

EARDISLAND PARISH MAGAZINE

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Spring is on the way. The day after I wrote that, it snowed!

I must admit that I took this photo some years ago. Ed.

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EDITORIAL

I am sorry to report the death of Mike Kirkham on Friday 1st March. I hope to have an obituary in the May edition of the magazine. I am sure you will join with me in sending our condolences to Helen and family.

Farming is an essential part of Eardisland's rural life, as it is in all such areas, but farmers do not have an easy life. The level of mental illness, largely hidden, leads to all sorts of problems, sometimes ending with suicide. I have been asked to make farmers aware of help, and, of course, I am happy to do so. The information is on page 24. There is no loss of face in seeking help.

With this magazine you will find a questionnaire about the Eardisland Community Shop. This has now been running, successfully, for well over a decade, providing a vital service. It is facing a crisis. Unless more people help, it won't keep going. It's as simple as that. Your contribution, no matter how small, will help to keep this asset going. Please look at the questionnaire carefully, take a few minutes to complete and return it, and reflect on how you can help. It would be an enormous loss if it were to go.

Chris Bivand

EARDISLAND PARISH DIARY 2024

Thursday 14 th March	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 23 rd March	Litter Pick
Thursday 28 th March	Eardisland Twinning Association AGM
Saturday 30 th March	Easter Egg Hunt
Thursday 11 th April	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 3rd May	Magazine Copy Date
Thursday 9 th May	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 13 th June	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 5th July	Magazine Copy Date
Thursday 11th July	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 6th September	Magazine Copy Date
Saturday 7 th September	Village Show
Thursday 12 th September	Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 5 th October	Craft and Produce Fair
Thursday 10 th October	Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 14 th November	Parish Council Meeting
Friday 15th November	Magazine Copy Date

Please note that there are various other dates relating to events associated with the church detailed in the section 'Church Matters'.

The Village Hall events are detailed on pages 9 and 10.

FORMAT

When I started to edit this magazine, many items were handwritten, which I dutifully typed up and fed into a word processor. Now, it's different. Almost everything is sent to me by email (or the occasional memory stick). This makes life both easier and more difficult. The one-page village hall information, for example, is sent in the form of a photo (.jpg or similar). This is easy to do, but I cannot correct anything that is wrong within the file – make a mistake and I can't alter it. It also takes a lot of space to say not too much – despite it looking attractive.

One of the biggest problems are 'fancy' graphics', using text boxes or similar, which get mangled up when sent by email. These can be a nightmare. If you really must do this, please do it in .jpeg (or similar) form.

Please do not send me .pdf files. I don't have all the software to cope with these.

Ed.

YOUR SHOP NEEDS YOUR VIEWS

**Please join us for
tea/coffee and a chat.**

We'll also be offering samples of many of
the products for sale in our shop.



Saturday 6th
April 2024



10.30am



Eardisland
Village Hall

**This event will be followed by an exciting
re-launch of your shop:**



Saturday 4th
May 2024



9am
onwards



Eardisland
Community
Shop

PARISH COUNCIL

1. **Environment Agency Flood Defence Scheme** – The Environment Agency has created a website to provide more information about the Scheme and to update you all going forward –
<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/west-midlands/eardisland-scheme/>
2. **Are you new to the parish; have you just moved in?**
If you have not already received a 'Welcome to Eardisland' pack, please contact the Parish Clerk and we will be pleased to bring you one.
3. The **Parish Council Website** can be accessed at eardisland-pc.gov.uk with the community website continuing to provide all other information at [Eardisland Community Website](#)
4. **Parish Footpath Opportunity** - Do you enjoy walking the footpaths around the parish? Would you be interested in becoming a Parish Footpath Officer? The Parish Footpath Officer (PFO) monitors Public Rights of Way (PROW) within the parish; liaises with landowners to ensure the PROW are in a suitable and legal state; volunteers on behalf of Herefordshire Council; and liaises with the Parish Council. Ideally this role would be shared between 2 or 3 interested persons who would work together to keep our footpaths safe and well signposted for residents and visitors alike. If you might be interested, please get in touch.
5. The Parish Council would like to thank the E-Team for their efforts made to maintain Eardisland's beauty. The E-Team is faced with many hurdles, and still manage to overcome them all.

Amber Littleworth, Parish Clerk

YOUR LOCAL HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – ROGER PHILLIPS rjphillips@herefordshire.gov.uk

We have had a mild but very wet winter with a big impact on our highways leaving potholes, section failings, vergers badly damaged and ditches pushed in. I welcome the announcement this week for extra highways funding from the government with Herefordshire being awarded over 100 million pound over the next seven years.

This will also help mature the decision this month on the Hereford Bypass strategy which will be discussed by the Cabinet setting out clear plans to reinstate road building to relieve Hereford city. Also, the council will introduce a new highway maintenance framework which will mean the council can spend additional highway funding outside of the Balfour contract. This proposal is welcome as I have recently had to escalate a matter to the contract board for non-compliance. I sent an email

outlining a request for action on a sensitive accident site in the ward which clearly laid out the issues requiring attention, and despite sending a reminder, my email wasn't even acknowledged let alone actioned and responded to. The subject matter exposed a clear breach of contract which I will continue to follow up.

Last month saw the annual finance council meeting where the budget for 2024/25 was discussed. The current conservative minority administration took over the council last May inheriting significant overspends and an unrealistic budget which left finances in a precarious state with little room to manoeuvre. The challenge was to address the predicted deficit of some £28.8 million and this has been done by finding over £19.5 million in efficiencies and savings in conjunction with 2.99% rise in council tax and 2% social care precept. While increases in council tax are regrettable a failure to address the issue would have seen us on a dangerous path. You only have to look at Birmingham, where a 10% rise in council tax is proposed this year and next to see what happens when a Council fails to keep control of its finances. The budget also proposes to address the black hole in the Council's medium term financial plan. The challenge will be delivering the budget without overspends and to help with this new spending controls have been introduced which include spending over £500 needs senior sign off approval.

The Council also passed motions unanimously on higher council tax charges on second homes and empty homes in the county.

One of the largest pressures on the budget is the cost of care provision. Nationally the number of care homes is decreasing, and the cost of care placements is rising. The Council has to ensure there are enough good quality care settings available to meet increasing demands and needs of the local communities of Herefordshire. The Strategic Needs Assessment report highlights the numbers in the older age groups in our County growing disproportionately at a higher rate than average councils, with those aged over 85 rising even more rapidly and set to continue.

The Council's annual gross expenditure on commissioned adult care beds during 2022-23 financial year was just over £38 million (short and long stay). The Council is proposing to enter into a block purchase care contract of 15 residential and 15 care home beds for 5 years which will potentially save spot purchasing beds at a higher price and give extra financial security to the identified homes. There will be a maximum spend of £6.82 million and it will need careful management to ensure it is utilised consistently to near capacity.

The budget which includes raising 72 million in council tax was passed by 47 votes for, none against with three abstentions, and will now form part of the Council tax bill together with West Mercia Police, Hereford & Worcester Fire Service, and Parish council precepts.

ROGER

Report a serious pothole, flooded road or highway obstruction- Balfour Beatty Living Places: **01432 261800** <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/reportingapp/>

EARDISLAND WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our first meeting in January 2024 was held in the Church as the Village Hall was drying out after being flooded. We thank the Parochial Church Council for enabling our group to use it and for putting on the heating, which did take off the chill. Our speaker was Heidi Caldicott Reiki and Reflexology Practitioner from Leominster. Heidi gave us a very interesting talk on her work and how Reflexology can help with well-being using essential oils and creams focusing mainly on the feet. We were all given some taster pots of lavender cream to take home.

In February we welcomed Brigit Graham Old Hill Willow. Brigit brought some of her collection of willow items she makes on her small holding in Eyton. Brigit gave up a career in IT in London to come to Herefordshire where she undertook a City & Guilds Course in Basketry. She grows most of the willow she uses to make her varied and useful woven items. Some of our group were given the opportunity to have a go at weaving with willow, certainly an art. We were all given a willow whip to plant in our gardens.

March will be our AGM with an election of a new Committee. Our membership year begins in April with what we hope will be a varied and interesting programme. New members are always welcome, and guests may join us for £5 for one meeting.

Eardisland WI Committee

THE MORTIMER MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP (PPG)

Dr Black will be retiring from NHS General Practice in June after 20 years. Dr Kemp will be reducing her hours as well. The Practice is in the process of advertising for another GP partner.

The Autumn Covid and Flu Vaccination Programme showed a poor uptake, especially in the under 65 cohort who were eligible for a vaccination. The Spring Covid Booster programme will be beginning soon. The Practice will be in touch with those patients eligible. The Practice will have a new regular visiting Paramedic, Melissa from 12th February.

In January 129 patients did not attend their booked appointments; this is equivalent to 3 days of clinic time. The Practice does understand that at times patients cannot attend their appointments, but they would appreciate it if they could be informed as soon as possible so the appointment can be given to someone else.

The surgery and dispensaries will be closed for staff training on the following afternoons from 12 noon; they will re-open as normal at 8.30am the next day. A receptionist will be available until 6pm for any calls.

Tuesday 16th April
Wednesday 17th July
Thursday 17th October

The Practice wishes to thank patients for their support.

Our next PPG meeting is 15th May. Please contact me if you have any issues or concerns you wish me to raise. They are all asked anonymously.

Diane Lee
01544 387685



EARDISLAND NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

If you want to become a member or find out more about Eardisland's Neighbourhood Watch scheme, contact Joe Logan.

Westgate, Eardisland HR6 9AR, Phone: 01544 388878
Email: eardisland_neighbourhood_watch@hotmail.com

(please note the 2 underscores)

DRINKING WATER TAP

Sue Wallis has asked me to inform you that the shop's drinking water tap will be turned on again on Monday 1st April. This is NOT an April fool joke! (although it might be if there is a hard frost on Tuesday 2nd).

Ed.

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – CHARITY 1108366

We have enjoyed a great start to 2024 with a successful Quiz night enjoyed by many regulars and a few new faces. Then we hosted our first Film Night with the showing of “The Great Escaper” with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson, two British icons who brought a huge amount of joy to the heartwarming true story of Bernard Jordan, the 89-year-old veteran who snuck off to attend the 70th anniversary of D-day. Scoring a whopping 9.5/10 from our audience. It was a superb opportunity to use our new projector, screen, and DVD player. These items are available for use when hiring the hall and hopefully will be an asset to more than just EVHMC.

Our next event will be our last subsidised craft event “**Magazine Makes**” just £3 all materials supplied, 7-8 pm hosted by Nikki. To book a place on this (limited spaces) please contact daisys60minutecrafts@gmail.com.

We then have our first “Family Fun” event of the year with the repeat of the **Easter Egg Hunt** with colouring and craft activities on the 30th of March. We have more family activities planned this year as well as new and old favourites. Our fundraising events are held solely to support the running of the village hall and when possible, make improvements to the hall and supply new equipment to improve facilities on offer to the parish.

We are looking to put on our first **PANTOMIME** this year and would love all adults and children with a calling for the stage or support team to please come forward to make this a great event.

We would welcome any new members to the committee who feel they would like to be involved in any way big or small!

A huge thanks to all supporters of our events. Look out for our Village Hall Activity Posters for what is coming up in the next few months. A list of dates for your diary in 2024 are listed for your convenience.

Eardisland Events Calendar 2024.

March

Tuesday 26th - Craft event “Magazine Makes” – 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

Saturday 30th - Easter Egg Hunt - 2pm – Eardisland Village Hall

April

Friday 5th - Quiz Night – 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

Sunday 7th – Flicks in the Sticks - Family Film showing “WONKA” - 4pm – Eardisland Village Hall

May

Saturday 4th – Summer Picnic and Fete – noon-4pm – Eardisland Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Sunday 5th – Eardisland Raft Race – 2pm – Eardisland village centre / River Arrow

Wednesday 22nd – Willow Workshop – 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

June

Saturday 15th – Flicks in the Sticks - Film showing “Mrs Harris goes to Paris” - 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

July

Friday 12th - Quiz Night – 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

August

Sunday 25th – Eardisland Duck Races – 2pm – Eardisland Village Millstream

September

Saturday 7th Sept – Village Show – 2pm – Eardisland Village Hall and Recreation Ground

Saturday 21st – Flicks in the Sticks - Film to be confirmed- 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

October

Saturday 19th - “Race Night” – 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

November

Friday 8th – Quiz Night 7pm – Eardisland Village Hall

Saturday 16th – “Winter Warmer Soup and Pud Lunch” - noon-3pm – Eardisland Village Hall

December

Sunday 1st – Flicks in the Sticks – Christmas Family Film showing “- 4pm – Eardisland Village Hall

Saturday 7th – Christmas Lights / Santa’s Grotto – 4pm Eardisland Community Shop

Saturday 14th – “Snow White Village PANTOMIME” – 7pm Eardisland Village Hall

Sunday 15th – “Snow White Village PANTOMIME” – 4pm Eardisland Village Hall

Susie Curtis and team – EVHMC



YOUR VILLAGE PANTO **NEEDS YOU!**

Registered Charity No 1108366



Join in the fun & take part in
the Eardisland Village Hall
Christmas Pantomime!

We need help with:

- Set design
- Costume making
- Props
- Extras & actors
- ... to name a few!



Keen to take part? **Email carolep.evhmc@yahoo.com**

Eardisland
Village Hall





ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

EARDISLAND TWINNING ASSOCIATION

**Thursday 28th March 2024 at 7.00pm
in Eardisland Village Hall**

AGENDA: PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

EVERYONE WELCOME
**Eardisland parishioners and interested
residents of neighbouring towns and
villages are welcome to attend all
Association meetings/organised events
– there is no membership fee**

JOIN OUR EASTER EGG HUNT

SATURDAY 30TH
MARCH AT 2PM

Eardisland
Village Hall

£2 per child

Tea, coffee & cakes available



Eardisland
Village Hall



Registered Charity No 1108366

Eardisland Village Hall Quiz Night



Maximum team of 6
Bar | Refreshments provided



Friday
5th April, 2024



7.00pm



Eardisland
Village Hall

£2 ADMISSION, BOOKING RECOMMENDED

Email susie.evhmc@yahoo.com or
scan the QR code to book

Eardisland
Village Hall





Sunday 7th April, 3.30pm for a 4pm start

Tickets: Adults £6 | Children £4

Bar and snacks available

To prebook tickets, email susie.evhmc@yahoo.com

FEATURED FILM ✨



Wonka



PG



1 Hours 56 Minutes



Registered Charity No 1108366

Eardisland
Village Hall



COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

SUMMER FETE



SATURDAY 4TH MAY, 12PM - 4PM

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL
& RECREATION GROUND



Bring & share lunch | Childrens' races | Games
Music | Pimm's, Pints & Prosecco



For more information email:
susie.evhmc@yahoo.com

Registered Charity No 1108366

The infamous Eardisland

RAFT *Race*

RETURNS!

SUNDAY 5TH MAY 2024

2PM: MEET AT THE WHITE SWAN

3PM: RACE START



**ALL PARTICIPANTS WELCOME - IT'S TIME TO
GET BUILDING YOUR RAFT!**

All entries at own risk | No motorised rafts

For further information, email susie.evcmc@yahoo.com

Eardisland
Village Hall

Registered Charity No 1108366



Save the Date

FOR THE EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL
CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

SNOW WHITE & THE 7 VERTICALLY
CHALLENGED PEOPLE

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 4PM

EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL

BAR AVAILABLE
FUN & LAUGHTER GUARANTEED!



Registered Charity No 1108366

EARDISLAND PARISH COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY GROUP

The E&SG is a working group of Eardisland Parish Council, anyone interested in making Eardisland a more sustainable parish is welcome to come along.

DARK SKIES

Herefordshire Wildlife Trust are exploring potential designated dark sky status in some areas of Herefordshire. Sometimes there are very good reasons of safety and security for night-time lighting, but excessive light pollution can affect the migration, breeding and feeding patterns of wildlife. Get in touch if you're interested in possibly helping with the testing and monitoring of sites in the parish.

PLASTIC FREE EARDISLAND

We're pleased to announce that Connop & Son Ltd have become the latest business in Eardisland to be recognised as a Plastic Free Champion. To achieve this, they identified and removed three items of single-use plastic from their everyday activities. They are also exploring how to work with their suppliers to reduce single-use plastic that comes into the business. Shelley Connop said " *In our industry it is not easy to reduce single use plastic items - but we have done this through swapping packaging tape for a biodegradable alternative, removing cling film from the kitchen area and receiving our milk through delivery in glass bottles. We are now ready to start our journey to the Silver Award.*"



We've also signed up our first 'Community Ally' (these are community spaces, groups, and events). Eardisland Village Hall have been working hard to remove single-use plastic items such as tablecloths, glasses and serving bowls/trays from their events. They have also amended their hire agreement to request hirers try and do the same. Well done EVHMC!

Please get in touch if you would like to help by becoming one of Eardisland's Plastic Free Business Champions or Community Allies.

Despite its name it's not aiming to removing all plastic from our lives. It's about stopping the use of avoidable single-use plastic.

SPRING LITTER PICK

This year's litter pick will be on Saturday 23rd March, meet at 10am **outside the village hall**. We'll be aiming to clear all the lanes in the village, Broome Lane, Burton Lane, Lyme Lane, the carpark, recreation ground etc. If anyone would like to walk a longer distance, then in the past we have also done along to Lawton's Cross and part of the A44. If anyone is really keen, then the 4-mile loop past Pigmore Common would be great to do!

This year, as part of Eardisland's Plastic Free Communities project the litter pick is part of the Million Mile Clean. <https://www.sas.org.uk/plastic-pollution/million-mile-clean/>

We're also teaming up with the Village Hall Management Committee's 'Go Green for Village Halls Week', so there will be FREE coffee, drinks, and biscuits available all morning in the village hall, as well as information about the efforts the EVHMC have been making to become 'greener'. Anyone is welcome to drop in during the morning to watch the rubbish pile up, enjoy some refreshments, and see how the Village Hall is increasing its sustainability.

VERGING ON WILD

Verging on Wild is a county-wide group of volunteers who work with Herefordshire Council, BB Living Places (who coordinate verge cutting), and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust. They aim to protect the best verges by listing them as Roadside Nature Reserves and managing them to increase biodiversity. It may be that they can offer advice as to if there are potential sites in Eardisland Parish (it only really applies to wide sections of verge). If anyone would like to get involved in exploring the possibility of this, then please have a look at <https://www.herefordshirewt.org/vergingonwild> and get in touch with me. Any changes to verge management would have to be agreed by Eardisland Parish Council, and road safety is always the priority.

TREE PLANTING CASE STUDIES

Each Parish Magazine edition this year will be highlighting parishioners who have planted trees in their gardens. We're hoping residents might take up the offer of advice and support to plant trees of their own, however large or small an area they might have. Trees are great for increasing habitat and biodiversity, provide shade in the summer, and help combat flooding and climate change. Our first case study (see elsewhere in this magazine), is about Sue and David Wallis' riverside planting, and in future editions we'll explore some other sizes and types of tree planting.

Ben Woodcock
b3nwoodcock@gmail.com 01544 388976

EARDISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN

Due to popular demand, we'll be re-branding the garden for this year as **The Eardisland Pumpkin Patch** and focusing on growing a selection of edible and Halloween pumpkins. All are welcome (children, adults, grandparents) to come and plant seeds on Saturday 6th April at 10am. We'll sow some plants for the pumpkin patch, and some for you to take home. We'll also be making bird boxes (see below).

BIRD BOXES

On Saturday 6th April at 10am at The Community Garden we'll be assembling bird boxes to share out around the parish. Anyone is welcome to come and lend a hand. Putting a bird box in your garden is one of the best ways to encourage birds to visit. We'll have pre-cut wood for small and medium sized boxes suitable for wrens, tits, sparrows, and robins, so all you'll have to do is help nail and screw them together.

It'd be helpful for people to donate any old planks they might have lurking in their sheds or garages. Ideally 150mm (6") wide (but wider would be ok) and a minimum of 15mm thick. Doesn't matter if it is softwood or hard wood.

Contact me on 01544 388976 or b3nwoodcock@gmail.com and I can collect.

TREE PLANTING CASE STUDY

I took the short walk from the village to see Sue and David Wallis' 300+ trees which are planted on a strip of land between Broome Lane and the river Arrow. The plot is about 15 metres by 100 metres. The trees were planted in February 2020 and include a variety of native species including, Alder, Elder, Rowan, Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Willow, Spindle, and Bird Cherry. Sue explained that the land wasn't being used for anything productive, regularly floods, and had to be mown often, so they wanted something that took less maintaining and encouraged wildlife. Bucknell Nurseries provided all the trees as small whips, along with rabbit guards. The trees were planted about 2.5 metres apart by the suppliers in less than a day, and the whole project cost around £500. Sue says that they have had to do very little maintenance apart from mowing a path through the area, and they've noticed an increase in birdlife feeding on the berries.



Contact Di Palmer (01544 388840 dpalmer5k@hotmail.com) or me (01544 388976 b3nwoodcock@gmail.com) if you'd like any help with planning tree planting on your own land or garden. Even a couple of trees in the corner of a garden makes a difference.

Ben Woodcock

LITTER PICK & VILLAGE HALL 'GO GREEN' COFFEE MORNING

COME
AND
HELP!

SATURDAY 23rd MARCH 10am - 12:30pm
EARDISLAND VILLAGE HALL

Litter Pickers meet outside The Village Hall at 10am.
All welcome - plenty of safe routes for children.
Grabbers, Hi-Vis and sacks provided.
Please bring gloves.
Full sacks to be left in the Village Hall car park.

Free Tea, Coffee and Biscuits thanks to EVHMC.
Anyone welcome to drop in during the
morning and support the Village Hall.
Come and see how the Village Hall is making a
positive impact on the environment.



PLASTIC FREE
EARDISLAND
SURFERS AGAINST SEWAGE



PUMPKIN PLANTING

&



BIRD BOX MAKING

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 10AM - 12PM
EARDISLAND COMMUNITY GARDEN

- PLANT PUMPKINS FOR THE EARDISLAND PUMPKIN PATCH
- SOW PUMPKIN SEEDS FOR YOUR OWN GARDEN
- HELP MAKE BIRD BOXES FOR THE PARISH
- TAKE HOME YOUR OWN DECORATED BIRD BOX
- DRINKS AND REFRESHMENTS

FREE FOR ALL EARDISLAND RESIDENTS

ANY QUESTIONS TO BEN WOODCOCK 388976

WE ARE FARMING MINDS



We are Farming Minds registered charity has been set up by farmers for farmers to tackle mental health in the farming community within Herefordshire.

How can we help?

24 Hour Support Line:

We run a **FREE 24 hour Support Line 7 days a week** for farmers and their families within Herefordshire who are feeling distressed and need someone to talk to anonymously.

Counselling:

We provide **fully funded counselling to anyone in the Herefordshire farming community** who may be in emotional distress.

Training:

We offer **FREE mental health awareness training** to anyone living or working in or with the farming community in Herefordshire.

Social Events:

We run a series of **FREE social events throughout the year** to break the isolation often felt by the farming community in Herefordshire.

Befriending:

Befriending volunteers offer companionship and support to people who are isolated and lonely – they may visit you at home and/or phone for a regular chat. A befriender can offer conversation and a listening ear to those that need it.



'Taking the bull by the horns' to tackle Mental Health in the farming community

Call our Support Line:

0808 802 0070

Or text:

07786 203 130

General enquiries: wearefarmingminds@gmail.com

www.wearefarmingminds.co.uk

Registered charity number: 1191461



WeAreFarmingMinds



Friends and Family

The Recreation Ground
Saturday 7th September 2024

2.00 – 4.30 pm

Prizes will be awarded at 4.00 pm

£1 admission charge for adults

**Eardisland Village Hall Management Committee (EVHMC)
Registered Charity 1108366**

Section A **COOKERY**

- 1 A Swiss Roll (see recipe on entry form)
- 2 A jar of homemade jam
- 3 A jar of homemade marmalade
- 4 A jar of homemade chutney
- 5 Savoury snack for a picnic basket (please specify)
- 6 A birthday cake for family or friend (any type or size)
- 7 A loaf of bread (any type- please specify) *men*
- 8 A loaf of bread (any type- please specify) *women*

Section B **DRINKS**

- 9 A flavoured gin
- 10 A flavoured spirit
- 11 A non-alcoholic drink
- 12 A cocktail

Section C **FLORAL ART**

- 13 A bouquet for a birthday celebration
- 14 An arrangement in a family heirloom
- 15 A wreath for the front door of your home.

Section D **CRAFT**

- 16 An item for the home (any material)
- 17 A table mat or runner (any material)
- 18 An item depicting a friend / family member (any medium)

Section E

HORTICULTURE- Division 1

- 19 A single yellow rose (Megan Lloyd Trophy)
- 20 Roses (3 stems, any variety)
- 21 Garden flowers (3 stems, any variety)
- 22 Sweet peas (5 stems, any colour)
- 23 Family Favourite (any single flower head)

HORTICULTURE- Division 2

- 24 3 cooking apples (Leslie Evans prize)
- 25 3 tomatoes
- 26 A display of garden fruits (any size)
- 27 A display of garden produce (any size)
- 28 A hand-tied bunch of fresh herbs (may be displayed in a jug)
- 29 Free choice (1 item of produce)

Section F

PHOTOGRAPHY

- 30 Moments of togetherness
- 31 Family or Friend
- 32 A Holiday Snap!

Section G

ART

- 33 "Love "
- 34 A Portrait
- 35 Friendship (1 piece of art, any medium)

Section H

JUST FOR A LAUGH

(entries free and open to all ages)

- 36 Limerick beginning, "In my home where love abounds..."
- 37 A vegetable animal
- 38 Heaviest pumpkin

Section I CHILDREN

Children are also welcome to enter the adult categories.

Children under 5

- 39 My best friend (craft)**
- 40 A decorated cup cake**
- 41 A lego model**

Children 5-10

- 42 A painted pebble**
- 43 My best friend (craft)**
- 44 A decorated cup cake**
- 45 A lego model**

Children 11-15

- 46 A painted pebble**
- 47 My best friend (craft)**
- 48 A decorated cup cake**
- 49 A lego model**

Children 16-20

- 50 A family tree**
- 51 My best friend (craft)**
- 52 A portrait**
- 53 A birthday cake**

See Entry Form for details of how to enter

Entry Forms available from the Village Shop, Parish Magazine or Parish Website from July.

Entries cost 40p per item for adults. Children may enter free of charge in the Children's Sections but fee payable in adult section.

EARDISLAND VILLAGE SHOW ENTRY FORM 2024

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Please circle the numbers of classes you wish to enter. Entry costs 40p for the adults' section, children are free in the children section.

Complete and return this entry form with the fees in a sealed envelope marked 'show' to either the village hall or the Community Shop by:

Friday 30th August.

Enquiries: Susie Curtis ☎ 07799486210

COOKERY	A1	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7	A8						
DRINKS	B9	B10		B11		B12								
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PHOTOGRAPHY	F30	F31		F32										
ART	G33	G34		G35										
JUST FOR A LAUGH (free to enter)				H36		H37		H38						
CHILDREN:	I39	I40	I41	I42	I43	I44	I45	I46	I47	I48	I49	I50	I52	I53

Full name: _____

Telephone number: _____

Exhibits must be your own work. Judges' decisions are final.

Entries should be taken to the Recreation Ground on Saturday 7th September between 9 am and 10.30 am. Judging will take place during the morning and the marquee will be open to the public from 2pm. Prize giving, and raffle draw will take place at 4pm. Prize money will be paid out after the announcements. Any prize money not collected by 5pm will be returned to Show Funds. All exhibits must be collected by 5pm.

Swiss Roll RECIPE – A1

INGREDIENTS

4 eggs
100g (½ cup) caster sugar
100g (2/3 cup) self raising flour

FILLING

4 tbsp jam (raspberry or strawberry)

METHOD

Preheat your oven to 220C / 200C Fan / 425F.

Grease a 33 x 23 cm (13 x 9 inch) Swiss roll tin and then line it with baking or parchment paper.

Whisk the eggs and sugar together in a bowl until they are light and frothy and at least doubled in size. Using a spatula, gently fold the flour into your egg/sugar mixture. Pour the mixture into your prepared Swiss roll tin.

Bake the sponge in the oven for 8 – 10 minutes. It's ready when the sponge has turned a nice golden shade of brown and is starting to shrink away from the edges of the tin.

While the cake is cooking put a clean tea towel down on your work surface. Put a piece of baking paper / parchment paper, slightly bigger than the size of your Swiss roll tin on top. Finally, sprinkle some caster sugar (about 1 tbsp) on top. Make sure the sugar covers the baking paper as this will stop the sponge from sticking later.

Remove the cake from the oven and turn it out onto the baking paper. Carefully peel the baking paper off the bottom of your sponge. If you need to, trim the edges of your sponge with a sharp knife so you have a neat rectangle. Score a line 2cm (just under an inch) from the short edge of your sponge. Don't cut all the way through it – just enough to leave a mark. From your score mark, roll your sponge up. Use your tea towel to help you, then leave the sponge to cool.

Once your sponge has cooled, unroll it then spread the jam in the middle with a palette knife or the back of a spoon. Roll the cake up again, nice and tightly. Ready to Serve.

CHURCH MATTERS

All are most welcome to services and will find a friendly and caring community. Come along and find out more; contact us too, if you are interested.

If you would like to volunteer to read a lesson, lead prayers, become a welcomer, sing, play, look after the church in any way or choose a hymn for a special occasion, please let us know.

Priest-in-Charge:	Rev. Julie Read, The Rectory, Kingsland. 07826 194400 01568 708255 rev.julie@mortimerscrosschurches.co.uk
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Services at St Mary the Virgin, Eardisland and in the Benefice

Date	Time and type	Which church?
Sun 10 th March	9.30am Mothering Sunday with posies for Mums	Eardisland
Sun 17 th March	9.30am Passion Sunday	Eardisland
Sun 24 th March	10.30am Palm Sunday with donkey procession	Aymestrey
HOLY WEEK -		
Mon 25 th March	6.30pm Compline	Leinthall Earles
Tues 26 th March	6.30pm Taize Service	Eardisland
Thurs 26 th March	7pm Meal and Communion	Kingsland
Good Friday	10am Walk the Hill 12 noon Walk of Witness from Methodist Church to Anglican Church 2pm The Last Hour	Leinthall Earles Kingsland Eardisland
Easter Saturday	See Church notice board!	
Sun 31 st March	9.30am EASTER DAY with eggs and refreshments	Eardisland
Sunday 7 th April	9.30am Service with Holy Communion	Eardisland

Sunday 14 th April	9.30am iSingPoP	Eardisland
Sunday 21 st April	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 28 th April	9.30am Holy Communion	Eardisland
Sunday 5 th May	10.30am Rogation Service – blessing of animals and crops. Suitable farm footwear needed! Families most welcome.	Street Court, Street

Grand Church Spring Clean!

THURSDAY 14TH MARCH 2PM

Dusting, cobweb-busting, polishing, vacuuming.

We had a record turn-out last year so please come equipped and join in to keep our lovely parish church clean and welcoming.

100 CLUB

If you are a member of the 100 Club, **now is the time to renew your subscription** ready for the first draw of the '100 club year' in April.

This is a club where the proceeds go towards the running and upkeep of our village church. Each member pays a yearly subscription of **£15** and is then entered into a monthly draw. Each month there will be one prize each of **£30, £20 and £10**. But unlike everything else, the annual subscription has not been raised in many years!

If you are not a member, why not join us and help towards keeping our church flourishing? New contributors are always most welcome – and if you wish, you can hold more than one number to increase your chances of winning. Several members even hold numbers for each of their grandchildren!

After ten years of doing this job, Lotty James has kindly volunteered to take over the running of the club. Thank you, Lotty!

Cheques should be made payable to '**Eardisland PCC**' and can be handed to any PCC member, dropped through my letterbox or left in the shop for collection. Thank you! I really would be most grateful if we have to do very little 'chasing-up' of subscriptions. If you would like to pay by BACS –

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**APRIL ACCESSORIES
AFTERNOON
Saturday 13th April
2 - 5pm in the Church**



Update your spring outfits with new accessories and clear the clutter of unloved items.

WANTED – handbags, scarves, jewellery, shoes, hats, cufflinks, ties etc. Every donated item must be clean and in good condition and will be received with great thanks after Easter Sunday. More details on church notice boards.

ST MARY'S CHURCH EARDISLAND - SPONSOR A LILY FOR EASTER

It's that time of year again and Eardisland Church Flower Guild invite you to help sponsor the lilies at St Mary's Church this Easter. This could be to give thanks for a special occasion or to remember a loved one. A gift of £5 is suggested for each lily but lesser or greater sums would be equally welcome and, with your usual generous support, we hope to have a wonderful display of flowers in our church on Easter Sunday.

Names of all the people and/or events being remembered will be posted in the church. Any money remaining after the purchase of the lilies will be used by the Flower Guild to buy flowers to decorate the church throughout the rest of the year.

Sponsor forms can be found on the table at the back of the church and in the Community Shop.

Thank you,

Wendy Priday

On behalf of Eardisland Church Flower Guild

FROM REV ROSIE ROBERTS

Dear friends,

I wonder if you have given anything up for Lent; if so, how's it going? I expect you might be looking forward to Easter Day so you can break your fast and have that bar of chocolate, glass of wine, or packet of crisps you have been trying to avoid for the last month or so!

One thing that's brought me and my family a lot of joy in the early months of this year is the film Wonka; we have been to the cinema to see it twice and spent a lot of car journeys singing along to the soundtrack! If you haven't seen it yet, firstly - you must! It imagines the back story of Willy Wonka, where Willy arrives in a new city determined to share his magical chocolate with the world, but is initially thwarted by the 'chocolate cartel' and the sinister Mrs Scrubbit and Mr Bleacher who force him to work in their wash house. There he makes friends with the other 'inmates', who ultimately help him to realise his dream. One of the things I really love about this film is the almost childlike hope Willy brings to the other workers in the wash house who seem to have lost all hope of joy and freedom. It's a wonderful film - maybe our village hall might be able to show it at a future Flicks in the Sticks evening?!

Hope is a much-needed commodity these days; there's so much in the news and in the pressures of our daily lives that can make it hard to have hope for the future. But there are signs of hope there if we look for them, for example in the kindness and humanity we see in other people. The way that members of the Eardisland community pulled together to support those affected by the flooding in January certainly gives me hope! And, of course, we are starting to see signs of spring - another reason to have hope. There's a song I love called It Will Be Good by The Porter's Gate (you can find it on YouTube if you want to hear it for yourself), which talks of how we can have confidence that God will give us good things, even when we find it hard to see the way ahead. It contains the beautiful line: "And let the rains come early / and let the rains come late / the seasons still are turning / if only we will wait..." The inevitable turning of the seasons can be a reminder to us all to have hope: that sunshine will follow rain, day will follow night, light will follow darkness.

For Christians, Easter is the ultimate season of hope, when we remember that Jesus came and defeated death with the power of love, and through refusing to be silenced by the threat of institutional violence. But this hope is for life, not just for Easter, and we carry this hope with us through the rest of the year. If you would like to join us for any of the church services this Easter, or on any Sunday, or for prayers on a Tuesday morning, you will find a warm welcome and a message of hope. But either way, for those who have abstained this Lent, enjoy that bar of chocolate, bag of crisps, glass of wine or whatever else when you break your fast at the end of the month! And I pray that you will find a message of hope this spring, whether it's a sunny day, a new flower, an act of kindness or moment of peace to connect with God.

With every blessing,

Rosie

Social Justice Talks

at Aymestrey Church

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To book contact Rosie on 07720 333383



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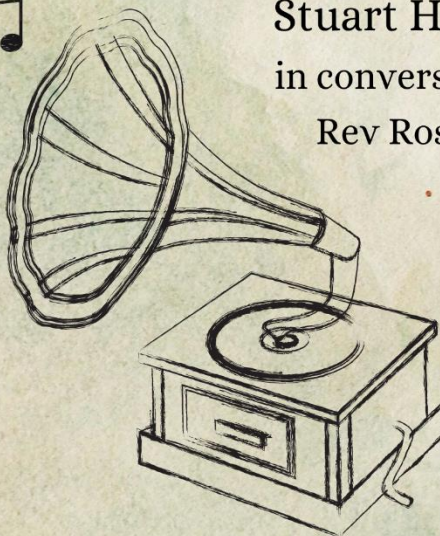


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EARDISLAND IN BLOOM

The E Team is due to start the new season, weather permitting, (it was snowing last year), on the 7th March this year. We have a lot of work to do, tidying up, planting etc and we have also purchased a new bench to replace one of the old ones. The new bench will carry plaques with the names of honoured past members of the team to recognise their contribution to the upkeep of the village over many years.

On a more disappointing note, we report that following investigation we cannot secure any of the local plant merchants to support the Plant Sale this year and since this is a major element within the Plant Sale it is with great regret that we have decided to cancel this popular event (at least for this year). We will of course try to get it up and running again next year.

I'd like to finish with an open invitation to anyone who would like to join the group to contact me on the number below or just turn up at 10:00 on a Thursday morning outside the shop, even on an occasional basis, when your help would be greatly appreciated.

Looking forward to seeing you around the village,

David Millin

07435 406382

For and on behalf of Eardisland in Bloom

EARDISLAND WEATHER REPORT



More rain and storms to report for January. The total rainfall for the month was 76mm (2.99 inches), with temperatures ranging from 7°C to 15°C. The barometer readings ranged from 28.74 to 30.3 and the river rose from 18 inches to a record 65 inches.

Three storms were recorded, Henk on the 2nd, Isha the 21st and Joslyn on the 23rd.

The weather remained wet for February with a total of 121mm (4.76 inches) recorded. Temperatures ranged from 4°C to 11°C and barometer pressures of 28.8 to 30.2. The river continuing to vary from 16 to 60 inches.

The equivalent rainfall for 2023 was January 95mm (3.71 inches) and February 8mm (0.315 inches) - considerably drier.

Doug Tantrum reporting from Kingfisher House

LASSIE WOULD BE PROUD

In January, Christopher (who lives in the village) learned that his father had sustained a nasty fall while walking Danny, their 14-year-old black Labrador.

Dad and Danny had just reached home when Christopher's dad tripped on the front doorstep, cut his head badly and was unable to get up. Danny went to the back gate, pushed it open, then up to the back door which was closed. He jumped up and scratched at the handle until the door swung open, then went into the hall and started barking.

Christopher's mum was at the top of the stairs and called down to the dog "Be quiet - what on earth's the matter with you?" But Danny carried on barking until she finally came down. The dog then ran to the front door and kept barking until she opened the door to find her husband lying on the doorstep in a pool of blood where he had cut his head open. The ambulance was called and Christopher's dad was rushed to hospital where he was given 19 stitches. Fortunately there was no further damage, and he was able to come home later that day.

What a hero of a dog!

And here he is:



Good boy Danny, you're a hero!

IT WAS 20 YEARS AGO TODAY . . .

This letter was published in Issue 82, March 2004. Greta Pennington was a Parish Councillor, although I don't recall if she was when she wrote this letter. Twenty years later, nothing has happened. Nothing. Sadly, Greta died in St Michael's hospice some years ago. The piece is in the original font – 'Times New Roman'.

Eardisland, Historic Riverside village. Joke. The only riverside walk has been "temporarily" closed for 3½ years and despite much prodding and agitation from individuals and the Ramblers' Association, Herefordshire Council has done nothing.

On Feb 3rd 2004 the Regulatory Committee received a report from the Rights of Way department (ROW) proposing the adoption of the current waymarked route with the re-siting of the eroded stile further along the hedge. This was opposed by the landowner of the caravan site. Members of the Committee visited the site on the 8th March prior to discussion on the 16th March at the Committee meeting.

The report from the ROW dept. stated that the paths ED5 and ED6 were popular with residents and visitors to the village. We villagers are well aware of the enjoyment afforded by the paths.

At the site meeting on the 8th March, the affected landowners and the public were discouraged from attending. If the public wished to observe the proceedings they had to obtain the permission of the landowner and remain on the definitive footpath routes. This ignores the fact that it is impossible to get onto the paths. At the eastern end the stile has been eroded, the fence boarded up and a notice "Private property. No right of way" erected. About 200 yards along the route a wooden fence has been erected across the path. At the western end there is barbed wire, a locked gate and more notices preventing access.

This path, waymarked by the Council in 1994 at the landowner's request, has been the walked path, in the memory of some villagers, for over 50 years. The line of a right of way remains until it is extinguished by the responsible authority. If we chose to wade in the river about 2 feet round the eroded stile we would have the right to continue on the path. I am not suggesting we should! Where a public right of way exists along a river bank it is the duty of the highway authority to maintain that path (Highways Act 1980 s329)

Where a way over land has been enjoyed by the public as of right and without interruption for 20 years it is deemed to have been dedicated as a highway. This footpath has been in public use for many years and is marked as a right of way on OS maps.

We know this is the only path in our parish where we can get close to the river. We know what a pleasant circuit it provides. Please URGE the Council to repair the erosion and enable us to use the path again.

Greta Pennington



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BUILDINGS IN EARDISLAND



To my knowledge, there are just two thatched houses in Eardisland. 'The Latchetts' is one. It is situated on the 'S' bend at the Pembridge end of the villaage. It is believed to have been built in the 17th century and was probably originally two cottages.

It is interesting to consider why Eardisland has so few thatched houses relative to local villages on the 'black and white' trail. Just think of Pembridge and Dilwyn as examples.

Source: Eardisland

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