

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."

CLLR. CHRIS SAUNDERS

After some 14 years of being a dedicated parish councillor and Chairman. Chris Saunders has resigned and retired from the Council. His knowledge and advice over the years has served the community well. He will be missed by fellow councillors and I am sure many residents, as will his sense of humour and words of wisdom. Thank you Chris for all your work over the years.



EASTERTON COUNTRY FÊTE AND FUN DOG SHOW

BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 28th August 2023

We, the Fête team are delighted to announce that the **COUNTRY FÊTE** and **FUN DOG SHOW** will be going ahead this year. We are actively organising this year's event, to bring the community together to have a fun afternoon out for all and raise money for local causes.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

We urgently need volunteers to help with the Cakes and Refreshments, and setting up on the day of the event.

There will be many other opportunities to volunteer to help make it a 'barking good' success on the day - we will look forward to you to joining us.

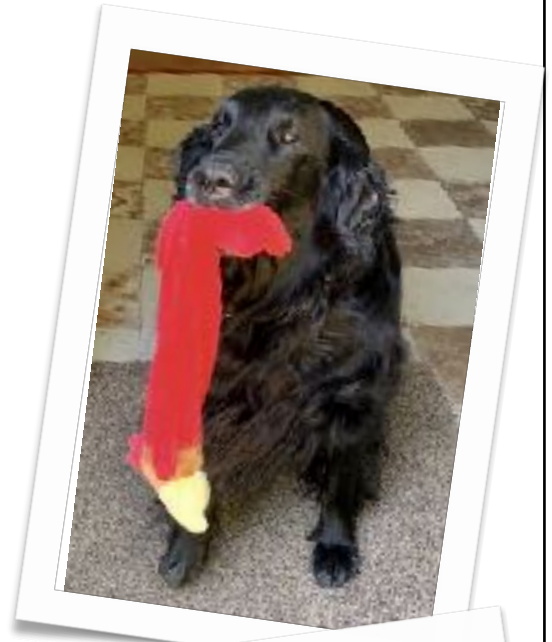
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Thank you for your continuing support in keeping a fantastic village tradition alive.



THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL, 17TH JULY 2023 AT 7:30PM

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

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

Message from Cllr Dominic Muns Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

The Devizes Area Board met on 19th June to discuss various matters of importance to residents across the wider Devizes area. I sit on it and represent The Lavingtons alongside six other councillors from across the area. During the meeting I was honoured to be elected to vice-Chair of the board and look forward to helping drive the good work that we do as a local group.

I continue to take the lead on the board's "Children and Young People" initiatives and during the meeting I was able to share a video which I put together to demonstrate the projects we have championed over the last year or so. I am no Spielberg, Tarantino or Scorsese but if you do want to take a look at my attempt at an engaging video I will share it on my website: www.dominicmuns.co.uk and Facebook page.

As an update to previously shared grants, we have helped kick start youth clubs in Bromham, Great Cheverell and West Lavington with grants of more than £9,300. We've supported Parish Councils with improvements to play areas by donating more than £17,500. We supported local youth sports initiatives with grants of £9,950 and we assisted schools and church groups with grants of £5,400 for youth work and mentoring. In total, over the last year, the Devizes Area Board has awarded more than £57,000 in grants for local youth projects!

I answered a question during the meeting from a member of the audience who was quite critical about the level of spending that goes to youth services (in that there isn't enough). I agree. More support needs to come from central Government and I continue to lobby for this within various forums both inside and outside of the Education sector.

Wherever the money comes from, as local councillors, we continue to direct it to good projects that positively impact local people within the Devizes area. Local passion and expertise is the best foundation to a successful community project and we will invest Wiltshire Council's money to the projects you champion.

Cllr Dominic Muns Portfolio Holder for Education

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ST BARNABAS CHURCH

LINE DANCING EVENING will be on July 1st in AID OF THE ORGAN FUND

NEWS ON THE REPAIR OF THE ORGAN - We have been absolutely delighted by the response to the organ restoration appeal. The good news is the organ has returned to St Barnabas and is now sending better than it has for years! So a very big thank you for all your support to make this happen, it has been so much appreciated.

Pat Morris

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

DATE	EVENT	WHERE	TIME
2nd July	Benefice Communion	Market Lavington	10:30am
9th July	United Service with Trinity	Community Hall, Market Lavington	10:30am
23rd July	Communion Service	St Barnabas	9:15am
30th July	Benefice Service	West Lavington	10:30am
6th August	Benefice Service	St Barnabas, Easterton	10:30am

THANK YOU Anne Blagbrough and her family would like to thank you all for your love, support and sympathy through cards, letters and telephone calls over the past weeks. What a caring community we live in. We held Gordon's funeral privately on Friday 9th June and hope to have a Life Celebration gathering locally in September.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

DAVID McCORMICK



How long have you lived in Eastcott?

Just over ten years

What brought you to Easterton?

We had lived in Rowde and then Bromham and anything is better than Bromham!

Where were you born?

In Belfast

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

Belfast and Downpatrick and then Aberystwyth University

Family, tell us a bit about your family

My wife Caroline and I have been married just over twenty-six years, we have known each other for thirty-five years, and we have two sons Edward and Adam. Edward is an Electronics Engineer and Adam is about to start a Masters in Engineering Geology.

What is your greatest achievement?

Having worked for thirty-five years with various scoundrels, bounders and imbeciles and not having killed any of them, yet . . .

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

To be able to eat and drink as much as I would like without having to deal with the consequences.

Who, in history, do you admire the most?

The Egyptians who built the pyramids.

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job or funniest moment at work?

I have been lucky to have had a lot of interesting jobs - everything between auditing the Red Cross in Addis Ababa and meeting Frankie Dettori getting out of a red Ferrari at Manton singing to his Sony Walkman.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Gardening, which is one of the reasons why we bought our house.

Who/what is your favourite author/book?

Anything by Douglas Adams and the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy Trilogy in five parts

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

Paul Heaton and the Beautiful South

What's your favourite film/TV programme?

Anything topical and satirical

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

In early summer it is foxgloves and alliums and I do like a bougainvillia

Do you have a favourite animal, domestic or otherwise?

A leopard but you don't see many of them around in Eastcott! Having lived in Kenya for two years and spent much time looking for them, their scarcity value and their image makes them very special.

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

A good chilli with all the trimmings

Is there a place in the world that you would like to visit?

South America because I haven't been there - our son is there at the moment and the photographs look amazing.

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

I now get to work from home more often than previously and so more time with my family and my garden (and more difficult to kill people remotely!).

as told to Kate Dillnott-Cooper

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

NEW 'EXPLORE WILTSHIRE' Heritage app

To support residents and visitors in exploring and understanding our town centres, the Heritage and Arts Team and the Wiltshire Towns Programme are pleased to launch Explore Wiltshire, an interactive app providing free heritage trails around our town centres.

The aim of the app is to offer residents and visitors to Wiltshire the opportunity to explore the rich, diverse heritage of more of Wiltshire's market towns. *The Salisbury Trails app that was launched in 2020 will be amalgamated into the new Explore Wiltshire app.*

It will initially be launching in five towns plus Salisbury - Bradford on Avon, Chippenham, Cricklade, Devizes and Warminster. It will also link to the existing Explore Malmesbury webpage. It is planned that new trails covering the areas of Marlborough, Pewsey, Tisbury and Trowbridge will follow later in the year. Once launched, the featured town and parish councils, and their local communities, will be able to add their own trails and content will be developed as more communities get involved.

HOW CAN PEOPLE DOWNLOAD THE APP?

Explore Wiltshire is available free for download to Apple and Android devices via the:

- Apple App Store: www.apps.apple.com/pt/app/explore-wiltshire
- Google Play store: www.play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.calvium.pep.visitwiltshire

WHAT CONTENT WILL THE APP CONTAIN?

The new app is location-aware and features information about historical landmarks, cultural sites, people and events that have helped to shape Wiltshire's heritage.

With interactive maps, walking trails, hunts and challenges; plus photographs, audio and visual clips, engravings and information from the archives of the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre.

Each town will feature an introduction from Wessex Archaeology and TV's Time Team Phil Harding.

If there are any town or parish councils that express an interest in taking part and featuring on the app, then please direct them to contact WiltshireTownsProgramme@wiltshire.gov.uk

One of the roles of the Heritage Service is to support over 40 independent, voluntary and town council led museums across the county. The new app will provide opportunities for local museums and heritage organisations, and projects, to add new content and trails to exploit their collections, draw more footfall and link to their digital presence.

This follows the conclusion of a successful Data to Discovery pilot project with selected museums to open up their collections: <https://collections.museumsinwiltshire.org.uk/>

TIME TO RENEW YOUR GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS.

You need to renew your garden waste collection by next Friday (30 June), to avoid missing a collection.

COUNCIL VACANCIES - APPLY NOW!

We currently have a number of vacancies available, which include:

[Assistant Headteacher \(Part Time\)](#)

[Teaching Assistant – Full and Part Time Hours](#)

[Cover Supervisors](#)

[Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead & Administrator](#)

[Site Supervisor](#)

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Regrettably there are still unreasonable dog owners who allow their dogs to foul on pavements and footpaths throughout the Parish. This is totally unhygienic and presents a messy trap for any unsuspecting pedestrian. Please think of others, pick up after your dog and deposit it in any litter bin or your own household waste bin

WOODLAND TRUST ANCIENT TREE INVENTORY



Mapping the oldest and most important trees in the UK. They can live for hundreds of years. And there are more of them in the UK than many other European countries. Help protect our valuable tree heritage. Let us know if you see any ancient or old trees and put them on the map. There are already more than 190,000 trees listed but there are thousands more to add to the database.

TREE SEARCH

Where do ancient trees grow? Explore the UK's ancient tree heritage with our map and you can view any trees you've added. <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk>

What we record and why:

There are more ancient trees in the UK than most other European countries but how do you tell how old a tree is and why should it be added to the inventory?

Find out more: <https://ati.woodlandtrust.org.uk/what-we-record-and-why>

RECORDING GUIDE

Find everything you need to know to help you start recording trees. The key resources that you will need are: A method of recording the location of a tree (10 figure grid reference). This could be either on a mobile phone, GPS unit or a map.

- A tape measure (we recommend a 10m surveyors tape)
- A camera
- You can record trees via your mobile phone OR you can record written notes about your trees and upload your trees via a computer from home / office.
- Download the Tree Recording Form from the above website. If you've found a tree you want to add, just double check that it isn't already recorded, if not, you can add it to the above woodland trust website.

NOTE FROM EDITOR:

I have gone on the website and it has good illustrated guidance on how to measure and record all different trees including multistep, trees on a slope etc. this will give a better picture of what is around our parish - so get out there and record.

CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND WILTSHIRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 13TH JULY 18:30 - THE CORN EXCHANGE, DEVIZES.

The AGM is followed by talk by two guest speakers.

First speaker: **David Holroyd - Head of water Quality. Wiltshire Fisheries Association** is talking about the water quality and special attributes of the river Avon.

Second Speaker: **Alan Maryon-Davis, Chair of Nadder Community Energy** will be giving a talk on the Nadder Valley Community Energy Project in South Wiltshire. Community Energy is a growing movement in which energy generation is owned not by large industrial companies but by local communities, with the profits invested back into the community. Typical ways to generate renewable energy are wind turbines, heat pumps, biomass boilers, anaerobic digesters, hydro schemes and PV (solar) panels on roofs or mounted on the ground.

See the website: www.nadderce.org.uk/

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HEDGEHOG STREET CAMPAIGN AND HEDGEHOG SURVEYS MADE EASY IN EASTERTON, EASTCOTT AND EASTERTON SANDS

Set up a group to start the Easterton Parish Hedgehog Street Campaign and surveys. This would be a great summer project for the youth during the summer holidays.

Please, if you would like to help or run with this project in Easterton area contact :

Cllr Judy Boyt Tel: **01380 818719** or email: cllr.J.Boyt@eastertonpc.org.uk

as a starter there are 2 families in Eastcott who see hedgehogs on a regular basis. Are there any other resident out there who have started their own surveys or who can coordinate a group?

It is really fascinating to see what is on your doorstep and then record it on the following official database: www.irecord.org.uk or www.wiltshirewildlife.org or www.hedgehogstreet.org

The aim is to find out how many hedgehogs and other animals we have in the parish and to engage the village into considering wildlife and the impact of any future developments.

A Hedgehog (HH) survey has a wider value because you will see who else comes into the garden.

Hedgehogs have an insect based diet so to help them survive we can help by making our gardens insect friendly; growing wild areas, creating a log pile, letting wildflowers grow. Unfortunately many gardens are paved over depleting them of insect life.

Artificial grass has also increased in popularity and low maintenance but it can have a devastating effect on wildlife. The absence of vegetation reduces the overall biodiversity meaning that the animals higher up the food chain have less to eat.

Artificial grass is plastic and has a large carbon footprint and in hot temperatures will absorb heat and may be too hot to stand on. Evidence has shown artificial grass can reach over 62C while in contrast real grass can reach only 32C in direct sun. The plastic can contaminate soil, increase the risk of flooding due to the solid earth underneath.

Hedgehogs need insects to eat, vegetation to make nests and dry habitat to forage. Hence the plasticising of lawns is **HARMFUL** to them and wildlife.

See last months Echoes for more information on how to build your own tunnels and start a survey.

For more information on what to do and how to get more involved on a national level look on the following websites:

[www.Hedgehogs - People's Trust for Endangered Species \(ptes.org\)](http://www.Hedgehogs-People's Trust for Endangered Species (ptes.org))

www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk

COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS (CFR's)WANTED

However, I am the lead for volunteering and particularly for Community First Responders (CFRs) in Wiltshire and I think that if we could recruit and train a couple of CFRs based in the village and develop the local scheme, that would provide the best possible resilience and make the community significantly safer.

CFRs are members of the public recruited, trained and equipped by the ambulance service to respond to 999 emergency calls locally ahead of the arrival of an ambulance. We currently have one volunteer starting in Market Lavington, one recently started in Wedhampton and we are trying to recruit some responders in Urchfont. If we could interest a small number of residents in Easterton, Eastcott and Easterton Sands we could have a really robust local CFR group.

We are just about to open recruitment for a September intake, so if anyone is interested, please contact David Wilmot | Community Responder Officer – BSW (B&NES, Swindon & Wiltshire)

E-Mail: David.Wilmot@swast.nhs.uk

Direct Line: **07831 100606** |
www.swast.nhs.uk

Website:

Volunteer and Community Services Department
South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust

HQ: Abbey Court, Eagle Way, Exeter EX2 7HY



FIRST AID FOR EVERYONE

- Would you like to learn the basics of first aid so you gain the confidence to help those in need of emergency help. How many of you can offer basic First Aid or know what to do in an emergency?

The Parish Council would like to instigate First Aid Training for everyone - they are hoping to offer dates in the near future.

If you would like to attend a training Day please contact :

Parish Clerk Sarah-Jane Bullock
email:

clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk

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

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS/HELPERS NEEDED

Please if you have time and can volunteer contact: www.communityfirst.org.uk/transport/link/

FORTHCOMING EVENTS IN WILTSHIRE

MARKET LAVINGTON VINTAGE FAIR July 15th and 16th

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND WILTSHIRE 13th July at 18:30 at the Corn Exchange, Devizes.

KING'S MEN in CONCERT from BYRD to BUBLÉ JULY 14th at Edington Priory Church

Tickets: £20; £15; £10. 10% discount for Friends of Edington Priory Church; under 18 free
from secretary@edingtonfriends.org.uk or 01225 754626

FULLTONE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2023

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST on The Green, Devizes

For more information see website: www.fto.org.uk

EASTERTON COUNTRY FÊTE AND FUN DOG SHOW AUGUST 28TH BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL AND FIELD. For more information see page 1 of this Echoes issue.

MARKET LAVINGTON VINTAGE MEET FAMILY FUN WEEKEND

15TH AND 16TH JULY 2023

STAR ANNOUNCEMENT

The Avro Lancaster of the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight is set to fly over the event field on the afternoon of Saturday 15th July and a Spitfire will do the same on Sunday afternoon 16th July.

Further details of the event can be found at www.mlvintagemeet.com or on social media [#mlvintagemeet](https://www.instagram.com/mlvintagemeet)

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The Market Magazine.

If you are in need a plumber, builder, craftsman, retailer look on this brilliant magazine that comes out monthly. Just click on the website below and up will come all information on all different trades that are available in this area of Wiltshire.

www.themarketonline.co.uk

Easterton Parish Council Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is here to help anyone. Please contact either of us below for help

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