

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

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Chairman’s Report

Kings Road disruption – The Parish Council received, too late to include in our February Echoes, Notice of an Order to “close temporarily to all traffic: The **lower part of Kings Road** (approximately 200 metres from the B3098 High Street)” to enable Greensquare Homes Ltd to carry out works on the retaining wall.

The Order is effective from 1 April for up to 6 weeks. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works – which are both Health & Safety and planned development issues.

Attempts to get the developers to commit to tighter time scales have not been successful as yet, neither has our request that they confirm the rumour that development of the final build phase will also start in April.

Our next Parish Council Meeting is not until Monday 13th May. The meeting scheduled for **Wednesday 24 April is the Annual Parish Meeting** where parishioners are presented with annual reports highlighting the last 12 months activities. The meeting, with refreshments served from 7.00-7.30pm, will also include a report by Mike Bridgeman on the WW1 Commemoration Toposcope project which is being part financed by your Council.

Where Rights of Way are concerned Landowner/Occupier responsibilities are quite clear:-

- Maintain stiles, gates & other boundary crossings.
- Cut back encroaching hedges or overhanging vegetation
- Keep paths clear of obstruction.
- Ensure that no misleading signs are placed near rights of way that might deter people from using the path.

The general public – please continue to report any problems to your Parish Council.

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.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL
Charity Number 305510

Message from a Trustee

Our Village Hall is a great asset to the community, but as any home owner knows it requires work to keep it ticking over and renovation to adapt to changing needs. The Hall belongs to the residents of Easterton and is managed by a small group of volunteer trustees, who have the legal obligation to manage the financial affairs.

As most of you are aware, we have started on a programme of refurbishment which will bring it into the 21st century. The projected plan will shortly be available in digital form for all to see, and a graphic showing how the finances are growing is to be put in a prominent place. Over the last couple of years

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several bids have been made to organisations who offer financial help to community projects. Some of these have proved fruitful and for others, we do not meet their criteria. Many villagers have donated money and we are very grateful to them.

As part of our fundraising this year there will be some events which will hopefully appeal to some of you. In addition, the Hall is available for anyone to organise anything from private gatherings to something which they may think would be a possible way to raise money for the Hall. It belongs to us and it would be a great shame if it becomes a white elephant. So please, if you want to have an input, have skills that can be used, or are able to help in any way please let us know.

Hiring the Hall

The Hall offers facilities for a wide range of activities. As well as an auditorium (with first class acoustics), there is a stage, a well-equipped kitchen with cutlery and crockery, and a bar with glasses. The kitchen and bar both have glass washers. Externally there is a large playing field and a Parish Council sponsored children's play area. Hiring rates start at just £6 per hour for Easterton residents and range upwards to £12 per hour for commercial groups or individuals. In addition the Hall holds some tents and banqueting tables on behalf of the Village; these, as well as crockery, glasses and cutlery, can be borrowed by Easterton residents for private functions. There is no charge for these loans although, where appropriate, a small donation for maintenance may be appropriate. All enquiries about booking should be to Raine or David Green T:812527.

Accountability and Governance

As the Hall is a registered charity the trustees are responsible in law for the sound management of the Hall on behalf of the Village. They meet formally every 2 months and an open AGM is held every year. Annual accounts are presented to the AGM. Minutes of these meetings are published in the Hall and, with immediate effect, will be posted on the Village website.

Future Events

Sunday 9th June (not Sat 8th as previously published) – Hall Open Day and early summer BBQ. The hall will be open for all to see how the £130,000 raised so far has been spent and will showcase many of the activities which currently take place at the Hall and field. Watch for full details of this event in due course.

Wednesday 12th June at 7 for 7.30pm – Hall AGM; all are welcome. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday 27th October – Lunch, followed by a talk by David Barber MVO, the Queen's Swan Marker. This will be an all ticket event and details will be published nearer the date.

ST. BARNABAS CHURCH NEWS FOR MARCH – Pat Morrison, Churchwarden Tel. 812357

April is another busy month for the Church with the Easter services. First let's start with the very end of March:

31st March: Mothering Sunday, 10 a.m.:

This will be a service 'with a difference' taken by our newly licensed lay leaders. It will start at **10 a.m.** where it is hoped the whole family will attend, with the traditional Mothering Sunday little posy to take home. The early time is to let you get away in time for your Mothering Sunday lunch. Please note this is not a communion service.

Please also note that services will not take place at St Barnabas until the Easter weekend, but at our sister churches:

Sunday, 7th April, 11 a.m.:



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All five churches 'Worship Together' at St Mary's, Market Lavington, at the Benefice communion service.

Sunday, 14th April, 11 a.m.:

This is Palm Sunday. Today Trinity Church, St Mary's and St Barnabas gather at the Community Hall in a service hosted by Trinity Church.

Thursday, 18th April, 7 p.m. at St Barnabas:

This evening we hold an 'Agape Supper' where, over a meal of bread, soup, cheese and fruit, we tell enjoy the dramatic story of the events leading up to the last days of Jesus' life on earth. Everyone is welcome, but for catering purposes, we would be most grateful if you are attending, that you sign up on the list at the back of the church. (The church is open daily)

Sunday, 21st April, Easter Sunday:

6.30 a.m. at the Vedette, Market Lavington

We hold a very short, traditional sunrise service to welcome the dawn of Easter Sunday. Come rain or shine, we welcome the day. Dog walkers with their dogs are welcome too!

11 a.m. at St Barnabas:

The traditional Easter Sunday Communion.

Sunday, 28th April at 11 a.m.:

Our monthly Parish Communion takes place at St Barnabas today.

As always, everyone is welcome at these services.

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON WI – FEBRUARY, 2019

That familiar sight in many of our gardens takes centre stage for this month's W.I meeting. "The life and times of the garden gnome" is the topic of John Girvan's talk. John always brings an interesting slant on all aspects of social and local history, so we can certainly look forward to an informative and amusing event. Why not come and join us in Market Lavington community hall at 7:30. You'll definitely end up knowing more than you ever thought possible about the humble garden gnome...If you would like further information about our WI please contact Wendy Gibbon, WI Secretary, on 01380 818654.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club (formerly The Old School Day Centre) are holding a JUMBLE SALE to raise funds on **Saturday, 6th April** at the Old School from **10.00 am to 11.30 am**. If you have any donations please contact BRENDA MARCH on 01380 813452 or SUE ALLEN on 01380 813603. If you should wish to make a donation to The Tuesday Club contact the Treasurer, Sue Allen. MANY THANKS.

WHITE HORSE OPERA

Tickets are now on sale for White Horse Opera's Spring Concert which will be in Devizes Town Hall on Friday 29th March at 7.30pm.

It will showcase pieces from our main opera *Carmen* and from our Tour G&S' *Mikado* amongst other operatic works.

We are delighted to welcome back guest tenor Sebastiano Cipolla who will no doubt treat us to some lovely solos.

Tickets £10 are available from Devizes Books 01380-725944

and www.ticketsource.co.uk/whitehorseopera



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MARKET LAVINGTON MUSEUM

Market Lavington Museum are very pleased to announce that the Museum will be opening for the new season on **Wednesday 1st May 2019 at 2-30pm.**

We look forward to seeing you on any Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday afternoon, from 2-30 to 4-30pm until 31st October.

You will be very welcome to view our new displays, which include 'Hospital Week' 'The Old School, Market Lavington Shops and 'Dressed for the best'.

We are anxious to keep the Museum 'moving forward' and we would appeal to anyone who might like to assist us with the further development of our computer system, or give a couple of hours stewarding (training will be given).

If you feel you could help us Please contact Mrs. Sue Frost on 01380-813596 rogfrost@gmail.com
or Mr. Michael Bedford on 01380-848816 michaelbedford01@gmail.com

A HISTORY OF EASTERTON REPUBLISHED

The History and Development of Easterton Village by Sheila M Judge

In the 1980s Sheila M Judge wrote a delightful history of Easterton which was reproduced at that time as a photocopy of Sheila's typescript, and found its way in many homes.

I recently borrowed a copy and felt that it deserved a proper printed edition and a new distribution. I found that Andrew Stevens shared this view and he had produced a better-quality script. I managed to track down Sheila's son who gave permission for the project. Philip Ford and his uncle Charles Williams came on board and we have added photos and appendices giving more information. We have also included a bit about Eastcott.

The book should be available during May from me, or from Devizes Books or Amazon.co.uk. It costs £12 and all profits from the book will go to St Barnabas Church. (It is now 262 pages so is quite a big book!) I have also recently republished Sheila's History of All Saints' Church which is available at £10, with all profits to All Saints Church. (This one is not quite so long!)

Lyn Dyson 01380 813943 or e-mail lyndadyson@yahoo.co.uk

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 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

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 by 20th April, 2019.

Susan Deegan
Parish Clerk



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