

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

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Chairman’s APM Report 24th April 2019

Easterton Parish Council had a full complement of 7 Councillors in May 2018 but experienced one vacancy at the end of the calendar year when Nick Stovold resigned following a change in his work commitments. Your PC is currently considering interested parties available for co-option.

Apart from many planning issues successfully dealt with there were two proposals which could be regarded as contentious:

The first was a retrospective application for the storage of pyrotechnics on land at Eastcroft Farm which was firmly refused by Planners based on technical and professional advice received.

The second is the still current proposal to replace the corrugated agricultural barn on the greenfield site above Court Close Farm with a private dwelling. This proposal has generated diametrically opposed reactions – leaving your Parish Council unable to unanimously support the application which has been referred to the Eastern Area Planning Committee to ensure fair and impartial consideration.

One approved build project long awaited is the start of phase 2 at Strawberry Fields which will include the much needed making safe of the retaining wall above Kings Road. Developers are presently considering quotes from contractors.

Rather than describing in detail that which is regularly recorded in Parish Council Minutes available on the Village website at “easterton.org”, or in paper copy in Market Lavington Library, here are the bullet points in summary:-

Our Parish Steward continues to impress – dealing with defects identified by our Councillor team headed by Cllr Turner.

Footpaths & byways need constant monitoring/attention and feedback from any Villager is much appreciated.

Reports of misleading signs on footpath 2 were dealt with promptly and officially by the Rights of Way Warden.

The Annual Street Clean in March by 12 much appreciated volunteers produced a surprisingly small amount of litter – so well done most people for “taking it home”!

The poorly and inconveniently sited children’s home in Oak Lane is awaiting relocation to Great Cheverell with much improved privacy and parking facilities.

The defibrillator attached to The Royal Oak was replaced and the contract renewed last October for a further 4 years.

The WW1 Commemorative Tree arrangements in the High Street regrettably failed to prove possible. Thankfully saplings from The Woodland Trust have been planted as a commemorative gesture alongside footpath EAST21 Goose Hill.

Thankfully crime in Easterton is largely non-existent although we continue to engage with our local police contacts whose attention has been drawn to possible illegal/antisocial late night activity in areas near The Royal Oak.

Our Wiltshire Councillor Philip Whitehead has always made himself available with helpful advice which is very much appreciated. Regrettably it seems likely that, following the changes to be recommended by the Boundary Commission, we will lose Philip as our Ward Councillor when Easterton joins The Lavington Division sometime in the future.

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.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting will be held on **Monday, 13th May, 2019** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

EASTERTON VILLAGE HALL

Charity Number 305510

Please note the following events, both of which support our modernisation programme, for your diaries:

Monday 13th May. The monthly Green Dragon quiz night is in aid of our hall. Please consider raising a team to enter.

Sunday 9th June. Family Fun Day – an afternoon of fun for all ages. The theme is “The Wild West” and there will be prizes for the best fancy dress. As well as a BBQ, teas and ice creams, there will be loads of activities including: a bouncy castle, Wee Beesties, horseshoe quoits, lasso a horse, Kevin Bacon, face painting, a farrier display, and assorted games. For adults, there will be a bar, including Pimms and prosecco. The raffle will include a prize of a family ticket to The Hawk Conservancy.

Progress of the modernisation programme will be on display, with a rolling presentation to show the proposed end state.

Wednesday, 12th June. Annual General Meeting – The AGM will be held in the Hall at 7 for 7.30pm. Light refreshment will be served. If anybody wishes to raise an item under Any Other Business would they please contact the Secretary, David Green, by Monday, 10th June – Tel. 812527 Email: davidgreen5@btinternet.com.

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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.

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

News from St Barnabas' Church

After a very busy Easter at St Barnabas Church, May is a little quieter. Please note the following services to which everyone is most welcome:

Sunday 19th May at 10.30 a.m.:

This is our new 'Welcome to Worship' service. Our licensed lay leaders will take a simple service on this day accompanied by favourite hymns – please note the slightly earlier time. If you attended St Barnabas on Mothering Sunday you will find this service follows a similar format. Please stay for refreshments after the service.

Sunday 26th May at 11 a.m.:

This is Rogation Sunday and the day when we hold our monthly Parish Communion.

Of course there are many other services held across the Benefice during May, which are listed in the 'Church and Community News' magazine delivered at the same time as your Echoes.

MARKET LAVINGTON & EASTERTON WI – MAY, 2019

Now the warmer weather and longer days are making their presence felt a bit more, why not spend some time dreaming of messing about in boats? Our speaker this month is Mrs Susan Waldron, who will be talking about her many and varied travels on a narrow boat. Come and join us from 7:30 in the Community hall on 14th May. If you would like any further information about our WI please contact Wendy Gibbon, WI Secretary, on 01380 818654.

THE TUESDAY CLUB

Many thanks to all who supported The Tuesday Club jumble sale at the Old School on 6th April. The magnificent sum of £600 was raised – Sue Allen, Treasurer on 01380 813603.

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

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

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Susan Deegan
Parish Clerk



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