

December 2023

Enford Newsletter

*What's Happening In and Around East and West Chisenbury,
Compton, Coombe, Enford, Fifield, New Buildings, Newtown*



*December 2023
&
January 2024*



**December**

Tues 5th	Mixed dry recycling
Wed 6th	Garden waste
Thurs 14th	Household waste
Tues 19th	Mixed dry recycling
Wed 20th	Garden waste
Thurs 28th	Household waste
	Mixed dry recycling

January

Thurs 4th
Wed 3rd
Thurs 11th
Tues 16th
Wed 17th
Thurs 25th
Tues 30th

All dates are taken from the Wiltshire Council website and are accurate to the best of the Collator's knowledge.

Further information is available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

Dates of note in this edition...

December:

- 2nd Christmas Coffee Morning, Fittleton.*
- 2nd Netheravon School PTFA Santa's Grotto.*
- 5th Pewsey Arts Society talk: Housekeepers' Tale.*
- 8th Christmas tree lights switch on.*
- 14th Ladies' Christmas Dinner.*
- 15th Netheravon School PTFA Christmas Fete.*
- 19th Carols at The Swan, Enford.*

January:

- 2nd Pewsey Arts Society talk: Origins of Christmas.*
- 16th Enford Gardening Club AGM.*
- 23rd Enford Film Club: Clockwise.*

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The next Newsletter deadline is 17th January 2024

Emails are preferred with editable attachments, so that we can fit them into the available space.

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However, they can also be given to a Committee member but all items, however they are submitted, must be with us by the deadline and signed.

We will withhold the author's name if requested.

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*Happy Christmas to
one and All*





Thoughts from Rev Phillip Bromiley, Vicar.

Peace on Earth

One of my favourite Christmas cards is one with a pea with a Santa hat, on top of a globe, calling for “Peas on earth” this Christmas... it makes me laugh.

When we hear the words “Peace on Earth”, we may think of the Angels singing to the shepherds, or even David Bowie, crooning to Bing Crosby over a grand piano... but it’s a phrase that continues to challenge and inspire. Most of us long for peace in our world, especially as we watch events in Israel, Ukraine as well as the less publicised places like Ethiopia. Sudan, Myanmar, Somalia, the list goes on. The problem is that human beings seem to resist the idea. Hatred, violence and thirst for power bubble to the surface and all too often the innocent suffer.

Jesus was the Prince of Peace, born into a world without Peace, so that hearts might change, might seek to live God’s way rather than the way of suffering. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a place today longing for peace, and in that moment, love came down from Heaven. The love that transforms darkness and replaces it with light. The love that refuses to dominate or control but offers itself to be received and accepted over and over again. Every time the love of Christ is embraced by a person, the forgiveness of Jesus conquers and there is, even for just a moment, real peace on earth.

I pray that the love of Jesus would permeate our homes, workplaces and relationships this Christmas... that peace on earth would begin with us and flow from us, to those around.

With every blessing,

Phillip Bromiley

For more information about the Avon River Team Churches contact:

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Rev. Gale Hunt: 01980 670326 or gale@avonriverteam.org.uk

Rev. Philip Bromiley: 01980 258549 or philip@avonriverteam.org.uk

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ENFORD VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Private Parties: The Village Hall is the perfect venue for Weddings and Special Anniversaries or Birthdays. It is also ideal for Childrens' Parties and Christenings – or any other excuse for a celebration!

Please contact Booking Officer enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com for information or visit the Village Hall entry on the website www.enfordnewsletter.org

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Mon	Yoga	6pm - 7pm	Emma Petitt Tel: 01980 670510 emmampetitt@gmail.com
Tues	Enford Film Club	Film information and dates are published in the Newsletter each month	Theresa Horsey etphorsey@gmail.com or enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com
Tues	Gardening Club	7pm - 9pm 2 nd Tuesday in the month. Full details in the Newsletter club item each month.	Steve Stringer Mob: 07899 758222 steve.stringer@outlook.fr Fanny Middleton Tel: 01980 671645 fannysurtees@btinternet.com
Tues	Parish Council	Please check PC item in newsletter each month or PC website for dates.	Parish Clerk Tel: 01980 670034 clerk@enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk
Wed	Short Mat Bowls	7pm - 9:30pm September – April	David Spencer Tel: 01980 670526 spencersgb@yahoo.co.uk
Thur	Pilates	8:30am – 9:30am	Nicci Caswell Tel: 01980 625245 nicci@thecaswells.uk
Fri			
Sat	Enford Junior Football Club	10am– 11am Recreation Ground	Steve Todd stodd@qinetiq.com

ENFORD FILM EVENING

Tuesday 23rd January at Enford Village Hall

CLOCKWISE

A nostalgic British comedy from 1986 (written by Michael Frayn) with John Cleese, Alison Steadman, Penelope Wilton and Geoffrey Palmer. Brian, that's Mr Stimpson to you and me (Cleese), is the punctuality obsessed headmaster of a large comprehensive school. Unusually, for the head of a comprehensive, he is invited to chair the annual, and highly prestigious, Headmasters' Conference - being held in Norwich. He has planned his journey with his customary precision! The film's action follows what should have been a straightforward, journey by train - as it descends through multiple frustrations and increasing irritations to gut-wrenching, utter desperation and chaos as Mr Stimpson attempts to reach the conference on time.

It's an unashamed look back to a time when cars like the Austin 1100 and red, coin operated telephone boxes were everywhere!

The film will be preceded by 1980s style nibbles!

The cost is **£8 00 per ticket** including nibbles and a glass of wine!
(Subsequent refills £2.00 at the cash bar!)

Doors Open: 6.40pm. Film starts: **7.15pm.** Running 1 hour 36 mins.



The next film evening will be on Tuesday 27th February

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



Annual General Meeting New Year Social

Tuesday 16th January 2024

Wine/Refreshments/Raffle

7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall

Entrance FREE

Everyone Welcome!

Contact Steve Stringer steve.stringer@outlook.fr

Mobile 07899 758 222

TURNING ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER AT 6.00PM



ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL INVITES ALL
RESIDENTS TO JOIN THEM FOR TURNING
ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS .

FRIDAY 8th DECEMBER AT 6 O'CLOCK
AT THE BUS STOP AT THE BOTTOM OF
ENFORD HILL

CHILDREN CAN MAKE AND BRING
DECORATIONS TO HANG ON THE TREE

MINCE PIES
MULLED WINE AND SOFT DRINKS

WITH POSSIBLY EVEN A CAROL OR TWO
TO GET INTO THE SPIRIT OF
CHRISTMAS

COME AND JOIN THE FUN



Enford, Chisenbury, Coombe & villages
Ladies' Christmas Dinner 2023



The Swan at Enford
Thursday 14 December at 7.30pm for 8.00pm

£24 for 2 courses, £29 for 3 courses (*£5 surcharge for fillet steak dish)

We'll throw in a welcoming glass of mulled wine or elderflower cordial on arrival plus coffee or tea at the end.
Please complete the form below to reserve your place.

Enquiries should be directed to:

Shona Stewart 07413567713

Jennie Campbell 07928 497369

All the details on how to pay are on the email below

Enfordcommunitycelebrations@gmail.com

WE REGRET WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT CHEQUES

Name:.....

Address:.....

Telephone:.....Email:.....

STARTERS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> 3 cheese croquettes | <input type="checkbox"/> Roasted parsnip soup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pigs in blankets with dippy egg pot | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishy bites with tartare sauce |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game terrine & port chutney | |

MAINS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Jerusalem artichoke & walnut pithivier |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Boozy Pork belly | <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon with beetroot & creamed horseradish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fillet steak, brandy shallots, bearnaise sauce & our homemade chips* | |

All the above served with traditional Christmas trimmings; chipolatas, sausagemeat stuffing ball, roasties, sprouts, carrots, red cabbage & cauli cheese

PUDDINGS

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas pud custard or cream | <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas ice cream sundae & mulled wine syrup |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Apple & ginger sticky toffee pud | <input type="checkbox"/> Gingerbread cheesecake |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Double chocolate trifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Just coffee please! |




starters

Three cheese croquettes with cranberry sauce
Pigs in blankets with dippy egg pots
Roasted parsnip soup
Game terrine & port chutney
Fishy bites with tartare sauce

mains

Roast turkey with all the trimmings
Boozy pork belly
Fillet steak, brandy shallots, bearnaise sauce & homemade chips*
Salmon with beetroot & creamed horseradish
Jerusalem artichoke & walnut pithivier

puddings



Christmas pudding & custard or cream
Christmas ice cream sundae & mulled wine syrup
Apple & ginger sticky toffee pud
Gingerbread cheesecake
Double chocolate trifle

CAROLS AT THE SWAN

CHRISTMAS 2023

JOIN THE UPAVON CAROL BAND & SINGERS
TO ENJOY YOUR FAVOURITE CAROLS
7.30PM ON TUESDAY 19th DECEMBER
AS WE CELEBRATE 26 YEARS SUPPORTING
WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE



Friends of Netheravon school pfa

Christmas fete

Friday 15th December
Phoenix Hall
Netheravon
3.15 - 5pm

Santa grotto **Refreshments** **Raffle**

Stall holders **Tombola's** **Games**

stall holders £7.50 plus a
Raffle prize, please
message to book.

Parenikind
Member Association



Santa's Grotto

Phoenix Hall Netheravon

Sat 2nd December
10am - 1pm

Fri 15th December
3.30 - 4.30

£3.50
on the day

£3 pre booked
Please message to book

Parentkind
Member Association

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas

Coffee Morning & Bring and Buy

Saturday 2nd December
at River Cottage
Fittleton
10.30 - 12.00

Donation
£2

Gifts ★ Raffle ★ Cakes ★ Preserves
In aid of Fittleton Church

ENFORD REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY LUNCH

The Annual Lunch in the Village Hall on Remembrance Sunday was a great success and everyone enjoyed the occasion. Held every year in aid of the Army Benevolent Fund and this year **we raised £613** on their behalf. A letter of thanks has been received from the ABF. The delicious lunch received many compliments – there was a choice of three curries with all the trimmings (an alternative main course can always be ordered) and this was followed by a yummy selection of five puddings.

Thanks are also due to all the volunteers who made the event possible. They all put in a lot of work into setting up and decorating the hall with flags, bunting and the stunning displays of poppies. Others provided the delicious canapes which were served with drinks before the meal. They also organised the wines and manned the bar as well as checking everyone in as they arrived. Many of you then kindly rallied round and helped with the less than exciting task of clearing away and tidying up, both of which were achieved in record time. Thank you all very much.

At the Lunch Nigel de Foubert gave a moving tribute to Tony Blanch who had instigated the Remembrance Sunday Lunch ten years ago. Tony, who sadly died earlier this year, had worked tirelessly on behalf of the Army Benevolent Fund around the region after leaving the Army. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

Thank you again to everyone who came to support the Charity this year. NB The caterers have already been booked for next year – the date for your diary is Sunday 10 November 2024.



Recipe of the month

BLACK PUDDING & APPLE SAUSAGE ROLLS

Makes 16 small ones - ideal Christmas canapés!!

Even if you think you don't like black pudding, try these!!!

200g black pudding, crumbled

400g/1 pack pork & apple sausages

Couple of sprigs of thyme, leaves only

Generous grating of nutmeg

1 crunchy apple peeled & finely chopped

1 roll of puff pastry

1 egg, beaten 2 tsp sesame seeds



Slit the sausages and remove from their casing and put them into a mixing bowl with the crumbled black pudding, apple, nutmeg and some pepper. I don't salt because of the black pudding. Mix together with your hands.

Unroll the pastry and cut it in half lengthways. Divide the filling into two and squeeze together to form a thin sausage down each, right up to the ends.

Brush beaten egg along the seams and roll up, sealing the edges. Turn over and brush with beaten egg and sprinkle with sesame seeds. Divide each roll into 8. Put onto a baking sheet with space between each.

Put in a pre-heated oven 200C/Gas 6 cook for 10-15 minutes. May need to turn the tray around mid-way to ensure even browning. They can be frozen and re-heated. They are really good!!!

A huge and heartfelt **Thank you** to all members of the team of distributors who, month after month deliver the newsletter throughout the whole parish.

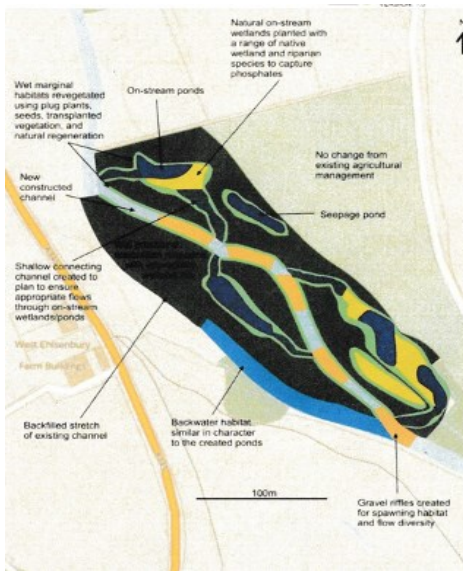
Chisenbury Fishing Syndicate; River Avon Information

The UK has 90% of the world's chalk streams, (rivers formed by rain falling on chalk downlands) to be filtered over months, even years, before emerging through springs to create rivers. Traditionally this produces a consistent flow of pure water at an even temperature; ideal conditions for plants and animals to thrive.

However, there is invisible pollution, a cocktail of chemicals reaching our rivers that has not been fully researched but is having a noticeable effect. The Chisenbury Fishing Syndicate, regularly sample invertebrate life in the river and our results show a continual decline over the years. Some may feel that a decline in fly life is a good thing, drivers' windscreens are clearer, but these creatures are an essential part of the web of life and their absence leaves animals and birds having to work harder to find food.

We carry out monthly water quality monitoring, focusing on phosphates and nitrates in the water. Results regularly show that nitrate levels are only just below an acceptable 5 parts per million, whilst phosphates are consistently above the normal range. Our part of the River Avon has a healthy population of wild Brown Trout and Grayling; our target species, but there are also Minnows, Bullheads, Sticklebacks, Stone Loach, Eels and Pike. Grayling, in particular, are a species that like abundant pure water, and in the thirty years that I have fished at Chisenbury there has been a consistent decline in their numbers, most notably in recent years. In an effort to counteract this, landlords, the Defence Infrastructure Organisation, asked Wiltshire Wildlife Trust to look at the problem.

More information from **Roger Elliott** in our next issue and more about the works taking place on the next page.



Pioneering River Restoration Project In Chisenbury



A ground-breaking, Defence Infrastructure Organisation funded project is restoring an area of wetland on the River Avon in West Chisenbury; the project is to enhance the biodiversity of the local area by improving the watercourse and natural floodplain, and so off-setting nutrient pollution.

It has restored a 400-metre stretch of the river Avon by putting the river back into the centre of the floodplain along a new channel.

Secondary channels have been created to connect wetlands and ponds establishing wildlife habitats across the river's floodplain. As well as boosting biodiversity, these new areas of wetland will help to capture nutrient-loaded sediment and carbon.

The restoration will see new wetland habitats retain water all-year-round, meaning native plants will flourish and wildlife thrive. Improved wetland will increase habitat diversity and will bring a host of benefits for many species found locally. The new river channels will include re-profiled gravel 'riffles', creating diversity in the river channels and provide the perfect habitat for spawning fish such as the wild brown trout.



The Hub in the Pub Enford's Community Café

At the Swan

3rd Thursday of the month

The next Hub will be

18th January 2024

9.30 — 11.30am

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes

A place to meet friends



Join one of our meetings at
The Bouverie Hall, Pewsey, SN9 5ES



Tuesday December 5th

The Housekeeper's Tale: The women who really ran English country houses. One of those she will focuss on is Mrs Sarah Wells, mother of H G Wells, who was housekeeper at Uppark, which is now in the care of the National Trust.

Speaker: Tessa Boase

On Tuesday 2nd January 2024, Roger Askew will talk about the origins of our English Christmas celebrations from its roots in Roman and Scandinavian winter festivals. In words images and music, he will explore the strands, both pagan and religious, that have shaped the festival which most touches everyone in our country.

Refreshments available from 2.00pm, lecture begins at 2.30pm. Guests £7.

New members always welcome.

For further details contact Margaret Ross - tas.pewseyvale@gmail.com

Find out about us. - www.theartsociety.org/pewsey-vale

Information for parents of nursery aged children

'If your child will start Reception in September 2024, you must apply for your preferred school by 15th January 2024.

Visit <https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/article/1657/Apply-for-a-school-place> for further details.'

If you are a parent of a 2,3 and 4 year old, you may be entitled to childcare to support you with your Nursery costs. Visit <http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk> to find out and to make your claim.

Parents claiming extended funding for the Spring term 2024 must make their claim by 31st December 2023.

THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

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

Applications for awards must be made to EnfordFund@gmail.com by email or letter, no later than the first day of the award month (March and September).

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

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2023

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	December 5th	7:30pm	Precept Meeting 24/25

HELD AT ENFORD VILLAGE HALL



FUN QUIZ ANSWERS; from last month

Plumbers have two...	Elbows	Little elephant...	Calf
Carpenters' aids...	Nails	Called this at school...	Pupil
Found on cats...	Pores	Answer back...	Cheek
Nautical, we hear...	Navel	Flat fish...	Sole
I can run fast, we hear...	Hair	Girls' name...	Iris
Part of a river...	Mouth	Fishy dish...	Fingers
Mighty force...	Muscles		
Not coffee & not baked...	Kidney		

The Enford Bonfire event was a blast!

The Enford Bonfire and Fireworks returned on 28th October after a three year gap.

The Enford Community Fund group would like to thank our brilliant volunteers, cake bakers, village hall, Netheravon and Rushall schools, All Saints breakfast church, The Swan pub, Enford Parish Council and the local communities for coming together and making the event such a success.

Special thanks go to **Smart Pyro** who put on an unforgettable fireworks show, Hamish Scott-Dalglish for helping us to plan the event, Bruce Waite for his support with the bonfire and Charlotte & Bruce Clark for the use of their field for parking.

The event was a reminder of how fantastic our community is, and it was great to come together to make this a night to remember!

Local Support & Information

PEWSEY VALE COMMUNITY CRAFT & TEA ROOM

OPEN: WED - SAT 10.00 - 4.00

OLD FORD COURT, HIGH ST, PEWSEY SN9 5AQ

- ☐ **Profits donated to local charities;**
- ☐ **Interested in helping? - pop in for a volunteer form.**



Mobile Library Services

**Love Reading,
Love Libraries**

Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online via the website [Libraries - Wiltshire Council](#) and from printed timetables

available from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing all of our customers when we next visit you.

Next due in Enford on Friday 15th December at 3:25pm for 20 minutes then on these dates at the same time:

Friday 12th January
Friday 9th February
Friday 8th March
Friday 5th April
Friday 3rd May

If you've never used the mobile library before it's free to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire Library or online to access free eBooks and eMagazines.

Netheravon Library

Open Monday and Thursday 1pm - 5pm.

A festive poster for the Stars Appeal Christmas Raffle. The top half has a red background with white stars and confetti. It features several wrapped gifts, including one with a £20 note. The 'STARS APPEAL' logo is in the top right, with 'Salisbury Hospital's Charity' written below it. The bottom half has a dark blue background with a stylized Christmas tree and stars. A red starburst contains the text 'Win £1,000 this Christmas'.

STARS APPEAL
Salisbury Hospital's Charity

Christmas Raffle

1st prize = £1,000
2nd prize = £500
3rd prize = £250
... plus many more cash prizes

Win £1,000 this Christmas

Enter at: starsappeal.org

Tips to help prevent burglars from targeting the outside of your home

Every home is different, there isn't a one size fits all approach but these tips will help point you in the right direction.



Visible and audible security deterrents (e.g. outdoor camera, video doorbell and outdoor sirens)



Keep valuables out of sight of the windows and away from doors



Light up your porch and garden (e.g. motion or flood light)



Apply anti-climb paint to the top of your fence. It's a type of non-drying paint that can stay slippery for years, preventing trespassers from being able to climb a surface without falling down.

*This could potentially cause injuries from falling, you should install a warning sign.



Plant spiky shrubs around the border of your property such as Holly, Pyracantha and Hawthorn



Fences, gates, driveway gates etc. add an extra hurdle for intruders to tackle



Keep ladders, boxes, bins and other items out of sight which could be used to help scale a fence or house



Make it appear as if someone is home with indoor lights on a timer and tilt blinds



Keep outdoor tools locked away as these could help a burglar break in



Gravel driveways and paths makes it harder for intruders to tread quietly with stones underfoot



Barking dogs - although we do think dogs deserve a break from their guard duties

Wiltshire Connect

is a new type of bus service operating in the Pewsey Vale and Marlborough area.

Unlike a typical bus service, our Wiltshire Connect vehicles operate on a pre-bookable, on-demand basis, allowing you to travel between any designated pick up and drop off point within each zone. Rides can be booked using our app or by phone and our smart technology will match up your journey with any other passengers travelling in the same direction.

Our modern, accessible, air-conditioned vehicles are available to book on Monday to Friday between 6am-8pm and on Saturdays between 7am-7pm. Rides can be booked up to seven days ahead and with as little as 30 minutes' notice on the day, subject to availability.

Where can I go?



You can travel between any location within the operating zones. There is a wide range of designated pick up and drop off points available.

Need a little extra help?



A pick up and alight closer to home may be possible for passengers who have mobility problems or live in an isolated location.

Please call our friendly booking team on **01225 712900** to enquire.

Our drivers can also provide assistance with boarding and alighting the vehicle if you need a helping hand.



Age UK Wiltshire Information & Advice Team

0808 196 2424

enquiries@ageukwiltshire.org.uk.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/>

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555111

100% anonymous. Always.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Crimestoppers is not the police.

If you require urgent police attention, please

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

1. Hill House, 9 Longstreet, SN9 6DD Grid ref SU142515
WhatThreeWords - kinder.node.eagles
2. 2. Red Lion, East Chisenbury SN9 6QA
WhatThreeWords - /// Foal/Thus/Ghost

If you think you need to use a defibrillator, call 999. The Emergency Service will give you the code to get into the cabinet.

See www.enfordnewsletter.org for more information and a short video on how to use it.



FLY TIPPING

If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report the offender to us through our online reporting system -
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping>.

As a reward for reporting a fly-tipper you could get a **gift voucher of up to £200** following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.



Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service

24 hours 7 days a week 365 days a year

If you are worried about your situation, you can call them in confidence and speak to a real person, not a machine - 01793 610610.

<https://swadomesticabuse.org/>



is independent from the police and you don't have to report a crime to the police to get our help. You can contact us at any time, regardless of how long ago the crime happened.

Call us free on **0808 281 0113** or **08 08 16 89 111**

Email us via the link on the website victimsupport.org.uk/resources/wiltshire/ where you will find all the ways you can contact us.

Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 7th November 2023

23/093 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch. PC Mike Handscomb was unable to attend and sent his apologies. Cllr Clark sent a Neighbourhood Watch report:

Neighbourhood Watch announced that they have a new partnership with SimpliSafe. It is their first ever charity partner and hopes to bring many benefits to its members, including exclusive discounts on smart home security products, expert advice on burglary prevention and home security. The link below it takes you to a really good leaflet style section with tips to prevent burglary. <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/how-we-work/nationally/our-partnerships/our-corporate-partners/simplisafe-and-neighbourhood-watch>

Neighbourhood Watch are also raising awareness of child exploitation, and how to spot and report it. This is through The Children's Society and their hashtag LookCloser campaign.

Cllr Roberts raised the matter of the dead hares, caught by coursers, deliberately left in a line in the middle of Water Lane. The incident was reported to the Police who had been trying to catch the coursers 'in the act'. However this is a very difficult task covering many square miles of the Plain both off-track and at night. Leaving them on public display was an act of defiance on their part.

23/095 Unitary Council Matters W.Cllr Ian Blair-Pilling reported: **The Local Plan Consultation** period was still open for the public until 22nd November. Everyone is welcome to attend. Cllr Roberts reported that both he and the Clerk had attended the more concise presentation created and given by WCllrs Ian Blair-Pilling and Graham Wright. This was specifically fine-tuned to the potential housing requirements in our local areas. Full information can be found on Wiltshire Council's website.

ii. Wiltshire Connect bus service. This is only a pilot scheme, funded by central Govt, it is proving to be very popular. The main idea is to give rural villages better connections to each other as well as local towns and cities. For further information, the App and timetables go to <https://www.connectingwiltshire.co.uk/getting-around/bus/wiltshire-connect/>.

iii. The proposed speed limit reduction on the A345 (50mph down to 40mph) from the top of the hill at the north end of Netheravon down to the turning by the Dog and Gun is being installed with new 40mph speed signs and to date, one new Speed Indicator Device (SID). There are plans to install a further SID on this stretch of road in due course. The Speedwatch team are already 'patrolling' the area.

iv. Planning Application PL/2023/08214. Conversion of Barn to a holiday let in Fifield. The public consultation period on this application is now closed although any late letters (for or against) will still be seen by the Planning Officer (PO). WCllr Blair-Pilling reported that he had been in touch with the PO who has already written to the applicant's Agent to say there are a few queries about this application and asking if they would like to withdraw it and address the current concerns. Whilst there is no further news on this, WCllr Blair-Pilling has said it will be 'called in' for a more thorough and detailed study by the Planning Office.

v. Enford bridge. There are concerns about the look and safety of Enford Bridge which was damaged by a car in September. WC sent an inspector to the site who will have reported back on the severity and safety issues. WCllr Blair-Pilling confirmed 3 stanchions had been broken and due to the age of the bridge, new stanchions will have to be refabricated. WC looks after over 1,000 bridges in the county and as this is still in a safe and serviceable condition, he thought there would be no action taken until the new year, possibly early to mid-year.

23/098 Matters Arising

Local Plan. This item was covered above. **Playpark inspection.** This was in September and the report circulated to all Councillors. Most of the comments made by the inspector were rated low risk with one or two as medium risks e.g. weeds on the surface around the basketball hoop, a bolt cover missing, no 'ownership' signage, some rust appearing and a D-ring needing to be replaced. Cllrs Roberts, Hiskett and Farrow have all spent time in the Playpark renovating and repairing where they can. The Clerk has been asked to contact manufacturers to assist with these repairs. Cllr Waight has offered to help with any welding and Cllrs Young, Roberts, Hiskett and Waight will meet on site on Monday 13th to discuss and plan further.

D-Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024. Cllr Waight has confirmed that he has permission to have a bonfire at the top of B Crossing - also that he may not be available to oversee the bonfire however one of his sons or another responsible resident may be able to. A discussion was had as to food for the occasion. The BBQs at the recent Fireworks event were mentioned. It was agreed the Community Fund could be approached if a possible link between the D-Day celebrations and the Village Fete might work. Cllr Roberts will raise this.

Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme (PEAS).This is for emergency use only as it is the Householder's responsibility to organise their own flood protection. There is a public meeting in Shrewton Village Hall (SP3 4JX) on 30th November run by Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue, the Environment Agency and WC and anyone wishing to attend should register with them – you can do so here floodwessex@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Remembrance Day. Cllrs Roberts, Hiskett and Cliffe-Roberts put up the poppies around the Church area after the recent storm. Cllr Pat Holdway has agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council for the village at the service on Sunday 12th November at 9 o'clock. It is hoped another Cllr may do a reading at the Service.

Christmas Tree and lighting, carols – Friday, December 8th at 6.00pm. As in previous years it was agreed to hold a small celebration to turn on the Christmas tree lights. It is a small but happy event with a welcoming Public House to retire to afterwards!

23/103 Parish Hall Cllr Cliffe-Roberts was unable to attend and sent in his report:

On 11 October a working party (Bruce Waight, Richard Roberts, Tom Hunter, Clive Bullen and myself) laid the access path to complete the laying out of the Coronation Garden. David Spencer has planted a number of shrubs in the garden itself, with hedging along the road boundary. Huge thanks to all concerned in bringing this project to a conclusion.

/The "History Board" has been printed and I am currently working on a stand so that it can be added to the garden soon. This completes the conversion of the Parish Hall site into a public garden and car parking, all for the benefit of and as requested by the Villagers.

23/104 Roads and Highways. Cllr Farrow was unable to attend. He asked that anyone who sees work that could be completed by the Parish Steward contact him.

23/107 Any Other Business Following the installation of the new Defibrillator in East Chisenbury, a point was raised as to a training event. The last held one a year ago, October 2022. A notice put in the Newsletter asking who would be interested in attending a session.

23/108 Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 5th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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