

*“There are no strangers living here only friends that you have yet to meet.”*

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### **Chairman’s Report**

#### **Temporary road closures:**

Tues 29 – Thurs 31 January **Eastcott Common (part)**

From Eastcott Cottage 2 for a distance of approx. 310 metres northerly.

- Wessex Water to repair leaking fire hydrant.
- Access will be maintained for residents but delays are likely.
- Further info – contact Simon Phillips (Wessex Water) 03456004600

Thurs 14 Feb 22:00 to 06:00 hours on Friday 15 Feb

**A342 (part) –Railway Bridge between Urchfont & Stert**, approx. 25 metres either side.

- Amey Consulting to carry out safety examination of the bridge structure
- Further info. contact Louise Pape (Centurion Site Services) on 01132 775360

#### **Great British Spring Clean** (Village highways & byways)

Please note the following two provisional dates in your diaries – Sunday 24 or Sunday 31 March at 10am; in all probability it will be on the 24<sup>th</sup> but all depends upon availability of litter picking equipment. Details to be confirmed by the end of February

**Once again, please be aware** that Wiltshire Highways will write to any landowner with vegetation or hedging or trees bordering the highway where uncontrolled growth restricts the free use of the highway. As a rough guide I would suggest that cutting/pruning back to behind a vertical line from the edge of the highway should be acceptable, but take care that this is the original edge of the highway and not an encroaching verge, and that the cut-back is high enough to clear high-sided vehicles.

**Arrangements are in hand to install security lighting at the rear of the Village Hall.**

**SPTA Newsletter:** For those of you with access to the internet the following hyperlink can be used to access this and the firing times: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/salisbury-plain-training-area-spta-newsletter).

**Next Parish Council Meeting:** This will be held on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> February, 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number 305510

#### **Hall Management**

Your Village Hall is managed by a board of trustees, all of whom double as members of the committee of management.

The Hall may be hired for individuals or groups at competitive rates from just £6 per hour. All enquiries should be directed to Raine or David – T: 812527 or E: [davidgreen5@btinternet.com](mailto:davidgreen5@btinternet.com)

### **Hall Modernisation**

Fund raising continues but we are short of the monies necessary to construct the new ladies' toilets. We are still waiting for the results of our bids to the major charitable foundations who support community projects such as ours. In the meantime, some essential safety work is needed on the exterior of the Hall and this will be commissioned in the near future.

### **Hall Events – all of which seek to raise funds for the modernisation.**

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Traditional Burns Supper. This event is run on a self help basis whereby attendees bring their own cutlery, crockery, glasses and drinks. We supply the supper of Haggis (sausage alternative for the squeamish), neeps and tatties and puddings. A few tickets remain at £7.50p and are available from Gordon T: 812538 or David T: 812527.

### ST BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS FOR FEBRUARY

Our parish communion for this month will be held on **24<sup>th</sup> February** at 11 a.m., where all are welcome. The following **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March**, it is Easterton's turn to host the annual **World Day of Prayer** as it is being held in St Barnabas. This is where all denominations of churches in the Lavingtons and Cheverells meet to celebrate and learn about a particular country – this year it is Slovenia. The service starts at **2 p.m.** and is followed by tea. Again all are welcome. It is a celebration that takes place nationwide on this day.

Looking back to December's services, the PCC would like to thank all those who supported our first ever Christmas Tree Festival by both taking part (each of the 10 trees was most unique) and visiting the church to see them. It also raised £186 of much needed funds. The Toy Service was well supported too, so a car full of new and nearly new toys was taken and added to the Salvation Army's Christmas Appeal. Some toys were left anonymously in the church, as were two huge bags of groceries that went to a most deserving home with young children. Thank you, whoever you are, for these gifts. The true spirit of Christmas is not dead! Our Christingle service filled the church with over 100 children and their parents. A special thank you here goes to the Snook family for preparing the Christingle oranges. Over £150 was raised for the Children's Society with generous donations from the congregation.

As spring approaches (hopefully) do visit the church and marvel at the snowdrops followed by primroses in the churchyard, and pop into the church and make yourself a free coffee or tea.

Pat Morrison, Churchwarden Tel. 812357

### MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON WI – FEBRUARY, 2019

It's that time of year again; it's the AGM! But once the business stuff is over, there will be plenty of time for tea and chat and biscuits! Come and join us in the Community Hall at 7:30 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> February.

If you would like further information about our WI please contact Wendy Gibbon, WI Secretary, on 01380 818654.



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## ST BARNABAS CHURCH EASTERTON CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



Our first St Barnabas Christmas Tree Festival was a great success, we had 10 trees in the church along with angel making and a children's colouring competition adding fun and colour to what, unfortunately, was a very wet weekend, despite this we raised £186.30 from the raffle and refreshments, this will go to church funds to support the maintenance. Our tree winners were the WI and The Tuesday Club Market Lavington so congratulations to you both, and thanks to Mums and Chums, Easterton Village Hall, the Guides, St Barnabas School, Ann Blagbrough, St Barnabas PCC, the Library and Trinity Church Market Lavington for all entering with beautiful creations, also thank you to everyone who gave up their time to help and support us. Watch this space for information for next year's.

For more information contact June Wright on 01380 818794

## EASTERTON VILLAGE FÊTE 2019

The Fête Committee would like to thank everyone who applied for a grant from the money raised from last year's Fête. We are pleased to announce that the following groups/organisations were **all** successful in receiving funds from this event:

- \* St. Barnabas Primary School
- \* Mums and Chums Toddler Group
  - \* The Tuesday Club
- \* Market Lavington and Easterton Women's Institute
  - \* Worton & Cheverell Youth FC
  - \* Easterton Village Hall
  - \* The Royal Oak
  - \* St. Barnabas Church

All these organisations are very grateful for the support you have given them and the impact you can have on bringing the community together.

On behalf of the Fête Committee we very much look forward to what the 2019 Fête holds and to new ideas and volunteers. If you would like to contact us at any time please email us at [eastertonfete@gmail.com](mailto:eastertonfete@gmail.com) alternatively visit our website or facebook page.

## WEST LAVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The West Lavington Youth Club needs your support. The Youth Club Management Committee is looking for more people to join them. The Committee deal with the day to day running of the Youth Club; you could be a parent of a child that has benefited from your child being a Youth Club member or perhaps you once benefited from being a member of the Youth Club yourself and now want to help current members. Whichever, please contact me with your details which you could leave at either the West Lavington or Market Lavington Youth Club and I will contact you to arrange an informative meeting. The



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Youth Club is now open and continues as follows:

Monday 7.00pm to 9.00pm at The George Baker Centre, West Lavington  
Thursday 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The George Baker Centre, West Lavington  
Friday 6.30pm to 8.30pm at The George Baker Centre, West Lavington

Eric Freeman  
Chairman, Management Committee

### WHITE HORSE OPERA

White Horse Opera would like to invite its friends and supporters to a Friends' evening of popular operatic music and songs from the shows at Easterton Village Hall on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30p.m. There will be a licensed bar and food will be provided. It will be a very relaxed fun evening to show our appreciation for your support. Entry is free. Please RSVP [who-enquires@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:who-enquires@hotmail.co.uk) for catering purposes.

### OLDER PERSON'S STANDARD WILTSHIRE CONCESSIONARY BUS PASS

Information about the renewal of bus passes:

**From 01 January 2019, not all bus passes will be renewed automatically.** This is because there are approximately 20,000 passes in circulation that have not been scanned on a bus prior to renewal, indicating that the pass has not been used. In these cases, the passes will not be automatically renewed.

If your pass is not automatically renewed but you would still like to receive one to use in the future, please contact Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0100 and we can arrange for your new pass to be issued. Wiltshire Council regrets that any charges which may occur on bus journeys are non-refundable

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR DEVIZES JULIA'S HOUSE CHILDREN'S HOSPICE SHOP

The Julia's House children's hospice shop in Devizes is inviting new volunteers to join its team for a few hours a week. The shop, on Maryport Street, needs people to help out behind the scenes or on the shop floor by sorting donations, putting out stock or serving customers. These are roles that would suit anyone and no experience is needed because full training is provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering is welcome to pop into the shop for an informal chat or to contact Liz Froud on 01202 644220. For more information visit [www.juliashouse.org](http://www.juliashouse.org).

**REMEMBER...** That it is your input which keeps the Echoes going so if you have any contributions such as small private ads or announcements for this newsheet please either hand them in to Sue Allen, 57 High Street or email me on [oceanbamboo43@gmail.com](mailto:oceanbamboo43@gmail.com) by 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.

**Susan Deegan**  
**Parish Clerk**



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