

Enford Newsletter

What's Happening In and Around Enford



2020

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USEFUL NUMBERS

EMERGENCY SERVICES

DOCTORS

DURRINGTON	Avon Valley Practice Surgery	01980 652378
DURRINGTON	Cross Plains Surgery	01980 652221
UPAVON	Avon Valley Practice Surgery, Fairfield	01980 630221

HOSPITAL

SALISBURY DISTRICT HOSPITAL	01722 336262
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POLICE

POLICE	101
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OTHERS

ELECTRICITY	105
ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY	0800 80 70 60
FLOOD LINE	0345 988 1188
GAS	0800 111 999
PLAINWATCH	01980 674700

DURRINTON LINK

LINK (Durrington & District)	01980 594857
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SCHOOLS

DURRINGTON, Avon Valley Secondary School	01980 652467
NETHERAVON, All Saints' C of E Primary	01980 670339
RUSHALL, Rushall C of E Primary	01980 630360
PEWSEY, Pewsey Vale Secondary School	01672 565000

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

BIN COLLECTIONS	0300 456 0102
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-collection-day	

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING CENTRES (HRC)
http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO REDUCE CRIME ON SALISBURY PLAIN?

If any crime is taking place call 999 and do not under any circumstances challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700) or PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk. The more information received the better, e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.

Health and Safety reminder for *all* Military Training Areas and Ranges:

Do not touch or tamper with Military debris.

Wash your hands before you eat.

Clean your footwear before you enter your car or home.

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**The next
Newsletter deadline is
FRIDAY
18th September 2020**

Emails are preferred but all items for inclusion, whether they are handwritten, typed or via e-mail, **MUST be submitted by the deadline date.**

These articles may be handed in to any Newsletter Committee member.

**Please send e-mails to
enfordnewsletter@gmail.com**

Enford Newsletter Committee reserves the right to reject or omit from publication any material that is considered by majority of Committee Members to be detrimental to any person or which is not in the best interest of the community as a whole. All letters and articles must be signed, but the Committee will withhold the name of the writer if this is requested.



**A message from
your
Newsletter Committee**



Given the current fluctuations in Government advice, we strongly urge you to contact the organisers before attending any event advertised within these pages.

A word from Philip Bromiley our Team Rector:



What have been the Lockdown Lessons?

Everyone's experience of the last few months has been different. Some of us have never been busier: home-schooling, owning the key worker mantle, supporting others in a voluntary role. Others have been struggling in other ways: shielding, self isolating, caring for loved ones.

I asked a question on Facebook recently.... what have we learnt? Fifty responses came back. All sorts of things: appreciating family, missing hugs, that slowing down is good, using time differently, travelling less, DIY. The list goes on. Speaking of DIY, did you hear about the chap who managed to make a car out of Washing Machine Parts? Afterwards, he took it out for a spin.

I think there are deeper lessons...how did we handle the fear? It was tangible for many of us. What was it like to be called vulnerable, perhaps for the first time? Was there a friend or neighbour we connected with in a new way, and that friendship will forever be different? We now know who the Keyworkers really are...not celebs or sportsmen, or even the top earners that are given Honours at New Year, but the carers, the bin men, those who stacked shelves in the supermarket. The NHS modelled true sacrifice for us with many laying down their lives to keep others safe. Social injustices have been highlighted, as we come to terms with the inequalities of British Society.

The church has learnt to adopt technology in a new way. I suspect much of it will stay as lockdown eases. We now hold Zoom compline services (8pm Sundays) and regularly record sermons, putting them on You-tube and Facebook. Dip into them...I've reflected on something else. Why is social distancing so weird? I think it's because we are made for relationships. Jesus promoted a vision that was intended to remind people that they are happiest when they love God and love each other. It's who we are...nothing can be more natural.

Every blessing,
Rev Philip Bromiley (Team Rector)



ALL SAINTS CHURCH, ENFORD SERVICES



The Avon River Team will be providing prayer and worship ideas for people to do in their homes. These will be found on our website:

www.avonriverteam.org.uk

together with Services in the 7 churches in the Avon River Team, and Minutes of PCC meetings.



CHURCH SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER



SEPTEMBER 2020

6th	Holy Communion	9:30am
13th	Evensong	6.00pm
20th	Breakfast Church	9:30am

OCTOBER 2020

6th	Holy Communion	9:30am
13th	Evensong	6.00pm
20th	Breakfast Church	9:30am

PARISH NEWS

We are so pleased that our services have now restarted and would be delighted to welcome you back. We are slowly adjusting to the “new normal”. Our Breakfast Church has become a “bring your own” event for a time being. The services schedule has altered somewhat across the whole Avon River Team (please see below). From 8th August the government has introduced the requirement to wear a face covering in numerous public places, including places of worship. We had to forego our usual Summer BBQ in the church yard and various other events, but we are working on some alternative fundraising ideas - watch this space.

The church is now open twice a week for individual prayer and reflection – Thursdays 9am-12noon and Sundays 1 – 4pm.

Our Annual Parish Church Council Meeting will be held straight after the Holy Communion service on 6th September 2020.

Services in the 7 churches in the Avon River Team, and Minutes of PCC meetings, can be found at: www.avonriverteam.org

One of the first services to take place after the church reopened in July was Breakfast Church.



As breakfast couldn't be provided, as it usually is, we all brought our own and had a lovely service in the open air.

ENFORD VILLAGE HALL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



THE VILLAGE HALL AGM will be held at **Enford Village Hall**
on Tuesday 15th September 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

PLEASE COME ALONG – EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

We would welcome your ideas for any future activities and look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

Please wear a mask in line with Government advice.

The Management Committee has implemented safety measures including hand sanitisers and social distancing

**Love Reading,
Love Libraries**

**The Mobile and Other
Library Services**

Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Whilst Wiltshire Council has re-opened some libraries around the county and has plans to re-open others, Netheravon library does not appear to be included as yet.

The mobile library service also remains suspended. For further information, please go to

<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/libraries-home>

Do you have some time to spare to support local older people?

Information about all our roles can be found:

- ⇒ on our website www.ageukwiltshire.org.uk or
- ⇒ by calling our office on 01380 727767
- ⇒ or emailing us at volunteering@ageukwiltshire.org.uk



We would like to send condolences to the families of Helga Spreadbury and George Bedford, originally from Enford, who had lived together for many years and have recently passed away within a few weeks of each other.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Is pleased to announce that the Council meetings are again being held in person in the Village Hall.

Our thanks to the Village Hall's management team for their efforts in making the Hall a safe venue for the village.

A one-way system is in operation and hand sanitisers are available. Social distancing will be in operation as well as mandatory wearing of masks. Any members of the public wishing to attend meetings are welcome to do so however the Clerk must be notified of your contact details for track and trace purposes.

If you do not wish to attend a meeting but would like to raise an issue, you can do so by emailing or telephoning the Clerk at/on eabh@btinternet.com or 01980 670034.

The remaining meeting dates for 2020 are:
September 8th, October 13th, November 10th and December 8th
All meetings start at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Notice Dated August 2020.



ENFORD VILLAGE HALL



In line with current Government information (as at 21 August 2020) Meetings can now take place, Clubs and Classes are able to start again and some small private events can be held. Together with the measures taken by the Village Hall Management Committee to make the venue as safe as it can, the following guidelines might help. Guidelines and information can still be very confusing but please do not hesitate to contact the Village Hall if you have concerns or questions. **Contact details on p30**

1. **Meetings** The Regulations permit events holding more than 30 persons only when organised by: "a business, a charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institution, a public body, or a political body and a COVID-19 Risk Assessment has been carried out is complied with". This means that Committee Meetings and AGMs can be held.
2. **Face Coverings** Community Centres, Youth Centres and Village Halls have been added to the list of "relevant places" where face coverings must be worn.
3. **Parties** Private parties in village/community halls have to stick to the limit of 30 persons or the maximum capacity allowed due to floor space (if it is less).
4. **Indoor Fitness** Indoor fitness and sports classes can take place with a minimum floor space of 9 square metres to be implemented for each participant.

In all situations Risk Assessments should be carried out by each organisation, full social distancing rules put in place, and hygiene guidelines followed.

THANK YOU ON BEHALF OF THE PC



Enford Parish Council would like to express sincere thanks and gratitude to all the many members of the Parish who have worked so hard to contribute to the safeguarding and wellbeing of our community over the summer months of the pandemic. This help has included keeping a neighbourly eye on the more vulnerable and assistance with shopping for provisions, sewing scrubs for NHS workers, manufacturing masks for the local villages, erecting 'thank you' signs which lift our spirits, instigating pop-up shops and delivery services, producing takeaway meals together with our own local key workers who have been putting themselves in harm's way for the benefit of the rest of us.

The PC applauds you all.





Enford Camera Club



Enford Camera Club IS BACK!!



Photo: Enford Mask Stop

**As long as there are no changes to rules, we plan to hold the next meeting of Enford Camera Club at 7.30pm on Thursday 3rd September 2020 at Enford Village Hall.
Note the change of time.**

We will be taking all necessary precautions to make the meeting as safe as possible.

This month we will be taking a look at minimalist photography (such as single subjects in front of a plain landscape) and negative space. We will also start discussing the 2021 Camera Club calendar

If you would like to attend please contact Martin Webb at enfordcameraclub@btinternet.com so you can be included on the special email for this meeting.

The camera club charge only £3 per evening. You don't have to join the club, just turn up for the night.

Contact enfordcameraclub@btinternet.com for more information.

Many congratulations to
Marshall Kearney and
Elizabeth Monaco who have
recently married.





ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



There will be a meeting on
Thursday 10th September,
6.45pm for 7.15pm in Enford Village Hall.

We will be following the necessary regulations, the most important being that everyone is required to wear a face covering.

The speaker is Thomas Stone whose talk will be looking at the wide range of Hardy geraniums that can be grown in our gardens, from alpines to more tender plants, and looking at the wide range of flowers and leaf shapes.

Thomas Stone is the son of David Stone, Head Gardener of the world famous Mottisfont Abbey garden. He followed in his father's footsteps at Mottisfont, and then moved to work at the equally famous Sir Harold Hillier Arboretum and Gardens in Hampshire. He then became Head Gardener to a Private Estate in West Sussex, then Hampshire, creating gardens from wilderness, including vegetables, roses shrubs, herbaceous and cut flowers.

Do come and join us. All are very welcome, but please remember to wear a face covering.

Lifts can be arranged, please ask.

Cost £4.00

Coffee/tea/raffle.

As always, meetings are at **Enford Village Hall, SN9 6DD**
Time 6.45 for 7.15 pm.

Further details from Fanny Middleton, 01980 671645

email: fannysurtees@btinternet.com



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VICTIM SUPPORT Have you been affected by crime?

Victim Support offers free and confidential help and support to anyone affected by any crime.

The charity is independent of the police and you can access services whether or not the crime has been reported and regardless of when it happened.

For support, contact: Wiltshire Office: **01380 738878**

Freephone: **0800 281 0113** Email: wiltshire@victimsupport.org.uk

As an independent charity, we work for a world where people affected by crime and traumatic incident get the help they need and the respect they deserve. To find out how you can help us help more people visit victimsupport.org.uk/get-involved



Match the definitions/meanings denoted by letter with the names denoted by numbers.

Beware! Whilst some definitions may fit more than one name, you can only use each once!

	NAME		DEFINITION
1	Aoraki	A	Beer
2	Badger's Drift	B	Book
3	Bishop's Finger	C	Coconut confectionery
4	Cat and Fiddle	D	Fictional location in Midsomer Murders
5	Courbe du Golf	E	Fictional location in Harry Potter
6	Deryn Lake	F	Fictional planet in Star Wars
7	Devil's Bridge	G	Football Team
8	Devil's Postpile	H	French idiom meaning to do something useless - like this quiz!
9	Elephant's Breath	I	Grand National winner
10	Ellan Vannin	J	Ketch
11	Godric's Hollow	K	Manx name for the Isle of Man
12	Gypsy Moth	L	Mount Cook NZ
13	Imps	M	Mountain Range in Ireland
14	Jakku	N	National Monument USA
15	McGillicuddy Reeks	O	Paint colour
16	Peigner La Girafe	P	Part of Le Mans race track
17	Spanish Gold	Q	Pass over the Pennines
18	The Case is Altered	R	Pub near Boston, Lincs
19	The Old Man of Lochnagar	S	Town in Wales
20	Tiger Roll	T	Author

ENFORD DEFIBRILLATOR

The defibrillator is in a yellow box on the wall of

Hill House, 9 Longstreet, SN9 6DD

Grid Ref SU142515.

It is located in the centre of Enford 25m north of The Swan next to the parish notice boards.

If you think you need to use the defibrillator call 999.

The Emergency Service will give you the code to get into the cabinet.

YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT IT AT WWW.ENFORDNEWSLETTER.ORG WHERE YOU WILL ALSO FIND A LINK TO A SHORT VIDEO SHOWING YOU HOW TO USE IT.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2020 Held in the Village Hall

20/039 MOD/Army Matters

WO2 Jeff Payne was unable to attend but reported the following planned exercises:

31 Aug – 5 Oct RDG Battle Group will exercise in Germany, but if restrictions still in place they will come to SPTA instead.

9 Nov – 14 Dec 2 PARA Battle Group will be on SPTA with approx 1400 pax (with Live and Dry Training)

16 Nov – 12 Dec 1 Mercian will be on exercise.

Feb – 15 Mar a Battle Group will exercise on SPTA as Canada training will not be available.

As well as RSA and Local unit training being conducted on SPTA, at present there will be a lot of traffic and movement on the Area and for this we can only apologise for any disruption now. Due to COVID- 19 we are fast filling up for training areas in other countries unable to train.

20/040 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling was unable to attend but had previously sent (8th July) a wide-ranging WC report on activities and priorities. As this was a county-wide report there was no specific reference to small rural parishes (Enford). He noted that it had been reported nationally that WC might be on the point of issuing a Section 114 notice (bankruptcy) and wished to allay fears. This is not the case although the current financial situation is difficult and the future financial position will be challenging.

His report was available should anyone wish to read it.

20/044 Matters Arising

i. Parish Council website – The Clerk reported that this was still under construction though making progress. It is a slow process but a necessary one as the Newsletter site does not require the compliance levels that a Parish Council (local Govt.) site does.

ii. The Royal Artillery Museum (RAM), Netheravon – As previously reported the proposed Museum at Netheravon has been halted in its Planning process for the time being. It is not necessarily stopped for good, just being re-thought.

iii. Coronavirus, Parish Support Network – The database of members of the Parish is still in place and involves just over 50 people who are willing to help those in isolation. In theory wherever you live in the Parish, there is a 'neighbour' who has signed up to assist. There have been 5 or 6 requests to date. There have also been requests from elderly/vulnerable residents for help in the garden – mowing, pruning etc. If anyone is willing to help out, please contact the Clerk.

iv Speed Indicator Device – This has had a new battery fitted and been re-programmed. It is once more fully operational. The PC would like to thank Mort Burdick for agreeing to 'look after it'.

v. The bin by the Village Hall – Some weeks ago a vehicle had hit the bin and post whilst (presumably) turning or going up the track. This brought the bin to the ground and shattered the base of the unit. Thanks to the Contractor, the base only has been replaced (albeit a different colour) but this has saved the PC £130.00 + VAT!

20/045 Finance

The Clerk reported that June's opening balance was £15,339.96 with outgoings of £2,151.30 for the month, leaving a balance at the end of June of £13,188.66. The higher than normal outgoings are due to the Donations cheques that are made every year to various parish organisations/groups. These have not all cleared and so the following month will also have higher than normal outgoings.

20/047 New Playpark

Cllr Young reported there was no 'news'. Officially the Playpark is now open again though it is reported that not many children appear to use it. Cllr Hiskett observed that the upgrading of the current playpark with new equipment was not connected with the acceptance of small parcels of roadside land being offered by WC and that this project could move forward now. It was agreed that additional funds would be required and that there was merit in awaiting the ROSPA (playpark inspection) report in September. The Playpark's fund-raising account stands at £4,541.68 with a further circa £4,000 ringfenced from the PC budget. Repairs/replacement equipment is very expensive so fund raising needs to continue.

20/048 Parish Hall

Cllr Cliffe-Roberts said there was nothing new to report at present. He had instructed LJS Garden Services to spray the site for weeds and was talking with the Planning Dept (pre-application) regarding possible layouts/measurements for the car park and garden.

20/049 Roads and Highways

Cllr Coulthard was unable to attend and did not send in a report. It was noted that there had been some resurfacing work in Water Lane.

20/050 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs)

Cllr Hiskett reported that the Avon Valley Group (AVG) now have three catalogued walks. These are to be printed on a trifold leaflet and will hopefully be distributed around the area soon. They should also eventually be on the Pewsey Vale website available for downloading. The walks range from 5-8 miles and list points of interest along the way. Netheravon School will be doing their own walk and illustrations. Cllr Hiskett's input to this project has been the Lidbury Camp Walk, starting and finishing in Enford parish and covers six and a half miles.

Cllr Hiskett also asked the Clerk to have the Coombe to Fifield footpath cleared.

20/051 Correspondence

A resident of East Chisenbury has raised concern over the amount of PC spend that appears to be focussed on Enford as opposed to the other villages/hamlets that make up the parish. Cllr Roberts responded to their concern and the Clerk is available (with accounts and spending information) should the matter be taken further.

20/053 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Exciting events news for 2021

Dig out those leg warmers and start crimping your hair because Prospect Hospice's Starlight Walk will be returning to the streets of Swindon on Saturday 26 June 2021 with a 'back to the eighties' theme!



The charity's flagship annual fundraising event raises a phenomenal amount each year from those who take part and all the money raised by entry fees and in sponsorship goes towards supporting the hospice's care of local people living with a life limiting illness, and their families.

The mini version of this event, Kids Starlight Walk, will be take place on Sunday 7th March 2021. Much like the adults' event, walkers will gather together and take on a sponsored walk around a carefully selected route within Swindon. Unlike the Starlight Walk which has a later finish, this one has been planned so everyone will be finished early enough to be tucked up in bed for a good night's sleep before school the next day.

Lastly, for those old enough to remember the TV programme, you'll be excited to hear that Prospect Hospice will be hosting Swindon's first ever 'It's a Knockout' event on Sunday 18th July 2021. The event will see teams play a range of games, which usually involve dressing up, or getting wet, or both, throughout the day to win points.

For more information on all of these events visit:

www.prospect-hospice.net

Wiltshire Council Launch the "We're Targeting Fly-tippers Campaign"

Wiltshire Council has launched a reward campaign to reduce fly-tipping throughout the county. They are urging anyone with any information about fly-tipping in Wiltshire to report it to them with as much information as possible, and any successful prosecution will earn a voucher of up to **£200** for the person who reported it.

IMPORTANT: Do not try to rummage through or disturb the waste, as this could affect the scene and put people in danger. It is also essential that people do not attempt to confront anyone who is fly-tipping or put themselves in danger in any way.

The Enford Community Fund

Funding is available to help projects/events in the Parish of Enford (which includes East and West Chisenbury, Coombe, Fiffield and Littlecott).

Applications for awards must be made to the treasurer, Amanda Farrow, by email or letter, no later than the first day of the award month (March and September). amanda.farrow@chisenbury.co.uk or 537 East Chisenbury.

The following guidelines will be followed in allocating funds:

1. Awards will be considered every 6 months in March and September.
2. Awards will be made for individual projects and are not designed to allow awardees to become reliant on the award on an annual/regular basis.
3. Awards will be made to causes that benefit the community and not specific individuals.
4. No awards will exceed £1,000.
5. For any award to be made, there must be agreement by at least 75% of the Committee.

CrimeStoppers.

Speak up. Stay safe.

**WILTSHIRE
CRIMESTOPPERS****0800 555 111**

100% anonymous. Always.

We work with County Police Forces to help reduce crime in our communities and to protect vulnerable individuals. Crimestoppers nationally runs a large number of campaigns each year educating the public about different crime types and appealing for information. The national website is www.crimestoppers-uk.org, should you want to find out more.

In Wiltshire, we are trying to increase our reach to the public with a number of initiatives to make our communities more aware of our service and encourage its use. We are also looking for volunteer 'Ambassadors' within individual parishes to help us stay aware of local issues and promote the use of the service.

Public reporting of crime and anti-social behaviour using 999 or 101 is sometimes inhibited through fear of identification, and thus also of recrimination or reprisal. In providing a 100%-guaranteed anonymous reporting system through Crimestoppers using the number 0800 555 111, we hope to overcome those fears and thus make our communities safer for all. In the last year alone, anonymous reports of crime to Crimestoppers in our county have led to a number of convictions.

One of our objectives this year is to make more people in Wiltshire, especially the more vulnerable members of our communities, aware of the Crimestoppers reporting service through the parish magazines of the County. We hope, for example, to keep the Crimestoppers logo and contact details constantly in the public eye through regular placements in publications such as these.

Finally, as a volunteer Committee we are always looking for people to help our cause and kindly give us their time to make our communities safer; if you know of anyone who may be interested please do let me know.

Matt McGinn**Chairman Wiltshire Crimestoppers.**Email: matthew.mcgin227@mod.gov.uk

**Join the Prospect Hospice
40th anniversary raffle and you could
win £2,000 cash!**



In celebration of Prospect Hospice's 40th year, you could win some fantastic cash prizes in their 40th anniversary raffle, all thanks to the generous people at [Imagine Cruising](http://ImagineCruising.com).

**First prize £2,000 Second prize £500 Third prize £250
Plus five luck winners will receive a prize of £50 each.**

To enter all you need to do is visit www.prospect-hospice.net/raffle. Tickets costs just £1 each and with every ticket purchased you will be contributing to the care and support that Prospect Hospice provide to local people living with a life limiting illness. Every pound really does make a difference so, whether you're looking to buy a single ticket or many, thank you for supporting Prospect Hospice in this way.

Entries close on Monday 5 October 2020. For full terms and conditions please contact the fundraising team on lottery@prospect-hospice.net.

A Taste of South America Episode 5 - The Inca Trail

In the last edition we left Lisa at the end of her description of preparations for the Inca Trail.

Our journey started with a 2hour bus ride, taking us from our hotel in Ollantaytambo, near the sacred valley to Kilometre 82, Piscacucho, the official start of the trail. After clearing the first check point with passport and permit we began our first day trekking dubbed 'training day'. We joined a total of 200 trekkers and 300 support crew of porters, guides and cooks.

Day 1 covered 12Km of what was affectionately named 'Inca flat'. Periods of flat walking with the occasional 'challenge', something we would later love to hear was coming up! Our first official stop for lunch came after 3hours trekking. We were greeted in camp by our porters and chefs who, starting after us had overtaken, arrived, set up tents and toilet ahead of us and were eagerly waiting our arrival. They welcomed us with beaming smiles, cheers and a round of applause, something they did each time we would arrive at camp. Such support and enthusiasm was great to receive, particularly after some of our long days trekking.

Lunch was served in our dining tent. Tables and stools set out complete with table clothes, cutlery and folded napkins, a far cry from what we were expecting which was to be eating on our knees. Our meals were served by Jason our waiter. With apron on, he brought our meals on a tray, lovingly prepared by our 2 chefs, Victor and Eusebio who, complete in their chef whites and hats, prepared us the most amazing 3 course meals. Then there was the presentation of the meals; a rose made from a tomato skin, an octopus from purple olives topped off what would be some of the best food we've eaten on our trip so far. Ironically, prepared on a mountain! We ate like kings. Soup, spaghetti and meat balls, trout, beef stew, chicken all meals served with rice, plantain potatoes and vegetables. Desserts included flambé banana with chocolate sauce, caramel creme and a traditional purple corn jelly 'mazamorra morada'.



After lunch we trekked for a further 2hour to reach our campsite for the night Wayllabamba at 3100m/10,179ft, treating us with magnificent views out to surrounding snow-capped mountains. Again, our porters had everything awaiting our arrival. Tents up and a bowl of warm water for a freshen up. There's only so many things you're willing to do on top of a cold mountain, wet-wipes became one of best friends! We had happy hour every night before tea. A chance to rest our tired legs, drink coca tea, hot chocolate and eat popcorn, biscuits or hot cheese snacks before our evening meal.

Bed-time came soon after; all usually tucked up in our sleeping bags before 8pm!



Day 2 is considered the hardest day. trekking for 7hours and climbing for 5 of those, you reach the highest part of the trek, Warmiwanuska, Dead Women's Pass, 4215m/13,828ft. According to a fit-bit our 24,000 steps and 400 flights of stairs was well worth the spectacle with vast views from both in front and behind. Stretching far into the distance mountains, some snow-capped or with giant glaciers. We then descended for about 2hours to our campsite, Pacamayo, 3500m/11,483ft. Super pleased to have finished the hardest day, or so we thought!

Day 3 was a long hard day, covering 16km. We left our campsite after rising at 5am for our first of many 'small challenges' for the day. Trekking from Pacaymayo to Winaywayna, over the second pass, Abra Runkuracay 3850m/12,631ft. In total we trekked for 11hours, covering 30,500 steps and 179 flights of stairs. We reached camp at 5:30pm and for what would be our last time spent with the porters. That evening we had a group meeting. Our guide, who translated for us, as only 2 porters could speak some English, translated our messages of thanks and gratitude for their continuous help and support for the duration of the trail. Without them the trip would never have been possible. Our evening ended with them singing us a good luck song in Quechua, the local dialect and a few quick moves on the tent floor!



Day 4 was an even earlier start. Up at 3:40am, our camp had to be packed up, ready for the porters to leave before 4:30am to catch the train back to the sacred valley, our initial starting point. 90% of porters who walk the Inca Trail have never actually seen Machu Picchu, something we were shocked to learn, many not being able to afford to go there or due to other commitments, as the porters often had other jobs such as farming or completely back to back hikes during the peak season. We were also saddened to see some of the poor working conditions under which some of the porters work. Some carry over the maximum amount of 25kg, with no proper walking shoes or packs, wearing sandals and using self-made bags! Thankfully our tour company pay and treat their porters well, providing them with proper equipment, health insurance and paying for them to visit Machu Picchu itself.

That final day was the shortest of days. Trekking for only 2.5hours of 'Inca flat' before reaching Intipunku, the sun gate. The official end of the trail and where you get your first glimpse of Machu Picchu. The final check point of the trail doesn't open until 5am. This means there's a queue of hikers sat in the dark waiting for around an hour. Some wait longer, wanting to be the first through the sun gate - the race is on! We arrived around 7am, the penultimate part of the journey. We watched the sun rise over Machu Picchu, before walking the 45minutes down to the site itself. It's on this walk you meet trails of tourists, all clean and fresh, sprightly walking up to the sun gate for the view we have just left.

We then spent 1.5hour being guided around a one-way route - the only way round, learning its history, architecture and about the site itself. Machu Picchu is a complete Inca city which straddles a mountain 2380m high. It has steep terraced slopes which fall away towards the Vilcanota river below and is surrounded by jungles and the towering peak of Huayna Picchu. For centuries it was buried in the jungle, until 1911 when Hiram Bingham stumbled upon it. It was then explored by a Yale University archaeological expedition.



One thing that probably made us laugh the most was the correct pronunciation of Machu Picchu 'pikcho' which means old mountain and not picchu meaning old penis! It was built where it is for many reasons being a good lookout to surrounding areas or others approaching. The bottom of the mountain would have been used for agriculture, as in all Inca sites. Higher up the mountain is also closer to nature 'pachamam' - mother earth - an important goddess in Inca mythology and the stars and sun. The mountain faces east and most importantly to life water and is surrounded by rivers and glaciers.

Another great feature of Inca structures is the organic architecture where buildings are built around nature. This is particularly seen with giant boulders or rocks included in the walls. The importance of a building can be distinguished by how the walls are constructed. If the stones are butted together with no gaps or mortar used then the building is more important, as seen in rooms of worship.

As I wrote at the start, the Inca trail and Machu Picchu surpassed all our expectations. The journey was through mountain ranges, passing streams, walking peaceful paths and surrounded by nature with opportunities to see humming-birds, puma, condor and a real life Paddington Bear! A hard slog physically and mentally but one we are so pleased to have achieved.

Next month, Lisa and Dallas move on to a rainbow coloured mountain and the highest lake in the world.



Hospice raises over £1million in first two months of appeal

A local charity has been overwhelmed by the support local people have shown it over the last few months while it continues to look after some of the most vulnerable members of our community.

Prospect Hospice launched its 'help us to support you appeal' on 12 May following the Covid-19 outbreak and the beginning of a nationwide lockdown. In her open letter to supporters chief executive Irene Watkins said: "The hospice you know and love is still supporting your community, but to respond to the current needs for Covid-19 we have had to dramatically change and increase the size and scope of our services. This means we are supporting people in their homes on a scale of operation we have never attempted before, at a time when income is all but drying up now that all community activities and events have been cancelled/postponed and all our shops closed."

The hospice changed the way it worked almost overnight to ensure their patients got what they needed. Which meant taking more of its specialist care out into the community, following this change in service operation and seeing a sharp decline in donations at the same time, meant the charity identified there would be a gap of £2million in their funds this year due to the pandemic.

Just over two months later, the local charity is delighted to announce that it has already raised £1,019,000 towards the £2,000,000 predicted shortfall. It appealed to local people with a letter for support, made applications to receive emergency government funding and applied to Trusts and Foundations for additional support.

Sheryl Crouch, head of income at Prospect Hospice, said: "We couldn't have predicted the response we've had from our supporters and to know that we've raised over half of the funds we so desperately need in the space of just ten weeks is incredible. We know that the hospice has had a great impact on many local people and it's heart-warming that they're supporting us at this time so that we can be there for others who need us now and in the future. Support from local authorities and money from national government recognising the importance of hospice care has also been gratefully received.

"We're not out of the woods yet though. £1million is brilliant but we need to raise the same again in additional income over the next few months to ensure our services continue and adapt to what our patients need in these changing and testing times.

"With our shops re-opening teamed with the thousands of donations of pre-loved goods we've received, this is certainly positive news for the hospice but our events remain postponed/cancelled for 2020 so we really need the support of local people to help us raise these funds in any way they can."

People are choosing to support the hospice in a number of ways including joining the hospice's own lottery, buying from their shops, creating their own sponsored activity, holding online fundraising events with their friends and family, and even choosing to leave the hospice a gift in their will.

Those wishing to donate directly to the hospice can do so at www.prospect-hospice.net/donate.

Hopefully these will make you smile in these difficult times.



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Please feel free to contact **Ian Blair-Pilling** if you have concerns or questions, which you would like him to pursue.

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Thursday	Gardening Club	7.00pm – 9.00pm 2 nd Thursday in the month	Fanny Middleton 01980 671645 fannysurtees@btinternet.com
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YOUR DIARY September 2020 (*For regular Village Hall dates, see page 30)

1st	Tue	Black box, Blue bin
2nd	Wed *	
3rd	Thu	Camera Club, 7:30pm Enford Village Hall
4th	Fri *	Little Phoenix Toddlers, 9:30am, Phoenix Hall, Netheravon (term time) Check with organiser
5th	Sat *	
6th	Sun	Holy Communion, 9.30am Enford Church
7th	Mon	
8th	Tue	Parish Council Meeting, 7:30pm Enford Village Hall
9th	Wed *	
10th	Thu	Household Waste /Gardening Club, 6:45 for 7:15pm, Enford Village Hall
11th	Fri *	Little Phoenix Toddlers, 9:30am, Phoenix Hall, Netheravon (term time) Check with organiser
12th	Sat *	
13th	Sun	Evensong, 6pm Enford Church
14th	Mon	
15th	Tue	Black box, Blue bin /Village Hall AGM, 7:30pm Enford Village Hall
16th	Wed *	
17th	Thu	
18th	Fri *	Little Phoenix Toddlers, 9:30am, Phoenix Hall, Netheravon (term time) Check with organiser
19th	Sat *	
20th	Sun	Breakfast Church 9:30am Enford Church
21st	Mon	
22nd	Tue	
23rd	Wed *	
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26th	Sat *	
27th	Sun	
28th	Mon	
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30th	Wed *	