

# 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."*

#### **THERE IS A VACANCY FOR ANOTHER COMMUNITY MINDED PARISH COUNCILLOR TO COMPLETE OUR COUNCIL NUMBER.**

It is a great way to get to know your village, how it functions and to offer your expertise to maintain, make a difference or improve your local community assets.

Are you passionate about your local area or environment?

Please contact and register your interest with the Parish Clerk and/or come along to the next meeting see how it all works. Email: [clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk)

Message from John Ward to his kind neighbours:

"I would like to thank all the people who have given or offered Sue help while I was in hospital and now recovering at home, special thanks to Sally P, Sally B, Gordon S and Fraser,

Thank you again, John."

#### **WANTED An Emergency Coordinator volunteer in Easterton**

In light of the recent flooding along Easterton High Street and the retirement of Ron Crook from the Flood Working Group the Parish Council will be looking for a volunteer to assume Ron's role in the village. Currently there is only one excellent flood warden volunteer in the High Street but more are needed to support each other. Hence, the Parish Council would like to put out an appeal to all residents, especially in the High Street who might be interested in taking on the important role as an **additional flood warden and / or Emergency Coordinator Volunteer**. These roles are important in coordinating and mitigating any situation that is declared an emergency.

The Working Group has a wider role in planning for all emergencies (including Flooding) that might affect the village: Establishing an emergency action plan, helping to share the plan with residents and acting as a liaison emergency responders and departmental personnel.

If you are that person please come forward and register your interest with the Parish Clerk who will forward your name to the Working Group. Email: [clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk) Mobile: **07437 857501**

#### **VILLAGE HALL HAS A NEW WEBSITE.**

Please look take a look. If you wish to book the hall for your events this can now be done online. for more information: [www.eastertonvh.org](http://www.eastertonvh.org)

#### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

**March 1st at 2pm there is a 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER' service at St Peter's Church, Great Cheverell.**

This year's the focus will be on the Christian Women of Palestine.

This service is held annually focussing on a different country each year on the first Friday in March, where all the churches in the Lavington, Cheverells and Easterton come together, including Trinity and St Joseph's RC Church. Everyone whatever faith or none is welcome to attend and refreshments are served after the service. Do come!

#### **THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING IN THE VILLAGE HALL MARCH 18TH 2024 AT 7:30PM**

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

Email: [clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk) Mobile: **07437 857501**

## WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

**MALA WATERS**



### How long have you lived in Easterton?

Since 1973, coming up to 51 years.

### What brought you to Easterton?

We lived in Devizes for about eight months when we were first married and we then moved to Easterton. I was on the Easterton Parish Council for 15 years.

### Where were you born?

In the north of Sri Lanka in the Tamil community.

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

I was educated in Jaffna in Sri Lanka until I was 17 when I got a scholarship to do my nursing training. I had a cousin living in the UK and so I came here and trained at the Savernake Hospital in Marlborough.

### What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

Childcare - December was always my favourite time of the year organising the nativity play with all the children.

### Family, tell us a bit about your family

I was the fifth child in a family of seven children. I met my husband Brian when I was doing my training at the hospital in Marlborough, we were married in 1970 and had two daughters and two sons - one lives in Cheltenham, two are in Devizes and one is in West Lavington. Brian was the milkman in West Lavington, Market Lavington and Easterton and he died in 1996.

### What is your greatest achievement?

Working with children. When my youngest started school I went into childcare and have never looked back. I worked until I was 70. I looked after the Market Lavington and Easterton Playgroup for 26 years and then my daughter took over one of the pre-schools and I worked with her.

### Who in history do you admire the most and why?

Mahatma Gandhi, he did a really great job to get them liberated.

### What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

I love crossword puzzles and quiz programmes, gardening and walking, I walk every afternoon. I also enjoy knitting and crocheting.

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

Roses - one of my potted roses had about 70 blooms last year, only a small one but just lovely.

### What is your favourite film/TV programme?

The Big Country, a western with Gregory Peck, and also The Sound of Music which I have watched many times.

### Do you have a favourite animal, domestic or otherwise?

Cats and dogs.

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

A curry, I love a vegetable biryani and also Japanese food.

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

I do like this country and would like to visit Scotland.

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

The pandemic didn't really change things for me. I had sepsis five years ago and, having had that, I had been ordered to stay at home anyway so lockdown wasn't really any different.

as told to Kate Dillnott-Cooper

## 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/](http://www.communityfirst.org.uk/transport/link/)

## FIRST AID TRAINING FOR EVERYONE UPDATE:

The First Aid Training session for everyone aged 14 or over was to be planned for The Parish Council Apologies for the delays in fixing a date due to other circumstances but we are looking at a new date with the trainer on a Saturday in the near future.

We will give you all plenty of notice to register your name and contact details. There will be a small fee per person but the Parish Council will help subsidise the fees by 50%.

Places are limited to 10 people - there are a few places left.

To register your interest please contact the email: [clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk)

## A MESSAGE FROM CLLR DOMINIC MUNS

### Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

By the time you read this article, Wiltshire Council will have agreed its budget for 2024/25 at the Full Council meeting on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February. I am pleased that the Council plans to continue with its focus on prevention and early-intervention; this has proved to work fantastically well in Children's Services which was recently graded Outstanding by Ofsted.

As an example, Wiltshire Council's new Family Hub model will start on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024, and will enable families with a child or young person aged 0-19 (0-25 where there are Special Educational Needs or Disabilities), to access an integrated multi-agency service for help and advice within community Hubs as well as online. The Hubs themselves will be based in three strategic locations, in Trowbridge, Chippenham, and Salisbury as well as 21 satellite locations throughout the County, including Devizes.

Mature, level-headed financial management, preventing problems before they appear, means that the Council is forecasting a modest underspend of £634k for the 2023/24 financial year. From this strong position, the council has planned its budget for the next three years and isn't reliant on reserves to deliver day-to-day services. How many other local authorities in this country can say the same? Many are already bankrupt.

In 2024/25, an ADDITIONAL £36m will support the Council's service budgets, with nearly £25m of that going on adult and children's services. Overall, the Council's proposed budget for 2024/25 stands at around £486m. The most significant spending in 2024/25 will be:

Adult services - £179.4m      Families and children - £70.8m      Environment - £49.5m

Highways and transport - £43m      Education and skills - £35.1m

The knock-on impact of our early-intervention and preventative strategy means that further investment can be made to improve services and infrastructure. Despite the challenging financial climate nationally, Wiltshire Council is able to allocate an EXTRA £10m over the next two years to spend on filling potholes, road resurfacing and verge repairs. Also included in the budget is an additional £1m investment into extra gully cleaning, effectively trebling drain-clearing work since 2021. The Council is also focussing on strengthening work around enforcement, building on the significant reduction in fly-tipping in the last 18 months.

The capital programme for 2024/25 has been budgeted at around £285m and details the Council's investment in the improvement and maintenance of the County's infrastructure including £45m to build and refurbish council houses, £11m towards Trowbridge and Salisbury Future High Streets, £7m in additional Highways investment and £3m investment in leisure centres with more than £20m allocated in subsequent financial years.

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

## LICENSING ACT 2003    APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (Section 17 of the Act)

Name of applicant: **TRUSTEES OF EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL**

Postal address of premises: **VILLAGE HALL, EASTERTON, SN10 4PS**

The application, if granted, is to enable the following licensable activities on the Premises Licence:

Sale of Alcohol (for consumption on the premises) Monday to Sunday 11:00–23:00

A copy of the application may be inspected by visiting:

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences-permits-new-premises-applications>

or by emailing: [publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Any representations by a Responsible Authority/Interested Party or other persons must be received in writing within 28 days of this notice by email: [publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:publicprotectionnorth@wiltshire.gov.uk)

or by writing to:

**The Licensing Authority, Wiltshire Council, Public Protection, County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN.**

**Date of Notice: 22/02/2024**

**End of Consultation: 22/03/2024**

It is an offence knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application punishable on summary conviction of £5000.

## WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

Cllr Richard Clewer, Leader of Wiltshire Council does a VLOG which keeps you up to date with what is going on around you: Log onto the website for more news on what the council are doing for you and the county:

- Did you know Wiltshire Council are in the process of building 1000 new Council Houses.
- Did you know they have approved the Wiltshire Design Guide which has a guide on building communities through good design with a bias on the vernacular aspects of houses in Wiltshire.
- Did you know that the dial a bus is being rolled out onto a wider area of Wiltshire
- DID you know that your local Household recycling Centre (HRC) has instigated a Community paint reuse scheme. You can get for **FREE** water based paints which would have normally gone to waste. LOOK OUT for the **YELLOW CABINET** or ask a member of staff.
- Alternatively , if you have any leftover water-based paint and you need to get rid of it, take it to your local HRC. Just make sure it is half full and is in a usable condition.

### Have you had your measles, mumps and rubella (MMR ) vaccinations?

the FREE MMR vaccination is a safe and effective way of protecting against measles as well as mumps and rubella.

It is important that parents take up the offer of MMR vaccinations as there is an increase in cases across the country.



### NEVER PUT BATTERIES IN THE BIN

Please never put batteries or electricals containing them in any of your bins.

Recently a fire started at one of our household recycling centres (HRCs) because a battery was placed in a scrap metal bin. Please recycle batteries in the battery collection point or use our website for more information: [click here: battery collection kerbside service.](#)

### COUNCIL VACANCIES - APPLY NOW!

We currently have a number of vacancies available, just click on any of the following links:

[Plumber](#)      [Private Rented Access Officer](#)      [Business Support Officer](#)      [Woodland Officer](#)

### UPCOMING UNITARY ELECTIONS – REMEMBER PHOTO ID

For all the details of upcoming unitary division by-elections in the county please visit [Upcoming | Elections | Wiltshire Council](#). Don't forget you now need to show photo ID to vote at polling stations in some elections, including:

- UK Parliamentary elections, including general elections, by-elections and recall petitions.
- Local elections and by-elections
- Police and Crime Commissioner elections

For more information on Voter ID, what to do if you don't have photo ID, please visit: [Voter ID | Electoral Commission](#)

### Wiltshire and Swindon residents share how they save money and enjoy warmer homes with green energy

More and more people are enjoying cost savings and warmer homes from making home improvements such as better insulation and heating fuelled by green energy.

To help people take advantage of green energy we are working in partnership with Wiltshire Climate Alliance to organise the [Swindon and Wiltshire Green Open Homes](#) event between **9-17 March 2024**.



### SILVERWOOD SCHOOL achieves Healthy Schools Award

Healthy schools is a programme designed to effectively address the health and well being of children and young people. Member son the quality assurance and accreditation team were particularly impressed by the recent work to promote healthy eating and support emotional wellbeing.

### WELL BEING PROGRAMME FOR MEN

**WILTSHIRE WILDLIFE** and **WILTSHIRE COUNCIL** are working alongside each other to start a programme for men to help them with wellbeing.





Free entry  
Tea & Coffee  
£1

## COMMUNITY HUB

Every Wednesday  
Anytime between 10:00 - 12:00  
at  
Easterton Village Main Hall

Table tennis and table football always available

Occasional social events will be advertised  
via BoomCast  
(talks, crafts etc)

### ALL WELCOME

Meet New Friends \* Share Interests  
EastertonCH@gmail.com

## THE COMMUNITY HUB, EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

### FORTHCOMING EVENT

MARCH 13TH AND 20TH

TRY YOUR HAND AT WILLOW WEAVING.  
MAKE A DRAGON FLY OR A 'TWIZZLE' OR A  
USEFUL PLANT SUPPORT.

### COME AND HAVE A GO.

It would be helpful if you could register your intention to join in as the willow needs to be soaked in advance to make it workable. Pop in any week beforehand to put your name down.

Please note there will be a charge for the materials used, around £10 depending on what you make.

Keep an eye on the village hall website for sample photos etc.

## ST BARNABAS CHURCH SERVICES: FEBRUARY - MARCH

**AGAPE SUPPER.** This is a simple supper of soup, bread, cheese, pate and fruit. During the supper the events of the last supper are recalled in a semi dramatic reading. All are welcome, there is no charge but we do ask those intending to come to sign up on the board by the font at the back of the church to allow for catering numbers.

**The supper takes place in St Barnabas Church at 6.00pm on March 28th.**

### THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

The other date of note in March is an important date for St Barnabas Church. On Saturday, 16th March at 3p.m. This is the Church's 'AGM' when the Reverend Marion Harrison reports on the ministry, charitable work, finance and maintenance of the church, and its links with St Barnabas School over the year 2023. This meeting is open to all parishioners and those on church's electoral role and we hope all will stay for tea and cake after close of meeting.

Date	Church	Service	Time
18th Feb	St Barnabas	Holy Communion	11:00am
25th Feb	St Barnabas	Holy Communion	9:15am
3rd March	West Lavington	Benefice Service	10:30am
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10th March	St Barnabas	Mothering Sunday Triple Service	10:30am
17th March	St Barnabas	Communion	11:00am
24th March	St Barnabas	Palm Sunday	9:15am
28th March	St Barnabas	Maundy Thursday, Agape Supper	6.00pm Evening event
29th March	West Lavington	The Final Hour	2:00pm
31st March	Market Lavington Vedette	Sunrise Service	7:00am
31st March	St Barnabas	Easter Day Communion	10:15am

## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

The response to the proposed Potterne solar will be in by the time you read this and at the time of writing they have amounted to over 256 objections so far including your Parish council. We will keep you updated on the decision.

There are so many new energy technologies being looked at today that will benefit us in the near future. Some are being rolled out on a bigger scale already especially in the motor trade. One is the hard Battery for EV cars - it is smaller lighter and fire resistant and yet gets as many if not more miles than the heavy lithium batteries. An Australian company is working with Volkswagen and they have produced the prototypes for the road.

**THE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS) FOR WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON** are about to implement a 'long list' to identify priorities (the outcomes we wish to achieve for nature) and measures (the actions we need to take to reach those outcomes) for nature recovery.

**The LNRS** is a requirement for Wiltshire and Swindon councils to prepare in 2024. This link will take you to the Government's website should you wish to remind yourself why this is necessary and important.

[Local nature recovery strategies - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-nature-recovery-strategies)

Each local nature recovery strategy will be specific and tailored to its area. The responsible authorities and people involved in preparing a strategy can choose how they want it to look, but every strategy must contain:

1. A local habitat map.
2. A written statement of biodiversity priorities.

We expect local nature recovery strategies to propose actions such as the: creation of wetlands, restoration of peatlands, planting of trees and hedgerows, more sustainable management of existing woodlands and other habitats like grasslands

*Alison Levy Local Nature Recovery Strategy Officer*

## DEVIZES MUSICAL THEATRE'S. is performing at **SISTER ACT** at **Dauntsey School March 27th - 30th**

**Tickets from Devizes Books and [www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk](http://www.DevizesMusicalTheatre.co.uk)**

*Sister Act* is the feel-amazing musical comedy smash based on the hit 1992 film When disco diva Deloris Van Cartier witnesses a murder, she is put in protective custody in one place the cops are sure she won't be a found: a convent! Disguised as a nun, she finds herself at odds with both the rigid lifestyle and uptight Mother Superior.

**A sparkling tribute to the universal power of friendship, *Sister Act* is reason to **REJOICE!****

### THE EASTERTON SEWING BEES

By popular demand the sewing bees are holding a longer sewing session in the garden room on

**Saturday March 2nd 10:30 - 2:30pm**

The Easterton Sewing Bees meet every week on Wednesdays at the village hall

If you would like more details about the group please contact

Helen : **07584 060644.**

Judy : **07860 242836**

### Easterton Parish Council Community Support

The Volunteer Programme is here to help anyone.

**Please contact either of us below for help**

**Cllr Anthony Snook**

**07831 116136**

**Victoria Turner**

**07725 269718**

### COMMUNITY

### POLICING

### Community Support

### Officer

**Paula Yarranton 6015**

Devizes Police Station,  
New Park Street, Devizes.  
Wiltshire. SN10 1DZ

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