

# ENFORD NEWSLETTER

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Photographs  
of The Enford Summer Fete

Youth Club

Camera Club

Football Club



Gardening Club

Cricket Club

Film Club

Enford and Avon Valley  
Get Together Group

## September 2013

### 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

If you would like to put a message, an article or information into the Newsletter please email it to [tanya@becker.globanet.co.uk](mailto:tanya@becker.globanet.co.uk) or give it to any member of the committee. You will find their names on the inside of the back cover of this Newsletter

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**The next Newsletter Meeting & Deadline is**

**Monday 23rd September**

All items for inclusion, whether they are handwritten, typed or via e-mail, **MUST be submitted by the date of the meeting.** 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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**12 noon - 4.30pm**

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## THANKS NIALL AND GAYLE AT THE SWAN

On Thursday four of us decided to go for a trip to Warminster for a wander around and lunch on recommendation from a friend who said it was a good shopping area and the parking was free!

We had a pleasant trip there and parked up. This was not FREE. We then made our way to the shopping area which was very bleak with several shops shut down. We managed to get the Wheelchair into the Costa Coffee Shop but it was really noisy there and we could hardly hear ourselves speak. We then went out to wander the shops but they were not wheelchair friendly as some you could not get the wheelchair into. We walked the length of the shopping area but parts were very depressing so we decided not to stay to try to find somewhere to eat but instead to make our way back and find a nice pub on the way back.

Easier said than done. We found one nice looking pub but this was closed. The next one we found was only doing sandwiches so we decided to make our way to our favourite watering hole The Swan, Enford.

Although it was almost 2.00 pm when we arrived, we were able to order what we wanted and we all had beautifully prepared meals. I had lasagne and salad. The salad was not full of lettuce like many salads in pubs, it was lettuce, grapes, strawberries, peppers, cucumber, tomatoes all chopped and displayed beautifully. Other meals were Chilli Con Carnie, Pork Escalope, Korma Curry and fresh prepared vegetables, The desserts were fresh and different.

Well done to Niall and Gayle we all thoroughly enjoyed our meal.

Sadly many pubs seem to be closed or not bothering so after a round trip just for a meal all I can say is 'There's no place like home.'

Pictured is my lasagne although the picture doesn't do it justice my stomach certainly appreciated it.

*Pauline Bagwell*



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## Enford Camera Club

Please note that September's meeting will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8.00 pm at Enford Village Hall. This month's theme is 'Holiday Snaps'. Bring along your photos – good or bad.

The October meeting will return to the normal first Thursday of the month – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.00 pm. This will be our AGM, where we will vote for the club officers and discuss the agenda for the coming year. Please come along with your ideas.

Are you disappointed with your holiday snaps? Come along to the club and we can help you to improve your photography; whether you are a beginner or expert, all are welcome. Subs are £3 per month.



**ENFORD CHURCH  
SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8th**

**4.00pm**

**Come and join us**

### Church for all ages

Play games, celebrate God, be fed! Lots of crafts

Children Must Bring An Adult!

Want to know more?

01980 653953/

admin@avonriverteam.org.uk

So that we can make sure we have enough craft and food please do let us know by the 5th September if you will be joining us.

## PRIZE BINGO

**Sunday 1st September  
Enford Village Hall**

**Doors Open 2.30pm  
Eyes Down 3pm  
to raise funds for Enford  
and Avon Valley Open  
Group and Youth Club**

**Everyone welcome**

## VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND AGM

**TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Village Hall Annual General Meeting is being held in the Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30 p.m.

We will be reporting on plans for the future and on how the past year has gone.

**Everyone is welcome and we look forward to seeing you!**

***FIREWORKS at ENFORD!***

**SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

***KIDS' HALLOWE'EN FANCY DRESS COMPETITION***

*And*

***PUMPKIN LANTERN COMPETITION***

**BONFIRE, BBQ and BAR!**

**ENFORD PLAYING FIELDS**

**GATES OPEN 6.30pm**

ADULTS £5.00

CHILDREN £2.00 (under 5s free)

**Harvest**  
Caller:  
Brian Lyons  
**Barn Dance**



**Figheidean Village Hall**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September ~ 7.30 - 10.30**



**Buffet  
Supper**

**Soft drinks  
available or  
Bring Your Own**

**Tickets - £10.00 (or £3.00 for children  
aged 12 and under)**

**From Sally - telephone 01980 597308**

**Fun for all the family!**  
In aid of Avon River Team Funds

# RIVER AVON RESTORATION PROJECT

## LONGSTREET RIVER WORKS Aug-Oct 2013

### DESCRIPTION:

The River Avon Restoration Project aims to address some of the management issues from past decades that have damaged the natural functioning of the river system and in turn the habitat and ecology. Such issues include dredging gravel from the river bed, moving or straightening the river (often to the edge of the floodplain for milling purposes), depositing dredged spoil on the banks (disconnecting the river from its floodplain) and installing weirs and sluices to impound the river for various purposes (such as milling and water meadow systems).

In this particular reach we are aiming to address the deep, impounded nature of the river by removing a small weir at Enford Grange, which will be replaced with a raised gravel bed (riffle), providing free fish passage and potential spawning habitat. A further riffle will be enhanced upstream with locally sourced gravel, and the channel will be pinched in several places to increase velocity, reducing siltation and providing more varied flow conditions. The river bank will be re-profiled in places to remove past dredged material and reconnect the river with the floodplain; woody debris will be added to the channel to provide further habitat and the channel narrowing will help to stabilise eroding riparian banks.

This work will be carried out between late August and the end of October (start date to be confirmed) and is expected to last no more than 8 weeks. Access will primarily be via Baden Farm for the east bank and via the gate opposite the Church entrance for the west bank.

### CONTACT:

For more information please contact Mike Porter, River Avon Restoration Project Manager, on 01258 483437 or email [mike.porter@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:mike.porter@environment-agency.gov.uk)  
 Web: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/hampshireavon>

## What Can You Do to Reduce Crime on Salisbury Plain?

If a crime is taking place call 999 and do not challenge the offenders.

Report suspicious activity to PLAINWATCH (01980 674700). The more information received the better e.g. time, place, vehicle registration, description of individuals and vehicles.

## The Picnic

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August – a picnic at the village hall recreation ground! Yes, it was a bit cloudy but on the plus side nobody got sunburnt. And the wind was perfect for the kites. Watching grown-ups holding on to the smaller kite fliers was so entertaining and funny to watch! Then there was the game of rounders. Lots of people joined in – who cares how many in a team, just join in! Suddenly all the players were charging towards the spectators. The batter hit a fantastic ball right over the heads of everyone and into the bushes. Lots of laughing and rustling while the ball was being found, then back to the game and do it all over again. Swing Ball, balls to throw through targets, balls of all sizes and colours to keep us all occupied, and if that wasn't enough, out came the water bombs!



There were all sorts of picnics; salads, sandwiches, savoury snacks and even barbecues! The clinking of wine glasses could also be heard now and again.

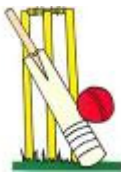
The music playing in the background was a really good mix for all ages to enjoy, and seeing old friends and happy families, including the dogs, was a brilliant way to spend a few hours on

a Sunday afternoon at the Village Hall recreation ground.

Well done to the organisers and I'm really looking forward to the next one!

## AVON VALLEY CRICKET CLUB

Promoting community spirit on the Avon Valley via cricket



### CLUB/FAMILY DAY – SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER(12.30 – 6.30pm)

Come and play in or support a celebration of our first season at Big Garston Field, Rushall.

Adult (aged 13-83) 35 over inter-club match (12.30-6.30pm)

Under 12s quick cricket match (3-4pm)

Barbeque (from 1.30pm onwards)

Tea & cakes (from 3.30pm onwards)

Bar – Beer, lager, pimm's & soft drinks (all day)

End of season prize giving and speeches (6.15-6.30pm)

To book a playing spot for you or your child, ask questions or register an interest, please contact:

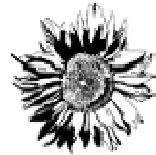
**Simon Campbell on [Simon@enfordhouse.co.uk](mailto:Simon@enfordhouse.co.uk) or 07761 780578**

**Joe Wookey on [josephwookey@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:josephwookey@hotmail.co.uk) or 07979 577407**

# ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

## AUTUMN PROGRAMME 2013

<b>Thursday 12th September</b>	Peter Biggs <i>Seasonal plants and plants to sell</i>
<b>Thursday 10th October</b>	Susan Carter <i>History of kitchen gardens</i>
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	Sue Robinson <i>Experiences at Chelsea Flower Show</i>
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	No Meeting
<b>Thursday 9th January</b>	AGM & Social



**All meetings (except the open gardens) take place in Enford Village Hall  
6.45 for 7.00pm  
Tea and coffee available and plants for sale  
Entrance fee £3.50**

Further details from Fanny Middleton, 01980 671645  
email [fannysurtees@btinternet.com](mailto:fannysurtees@btinternet.com)

We start our Autumn programme with the return of **Peter Biggs** from **Wanborough Herb Nursery** on the outskirts of Swindon. Peter will be bringing seasonal plants which he will tell us about as well as giving us the opportunity to examine them at close quarters. Previously he came in spring, so this range will be for autumn/winter, looking forward to the joys of next year. We will be able to purchase plants if we wish.



### THE PRIORY OPEN GARDEN DAY

A huge thank you to all of you who baked cakes and biscuits, helped serve the teas, collected cups and plates from around the garden, and all the 101 tasks that go into making a successful day!!

The gardens were open in aid of the National Garden Scheme and, although it was raining most of the afternoon, stalwart garden lovers still turned up to enjoy the beautiful gardens and delicious teas which were served in aid of the Church. Despite the weather we made £430 to help towards the running costs of Enford Church.

Thank you to all the helpers and cake makers (all of whom would qualify to win the The Great British Bake Off!) and also a big thank you to John and Tessa Manser for opening their gardens for the afternoon.



**MURDER AND SUICIDE AT COOMBE**

(Continued)

In the previous Newsletter we ended with the discovery of Ernest Pike's body some four hours after that of Frank Crouch had been found. The cover up was about to begin . . . Chief Constable Llewellyn had been in contact with the Coroner for mid-Wiltshire as almost the first thing he did after hearing the news of the discovery of Sergeant Crouch's body. At that time only the sergeant was known to be dead. Now that two bodies had been found it was decided that the inquests on both men would be held concurrently.

Astonishingly, the proceedings were opened in Coombe at 3.30 p.m. on 1st April, just 270 minutes after the second body was discovered. The Coroner, Mr Sylvester of Trowbridge, conducted proceedings in a manner which was certainly very helpful in concealing any blame or misconduct on the part of the senior police officers, and deftly ensured that all blame was placed firmly and damningly on Ernest Pike, even to the extent of overruling a request from the jury to bring in a verdict of temporary insanity (in the terminology of the times) on the part of Pike. Such verdicts were the overwhelming norm, and would not only have removed the stigma from the memory of Pike, but would have ensured that Millie and her family were entitled to a police pension.

The inquests were finalised within an hour, stymying the efforts of relatives who wished to attend to give evidence, although Millie was obliged to give evidence.

The thought of this poor woman being brought before a court where her husband was being castigated as a murderer and suicide, less than four hours after she had been informed of his death, is hardly credible; yet it happened, here, in this village. Had Pike not killed himself, and instead been brought to trial for murder, his only defence in those days could have been one of insanity and it is unlikely that this would have succeeded. Little tolerance was shown to murderers of policemen, who could expect to find themselves launched into eternity via the gallows trap. However, even by the standards of the time, the act of suicide even in these circumstances would normally have been adjudged as being committed in an insane state. The conduct of Coroner Sylvester in refusing to allow such a verdict (along with his agreement to act in such haste, preventing the emergence of much potentially embarrassing evidence) is one of the most suspicious acts of the whole affair, pointing damningly towards collusion with the police.

Certain factions were able to bring sufficient pressure for a subsequent public enquiry to be convened, but this was done in a ramshackle manner by the Standing Joint Committee (the predecessors of Police Authorities), and was patently a means of defusing pressure for a more impartial tribunal to be convened. The proceedings were held at the Devizes Assize Court. The chairman and members, far from being independent, were all members of the SJC, who (like Coroner Sylvester) felt they had an interest in supporting the official line which had been advanced by Llewellyn and his senior officers.

When the report of the Inquiry was eventually submitted to a full meeting of the SJC some weeks later, only one member (a Quaker called Reuben George) tried to express disgust and concern at the whitewash. However, when he tried to call for an independent enquiry under Home Office auspices, he was silenced by the bulk of the

committee, composed very largely of gentry and aristocrats (under the chairmanship of the Earl of Radnor).

At this stage, the SJC decided they would admit that Pike had acted under a form of insanity which they defined themselves; this did no good, of course as it could not affect the Inquest verdict – only the High Court could do that.

The SJC decided against giving Millie Pike a pension, although they did very grudgingly approve an ex gratia payment of £52 which was paid at the rate of ten shillings (50 pence) a week for two years. Reuben George pointed out that this was a miserly amount. To avoid destitution, arrangements were made for two of the six children to be sent to the Police Orphanage at Reigate, a bitter and dismal prospect for children whose father was so disgraced. The Salisbury Times of 13th June 2013 said “On this small grant of a rich authority, the offer of officials of the Police Orphanage to take over the care of two of the children is a rich commentary.” Sergeant Crouch’s widow and two sons were, quite rightly, properly provided for, and when the younger son died in 1992 he was able to leave £180,000 to the church where his parents lie buried.

Ernest Pike was buried in All Saints, Enford. Most of the religious restrictions on interring suicides in consecrated ground had been removed by law during the course of the nineteenth century, though the Church of England Burial Service could not be used at the committal. Enford folk showed an understanding and respect for the farewell to their respected village bobby which was absent from the official attitude.

And so the affair came to an end for most people, although the effect on the families of both of the victims, Frank Crouch and Ernest Pike, was felt for generations. Llewellyn continued in post as Chief Constable (with the exception of the Great War when he went to serve, being wounded at Gallipoli) until 1945 when he died in office. Once he had been officially exonerated of fault in 1913 he had warned that he would sue anybody who suggested any blame on his part. He was a very well connected man capable of exerting considerable influence. It is therefore unsurprising that no criticism of him, the Amesbury Superintendent, or the Standing Joint Committee was forthcoming after the Devides Inquiry had been finalised. His most effective critics were silenced, and so the official version of the story became increasingly accepted as events faded from popular memory.

A Pike connection with the village was not totally at an end, for in later years one of the daughters who had been sent to the orphanage returned to marry a local man. They then moved to Southampton, from where they sent their own child to Enford in 1939 to escape the bombing of that city . . . . . but that’s another story . . . .

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A small memorial plaque to both men may be seen on the garden wall of Coombe Farmhouse, from the footpath leading to Fifield footbridge.





### Devizes Mobile Library Timetable

#### Tuesday: Week 2

Urchfont	The Croft	9.30-10.15
Wedhampton	Telephone box	10.30-11am
Beechingstoke	Limberstone	11.20-11.45
Chilton	School	1.00-2.00
Figheldean	Oak Lane	2.30-3.30
Enford	Water Lane	3.50-4.25

#### Dates

2013 Jul 2, 16, 30	Aug 13, 27	Sep 10, 24	Oct 8, 22
Nov 5, 19	Dec 3, 17, 31		

### WELCOME to

John and Eileen who have recently moved to Enford.

Eileen is an Enfordite having been brought up during the war in the house next to us!

Henry and Fanny

### CONGRATULATIONS to

Rory and Brynna Plank who were married on the 9th August.

Brynna is Canadian and her bouquet was home made from pages from her favourite books.



## Avon Valley Practice

### Do you need a flu jab?

You are eligible for a Flu Vaccination on the NHS

If you are:

- Aged 65 year or over
- A carer
- Pregnant

If you have:

- Chronic respiratory disease
- Chronic heart disease
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic neurological disease
- Diabetes
- Immunosuppression

Appointments will be available to book from 25<sup>th</sup> September  
 First appointment available on  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

We are also offering shingles vaccination to patients born between 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1942 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 1943 (aged 70) and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1933 and 1<sup>st</sup> September 1934 (aged 79).

Telephone 01980 630221 or 652378 to book an appointment

The shingles vaccination can be given at the same time as your flu jab so you only need to make one appointment!

**CHURCH SERVICES**

**September**

1st	6.00pm Evensong (BCP), Netheravon
8th	4.00pm Messy Church, Enford
15th	10.30am Family Service, Enford
22nd	6.00pm Evensong (BCP)
29th	11.00 am, Matins (Harvest)

**October**

6th	9.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
13th	4.00pm Messy Church, Enford
20th	10.30am Family Service
27th	6.00pm Evensong

**CHURCH CLEANING ROTA**

**September**

6th	Paula de Chalus & Amanda Marx
13th	Tanya Becker & Linda Mundy
20th	Gai Rickett & Lowenna Harbottle
27th	Lyn Riche & Fanny Middleton

**October**

4th	Jill Mitchell & Amanda Murray
11th	Sue Poole-Warren & Hilary Horsford
18th	Paula de Chalus & Amanda Marx
25th	Tanya Becker & Linda Mundy

**ENFORD AND AVON VALLEY GET-TOGETHER**

**A Group for any Age**



**Every Monday  
10.00 a.m. – 12.00 midday**



**Enford Village Hall**

Meet other people while having a coffee and a slice of cake

We will be offering a small shop, more details to follow  
Information point, snack, games and more .....

**If you would like a lift, or are worried about coming on your own, please contact 01980 670501 and we will arrange to come and collect you and take you home.**

**WHERE ARE YOU?**

Michael and I have been joining the Mother and Toddler (Enford & Avon Valley Get Together) every Monday for the past few weeks and enjoy their company. They are trying very hard to bring a Community Spirit to both young and old. The coffee and tea is good for a small payment. Usually a slice of cake too! You can stay 10 minutes or 2 hours, it's your choice. We all come in the world the same way so while we are here, why not be as one and enjoy a Community Spirit.

*Doreen Fay*



## ENFORD FILM CLUB

After the summer break in July and August the Film Club will be starting again in September.

will be starting

**The date for the next film is Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Titles for the autumn and winter season will include "Summer in February" starring Dan Stevens from Downton Abbey, "The Great Gatsby", "Arbitrage" starring Richard Gere, "Hyde Park on Hudson" "Gambit" and "Hitchcock".**

**Dates for the diary are 17<sup>th</sup> September, 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 26<sup>th</sup> November, no film in December, 28<sup>th</sup> January, 25<sup>th</sup> February and 25<sup>th</sup> March.**

Doors open at 7.00 p.m. with the bar open until 7.30 p.m. when the film starts.

Tickets £5 booked in advance and £6 on the door

**Lifts can be arranged for anyone who would like to come**

**If you wish to join the Mailing List, would like to book tickets, or need a lift, please contact 01980 670501 or email [enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com)**

## **YOUTH CLUB AT ENFORD VILLAGE HALL**

Every Friday night  
6 – 9pm  
Children aged 5-16  
No need to book - just turn up  
£1 per week  
(membership required after initial visit)

Youth Club is about having fun at the end of the week  
Craft activities  
Sweet shop  
Indoor sports e.g. table tennis, table hockey and snooker  
Outdoor sports on the playing field during summer  
You decide what you want to do

**Come and join us, all welcome!**  
**For more information call: Bruce Carter – 07872335579**

### **CAMERA CLUB'S SUMMER ACTIVITIES**

The Camera Club had two trips out during the summer. The first one was to Salisbury and Salisbury Cathedral where we went up the spire. I struggled a bit as I don't like heights but I was glad I continued on. We took some stunning photos. We then went for a well earned drink and a meal at an Italian restaurant. Then we went round Salisbury with some old photographs and did some now and then pictures. It was very interesting.

Our next trip was to Lacock Abbey where there was an exhibition of black and white photos. We had a lovely walk around the abbey and the village.

Martin very kindly did a photography workshop for young people during the school holidays which was run by Tidworth Community Area Board. A nice lot of children and parents turned up for a fun afternoon with games and a free BBQ. It was a little disappointing that more children didn't take up the offer of the workshop but those that did went around the field taking photos and Martin helped with the digital wizardry.

Thanks Martin.

*Jane Young*

# UPAVON GOOD COMPANIONS

**We are a small club and would love new members we are trying to get an interesting Programme together.**

**The meetings are held in Upavon Village Hall at 2.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month.**

**Talks:** (All talks include tea, sandwiches, cake and a raffle)

3rd September            Wiltshire Wild Life

1st October              Soup and Apple pie lunch.

5th November          Wessex Water

December                Christmas Party in the Hall with Secret Santa .There will be sausage rolls, mince pies, sandwiches), crackers, Christmas music from CDs and raffle. I am trying to get someone to come and play a few tunes for us.

**Trips:**

10th September        Lechlade and Toby Carvery or your own sandwiches if preferred. Also can stop off at ASDA

**Julie Swansborough 01980635202    Jean Ayres 01980630267**

## VILLAGE HALL AT CHRISTMAS

# THE SNOW QUEEN

The 'Rain or Shine Theatre Company' is coming to Enford on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December with their Christmas production of "The Snow Queen" for children and adults.

A well known professional theatre group, they will also be performing at an outdoor event next summer on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Enjoy their open air theatre production on the recreation ground and bring your own picnic, chairs and rugs for the performance. Past productions have included "The Importance of Being Ernest", "School for Scandal", "Much Ado About Nothing" and "Wind in the Willows". In the event of rain they will perform in the Hall - hence the name Rain or Shine!

**Further information on tickets and performance times**

**for "The Snow Queen" will be published shortly.**

**For further information call 01980 670501**

**or email [enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com](mailto:enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com)**

## **Enford, Chisenbury and Coombe Fete 2013**

With no newsletter published in August this is the first opportunity we have had to report back on this year's summer fete, which now seems ages ago! We were incredibly lucky to have a beautiful summer's day with plenty of sunshine but too hot and just a light breeze, which after the gales of 2012 was a huge relief! Amazingly, despite an extremely busy schedule, and with some members even coming in especially from leave, a few of the Parachute Regiment's Red Devils chose to "drop in" again this year. With Capt James Higginson and Cpl "Baz" Loftus on the ground, Sgts "Billy" Blanchard and Mark Scobie, along with LCpl Chris Sharman jumped out at 5,000 feet in formation and flew their regimental colours into the centre of the area. It really was a breathtaking display and once again we are truly indebted to their kindness and generosity. It is with great pleasure that we confirm that we have made a donation, on their behalf, to the Parachute Regiment's own charity The Afghan Trust. Once again there was a lucky beer-mat competition, which was won by young Billy Fernandes, who might find he's not allowed to spend it all on sweets!

Netheravon won the under 10s football competition for the second year running, with Enford, a scratch team put together just for the day, coming a very respectable second and Fighledean third. Team medals were kindly presented by Cpl Baz Loftus. This year folk were spoilt for choice of entertainment. Children were once more enthralled by the antics of the Ticklish Allsorts team; there were coconuts to win, a target golf game and the inflatables were hugely enjoyed with Joe Pettitt completing the obstacle course in double quick time, earning himself a large bar of chocolate! The Enford "Bake Off" was a great success, with children young and not so young all trying to make the best cupcake farm animal. We must thank Alex and Jana from Rich Products, who gave up their time to organise it for us and have already said they'll be back next year, so get practicing that icing!

Elsewhere there were un-rideable bikes to master, ponies to ride, ducks to hook and for the steady handed a giant buzzer wire to test the patience. The dog show was, as always, popular with hounds of all shapes and sizes taking part in the show ring or racing up the doggy dash.

For those looking for a quieter life there were stalls to peruse, plants and produce to buy, raffle tickets to snap up and ice-creams to consume in the sunshine. The BBQ was busy all afternoon and in the warm sunshine the bar was well and truly drained as visitors relaxed on straw bales and listened to the excellent music from Kennet Vale Brass, whose versatile range included tunes both modern and traditional. In the village hall, friends and families took advantage of the cool shade to enjoy a chat over a cuppa and a piece of cake.

The much sought after first prize in the Raffle, the iPad mini was won by Lesley Hedger, a resident of Enford, who was also celebrating her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, we can't think of a better winner!

There was no shortage of volunteers to help clear up and, with waste and recycling bins once again provided by Wiltshire Waste, the ground was neat and tidy again in no time.

We couldn't hold the fete each year without the tremendous help and support we get both on the day and in the preparations, from those organising sections to people bringing plants or cakes to sell. There are too many to name individually and we'd hate to miss anyone out and whilst we've tried to contact everyone by email, telephone, letter or in person there are bound to be some that we've not been able to reach so this is a chance for us to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all.



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## Travels in Alaska

After spending the night in Vancouver after our flight we took a small plane up to Whitehorse in Northern Canada to begin a land tour of the area and into Alaska. What a change from the roads and traffic in England. I have a picture of Terry with his arms flung wide standing in the middle of the main road through town. Not a sign of a vehicle in either direction!

We walked along the river, knee deep in snow in some places, and came across an eagle's nest. We waited and soon enough one of the parent birds returned to the nest and the heads of three chicks appeared.

The next place on the road was Dawson City, looking like a museum piece. No tarmac here; only dirt roads and wooden sidewalks. This was the home of the gold rush and every building in the town had kept its original façade.

We joined a walking tour and visited the old Post Office, the morgue, the old theatre etc. and finished up in the evening at Diamond Tooth Gertie's, a casino/nightclub where we danced the night away after watching a cancan show, followed by a Sourtoe Cocktail at the Downtown Hotel. For those interested I suggested a visit to the internet to see just what a Sourtoe consists of. You have to 'kiss' the toe, a real amputated toe, whilst drinking a Yukon Jack whisky. Yes - the toe is put in the drink!!! A 'unique' way to celebrate our Ruby Wedding anniversary! Terry didn't come near me for days afterwards!!

We continued our journey through Beaver Creek to Fairbanks where we boarded an old sternwheeler boat and cruised upriver to a First Nation village, passing a dogsled training centre on the way.

We left Fairbanks by train to Denali National Park, a truly spectacular all day journey through the wilderness of Alaska. We took a tundra wilderness tour and were lucky enough to watch two grizzly bears walking through the snow on a ridge, as well as porcupines, caribou and moose with their young. We also treated ourselves on a perfect sunny day to a flight around the highest mountain in North America, Mount Denali, and landed on one of the glaciers. Fantastic!

On down to Anchorage and Seward where we boarded our ship back down to Vancouver via Juneau, the capital of Alaska though having no road network, Skagway and Juneau where we had the most amazing sightings of orca and humpback whales, seals and bald eagles.

Once back in Vancouver we rounded the trip off with friends for a few days. All in all a great trip!

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### **MERCI BEAUCOUP**

Je tiens à remercier tout le monde pour venire dans notre merveilleux hall de la paroisse pour la soirée française le mois dernier. La nourriture était fabuleux alors merci à tous ceux qui ont contribué. Merci également à Rob et tous ceux qui ont contribué à mettre une telle soirée charmante ensemble dand une telle manière spectaculaire. Je ne suis pas sûr de la voix chantantes, peut-être que c'était la alcool. Donc, dans mon meilleure école française, je vous remercie tout le monde.

I would like to thank everyone for coming to our wonderful Parish Hall for the French Evening last month. The food was fabulous so thank you to all those who contributed. Thanks also to Rob and everyone who helped put such a lovely evening together in such a spectacular way. I'm not sure about the singing voices—perhaps it was the alcohol. So in my best school French, thank you everyone.

*Ann and Terry*

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Wed	Short Mat Bowls	7.30 pm – 10.00 pm	David Spencer 01980 670526 spencersgb@yahoo.co.uk
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The Police have always advocated hiding valuables when leaving a vehicle at a beauty spot. Recent analysis of thefts from motor vehicles has revealed that in a high proportion of cases where valuable items were taken, the victim had hidden the purse or handbag so that it was not visible. This indicates either a high degree of intuition on the part of the offender, or prior knowledge. The conclusion is that victims are watched as they leave the vehicle. Once the offender knows there are valuables in the vehicle, it does not matter how well those valuables are concealed, the thief will try to steal them. In summary, it would be unwise for anyone to leave valuables in a parked car, even if they are hidden. If you know you are going to leave your car for any period of time, then leave your valuables at home.

**Reported incidents:**

Offenders broke into a farm building near Long Street, causing considerable damage, nothing taken. A Subaru Legacy, colour blue, was found burnt out in East Chisenbury, last keeper details showed it was from Gloucester.

**And finally,**

As I write this article I am thinking of the sunny summer that was (at present raining outside) and the patrols I have carried out on beauty spot patrol, which I mentioned in my last 'and finally'. Please remember the risks associated with leaving valuable in a car when you are out and about, whether nipping to the shops, visiting 'Aunt Mable' or away on holiday. Please just don't give these thieving rouses a chance. Also remember your own home, make sure your garage and sheds are locked. You would be surprised at the total value of goods within, and make sure that you are adequately insured. Remember to write down serial and model numbers of items such as lawnmowers, hedge cutters etc. Any item found which is possibly stolen can only be returned to the rightful owner if it is uniquely identifiable. You would be shocked at the amount of believed stolen goods we have to return to criminals because we cannot prove who the articles belong to.

Now for some good news, Tidworth Police are pleased to announce that PCSO Aaron Heath has passed his entrance interview to the regular Police and is waiting for his joining date to the Wiltshire Constabulary. We all wish him good fortune.

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**STOP PRESS**

**Details for the St Giles day service at Imber Church have just changed and the Newsletter re-issued.**

Users of Salisbury Plain can now get up-to-date information about the training area thanks to the launch of the MOD’s new ‘hashtag’ #modontheplain. The new hashtag will make it easy to stay abreast of everything that’s happening on the Plain and will be used to communicate information including: firing times (and changes), access news, updates on range fires and other public safety issues. The hashtag has been launched by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO), which Twitter users can follow under the name @MOD\_DIO.

Plain Watch now has an e-mail address **PLAINWATCH@landmarc.mod.uk**

**TRAINING**

**5 - 8 Sep.** 7th Armoured Brigade will conclude their Afghanistan operational pre-deployment training Ex PASHTUN DAWN. Large convoys of vehicles will be departing from Salisbury Plain on Friday 6 September and throughout the weekend 7/8 September. Some disruption may be caused to civilian traffic at tank crossings across the Plain and on the A303, A360, A345, A338, A3026 and Chitterne/Tilshead roads.

**19 – 30 Sep.** 1<sup>st</sup> Independent Mortar Battery, Royal Netherlands Marine Corps that served in Bosnia in 1996 as part of a British led NATO force will train on SPTA and fire on Larkhill ranges.

**23 – 30 Sep.** Two Territorial Army units, the Royal Wessex Yeomanry in Challenger tanks, and the Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry in WIMIK Land Rovers will conduct armoured and reconnaissance training across the whole Plain.

**25 – 26 Sep.** Land Warfare Centre Armoured Division Troop Commanders course conduct two day familiarisation on Challenger tanks in the West and Centre of the Plain.

**Late firing on Larkhill Ranges on:** 3, 5, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 21, 24, 26 Sep.

**Live firing on Salisbury Plain (East):** Nil

**AS90 Firing from Tilshead, Chitterne, Shrewton triangle:** Nil

NOTE. There will be 2 x live weekends in September: Sat 14 & Sun 15 plus Sat 21 & Sun 22 Sep.

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**Provisional Dates for Major Exercises.** During the following exercise access may be restricted on Larkhill Ranges and in the Chitterne – Shrewton – Tilshead Triangle north of the B390.

<b>27 Aug 13</b>	-	<b>5 Sep 13</b>	<b>Ex PASHTUN DAWN</b>
<b>11 Nov 13</b>	-	<b>25 Nov 13</b>	<b>Ex WESSEX THUNDER</b>
<b>28 Apr 14</b>	-	<b>5 May 14</b>	<b>Ex PASHTUN DAWN</b>
<b>11 Jun 14</b>	-	<b>25 Jun 14</b>	<b>Ex WESSEX THUNDER</b>

**ACCESS**

Access to SPTA is regulated by Salisbury Plain Military Lands, Bulford, Larkhill and Imber Range Byelaws. Always comply with local signs and flags. Rights of Way located in Range Danger Areas are closed when red flags are flying.

**Larkhill Ranges** No firing is planned for: **1, 7, 8, 28, 29 Sep**

Note: Due to the risk of “cook off” from unexploded ordnance the range is closed during fires.

**Bulford Ranges** No firing is planned for **1, 7, 8, 14, 15, 28, 29**

**Imber Ranges** The public are excluded except when the roads are specifically opened.

**St Giles Day Service.** The service will be at 1500 on Saturday 21 Sep (with access from Warminster only). The convoy will leave the Warminster Vedette Post on the Imber Road at 1415.

**Service of Remembrance.** The Remembrance Service is on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov (with access from Warminster only). Details to follow.

**Provisional Christmas and New Year Dates.** Planned dates are: 1600 20 Dec 13 – 0800 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 14.

1. Even when roads are open the village and buildings remain out of bounds to the public.
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3. Church opening times can be found at **[www.imberchurch.org.uk](http://www.imberchurch.org.uk)**.



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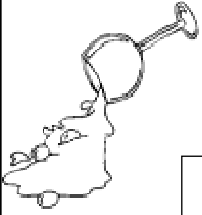


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**FOR YOUR DIARY September 2013**

<b>1st</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Evensong, 6.00pm (BCP), Netheravon</b> Prize Bingo, 2.30pm, Enford Village Hall
<b>2nd</b>	Mon	Get Together Group, 10.00 am, Village Hall
<b>3rd</b>	Tue	Quiz, The Swan, 9.30pm
<b>4th</b>	Wed	
<b>5th</b>	Thu	Black Bin / Circuits, Parish Hall, 7.00pm
<b>6th</b>	Fri	
<b>7th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	Netheravon Fete, 12.30 pm—4.30 pm, Millennium Park
<b>8th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	Messy Church, 4.00pm , Enford Church
<b>9th</b>	Mon	Get Together Group, 10.00 am, Village Hall
<b>10th</b>	Tue	Village Hall, AGM, 7.30pm, Village Hall / Quiz, The Swan, 9.30pm
<b>11th</b>	Wed	Camera Club, 8.00pm, Village Hall
<b>12th</b>	Thu	Recycling / Gardening Club, 6.45 pm, Village Hall / Circuits, Parish Hall , 7.00pm /John Humphrys, 7.30pm, City Hall
<b>13th</b>	Fri	
<b>14th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	Picnic at the Mill 12.00—4.30pm, Wilton Windmill Harvest Barn Dance, 7.30pm, Figheldean Village Hall
<b>15th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Family Service, 10.30am</b> /Avon Valley Cricket Club Family Day, 12.30pm, Big Garston Field, Rushall
<b>16th</b>	Mon	Get Together Group, 10.00 am, Village Hall
<b>17th</b>	Tue	Film Club / Quiz, The Swan, 9.30pm
<b>18th</b>	Wed	
<b>19th</b>	Thu	Black Bin / Circuits, Parish Hall, 7.00pm
<b>20th</b>	Fri	
<b>21st</b>	<b>Sat</b>	
<b>22nd</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Evensong (BCP) 6.00pm</b>
<b>23rd</b>	Mon	Get Together Group, 10.00 am, Village Hall / Newsletter Committee Meeting, 7.30pm, Coombe Lane
<b>24th</b>	Tue	Quiz, The Swan, 9.30pm
<b>25th</b>	Wed	
<b>26th</b>	Thu	Recycling / Circuits, Parish Hall , 7.00pm
<b>27th</b>	Fri	
<b>28th</b>	<b>Sat</b>	
<b>29th</b>	<b>Sun</b>	<b>Matins, (Harvest), 11.00am</b>
<b>30th</b>	Mon	