, which is a fantastic figure. Grants given were: These grants are given with the understanding that monies will be returned in full if there is no progress in actioning the

#	Organisation	Amount
1	Easterton Link Scheme	£170
2	St Barnabas Church Tree and Grounds Maintenance	£700
3	Easterton Sewing Bees New Equipment	£350
4	The Tuesday Club Running Costs	£600
5	Youth Football Club New Equipment	£250

projects for which they have been awarded for by the end of August 2023.

We thank you once again for your continual commitment and support for the community event and hope to see you again for Easterton Country Fête 2023! Tara Deegan & Committee.

If you would like to contact us, please email: eastertonfete@gmail.com or via the Facebook page or on Website: www.eastertonfete.com

Allotments update:

There is now a number of potential Allotmenters who are registering their interest in this forthcoming project. If you are interested in growing your own vegetables or flowers - gardening is a great way to relieve the pressures that seem to surround us today

Please contact either:

Judy Boyt email: judy@judyboyt.com or phone : 07860 242836

Richard Brooks email: rebrooks@btinternet.com

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE 5TH OF NOVEMBER BE SAFE

Bonfire night and fireworks displays are often a focal point in the calendar for communities, and with effective risk management they can be remembered for all the right reasons. Keep your animals safe indoors where possible. Check the site in daylight the following day to clear up any spent fireworks, sparklers and any other potentially hazardous items.

It is illegal to let fireworks off between 11pm and 7am however, there are some exceptions.

Bonfire night — 12:00 midnight New Year's Eve — 1:00am Chinese New Year — 1:00am

BROADBAND TO BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR STRUGGLING FAMILIES

The Department for Work and Pensions is to run a new service that will allow providers of broadband to verify whether customers are receiving relevant benefits, making them eligible for extra financial support, such as reduced broadband bills.

Customer's consent must be gained before the internet service providers can speak to the Department for Work and Pensions about their eligibility for the schemes, whilst the Department will provide as little information as possible, sharing nothing other than the confirmation that the claimant is eligible for the benefit. This ensures the safety of the claimant's data.

***Editor's note:** This article was sent before the latest change in the government so things may change again, watch this space for updates*

BE WARY OF COLD CALLERS AND SCAMMERS

Please be wary of cold callers and scammers that are looking to take advantage of the current cost of living challenges. Advice is to not engage with any businesses which cold call you either at the door or by telephone. Some businesses operate in a less than ethical fashion, using 'hard sell' tactics to get a sale, and these traders usually target more vulnerable members of the community.

Examples of previous scams in Wiltshire include companies selling alarm systems, solar panels, roof repairs, loft insulation and gardening services. Legitimate businesses would not put a resident under pressure to buy a product or service quickly.

[Click here for more formation on how to avoid being a scam victim](#)

SEARCH FOR LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

You can search for current planning applications, past decisions, appeals and issued enforcement notices on our website.

[click here for more information on accessing planning applications](#)

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES TO SWITCH TO THEIR WINTER OPENING TIMES

From Tuesday 1 November to 31st March the opening hours of all 10 of our HRCs will change from 10am to 4pm on each day that they're open. Trowbridge will not be operating on Thursdays and Fridays.

WILTSHIRE BOBBY VAN TRUST

www.wiltshirebobbyvantrust.org.uk

The fabulous Festive Good & Gift Fair 23rd and 24th November

held in the **Kerry Suite at Bowood Hotel, Spa and Golf Resort**

(please note it is **NOT** in Bowood House & Gardens this year)

Christmas is around the corner, friends and family will, once again, be able to enjoy a truly magical time together. So that you can find that unique gift, there will be festive stalls selling delicious wines, gins, food, gorgeous candles, leather goods, jewellery plus lots lots more.

WEDNESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER | £15 per person | 4pm – 8pm | Tickets in advance only

Includes a glass of Mulled Wine & Mince Pie from 4pm or a glass of Wine & Canapes from 5.30pm

THURSDAY 24TH NOVEMBER | £5 per person | 9am – 3pm | Tickets in advance or at the door

[Book tickets here for Wiltshire Bobby Van Trust/Bowood Festive Food/Gift Fair 2022](#)

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

VICTORIA SYKES

How long have you lived in Easterton?

Since 27th July this year!

What brought you to Easterton?

The pub. Craig and I wanted to do something together so we started by taking on a pub in Oxfordshire and then moved on when The Royal Oak came up.

How would you describe your life in nine words?

Having a pub is a lifestyle not a job

Where were you born?

Bristol and then grew up in Chepstow

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

All in Chepstow and then I trained to become a counsellor in Newport.

Family, tell us a bit about your family?

I am the eldest of three, one brother and one sister. My parents are in Chepstow - both parents are one of five. Craig and I have been together for three years and he is from Newport.

What is your greatest achievement?

One of the things I am most proud of was going back to education as an adult in my mid thirties.

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

Working for Marriott for twelve years. I was the Front of House Manager at the St. Pierre Marriott Hotel and Country Club just outside Chepstow and then at the Bristol Marriott Royal Hotel.

The new landlady of The Royal Oak

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

To acquire the skill to paint amazing pictures.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Photography of nature.

Who/what is your favourite author/book?

I really like fantasy, not factual. Harry Potter books and J. K. Rowling's other work. Also Gabor Maté who is a Doctor of Psychology, he writes about his interpretation of what he sees.

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

Rock music but I don't have a favourite.

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

I don't watch a lot of television but I do enjoy watching Gordon Ramsay.

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

No particular favourite. I quite like very simple flowers like daisies and sunflowers

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

Cheese

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

I have always wanted to go to Italy.

How have the last few COVID months been for you?

It turned my life upside down, it was the first time I had lived on my own and Craig and I couldn't see each other. It totally changed the hospitality industry.

as told to Kate Dillnott-Cooper

The Royal Oak
Tel: Number
01380 812386



THE ROYAL OAK, EASTERTON WELCOMES YOU

Victoria and Craig of The Royal Oak would like to share their new contact details with you so that you can book a table. Tel: **01380 812386**

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

Churchwardens

Sue Allen

Tel: **01380 813603** or email: sue.allen331@googlemail.com

Sue Somerville

Tel: **01380 812538**

THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

The response has been good so we are all set to go ahead. This doesn't mean you are too late to apply! It will be held between 10.00am and 4pm on the 17th and 18th December. There will be refreshments, a raffle, a name the teddy competition and children's colouring will be available. So, get creative or just come along to enjoy others efforts and to get into the Christmas spirit. Everyone is welcome. for more details contact June Wright email: junwri@outlook.com Tel: **01380 818794**

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance service will be a bit special this year as it will be the first time Easterton will have its own remembrance stone. This belongs to the whole village, not just the church and we owe many thanks to those who donated and made it possible.

You might note too that we have a smart new flag pole, thanks to those who worked hard to make sure it was in place in time for the service.

THE TOY SERVICE

Yet another early plug for the annual joint service with Trinity Church. Held in St Barnabas Church at 11.00 am on December 11th. Toys given are donated to the Salvation Army appeal for toys for children whose families need help in giving their children a happy Christmas. If you are clearing out and have any good quality but no longer played with toys please consider this plea - as well as new toys etc - I know they will be more than appreciated.

Remembrance Sunday Service – 10:30am on Sunday 13th November 2022

Our annual Remembrance Sunday Service is held again this year in St Barnabas' Church. After the service, we will move to the churchyard where we will dedicate the new commemorative stone installed in our small Garden of Remembrance, and place crosses to remember the many sacrifices made by those who gave their tomorrow so that we can enjoy

Date	Time	Church	Service
6th November	10.30am	St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell	
13th November	10.30am	St Barnabas Church	Remembrance Service
20th November	11.00am	St Barnabas Church	Holy Communion, common worship.
27th November	11.00am	St Barnabas Church	Advent Sunday, Holy Communion
4th December	10.30am	St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell	Whole Benefice Service with choir
17th and 18th December	10.00am - 4.00pm	St Barnabas Church	Christmas Tree Festival. refreshments, name the teddy competition, raffle and children's colouring



Market Lavington Museum to Messines

Join us on Tuesday 1st November in The Old School Market Lavington at 6.30pm

We are delighted to welcome you to our AGM and an illustrated talk by the renowned archaeologist Martin Brown.

The images of Australian troops parading in Market Lavington are well known but what do we know of these men?

Where did they come from to take part in this morale booster, and where did they go at the end of the day?

In this lecture, Martin Brown will explore the training of the soldiers who paraded in the market place and follow them into action at the Battle of Messines in 1917. Martin's presentation will include the results of archaeological excavations at Larkhill, which he managed, and from research at Ploegsteert in Belgium, which he led. The presentation will also include the stories of a number of the Anzacs, including the process of identifying one of the missing.

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

TICKETS ARE FREE BUT LIMITED SO PLEASE BOOK YOUR TICKET NOW BY CONTACTING:

admin@marketlavingtonmuseum.org.uk



Christmas Wreath Workshop

Join us on Thursday 8th December at 6.30 pm. in St Barnabas' Church,
where Sally Bullock will lead a fun Christmas Wreath Workshop:

All materials are provided

Colours and decorations of your choice

Free wine with cheese and biscuits included

Just bring yourself and scissors/secateurs + an apron

All for just £30 pp

To book a place please contact Sue Somerville on Tel: **01380 812538**

email: suesomerville22@hotmail.com - asap!

Profits (if any) to St Barnabas' Church funds.

DATE	EVENT	PLACE	CONTACT DETAILS
29th Oct	White Horse Opera L'elisir d'Amore	Lavington School	www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera
13th Nov.	Remembrance Sunday and commemorating the new memorial stone	St Barnabas Church grounds next to the Lych gate. (see church news)	
1st Nov	Market Lavington Museum AGM and Talk	Market Lavington Museum	See Page 6 for more details
11th Dec	Toy festival	St Barnabas Church	

THE POUND ARTS CENTRE, CORSHAM.

www.poundarts.org.uk

The Muppet Christmas Carol

To mark thirty years since its theatrical release, The Pound is screening what is possibly the greatest Christmas film / Charles Dickens adaptation of all time – the Muppet version of the classic tale of an old and bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve.

Thursday 8 December, 5.30pm

£7.50 Adult, £5 Child

[**BOOK HERE**](#)

Father Christmas Live Stream from the North Pole

Father Christmas takes an hour out of his busy schedule to livestream from the North Pole. You can choose to come to The Pound and be part of our audience, or watch/ take part in the Zoom session from home.

Friday 16 December, 6.30pm

£7 per person at The Pound

£5 per household (Zoom Link)

[**BOOK HERE**](#)

For more exciting events for Christmas please look on the Pound Arts website above.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Time	Organiser Contact Details
MONDAY	Positive Connections: Dog Scent training Email: dyer@hotmail.co.uk	4.00pm - 8.30pm	Jo Thistleton-Dyer Mob: 07737 205884
TUESDAY	Marlborough and District Canine Society		Dave Long Tel: 01380 720660
WEDNESDAY	The Easterton Sewing Bees	7.00pm - 9.00pm	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- 12noon	Ginny Clothier Mob: 07973 517029
FRIDAY	Amy's Talented Tails dog training and puppy classes		Amy Mob: 07484 129366 amysdog.walking99@gmail.com

LINK GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

The Link scheme is looking for more volunteers to help drive people to their appointments.

ANYONE NEEDING A LIFT TO SURGERY, HOSPITAL OR SHOPPING OR JUST A HELPING HAND in the Easterton, Market Lavington & Urchfont area, please contact the Link Coordinator:
Tel: **01380 812755**

Keep up to date with improvement works
Contractors working on Wiltshire Council's behalf are carrying out road resurfacing and associated works in a number of towns across Wiltshire. You can see the full list of all roadworks taking place in the county by visiting the [One Network map](#) and typing 'Wiltshire' into the search box.

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WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE CLOTHING RECYCLING BANK IN EASTERTON BY THE BUS STOP ON THE HIGH STREET

It's an easy way to turn your old clothing, shoes and more into donations for this lifesaving charity. Wiltshire Air Ambulance needs to raise £4million per year to keep operating. They are available up to 19 hours a day, 365 days per year and attend on average, three incidents a day. Find all the recycling banks here: www.recyclingsolutions.org.uk/clothing-banks/

SHARED LIVES

The Shared Lives Service helps people live as part of a family, within the carers home, where they receive the support or care that they need. The main purpose is to offer care or support to men and women over 18 who require support to live independently alongside other people in a family like setting. For more information contact Wiltshire Council:

<https://adults.wiltshire.gov.uk/Services/1366>

COMMUNITY POLICING Community Support Officer

**Paula Yarranton
6015**

Police Community
Support Officer

Devizes Police
Station, New Park
Street, Devizes.
Wiltshire. SN10 1DZ
Mob: **07471 029670**

Tel: **101** ext. 774 39814
Tel: **101** if Paula is not
on duty

Easterton Parish Council Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is here to help anyone Please contact **any of us below for help**

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anthonysnook2@gmail.com

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07976 798196

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Victoria Turner

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THE ECHOES IS **YOUR** NEWSLETTER AND NEEDS YOU AND YOUR NEWS

Please send your news in so that we can keep the community informed.

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Victoria Turner Email: **victoria@badgerswood.net**.

The Echoes Roving Reporter: **Kate Dillnott-Cooper** Email: **kate@dilper.co.uk**

STOP PRESS FROM AUSTRALIA: Hyundai have produced the first commercial hydrogen powered car producing Zero emissions and its own energy - the only by-product is water. It achieves a range of 900 kilometres on one 'tank' and to refuel takes 5 minutes !! Better than all electric vehicles.