

# ENFORD NEWSLETTER



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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING  
And  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Monday 19th July**

All items for inclusion, whether they are handwritten, typed or via e-mail, **MUST be submitted by the date of the meeting or they will not be published until the following month.**

These articles may be handed in to any Newsletter Committee member. Please send e-mails to **tanya@becker.globalnet.co.uk**

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**FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**Newsletter Donations (Envelope Collection)**

This month we have attached the small brown envelope for your donation to the front cover. The cost of printing of each individual Newsletter is about 70 pence. We do have a donation from The Parish Council and we also raise funds through our advertisers. Nevertheless we depend for the greater part on donations from each and every household. Someone will collect your envelope during the 3 weeks after you receive this Newsletter or you can hand it to any member of the Newsletter Committee Member

**August/September Issue**

**We would like to remind you that there is no meeting in August. If you have any articles, advertisements or information that needs to be in for September then you will need to get it to us by Monday 19th July at the latest.**

**IS THIS THE FUTURE?**

I am enjoying the online Enford Newsletter even more than the paper version. So many more things to read about and in colour too! In view of this and to help cut down expenses (even a teeny, weeny amount) and maybe save a sapling I would like to continue my daily online 'News letter fix' and ask that you don't deliver the paper version to number 17.

If there anyone else who would like to opt out of the hard copy version and read their copy online, let us know.

Kind Regards  
Kriss

**ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2ND JUNE**

The draft minutes can be found on  
The Newsletter website [www.enfordnewsletter.org](http://www.enfordnewsletter.org)

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## News from Pewsey Children's Centre

### A Sure Start Children's Centre

Pewsey Children's Centre visits the Enford area on a monthly basis with Friday Fundays – they are next at Enford Village Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30-12.00, and Wiltshire Scrapstore is joining them for the morning – come along for art activities and to buy arts and crafts essentials – this is a great opportunity for both you and your child to make friends and gain ideas for play and learning. The Children's Centre is in Enford again on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August and Netheravon Phoenix Hall on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> August with a surprise activity – these are designed for children aged 0-5 and their grown ups, but older siblings are also welcome during the school holidays.

Pewsey Children's Centre also runs a programme of activities in Pewsey and the surrounding villages – for a copy of this programme and the latest newsletter please ring the centre on (01672) 564140. Look out for Terrific Tuesdays, Rhymetimes, Bonkers about Books and the highlight of the summer activities, our Big Picnic - this year at Pewsey Primary School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August from 12.00-2.00. Come to the Big Picnic for lots of activities, see where the new Children's Centre is being built, and tell us what you want from the new centre, and enjoy a free lunch!

To find out more about any of these activities, or the Children's Centre in general please ring the Children's Centre on (01672) 564140 or call into the Information Shop in Pewsey village centre.

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#### **ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Friday 16th July 10.30 - 12.00 Friday Funday & Scrapstore

Friday 6th August - Surprise Activity

#### **NETHERAVON PHOENIX HALL**

Friday 27th August - Surprise Activity

100 YEARS OF PARISH LIFE 100 YEARS OF PARISH LIFE 100 YEARS OF PARISH

## ENFORD PARISH HALL...

**celebrates its Centenary this year, but we are in danger of losing it.....FOREVER!**

**We will be holding the AGM at the Parish Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30 pm.**

**Please, please, please come along with your ideas and enthusiasm. Unless we can convince the trustees that the Parish Hall can run on its own, then we will have to close and lose this valuable village amenity.**

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## Hadrian's Wall Charity Walk



Following my car accident last June, I am walking the 84 miles from Cumbria to Newcastle along Hadrian's Wall with 3 other Mums.

I am raising money for Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance who airlifted me and were amazing. They rely on donations to keep flying and need £1.4 million a year.

Please help me to show my gratitude at

**[www.justgiving.com/Victoriahadrianswall](http://www.justgiving.com/Victoriahadrianswall) or contact me on 01980 670928**

Many Thanks, Victoria Allen

### A Force Of Nature

I am a force of nature  
My fur shines like a fresh coat of gloss  
My teeth are white and strong  
My breath is sweet  
I am a force of nature  
And I am beautiful

I am a force of nature  
My muscles are hard as steel  
My jaws are like car crushers  
I run without tiring  
I am a force of nature  
And I am strong

I am a force of nature  
I chase down helicopters  
I stop convoys in their tracks  
Let other dogs beware  
I am a force of nature  
And I am fearless

I am a force of nature  
I do not toil  
I sleep in the sun  
My belly is full  
I am a force of nature  
And I am happy

I am a force of nature  
But my days are done  
My life has been good  
I was loved  
I am a force of nature  
But all things must pass

### PART TIME WORK NEEDED

I am 18 and have just finished my A levels (Maths, Economics and Geography) and am now saving to go to Borneo with Operation Raleigh in October.

I will be ready to work: July 12 – 29 and September 1— October 8  
Competitive hourly rates!

Ideas:	Catering	Waiter, washing up, bar work
	Shopping:	Supermarket, local shops
	Gardening:	Mowing, general clearing, bonfires
	Office:	Filing, general assistance, computer entries
	Miscellaneous:	Collect prescriptions, deliveries, babysitting, anything else you can think of!

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### Enford Church Teas at Chisenbury Priory Garden Opening

**Sunday 6th June 2010**

Thank you to all those ladies who so generously made cakes and scones for the teas in aid of the church at Chisenbury Priory on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. A big thank you too to all those who helped on the day, serving over £583 for the church funds. The Parochial Church Council would like to give a special thank you to John and Tessa Manser for allowing us to use this occasion for our fund raising.

Sue Poole-Warren, Enford Parochial Church Council

## JUMBLE SALE

**NEXT JUMBLE SALE**

**Saturday 17th July**

at

**Enford Parish Hall**

**2.00 pm**

**in aid of the Parish Hall**

## ENFORD & AVON VALLEY YOUTH CLUB

### BINGO

**SUNDAY 18th JULY**

**at 3.00pm**

**ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

## ENFORD CHISENBURY GOLF DAY – 21 MAY 2010

22 golfers set out on 21<sup>st</sup> May to take part in the Enford Chisenbury Golf Day at the Tidworth Golf Course. The course was in excellent condition even the rough was not too long! The greens were fine and perfect to putt on 6 teams took part in a Stableford Competition. In a close fought match the Chisenbury 1st Team spearheaded by Ross Chamberlain with Denis and Mary West were the worthy winners with 124 stableford points. They were closely followed up by Enford 1<sup>st</sup> Team of Peter and Natalie Overton, Dr Fiona Peters and John Hughes with 122 stableford points.

Other winners were:

Longest Drive – Ross Chamberlain (awesome) – best of luck in the Falklands  
 Longest Drive Ladies – Mary West (equally awesome and a repeat of last year)  
 Nearest the Pin – Jeremy Hall-Smith (brilliant shot nearly a hole in one)  
 Individual Winner – Natalie Overton with 41 stableford points (best round of the day)  
 Runner Up – Rob Coultard with 38 points



Many thanks go to the Tidworth Golf Club for hosting us, for the Prize Giving and for the delicious sandwiches to start the day off.

**The Enford Chisenbury Golf Day for next year 2011 is most certainly on.  
 Keep an eye on the Newsletter for next year's date.**



# Thank you



### CHRISTIAN AID WEEK COLLECTION 2010

Thank you to all who gave so generously during the recent Christian Aid Appeal Week. The total collected in the Enford area was an amazing £926.70. The total for the Benefice was £3330.86.

Sincere thanks to all who support this worthy cause.

Thanks too, to the loyal team of collectors who willingly give up their time.

If you feel that you might be interested in helping with next year's collection, please contact me on 01980 671494.

Mary Burdick

### ALL SAINTS PRIMARY SCHOOL NETHERAVON FETE

SUNDAY 11 JULY 12-3PM

#### Netheravon Primary School Fete Needs You!

Raffle	Ferret Racing	Hook the Duck
Beat the Goalie	Lucky Dip	Pony Rides
Bottle Tombola	Skittles	face Painting
Hoopla	Bouncy Castle	Food & Drink and much more...

**We look forward to seeing you**



## ENFORD VILLAGE HALL FILM CLUB

In Association With  
WILTSHIRE MOVIOLA



The Film Club is proving very popular, and following a Summer break the Autumn and Winter Film Season will be starting again in September



The next dates for the diary are:

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

**The films to be shown have not yet been confirmed, but if you would like to be kept up to date, or would like to help choose the films, please e-mail [enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com) or telephone 01980 670501**

### HELP FOR HEROES

To keep you all up to date with Guy and James Winter's efforts for HELP FOR HEROES, with much pride, I can tell you that they did very well—in my eyes anyway—in the Blenheim Palace Triathlon on Saturday 5th June.

Guy did 1hour 31 minutes and James did 1 hour 35 minutes.

Guy had flown in overnight from Washington on Friday and James had driven over from Brussels on Thursday evening. Not much time for a warm up, swim, ride or run!!!. Guy returned to work and James to home on the Sunday.

Saturday was a hot and muggy day and literally thousands had entered the event and tens of thousands were there as supporters. An incredible sight and the car park was packed.

Both agreed the 750 metre swim around Blenheim Lake was a real killer. The 20k bike ride was not too painful on the body and the 5k run just about manageable on painful legs!

They have posted some photographs on their website so do log on and have a look.

**[www.justgiving.com/FDH2010](http://www.justgiving.com/FDH2010) or [www.justgiving.com/freresdhiver](http://www.justgiving.com/freresdhiver)**

or check their official photographs on

**[www.sportcam.netCompetitorSearch.aspx?Rld=251](http://www.sportcam.netCompetitorSearch.aspx?Rld=251) competitor numbers 667 and 714**

Thank you for all your support so far.

The next event is the London Olympic Triathlon on 8th August—twice the length of the Blenheim course.

**Susie Winter**

**ST MARY'S CHURCH, UPAVON**  
**CRAFT FAIR AND FÊTE**

(Part of Upavon Village Fun Day)  
**Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> from 2.00pm to 4.00pm**  
**in and around the Church**

Stalls will include Jewellery, Knitted Toys, Embroidery, Greeting Cards,  
 Wildlife photos and cards, and a Chiropractic demonstration.  
 Other attractions will include cream teas, a photographic competition,  
 books, bric-a-brac, tombola, cake stall,  
 raffle (with a 1st prize of a glider flight!)  
 crockery smashing, plus traditional games for all ages.

There is still time to book a craft or trade stall at a cost of only £10,

**please contact Jill on 01980 630023, or email [togethermag@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:togethermag@tiscali.co.uk)**

**UPAVON VILLAGE DAY 10 JULY 2010**

In addition to the Church Fete taking place between 2 to 4pm at St Mary's Church, there are a number of other events taking place. In the morning, there are children's races and games taking place from 10am on the upper playing field. From 11am until 1pm there will also be a chance to try your hand at a spot of archery.

The next event is a Fun Dog Show organised by Waggamania in the Lower Playground, which is taking place from 12 to 2pm. This is an opportunity for dog lovers to try their hand (as well as their dog's paw) at a variety of fun challenges. For those not of a canine disposition, both the Ship and the Antelope will be able to offer food and refreshments and the village shop is available for teas, coffees as well as other delicious nibbles. The Villagers Day BBQ will start at 12.30pm at The Ship. There will also be pony rides for children from 12 - 2pm in the lower playing field.

After 2pm when everyone is suitably rested, the Church fete begins at St Mary's. Additionally, there is a football tournament and games afternoon organised by Upavon Community Group in the upper playing field. To assist everyone getting to and from these events and to ensure maximal attendance, the Parish Council is laying on a minibus shuttle between Reeders Garage and the top playing field.

The last two events of the day are the annual Tug of War competition over the River Avon at 4.30pm and the Childrens disco from 6 to 7pm in the Village Hall. In the evening, the newly refurbished Antelope will be hosting three live bands and a BBQ from 6.30pm in support of the Wiltshire Air Ambulance.

A busy day then and one in which I hope all residents will play an active part in. For those driving, a parking area is available in the lower field adjacent to the river where the tug of war is taking place (thanks to Mr N Wookey).



**Enford Football Club 200 Club Draw**

**April**

£50	78	Matthew Jones
£25	130	Donna Newbury
£15	171	Adam Sayers
£10	143	Gully Tough
£10	17	Andy Netherton
£10	161	Alison Roberts

**May**

£50	21	David Pearce
£25	125	Colin Pearce
£15	150	Brian Hamilton
£10	156	Christine Gallichan
£10	81	Robert Macmillan
£10	101	Andy Smith

**The Vicarage  
Netheravon**

**ALL SAINTS ENFORD CHURCH**



**01980 670326**

“I don’t know what the world is coming to” is quite a common response as we look at the news, read the papers or hear about yet another disaster somewhere in the world. We live in troubled times, but troubled times have always been part of our existence.

I came across this passage written by Peter the Monk in 1274 giving his view of the society of his day:

“The world is passing through troubled times. The young people of today think of nothing but themselves. They have no reverence for parents or old age. They are impatient of all restraint. They talk as if they knew everything and what passes as wisdom with us is foolishness with them. As for the girls, they are foolish and immoderate in speech, behaviour and dress.”

And Aristotle (384 BC to 322 BC) wrote.

“When I look at the younger generation, I despair of the future of civilization.”

Every generation gives cause for concern. We only have to read the Psalms written three thousand years ago to see that the world is not as God intended it to be. Alongside this I would like to claim the belief that ultimately God is the rock on whom we depend and that God’s faithfulness is to be trusted however gloomy our world may seem.

It was Julian of Norwich writing in the 13th century who first became aware of the experience of God which wraps us around, like our clothing. She had a vision of a hazelnut lying in the palm of her hand, and she puzzled over what the vision meant and realized that her concern for the hazelnut’s fragile state was misplaced. “It is”, she wrote “because God loves it. And thus everything has being through the love of God.”

This is no cosy “God’s in his heaven, all’s right with the world” trying to avoid what’s going on around us but it underlines a basic attitude of trust which Julian of Norwich brought to bear in all her thinking about the world and the lives of individuals. We need to remind ourselves constantly of God’s faithfulness.

*Colin Fox*

**A PRAYER FOR JULY**



We look to God as we pray for our world for those who have to make major decisions affecting the wealthy and people of poverty, for the healthy and for the sick, for the streets of plenty and in the dark corners, for those who have faith and where there is no faith. For our places of learning and where there is none, for our homes and happiness and where people couldn’t care less.

Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.



**CHURCH SERVICES**

**July**

**August**

4th	09.00	Holy Communion	1st	09.00	Holy Communion
11th	10.30	Benefice Service Netheravon	8th	10.30	Benefice Service Netheravon
18th	10.30	Family Communion	15th	10.30	Family Communion
25th	18.00	Evensong	22nd	18.00	Evensong
			29th	1100	Holy Communion & Teddy Bears’ Picnic

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

**July**

**August**

2nd	Gai Rickett & Lowenna Harbottle	6th	Tessa Manser
9th	Lyn Rich & Fanny Middleton	13th	Gai Rickett & Lowenna Harbottle
16th	Helen Hadfield & Jill Mitchell	20th	Lyn Rich & Fanny Middleton
23rd	Sue Poole-Warren & Hilary Horsford	27th	Helen Hadfield & Jill Mitchell
30th	Amanda Marx & Paula de Chalus		

## CANCER RESEARCH UK

**Sunday 17th October** sees us once again at

The Goa Balti Restaurant in Everleigh for the Curry Lunch, a 'must' in our diary of events .

**Wednesday 17th November** we will once again be holding our Annual Christmas Fair at Figheldean Village Hall.

**Further details of all these events will be in future issues and**

**we will look forward to meeting you again over the course of the year.**

## ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



The Gardening Club is shutting down for the summer (July and August), and starting up again in September with a full programme of speakers until Christmas.

As from September, we will be meeting on the SECOND Thursday of the month in the Village Hall, so our first autumn meeting will be on Thursday 9th September. All the details of future meetings will be in the next edition of the Newsletter, so please watch this space.

Fanny Middleton  
Secretary Enford Gardening Club

The Old Shop  
Enford  
01980 671 645



## UPAVON GOOD COMPANIONS

**Anyone over 50 is welcome to join the Upavon Good Companions. The next outing is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July: a River Avon Boat Trip to Bristol Docks; cream teas at the Riverside Tea Gardens**

**Non-members are welcome to come.  
For further details please telephone  
Noel - 01980 630436**



## BOOK CLUB



The Book Club meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.45 at The Red Lion.

Please come along to enjoy discussing books you have read or to find out about books you might like to read.

Join us over a glass of wine.

Ring Vic on 01980 670928

## WELCOME

**We would like to wish a very warm welcome to all who have recently moved into the Parish of Enford.**

**We hope that you will find many new friends and neighbours**



# VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com

01980 670501

## ENFORD FOOTBALL CLUB

is planning to introduce  
Junior Football

Contact Ollie Stagg  
01980 670634

for further information and to join in!

## PRIVATE PARTIES

Planning a Children's Party or celebrating a special Birthday or an Anniversary? The new hall is the perfect venue for weddings and parties!

## YOUTH CLUB

We would love to hear from anyone who is interested and who can commit to a Friday evening once a month, weekly or fortnightly

Contact Katrina Knight 01980 670492

## FILM NIGHT

Tuesday 21st September

## ANTIQUES FAIR

Sunday 5th September

## VILLAGE HALL AGM— MONDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Monday	Yoga Beginners' Class	5.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m. Starting 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Emma Pettitt 01980 670510 emma@petittbros.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates 2 Classes	9.15am - 10.15am 10.30am - 11.30am	Tiggy Martin 01980 670438 tiggymartin@tiscali.co.uk
Tuesday	Enford Film Club Moviola	3rd Tuesday in the month Doors open 7.00 pm	Judy D'Arcy-Irvine 01980 670501 enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com
Tuesday	Bridge Club	Every other Tuesday 10.45-12.45	Jeni Scott-Dalgliesh 01980670210 jscottdalgleish@aol.com
Wednesday	Keep Fit	6.15 pm – 7.15 pm	Helen Gould-Cooper 01980 670324 h.gouldcooper@virgin.net
Wednesday	Short Mat Bowls	7.30 p.m. – 10.00 p.m.	David Spencer 01980 670526 spencersgb@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday	Pilates	8.30 a.m. – 9.30 a.m.	Nicci Caswell 01980 625245 Work niccicaswell@btopenworld.com
Thursday	Camera Club	8.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m. 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday in the month	Martin Webb 01980 670537 webb14@btinternet.com
Thursday	Gardening Club	8.00 p.m. – 9.00 pm 2nd Thursday in the month	Gill Gould 01980 671462 the.goulds@lineone.net
Friday	Youth Club	6.00 p.m. – 9.00 p.m.	Katrina Knight 01980 670492
Saturday	Enford Football Club	Recreation Ground	Ollie Stagg 01980 670634

## THE NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME

### Gardens Open For Charity

[www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk)

Every year NGS gardens across England and Wales welcome over half a million visitors. Most gardens which open for the NGS are privately owned and open just a few times each year. Some gardens open as part of a group with the whole community involved.

You can find out which gardens are open in the area by visiting [www.ngs.org.uk](http://www.ngs.org.uk) or by picking up a copy of Wiltshire Gardens in most garden centres.



## PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

It has recently been brought to my attention, albeit third hand, that a problem exists with Off-Road motorcycles being ridden on Public Rights of Way within Enford Parish.

Anyone participating in this type of activity should be aware that as far as Public Rights of Way are concerned, Mechanically Propelled Vehicles are permitted to use Byways, providing the vehicle is 'Road Legal'. i.e. The user holds a valid driving licence, the vehicle is taxed, insured and where necessary, has an MOT certificate.

Mechanically Propelled Vehicles are **NOT PERMITTED** on Restricted Byways, Bridleways or Footpaths, and constitutes an offence under the Road Traffic Act 1984.

Any person witnessing such an incident is encouraged to record as much detail as possible and report the matter to the Neighbourhood Policing Team, (NPT) and myself. (Details below).

It is of note that this offence is not limited to the Enford area, and I know of one Rural NPT within Wiltshire who have taken this matter on board as a Priority Issue.

Many Thanks  
Norman Beardsley  
Enford Parish PROW Rep  
01980 670860

## LOCAL POLICING

It has been good to see so many volunteers at Community Speed Watch days. We are having a very positive effect on speed calming.

There has been an attempt by bogus callers to burgle an elderly person's house locally, a distraction burglary. The offenders said they were Police. As the victim said, they did not act like the police and she was suspicious from the start. They got into the house, but made a quick exit when a neighbour came round. Please keep an eye out for elderly residents, if their visitor looks suspicious, go and see if everything is alright. As well as impersonating police, they can also pretend to be water board, gas works or electricity. Remember that utility officials will have a form of identity, and you have the right to send them away and make an appointment, if you wish.

Rogue traders are also about. One resident said a man offered to clean the moss off his roof, but the van said "Plumber" on the side. But rogue traders are not usually so easily recognised. These people identify vulnerable residents, and knock on their doors offering to do household maintenance such as gardening, roofing or gutters. Initially they appear friendly. They verbally quote a reasonable price, for a useful service, but they become aggressive and pushy if the householder is hesitant. They often begin the job before being given permission. The final bill is vastly inflated, and the work is usually poor. Payment is demanded immediately on completion of the job. They have been known to take the victim to the bank to draw out they payment they have demanded. They do not give an address and cannot be traced afterwards by the resident. Naturally they do not like to have vehicle number plates recorded. However the consumer is protected by various new pieces of legislation, there must be a written contract, there is the right to a 'cooling off' period if the contract is signed in the home, and Trading Standards require work to be carried out to a satisfactory standard. The trader is not allowed to make false statements or suggest that he will suffer hardship if the resident does not agree to have the work done.

Local incidents have included theft of a ride-on lawn mower in Coombe.

**Michael Bayliss**  
**Police Constable 1250**

**Maria Downham**  
**PCSO 6078**

**Philippa Royston**  
**PCSO 6235**

**0845 408 7000 Extension 744 817**  
**Ludgershall and Rural Neighbourhood Policing Team**  
**ludgershallruralnpt@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk**

## STRUGGLING TO GET TO WORK?

If you or someone you know is over 16 and cannot access a job because of transport problems then the Wiltshire Wheels to Work scheme may be able to help.

Wiltshire Wheels to Work is a scheme which provides 50cc scooters, rider training and equipment on a short-term, not-for-profit basis to local people who would otherwise be unable to access work or work-based learning in Wiltshire

The scheme is run by Community First

**For more information about The Wheels to Work scheme please visit**

**[www.communityfirst.org/Wheelstowork.htm](http://www.communityfirst.org/Wheelstowork.htm)**

**or call 01380 722475 and ask for either Liam Tatton-Bennett or Sheila Martin**

**BROADBAND IN ENFORD (steve@becker.globalnet.co.uk)**

In previous reports I described my fruitless 6-month campaign to get my Internet Service Provider (ISP) to rectify the appallingly low broadband speed we had been getting; how eventually we called in a BT engineer; how, within an hour of reporting the fault, the noise on the line mysteriously disappeared; how we then got billed £125 for the engineer visit the following day even though it was obviously a line fault and not therefore our liability; and finally how I filed a complaint and how BT immediately agreed to refund the money on our next bill.

Well, both the line and broadband worked fine from that day forward - and last month, a further 6 months (and 2 quarterly bills) later, I have at last been credited with the £125 I was owed...but guess what...?

A few days after this, a BT Open Reach van pulled up next to the pole outside our house; a chap got his ladder out and started fiddling with the junction box. He said he was investigating a neighbour's broadband problem. I joked with him that the last time a BT engineer went up that pole, it took me 6 months to get my own broadband sorted out again - we both laughed about it and, sure enough, the very next morning my broadband was completely dead.

After several attempts at re-setting the modem, I eventually rang the BT faults line on 0800800151 who told me that they only deal with telephone and *BT Broadband* problems, and that everyone else has to go through their ISP. I told him of my experience of trying to get the ISP (who is based somewhere in India) to fix a fault which quite likely lies in the (BT owned) wiring at the end of my garden, and which (also quite likely) was caused by one of their own engineers (he didn't want to hear this story, but I told him anyway!) - nevertheless he stuck to his story that there was nothing he could do and, give him his due, he was very polite despite the fact he must have sensed I was foaming at the mouth. Mysteriously, within a minute of putting the phone down, my broadband had been re-connected.

At this point the phone line was usable but noisy - broadband speed was up and down and was dropping out on a daily basis. So a couple of days later I rang BT again - I had learned my lesson this time, don't mention broadband, just tell them about the noisy line - they are obliged to sort phone problems. The chap checked the line remotely while we spoke, agreed it was noisy and booked an engineer visit. We were now back where we were about a year ago.

The next day the same BT engineer in the same BT Open Reach van turned up to fix the fault. To cut a long story short he eventually traced the fault to a poor connection, at the end of the lane, where the overhead copper wires join to the aluminium cable which runs underground to the exchange at Netheravon. Once fixed, the line has been excellent ever since.

Sometimes I wonder whether the mains electricity supply used to suffer similar fluctuations in the early days of electricity - some days 240 volts, other days 50 volts, sometimes no electricity at all. At the moment, broadband is delivered on a 'best effort' basis - there is no agreed service level, you get what you are given. Do BT engineers, having worked on a line, have a responsibility to test adjacent lines on completion for accidentally induced faults? I don't know but, as an engineer myself, I would consider this as basic quality control. One day I am confident that broadband will be delivered to the same standards as other essential utilities - but we have a long way to go.

**DAX/DACS (Digital Access Carrier System)**

This is an extract of correspondence from a resident of Coombe Lane:

*"I have recently moved into Coombe Lane and for the past 4 months have been trying to get Broadband. At last I have been told that I am unable to have this as I have DAX on the line. I am not sure what DAX is but have been told that to have Broadband and remove DAX I would have to pay £45,000!!!!!! I am extremely frustrated as this is essential to me but I cannot afford that sum!!!"*

Wikipedia explains what DACS is:

*Where demand in a particular street or area exceeds the number of physical copper wires from the pole to the exchange, it is possible to provide two normal subscriber lines over one pair of copper wires. The digital systems that perform this task are known as 'DACS'.*

*DACS works by digitising the signal and sending the combined digital information for both lines over the same copper wire between the exchange and the pole. The cost of the DACS equipment is significantly less than the cost of installing additional copper wires. However, the maximum possible internet speed over a DACS line (i.e. for dial-up internet access) is 33.6 kbit/s (many dial up modems are unable to achieve even this speed over a DACS line). Furthermore broadband internet connections cannot work at all on a DACS line as they rely on a copper wire running all the way to the telephone exchange. Since BT's traditional telephone line service is contractually only required to support voice and fax, BT are not obliged to remove a DACS because of problems with dial-up modems.*

However at <<http://www.ofcom.org.uk/static/archive/oftel/consumer/advice/faqs/btfaq5.htm>> it states that BT is required under EC legislation:

*"to ensure all end-users have access to a connection to the public telephone network on reasonable request; this connection must be capable of 'functional Internet access'".*

The Guidelines also say that:

*"where a line is fitted with a device like DACS, OFCOM considers that the line is unlikely to achieve optimum performance. Therefore, where an end-user complains about slow speeds and it turns out that the line is fitted with DACS, BT should take all reasonable steps to provide a line without DACS, eg by removing the DACS device, or providing an unused line which isn't fitted with DACS".*

In the past, it seems that BT have had latitude to create new DACS lines in order to free up copper wires for people who want broadband. Clearly there will come a point where there aren't any unused lines without DACS left - I'm not sure what happens at this point. It seems that BT is required to provide (upon request) a connection capable of supporting functional Internet access. If it fails to do this, then OFCOM may need to take enforcement action against it. So, if BT refuses to do something about a customer who has complained about a line fitted with DACS, unless BT can provide very convincing reasons, OFCOM may decide it is not providing functional Internet access and take enforcement action, e.g. impose a fine.

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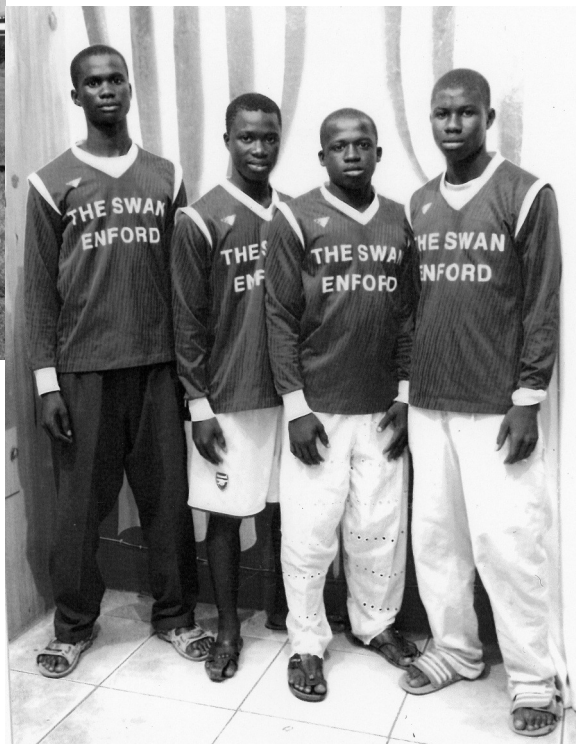
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**SALISBURY PLAIN TRAINING AREA  
NEWS SHEET  
July 2010**



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This forecast shows our planned training. Unfortunately operational requirements mean that dates and times can change. The warning flags and signs show the actual range danger areas on a given day. Late night firing times Tues, Thurs and Sat March to October 2330hrs and November to February 2100hrs inclusive.

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**ARTILLERY LIVE FIRING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN (WEST) : 27, 28**

**LATE FIRING DAYS ON SALISBURY PLAIN (WEST) : NIL**

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**LATE FIRING FROM SALISBURY PLAIN (EAST) : NIL**

**LATE FIRING DAYS LARKHILL/WESTDOWN RANGES : 1, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 20, 22**

**NON FIRING DAYS ON LARKHILL/WESTDOWN DANGER AREA : 3, 4, 17, 18, 24, 25,31**

**NON FIRING DAYS ON BULFORD RANGES : 5 to 23 inclusive, 31**

**NON FIRING DAYS ON WARMINSTER RANGES: 3, 4, 26 to 31 inclusive**

**NOTE:** Due to unforeseen changes there is always a possibility that there could be firing on other of the days listed. This is particularly so now operational training is being conducted to meet many and varied exigencies. The public should be careful to check that Red Flags are not flying before they enter the range. It is the time of the year when we change late night firing times. From March through to October the Tue, Thurs and Sat night firing times will revert back to 2330hrs.



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**AIR ACTIVITIES :** Dates and timings given below are those listed at the time of printing but may be altered due to aircraft serviceability or weather conditions.

**AIRCRAFT TRIALS:**

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<u>PARACHUTING</u>	<u>FAST JET ACTIVITY (FGA)</u>	<u>STRIP LANDINGS</u>
<b>EVERLEIGH DZ (C130)</b>	<b>SPTA W</b>	<b>DEPTFORD DOWN (C130)</b>
1, 2, 27, 28, 29, 30	<b>SPTA E</b>	6, 9, 13, 21
	<b>SPTA C</b>	<b>UPAVON (C130)</b>
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13, 26, 27		20
		<b>SPTA (DZs) (TBC)</b>
		14, 18, 30

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<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Tessa Manser	<b>670605</b>
<b>Parish Clerk</b>	Bill Vergette	<b>670132</b>
<b>Councillors</b>	Stan Bagwell	<b>670154</b>
	Norman Beardsley	<b>670860</b>
	Michael Fay	<b>670553</b>
	Martin Webb	<b>670537</b>
	Jane Young	<b>670532</b>
	Adrian Orr	<b>670447</b>
	Bruce Carter	<b>671708</b>

**PARISH HALL**

<b>Chairman</b>	Colin Pearse
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Jacqui Elkins
<b>Treasurer</b>	Margaret Young
<b>Secretary</b>	Katrina Knight

**FOOTBALL CLUB**

<b>Chairman</b>	Julian Lee
<b>Secretary</b>	Julian Lee
<b>Treasurer</b>	Ollie Stagg
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Team Manager</b>	Julian Lee
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Team Manager</b>	Ian Lawes

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

<b>Church Wardens</b>	John Poole Warren Henry Middleton
<b>Treasurer</b>	Alan Merrett
<b>Secretary</b>	Amanda Murray
<b>Council Members:</b>	Michael Hadfield Jonathan Walsh Judy D'Arcy-Irvine Bruce Carter Frank Horsford John Manser Sue Poole-Warren

**VILLAGE HALL**

<b>Chairman</b>	Judy D'Arcy-Irvine
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	
<b>Treasurer</b>	Glenda Clark
<b>Secretary</b>	
<b>Parish Council Rep</b>	Jane Young
<b>Parish Hall Rep</b>	Ollie Stagg
<b>Football Club Rep</b>	
<b>PPC Rep</b>	
<b>Newsletter Rep</b>	Jacqui Elkins
<b>Booking Officer</b>	Judy D'Arcy-Irvine (670501)
<b>Property Officer</b>	David Spencer
<b>Grounds Officer</b>	Hamish Scott Dalgleish

**NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE**

<b>Chairman</b>	Tanya Becker
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Linda Mundy
<b>Secretary</b>	Linda Mundy
<b>Treasurer</b>	Linda Mundy
<b>Advertising</b>	Peggy Waterkeyn
<b>Village Hall Rep</b>	Jacqui Elkins
<b>Parish Council Rep</b>	Jane Young Ann Houghton Gay Monk Ros Perry

**SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

<b>Chairman</b>	Colin Cruikshanks
<b>Enford Rep</b>	Andrew Marx

**THE VICAR**

Rev Colin Fox  
The Vicarage,  
Netheravon  
**01980 670326**

**ENFORD CAMERA CLUB**

<b>Chairman</b>	Martin Webb
<b>Secretary</b>	Jeni Scott Dalgleish
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Vergette

**NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS**

**Area Co-ordinator** - Steve Becker

## AWAITING NEW LIST OF NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH CO-ORDINATORS

**FOR YOUR DIARY JULY 2010**

1st	Thursday	Black Bin
2nd	Friday	
3rd	Saturday	
4th	Sunday	Holy Communion, 9.00am
5th	Monday	AGM Parish Hall, 7.30 pm, Parish Hall
6th	Tuesday	Quiz, 9.30pm, The Swan
7th	Wednesday	Book Club, 7.45, Red Lion
8th	Thursday	Recycling
9th	Friday	
10th	Saturday	Upavon Village day
11th	Sunday	Benefice Service, 10.30am, Netheravon/All Saints School Netheravon Fete, 12.00 - 3.00pm
12th	Monday	
13th	Tuesday	Quiz, 9.30pm, The Swan
14th	Wednesday	
15th	Thursday	Black Bin
16th	Friday	
17th	Saturday	Jumble Sale, 2.00pm, Parish Hall,
18th	Sunday	Enford & Avon Valley Youth Club Bingo/Family Communion, 10.30am
19th	Monday	AGM & Newsletter Meeting, 7.30pm, Coombe Lane
20th	Tuesday	Quiz, 9.30pm, The Swan
21st	Wednesday	
22nd	Thursday	Recycling
23rd	Friday	
24th	Saturday	
25th	Sunday	Evensong, 6.00pm
26th	Monday	
27th	Tuesday	Quiz, 9.30pm, The Swan
28th	Wednesday	
29th	Thursday	Black Bin
30th	Friday	
31st	Saturday	