

ENFORD NEWSLETTER

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

**Photographic Competition:
Photographer Katie Briscoe**



June 2026



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June

July

Tues	2nd	Mixed dry recycling	
Wed	3rd	Garden waste	Wed 1st
Thurs	11th	Household waste	Thurs 9th
Tues	16th	Mixed dry recycling	Tues 14th
Wed	17th	Garden waste	Wed 15th
Thurs	25th	Household waste	Thurs 23rd
Tues	30th	Mixed dry recycling	Tues 28th

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.

June

Tuesday 2nd	Pewsey Arts Lecture
Thursday 4th	Brews in the Pews
Sunday 7th	Priory Open Gardens East Chisenbury
Saturday 13th	Enford Summer Fete
Tuesday 23rd	Film evening
Saturday 27th	Ruby Derbyshire Jazz @ The Swan

No Gardening Club this month

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Wednesday 17th June.
Remember it will be a
double issue.**

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Emails are preferred with editable attachments, Word documents, so that we can fit them to the available space.
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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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For Sale



Victorian style cream metal headboard, superking size. very good condition. £30, contact 07932631481



Thoughts from Rev. Joe Stone

The Art of Being Still: Lessons from a June Garden

"Some flowers are withered and some joys have died; The garden reeks with an East Indian scent From beds where gillyflowers stand weak and spent; The white heat pales the skies from side to side; But in still lakes and rivers, cool, content, Like starry blooms on a new firmament, White lilies float and regally abide."

So wrote Helen Hunt Jackson in her poem July.

June and July are magnificent months, aren't they? This season is a gift, offering us the perfect backdrop to relax and reconnect with friends and family, whether on the beach, in the woods, or simply over a cool drink in the garden. Yet, as the gillyflowers begin to stand "weak and spent," we are reminded that even in the height of summer, there is a pull toward busyness.

A Lesson in Sitting Still

The story of Mary and Martha in Luke's Gospel perfectly captures this tension between "doing" and "being." When Jesus drops in to visit the two sisters, we see two very different responses to his presence.

Martha immediately goes into "hosting mode," getting busy in the kitchen, likely worrying about the menu and the service. Mary, however, simply sits at Jesus' feet, learning from him and enjoying his company. Eventually, the pressure gets to Martha. She bursts into the room, frustrated: "Jesus, please tell my lazy sister to get out into the kitchen, do her duty and HELP!"

Jesus' response is gentle but profound:

"Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

As we move further into July, let's take a leaf out of Mary's book (and the lilies in the pond). Let's find moments to be "cool and content," choosing to sit still and appreciate the gift of the present moment.

For more information about the Avon River Team Churches contact:

The Team Office: 01980 655457 www.avonriverteam.org.uk
Rev. Philip Bromiley: 01980 258549 or philip@avonriverteam.org.uk



ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES



June

Sunday 7th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 14th	10:30am	Team Service
Sunday 21st	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 28th	6:00pm	Evensong

July

Sunday 5th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday 12th	10:30am	Team Service
Sunday 19th	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 26th	6:00pm	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

Walk for Wards

Wilton House | Sunday 5th July

Walk 3k, 5k, 10k or 15k for a ward or department of your choice or in memory of a loved one. Enter for FREE!

Or go to: starsappeal.org

STARS APPEAL
Salisbury Hospital's Charity
Registered Charity: 1052284

ENTER HERE



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 Pregnancy Yoga Yoga	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. 7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m. 6pm - 7pm	Marie Hanley Mob: 07871 302303 email mamawaveyoga@gmail.com Emma Petitt Tel: 01980 670510 emma@petittbros.co.uk
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 2nd Tuesday in the month. Details in the Newsletter.	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	Recreation Ground	Vacant

Enford Film Evening

TUESDAY 23rd JUNE @ ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

It is hoped that we will be able to live stream the National
Theatre production of

“Les Liaisons Dangereuses”

staring Lesley Manville and Aidan Turner.



If that is not possible then a different film will be shown.

Details will be posted on the Newsletter and
Village Hall website



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

The Kindness of Salisbury Plain 4x4 Group



The memorial bench which was destroyed some weeks ago has been replaced by the Salisbury Plain 4 x 4 group. Heartfelt thanks to them.



*Images of
Enford
Fete from
the 1950 s*



Chisenbury Priory Open Garden

By kind invitation of John and Tessa Manser

Sunday 7th June 2026 2pm – 6.00pm

Plants for sale and delicious teas served from 2pm to 5pm

Tea sales will support Enford Church

A big thank you to all our volunteer helpers and cake bakers so far!

We are still going to be short of about 10 cakes, so,
if you are a baker please do let us know if you would be prepared to
make one for delivery to Amanda on **6th June** (or the **morning of 7th**)

Or else to deliver it directly to The Tea Room at

Chisenbury Priory on 7th June.

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Enford's Summer Fete is just around the corner!

We're just days away from the Enford Summer Fete on Saturday 13 June, and we really hope to see you there!

An amazing day has been planned by the Enford Community Fund to bring our village together and welcome visitors from the area, with all profits going into projects to benefit the community. The event is free and runs from midday until 5pm, but the bar and BBQ will stay open later! There is so much to see and do!

- Games, inflatables, treasure hunt children's tent with activities
- Fun dog show, alongside a vintage car & tractor display
- Great entertainment throughout with live music and open mic
- Delicious home produce, cakes and wonderful plants
- Locally-sourced BBQ, bar, afternoon teas and ice cream van
- Photo competition, bottle tombola, golden bucket game raffle.

Follow the event on Facebook (scan the code at the end). Help to spread the word by inviting people or displaying the event poster in your window, workplace or a local business. If you can distribute or display them locally, just contact us to request some.

Roll up for the raffle!

One of the biggest fundraisers is the raffle, with fantastic prizes on offer. A book of raffle tickets was sent with your last newsletter - each entry costs £1 and to take part, simply complete your details on the counterfoils and drop these off with cash or cheques made payable to 'Enford Community Fund' to one of the following locations by

Friday 12 June

The Swan (when open)	16 Grants Road, SN9 6DB
Longacre, Newtown, SN9 6DH	Swancote, Longstreet, SN9 6DD
538 East Chisenbury, SN9 6AQ	Coombe Cottage, SN9 6DE
The Mill, Coombe, SN9 6DE	The Old School, Fittleton, SP4 9QA

More tickets are available by emailing EnfordFund@gmail.com or from any of the above locations.

Finally, thank you to All Saints Church for allowing us to host the volunteer drop-in events last month. It was great to see those of you who popped in to sign up and/or find out more. Thank you also to those people who let us know their willingness to help. We really couldn't do it without you! However, we are still looking for 7 more volunteers - can you give just two hours of your time to help make the event a success? If so, please email EnfordFund@gmail.com or contact Chris on 07836 771017.

The village hall on 13 June for the Enford Summer Fete!

P.S You can find all the up-to-date information on the event page - just scan the code using your camera to go straight there, or find it on the Enford, Coombe and Chisenbury Facebook page.



Summer Fete Open Mic

The Summer fete is on **13th June 2026** it will once again feature the opportunity for all members of the community to perform a musical number in the **Open Mic Tent.**

You could sing a song, play an instrument or even do both at the same time.

Whatever musical skill you possess!

Here's your chance to shine by performing to a live and appreciative audience in a very relaxed setting, as well as being part of the live entertainment for the day.

So start practising now!

Enford Summer Fete Photography Competition

Saturday 13th June 2026

Last year's photo competition was a great success, with an array of interesting, well-composed photographs which were then used to create a calendar showcasing the beauty of the Parish of Enford. This year each winning photograph will be featured in the Enford newsletter rather than in a calendar.

Remember, no fancy camera equipment is required; phone cameras can take great photographs.

On the day of the Fete all submitted photographs will be displayed a public vote will take place throughout the day producing 12 winning photographs

Criteria for submission

Theme: The Parish of Enford, your photograph must feature an aspect of the parish of Enford e.g. a building, landmark, landscape, local fauna or flora taken during the year between **June 2025 and May 2026**.

No human portraits please.

1 photograph submission per person please

All ages of photographers welcome

Size must be A5, which is roughly 5.8 x 8.3 inches.

How to submit

Please submit your photo as a physical copy with your name, email address and phone number on the reverse (to enable display of the photograph for judging at the fete). Digital versions will be required if your photo is chosen for the newsletter.

Photos can be handed directly to Tracy Buttery or in the collection point at The Swan Inn Enford (once the Swan reopens) in sealed envelopes, no later than **Friday 5th June 2026**.

No submissions accepted later

If you have questions, please email enfordfund@gmail.com or reach out to one of the Enford Community Fund group - listed on page 34.

Happy Snapping!

A Special Notice to Walkers & Dog Owners

At this time of year, when up on the plain, please be aware that there are areas which have been specially put aside for Curlews as they nest on the ground. PLEASE do NOT walk through, or close to these Curlew Scrapes. There are signs up to warn walkers.

We are now in the nesting season when birds and eggs are vulnerable. They are on the red list of threatened species, so please do your bit to help protect them.



PLEASE AVOID THESE MARKED AREAS.



Jayne's Race for Life

14th June 2026

Bournemouth 10k



Cancer is happening right now, which is why I'm taking part in a Race for Life 10k to raise money and save lives. I'm doing this in memory of my sister-in-law Carole and family and friends I have lost over the years to cancer. My gorgeous Border Collie Maia will be accompanying me and we're well into our training.

1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's ground-breaking work, so please sponsor Maia and I.

Thank you.

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

There will be no Gardening Club until September.
Details of the next meeting will be published in due course

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) won MoD ‘Sanctuary Environmental Enhancement’ Award for the West

Chisenbury river restoration and wetland creation project.

This ‘first of its kind’, project is enhancing the biodiversity of the local area by improving the watercourse and natural floodplain, and 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 and establish wildlife habitats across the river’s floodplain. While boosting biodiversity, these new areas will help to capture nutrient-loaded sediment and carbon. The restoration will see new wetland habitats retain water all-year-round, so native wetland plants will flourish and wildlife thrive. The improved wetland will increase habitat diversity and will bring benefits for many species found locally, including endangered water voles and invertebrates such as dragonflies and damselflies. The new river channels will also include re-profiled gravel ‘riffles’ – shallow sections of river where water flows more quickly, creating diversity in the river channels and providing habitats for spawning fish such as the wild brown trout.

The completed project at West Chisenbury provides a template for tackling the challenges of elevated nutrient levels and associated biodiversity loss that are facing chalk streams throughout Wiltshire and the whole UK.



GREAT BUSTARD GROUP

Patron: HM King Charles III



A male bustard trying very hard to impress a female!

We have female Great Bustards on eggs and the first chicks have hatched. These are inside our reserve and outside, with nests located in the other Great Bustard areas to the south of the Plain. The recent weather has not been kind to females with small chicks, but hopefully it will warm up in time for the main hatching dates.

The GBG has registered with the Wiltshire Community Lottery. This gives twice as much to good causes as the National Lottery in terms of percentage and you can direct which good cause receives the proceeds from your ticket. Please do buy a ticket and try for that £25,000 weekly prize.

<https://www.wiltshirecommunitylottery.co.uk/support/great-bustard-group>

We are looking forward to the Enford Village Fete, and the Bustard Display Room at the village hall will be open all day. Please do come and see us.



We have set up a number of trail cameras in areas used by the Great Bustards. As well as images of the bustards we capture, we get a range of delightful sightings of the supporting cast which make the plain such a special place.



Wildlife Watch

In April and May we welcomed home the Swifts, Swallows and House Martins who make the arduous journey back to the UK from their winter roosting places in the Congo rainforests of Africa.

Each year these tiny birds fly 6000 miles over 4-6 weeks back to the same nesting sites, reuniting with their mate to raise a family.

Over the next few months spend some time watching their beautiful aerial displays, especially near the river as they hunt for insects to feed their young. They are not only a true marker of the start of Spring, but a reminder of the resilience of nature; against all the odds these beautiful birds have always come home to us.



Unfortunately, due to a combination of habitat loss and a collapse in the number of flying insects, populations of these beloved birds have reduced drastically across the UK. If you want to support them, ensure previous nest sites on houses and outbuildings are safe and accessible. You could even consider installing nesting boxes or Swift bricks to ensure a lasting home for future generations of birds.

New Guidance on Feeding Garden Birds

The RSPB has updated its advice on how and when to feed garden birds — and if you regularly put food out, it's worth taking note.

The change is driven by a disease called trichomonosis, a highly contagious parasite that spreads where birds gather in large numbers — such as at garden feeders. Greenfinches have declined by over 65% in the last three decades, and Chaffinches and Bullfinches are also affected. The concern is that well-meaning feeding habits are actually accelerating the problem.

The new guidance comes down to two principles: feed seasonally and feed safely. From 1 May to 31 October, the RSPB recommends pausing seeds and peanuts, as this is when disease risk is highest and natural food is most abundant. Small amounts of mealworms, fatballs or suet are still fine year-round. Seeds and peanuts can resume from 1 November to 30 April.

On hygiene, feeders should be cleaned with hot soapy water at least once a week, moved to a different spot weekly to prevent contamination building up underneath, and flat-surface feeders like bird tables should be avoided entirely, as sick birds tend to regurgitate food onto flat surfaces where healthy birds can then pick it up. The point isn't to stop feeding birds — it's to do it in a way that helps rather than harms. Small adjustments from enough people could make a real difference to species already under serious pressure.

For full details, visit [rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds](https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/news/how-to-help-garden-birds)

Recipe of the Month

Thai Green Salmon or Trout

Also works with **Chicken** or **Prawns**

Serves 4 Really quick supper (no carbs!)

4 salmon/trout fillets, skinned	80ml Thai green curry paste
1-2 leeks, shredded to matchsticks	1 knob of ginger, grated -1"
1 tin (400ml) coconut milk	1 fish/chicken stock cube/gel
2 tsp fish sauce	1 bag sugar snap peas, prepped
1 red chili, finely chopped	50g salted peanuts/cashew nuts
1 lime, cut into quarters	Coriander leaves, (garnish)

To serve

3 courgettes, spiraled 1 tsp fennel seeds
Or Basmati/sticky rice

Place a large saucepan/sauté pan (with a lid) on the heat with a splash of olive oil add curry paste and ginger and stir for a couple of minutes.

Add coconut milk, stock cube, fish sauce and leeks and simmer for 5/10 mins.

Season the fish and then add to the pan for 5-8 mins (depending on size). Drop the sugar snaps in for the last couple of minutes.

I like to serve this with quickly roasted courgette 'spaghetti' which I do in the top oven for 3 mins with a touch of salt and pepper, fennel seeds and a splash of oil. Don't overcook as they get too wet.

Serve the courgetti (or rice) on warmed plates with the salmon and sauce on top. Scatter nuts & chili over the top with extra coriander to your liking.

NB. You can buy trout fillets from many supermarkets or online at chalkstreamfoods.co.uk

Trout is delicious and buying them protects the diminishing salmon stocks.



Great Craic in the Swan



A great time was had by all those people who went to The Swan on Thursday evening to watch **Celtic Craic**. With so many of the audience enjoying clapping along to familiar tunes, and joining in with choruses, the place was really hopping!

The next event will be
Ruby Derbyshire
singing Jazz & blues
Saturday 27th
June



The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale lecture at Bouverie Hall Tuesday **2nd June** on “**The Art of the Steal: Nazi looting in WWII**”

The Nazis looted over 20% of Western Art during World War II, confiscating art from Jewish families and emptying museums throughout Europe. This lecture will provide an overview of Nazi looting by setting the scene in Nazi Germany, discussing Hitler’s obsession with art and how the Monuments Men recovered art after the war. Several landmark cases will be discussed in detail, including Gustav Klimt’s celebrated Portrait of Adele Bloch Bauer and the stash of over 1200 artworks found in possession of the son of a notorious Nazi dealer.

The lecturer is **Shauna Isaac**. Shauna studied at the Courtauld Institute of Art in the UK and Smith College in the USA. She is a regular lecturer at the Sotheby’s Institute of Art. She has been active in World War II art restitution for several years working with families and government organisations to recover Nazi looted art.

Doors open from **2.00pm** and refreshments are available.

Non-members are always welcome - **£7 on the door**.

Please visit our website taspv.org.uk for more information

Brews in the Pews

Enford's Community Café

In All Saints Church



First **Thursday** of the month
 The next Brew is on **June 4th**
 From 10 – 11:30
 Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes
**A place to meet your friends
 and make new friends.**



Netheravon Monthly Prize Bingo

In aid of Mental Health & Wessex Heart

Netheravon Phoenix Hall:
Starting at 2pm

Dates for 2026: 7th June
5th July 6th September



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 Pettitt, 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 2026

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

**All meetings Held at
Enford Village Hall**

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	7th July	6:30pm 7:30pm	AGM Meeting Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	1st September	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	3rd November	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	1 st December	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting

LOCAL SUPPORT & INFORMATION

Pewsey Vale Community Craft & Tea Room



Open Wed – Sat
10.00 – 4.00



OLD FORD COURT,
HIGH St. PEWSEY

Profits donated to local charities

Mobile Library Services

Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online at Libraries-wiltshire Council and printed timetables from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing our customers when we next visit.

Due in Enford on Friday 26th June at 3:25 for 20 minutes

If you haven't used the mobile library, it's free to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire library or online to access free ebooks and magazines.

Netheravon Library

Open Monday & Thursday 1pm - 5pm

Future Dates:

26th June 24th July
21st August

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Love Libraries!



Age UK Wiltshire Information & Advice Team

0808 196 2424

enquiries@ageukwiltshire.org.uk

www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555 111

100% anonymous. Always.

www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Crimestoppers is not the police. If you require urgent police attention, please

dial 999

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

1. Hill House Annex, 9 Longstreet, SN9 6DD Grid ref SU142515
What3Words - /// Parrot/slid/steadier
2. Red Lion, East Chisenbury SN9 6QA
What3Words - /// 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 -

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.

www.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.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 5th May 2026

Your26/035 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch

The latest Police Report had not yet been received.

Cllr Clark reported on items from the Neighbourhood Watch monthly Reports:

“Secure your garden for summer. As days get longer and we spend more time outdoors, it is easy to forget that our gardens can be a target for opportunistic thieves. Furniture and tools to bikes and side access points, a few simple steps can make a big difference keeping your outdoor space secure, especially when paired with smart security that keeps an eye on things for you.

Protect your belongings with Alarm ID, a portable alarm system designed to protect bags, laptops, and luggage from opportunistic theft. You can loop it around your things or it attach to your laptop. If someone unplugs it or cut the cable, a siren sounds. It is compact, easy for everyday protection.

Cyber security. GCHQ's National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) heralds a new era of secure signing with passkeys now ready for mass adoption. Passwords are no longer resilient enough for the contemporary world, cyber experts say in new report. Consumers are encouraged to migrate to passkeys where possible to unlock simpler and safer digital lifestyles. The UK Government's technical authority on cyber security has announced that passkeys should now be the consumer's first choice of login across all digital services.”

For more information go to <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk>

26/037 Unitary Council Matters

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling reported: That the new Area Board Scheme will hold only 3 set meetings each year.

The funding for the Local Highways and Footpaths Infrastructure Group) LHFIG has been halved. - Asked about the planned footpath along the A345 by New Buildings, his understanding was that this had already been agreed and accounted for under the previous year's funding budget.

He will no longer be the Chairman of the Stonehenge Area Board as Monica Devendran (Amesbury) has been voted in.

He raised concerns about the Lib Dem's apparent abuse of the scrutiny system in the Council where policies have been voted through without due deliberation.

Cllr Bruce Waight raised the road diversion around Rushall asking how much longer this would continue. It has been in place since early April and is causing much heavier traffic flow elsewhere and increased journey times. The Diversion signs are mainly for larger vehicles, unsuitable on smaller 'back roads' (lorries). The works are to install a footpath and there is no known finish date. A point was raised about the position of manhole covers at the sides of the road where they get most 'abuse' from traffic – could they be positioned centrally in the road, thus vehicles pass over them without damage. Sadly, this may be common sense,

it would be impossible to change all the utilities running underneath the roads!

26/040 Matters Arising Approval of the Annual Governance Statement (the Parish Accounts). These have been drafted and 'internally' audited. They were circulated to all Cllrs for inspection and will be posted shortly on the Parish website. No questions were raised and the final Accounts for 2025-26 will now go to external auditors.

River Health Presentation. A successful presentation was given recently in/to the Woodford area. This generated much interest locally with people interested in 'their river'. The idea was put to Enford jointly by the Services Dry Fly Fishing Association (SDFFA) and The Wiltshire Fisheries Association (WFA) the possibility was discussed. It is about the health of the Avon, how the aquatic invertebrates act as litmus tests for pollution. Cllr Roberts suggested that all neighbouring parishes along the valley can be invited also and Cllr Hiskett will gauge interest from communities.

ii. Playground equipment and donation. Firstly, with thanks to the Samuel William Farmer trust, the parish has received a donation of £1,000 for new Playpark equipment. It was initially for the much younger age group however the ages of the current children in the Parish are older. After a discussion it was agreed to upgrade the basketball hoop as a starting point with replacing the swings as a second stage.

iii. Flood Report. Cllr Roberts spoke on behalf of Mark Symonds, the Flood Warden. They attend the OFGW meetings together. It is agreed that colleagues within the OWFG will make a site visit to Enford and do another 'flush' of grips and gullies.

26/041 Resident's Issues Raised Cllr Rob Hibberd asked WCllr Blair-Pilling about the regularity of re-surfacing of roads and footpaths. Whilst the responsibility for maintenance of footpaths now falls on Parish Councils rather than WC, WCllr Blair-Pilling said roads in the county are constantly surveyed and eventually get mended. There is no routine re-surfacing, only when absolutely necessary and budget allows.

26/042 Finance The Clerk reported on finances for both March and April. There was no exceptional or capital expenditure for the month and the Parish had received the first tranche of the 26-27 Precept of £9,597.50. The generous £1,000 donation gives a carry forward balance into May £24,132.11. There were no questions.

26/048 Any Other Business Asset of Community Value (ACV). This has been raised at the last two meetings and Cllr Roberts has spoken about this with the new owners of The Swan, who are happy for the Parish Council to apply for this.

ii. Cllr Hibberd raised the matter of the Allotment area and if something should be done about the unsightly fencing. He will speak to the tenant and discuss possibilities and report back to the Council.

26/049 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday, 7th July at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The full version of these (draft) minutes are available on the Parish Council website at www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

The Parish Council AGM draft minutes are also available on the website (see above). In summary, all current Councillors remain and retain their representations

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

Knife crime causes real harm, with life changing consequences for victims, families and communities. While Wiltshire is a relatively safe place to live, we cannot be complacent. Tackling knife crime and violence requires constant focus, strong partnerships and a willingness to use every tool to prevent harm and save lives. So it is a clear priority in my Police and Crime Plan, and why initiatives like those delivered during Sceptre week are so important.

Sceptre is a national knife crime campaign that takes place twice a year, highlighting both enforcement and prevention. During this week of action, Wiltshire Police and partners demonstrated how a coordinated, balanced approach can help reduce risk, protect communities and save lives.

A key part of the week focused on operational policing activity. Wiltshire Police carried out test purchasing operations across the county, supported by police cadets, to ensure retailers were complying with the law when selling knives. Responsible retailing is essential in preventing knives reaching the wrong hands, and these checks send a message that businesses have an important role to play in tackling knife crime at its source. Officers also performed weapon sweeps with metal detectors and knife arches in a range of locations, reinforcing the zero tolerance message on carrying knives.

Alongside enforcement, Sceptre week launched initiatives designed to prevent harm and strengthen community safety. In Swindon, Wiltshire Police launched a pilot safer knives scheme, replacing pointed kitchen knives with rounded tip alternatives for households identified as being at greater risk. This initiative recognises many knives used in incidents originate in the home, and that reducing access to the most dangerous designs can help lower the risk of serious injury.

The week coincided with launching the Wiltshire Bleed Kit Partnership, with kits now in public spaces across our communities. These clinically approved kits can make a life saving difference in the critical moments before emergency services arrive. While prevention remains our priority, being prepared, responding quickly to incidents is also important.

Sceptre week shows enforcement alone is not enough in tackling knife crime and violence it requires prevention, early intervention, education, responsible retailing and strong partnerships. By continuing to invest in a range of approaches, we can reduce harm and keep Wiltshire safe.

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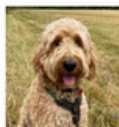
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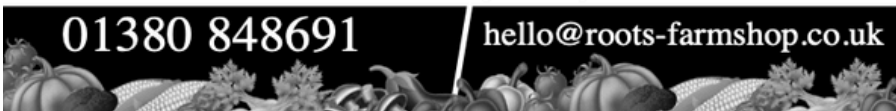
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