

Enford Newsletter

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

*Photography Competition Winner
Photographer Caroline Stagg*



*December 2025
&
January 2026*





December			January	
Tues	2nd	Mixed dry recycling	Fri	2nd
Wed	3rd	Garden waste	Wed	None
Thurs	11th	Household waste	Sat	10th
Tues	16th	Mixed dry recycling	Wed	14th
Wed	17th	Garden waste	Thurs	15th
Mon	29th	Household waste	Thurs	22nd
		Mixed dry recycling	Tues	27th

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

Further information is available at

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

Dates of note in this edition...

December

- 3rd Wednesday Ladies' Christmas Dinner*
5th Friday Christmas tree lights
13th Saturday Upavon Band Carols in the Swan
24th Wednesday Crib Service, Netheravon.
Christmas Quiz in The Swan 8pm
25th Thursday The Swan is open 12 ~ 2pm
31st Wednesday New Year's Eve celebration, Swan

January

- 22nd Thursday Emergency first aid & CPR course*
24th Saturday Scottish Evening

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21st January

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*Wishing a very
 Happy Christmas
 and a prosperous
 and cheerful New
 Year to all our
 readers and
 many thanks to
 those who deliver
 the Newsletters*



Thoughts of Rev. Canon Philip Bromiley

*O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep, the silent stars go by.*

The American Priest, Phillips Brooks of Philadelphia, wrote these words in 1868, following a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. They were words I found myself singing, as I stood on a Hilltop overlooking Bethlehem. Lying some 6 miles south of Jerusalem, within the West Bank, Bethlehem is not so little. It now has a population of nearly 200,000 people. Bethlehem is part of Israel, but is administered by the Palestinian Authority.

Dominating Bethlehem today is a 12 ft high wall around its perimeter. For those on one side, the wall is a 'security barrier', representing an 80% fall in suicide bombings in Jerusalem. For those on the other side, including the 40% of the population who are Christian, it is a 'wall of oppression' preventing Palestinians seeing family, friends or finding work.

The Wall is a graphic illustration of a timeless truth: sin leads to Separation. It always has done. Bad choices separate us from God and bad choices distance us also from other people. Do we sense a barrier between ourselves and God? Do we know of relationships in need of reconciliation? Jesus came to break barriers down.

Do you remember Fred Dibnah? He was a Lancastrian Steeplejack who demolished chimneys. His technique was never to use dynamite, as it was too unpredictable, instead he used traditional methods to destabilise chimneys by setting fire to wooden blocks, propped up next to the one side of the structure. His catch phrase, as the chimney would come crashing down yards away from him, was "Do yer like that?"

Often we pray that God will break barriers in our relationships down instantly - but it may be that we need the gentle, steady warmth of carefully directed prayer to destabilise hostility. The Peace Child given to us 2000 years ago still has the power to break down walls. The tiny baby is God's mechanism for bringing us together, the world forgiveness, and every human heart, a lasting peace.

Rev Canon Philip Bromiley.

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The Team Office: 01980 655457 www.avonriverteam.org.uk/

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



ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES



December

Sunday 7th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	10:30am	Team Service, Enford
Sunday 21st	9:30am	Carol and Crib service
Wed. 24th	11:30pm	Midnight Communion
Thurs. 25th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 28th	10:30am	Team Service, Durrington

January

Sunday 4th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 11th	10:30am	Team Service, Bulford
Sunday 18th	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 25th	6pm	Evensong

Don't forget that if you would prefer to worship quietly in your own home, we have a short Compline Service at 8pm each Sunday...a wonderful way to end the week and set yourself up for the week ahead. Ask for the link on Facebook or email avonriverteam@hotmail.com

It is with sadness that we say that the star of our front cover image, Tom, much loved companion of Buzz, has recently passed away. Since the photograph was taken and was a winning image, Buzz is pleased for us to still use it in the newsletter.



Emergency first Aid Session

Enford Parish Council and the **Wiltshire and Bath Air Ambulance Charity** have arranged an informative evening to raise community awareness of emergency training.

The event will cover not just the use of defibrillators, performing CPR, the recovery position etc but also other emergencies such as choking or bleeding, giving the community knowledge and confidence to manage a medical emergency prior to the arrival of the Ambulance.

The session will last around 60-90 minutes and is a hands-on opportunity to learn skills that could be used in an emergency situation. The evening is open to everyone in the parish and there is no charge for attendance, If you would like to attend, please contact the Clerk to register your interest.

WHEN: Thursday, 22nd January 2026 at 6.30pm

WHERE: Enford Village Hall

For more information go to: wiltshirebathairambulance.org.uk

Answers to the November Crossword

Across		Down	
1. carter		1. Church	
4. quiver		2. Red Lion	
8. undying		3. epic	
10. armed		5. unabated	
11. coin		6. vomit	
12. galactic		7. reduce.	
14. nosewheel		9. gearwheel	
18. respire		13. aspiring	
20. snug		15. lanolin	
22. petri		16. armpit	
23. lamplit		19. set to	
24. though		21. Emma	
25. Narnia			



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	Post Natal Yoga	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Marie Hanley Mob: 07871 302303 email mamawaveyoga@gmail.com
	Yoga	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Emma Pettit Tel: 01980 670510 emma@petittbros.co.uk
	Pregnancy Yoga	7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.	
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 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	9am – 10am	Nicci Caswell Tel: 01980 625245 nicci@thecaswells.uk
Sat	Junior Football Club	10am– 11am Recreation Ground	Steve Todd stodd@qinetiq.com

Enford Film Evenings

TUESDAY 27TH JANUARY @ ENFORD VILLAGE HALL



The Choral

The Choral is a British historical drama film co-produced and directed by Nicholas Hytner and written by Alan Bennett.

Set in 1916, during World War I, in the fictional town of Ramsden, Yorkshire, the film follows the members of the local choral society which has to recruit a number of teenage boys and girls when the male members leave for the war.

They prepare for a performance of Edward Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius*, (a work chosen as it was not written by a German).

It stars **Ralph Fiennes, Roger Allam, Alun Armstrong, and Simon Russell Beale.**

Doors open at **6.30** for drinks and nibbles for **7.15 start.**

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and nibbles!

Please email if you require further information and bookings

enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com

Note, there will be no film night in December; but will return in January

THE CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

FRIDAY, 5th DECEMBER AT 6.00pm



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

*FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER AT 6 O'CLOCK
AT THE BUS STOP AT THE BOTTOM OF
ENFORD HILL (If the weather is bad we
shall be in the Church)*

*CHILDREN CAN MAKE AND BRING
DECORATIONS TO HANG ON THE TREE*

*MINCE PIES
MULLED WINE AND SOFT DRINKS*

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

COME AND JOIN THE FUN

Crib Service

4.00pm
24th December
at
Netheravon Church



**Come and join us to hear the
Christmas Story**

**We would love to see as many shepherds, angels,
stars and animals as would like to come dressed
up.**



A TOUCH of TARTAN



Scottish-themed Church Fundraising
evening in Enford Church

SUPPER & REELS on Saturday 24th January 2026

7:30 pm to 11:30 pm - doors open from 7:00 pm

Tickets £25 per head

Wine by the bottle & beer for sale - cash only

Please indicate your choice (s) from menu below:

- Traditional Haggis, neeps, tatties with whisky sauce
- Vegetarian Haggis, neeps, tatties with whisky sauce
- Pheasant casserole, neeps and tatties
- Pudding: Cranachan

Please submit completed form with cash only to:

Beren Cliffe-Roberts, Kimble House, Enford

No later please than Friday 9th January

Tickets are limited first come first served

Name.....

Phone.....

Number of tickets.....

Dress Code: A touch of tartan!



Enford Bonfire & Fireworks Night

What a night! The **Enford Community Fund** hosted another spectacular **Bonfire and Fireworks Evening**, bringing the whole village together for an evening of fun, laughter and community spirit.

The skies lit up with a **fantastic firework display by SmartPyro**, brilliantly choreographed to music by **Clive**, providing a memorable show. Families gathered to enjoy the sparkle and the soundtrack, while the bonfire blazed against the November chill.

Earlier excitement filled the air as the **children's fancy dress** and **carved pumpkin competitions** took centre stage; some wonderfully creative entries brought smiles all round.

Tasty burgers and hotdogs were served alongside a well-stocked bar, featuring Stonehenge Ale and delicious mulled wine. In the village hall, there were cakes, and hot drinks with a wonderful array of craft and charity stalls adding to the festive atmosphere.

Our heartfelt thanks go to Ruth, our superb compère, whose boundless enthusiasm and endless supply of 'bad' jokes kept everyone smiling throughout the evening — long may they last!

- Event highlights: The event attracted around 700 people, with 450 registered in advance
- All profits made will be put back into the community through project grants and funding (see how to apply in the newsletter)
- The majority of attendees came from the parish, but others from as far as Salisbury, Devizes, Swindon and Marlborough
- local craft producers and charities had stands, including the wonderful Great Bustard volunteers.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped, supported, and attended — making this year's event another roaring success. Roll on 2026!



Enford Church Christmas Fayre

This year's Christmas Fayre was held in the church on Saturday November 22nd. Despite the wet and windy weather, it was very well supported and a good time was had by all. We had a great selection of stalls with various crafts, cards, jewellery and delicious things to eat. Santa's Grotto was as popular, as always, as was the bottle tombola and raffle.

Thank you so much to all the volunteers, stall-holders, cake makers, bottle and raffle prize donators and to the ladies who served us tea, cake and soup.

We have raised at least £1700 for the church which is a wonderful amount, so thank you to everyone who supported us.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year, from

Paula Lyn and Mary



GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

Patron: HM King Charles III



2025 has been a good year for the UK's Great Bustards. The rate of natural reproduction has been good and this has been matched by a decent survival rate. We also released an additional 10 birds that we hand raised from eggs rescued from silage fields and the survival rate so far is pleasing. Great Bustards have a very low rate of natural recruitment, and this is matched with a high rate of adult survival. We will compile a full end of year report with the final end of year data, but we can already be confident the year will end with significantly more Great Bustards in the UK than we started with.

Please do keep in mind GBG Memberships and our guided project visits as Christmas gifts. We also have a range of Bustard themed goods through our web site or drop us an email and arrange to meet us at the village hall where we will have a range of items from cards to mugs and garden decorations.

The GBG is grateful for all the support from the Enford villagers during 2025 and we hope 2026 brings us all further success.

www.greatbustard.org



The Swan Enford ~ Update.

By now you will likely all be aware that The Swan is officially on the market - seeking either a new tenant or a new owner. While we know there has been some interest, we do not know whether or not there has been any progression on any interest that may have been expressed, so like you, we can only wait....

Should you be interested in further information regarding The Swan's listing, it is being advertised through Fleurets agents and the details can be found on their website, www.fleurets.com.

A massive thank you is, as ever, in order to all of the volunteers who are working to keep The Swan open! We have managed to go above and beyond our initial intention of keeping going until the end of October - we never planned to keep the doors open beyond this, but thanks to your support, and that of our volunteers, we have been able to do so. Thanks to their efforts, we will continue to honour the 10% community discount cards for the time being.

Upcoming events:

December 5th - Enford Village Christmas tree lighting and carols at the central bus stop. Then call in for a drink with friends & neighbours!

December 13th (Sat) - Upavon Carol Band performing in The Swan.

December 24th (Wed) - The Swan will be open and there will be a Christmas Quiz at 8pm

Christmas Day. Following tradition, The Swan will be open from 12:00 - 14:00 on Christmas Day

New Years Eve Party - details TBC, but yes, there will be Karaoke.

Holiday opening hours

Wed. Dec 24, 5 - 11pm

Thurs Dec 25, 12 - 2pm

Fri Dec 26, Closed

Sat Dec 27, 2 - 11pm

Sun Dec 28, 12 - 6pm

Mon Dec 29, 5 - 11pm

Tues Dec 30, 5 - 11pm

Wed Dec 31, 7pm - late

Almond, Blueberry and Coconut Cake/dessert

Serves 10-12

Full of 'super-foods'!*

This truly delicious 'cake' is super simple, wonderfully moist and versatile. It is happy to be served warm for dessert with double cream poured over, or at room temperature when it's time for tea.



180g ground almonds

60g desiccated coconut

250g caster sugar

70g self-raising flour

200g unsalted butter, melted, then set
aside to come to room temperature

1/2 tsp vanilla extract

finely grated zest 2 lemons

200g fresh blueberries

20g flaked almonds

1/4 tsp salt

4 large eggs

1. Grease and line a 23cm round cake tin. Preheat oven to 180C
160C Fan Gas mark 4

2. Place almonds, coconut, sugar, flour & salt in a large mixing bowl
and whisk other ingredients together to aerate and remove lumps

3. Place the eggs in a separate medium bowl and whisk lightly. Add
the melted butter, vanilla extract and lemon zest and whisk again until
well combined. Pour this into the dry mix and whisk to combine. Fold
in 150g blueberries, then pour the mixture into the tin. Sprinkle the
last of the blueberries on top, along with the flaked almonds, and bake
for 50-55 minutes, or until a skewer inserted into the centre of the
cake comes out clean. Keep a close eye on it towards the end of
cooking: the relatively large number of eggs in the mix means that it
can go from still being a little liquid in the centre to being well cooked
in just a few minutes.

4. Set aside for 30 minutes before inverting out of the tin, removing
the baking parchment and placing the cake right way up on a serving
plate. Serve either warm with cream or set aside until cool. Can be
frozen and then warmed or served cool.

Entering Elsa into an ITV Competition.

My dog Elsa, an 11 month old was entered into a competition on ITV's 'This Morning'. We had to audition in front of some famous judges Shirley Ballas, Dr Scott (a vet) and Jodie Prenger.

Elsa played her piano and wowed the judges. After the first auditions ten dogs were sent home. In the afternoon the remaining dogs had fun agility tests. Elsa was then down to the final five which was amazing!

The next day we went to a theatre and were given advice before we walked the stage. Then the dogs walked the stage with Colson, (ex Coronation Street actor). We went home and waited patiently to see if we had got into the live shows. Three weeks later I got a call to say Elsa was into the final three!

We went up to London where Elsa was treated like a star. In the morning we went to the ITV studios where we performed live. We met Ben Shepard and Cat Deeley and also Lulu.

Elsa was the youngest dog in the competition out of 1250 she made it into the final three. In the final she did her tricks amazingly but was just pipped at the post by Boris, the Pomeranian. It was such a great experience and we loved every minute of it.



Thank you Caz Loughman,
and my amazing dog, **Elsa**.





The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale
lecture at **Bouverie Hall at 2.30pm**
on **Tuesday 2nd December,**
John Benjamin will speak on

The Life and Works of H. G. Murphy, Gold and Silversmith.

Harry Murphy served his apprenticeship under Henry Wilson, probably Britain's greatest designer goldsmith of the Arts and Crafts era. It was here he learnt his skills, enamelling, gem-setting polishing, niello, engraving and hammering. From 1928 until his death in 1939 he worked from retail premises in Marylebone, known as the Falcon Studio, where he designed and created a prodigious amount of silverware for the corporate, civic and private sectors as well as some truly startling gold, silver and enamel jewellery inspired by nature, architecture, the Ballet Russes and the vibrancy of the Jazz Age.

John Benjamin is a jewellery historian, author and broadcaster. Formerly International Director of Jewellery at Phillips Fine Art Auctioneers. John is well-known from his many appearances on BBC Television's Antiques Roadshow, a Freeman of the Goldsmiths' Company, a Court Assistant and Founder Liveryman of The Worshipful Company of Arts Scholars and in 2021 was appointed Honorary Jewellery Adviser to the National Trust.

Doors open at **2.00pm** for refreshments and conversation and the lecture begins at **2.30pm**. Visitors are very welcome - **£7** on the door, payable by card or cash.

Please visit our website, taspv.org.uk for further information





Thank you to everyone who kindly donated bras in the recent charity initiative. The pink boxes outside our gates filled up as fast as we could empty them! We were overwhelmed with the response, and were delighted to contribute a huge amount of used and unwanted bras to the Against Breast Cancer charity.

Wiltshire Police also set up collection boxes in police stations throughout the county to support this initiative and along with their collections, this huge **MOUNTAIN** of bras was handed to Emily Hodges the driving force behind Against Breast Cancer at the end of October.

Three years ago Emily opened a boutique in Devizes "Amelie Lingerie" and started collecting old, unwanted bras for donation. Earlier this year, Emily was diagnosed with Stage 3 aggressive triple-negative breast cancer and what started as a charitable passion became a deeply personal journey.

Raising funds for Breast Cancer Research, around £700 for every tonne of bras donated also supports women's co-operatives in developing countries, where the bras are distributed to help women earn a sustainable income.

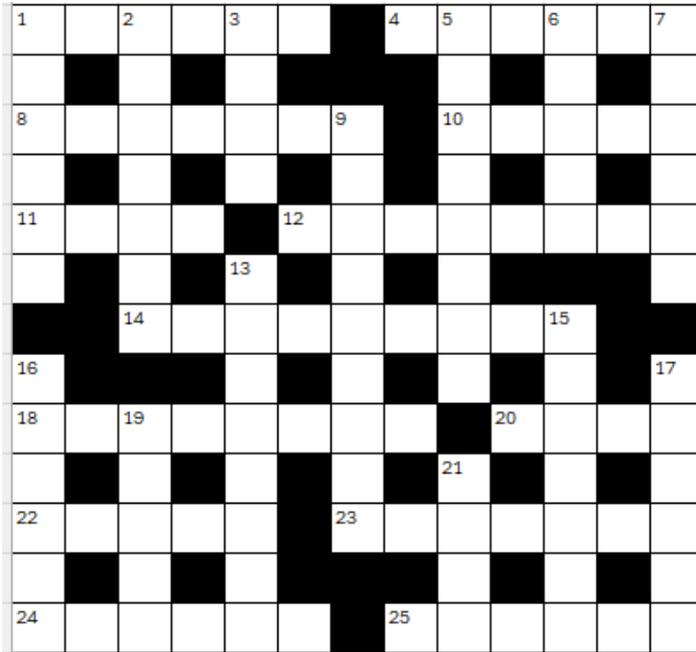
This initiative was inspired by Emily's strength and determination. She is extremely moved by the huge response from Enford and the surrounding villages, and very grateful. *If you still have unwanted bras they can be handed in directly to Emily at her shop in Devizes.*

Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



Crossword Puzzle

Answers will be printed in the February Newsletter



Across

1. Season (6)
4. Prison officer (6)
8. Not firm to the touch: Child's soft toy (7)
10. Lavatory (Slang) (5)
11. Thai currency (4)
12. Second chance in golf: Irish surname (8)
14. The ___ ___ TV comedy with Rik, Vyvyan, Neil & Mike (5,4)
18. What you might do on a yoga retreat (8)
20. Direction of sunrise (4)
22. Picture character in a text message (5)
23. Whip material; Clint Eastwood series (7)
24. Come out (6)
25. Higher direction (6)

Down

1. Japanese spice (6)
2. Not nice (7)
3. Irish Gaelic (4)
5. Opposite of acidic (8)
6. Sturm und ___ German for urge or stress (5)
7. Rules (6)
9. Youthful person (9)
13. Busy, crowded (8)
15. Ability to sustain effort (7)
16. Unit of electrical current (6)
17. Wait on, be present at (6)
19. Worker bee (5)
21. Exchange (4)

Brews in the Pews

Enford's Community Café

is Staying in the church



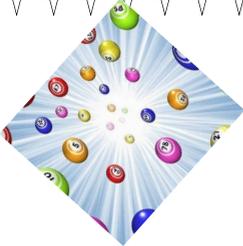
1st Thursday of the month

The next Brew is on December 4th

From 10 – 11:30

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes

A place to meet your friends
and make new friends.



Friends of Netheravon
school PTF

Monthly prize Bingo

Netheravon

Netheravon Phoenix Hall:

at 2pm

Last bingo of 2025
7th December



THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

The Enford Community Fund is a not-for-profit community organisation managed by a small group of local volunteers who organise activities and events across the parish and make donations to benefit the wider community.

Funding is available to support projects and events in the Parish of Enford (which includes Compton, Coombe, East and West Chisenbury, Fifield, New Buildings and Newtown). Applications for awards must be made in writing, by email, to EnfordFund@gmail.com or by letter to one of the group members (Carolyn Ansell, Katie Briscoe, Tracy Buttery, Rob Hibberd, Richard Petitt, Chris Rose).

The following guidelines will be followed in allocating funds:

1. Submissions will be considered at the next scheduled meeting and within 3 months of the request being submitted.
2. Funding will be made for individual projects and is not designed to allow awardees to become reliant on the award on an annual/regular basis.
3. Awards are made to causes benefitting the community, not specific individuals.
4. No awards will exceed £1,000 in total.
5. For any award to be made, there must be agreement by 75% of the group.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2025

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

**ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT
ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	2nd December	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	6th January	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	3rd March	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	7th April	7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday	5th May	6:30pm 7:30pm	AGM Meeting Parish Council Meeting

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2025

Full draft minutes are available on the website at

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.37 and minuted thanks and congratulations to the Community Fund for their excellent and well attended Fireworks and Bonfire night. There were over 500 attendees who enjoyed the event immensely, he also wanted to minute thanks to all the volunteers at The Swan who are managing to keep the pub open for 4 days a week with special thanks to Clive Bullen and Steve Stringer who oversee all the ordering and maintaining the stock levels.

25/086 Public Question Time. Steve Stringer was attending the meeting to discuss The Swan which, as most residents know, is up for sale or looking for a new tenant. He raised the matter of an 'Asset of Community Value' (ACV) which he proposed the Parish Council consider applying for in respect The Swan. The principle of an AVC is to provide a six month window for the community to raise funds for the purchase of the property in the event a potential new purchaser intends to buy the property for conversion to residential use. It is only a 'safety net' for the pub / village and there is no cost for this application. It should not deter/hamper any potential buyer of the pub. Through Steve, the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA), have offered to help with the forms, as have WC Ian Blair-Pilling and Cllr Peter Cliffe-Roberts. After some discussion it was agreed that this could be a sensible step forward and following the completion of the paperwork should be presented at the next PC meeting before proceeding with the application.

25/092 Matters Arising The annual Playpark Safety Report. Was circulated to all Cllrs on receipt. The Playpark has a low risk rating and any maintenance work will be undertaken in the Spring.

Flags and Tommys. Due to the state of some of the poppies, the PC has purchased some extras as well as two flags – one for the Church and one in the central bus stop. Cllr Pat Holdway has kindly offered to lay a wreath on behalf of all residents at the service on Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Roberts thanked those Cllrs who gave their time to put up the poppies and Tommys around the Church/village.

Wiltshire & Bath Air Ambulance Charity Aware programme. The Clerk read out the details of this Community Emergency Awareness Training. The session lasts for 60-90 minutes and covers topics such as recovery position, CPR, defibrillators, choking and bleeding. It was agreed that this would be a useful and instructive event for the whole Parish and the Clerk will contact them and book a suitable evening in the new year. *[Please note, this event has been booked in the Village Hall for Thursday, January 22nd 2026. Please contact the clerk to register your interest]*

British Army Motorsports Association (BAMA) 4x4 Navigation.

The driving event 'Autumn Leaves' will be held on Saturday 29th November starting from and returning to Larkhill Camp. Over a period of 5 hours some 30 vehicles will cover 80 miles of varying terrain with only a map and compass and will be passing through the Parish. It is planned to cause the least disturbance possible.

South West Ambulance Charity. They have approached the PC for funding to purchase, convert and equip a second Community Response Vehicle (CRV) at a total cost of £30,000. After some discussion it was agreed that any funding/assistance being given would be better spent locally and the First Responder in the Parish, will be contacted to advise on the most suitable equipment which would benefit her role.

Path on the A345 at New Buildings. Following previous discussions with the Local Highways and Footpaths Infrastructure Group (LHFIG) a potential plan to increase pedestrian safety of residents of New Buildings, giving safer access to the bus stop and Enford itself, was drawn up and presented to the PC. In turn, the PC wrote to each household in New Buildings to gauge their opinions on the outline plan. Five letters of concern were received with preferences for reduced vehicle speed at the entrance/exit on to the A345. (This was previously raised with the PC and Wiltshire's Highways Dept made a site visit. They said no physical speed reductions could be put in place). The current proposal for a pavement to be installed is an improvement and would benefit walkers/dog walkers from Enford accessing the west side of the A345 and that area of the Plain. Cllrs discussed the concerns raised and agreement was reached that the proposal be taken forward. They also agreed to paying 25% of the cost of the installation.

Christmas Tree, Lights and Carols Event. Diaries out! - this will take place on Friday 5th December at the bottom of Enford Hill by the bus stop. (Should the weather be bad then, as last year, we hope to be able to use the Church). Turning on the Christmas Tree lights, singing a few carols, mince pies, mulled wine, soft drinks and treats for the children! A brief/ maybe cold/cheerful event to get everyone into the Christmas spirit!

25/089 Unitary Council Matters WC Ian Blair-Pilling reported: The Stonehenge Area Board is engaging with all the local parishes to ascertain what their most pressing issues are. There will be a formal meeting on 27th November and Cllrs Roberts, Farrow and the Clerk will attend.

Following Netheravon's one year trial of speed reduction on the A345 which has been successful, they now wish to extend the 40mph further north to try and slow the traffic before it enters Netheravon.

Highview Farm's (old Mink Farm) recent Planning Application PL/2025/05825 was initially turned down however the owner has now appealed against this decision and the case has gone to the Planning

Inspectorate. All letters, concern or support should reach them by 25th November. The Inspectorate are in the process of changing between two systems and inadvertently published the wrong link. The correct link is <https://appeal-planning-decision.service.gov.uk/comment-planning-appeal/enter-appeal-reference>

and the full details of the Appeal is: **PL/2025/05825 - Highview Farm Buildings, Salisbury Road, Netheravon – 6001123.**

25/100 Any Other Business The Enford Community Speed Watch is suspended. The role of Community Speed Watch co-ordinator and volunteers to undertake the Speed Watch training, will be advertised in the next Newsletter.

The Flood Warden gave an updated report on the detailed work he is doing to help alleviate the flooding situation in Enford. His report can be found in the full Draft Minutes on the Parish Council website at www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council would like to wish all residents a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



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Philip Wilkinson OBE, Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon.

As your Police and Crime Commissioner, I remain very concerned that the current national police funding formula, established by Tony Blair's government is seriously disadvantaging Wiltshire Police and limiting the service we are able to provide. Government's central grant allocates us £115 per head although the national average is £164.

It simply does not reflect the reality of policing a largely rural county, across a wide area, with diverse challenges: rural crime, county lines, cybercrime, serious violence, mental health, victim support and more. I have written to both previous and current police ministers and home secretaries asking them to address the current disparities in police funding. Both the previous government and this one may appear annually to allocate the police more money, but in fact the increase they award does not cover inflation and they increasingly expect PCCs to increase local taxes to compensate for the real reduction in central funding - placing the burden on residents.

Over the last year Wiltshire Police has squeezed out every possible cost efficiency through their Financial Review Programme, but there is only so much that can be trimmed before it begins to harm our core services.

I applaud the progress made under Chief Constable Catherine Roper, being removed from 'special measures' ensuring improved service. Residents tell me that they feel safer, yet none of that is guaranteed to continue unless our funding is fair and sustainable. Unfair funding means slower responses, reduced officer visibility as well as delayed investigations.

Wiltshire residents deserve policing that delivers and keeps them safe and that is what I am fighting for. I will continue to campaign for multi-year settlements and a reform of the funding formula to reflect the demands of modern policing. I am committed to ensuring that Wiltshire has the resources it needs to be safe and well served.



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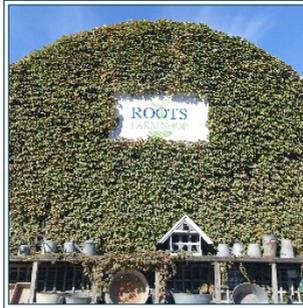
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