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

Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

You may know that I hold the Education & Skills portfolio within Wiltshire Council, in addition to my role as representative of The Lavingtons. It was therefore a double-disappointment to hear of the White Horse Federation's decision to change the post-16 education offering at Devizes School with huge consequences for Lavington School and our local students, present and future.

Years of work went into creating a sixth form for young people in the Lavington area and great progress was still being made. Lavington School was growing thanks to the post-16 offering and as a result our community could offer an additional pathway to our young people.

I am particularly interested in hearing from young people and their families who are impacted by this recent change, or those who moved into the area with post-16 education at Lavington School in mind. Please get in touch to share your thoughts.

I am committed to supporting our local children and young people in their journey through education. I will do everything I can to ensure they have the opportunities that their peers in neighbouring towns have in terms of A-Level and Post-16.

I do not agree with our Prime Minister in terms of his ambition to see all students study some form of Maths until 18. We must understand that children hold individual skills and passions which need to be nurtured in schools to encourage great achievement. There is no "right" set of skills to hold, other than the basics required in day-to-day life. Some children will grow to be scientists or mathematicians, some to be musicians or athletes. Pushing all students to study mathematics will be detrimental to those with alternative ability and passion.

Good teaching is the identification of interest, passion, or ability in a subject, and the nurturing of that ability combined with direction. From Early Years to Further Education, the opportunities for young people to flourish exist at every step. This is why I want to see Lavington School students be able to explore an extensive range of subjects at school beyond the age of 16.

You may contact me about this or any other matter by email to dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **07585 394 178**

Cllr Dominic Muns Portfolio Holder for Education

ROAD CLOSURES IN AREA

- **February 27 – March 1:** Full road closures along the A360 between Gore Cross and Tilshead.
- **March 2:** Full road closure for one day from the entrance to Candown Road on the A360 in Tilshead to the West Gate entrance to Westdown Camp.
- **March 6 – 7:** Two day full road closures on Chitterne Road between Tilshead and Chitterne.
- **March 8-10:** Three day full road closures on the B390 between Shrewton and Chitterne.
- **March 13 – 24:** Full week day road closures from the corner of the B3083 and the Common in Shrewton, back into Shrewton narrow lane.

THE NEXT PARISH MEETING:

20TH MARCH 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**

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Message from Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council

I thought it would be helpful to provide you with an update as February 24 will mark 12 months since the invasion in Ukraine began.

We will be raising the Ukrainian flag at County Hall, and taking part in the moment of silence at 11am. Since the start of the Homes for Ukraine scheme, 1345 Ukrainian guests have arrived safely in Wiltshire. 444 Ukrainian children have started at Wiltshire schools – with 220 primary and 224 secondary aged children settling into their new school settings. More than 200 adult learners have enrolled into ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Language) courses across Wiltshire being offered by the council's Family and Community Learning Team.

We are grateful to our charities and volunteers who have helped to form 18 Community hubs and support groups across Wiltshire with regular meetings, events and activities take place to help guests feel a part of their local community and to ensure refugees and host families could access support as required. Details of community support is available here [Community support - Wiltshire Council](#).

125 families have now left their sponsor families and moved into their own private rented accommodation. The Homes for Ukraine team has also helped to facilitate 53 rematches into new host accommodation.

As the war continues, more refugees require ongoing accommodation and re-matching, as such additional sponsors are required in Salisbury, Trowbridge and Chippenham. People are encouraged to express their interest with [Homes for Ukraine](#).

The government has recently released a number of updates to recognise the contributions that sponsors and local authorities have made to provide certainty to those supporting guests as part of the Homes for Ukraine scheme. These include extending the £350 'thank you' payments from 12 months to a maximum of two years, and increasing the payments to £500 per month once the guest has been in the UK for 12 months.

More details are available here [Homes for Ukraine: sponsor guides - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

People can find out more about the ESOL courses by going to familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk or by calling 01225 770478.

Finally please do remind people with queries to have a look at our [FAQ pages](#) and our newsletters which are also [online](#). If they have a specific query which is not covered there, they can email H4U@wiltshire.gov.uk

Thank you from Cllr Richard Clewer

HELP WILTSHIRE COUNCIL TO INCREASE RECYCLING IN WILTSHIRE!

Wiltshire Council asking for your help to recycle more by ensuring you only put the correct things into your blue lidded bins. All sorts of things have been found in the Blue lidded bin including nappies, knives, car parts, tools and much more.

Nappies go into the general waste bin, while knives carports and tools hold be taken to the nearest household recycling centre.

But perhaps the most common wrong item that people put in the blue lidded bin is plastic bags - this includes carrier bags, bin bags and plastic film such as fruit bags or the film on top of meat or ready meal trays.

PLEASE PUT THE CORRECT ITEMS INTO THE CORRECT BIN.

POPULAR £2 BUS FARE PROMOTION EXTENDED UNTIL 30 JUNE 2023

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING IN VILLAGE HALL

Learn how to use and when to use the defibrillator

Even if you know how to come and take a refresher to make sure you are confident to use one.

Easterton Village Hall

March 2nd 7:30pm

INTEGRATED CARE CENTRE IN MARSHALL ROAD, DEVIZES

New facilities and services which are being offered from the brand new £11m NHS facility.

The new Health Centre now serves patients at the four Devizes area GP practices (St James, Lansdowne, Southbroom and Market Lavington). The brainchild of Dr Richard Sandford-Hill, Senior Partner at Market Lavington he has championed for this facility for many years, alongside other local healthcare professionals.

Dr Sandford-Hill together with support from Wiltshire Council and our previous local MP, lobbied the NHS and Ministers in Westminster to ensure that Devizes was one of the first towns in the region to secure the funding for a new Integrated Care Health Centre to complement the work of the local surgeries and as a modern fit-for-purpose base for healthcare services.

The new facility opened fully on 9 January 2023 and provides significantly increased primary care, with some enhanced extended hours services provision and an expanded range of other health care services including many of the services formerly provided at Devizes Community Hospital. Royal United Hospitals Bath (RUH) is providing outpatient services including audiology, care of the elderly, paediatrics, rheumatology, neurology and urology. The Avon and Wiltshire Mental Health Partnership (AWP) will also provide some of its mental health services from the new health centre.

A summary of the services at the Centre is listed below.

- Same day or next day primary care (General Practice)
- Extra evening services from primary care including women's health and men's health clinics
- Physiotherapy
- Podiatry
- Speech and language therapy
- PACE and oxygen
- Dietetics
- Ante-natal clinics
- Contraception and sexual health clinic
- Outpatient clinics for some specialities from the RUH and AWP

Unfortunately funding was **not** given for any walk-in services or minor injury/ casualty services.

Attendance can be for booked appointments only.

One of the new enhancements is the provision of same-day, urgent primary care appointments to cope with the ever increasing clinical demand and the nationwide limited supply of medical staff and several of the practices running out of space in their own buildings . The 4 surgeries are still staying open.

General Practice is now provided by a team of different clinicians, not just GPs, and this service makes the most of that skill mix.

How does it work if you are a patient?

- If you need help from your GP practice you ring your own surgery, just as you always have.
- The receptionists will ask a few questions to find the most appropriate way to help you,
- If you need same day or next day care, the receptionist will arrange a phone call with a clinician at the Devizes Health Centre and if needed, you will be offered an appointment at the health centre with a GP, nurse, physician' associate, physio or paramedic.
- If you need more routine care such as a follow-up for any problem, an asthma or diabetic or medication review, smears etc this will be arranged at your own surgery to try to restore some of the continuity of care shattered by the pandemic.
- Home visits will continue to be done when clinically necessary by our ECP paramedic or a GP.

The new centre is in Marshall Road (SN10 3UF), adjacent to the existing Practice Plus Treatment Centre and is easy to get to by car, bus and cycle. There is ample free parking .

CORONATION WEEKEND PLANS in Easterton is pleased to announce further details on the ceremonial, celebratory and community events over the King Charles III Coronation Weekend between Saturday 6th and Monday 8th May 2023.

Watch this space for new events at the Royal Oak on Saturday and Sunday 6th, 7th May

The new hosts at The Royal Oak, Nikki and Dave, will be welcoming you on the Sunday (detail to follow)

On Monday, 8th May 2023, members of the public will be invited to take part in the Coronation celebrations at Easterton Village Hall and Field. The band Equinox is booked to play through the afternoon, refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon with fun activities and more for all the family. There will be a bouncy castle and fun games, a plan for an art activity and art photographic exhibition .

Watch future Easterton Echoes for more detail.

THE CORONATION DAY PROPOSED EXHIBITION IN PHOTOGRAPHS

WHAT WILL YOU BE DOING? WHERE WILL YOU BE? WHO WILL YOU BE WITH?

The Easterton Village Hall committee are hoping that local people will be taking photos of themselves and the area, over the Coronation weekend, which they would send to create a historical record of the event. We would like to combine these photos with those from past coronations. We currently only have two such photos: Coronation celebration 1911 and Coronation Easterton High Street 1937 and we are keen to know who took the photos. We would also love to receive copies of any photos that you have. celebrating past Coronations.

On the weekend itself we would like to display any historical photos for viewing, at the village hall, for



people to identify any individuals within.

So, please get searching your photo albums and boxes and anything that you find can be sent to Helen Hardman email: hjrhardman@yahoo.com

TAKING THE DOG FOR A WALK?

Our lovely Postman Josh asks the person who tried to send a green bag of dog poo to their friend via the red postbox opposite The Royal Oak on Friday 10th of February to put an address on it next time so he knows where it needs to go and who it is for preferably not the postman.

On behalf of Josh I genuinely hope the person with the guide dog in the village works out that the post box is not the bin.

Many thanks. Message from Cllr Anthony Snook

- **BAG IT AND BIN IT - BUT PLEASE PUT IT IN THE CORRECT DOG POO BIN**
- **Pick up after your dogs, failing to or not seeing your dog foul (poo) is no excuse**

EASTERTON CABARET 2023

WOULD YOU BELIEVE THAT IT IS EIGHT YEARS SINCE THE LAST CABARET! THIS WAS DUE TO HALL RENOVATIONS FOLLOWED BY COVID RESTRICTIONS. I THINK IT IS NOW TIME FOR IT TO BE RESURRECTED.

WE HAVE A DATE OF SATURDAY JUNE 10TH SO THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE. I AM LOOKING FOR ENTHUSIASTIC PEOPLE TO ACT, SING, PLAY INSTRUMENTS, PERFORM COMEDY ETC. ETC. ANY IDEAS FOR SKITS WELCOME.

WE WILL ALSO NEED HELP WITH FRONT OF HOUSE, BACKSTAGE, COSTUMES AND OF COURSE, CATERING.

THIS WILL BE THE 17TH CABARET SO LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT MOIRA ON

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THE ROYAL OAK PUB NEWS

Farewell

Sadly, Victoria and Craig will be leaving the Royal Oak beginning of March after keeping the business going through very difficult times. We thank them both for all their hard work and wish them well in their next new venture., Come and wish them well on Friday March 3rd with a farewell drink or two.

Welcome

On March 6th the keys are formally handed over to the new publicans David Byford and Nikki Blatchley who then will welcome everyone in on March 10th at lunchtime and reopen the restaurant on March 12th.

This couple have already made plans to hold various events in the future some of which are listed below:

St Patrick's Day 17th March

Mothering Sunday 19th March Restaurant open 12.00 -6.00pm

"Start of Summer Time". 25th March at 7:30pm

Nikki and Dave welcome all the locals to a cheesy Disco and free light buffet.

Easter Sunday 9th April at 4.00pm Easter Bunny arrives for Easter Egg hunt

Easter Monday 10th April - 6.00pm Easter bonnet parade and 7.00pm Grand Easter Hamper Draw.

Easter Egg raffle proceeds go to local charities - **Julia's House and Wiltshire Air Ambulance**

The Birthday Club - free membership

The Easterton Echoes will introduce Dave and Nikki in the next issue of Easterton Echoes 'Whats your Story'.

For all bookings please phone Tel: **01380 812386**



WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

DAN AND CARINA PALMER



How long have you lived in Eastcott?

*D: Since birth
C: Since 1992*

What brought you to Eastcott?

C: I was sent on placements from university and one of them was working for Dan's sister in Cheverell in 1989. I was then with a practice in Salisbury and because I had made friends in the area I decided that this was where I wanted to settle down.

How would you describe your life in four words?

Both: Fulfilling, mad, challenging, entertaining

Where were you born?

C: Peterborough

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

*C: Thorpe Primary and Jack Hunt Comprehensive in Peterborough and then Bristol University
D: DAPS, The Old Ride in Bradford on Avon and then Lavington*

Family, tell us a bit about your family

*D: Mum and Dad farmed at Eastcote Farm and I was one of four with a brother and two sisters.
C: I have one brother who now lives in Michigan and Mum and Dad still live in Peterborough. We have one daughter, Elena.*

What is your greatest achievement?

*D: Getting the new kitchen extension completed by Christmas 2022!
C: Qualifying as a vet and building and starting my own practice.
Both: Having Elena*

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

*D: To be a better musician
C: I would like to time travel*

Who, in history, do you admire the most?

Both: The Queen

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

*D: Farming groundworks
C: Being a vet*

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Both: Skiing in Austria and following Bath Rugby

What is your favourite book/magazine?

*C: Black Beauty and It Shouldn't Happen to a Vet
D: Viz*

Do you have a favourite composer or piece of music?

*C: Always Look on the Bright Side of Life
D: UK Subs*

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

D: Monty Python's Life of Brian

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

*D: Grass
C: Sweet peas*

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

*D: Beef
C: Tiger prawns, chilli and cheese*

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

Both: On a mountain with snow

How have the COVID months been for you?

*D: Absolutely fine, not a problem
C: My team was brilliant and we adapted to what we had to do.*

as told to Kate Dillnott-Cooper

GRANTS AND BENEFITS TO HELP YOU PAY YOUR ENERGY BILLS

What support can I get?

If you're struggling to afford your energy bills, you might be able to get support from the government or your energy supplier. The first step is to call your supplier and ask them if they offer any grants to help with your energy bills.

- *Warm Home Discount Scheme: You might be able to get £140 off your electricity bill or a £140 voucher for your prepayment meter.*
- *Winter Fuel Payment: The Winter Fuel Payment is an annual one-off payment to help you pay for heating during the winter.*
- *Cold Weather Payments: Cold Weather Payments are one-off payments to help you pay for extra heating costs when it's very cold.*
- *Grants to help pay off your energy debts: If you're in debt to your energy supplier, you might be able to get a grant to help pay it off.*
- *Local energy grants: If you can't afford to top up your prepayment meter you might be able to get a fuel voucher.*
- *Extra help from your supplier: You might be able to get extra help and support from your energy supplier by signing up to the Priority Services Register.*
- *Energy Bills Rebate: The government has also announced a package of support to help households with rising energy bills in response to this latest energy cap price rise.*
- *Local Social Welfare Support: Wiltshire Council has a local welfare provision scheme that provides critical short-term help and assistance with limited one-off household goods.*

For more details of grants and benefits to help you pay your energy bills, visit: [hps:/ / www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/ energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying- your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you- pay-your-energy-bills](https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/energy/energy-supply/get-help-paying-your-bills/grants-and-benefits-to-help-you-pay-your-energy-bills)

Call us on freephone **0800 144 8848** (Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm) or email us for support and advice email: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

ST BARNABAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY/MARCH

3rd March	2:00pm	World Day of Prayer	Market Lavington Community Hall
5th March	10:30am	Benefice Service	Little Cheverell
12th March	10:30am	United Service	St Barnabas, Easterton
19th March	11:00am	Parish Communion	
		Mothering Sunday	St Barnabas, Easterton



MAKE AN EASTER GARDEN Rev. Marion shows you how to make and Easter Garden on a video:
Click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/JJEcb4ufqOQ/RevMarion>

Message from Chief Constable Kier Pritchard & Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson

You will no doubt be aware of the watershed moment that policing, nationally, currently finds itself in. This has been brought to the fore again with the sentencing of former serving police officer David Carrick for his horrific campaign of rape and violence against women, spanning 18 years.

We want to reassure you, as partners and stakeholders of both our organisations, of the steps being taken within Wiltshire Police and the Office of the Police Crime Commissioner to address these concerns on a local level.

We are both absolutely committed to identifying those who look to betray the confidence we invest in them to keep the public safe and ensuring they are rooted out with appropriate action taken.

Wiltshire Police has not been immune to its share of misconduct cases lately, which are just as damaging to local confidence in policing as these national cases are at chipping away at national trust and policing with consent.

Together we have welcomed moves for police forces to check existing staff and officers against national police databases and plans by the Home Office to strengthen vetting standards for police officers and staff.

Within Wiltshire Police, this work is currently underway. OPCC staff were not identified as part of this standards and vetting review, but we have taken the extra step to ensure this happens. We are determined there is a hard look at both our current workforces and, be assured, there will no place to hide for such individuals.

Wiltshire Police currently has 13 ongoing gross misconduct investigations against officers and staff which are all subject to ongoing enquiries within the Professional Standards Department. Four of these are currently being criminally investigated.

His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) recently made 43 recommendations to all police forces to improve their standards of vetting and misconduct investigations. Wiltshire Police has worked through these recommendations and completed two formal reviews to ensure confidence in its processes and that current practices are effective.

The review has shown the majority of recommendations are already in place and, of the eight gaps, there is now a clear plan in place to ensure the adoption of these in the near future.

Wiltshire Police has also just completed its first frontline supervisors' course for officers and staff, open to OPCC staff too, at which standards of behaviour expectations are set, alongside a code of conduct to which those supervisors will hold their staff to account. This now forms part of the learning and development programme within the organisation.

It is at that level that professional, and personal standards, are first set and a culture of zero tolerance to inappropriate behaviours further established.

We would like to reassure you there is absolutely no place within Wiltshire Police for those who wish to harm and abuse their position of power - and there is also no place for those in charge to turn a blind eye to any level of unacceptable behaviour.

We have challenged our workforces to call out inappropriate behaviours and provided them with several routes to enable this. Rooting out misconduct is everyone's business – and we have both taken this mandate literally.

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ENVIRONMENT

THE VALUE OF GRASS IN YOUR GARDEN AND SURROUNDING AREAS

Did you know that grass has one of the largest carbon capturing capabilities - more than trees alone. So look after your grass in and around your house and in the village.

MAINTAIN YOUR HEDGEROWS

These too have huge carbon capturing capabilities as well as harbouring essential food and protection for wildlife. Don't lose it but increase them where possible in your garden = plant a new hedge.

THE ECHOES IS YOUR NEWSLETTER AND NEEDS YOU AND YOUR NEWS

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Household batteries to be collected as part of Wiltshire kerbside recycling service

Wiltshire now collect small household batteries as part of our kerbside recycling service. Put batteries in clear, sealed sandwich bags on top of your blue lidded bin and they will be collected for recycling.

NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN ANY OF YOUR BINS

The batteries you can put out for collection are D, C, AA, AAA, 9V and button-type batteries

NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN ANY OF YOUR BINS

Every year hundreds of fires at waste facilities across the country are linked to batteries thrown out in the bin. Help us to stop fires and keep staff safe by never placing batteries inside your bin.

LINK GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME

ANYONE NEEDING A LIFT TO SURGERY, HOSPITAL, SHOPPING OR JUST A HELPING HAND please contact the Link Coordinator:

Tel: **01380 812755**

[Link needs new volunteers - please phone .](#)

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