

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

WANTED: A NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR

**THERE IS STILL A VACANCY FOR ANOTHER COMMUNITY MINDED PERSON
ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT YOUR LOCAL AREA OR ENVIRONMENT?
COME AND JOIN THIS PRO-ACTIVE PARISH COUNCIL**

It is a great way to get to know your village, how it functions and the community. It is an opportunity to make a difference or improve your local community assets.

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

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

held by The South West Ambulance Service

MONDAY 25TH MARCH IN VILLAGE HALL 7.30pm - 9.00pm

FREE ENTRY

This is such a worthwhile and important session to come and learn how to do CPR and use the Defibrillator. You never know when you might have to use these skills.

Very recently an Easterton resident came across an incident and had use CPR on the person til the ambulance arrived.

This opportunity to learn and how to use a defibrillator could be what keeps a person alive.

FIRST AID DAY

SATURDAY 27TH APRIL 2024

9.00am - 4.30pm

Easterton Village Hall

COST: £20 p person. (a few places remaining)

The Parish Council are subsidising the event to keep your costs down.

This is a day session to learn the basics of First Aid

Are you not sure what to do in an emergency situation when someone is injured or ill?

Learn what to do and how to recognise when you need more help.

PLEASE REGISTER with the PARISH CLERK TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:

Mobile: 07437 857501

email: clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk

Come and learn basic first Aid and to have confidence to use that knowledge in a

THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING WILL BE IN THE VILLAGE HALL

APRIL 22ND 2024 AT 7:30PM

THERE WILL BE A GUEST SPEAKER (TO BE ANNOUNCED)

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

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

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

PHILIP BULLOCK



How long have you lived in Easterton?

In May it will be 42 years.

What brought you to Easterton?

Work - my office was in Eastleigh but, unlike most of my colleagues, I didn't want to live in the New Forest and so we came to Easterton. I could get to the office in just under an hour and also did some work from home.

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

Peaceful and I have been influenced by many people, relations, people at school and people at work. I have also influenced myself in terms of determination.

Where were you born?

In Nottingham on 2nd September 1948.

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

I was at school in Nottinghamshire and then Derbyshire and then went to college. We were living in Stafford and I worked for English Electric as a technician apprentice and the plan was that I would do an HND at City and Guilds but after three years I decided that engineering wasn't for me.

What is/was your favourite/most interesting job?

After leaving English Electric and engineering, I joined Warner-Lambert, a pharmaceutical company, in April 1973 and progressed in sales and marketing. In 1979 I was promoted to Regional Manager for Scotland and the North East and we moved to Fife. I retired in July 2003. During my time there I did so many things - I flew on Concorde and stayed in some of the world's best hotels. We also used to do Outward Bound courses which included abseiling down 200 ft cliffs and yomping over the Brecon Beacons.

Philip is a member of the Easterton Parish Council

Family, tell us a bit about your family

Sally and I were married in 1975 and we have a daughter Sarah and two grandchildren. We also had a son, James, who sadly died of leukaemia in 2007.

What is your greatest achievement?

Surviving!

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

To paint pictures

Who in history do you admire the most and why?

Churchill, he was inspirational and the right person at the right time to rally the people of this country forward.

What is your favourite occupation/hobby?

Playing music, I play the guitar and harmonica and have played semi-professionally. I take after my mother and my music came from her and as a child I stood by the piano as she played it. I joined the Freemasons and became Provincial Grand Master for Wiltshire in 2014 which I held for eight years.

Who is your favourite author?

Charles Dickens and George Orwell. I also enjoy reading biographies and history - I have just read The History of England and I like crime books.

Do you have a favourite composer or music artist?

Beethoven and, as I grew up with The Beatles, Lennon and McCartney.

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

Roses and rockery plants.

What is your favourite film/TV programme?

The 39 Steps, any version, and Thelma and Louise.

Do you have a favourite animal, domestic or otherwise?

My dog, a bearded collie.

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

Fish, shellfish in particular.

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

Perth in Australia and I would love to go back to Bermuda. My favourite place is Italy. I first went to Venice in 1966 and fell in love with it and have been back there a couple of times.

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

It hasn't really changed or impacted me other than giving me more work with a lot of Zoom meetings.

as told to Kate Dillnott-Cooper

A MESSAGE FROM CLLR DOMINIC MUNS Wiltshire Councillor for The Lavingtons

The A-road through West Lavington has been renewed and the finished surface is a huge improvement. Last week, following scrutiny of the resurfacing schedule for the wider Devizes area, I asked for Market Lavington's B3098 to be re-prioritised. The stretch between the West Lavington crossroads and Lavington School is particularly bad and whilst I appreciate prioritisation is the correct approach so that the worst and busiest roads are fixed first, it is important that quieter village roads are not constantly overtaken by A-roads elsewhere.

Last month I mentioned that Wiltshire Council has been able to allocate an EXTRA £10m over the next two years to spend on filling potholes, road resurfacing and verge repairs. We are also spending an additional £1m on extra gully cleaning. This is vital if we are to fight back against the weather patterns which see extreme temperatures crack road surfaces, huge rainfall wash material away and freezing temperatures blow the surface apart.

I urge you to watch the recent Panorama episode "Paying More for Less: Councils in Crisis", on BBC iPlayer. Wiltshire is in a really strong position financially, able to invest in infrastructure, avoid closing services, and gaining national recognition for successes. Panorama will show you the issues councils are dealing with and how many are failing. You will hopefully see just how lucky we are in Wiltshire and how much worse things can be without capable management.

Since my election to Wiltshire Council back in 2021, alongside supporting residents on local issues, I have been working hard as Portfolio Holder for Education across the county. I helped create and promote the Wiltshire Learning Alliance which brings Wiltshire schools together to share knowledge and improve academic outcomes. Three months ago we saw Wiltshire's Children's Services judged Outstanding (incredible in the context of the Panorama episode). **More locally, I lobbied hard for Lavington School's bid to create a permanent sixth form, pushing our local MP and the Education Minister to acknowledge the strong case presented by both the school and Wiltshire Council. I am incredibly pleased to report that the school was successful in its bid and will be able to offer post-16 education from September next year!**

I have recently moved across from Education and taken a Cabinet position in charge of Environment & Waste. This will be a new challenge for me but one I aim to see equal success with. The "Environment" part of the role is very broad and incorporates Climate Change, Public Protection (Trading standards, Licencing etc), Wiltshire Heritage Sites (Stonehenge, Avebury etc), and Waste and Recycling; something for everyone!

The main point I want to make is that my work with local residents across The Lavingtons remains unchanged. You will still see me at all parish council meetings and I remain committed to helping you with any local issues you may have so do not hesitate to drop me a line.

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

A BIG THANK YOU

To Peter Thompson who kindly managed to clean the village signs after some numpty decided to 'recolour them with mud !' Perhaps this person would like to tell us why they felt the need to do this other odd act.

Answers on a postcard to the editor please: judy@judyboyt.com

VANDALISM relating to the SIGN EAST14 footpath (top of Eastcott Common)

There is a person(s) who regularly defaces or takes down the red sign 'NO THROUGH ROUTE' - **Why?**
This sign was put up by Wiltshire Council to inform walkers for their safety foremost that it is a **no through route** to the other side of the railway line. It is illegal to cross the railway line and there are no alternative legal routes across the farmland and woodland on either side of the path. Anyone trying to go off piste are trespassing and causing damage to fences keeping livestock in the fields.
The only way is to walk back up the path to the top of East 14. If you wish to cross the railway line either use Folly Wood bridleway or East12, see maps on Easterton PC website.
The Parish Council are bewildered by this act and ask the person (s) who are responsible, if they would like to get in touch with us and explain their actions and reasoning. This would enable us to see if we can be of help to this person and understand their motivation. We look forward to hearing from you
Please contact any of us via the Parish Clerk to arrange a meeting: clerk@eastertonpc.org.uk

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NEWS

www.wiltshire.gov.uk

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:

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.](#)

HAVE YOUR SAY ON WILTSHIRE'S EMERGING CULTURAL STRATEGY

We're creating a 2024-2030 Cultural Strategy, which is in part funded by Arts Council England, to place culture and creativity at the heart of Wiltshire's economic and social future.

We want to hear your views by completing a survey which runs until Sunday 24 March at 11:59pm.

<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/have-your-say-on-wiltshires-emerging-cultural-strategy>

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER ELECTIONS 2024

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/elections-pcc

DEADLINE OF REGISTERING TO VOTE - 16TH APRIL

DEADLINE FOR POSTAL VOTES 17TH APRIL

DEADLINE FOR PROXY VOTE 24TH APRIL

DEADLINE TO APPLY FOR VOTER AUTHORITY CERTIFICATE (IF YOU HAVE NO PHOTO ID) 24TH APRIL

POLLING DAY 2ND MAY 7.00AM - 10PM.

YOU MUST TAKE SOME FORM OF ID WITH YOU WHEN YOU GO TO VOTE AT A POLLING STATION.

LEISURE CENTRES BANK HOLIDAY OPEN DAY TRIAL

Wiltshire leisure services are extending a bank holiday opening trial over the Easter weekend with four centres in different parts of the county open on both Good Friday and Easter Monday.

Five Rivers Health and Wellbeing Centre in Salisbury, Melksham Campus, Marlborough Leisure Centre and Lime Kiln Leisure Centre will be open on Good Friday. Five Rivers, Melksham, The Vale Community Campus in Pewsey and The Activity Zone in Malmesbury will be open on Easter Monday.

JOB VACANCIES

CLICK ON THE BLUE WEB LINKS BELOW AND IT WILL TAKE YOU TO THE RELEVANT JOBS PAGE :

[SCHOOL CROSSING PATROLLER](#)

[SOCIAL CARE PRACTITIONER](#)

[TEACHER OF DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY](#)

[RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKER](#)



Free Entry
Tea & Coffee
£1

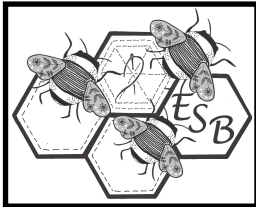
COMMUNITY HUB
Every Wednesday
Anytime between 10.00 - 12.00
at
Easterton Village Main Hall

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



Easterton Sewing Bees

Meet every Wednesday evening 7pm -9pm, for £2 in Easterton Village Hall. (Includes refreshments)
All welcome just turn up on the day and join us in a very relaxed social setting.
We share techniques and expertise.
Try out new and wide range of skills; sewing, crochet, knitting and other crafts with like-minded creative individuals. Why not come and see what we are up to and bring along your project.
We have 3 sewing machines, 2 overlockers and much more equipment to use. No need to carry your own machines from home.

For more information please contact:
Helen Hardman: 07584060644
Judy Boyt: 07860242836

CHURCH SERVICES: MARCH - MAY

AGAPE SUPPER at ST BARNABAS CHURCH. March 28th 6.00pm 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.

EASTER SUNDAY March 31st - Outdoor Service at the Market Lavington Vedette 7.00am followed by a Communion service in St Barnabas Church at 10.15am.

ST MARY'S CHURCH WILL BE OPEN FOR SERVICE FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER and the following events will be held:

Saturdays 11th, 18th and 25th May ORGAN MUSIC AND REFRESHMENTS 2.00pm - 4.00pm Free admission.

Date	Church	Service	Time
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
EASTER SUNDAY 31st March	Market Lavington Vedette	Sunrise Service	7:00am
EASTER SUNDAY 31st March	St Barnabas	Easter Day Communion	10.15am
7th April	St Barnabas	Benefice Service	10.30am
14th April	Market Lavington Community Hall	Untied Service with Trinity Church	10.30am
21st April	St Mary's, Market Lavington	Communion Service	11.00am
28th April	St Barnabas	Said Communion	9.15am
5th may	Gt Cheverill	Benefice Service	10.30am

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

POTTERNE SOLAR FARM UPDATE

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 287 objections so far including your Parish council. We will keep you updated on the decision.

The decision was meant to be 20th March but the word is that the Wiltshire Planning Officer Jonathon James, has not completed his report and is waiting for the applicants to come back with some more information! What information the solar group are not sure. But it looks like the whole thing will be taken to Strategic Committee who will make a decision, this probably wont be for another month or two. So meanwhile we carry on gathering more information and reading about more solar farm applications happening almost on a daily basis around the country. an increase in loss of farmland.

THE LOCAL NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY (LNRS) FOR WILTSHIRE AND SWINDON are about to implement a 'long list' to identify habitat 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)

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, waterways maintenance and restoration, more sustainable management of existing woodlands and other habitats like grasslands.

Alison Levy Local Nature Recovery Strategy Officer

THE NATIONAL GRID PROPOSAL TO BURY THE POWER LINES SEEN FROM ROUNDWAY DOWN

see more information on the following link <https://www.nationalgrid.com/electricity-transmission/network-and-infrastructure/visual-impact-provision/north-wessex-downs-vip>

THE EARTHSHOT PRIZE.

This is the most amazing platform created and supported by Prince William to help the most incredible people who are trying to help the planet.

CATALYZING CLIMATE FUNDING ON AN EVEN GREATER SCALE

Another big day in The Earthshot Prize's mission.

At an event in London, Prince William brought together investors, philanthropists and Earthshot Prize Finalists to celebrate the launch of the new online match-making platform, **Launchpad**.

Designed to **connect even more innovators within the Earthshot network to like-minded funders**, Launchpad enables us to scale a greater number of environmental and climate solutions at an unprecedented speed. Although only initially unveiled during Earthshot Week 2023 in Singapore, the platform has already attracted 135 investors and currently showcases solutions with financing needs exceeding \$500 million.

[Learn more about Launchpad](#) and how, along with our Global Alliance, we're supercharging funding for solutions that will repair our planet. Look on the link below or go to www.earthshotprize.org there some very imaginative and brilliant projects happening around the world which gives you more hope.

How We Scale Impact

To repair our planet, we know that change needs to happen quickly and at scale. Finding and growing the solutions that will have transformative impacts is central to our mission.

Along with bespoke support for all Finalists from our **Global Alliance**, our online matchmaking platform, **Launchpad**, will connect even more investors and philanthropists to our portfolio, so that we can speed environmental solutions to an unprecedented scale.



Tickets (cash only) are available to purchase from Great Cheverell Stores or by telephone: Nicola Coupe 07824 397 111

By the way there will be canapés not canopies (as spelt on the poster), the latter don't make good eating.

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

Tickets from Devizes Books and 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 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!**

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

Mob: 07471 029670

Tel: 101 ext.

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/

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