

April 2024

Enford Newsletter

*What's Happening In and Around East and West Chisenbury,
Compton, Coombe, Enford, Fifield, New Buildings, Newtown*



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April

Thurs 4th	Household waste
Tues 9th	Mixed dry recycling
Wed 10th	Garden waste
Thurs 18th	Household waste
Tues 23rd	Mixed dry recycling
Wed 24th	Garden waste
	Household waste

May

Thurs 2nd
Tues 7th
Wed 8th
Thurs 16th
Tues 21st
Wed 22nd
Thurs 30th

All dates are taken from the Wiltshire Council website and are accurate to the best of the Collator's knowledge.

Further information is available at

www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling

Dates of note in this edition...

April

<i>2nd</i>	<i>Parish Council Annual Meeting</i>
<i>9th</i>	<i>Gardening club: Trees & Shrubs</i>
<i>19th</i>	<i>Netheravon School Bingo</i>
<i>22nd</i>	<i>Annual Parochial Church Council</i>
<i>23rd</i>	<i>Film Society: 'One Life'</i>

May

<i>7th</i>	<i>Parish Council AGM</i>
<i>17th</i>	<i>Amesbury Abbey Choir Concert</i>

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The next Newsletter deadline is 17th April 2024

Emails are preferred with editable attachments, Word documents, so that we can fit them into the available space.

enfordnewsletter@gmail.com

However, they can also be given to a Committee member but all items, however they are submitted, must be with us by the deadline and signed. We will withhold the author's name if requested.

Enford Newsletter Committee reserves the right to reject or omit from publication any material that is considered by majority of Committee Members to be detrimental to any person; not in the best interests of the community as a whole or inappropriate for this medium.

Staff of the Swan





Thoughts from Rev Simon Pope. Curate

April Showers of Blessings

What did the tree say when April began? ... What a re-leaf!

Spring has sprung, and April is here! As flowers bloom and birds serenade us with cheerful melodies, we've just celebrated Easter, a time to remember both renewal and hope.

At Easter we were reminded of the ultimate comeback story: Jesus rising from the dead! Just as winter gives way to spring, our lives can experience resurrection moments. I encourage you to embrace the hope of Easter. To help us do that, every Sunday is meant to be a mini Easter celebration in our churches. I'm afraid that doesn't mean chocolate; though sometimes there is cake! The everyday challenge is to let go of all that holds us back, and step forward in hope.

So perhaps as we declutter our homes this spring, let us also declutter our hearts. Forgive, let go, and make room for growth. As we free ourselves from the difficulties in life, how about we reach out to spread the grace we receive – to offer forgiveness, lend a listening ear, or share a smile.

As we enjoy spring, perhaps by taking a walk, let us marvel at blossoms, and breathe in fresh air. The same creator who paints the skies with pastel hues crafted you with love and purpose.

Let's use this springtime to rekindle hope, embrace joy, grace, and the adventure that awaits us every day.

Having hope will give you courage. You will be protected and will rest in safety — Job 11:18

May your month be filled with sunshine, laughter, and hope.

Every blessing, Rev Simon Pope (Team Curate)

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Rev. Gale Hunt: 01980 670326 or gale@avonriverteam.org.uk

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Enford Church Update

ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES



APRIL

Sunday April 7th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday April 14th	10:30am	Team Service, Bulford
Sunday April 21st	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday April 28th	6:00pm	Evensong

MAY

Sunday May 5th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Sunday May 12th	10:30am	Team Service at Enford
Sunday May 19th	9:30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday May 26th	6:00pm	Evensong

Don't forget that if you would prefer to worship quietly in your own home, we have a short Compline Service at 8pm each Sunday...a wonderful way to end the week and set yourself up for the week ahead. Ask for the link on Facebook or email avonriverteam@hotmail.com

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Pat Robinson, beloved partner of Nik Young, Long time resident of Long Street, Enford. Much loved and will be deeply missed.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Monday April 22nd 7.30pm

Please come and join us for a glass of wine and nibbles at our annual church meeting. We'll review the church activity over the past year and look to the next year, electing the new members of the Parochial Church Council. Everyone is welcome to attend, but in order to vote or to join the PCC, you must be on the Electoral Roll. If you would like further details, please contact **Lyn Riche** on **01980 670489** or lashy52@gmail.com.



ENFORD VILLAGE HALL & RECREATION GROUND

Private Parties: The Village Hall is the perfect venue for Weddings and Special Anniversaries or Birthdays. It is also ideal for Childrens' Parties and Christenings – or any other excuse for a celebration!

Please contact Booking Officer enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com for information or visit the Village Hall entry on the website www.enfordnewsletter.org

Day	Activity	Time	Contact
Mon	Yoga	6pm - 7pm	Emma Petitt Tel: 01980 670510 emmampetitt@gmail.com
Tues	Enford Film Club	Film information and dates are published in the Newsletter each month	Theresa Horsey etphorsey@gmail.com or enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com
Tues	Gardening Club	7pm - 9pm 2 nd Tuesday in the month. Full details in the Newsletter club item each month.	Steve Stringer Mob: 07899 758222 steve.stringer@outlook.fr Fanny Middleton Tel: 01980 671645 fannysurtees@btinternet.com
Tues	Parish Council	Please check PC item in newsletter each month or PC website for dates.	Parish Clerk Tel: 01980 670034 clerk@enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk
Wed	Short Mat Bowls	7pm - 9:30pm September – April	David Spencer Tel: 01980 670526 spencersgb@yahoo.co.uk
Thur	Pilates	8:30am – 9:30am	Nicci Caswell Tel: 01980 625245 nicci@thecaswells.uk
Fri			
Sat	Enford Junior Football Club	10am– 11am Recreation Ground	Steve Todd stodd@qinetiq.com

ENFORD FILM CLUB

ENFORD FILM EVENING

'ONE LIFE'



Anthony Hopkins and Helena Bonham-Carter

Tuesday 23 April 6.30 p.m. at Enford Village Hall

The film tells the true story of the Kindertransport. Just before the outbreak of war, Nicholas (Nicky) Winton visited Prague, shortly before Nazi Germany occupied the area (then Czechoslovakia). Despite the risks, he coordinated with local humanitarians to identify hundreds of children who needed safe homes. Upon his return to London, Nicky and his mother, Babi Winton (Helena Bonham-Carter) worked tirelessly to ensure safe passage to England for 669 children.

An inspiring story brilliantly told.

Doors open at **6.30** for **7.15** pm start.

Tickets £8 to include a glass of wine and canapes!
Do come along and enjoy the drinks and gathering beforehand.





ENFORD GARDENING CLUB

**“Trees and shrubs for the
small garden” - Ray Broughton**

Tuesday 9th April 2024

**Plant Sale/Raffle
7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall
Entrance £5 - Everyone Welcome!**

**Contact Steve Stringer steve.stringer@outlook.fr
Mobile 07899 758 222**

Annual Litter Pick

A huge **THANK YOU** to all those who turned out, despite the rain to collect bags of rubbish from round the parish.



Some of The Litter pickers - Saturday 23 March.

Geraldine Symonds, Fi Leakey and Amanda Murray who provided bacon butties and Danish pastries for everyone



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2024

A reminder to groups and clubs who usually attend or send reports

The 2024 Annual Parish Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Everyone is welcome and light refreshments will be available.

Further information will be sent nearer the date.

A Few Memories of The Swan

Where would we be without Pete and Emma at The Swan? Well now we know! It is difficult to imagine any other duo contributing more to running a village local than the hard work and enthusiasm displayed by these two. I am pretty sure that what seems to be really funny our side of the bar after a few of Pete's ales seems less so when you are pouring those pints, especially if you have just returned from running one or more schools! We will let Pete off for the lack of brown sauce, or his favouritism to the Bus Boys in allocating prized tables on a Friday night because, in exchange, we got his cauliflower cheese, his magnificent fish and chips, delicious pies, and of course the Sunday roasts. On top of all this, we got years and years of 'Swanfests', trips to the races, and most of all our memories from years of New Year's eves and other milestone drinking nights. Good luck to you both. **Anon**

We have enjoyed so many happy evenings in the Swan and Friday nights will never be the same again! We wish Pete and Emma all the very best in the future and thank them sincerely for nearly ten years of great fun. **Mark and Morag Hiskett**

Pete and Emma ("P&E") transformed The Swan; Emma with her light but effective touch that made the place lovely to be in; Pete with his enormous experience of the pub trade and a man who really knows how it works, how it needs to run, regulations it must meet, and who has delivered consistently terrific "pub grub". A classic village pub, the beating heart of Enford – even if that heart is stilled for the moment. Unpretentious, comfortable with a 'proper' pub ambience; terrific staff, generous and spirit lifting! Ok, so I'm a fan! P&E fought their way through the life-changing impact of COVID and then the war in Ukraine, both particularly impacting the pub trade: by focusing on the village and the villagers while continuing to provide the levels of service and commitment that have informed the outstanding way they have served Enford.

The Swan has hosted (lots of) parties, charity fund raisers, (very) big birthday parties, a quiz every week (since Heaven alone knows when), put marquees outside, awnings in the garden, run 'Swanfest', supported big street parties, Hub in the Pub, ladies lunches, and lovely Christmases - the list goes on..... We wish Pete and Emma the very best as they reassess their lives to give them precious time together. Pete and Emma, forces of nature, both! deserve massive respect for everything they have done for the village; they are hugely missed and a tough act to follow. We can only pray that we will be blessed with new tenants who will pick up the baton and restore The Swan to its place as the best 'proper' country pub for miles around. We cannot wait!

C&V Hill

We are so sad to say farewell to Emma and Pete. It has always been a great pleasure to go to the pub and be greeted by their cheerful and friendly welcome. They always went the extra mile and the food and drink was good too! We will miss them all. Love **Gai, Emma and James**

From the moment Pete and Emma arrived at The Swan, all our lives in the village improved for the better! Not only did they together create a wonderful country pub, with great food, they transformed The Swan into a warm and welcoming place, which became the heart of the village. We will miss them!

Ruth Wilkinson

We have lived in Enford for 25 years and seen a few landlords come and go but, Emma and Pete, only you truly created a hub for the village. A few of the activities you either presented or were pivotal in their success include: the Enford Flyers, litter pick days refreshments, coffee morning hub, lockdown shop, Cheltenham races coach trips, fantastic NYE and Swanfest parties, tasting menu suppers and many more, all on top of running a great pub. We forgive you for leaving to start afresh but we miss you, please come back.

Richard & Marjut

We'd love to say a huge thank you to Pete and Emma and all the staff at The Swan for the years of community support, not just in running a warm and welcoming pub, but in the many other ways that they have led the way, or supported, so many community events. Street Parties, Summer Beer Festivals, Hub in the Pub, Weddings, Funerals, Quiz nights, New Year's Eve, Village Fetes, Fireworks and many, many more events - they've been at the heart of Enford life ever since they took over the Swan. You're a very hard act to follow Pete and Emma... but we hope there will be a couple who will be happy to give it a go... and soon, please.

We miss the Swan! **Hamish and Jeni Scott-Dagleish**

As a newcomer (September 22) I was asked to sum up what The Swan meant to me in one word, the words, "friendly", "welcoming", "warm", swam through my head, but ultimately, I settled on the word, "Gratitude". An interesting choice perhaps, but let me explain.

When Alexis and I exchanged contracts on Long Cottage, we went for a quiet lunch in The Swan. We sat outside, looking to the future and met Pete for the first time. We introduced ourselves and after a warm welcome, he invited us to come down on a Friday night, which was locals' night, and he would introduce us to others in the village. He was good to his word, and we will always be grateful to him for that.

We joined the Quiz night, which became a regular event, as did the Friday night meet-ups and occasionally Saturday night as well! And the coffee morning Hub in the Pub, although work interfered with this, but I had to get it in, to show it wasn't just about the alcohol!

Best moments? Without sounding cheesy, we never had a bad night "down The Pub". Yes, Swanfest was amazing, the two New Year's Eve parties were special in their different ways but "The Swan" was our third place, between home and work where we were comfortable, and with friends. I must, say many, many thanks to Pete & Emma and their staff who helped shape such a fabulous environment. The Swan has a rich history intertwined with that of the village, its residents having been celebrated through various events and functions over the years, reflecting the strong sense of community and heritage. Despite its, hopefully temporary, closure The Swan's legacy will live on through the memories and stories of all the people it has brought together, leaving an indelible mark on the village, as it has on us.

Gareth Rowe

ENFORD FILM CLUB NEWS

News Flash: Broadband has now been installed at the Village Hall ready for our plans to screen Live Performances from the Royal Opera House and the National Theatre, as well as making it easier for us to access a wider range of films through Netflix, Amazon Prime etc. We are planning to update film club equipment with a new projector, CD player, upgraded speakers and a wall mounted electric screen. Once we have finalised quotations we will apply for grants towards the cost.

NB: To help with planning future film nights, please let the organisers know (via email or at film club nights) if you have suggestions for what you would like to see – latest films, retro films, opera and ballet performances live or recorded (by ROH, NT or Glyndebourne).

Paper and pens will be provided on for everyone to make suggestions!

Dates for your Diary: Tuesday 21 May: & Tuesday 18 June

Hello Gardeners: Possible Plant Sale:

I got a little overly enthusiastic with how many seeds/cuttings and bulbs I've been planting last autumn and early this spring. Consequently, my potting hut is now overflowing, and conservatory is knee deep in 9cm pots.

Sadly, I've discovered that the Plant Sale at Upavon is no more (those who organised it have moved away,) so I can't sell them there. I could wait for the sale at Newton Tony, but...

...**WHO** would be interested in joining me in selling any excess plants/divided herbaceous perennials at a Plant Sale in **Netheravon Village hall**, late April/early May?

The hire of the hall is minimal, and it has its own rectangular tables. There is no point going further with organising it unless there are enough of us to make it something that gardeners up and down the Avon valley will put in their diaries and queue up for.



Please contact Drusilla Gillen if you can help on drusilla99@gmail.com

Getting into Volunteering: Guide Dogs

My name is Sue Davies, I started volunteering with guide dogs in 2022 as a fosterer. That's someone who cares for puppies in training while their Puppy Raiser is on holiday or unwell. A Puppy Raiser is the person who trains and supports the puppy once they leave the litter. We boarded a very handsome black lab called Zeb, who stole our hearts, followed by Coral, Emjay and Maisie. We were able to volunteer on our terms and our journey with the Guide Dogs began.

The families of these puppies were grateful for our care, as we had training we were able to keep up the puppy's training. We were hooked and wanted to commit to raising a puppy for them to become a life changer. We did the training and on July 20th, Victor arrived and we fell in love immediately.

I became interested in volunteering for guide Dogs when I saw an article about a BBC reporter whose guide dog was about to retire and he was faced with using a white stick as the waiting list for a new guide dog was two years I found this very moving and I saw a list of opportunities and signed up. We haven't looked back since. Victor is always keen to learn and tries so hard. Guide Dogs support us well, we have hotlines, training guidance and 24 HR vet access if needed.



It's a privilege to help people in some small way to understand what we do and how they can help by donating in the collection tin or even inspiring them to volunteer themselves. I never imagined how volunteering with Guide Dogs would change my life so much and in such a positive way. This is a wonderfully rewarding opportunity. I can't imagine my house without a puppy and we hope to do it many more times after Victor has moved on.



Maybe you could also help: there are many volunteering roles with different levels of commitment.

<https://www.guidedogs.org.uk/how-you-can-help/>

**The Friends of Amesbury Abbey Church
Welcome the Bulth Wells Male Voice Choir
in concert with the Salisbury Plain Military
Wives Choir**



Friday, May 17th May at 7.30 p.m.

**At the parish church of St Mary and St Melor,
Church Street, Amesbury.**

Refreshments available during the interval.

Ticket £15 from Jan Swindlehurst 01980 625467

Or online at Ticket Tailor: [https://buytickets.at/
thefriendsofamesburyabbeychurch/1166369](https://buytickets.at/thefriendsofamesburyabbeychurch/1166369)

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE ENFORD FETE

We're counting down to the Fete returning on **Saturday 22 June**, but we need your help to make it a success!

Can you help?

Help for an hour - we need your support in a variety of roles before, during and after the event - thanks to all those who have already put their name forward!

Host a stall - they are available for local businesses, charities and community organisations.

Get producing - if you're making jams, chutneys or other preserves, please can you consider making an extra jar or two spare for our home produce stand.

Provide a plant - if you are splitting perennials this season, please will you consider potting-up a few for the Fete!

Interested in getting involved? Please email EnfordFund@gmail.com or speak to Chris Rose, Katie Briscoe, Richard Pettitt or Rob Hibberd.

Look out for more information in each newsletter leading up to the event. Help support this event to keep our community strong by getting involved if you can!

Enford Community Fund

The Enford Community Fund was reformed in January 2023, and since then has supported several initiatives across the parish, including the Coronation celebration and Christmas Fayre, as well as donations made to benefit the community.

SUMMER FETE REMINDER

The group of volunteers is currently organising the return of the parish Fete, which takes place at the Village Hall and recreation ground on Saturday, 22 June. More details to follow in next month's newsletter and you can now follow the event on the Enford, Chisenbury and Coombe Facebook page, posters and banners will also be displayed around the Parish.

SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

We need everyone in the community to continue supporting the Fund, and to keep our rural community vibrant, integrated and involved - if you're able to volunteer a few hours and support these upcoming events, or to submit a grant application, please email EnfordFund@gmail.com

***Recipe of the month** ~ Please send in your recipes...
We would love to feature readers' favourite recipes here!*

SEVILLE ORANGE & PASSION FRUIT CHEESECAKE

Utterly delicious no-bake cheesecake perfect after the lamb in March Newsletter. Serves 10-12 (halve the quantities for 6)

300g ginger nut biscuits 120g melted butter

4 tbsp orange marmalade 250g mascarpone

200ml double cream 2 tbsp icing sugar

Pulp from 10-11 passion fruit (160ml) (or buy from Amazon Funkin passion fruit puree & keep in freezer)

TOPPING

Juice of 1/2 lemon

2 tbsp orange marmalade

Juice & seeds from 2 passion fruit



You will need a 23cm spring form tin
(smaller if making for 6)

Put ginger nuts in the mixer and crush to a crumb or put in a bag and bash with a rolling pin. Add the melted butter and mix thoroughly. Line the base of the tin with baking paper or silicone disc. Tip the mix in and squish it down. Put in the fridge while making the filling.

Cut the passion fruit in half and blitz the pulp in either a mixer or a tall jug with a held stick blender. Give a few blasts just to loosen the seeds from membrane. Place sieve over a bowl or jug and pour in the juice, squish the pips as you need 160ml juice.

Put the mascarpone in a large bowl and add the double cream. Mix to break up the mascarpone and then add 4 tbsp marmalade and the passion fruit juice. Blend until it looks like firmly whipped cream. Taste and add icing sugar if you prefer it sweeter. Put the mixture on top of the biscuit base, leaving a few dents in the top to make craters for the sauce to fill! Leave the cheesecake to set overnight in the fridge (or for about 4-5 hours).

Blitz the last two passion fruit briefly to loosen and stir in the lemon juice and marmalade. Mix thoroughly. Remove cheesecake from the tin and place on a pretty plate. Drizzle the sauce so it forms puddles in the dents and trickles over the whole thing.

An update from Simon Campbell, director of The Swan

On behalf of the directors and shareholders of Swan Enford Limited, the owners of the Swan freehold, we thought it would be useful to update the community on events and prospects since the pub's closure on 1 January. Pete & Emma's company, the lessee, has put the lease on the market with agent's Sidney Phillips. There has been a steady stream of interest but no acceptable offers as yet. We are monitoring progress. The idea is primarily to identify a new tenant who is likely to make a go of the business, whilst maximising a return to Pete & Emma for all the work they've put in over the last 9 years. The company remains fully supportive of P&E in this period and we hope to have some good news and a re-opening date at some time in the spring.

We will continue to update you. **Simon Campbell**



Can you Help Families in your area?

Home-Start helps families with children under five who are experiencing tough times. Volunteers visit families weekly to help them cope with challenges such as: isolation, low mood, financial worries, or twins. Support is tailored to need. It could be accompanying a parent to a playgroup or playing with a child whose parent is too ill. Often, just listening makes all the difference.

We're looking for volunteers with:

- ✓ A friendly, positive nature
- ✓ Great listening skills and empathy
- ✓ Parenting skills/relevant life experience
- ✓ Time to visit families weekly for 2-3 hours

We offer professional training, mentoring & personal development. Expenses paid.



Group Volunteers, Trustees and Volunteer Fundraiser roles also available.

Next Volunteer training starting soon. T:01672 569457

E: hello@homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk W: www.homestartnorthwiltshire.org.uk



Home Start North Wiltshire is committed to equality, diversity, and safe recruitment.
This volunteering post is subject to an enhanced DBS check. Charity number: 1106736



Family of triplets cared for at Salisbury Hospital to join Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards

A family whose triplets spent five weeks on the Neonatal Unit at Salisbury Hospital are taking part in the Stars Appeal's Walk for Wards to say thank you for the care and support they received. Chantelle Sims, 24, and her husband Mason, 25, will be doing the sponsored walk at Wilton House on Sunday, July 7, with their children Jenson 6, Reggie 3, and six-month-old triplets Brody, Albie and Archie. Chantelle gave birth to her triplets in August 2023 at 30 weeks, "The Stars Appeal supported us in so many ways. The accommodation I stayed in meant I could be closer to them. The free Wi-Fi enabled us to FaceTime family and friends, and the Stars Appeal playroom gave our older children space to play when they needed a break. The charity also funded equipment that helped to keep our boys alive. It's important to have this kind of support available when you've just been through some of the worst times possible in life. It also allows you to be more focused on your babies and have fewer things to worry about," adds the mum-of-five.

The family, are raising money for the Neonatal Unit describe staff as "real life angels. The Neonatal Unit is hugely close to our hearts we are extremely grateful for everything they have done for our family."

It is free to register for Walk for Wards and walkers need to commit to raising £20 per person. Participants can choose from a 3k, 5k or 10k route. Sign up at www.starsappeal.org/event/walk-for-wards



To sponsor the Sims family visit

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/TheSimsTriplets



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enfordnewsletter@gmail.com

for details and prices.

THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

Funding is available to help projects/events in the Parish of Enford (which includes East and West Chisenbury, Coombe, Fifield and Littlecott).

Applications for awards must be made to EnfordFund@gmail.com by email or letter, no later than the first day of the award month (March and September).

The following guidelines will be followed in allocating funds:

1. Awards will be considered every 6 months in March and September.
2. Awards will be made for individual projects and are not designed to allow awardees to become reliant on the award on an annual/regular basis.
3. Awards will be made to causes that benefit the community and not specific individuals.
4. No awards will exceed £1,000.
5. For any award to be made, there must be agreement by at least 75% of the Committee.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024

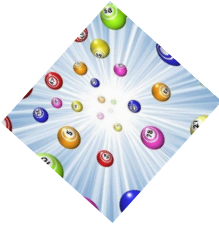
www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	April 2nd	7:30pm	Annual Parish meeting
	May 7th	6:30pm	Parish Council AGM
Tuesday		7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	July 2nd	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	September 3rd	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting
Tuesday	October 1st	7:30pm	Parish Council meeting.

ALL MEETINGS ARE HELD AT ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

Friends of Netheravon school PTFA

Monthly prize Bingos



**Netheravon Phoenix
Hall: Doors open 2pm**

Sun 28th April

Sun 26th May

Sun. 23rd June

Sun 28th July



Local Support & Information

PEWSEY VALE COMMUNITY CRAFT & TEA ROOM

OPEN: WED - SAT 10.00 - 4.00

OLD FORD COURT, HIGH ST, PEWSEY SN9 5AQ

- ☐ **Profits donated to local charities;**
- ☐ **Interested in helping? - pop in for a volunteer form.**



Mobile Library Services

**Love Reading,
Love Libraries**

Dates and times of all mobile library stops are available online via the website [Libraries - Wiltshire Council](#) and from printed timetables

available from the mobile library. We look forward to seeing all of our customers when we next visit you.

Next due in Enford on Friday 5th April at 3:25pm for 20 minutes then on these dates at the same time.

Friday 3rd May

Friday 31st May

Friday 28th June

Friday 26th July

Friday 23rd August

Friday 20th September

If you've never used the mobile library before it's free to join and you can use your membership card in any Wiltshire Library or online to access free eBooks and magazines.

Netheravon Library

Open Monday and Thursday 1pm - 5pm.



Age UK Wiltshire Information & Advice Team

0808 196 2424

enquiries@ageukwiltshire.org.uk.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/wiltshire/>

CrimeStoppers.

0800 555111

100% anonymous. Always.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

Crimestoppers is not the police.

If you require urgent police attention, please
dial 999

PARISH DEFIBRILLATOR LOCATIONS

1. Hill House Annex, 9 Longstreet, SN9 6DD Grid ref SU142515
What3Words - /// Parrot/slid/steadier
2. Red Lion, East Chisenbury SN9 6QA
What3Words - /// Foal/Thus/Ghost

If you think you need to use a defibrillator, call 999. The Emergency Service will give you the code to get into the cabinet.

See www.enfordnewsletter.org for more information and a short video on how to use it.



FLY TIPPING

If you spot someone fly-tipping in Wiltshire, report the offender to us through our online reporting system -
<https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/fly-tipping>.

As a reward for reporting a fly-tipper you could get a **gift voucher of up to £200** following the payment of a Fixed Penalty Notice or a successful prosecution.



Swindon Domestic Abuse Support Service

24 hours 7 days a week 365 days a year

If you are worried about your situation, you can call them in confidence and speak to a real person, not a machine - 01793 610610.

<https://swadomesticabuse.org/>



is independent from the police and you don't have to report a crime to the police to get our help. You can contact us at any time, regardless of how long ago the crime happened.

Call us free on **0808 281 0113** or **08 08 16 89 111**

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ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL Abridged Draft Minutes of the meeting of 5th March 2024

24/020 Public Question Time Mark and Geraldine Symonds attended the meeting to raise the issue of flooding in the village (particularly Longstreet) and were seeking information about who is responsible for what, if there are protocols in place and if there is a comprehensive plan of the storm and foul drainage system in Enford. On a number of occasions they have reported the flooding, potholes and escaping foul water on the interactive map on the My Wilts app but without result other than being informed the problem had been dealt with or, once, referring them to the Parish Council. The problem is ground water erupting as springs not the river bursting its banks. Mark has previously cleared the drains himself. The pumping station struggles with the sheer quantity of water and foul water from the drains is contaminating the spring water. It was noted that Wessex Water were in daily attendance but did not appear to achieve any improvement. He felt it would be useful to know the layout of all the storm and foul drains in the village because as these significant climate change flooding events worsen, it seems that major re-engineering of the system will be required to protect property and residents' safety. It was assumed that any major engineering works would be the responsibility of Wiltshire Council, with Wessex Water, but he felt that WC were not engaged and had not registered the seriousness of the issue. Cllr Roberts mentioned a WC meeting being held in Figcheldean on 27th March where this issue could be raised, Cllrs Roberts and Farrow will be attending. Since then Mark Symonds has confirmed that he will also be attending.

Enford Community Fund. No representative will be able to attend the Annual Parish Meeting next month (2nd April) and so they wished to update the Parish Council on how things stand. Chris Rose spoke on their behalf. The Community Fund (CF) was reformed in 2023 and are financially in good shape, just over £6,000 in the bank. He thanked Amanda Farrow for her great stewardship over the previous 10 years. The fund is ostensibly for the cost of putting on the Village Fete and Fireworks night but also for grants of up to £1,000 for local projects. Grants are awarded in March and September though applications can be made throughout the year. Upcoming events where the CF will be involved are: **1. 6th June – 80th D-Day celebrations.** Alongside the bonfire/beacon lighting in the evening the CF will be organising food and drink. The Parish Council will also be contributing to the event. Cllr Hiskett will liaise with the CF. **2. 22nd June – The Village Fete.** As always volunteers are required to assist with the build-up, running and breakdown. Even two hours of someone's time and support makes a difference to the continuation of the Fete so all volunteers are greatly welcomed - please support your Village Fete. It is hoped stands will include Wiltshire Wildlife, Dorset Fire & Rescue, the Police, the Parish Council as well as the usual attractions – the dog show, cake stall, plant stall (all donations gratefully received!), Fete games, races etc and of course refreshments. **3. 26th October – Bonfire Night.** This is a provisional date and plans are afoot though it is too early to be more precise at this stage.

24/021 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch. The latest Police Report had been circulated to all Cllrs. PC Jody King confirmed that both poaching and hare coursing on all areas of Salisbury Plain had increased in the last month. Criminal gangs not only do immense damage to crops and fencing but do great harm to our local wildlife, demonstrated by the large numbers of discarded mutilated hares left in the fields and on the Plain. It is not always possible to get drone operators to assist when needed. The hare count (breeding) is up this year hence the frequency of these events. Stolen cars used for this are often found burnt out and they have even

rammed police vehicles in order to get away. There are no longer any MoD Police in the area so it is down to Landmarc, Range Ops and the Police to try to be in the right place at the right time, most often at night with one person per vehicle. Intelligence shows the courserers are coming from as far as Wales and their gambling web-streams reach globally as far as China. The Police will continue their patrols and ask anyone seeing the courserers, to call 999, if possible get pictures of number plates but do not engage with them yourself.

On other matters, speeding continues to be a problem.

Playpark maintenance update. Cllrs Roberts, Hiskett, Farrow and Waight will continue with the maintenance required when the weather improves, currently looking at the week beginning 8th April. The Clerk reported that the contractor for the repair of the Multiply unit has been instructed to proceed. There is a 4 week lead time on making the pieces for the unit, but he hopes to have it installed by Easter.

D-Day 80th Anniversary – 6th June 2024. Discussed during Public Questions 24/020 – see above.

Litter Pick – 23rd March. Will start at 10.00 by the bus stop at Enford Hill. The Parish Council will supply bin bags, grabbers, hi-viz vests etc. It is recommended that people bring their own gloves though some are supplied. Cllr Roberts will place an emphasis on Health & Safety (what to pick up and what not to pick up) plus who covers which areas before getting to work. The event usually takes around an hour to an hour and a half. As The Swan is currently closed, two residents have very kindly come forward to offer teas, coffees and bacon butties afterwards as a thank you. Served from Swancote (opposite The Swan), the home of Geraldine Symonds who has offered her house as a venue. The Council would like to thank her for her generosity.

Bus stop roof repair and path renovation – Memorial Garden on A345.

Cllr Roberts confirmed a working party has now repaired the bus shelter roof. Special thanks go to Tom Hunter and Clive Bullen for their support as well as Cllrs Mark Hiskett and Bruce Waight. The path through the garden needs repair work. First to replace the wooden baton edging but discussion was had on the surface. Gravel can easily be thrown up by lawnmowers (a hazard to traffic) and is slippery if frozen. Wood chip is a weed suppressant but can easily 'shift' with wear. Both can easily be compacted with use. A hoggin surface was mentioned and Cllr Roberts will speak to Dan Withers (Landscape Gardener) to ask for suggestions. Whatever is agreed a working party can assist with the 'new' path.

24/032 Roads and Highways. Cllr Farrow said the Parish Steward was still on secondment to other areas of WC, but will be returning to Parish duties soon. He is very helpful with issues raised. Cllr Farrow requested problems be reported initially on the My Wilts app and tell him the report number to follow it through the system.

It has been noted that there is a new mirror opposite New Buildings. The old mirror is discarded and needs to be removed.

Tuesday, 2nd April – ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

** A big thank you to **Mort Burdick** for his work on the church *
 * clock to ensure its accuracy. He was ably assisted by **Henry** *
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I was astonished to learn that criminal gangs who exploit children and young people to carry out criminal activities are using virtual rewards to take advantage of them. Bribes in the form of virtual credit, now

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