

April 2025

Enford Newsletter

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



April 2025





April

Thurs	3rd	Household waste
Tues	8th	Mixed dry recycling
Wed	9th	Garden waste
Thurs	17th	Household waste
Tues	22nd	Mixed dry recycling
Wed	23rd	Garden waste
		Household waste

May

Thurs	1st
Tues	6th
Wed	7th
Thurs	15th
Tues	20th
Wed	21st
Thurs	29th

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

Further information is available at

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

Dates of note in this edition...

April

Tuesday 1st Pewsey Arts Lecture
Wednesday 2nd, 9th & 16th; Lent Lunches
Thursday 3rd Hub in the Pub
Friday 11th Parochial Church Meeting
Tuesday 15th Gardening Club
Sunday 27th Tractor Run
Tuesday 29th Enford Film Club

May

Thursday 8th V E Day Celebration
13th—18th Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival
Monday 26th Amesbury Bowls Club Open Day
Wednesday 28th Talk on Rona Stewart

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Wednesday
16th April

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

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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.

*My brain just
logged me out
due to
inactivity...
and now I can't
remember my
password!*



Thoughts from Rev. Simon Pope.

April – Easter and New Beginnings

We travel now through Lent, but by the end of this month we will have enjoyed the biggest Christian celebration of the year – **Happy Easter!**

Easter is a fantastic time. We think about the vibrant colour of spring bulbs, (hopefully) some warm sunshine, leaping lambs, and renewal. This Easter is for me a moment of big change, where I move from my time in curacy here in the Avon River Team, to become the Vicar of St Thomas' Trowbridge, and St John's West Ashton. We look forward to what the future brings, however, as many of you will know, change often brings mixed feelings. We have enjoyed our time here, with many cherished friendships formed. It has been an honour and a joy to stand alongside and walk with you all. This part of Wiltshire will always have a place in my heart.

So on to something new. New beginnings are what Easter is all about. The opportunity Jesus gave us for a fresh start. The rubbish that holds us back has been dealt with, so we can look at the future with renewed hope. It reminds me of the words from Romans 15.13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.”

Hope – Joy – Peace all things we need in our world right now. If you would like to find out more, perhaps come and join us at our services over Easter?

Thank you for all the love and support you have given to me and my family throughout the three years we have been here. May your April be filled with sunshine, joy, peace, and hope for a fresh future.

Every blessing, Rev Simon Pope (Team Curate)

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Rev. Philip Bromiley: 01980 258549 or philip@avonriverteam.org.uk



Enford Church Update

ENFORD CHURCH SERVICES



April

Sunday April 6th	9:30am	Holy Communion
Palm Sunday April 13th	10:30am	Team service Durrington
Wednesday April 16th	12– 2pm	Lent Lunch
Good Friday April 18th	2:00pm	Hour of the Cross
Easter Sunday April 20th	9:30am	Easter Communion
Sunday April 27th	6:00pm	Evensong

May

Sunday May 4th	9.30am	Holy Communion
Sunday May 11th	8.00pm	Compline (Online)
Sunday May 18th	9.30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday May 25th	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

Lent Lunches in the Benefice

Each Wednesday during Lent, a simple lunch of soup and bread will be held at a different venue in the benefice from 12 to 1.30.

Proceeds from these lunches will be donated to Christian Aid. Please come and support us at one or more of these if you can.

April 2 nd	Camilla Hall, Bulford
April 9 th	River Cottage, Fittleton
April 16 th	Enford Church



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	Post Natal Yoga	10.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.	Marie Hanley Mob: 07871 302303 email mamawaveyoga@gmail.com
	Yoga	6.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.	Emma Pettitt Tel: 01980 670510 emma@petittbros.co.uk
	Pregnancy Yoga	7.30 p.m. – 8.45 p.m.	
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 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	9am – 10am	Nicci Caswell Tel: 01980 625245 nicci@thecaswells.uk
Sat	Junior Football Club	10am– 11am Recreation Ground	Steve Todd stodd@qinetiq.com

ENFORD GARDENING CLUB



National Garden Scheme with Ros Ford

Tuesday 8th April 2025

Bring and buy plant stall, Raffle

Tea and coffee

7.00 for 7.15 pm Enford Village Hall

Entrance £5

Everyone Welcome!

Contact steve.stringer@outlook.fr

Tel 07899 758222

Enford Film Club

Enford Village Hall

'THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR'

Tuesday 29th April

The Thomas Crown Affair is a 1999 American romantic heist film directed by John McTiernan. It is a remake of the 1968 film. Starring Pierce Brosnan, Rene Russo, and Denis Leary. It follows Thomas Crown, a billionaire who steals a painting from the Metropolitan Museum of Art and is diligently pursued by an insurance investigator, with them naturally falling in love.



Tuesday 29th April

Doors open **6.30** for
7.15 pm start

Tickets £8 - Cash or
Card – includes a glass of
wine and canapes

**Please book in advance
so we know numbers.**

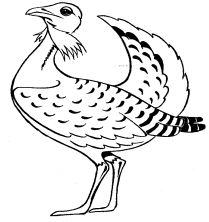
The new remote control screen is installed and now ongoing fund raising to replace the projector, dvd player, speakers and amplifier.

For information and bookings, please contact: Tel 01980 670501

Judy D'Arcy-Irvine: enfordvillagehall@btinternet.com

Theresa Horsey: etphorsey@gmail.com Mobile 07775 673110

GREAT BUSTARD GROUP



Patron: HM King Charles III

The male Great Bustards are in their full breeding plumage now, regularly displaying. The females have not yet started to nest, but it will not be long.

It is a busy time for volunteers on our Visits Team and we hope many of the visitors are using the local B & Bs and the Swan Inn. Local farmers have reported a number of overly entitled bird watchers and photographers who ignore



signs and fences and cause problems for the farms as well as disturbing the wildlife. It is a small minority, but they are a nuisance.

A herd of Red Deer have been making a wonderful sight on the Plain around Enford. They are enormous compared to the more usual Roe Deer. The herd apparently started with escapees from a local farm but are certainly breeding; as a once native species make a really splendid addition to the Plain.



Did anyone else spot the Great Bustard on one of the Colours carried by the Irish Guards on St Patrick's Day?

We are investigating the story behind Wiltshire's bird being on the colours of an Irish Regiment.

If anyone knows, please do tell us.

Enford Summer Fete *Photography Competition*

11th June 2025

Calling all amateur photographers!

Would you like your photograph to be included in a published Enford Parish calendar for 2026? Ideal as gifts or useful for personal admin. No fancy camera equipment is required; phone cameras can take great photos.

On the day of the Fete. All submitted photographs will be displayed, public voting will take place throughout the day with 12 photographs chosen for an Enford Parish calendar! After professional publication, the calendars will be available for purchase from **The Swan pub** in Enford and at future community events in 2025. The proceeds will contribute to future projects to benefit the whole community.

Criteria for submission *Theme:* 'The Parish of Enford', your photograph must feature an aspect of the parish of Enford e.g. a building, landmark, landscape, local fauna or flora taken during 2025.

No human portraits.

1 photograph submission per person

Age: all ages of photographers are welcomed

Size: A5, which is roughly 5.8 x 8.3 inches.

How to submit Please submit your photo as a physical copy with your name, email and phone number on the back (to display the photograph for judging). Digital versions will be required if your photo is chosen for the calendar Your Photo must be handed in to the collection point at **The Swan In Enford** in a sealed envelope, no later than **11 June 2025**.

No submissions will be considered after this date.

If you have questions, please email EnfordFund@gmail.com or speak to one of the Enford Community Fund - details in the newsletter.

Save the date for the Summer Fete!

We're counting down to the Fete returning on **Saturday 21 June**.

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 - local businesses, charities, community organisations.
- ☐ Get producing - if you're making jams, chutneys or other preserves, please consider making an extra jar for our home produce stand.
- ☐ Bake a cake - this is always a popular stand at the Fete, so if you can provide some delicious cupcakes, full cake, muffins or traybake that would be much appreciated!
- ☐ Provide a plant - if you are splitting perennials this season, please consider potting-up a few for the Fete!
- ☐ Bottle tombola - sold out last year, with dozens of lucky winners. Please contact us if you can donate a bottle or two.

Interested in getting involved? Please email EnfordFund@gmail.com or speak to one of the group, details can be found in this newsletter.

Look out for more information each month leading up to the event.

Let's use this event to keep our community strong,
please get involved however you can!

Goodbye & Welcome

*Goodbye and best wishes to **Patty and Jeremy Hall-Smith** as they leave Enford... and a warm welcome to them both as they arrive in **East Chisenbury**!*

*A welcome also to **Felicity and Simon Bage**, who are moving into Enford village; they have travelled rather farther, arriving from the south of France!*

*Condolences to the family and friends of **David Osborne**, (married to Fred Phillimore's daughter) who lived for many years in Enford then moved to Durrington. His funeral is on **11th April** at Salisbury Crematorium, then at **Durrington working Men's Club**. **Pat** says any villagers who remember **David** are welcome. No flowers please: Donations to Dementia UK*



These boots were made for skiing...

Sadly, the owner's knees no longer are!

Size 6.5. Good condition.

Used about 6 weeks in total.

Various adjustments are possible for a comfortable fit. **Call 07547 090542**

Donation to the newsletter appreciated but not a requirement.



A Plea from the Newsletter

*We are looking for contributions from our readers ~ **ALL** of you!*

*We need: **Your** Photographs for our front cover*

***Your** recipes to share with the community*

*And especially urgent at this time; any of **Your** items; pictures, documents, letters or memories of **VE Day** (your own or passed on).*



Concerts, Events and Community singing

Joining your local choir is really easy!

Come along to a rehearsal at the Methodist Hall, North Street, Pewsey on a Monday evening at 7.15pm

<https://www.pewseymalevoicechoir.co.uk> <https://www.facebook.com/groups/pewseymvc>

paulcobbing@hotmail.com 07773355181

TRACTOR RUN - SALISBURY HOSPITAL STARS APPEAL – SUN 27th APRIL 2025



Local farmers are supporting Salisbury Hospital 'Stars Appeal' in a **BIG** way! Over 250 tractors and 4x4s from across the south will meet up then 'trundle' round Salisbury Plain on **Sunday 27th April**. It will be an impressive cavalcade of farming machinery!

From 10 am you can see them mass together before the 'off' at 10.30. Starting from the square at old Carter Bks, (off the Drove Way, just north of Bulford).



The route will travel clockwise round the Plain, crossing the A345 at '**Charlie**' and then back again at '**Alpha**'.

The 'trundle' will include a lunch stop and charity auction at **Pigleze Farm, Everleigh** at about **13.00hrs**, all supporters are welcome.

Come and show
YOUR support for
our local farmers
as they show
THEIR support for
Salisbury Hospital
Stars Appeal.



Recipe of the Month:

CHICKEN, ARTICHOKE & SPINACH FILO PIE

Serves 4-6 Can be frozen

3 chicken breasts (without skin)	1 large onion, finely chopped
2 cloves of garlic, finely chopped	300ml milk & 1 chicken stock cube
100ml white wine or vermouth	100g baby leaf spinach
1 jar of artichoke hearts (150-200g)	50g butter
Sprigs of dill and tarragon, chopped/dried	50g flour
About 5 sheets of filo pastry	Approx 50g melted butter

Preheat oven to Gas 6 /200C (top oven of the AGA).

Lay the chicken breasts in a small roasting tin and season. Pour over the milk and chicken stock cube or a tsp bouillon powder. Cover with foil and put into the top oven for 30 minutes or until cooked.

Melt the butter in a large saucepan and a splash of oil to stop it burning. Add the finely chopped onion, cook for a few minutes before adding the garlic. Cook until soft but not brown. Add the flour and cook for a minute. Slowly add the milk and wine from the chicken breasts, don't add all of it straight away as you might not need it all. Bring to a simmer to thicken.

Chop the chicken breast into chunks and add to the sauce. Drain the artichoke hearts and add these to the pan. Stir gently then add the baby spinach leaves and herbs. Remove from the heat and adjust seasoning. Put into a freezer container or pie dish and leave to cool completely. Freeze now if required.

If using in the next 24 hours, cover with scrunched up sheets of filo pastry and paint liberally with the melted butter. Otherwise cover in clingfilm.

Put into a hot oven for 30-40 minutes until browned and sauce bubbling. Check after about 20 minutes in case the pastry is catching. If it is, loosely cover with foil. If freezing, defrost before putting into the pie dish and then continue as above



BIG BOWLS WEEKEND



AMESBURY BOWLS CLUB OPEN DAY

Monday 26th May 2025 10.30am – 1pm

Are you looking for a new challenge

COME ALONG AND TRY THE GAME OF BOWLS
AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR COMPETITIVE AND RECREATIONAL SPORT

All ages, abilities and those with disabilities are welcome

All Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult

For more information contact the Club Secretary on

amesburybc.secretary@gmail.com or 01980652285

If you can't make this date, be in touch and we can make alternative arrangements

All you need is flat shoes or trainers, all other equipment provided

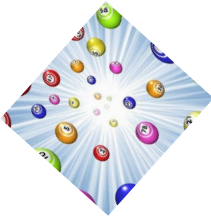
www.amesburybowlsclub.co.uk

Friends of Netheravon school PTF

Monthly prize Bingo

Netheravon

Phoenix Hall: 2pm



6th April
4th May
1st June
6th July



Annual parochial church meeting

Friday April 11th at 5.30 pm in Enford Church

Our beautiful parish church is used by many village families for weddings, baptisms and funerals, as well as the traditional services at Christmas, Easter and Harvest Festival. It is also the venue for our Christmas Fayre and concerts.

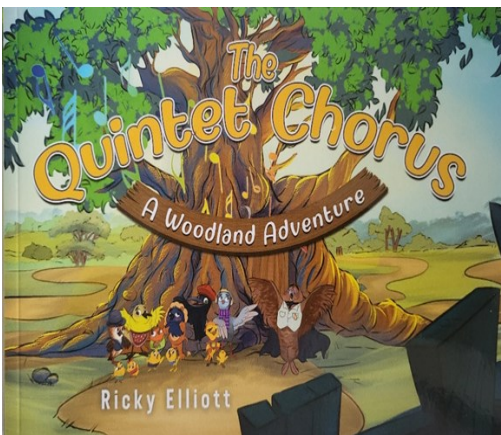
If the church is to continue as an integral part of village life, feedback from the community is important. We need suggestions, complaints, and/or praise and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting provides an opportunity for this. Please join us for tea, coffee or wine and nibbles in the church on **Friday April 11th at 5.30pm**. We will review the church activity of the past year and the year to come, electing new members of the Parochial Church Council.

Everyone is welcome to attend, but to vote, you need to be on the Church Electoral Roll – this can be done by contacting Lyn Riche on 01980 670489 or at: lashy52@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Local Author Publishes First Book

'Richard Elliott from Fittleton cum Haxton, writing as 'Ricky Elliott' has had his first children's novel published 'The Quintet Chorus - A Woodland Adventure'

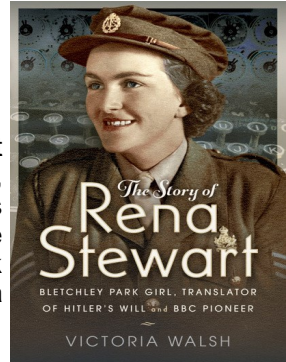


The book is aimed at young readers aged 6-10 years of age, and is set in the magical kingdom of Willow Wood. Join the Quintet Chorus, a magical group of feathered heroes in the battle for Willow Wood and the lengths they will go to save their homes forever.

Richard says, "If I say more it would give away the plot."

Bletchley Park and beyond: A Biography and talk by local author

Imagine 40 women in the 1940s, tapping away at typewriters in a big, cold room at Bletchley Park, willing the war to be over. Well, May not only brings the 80th anniversary of the end of the war in Europe but also one of the last accounts of a Bletchley Park Girl. I was lucky to meet 100-year-old veteran Rena Stewart in 2023, and I'm excited to share her story.



Rena (1923-2023) was born in Scotland and studied French and German at St Andrews University. On graduating, in 1943, she and her friend Agnes decided to 'do something about the war.' So signed up immediately with the ATS (Auxiliary Territorial Service). Their language skill got them assigned to Bletchley Park, where Rena worked on secret German messages with 40 other women. For Rena, Bletchley Park was just the start.

At the end of the war, she and her pals couldn't be released straight away, as they hadn't served for very long. Instead, they were sent to Germany with the Intelligence Corps, to translate the statements of captured Nazi officers. This meant more typing, but it was interesting work. While in Germany, Rena and her Bletchley friend Margery had an extra, top-secret task: to translate Hitler's will. They did so with great care, and were proud to have made a small contribution to history.

However, what Rena had always wanted was to work in the media. Back in England, she started job hunting but was frustrated because she couldn't talk about her secret work experience. This meant that she had to start low – as a clerk at the BBC World Service. Nevertheless, she worked her way up, conquering workplace sexism along the way. Eventually, she became the first woman in a senior position in the World Service newsroom. Forget Bletchley and Hitler, Rena declared that *this* was her proudest moment.

Rena was always serious about her work (so much so she never married nor had children), but she also knew how to have fun. She even taught Scottish dancing until she was 90! This side of Rena runs through her biography, which contains humour, music, poetry amid recollections of parties, hitchhiking and a few romances.

I hope you will find *The Story of Rena Stewart* fascinating and entertaining. It also tells the little-known tale of Hitler's two wills, providing extra interest and drama. It will be published by Pen and Sword on **30 May** and available to pre-order on their website.

If you'd like to find out more, please come to my talk at **Enford Village Hall**, on **Wednesday 28 May**. Entry is free. Doors open at **6.30** for canapes and drinks (starting with a free glass of wine/beer/soft drink) and the talk will start at **7.30**. I look forward to seeing you!

80th Anniversary of VE Day Thursday 8th May

Once again Enford Parish will be joining in and celebrating the nationwide Beacon Lighting event taking place all across the country. This is scheduled for **9.30pm** on **Thursday 8th May**. It will be held at the top of B-crossing (the same place as was used for the Platinum Jubilee).



All residents are welcome to join us in the celebration of this significant event with a free glass of beer or bubbles provided by the Enford Fund on arrival.

Please send us any items you may have relating to the end of the war and/or the VE Day celebrations. We are looking to produce a special piece in the newsletter, but This is not possible without your help.

THE SWAN
— ENFORD —

80 YEARS

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS

SAVE THE DATE!
10th MAY

12-7pm
MILITARY WIVES CHOIR
STICKY TOFFEE JAZZ
1940'S / WAR TIME COSTUME
COMPETITION FOR ADULTS
AND CHILDREN
AFTERNOON TEA
SUPPORTING BLESMA

7pm - 11pm
1940'S INSPIRED DINNER
THEMED QUIZ
MUSIC & DANCING

Contact **Iris Daunt-Withers** at
idaunt@gmail.com to request a booking form. *Bring the whole Flock!*



VE80 Dinner Celebration 1940's Inspired Menu



Join Us for the Swan Enford VE 80 Celebration Dinner in Support of Blesma

Marking 80 years since Victory in Europe, the Swan Enford proudly invites you to a special evening of remembrance, gratitude, and camaraderie. This commemorative dinner not only honors the sacrifices of those who served but also supports BLESMA, the charity dedicated to assisting limbless veterans in rebuilding their lives.

Enjoy a wonderful meal and the company of friends and neighbours as we reflect on this historic milestone. Together, we can celebrate the past while making a meaningful difference for those who have given so much.

Join us for an unforgettable evening in the spirit of remembrance and support.

The Swan at Enford

Saturday 10th May 2024 at 6.30pm for 7pm

Text/ Whatsapp 07938 020700

idaunt@gmail.com

Please book, pre-pay and pre-order by : 1st May 2025

Please submit pre-orders and payment (BACS details available on request or cash; no cheques)

£35.00 per head including tea or coffee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Starters

☐ Ham Hock Terrine with Spiced Apple & Tomato Chutney & Toast

☐ Roasted Vegetable Terrine Served with Spiced Apple & Tomato Chutney & Toast

☐ Homemade Roasted Vegetable Soup Served with Toast

Main

☐ Home Cured Corned Beef Served with Boiled Potatoes, Spring Greens & Gravy

☐ Boiled Ham with Boiled Potatoes, Spring Greens & Gravy

☐ Roasted Cauliflower Steak Served with Boiled Potatoes, Spring Greens & Gravy

Dessert

Homemade Spotted Dick Served with Custard

Coffee or Tea

For this event we will be supporting BLESMA (British Limbless Ex-Services Men's Association). They were first formed just after World War 1 and in the 100 years since they were formed the association and its members have achieved much. 40,000 men lost limbs in World War 1. During the 1920's limbless men came together to support each other and gather together to discuss their problems. This led to LESMA (Limbless Ex-Services Men's Association) being formed with the first branch opening in an area of Glasgow. In 1932 Different branches of LESMA came together and received charitable status and became BLESMA. 12,000 men and women lost limbs in World War 2. By 1963 BLESMA had opened 3 homes to house and support their members and the number of branches had grown from 24 to 120. During the 30 years of the Northern Ireland conflict the membership grew by another 100 members. Fast forward to 2022 and BLESMA celebrated their 90 year anniversary. They have supported over 62,000 veterans with lifelong support. We hope that you will donate as much money as you are able to with hard working charity.

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Salisbury Cathedral Flower Festival

The Spirit of Water Flower Festival

13 - 18 May 2025
Salisbury Cathedral

Experience the sight and scent
of more than thirty thousand
blooms in stunning floral displays



 **Salisbury
Cathedral**
Charity number: 1202770

Kindly sponsored by:

**South
Western
Railway**

With support from:



For more information
including ticket prices visit
salisburycathedral.co.uk



The **April** lecture of The Arts Society - Pewsey Vale will take place at the **Bouverie Hall** at 2.30pm on Tuesday **1st April**.

Harry Venning will speak on **The Art of the Cartoonist**. He will trace the history of his profession with examples from early practitioners like Cruickshank and Hogarth, to contemporary artists such as Giles and Schulz, bringing events right up to date with cartoons he draws for us on the day! He can not, however, draw hands or horses!! **Harry Venning** has been a professional cartoonist for thirty years, he has provided cartoons for The Guardian & Radio Times. He was awarded UK Strip Cartoonist Of The Year for his strip in the Guardian, Clare In The Community, which he adapted into a Radio 4 sitcom.



Harry tours his cartoon workshop around schools, theatres & arts centres, is an Honorary Fellow of the English/Creative Writing dept of Aberystwyth University, winner of Sony Radio Award for Comedy.

April 1st at Bouverie Hall, Pewsey
Doors open at **2.00pm** for refreshments:
Visitors always welcome
£7 cash on arrival.

The Hub in the Pub

Enford's Community Café

Held at the Swan

1st Thursday of the month

The next Hub is on 3rd April

From 10 — 11:30

Tea, Coffee & Homemade Cakes

A place to meet your friends
and make new friends.

All Are Welcome!



THE ENFORD COMMUNITY FUND

The Enford Community Fund is a not-for-profit community organisation managed by a small group of local volunteers who organise activities and events across the parish and make donations to benefit the wider community.

Funding is available to support projects and events in the Parish of Enford (which includes Compton, Coombe, East and West Chisenbury, Fifield, New Buildings and Newtown). Applications for awards must be made in writing, by email, to EnfordFund@gmail.com or by letter to one of the group members (Carolyn Ansell, Katie Briscoe, Tracy Buttery, Rob Hibberd, Richard Petitt, Chris Rose).

The following guidelines will be followed in allocating funds:

1. Submissions will be considered at the next scheduled meeting and within 3 months of the request being submitted.
2. Funding will be made for individual projects and is 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 in total.
5. For any award to be made, there must be agreement by 75% of the group.

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2024

www.enfordparishcouncil.gov.uk

Day	Date	Time	Meeting
Tuesday	1st April	7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting
Tuesday	6th May	6:30pm	Parish Council AGM
Tuesday	1st July	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	2nd September	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday	4th November	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting

ALL MEETINGS ARE AT ENFORD VILLAGE HALL

ENFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Abridged draft Minutes of the meeting of 4th March 2025

25/020 Public Question Time. Mark Symonds updated the Council on the ongoing flooding issues: ***“General Update Storms Eowyn and Herminia overwhelmed the drains overnight 27th/28th January. Roads in Enford, Longstreet and East Chisenbury were flooded and blocked drains reported on MyWilts. The gullies were cleared on a reactive basis. There was no report of properties being flooded. There was also no flooding on the road out of Longstreet towards Coombe and previous gully clearance in this area appears to have been successful. Springs in Longstreet popped up after the flooding had largely subsided and generally the surface water drains coped. Subsequent river level Flood Alerts have been issued by the EA but, again, surface water drains generally coped.***

Wessex Water

Enford Infiltration Reduction Plan;

Pumping Station; Wiltshire County Council

Surface Water Drainage Plan;

Underground Drainage Pipework;

Gully Clearance; there are two separate roles:-

Area Highways;

Discretionary Gully Service;

Operational Flood Working Group (South);

Enford Flood Plan

WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling commented that all ditches in the Parish are the responsibility of the landowner and it is the landowner who should keep them clear.

25/021 Police Matters and Neighbourhood Watch PC Jody Kinge said there had been only one reported issue for 2025 – a number plate had been removed from a vehicle in Coombe Lane. Cllr Roberts noted that he had reported hare-coursing some 10 days ago. Cllr Cliffe-Roberts asked if there was a connection between the theft of number plates and hare coursing. PC Kinge said that was possible.

25/023 Unitary Council Matters WC Blair-Pilling wanted to raise the following points: The C32 (back road) is due to be closed between Enford and Coombe from 16th March for repairs.

Any changes to the WC bin rounds will be because of new development in the area but he stressed that there will be no changes to the frequency of collections.

There is a WC Supplementary Planning Document available for consultation from 5th May. The delay is due to local elections being held on 1st May and from 11th March only vital services can continue to run. Any 'extra' WC work, like this consultation, cannot run until after the elections. He wanted to stress that WC is probably the only Council in the UK who is not increasing Council Tax to the maximum limit allowed. The 2025-26 increase in Council will be 4.5% and no services being reduced; which is down to the Council's good financial planning.

25/026 Matters Arising **Annual Litter Pick, Saturday 22nd March.** Hannah at The Swan has confirmed her support in providing 'bacon butties' (or similar), teas and coffees after the event. The bin emptying Contractors, Hurdcott Landscapes, have offered two members of their staff and extra equipment for the morning and will remove the rubbish after the event. As usual we shall be meeting at 10 o'clock by the bus stop at the bottom of Enford Hill for a brief safety reminder and organise 'who goes where' in order to cover the whole Parish. All volunteers welcome for a fun couple of hours! (Bring friends and all the family).

80th Anniversary of VE Day – Thursday 8th May. Cllr Waight will talk to the MoD regarding lighting a beacon. The PC will supply beer and Prosecco and will offer a drink on arrival free of charge to those who attend. There will not be a bar as such as this would require a licence. A discussion was had about 'decorations' as the Royal British Legion are making special VE Day commemorative memorabilia. It was agreed that some funding should be used for purchasing such goods Cllrs will decide exactly what in due course. Also noted was The Swan will be having a 40s themed event on Saturday 10th with jazz band and 'ration boxes'.

Correction to Minute no 25/009 (January 7th 2025). This item regarding parking at the Red Lion blocking the access to the route up on to the Plain. It was incorrectly termed a bridleway as it is a footpath. The problem with parking has been resolved.

Mud accumulation in Fifield. Again the accumulation of mud between the footpath and the end of the tarmac road in Fifield is raising concern. The increased rainfall over the winter months brings debris and mud down the road towards the river. The gap between the road and the footpath becomes a quagmire. Over the last 2-3 years the Parish Council, individual residents, Wiltshire Byways and Footpath Association have applied to Wiltshire Council for assistance to resolve the problem with no solution. WCllr Ian Blair-Pilling pointed out that within the county there are over 3,000 miles of footpaths and byways and there is no money in the budget to maintain them. It is not a priority and is unlikely assistance will be forthcoming.

Frog/Toad warning signs. Due to concerns for their survival, an East Chisenbury resident has registered a particular stretch of road where toads are regularly being run over on their migratory route. A discussion was had and it was agreed warning signs could be purchased. The Community Fund is approached for funding. These would be in place between February to April, monitored by the concerned resident.

Flooding Update. This was covered in 'Public Questions – 25/020'

25/030 Roads and Highways Following from minute 25/014 (7th Jan), Cllr Farrow reported on the proposal put forward by LHFIFG to help reduce the speed of traffic on the A345 entering the village from the south (New Town area) and exiting from the north (New Buildings area). A Plan for the proposal was circulated showing enhanced SLOW markings to the south and north as well as a proposed length of footway in the north area to link two Bridleways. The proposed work in both locations would be circa £4,000 and the Parish Council would have to pay 25% of this cost should the surveys and work go ahead. After a discussion on the whole problem of the area, it was agreed that the Parish Council would make the 25% contribution to the proposed works and would continue to request further safety work in the future.

25/031 Public Rights of Way (PRoWs) Although not present on this occasion, Cllr Hiskett had reported a blocked gully at the top of Enford Hill, this has been added to the list of gullies that need clearing. He had also attended an online meeting on 'Improving the Rights of Way network at a local level'. He raised the Fifield issue again and asked for someone to get back to him or to contact the Clerk if he is away. Other key points raised were: *WCC has some 4k miles of PRoW and 6 x access officers who can only scratch the surface. This under-resourcing in money and staff coincides with the effects of climate change such as flooding, vigorous undergrowth due to warmer weather, increase in antisocial behaviour such as fly-tipping, blocking, off-roading etc. PCs need to look to themselves and to self-help where able.*

25/033 Date of Next Meetings

1st April - **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

6th May - **PC AGM** at **6.30pm** in the Village Hall followed by

6th May - **PC meeting** at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

pcc Police and Crime Commissioner Philip Wilkinson

Over the past few years, issues surrounding shoplifting are more prevalent as shoplifting has become more organised and more brazen, offenders often working in groups, seemingly not worried about being seen.

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We have funded anti-social behaviour wardens to be a visible presence in our largest town and city centres, and ASB hotspot funding will continue for a further year, so there will be extra police and PCSO patrols in the areas most affected.

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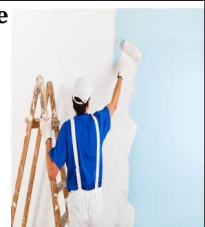


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