

EASTERTON ECHOES

EASTERTON, EASTCOTT AND EASTERTON SANDS

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

WISHING YOU ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE EASTERTON PARISH COUNCIL

The second Defibrillator (the first being on the side of The Royal Oak) is now in the village. Weirdly, for the time being, it can be found on the top of the piano in the Village Hall so it is only available when the Hall is in use, although the intention is to mount it outside the Vestry at St Barnabas Church. This will only be possible if we can obtain the agreement of Salisbury Diocese - failing that the necessary electric connections for a dedicated cabinet will be installed on the outside wall of the Village Hall.

Please come to the next session to explain the correct usage of this equipment when it is next announced - it is so important that as many people as possible have a working knowledge of this perhaps lifesaving equipment funded by your Parish Council.

Christmas is coming and your Parish Councillors have agonised over what to do by way of a central village festive display this year. The expense of a tree plus lights plus installation has risen formidably, wherever it is sited, and the alternative of street lighting column decorations are equally expensive for relatively few weeks of the year. To top it all we cannot get insurance cover for volunteers to put up Christmas lights any more - we have to use qualified electricians!

We are tempted to adopt Pewsey Council's approach to this problem and offer prizes for the best dressed houses in the village. Although out of time to agree funding for such an approach this year, you can still advertise the spirit of the Christmas message of peace and goodwill to all by lighting up part of your house, even if only in one or more windows - Good practice and a great community idea for 2023.

In these belt tightening times your Parish Council extends the very best Christmas wishes to all in the knowledge that your concerns remain ours.

Chris Saunders (Chair Easterton Parish Council)

ST BARNABAS SCHOOL NEWS - FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online – from your weekly shop to your annual holiday – you could be raising free donations for St Barnabas Primary School with www.easyfundraising.org.uk

There are over 7,000 brands on board ready to make a donation – including eBay, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com and M&S – and it won't cost you a penny extra to help us raise funds.

All you need to do is:

1. Go to www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-barnabas-sn10/?utm_campaign=raise-more and join for free.
2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want and start shopping.
3. After you've checked out, the brand will make a donation to the school at no extra cost to you whatsoever!

These donations really mount up and make a **BIG** difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely **FREE** and only takes a moment.

Thank you so much from everyone in St Barnabas Primary School

THE NEXT PARISH MEETING: 16TH JANUARY 2023 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

A MESSAGE FROM CLLR DOMINIC MUNS Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

I'm always incredibly busy fighting for the needs of our villages and residents. Often it involves a huge amount of cage-rattling and negotiating with many groups including Wiltshire Council officers, Cabinet, Wiltshire Police and our MPs. This month has been positive on several fronts.

Our Police & Crime Commissioner responded to my pleas for speed enforcement in Market Lavington by ensuring patrols came out to hold numerous speed check sessions recently. Speeds of up to 92mph in a 30mph zone were recorded by one Speed Indicator Device this year and, thanks to multiple police visits, this number has fallen dramatically. Wiltshire Police will continue to make regular appearances around the villages over the coming year.

I have also been lobbying hard throughout Wiltshire Police and Wiltshire Council for the adoption of ANPR cameras to equip parish and town councils with the means to independently deal with speeding. I am not a fan of speed cameras in open countryside, however, I am far less impressed by people hitting 90mph in a village during school pick-up time. It looks as though, after a lot of hard work, I have won the battle and Wiltshire Council *will* allow cameras to be fixed to existing posts to catch evidence of the most idiotic driving. The photos and calibrated speeds will be uploaded as evidence to Wiltshire Police for enforcement *and* parish councils also have the option of publishing photos of vehicles and speeds on social media.

Last week I met with parish councillors and our senior Highways engineer to look at possible improvements across the villages. Lots of good ideas were shared for making our roads safer. It was also useful to discuss what is *not* possible whilst being stood at various sites watching traffic movements. I will continue to support our parish councils in bringing requests forwards for Highways improvement funding.

To support Development, we have a "Core Strategy" document in Wiltshire by which we judge all planning applications to ensure building projects are in keeping with their environment, have infrastructure support, don't overload roads or schools etc. Some of our villages also have a Neighbourhood Plan or a Conservation Area Statement to further build "local" perspective into Planning decisions. Sadly, a lot of our local priorities are thrown out because of a Government target known as the "5-Year Housing Land Supply". Essentially, if we aren't hitting this target in Wiltshire, our sensible and reasoned rejection of poor applications can be (and have been) overruled at appeal. Some large developers know this and sit on projects to restrict supply and keep us under the 5-year target. Manipulation of the housing supply means we end up with developments we don't want. You can read more about this on my blog – dominicmuns.co.uk/5-year-housing-land-supply

Together with Cllr Philip Whitehead, I wrote a letter which is going out to all parish and town councils in Wiltshire for them to amend and send to their local MP. Danny Kruger has been briefed and will be handing letters over to Michael Gove asking for the 5 Year Housing Land Supply target to be scrapped. I aim to get this letter across to neighbouring authorities so that every parish in the country joins my campaign. I am optimistic that we can influence the Government to change this flawed system and protect our local decision making on how and where we build houses. **You may contact me about this or any other matter by either**

POLICE NEWS in WILTSHIRE - October Police Forces across the country shut down 172 County Lines during a week long national operation targeting drug dealing. In Wiltshire, eight people were arrested and three County Lines disrupted as part of our continuing work to close down County Lines - part of a week of national disruption activity.

"Our work will always continue against the distribution of drugs in our county. However, we can't be everywhere we would urge anyone who suspects drug gangs operating in their area to contact us."

Signs that a young person may be being exploited and involved in County Lines include:

Increased mobile phone activity Unexplained injuries - Change in mood - Gang associations

New expensive possessions they cannot account for - missing from home - Increase in anti-social behaviour

Decline in school grade.

Money Mules We have also been looking at the link between County Lines drug gangs and their illegal practice of using people (primarily young people, often students) as Money Mules. There is a lot of evidence which points to criminal gangs being able to launder money through victim's bank accounts.

Tell-tale signs that someone might be involved in money muling:

Suddenly they have extra cash - Buying expensive new clothes or top-of-the-range mobile phones and gadgets with very little explanation as to how they got the money - They may also become more secretive, withdrawn or appear stressed.

Mark Jones (Police Communications Officer, Corporate Communications)

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL UPDATES

Household Support Fund Winter 2022 - 2023

Wiltshire Council has received a grant of £2.7m from the Government's £421 million national Household Support Grant Scheme to help support people in the county that are struggling to cope with the impact of the recent cost of living increases.

The money can be used to support households in the most need who would otherwise struggle with energy bills, food and water bills, particularly those who may not be eligible for the other support that the Government has recently made available but who are nevertheless in need.

The money will be used to help as many people as possible, including low-income families with children, low-income working age households, residents who are receiving support from Children's and Adults' Social Care Services or the council's housing department, who are struggling with household bills.

The Council has worked with partner agencies to allocate the money and ensure it gets to those who need it most.

Payments began in October and are continuing to be made. People do not need to apply to Wiltshire Council as those eligible will be identified and contacted.

For more information

See Wiltshire Council website: www.wiltshire.gov.uk and look under Council tax and Benefits

AGE UK COMMUNITY MEALS WILTSHIRE

Can make provision and delivery of hot meals to isolated elderly residents who are unable to meet the cost of this service themselves. For further information contact: **Age UK Community Meals** on **01793 279606**

AVIAN FLU

Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) is a highly infectious viral disease affecting the respiratory, digestive and / or nervous system of many species of birds. Avian Influenza is not airborne. It is spread by movement of infected birds or contact with respiratory secretions and in particular faeces, either directly or through contaminated objects, clothes and vehicles.

It is now a legal requirement for all bird keepers, pets or commercial flocks in Great Britain to follow strict biosecurity measures to help protect their flocks from the threat of Avian Influenza. See DEFRA website for all the advice and legal requirements. **People should not touch or pick up any dead or visibly sick wild birds that they find.**

Call the DEFRA helpline on Tel: **03459 33 55 77** if they find:

- One or more dead bird of prey or owl
- Three or more dead gulls or wild waterfowl (swans, geese and ducks)
- Five or more dead birds of any species

There is further advice for members of the public to follow for the disposal of dead garden birds.

If anyone suspects any type of Avian Influenza in poultry or captive birds they must report it immediately by calling the DEFRA Rural Services Helpline on **03000 200 301**.

Allotments update: There is now a number of potential Allotmenters who are registering their interest in this forthcoming project. Again, 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 Mob: **07860 242836** Richard Brooks email: rebrooks@btinternet.com

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

IRENE BULSON



How long have you lived in Easterton?

Since 1986

What brought you to Easterton?

We came to Market Lavington because Bob wanted a shop and we bought the hardware shop. It didn't work and we had to give it up after three years, we also lost our home as we lived over the shop and so we moved in Market Lavington and then came to Easterton.

Where were you born?

Bristol before the war and we then moved to Keynsham and were there for ten or twelve years. We then moved to Whitton near Twickenham and my parents lived there until they retired.

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

Local school in Whitton and then grammar school in Twickenham. When I was 17 I went to Moorfields and did eye training followed by general nursing at Guy's in London. After three years I did a year's course in midwifery.

Family, tell us a bit about your family

My father was a draughtsman in the aircraft industry and my mother never worked. I have a sister who is six years younger than me. I met Bob in Chippenham because I came down to work at the medical centre there and we were married in Chippenham in 1967. We have three daughters and two grandchildren.

What is your greatest achievement?

Becoming a nurse and a midwife.

Who, in history, do you admire the most?

Churchill, but going back further it would be the Tudors.

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

Being a midwife, training at St. Mary's Portsmouth and then working in Reading. I went back into midwifery when my youngest daughter was five.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Lacemaking as well as 17th century reenactment and 17th century lace. I also do medieval reenactment and rush working. The rushes grow in a river, are harvested in July and dried. You then wet them and weave them into baskets, boxes, mats and hats etc. I also make all my reenactment costumes.

Do you have a favourite composer or piece of music?

No favourite but I like classical music by Mozart, Handel and Beethoven.

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

I enjoy quiz shows like University Challenge, Mastermind and Pointless.

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

Salmon

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

I have always wanted to go to the Isle of Man and to Malta but I have hardly ever travelled.

How have the last few COVID months been for you?

Challenging but I have carried on doing my voluntary work for Link.

as told to Kate Dilnott-Cooper

ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS

Churchwardens

Sue Allen

Sue Somerville

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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



On 13th November, at St Barnabas' Church, a Remembrance service was held, led by Rev Marion Harrison. The names of The Fallen were read out and the Chair of the Parish Council laid a wreath on behalf of us all. Afterwards the congregation moved to the small Remembrance Garden where the new Memorial Stone was dedicated. Crosses were laid by the three Services and by individuals.

The new Memorial Stone was erected through the generosity of villagers and by our Parish Council, in memory of all those from this Parish who have given their lives in the service of others.



The reverse of the stone has the impression of the previous Remembrance wooden cross engraved into the surface. The project was led by David Part with design inspiration from Judy Boyt.

THE TOY SERVICE 11th December 11.00am

Yet another early plug for the annual joint service with Trinity Church. Held in St Barnabas Church when the donated toys are given to the **Salvation Army Appeal for Toys** for families who 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.

Obituary: **AUDREY WILKES** a former parishioner of White Street, Easterton has sadly passed away at the wonderful age of 101years. Mary Davey said that she had a happy and good life to the end and some of us will remember her in the village.

Date	Time	Church	Service
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
8th December	6:30pm	St Barnabas Church	Christmas Wreath Workshop with Sally Bullock Contact: suesomerville22@hotmail.com for a place
11th December	11.00am	St Barnabas Church	Toy Service (see article above)
17th and 18th December	10.00am - 4.00pm	St Barnabas Church	Christmas Tree Festival. refreshments, name the teddy competition, raffle and children's colouring

URCHFONT NEWS: THE LAMB INN: Wiltshire Council has now listed The Lamb Inn, Urchfont as an Asset of Community Value. The information will be entered onto the local land charges register and will remain on this list til 30th September 2027. This entry means that the owner of the asset (Wadworth's) cannot dispose of the asset without: 1. Letting the local authority know that they intend to sell the asset or grant a lease of more than 25 years; 2. Waiting until the end of a six week 'interim moratorium' period if the local authority does not receive a request from a community interest group to be treated as a potential bidder.

THE TEA TREE - ALEXANDER TECHNIQUE TAUGHT BY JULIA OUTLAW

The Alexander Technique - is a natural approach to wellbeing.

A bright November morning saw 12 local women of all ages enjoy a free introductory Alexander Technique class at Easterton Village hall. This was a calming and enlivening morning, and beyond the scented candle and chocolate biscuits, a space to explore 'embodied awareness' - a gentle and practical approach to connecting mind, body and emotions - the Alexander Technique.

Known for decades as a skill for good posture and for helping bad backs, the Alexander Technique has much to offer. It is about noticing and letting go unnecessary tensions and habits - both within the body and in thinking. It is not about manipulation or imposing anything - rather, each individual learns to recognise how they are holding themselves and how to change that. It is about allowing natural poise and cooperation with gravity - which improves postural tone and decompresses the spine. Fundamentally, it is about exploring the gap between a stimulus and our reaction to it. Can we find a small precious moment where we can choose how to respond (rather than mechanically react?)

Julia Outlaw, who lives in Eastcott, has been practising the Alexander Technique for twenty years. After a three year full time training in 2008 she has been teaching individuals and groups, helping people find ease and presence in whatever they want to do. Those with any types of pain or recovering from injury, performers, public speakers, those suffering with anxiety or depression, or those simply wanting to learn a skill to help them look after themselves - the Alexander Technique is accessible to all.

In this session, after some gentle movement and awareness games, people experienced how tiny changes to the relationship between the head, neck and back, could bring lightness and balance in walking and sitting. Lying down in semi-supine, the body has a chance to let go and with guided relaxation and hands-on work from Julia, people found some calm and ease.

"I feel quite spacey now - but in a good way!"

Best taught 1-1, Julia is offering sessions from her home, and at Planks, New Body Barn. Also look out for some more introductory group sessions in the hall in the Spring!

www.theteahouse.me

PS. Your editor went to the introduction event in the village hall this week. I must admit with just a short introductory experience I felt taller and easier in my body than before. So I am going to do more sessions with Julia so that I can learn more about well being and easing my ageing body! I would recommend this technique.

STOP PRESS - WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE TRUST are hiring for a Rivers and Wetlands Officer based at Head Office, Elm tree Court, Long Street DEVIZES Wiltshire.

For more information and to apply, see: www.wiltshirewildlife.org/rivers-wetlands-officer

SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA (SPTA) IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC

Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of way in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying or when the signage restricts unauthorised access.

A reminder that the public are not allowed to enter past the red line in SPTA West. There has been an increase in the public being found inside the red line, but they have no authority to be there, whether the flags are flying or not. On the ground, that red line is denoted by signs which inform the public of the danger and to keep out.

There has been an increase in illegal vehicle usage on SPTA as of late. A return to more temperate weather has seen an increase of vehicles using the Plain, especially on weekends. The MDP has issued numerous fines for illegal off-roading and have seized vehicles for being used on the byways whilst being registered SORN (Statutory Off Road Notification)

Users are reminded that their vehicles must have valid insurance, VEL and where applicable a MOT. We would also like to remind dog walkers and other people taking advantage of the permissive access on the Plain that they must park within 15 yards of the public highways. We have had numerous reports of persons parking and driving contrary to Sect 34 of The Road Traffic Act 1988 and causing obstructions and annoyance to tenant farmers carrying out their activities and driving, cycling, riding horses and walking amongst exercising troops.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

3rd Dec.	Curious Kids at Wiltshire Museum	Wiltshire Museum Devizes	10:30am - 11:30am
4th Dec	Witches, Wizards and Fairy Tales by Wessex Concert Orchestra	Devizes Corn Exchange	2:30pm
9th-17th Dec	Little Red Riding Hood - The Panto	The Wharf Theatre, Devizes	see website
9th Dec	Lachy Dole	Devizes Corn Exchange	8pm
17th Dec	Classical Christmas	Devizes Town Hall	7pm - 9pm
16th Dec	Enchanted Christmas	The National Arboretum Westonbirt, Tetbury	5pm - 6pm

CHRISTMAS AT THE THE ROYAL OAK PUB, EASTERTON

WHY NOT BOOK A TABLE AND SELECT DELICIOUS FOOD FROM THE NEW CHRISTMAS MENU

Victoria and Craig welcome bookings for the Christmas period. Tel: **01380 812386**

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 and an apron

All for just £30 pp

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

email: suesomerville22@hotmail.com

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

SALISBURY MUSEUM FORTHCOMING EVENT

TUDOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE TUDOR CUTLER - SATURDAY 10 DECEMBER - FOR ONE DAY ONLY!

When we think of British cutlery, 'Sheffield' is the name which springs to mind. Roll back the clock further and you would have said 'Salisbury!'

The city had a reputation for producing the finest knives. Meet Tom the cutler at this year's Tudor Christmas. Tom is part of the Heritage Crafts Association as one of the last "folding knife makers" in the UK.

It will be a busy day at the Museum with...

Tudor cookery ~ replica feast ~ expert cutler ~ strolling minstrel ~ beautiful wool making ~ storyteller ~ mulled wine ~ family crafts to take home ~ all set in the beautiful 'Kings House,' home of Salisbury Museum, decorated fit for a Tudor monarch!

Donation entry all day :10am-4pm

No booking required - Dogs welcome in the gardens only

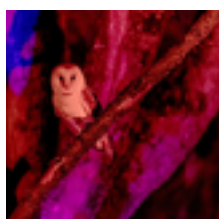
THE POUND ARTS CENTRE , CORSHAM PRESENTS: 'DRACULA IN SPACE'

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER, 7:30 PM

performed by the astounding String quartet BOWJANGLES.

Forget everything you think you know about string quartets, Bowjangles is an irreverent, anarchic group of genre spanners, bringing music, theatre and comedy together in a way you've never seen before.

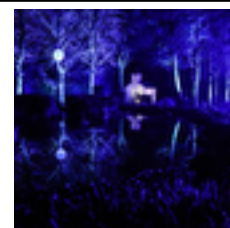
Click on this link: WWW.POUNDARTS-CLICK and **BOOK HERE: £14(£12 Concessions)**



Winter Woodland Lights at the Hawk Conservancy Trust

We are delighted to announce that our sell-out event, Winter Woodland Lights, is back! This January, the Hawk Conservancy Trust will once again become even more magical, with beautiful illuminations and a live owl display set in a stunning, colourful woodland.

For more information Click on link: www.hawk-conservancy.org



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



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

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Mob: **07471 029670**
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39814

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

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