

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."

CORONATION WEEKEND

THE EASTERTON CORONATION PICNIC MONDAY 8TH MAY STARTING AT 12 NOON AT THE VILLAGE HALL AND FIELD

THE EVENT WILL COVER THE JOINT THEMES OF FAMILY, FUN AND VOLUNTEERING.

You are invited to bring your own picnics or there will be hot dogs and burgers on sale. Tea and cakes will be served and there will be a cash bar as well as the Royal Oak's Pimm's bar. The great band Equinox will play through the afternoon and there will be activities for children including fun games and a bouncy castle, art activity and an art exhibition. Step up to the starting line for some fun, traditional games and races for the children: pick a buddy for the three legged and wheelbarrow, or flex those arms for the egg and spoon. We have something for everyone: competitive grown ups too!

Finally and importantly, we aim to foster volunteering throughout the village. We know that many of you already volunteer in a variety of ways such as LINK, St Arbuck's and the Tuesday Club, but we will seek to expand this by providing a network whereby people with specific needs can be put in touch with volunteers who may be able to help. We are hoping to set up a "Mop Fair" to kick this initiative off.

So come one, come all on Monday 8th May to celebrate His Majesty's Coronation. The Royal Oak will be holding events on Saturday 6th May and Sunday 7th May

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 is hoping that local people will be taking photos of themselves, the events and the area relating to the Coronation weekend. The aim is to create a historical record of the Coronation celebrated in Easterton, that can be published in book form and for pictures to be eventually displayed in the Village Hall.

Please send any of your photos so they can be added to the book to Helen Hardman.

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 of the individuals. So, please get searching your photo albums and boxes and anything that you find can be sent to Helen Hardman email:

hjrhardenman@yahoo.com

WANTED PLEASE

Cakes for the Coronation teas May 8th in the Village Hall.

Please contact **Lesley Houghton** to register your help. Tel: **07887 489517**

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@eastertonpc.org.uk Mobile: **07437 857501**

EMERGENCY ALERTS SERVICE

The system enables you to be contacted via your mobile phone if your life is at risk in an emergency.

Emergency Alerts are messages sent to all compatible 4G and 5G mobile phones when there's a danger to your life, health or property in the area you're located. They don't need your location or phone number. Only the government and the emergency services can send them.

A UK-WIDE TEST WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY 23RD APRIL.

If you get an Emergency Alert on your phone, you'll hear a loud, siren-like sound. A message on your screen will tell you about the emergency and how best to respond

[click here for more information on Emergency Alerts](#)

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Government funding received to improve energy efficiency of homes in Wiltshire

Wiltshire Council has been successful in securing more than £3.6m of Government funding, which will help go towards increasing the energy efficiency of existing housing in the county. The funding is part of the Government's Department of Energy Security and Net Zero's Home Upgrade Grant Phase 2 scheme. It will be spent on retrofitting up to 210 Wiltshire homes by March 2025, supporting our ambition for the county to be carbon neutral by 2030.

www.wiltshire.information on funding for energy efficiency

COUNCIL JOB VACANCIES LISTED BELOW - APPLY NOW!

We currently have a number of vacancies available, click on any of the following links for more information on each job offer:

[Living Well Service Manager](#)

[Exam Invigilators](#)

[Receptionist/Administrators](#)

[Learning Support Assistant](#)

[Teaching Assistants – multiple roles](#)

[Caretaker](#)

[Teacher](#)

[Recruitment Assistant](#)

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE BEST START IN LIFE

Wiltshire Council has created a [Best Start in Life toolkit](#) which is full of tips and supports positive health and well being to support children in Wiltshire.

[Download here the Best Start in Life toolkit now](#)

BECOME A FOSTER CARER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN A YOUNG PERSON'S LIFE

On Thursday 30th March 6pm -7pm Wiltshire Council are having an [online bring a cuppa and questions evening](#) please join us and learn more about fostering.

[click here for more information about fostering - Wiltshire Council](#)

Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

I had the great pleasure of attending a Market Lavington Youth Council meeting recently. It was fantastic to see young people come together in the evening to discuss the issues that they see in the community. The young people from St Barnabas and Lavington elected a Chair and Vice Chair and set some initial projects in motion. As adults we often try to make the community better for young people, investing in play equipment, building skate parks or holding events etc. It is fair to say that as adults we don't always request the input of the young people in these projects, although this is starting to change. Youth Councils are important because they give our young people a voice and help us to understand how things look from their position in society. Well done to everyone who helped setup the Market Lavington Youth Council and long may it continue!

Any ideas you might have to improve our community, from youth activities and social events to environmental and nature-based projects could be supported by your local parish council and Wiltshire Council so drop me a line or your local parish council to get things rolling.

I recently attended an event in Devizes focusing on Anti-Social Behaviour with a focus on young people. As you will have seen in the news, there have been some alarming incidents in the town. I was very pleased to see so many stakeholders at the event. Various Wiltshire Council departments were joined by Wiltshire Police, the Devizes CCTV partnership, Motiv8 a youth focused drug advice programme, Devizes Town Council, Youth Mentoring Teams, Youth Justice Workers and Youth For Christ. It was reassuring to see so many people invested in resolving issues in the town, which, are very much the result of a small number of individuals rather than a problem with youngsters across the board.

And finally, a brief welcome to the new managers of the Royal Oak in Easterton, Dave and Nikki. I wish them every success with the pub and I hope that we can support them as much as possible.

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

dominic.muns@wiltshire.gov.uk or by phone on **07585 394 178**

Cllr Dominic Muns Portfolio Holder for Education

ALLOTMENTS IN EASTERTON

The Parish Council is planning to set out the area for allotments soon and there will be some events nearer the time to encourage residents to either take up gardening and grow edible plants. Watch out for news via your boomCast communication information portal.

If you want to put your name down for an allotment please contact either Richard Brooks cllr.R.Brooks@eastertonpc.org.uk or Judy Boyt cllr.J.Boyt@eastertonpc.org.uk

The Echoes editor would really advise reading the following publication

No dig Organic Home and Garden - by Charles Dowding and Stephanie Hafferty. This is a very practical book and guide where you can learn to create and grow in a no dig garden and then preserve and cook your produce, ideal for those who do not want the back breaking job of digging but love the idea of eating what you can grow!

Look on www.permaculture.co.uk for more excellent information.

HELP WILTSHIRE COUNCIL TO INCREASE RECYCLING IN WILTSHIRE!

Nappies go into the general waste BLACK bin

Knives, car parts, bulky items and tools should be taken to the nearest Household Recycling Centre.

Plastic bags, carrier bags, bin bags and plastic film such as fruit bags or the film on top of meat or ready meal trays go in the general waste BLACK LIDDED BIN

PLEASE PUT CORRECT ITEMS INTO THE CORRECT BIN.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

DAVE BYFORD AND NIKKI BLATCHLEY



How long have you lived in Easterton?

Both: We move in on 6th March 2023!

What brings you to Easterton?

D: The Royal Oak and the great opportunity it offers.

N: I fell in love with The Royal Oak.

How would you describe your life and who has influenced you most in your life and why?

N: Sorry, haha, cheesy I know, but I'm going to have to say Dave as he lets me be me and has encouraged me to have more confidence in myself over the last seven years we have been together.

D: Extremely varied and challenging because of all the different people I have met and worked with but now on a new and exciting opportunity at The Royal Oak with Nikki.

Where were you born?

N: Reading

D: Bovey Tracey, Devon

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

N: Alfred Sutton Girls School

D: South Devon College, Plymouth University

Family, tell us a bit about your family

N: Dad born in Wiltshire, one sister and brother

D: Family well established Devonians, four sisters

What is your greatest achievement?

N: Getting Dave to vacuum, passing my exams to be able to run a pub!

D: Varied career, firstly in hospitality and catering which has enabled me to travel extensively, secondly as a teacher, both sharing my skills as a chef and then managing large apprenticeship deliveries in a variety of colleges.

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

N: Write music

D: To play the saxophone

Who, in history, do you admire the most?

N: My Nanny Tegg (now my Guardian Angel)

D: Escoffier

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

N: Working for Argos in the early to mid 1990s, though I absolutely loved running my own Karaoke

D: Catering Manager for outdoor events for the Metropolitan Police, including the Iranian Siege and the Brixton Riots.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

N: Collecting different animal money boxes, just making people happy

D: Golf but not very good

Who/what is your favourite author/book?

N: I don't have one but love reading romcoms

D: George Orwell

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

N: So many, I can't name just one, that's too hard, but I absolutely loved Bucks Fizz when I was very young.

D: Queen

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

N: Well, when I do get the remote control, The Dog House is one of my favourites.

D: Star Trek

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

N: Carnations because they are cheap and last ages!

D: Honeysuckle

Do you have a favourite animal, domestic or other?

Both: Our cat and dog - Taya and Toadie Bear

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

N: Dave's Roast Dinner

D: Chocolate

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

D: Anywhere it is hot and sunny

Has the pandemic changed or impacted you both over the last few years?

Both: Gave both of us the opportunity to work together as a couple.

Wiltshire Council update

Managing your Council tax online

Wiltshire Council has launched an updated portal that allows you to check your council tax account, make payments, view your bill, set up or amend direct debits and notify the council of any changes. This will save time and is also another small step towards the council's aim of becoming a carbon neutral council by 2030.

[Click her for more information about the new council tax portal](#)

KEEP YOUR DOG SAFE

It is a legal requirement to have your dog microchipped and ensure all details are up-to-date and registered with a Government approved database.

Failure to do so can result in a fine of up to £500.

Check that the details are correct when you next visit your vet and that they are correct with the Microchip database company.

EASTERTON HISTORY TRAIL BY QR CODE

Find the QR code signs placed and attached to various buildings, posts around Easterton, Eastcott and Easterton Sands.

for smartphone users click on the QR code (see example below) or on-smartphone use the link below:



<https://www.instagram.com/eastertontrail1/>

This will take you to the page where you will see a map and the numbers refer to where the different points of interest are in Easterton and the relevant photograph of the place as it was in the past. **Stop 1** is attached to the wall on the Royal Oak - try it and see what comes up. The trail will be adjusted, improved and added to in the future.

Market Lavington has a QR code Historical Trail too that operates slightly differently in information access but both Trails have taken information from the Market Lavington Museum.

WARNING- BEWARE

Thieves have been stealing catalytic converters from cars parked in Fiddington Clay area, Market Lavington.

TAKING THE DOG FOR A WALK?

BY LAW YOU MUST KEEP YOUR DOG UNDER CONTROL ON THE CONFINES OF THE DESIGNATED PATHS, BRIDLEWAYS OR BYWAYS. THIS WILL EITHER MEAN ON A LEAD OR UNDER VOICE CONTROL ESPECIALLY WHEN PASSING LIVESTOCK OR HORSES.

PLEASE DO NOT LET THEM JUST RUN RIOT IN THE FARMERS OPEN CROP FIELDS, IN FIELDS WITH LIVESTOCK OR THROUGH THE WOODS. THE DOGS CAN DISTURB GROUND NESTING BIRDS OR MAMMALS THAT ARE ON THE GROUND ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

- **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.**

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

AGM. Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall Trustees will take place at 5pm on Monday 16th May 2023 in the Village Hall Garden Room. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Village Hall Hiring Rates. Like all other businesses, the Village Hall is feeling the effects of inflation, particularly the cost of gas for heating. At their last meeting the Trustees agreed an increase to hiring rates effective from 1st September 2023. The new rates remain extremely competitive in comparison to other local venues. The new rates are shown in the following table.

HIRING CHARGES Per Hour (from 1st September 2023)

	Parish Function	Easterton Residents	Non Residents	Commercial and youth Parties (12 - 25)
Main Hall	£6	£8	£9	£13
Garden Room	£4	£7	£8	£13
Both rooms	£9	£13	£15	£25

THE ROYAL OAK PUB NEWS

Announce various events in the future some of which are listed below:

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**

May 6th, 7th Coronation Weekend celebrations

The Birthday Club - free membership

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



EASTERTON CABARET 2023

THE DATE IS SATURDAY JUNE 10th SO THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME TO PREPARE.

MOIRA IS 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 EASTERTON CABARET SO LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
LETS MAKE EASTERTON SING WITH FUN**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS EVENT PLEASE CONTACT MOIRA ON

TEL: **01380 818094** Mob: **07503 110800**

Email: moira@ritech-systems.com



The Litter pickers of
EASTERTON
March 25th 2023
A big thank you for the
amazing turn out and a
great hub of people.

COUNCIL USING RECYCLED OCEAN PLASTIC AND FACE MASKS FOR LITTER COLLECTION

Forest of Dean District Council has announced that it is looking to utilise recycled NHS face masks and ocean plastic to make kit that can be used to collect litter.

The Community Builders' Fund is funding the new recycling equipment "It's believed that each year eight million tonnes of plastic waste will enter our oceans. These plastics can entangle marine animals or be mistaken for food, both with devastating consequences. Over time plastics will also start to break down into much smaller micro plastics, invading fragile ecosystems, and even entering our own food chain. We are making a positive contribution towards protecting nature and making a truly circular economy a reality."

The materials will form the plastic components on litter grabbers, with the 100% recycled polypropylene being made in the UK and sourced either from the NHS or recovered ocean plastics. The hoops on the litter pickers, the part that is used to keep litter bags open, will also be made from fishing equipment and nets that have been recovered from the sea.

Author: Dan Benn. Public Sector Executive March 1st 2023

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE ARTICLES FROM OTHER COUNCILS IN UK CLIMATE CHANGE HUB TO OFFER CLIMATE ADAPTATION GUIDANCE

The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has officially unveiled an innovative online hub of resources, information and guidance towards climate change adaptation.

The Climate Change Hub is managed by Forest Research and will act to centralise and distill the most recent and relevant information relating to the ever-changing climate, providing guidance towards adaptation to encourage the uptake of adaptive practice by forest and woodland owners and managers. This critical information is all in one place for the first time, enabling land managers and foresters to make the best decisions for our planet on tree and forest management.

Forestry Commission Chief Executive Richard Stanford said:

The development of this hub follows the recently established commitments from the **Environment Improvement Plan** and maps its guidance around the Government's net zero strategies.

Elliot Griffiths

February 22nd 2023

TRAVIS PERKINS SETS OUT PLAN TO TRAIN 10,000 APPRENTICES

Nick Roberts, CEO of the company, said the ambition will bring "fresh talent" and improve diversity in the industry. [Travis Perkins](#) has revealed plans to train 10,000 apprentices by 2030. The building materials firm said it hopes the target will help address a "critical industry skills gap" and develop skills needed to help deliver new homes and infrastructure.

The latest Construction Skills Network (CSN) report indicated that an extra 225,000 construction workers may be needed by 2027 to address labour demand.

Robert Halfon, Apprenticeships and Higher Education Minister, said: "This is exactly the kind of initiative which will extend the ladder of opportunity to people from all backgrounds across the country and help them to secure sustainable, fulfilling work."

ST BARNABAS CHURCH SERVICES FOR MARCH/APRIL

Today the sun shone and it really began to feel like Spring - a change from the positively Arctic past couple of weeks, so it's lovely to be able to look at Spring activities in the near future.

See below for the forthcoming church services:

The variety of timings can be confusing. The reason for them is to give each of the five villages in the Benefice turns at both early and later services - not to mention allowing the vicar to spread her services fairly between the churches of the Benefice. There may be some different timings in the offing but for now the above timings are enough for us to deal with!

AGAPE SUPPER

A dramatic re-telling of the Last Supper with a simple supper of soup, bread, cheese and fruit. Everyone is welcome, but please sign up on the board at the back of the church just for catering purposes.

SPRING CLEAN

One of the inevitabilities of the season - everything looks a bit tired and dingy - please join us on APRIL 1st at 9.00am for our annual Spring Clean - a bit of washing down, painting window frames and gates and general spit and polish! Refreshments provided.

ORGAN APPEAL

Our lovely old Victorian organ needs repairing - big time! Its cost is estimated by a specialist organ restorer at £2K!!

We would love a donation - no matter how small, however large.

To start the restoration, please donate what you can to our Church Warden:

Sue Allen, at 57 High St, Easterton. Tel: **01380 813603**

All amounts received with grateful thanks.

MAKE AN EASTER GARDEN Rev. Marion shows you how to make an Easter Garden on a video:

Click on the following link: <https://youtu.be/JJEcb4ufqOQ/RevMarion>



DATE	EVENT	WHERE	
2nd APRIL	Palm Sunday Benefice Service	West Lavington	10:30am
9th APRIL	Sunrise Service at the Vedette	the Vedette	7:00am
	Joint Service with Trinity, St Mary's and St Barnabas Churches	The Community Hall , Market Lavington	10:30am
6th APRIL	The Agape Supper is on Maundy Thursday	St Barnabas Church	6:30pm
16th APRIL	Communion	St Barnabas Church	11am
23rd APRIL	Holy Communion service with St Mary's Church	St Mary's Church	11am

Parish Councillors new EMAIL ADDRESSES:

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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.

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

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

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 .

The Market Magazine.

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www.themarketonline.co.uk

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