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(And not forgetting the Scarecrow Competition!)

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Over the next few months we can look forward to at least two village events that are guaranteed to be fantastic fun and super social events.

The first of these will be the Flower and Vegetable Show on Saturday 12 August. Not entered before? Give it a try! The emphasis is on fun and you never know, you might win! Why not have a family challenge to see who gets a Certificate, or even a cup - and encourage your children to enter (free) and get them away from their phones and tablets for an hour or so! And even better, the sale of exhibits is great value and the teas are lovely. For more information contact any of the organising committee (see the brochure in last month's EKN or look on the village website - http://east-knoyle.co.uk).

We then have a new event on 2nd September - the Village BBQ at Moors Farm. This promises to be a great social event with lots of traditional favourites combining with some exciting new ideas for everyone - see page 10 for more details. Tickets will be on sale soon, so keep an eye out for posters and the like around the village.

Have a great summer! And populate the village with Scarecrows for 12 August!

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St Mary's Church

Some people have asked why we have a Patron Saint and in particular why our Church in East Knoyle should be graced with the link to St Mary. The custom can be traced back to the building of churches over the tombs of martyrs in former times. However Patron Saints may be chosen for a variety of reasons; for example, maybe a church was founded on a particular Saint's

day. It would be interesting to know why St Mary was chosen for East Knoyle, and just how far back this can be traced, but the records are fairly sketchy and it is not possible to provide a definitive answer. St Mary's Feast Day falls on 15th August, according to the Anglican Church calendar, so traditionally we have a celebration on the nearest Sunday, which this year is 20th August, (well not

quite the nearest, but the 13th happens to be Lammas!)

Turning to another recent cause for celebration, after Matins on the 9th July we presented Suzanne Sandford with a lovely engraved vase to mark her many years of service to the Church. The vase shows an etching of the Church, surrounded by various wild flowers. It was accompanied by a cheque donated by the many generous villagers, past as well as present, so that Suzanne and Chris can also select a range of garden furniture of their choice: we hope they will enjoy these mementoes, after both serving St Mary's so loyally and effectively for so many years.

Two other happy events have occurred recently. Firstly on the 9th July, the Lampard family celebrated the baptism of John Michael, son of Shane Shortman and his wife, Rachel who is the grand daughter of Betty and John Lampard and

niece of Peter, and used the Christening Gown which has been in the family for four generations. Secondly, John and June Reading celebrated the marriage of their daughter Gillian to Chris Richards on the 24th June and enjoyed a large family reception at their home, Moors Farm: even the slightly changeable weather did not dampen the festivities!

Finally - as a reminder, we have a trained team of visitors, both ordained and lay, who are available to call upon anyone who would like a visit, a chat, or some company. Sandra Henderson, Pastoral Visiting Co-ordinator, can be contacted on 830471.

Hoping you all enjoy the summer holidays. *Briony*

Suzanne Sandford would like to thank everyone for the beautiful engraved Dartington vase which was kindly presented to her in church on Sunday 9 July after her retirement as Churchwarden after so many years in a role which she had enjoyed tremendously. Both and she and Chris, who had supposedly retired as Treasurer after 21 years' service, but is currently holding the fort still, were amazed by the generosity everyone had shown when they were also presented with a cheque – which is being used to buy a garden patio set. To all those concerned - a very BIG THANK YOU for your fantastic gifts.

Alan Henderson would like to thank the people who so kindly donated money by means of the house collection box scheme for the Children's Society this past year. This money goes towards underprivileged children who are the most vulnerable in our society. This year the total amount collected was £374.50p for which we are truly grateful.



WANTED - VOLUNTEERS FOR WREN'S SHOP

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We don't and can't rest on our laurels however, we need volunteers; openers/closers, till and non-till people to ensure that we can continue to give the community the continued village shop operation we all enjoy. It is fun and a great way of meeting fellow members of our community.

We had a successful AGM in May. The accounts have been signed off for 2016. We made a small loss, but that was due to our increased refit costs and investment in new equipment. Our wastage, with the new shop layout and improved storage, has decreased and the overheads, due to more efficient equipment and lighting, are greatly reduced which is fantastic news for the future.

The shop continues to increase our **discount offerings** for pre-ordered items. We currently offer a 5% discount on our Prime Cuts meats and fruit & veg, which is delivered daily (Mon – Sat) alongside great deals on pet food with only an approximate 10% mark-up on wholesale prices if pre-ordered. So, why not plan ahead and save money throughout the year. We also offer "whole case discounts" on any food or household cupboard items that you pre-order from us. This will save £s on your shopping bill – keeping your shopping both local and good value.

If there are any of our **younger villagers** who want some volunteer shop experience over the summer holiday, please do not hesitate to contact Janeen. Also to anyone out there with some spare time, we'd love to have you come and sign up for 1 or 2 (or more) hours a week.

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Paul Egginton, Chair EKCSA

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East Knoyle Choir at Shaftesbury Fringe



It was glorious summer weather for the weekend of Shaftesbury's 2nd Fringe Festival at the beginning of July. The Village Choir performed at two venues. The first of these was The Mitre where there was a ready made stage and seating for what was an appreciative audience. The Choir then moved on later in the afternoon to an outside 'gig' in the Abbey Gardens. The choir sang their hearts out to a large and friendly crowd who really enjoyed this performance in beautiful sunshine. There have been lots of really positive comments from those who saw the choir singing 'away from home' and the high standard they achieved.

During the performances there was a 'pass the hat' collection for Jessie's Fund charity and this raised an impressive £130.

Jess Glynne Concert

The lucky winners of the tickets from the last EKN were Jo Johnson and Rachel Corbett. Jo sent us these photos and a report -



"The concert was brilliant! I took my daughter

as a surprise for her first ever concert and she loved it. It started

off with Sara Cox from Radio 2 getting us in the mood with 80's tunes and then ended with fantastic fireworks! We also met some friends there from the village, who enjoyed it too. So thankyou very much East Knoyle Newsletter, two very happy winners!"

Our other lucky winner said - "We just had a brilliant time at the concert - have to say Sara cox and her 80's music was buzzing! It was packed out for Jess Glynn - we all went mad singing and dancing!"





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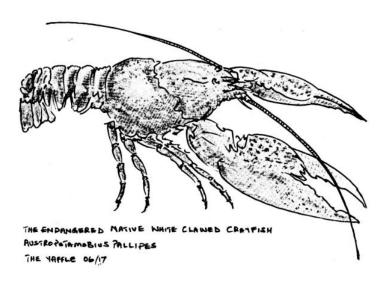
There's surely no greater evocation of summer in England than the lingering scent of new mown hay on a warm afternoon breeze. That intoxicating, aromatic mix of meadowsweet with hints of tobacco, leather, vanilla pod and fresh dried linen.

A good year for glow worms, which are actually beetles. The female emits a vivid greenish yellow glow as bright as an LED indicator from the lower two sections of her underbody as she positions herself body pointed upwards to attract flying males.

Unfortunately this season's 'late to leaf' Ash is in some cases evidence of the spread of Ash dieback. The spore borne disease spreads fastest where there are close concentrations of the tree. On a more positive note, growth of Elms to 30 feet or more that are hitherto unaffected by Dutch Elm disease continues to be noted. An exceptionally tall Hawthorn has been noted in woodland on Sandpit Hill, at over 11 meters tall, it's approximate height and girth will be recorded with the Tree Register. See www.treeregister.org and go to non-members for British tree records.

Robins are starting to leave their garden sanctuaries, after rearing their broods. The Spotted Flycatcher returned in late May, entertaining us with swooping dives and loops between perches, whilst above Swallows and House Martins gorge themselves on the swarms of summer insects. It's been a prolific year for Bullfinches, with many pairs of these beautifully marked birds sighted in and around the Parish, usually given away by their white tail bars as they dive into a hedge.

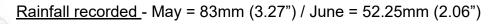
The heat brought with it from the continent, an influx of the migratory Painted Lady butterfly, also the occasional Swallowtail with it's bold, strong flight and exquisite colouring. Meadow Browns in abundance, with the less frequent, beautifully marked Speckled Wood. On woodland walks keep your eyes open for the magnificent, large, Purple Emperor butterfly. The Yaffle has yet to see or hear of a local sighting; you are most likely to see one settled on fox scat (or dog pooh!) in a woodland clearing.



The prospect of a trip to the coast during the heatwave, in nightmarish traffic, was quickly exchanged for a mill pool visit on the Avon in the Woodford valley north of Salisbury. A childhood spent in the area would have seen us catch a dozen of the indigenous White Clawed crayfish in no time. Those days have sadly gone as crayfish plague, pollution and aggressive introduced species wreaked havoc with the native population which is now endangered. On entering the pool for a dip, the water was still wonderfully cooling, but diminished water clarity and a bottom coating of slimy brown algae, bear testament to the long term effects that the runoff from fertilisers is having on these once pristine southern chalk streams and rivers.

The Yaffle July 2017

East Knoyle Rainfall (from Robin Egerton)





What a difference a month makes, Mays' rainfall coming in above my 'May' average of 2.73". Rainfall was recorded on 11 days in May with the highest rainfall in a day being 1.06" on the 17th. The longest spell without rain recorded was 9 consecutive days.

June was slightly drier than my average for June of 2.34", with rainfall recorded on only 10 days, and a spell of 15 consecutive days without rainfall recorded. These two months bring the half yearly total up to 13.91" so-far, compared with 19.69" at the same time last year.



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Parish Council News

In early June the PC and the current owners of the Windmill gave permission for the Windmill and surrounding Common Land to be used in a film shot by Salisbury College Film Studies students. The filming took place on a Saturday morning and had a WW2 theme. It is hoped the PC can obtain a copy of the short film to be shown as a short at one of our Moviola evenings.

Many of you have contacted the PC to express your concern at the spread of Japanese Knotweed in the Village. The PC have alerted Wiltshire County Council who are able to provide expertise and equipment. It is unlikely that under the current climate of austerity WCC will have much to contribute to this problem in terms of labour and the PC would like to appoint, from within the community ,a "Japanese Knotweed Champion" to lead a team of volunteers in tackling the problem. If you would like to lead this team or be part of the team that works on the project please contact the Clerk to register your interest.

Following the uncontested election the PC has been seeking co-optees to get us back to our previous 11 members. Ian Small has re-joined the PC and it is hoped that by the 12th September meeting the PC will be back to full strength

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Parish Council. kandbstow@hotmail.com Limetree Cottage, Underhill, tel: 830431





Foot Notes

A big thank you to those of you who have been doing a good job in trying to keep the undergrowth (especially those pesky brambles and nettles!) from encroaching onto the paths. If anyone out walking could take some secateurs and spend a few minutes 'trimming' it would be fantastic and makes the footpaths more welcoming.

In the last edition of the Newsletter the Parish Council pointed out that there was a problem with dogs fouling footpaths and fields - we understand that there has been some improvement but that it could be better still. However, around the footpaths and bridleways in general, some folk are not clearing up after their dogs when they foul on the actual footpath. This is inconsiderate to all those who enjoy our footpaths and bridleways. Have a look at the Countryside Code with regard to control of dogs in the countryside (www.naturalengland.org.uk).

From The Archives



Can anyone help with dating this lovely old postcard showing a 'feast' in East Knoyle? Was anyone there?! Health and Safety obviously not an issue in those days!

If you could let the Editor know it would be most helpful.

We have access to lots of old images like this - but to publish them we would need a sponsor......



RBL Branch News

It has been a busy two months for the Branch on the business, social and fund raising 'fronts'.

Business

Our representation at and participation in RBL events and commemorations continues. Since the last report we have been represented at the Chairman and Branch Secretaries Seminar at Tedworth House to hear outline plans for the new 'County Plan'; the County Parade at Royal Wootton Bassett and the Fovant Badges ceremony, at which, several members were also in attendance.

Social Events



Our visit to the Maltings in Warminster on the 18th May was both an informative and enjoyable event. Our host Robin Appel - who has invested a substantial amount of time and money in renovating what is one of oldest Maltings in the country and ensuring the sustainability of the business – was most generous with his time. At the conclusion of the visit members and guests enjoyed a substantial buffet and sampled some of the end product of the malting process. Thanks to Julyan Gordon for making all the arrangements.

A long anticipated visit to the Submarine Museum in Gosport took place on the 27th June. Kindly arranged by former Submariner, Paul Naish, members and guests embarked via mini-bus for a tour of both the museum and the decommissioned submarine, HMS Alliance. After sampling the cramped operational and living conditions aboard the 'Alliance' for a full 45 minutes the general consensus of the group was 'rather you than me Paul'. The journey home included a late lunch en route and our thanks are due to Paul for a most successful day in all respects.



Paul Naish (Submariner), Robin Young and Patrick Offord

Poppy Appeal



The Branch total for 2016/17 Appeal has received a significant boost principally due to the efforts of Roy Halsall who, in June alone, raised £861 through the sale of Poppy Appeal merchandise at 'Dig For Victory', 'Wartime at the Vale', 'Tankfest' and Chalke Valley events he attended. Poppy Appeal Organiser, Ian Gurney, said, "This is a most extra-ordinary effort and he is to be congratulated". Roy's contribution highlights that the Appeal continues throughout the year and donations of current, de-funct or foreign currencies together with items such as old watches and medals etc are most welcome. At the time of writing the

total stands at £5,867 so not far to go before we break the £6,000 'barrier' for the year.

Coming Up:

The next two Branch meetings will be at 7.30pm on Monday 7th August and 4th September. Venue: The Fox and Hounds.

Ron Clark Branch Secretary (830354)



East Knoyle Village BBQ Saturday 2 September Noon to 4.30pm Moors Farm and Barn

The venue will be Moors Farm (by kind permission of John & June Reading) - the same place as the very successful Barn Dance which was held last year. The BBQ is replacing – for this year – the Fete.

The BBQ will run from mid-day till 4.30 pm. There will be car parking plus the Tisbus will run a continual service from Wren's Stores to Moors Farm (and back again!) from 11.45 till 4.45pm.



This will be a great day with a rural feel. There will be a **BBQ** consisting of pork, lamb, sausages, beef burgers, veggie burgers, a well-stocked **bar** and many of the normal Church Fete **stalls** will be present. In addition there will be the **Village Choir**, **live music**, **children's sports** (such as sack races and egg & spoon races), **face painting**, **archery** for adults and children, **a dog show**, and **afternoon teas**.

So that the organisers can ensure that there is enough food to go round, there will need to be a ticket system, with tickets available in the shop from early August. Please ensure that you book as early as possible; this will be a great help to the organisers.

The price of tickets will be: Adults - £8 / Children (5 to 15 yrs) - £5 / Children under 5 - Free Tickets will allow entry, plus your BBQ meal and 1 drink. Fantastic value!

Please look out for notices confirming event timings and activities, etc on Village notice boards and Wren's Shop, and the website - http://www.east-knoyle.co.uk

Contact Michael Butler (830293) for any more ideas for activities and offers of help.

CAKE STALL - COOKS FOR CAKES NEEDED!

Please could we have some volunteers to contribute a cake or biscuits or scones for the Village BBQ. If you are willing please email sally.mclaren1@btinternet.com or phone Sally on 830495. Many thanks!

MOVIOLA

Our 10th season of bringing cinema to the Village Hall will start again in September. This means, since we began, we will, astonishingly, have shown about 80 films, some good, some excellent and one or two, as the French say, real turnips!

As I write we have just received the list of choices from which we will be choosing films for our autumn programme. We hope to bring you a varied and entertaining selection, which will entice you to come out to the Village Hall on a Wednesday evening, as the nights start to draw in and we try to put off turning on the central heating. You can be assured of a warm welcome, a glass of wine, a delicious supper of jacket potatoes and ice creams, the heating on (thank you Paul) and of course a good film ready to transport you from the trials and tribulations of daily life. All just down the road.

As usual we are screening a film on the last Wednesday of the month, so this time the key dates will be 27th September, 25th October, 29th November and our Christmas show will be 13th December.

The new programme will be in the September newsletter and on the village website and we look forward to seeing you













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Village of the Scarecrows!

Last year a scarecrow competition was introduced for the Flower and Vegetable Show. And what a success it was - rumour has it that people were even seen talking to one of them and asking directions from another!

You all saw them - and they were great fun to make and livened up the village too! So let's get even more entries this year - great family fun and easy to do - you might even win the cup!







Scarecrow guidelines

The scarecrow competition is open to all residents of the village. In brief, scarecrows should be no larger than 2m high, made of recyclable material, clearly visible from the road and where possible displayed within your garden boundary by **Wednesday 9 August**. The scarecrow will be photographed on the Friday before the show (Friday 11 August) and the photograph will be displayed at the show; the winner will be decided by public vote. The scarecrow should be given a name and have personality of their own. A full version of the scarecrow rules may be seen in the brochure on the village website http://east-knoyle.co.uk and further information is available from Maria or Roger Standingford (830984). Entry fee is £2.00 per scarecrow.



Musical Evening St. Mary's Church 7 October 2017

This year will feature 'Songs from the Shows' with the choir singing excerpts from our

favourite shows, old and new. In addition there will be many of our wonderful young musicians playing instruments and singing, plus speciality turns from our not so young performers!

There is always room for new acts so please contact Louise (832290) if you are interested. All genres are appreciated by our warm and supportive audience.

The Library on The Green

Book lovers will be pleased to hear that this wonderful free resource has had its stock replenished recently - to include lots of new additions, and, even more impressively, some current best-sellers!



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Round and About

St Mary's was the scene for the christening of baby John, a descendent of Mr and Mrs Lampard, formerly of Holloway. The Lampards are a long-standing East Knoyle family and it was wonderful to see so many of them in church to celebrate and support.

Congratulations to Gillian Reading and Chris Richards who were married in St Mary's on June 24th. We wish them every happiness for their future together.

We understand that the new bungalows on the Shaftesbury Road are finished and about to be occupied. We hope that the incoming residents will enjoy being in the village.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Louise Carmichael ,who is moving to the Midlands to take up a new post. She has been part of East Knoyle for eight years and was co-opted onto the Parish Council, who have been glad of her expertise.

Louise's house has been bought by Roger Hague – who is now returning to the village. Welcome back, Roger.

Many people will be sorry to have lost their helpful plumber Chris Wilson, who has moved to Salisbury, where doubtless he will find a new group of customers.

Welcome to Katie, James and Odinn Doherty who recently moved to Holloway Lane.

Good wishes to Steve Morgan, Gemma and the boys as Steve takes up the reins in the parish of St Martin in Liskeard in Cornwall, having left the naval chaplaincy service.

We send condolences to the family of Ruby Jay who died in May. Ruby was 90 years old and was a very long established resident of the village. She leaves behind a large family.

A former resident of East Knoyle, still remembered fondly by many for her flower arranging skills, has died. Cilla Trebilcock and her husband Gordon moved to Hindon from a house on Wise Lane, but retained friends here.

Editors Note - a big thank you to the team who provide all this information every edition

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In 2010 the NHS was funded at the same level as equivalent European economies, but now the gap between us and these countries is over £40 billion. We therefore need to be more realistic about what the NHS can provide and think about how we use NHS resources.

Some suggestions:

Turn up for appointments. Nationally last year 7% of patients did not attend their first appointment for physiotherapy. In Hindon, 21% patients in the same period didn't bother to turn up and didn't contact the hospital to cancel. This waste of resources adds to ever lengthening waiting times. Please don't ask for a referral you don't intend to go to, and cancel as soon as you know you no longer need an appointment. We always call patients who don't appear for appointments at the surgery, but it helps if you can cancel it if you don't need it to allow someone else to be seen. We have about a dozen patients who frequently book appointments and then don't turn up. However 99.5% do book and turn up every time.

See the right service – patients still go to A&E during normal working hours with a problem they could and should see the GP about. In this area of Wiltshire all the small practices can see patients quickly if you contact us and ask to be seen.

Don't order medication if you don't need it – we still get a lot of medication returned that we have to throw away.

Take up invitations to screening services without being reminded. Early detection of problems is good for you as well as being cheaper - a bowel cancer found at screening costs about £10000 to treat and has a 90-95% survival rate at five years. Not being screened and being diagnosed with symptoms has a 5-10% survival at five years and the care costs £30,000.

Please do your bit to help your NHS – help to save the money where you can so there is some left for when (and if) you really need it.

Thanks to everyone who came and supported our Cupcake Day on 19th June. We raised £120 for the Alzheimer's Society. Fantastic!

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely



EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its fourth draw of the year, in Wrens Shop on Saturday 1st July. The sun has come out for these shrewd investors, ready for Wimbledon and as if to celebrate a heroic Lions victory:

LIZZIE GASCOYNE £25 **VENETIA WRIGHT** £15

Thanks to all subscribers. New supporters are cordially welcome to join at any time for only £12 a year. Just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594 or leave a message in the shop.

The next draw is on September 1st.

What's On? Forthcoming Events in and around East Knoyle

Check out the Village Diary on the new website - http://east-knoyle.co.uk/news-and-events/village-diary/

For Village Hall Bookings & Availability

Please contact Booking Clerk -Nicki Sturrock eastknoylevh@btinternet.com or telephone 01747 830143



Build me for 12 August and win the Prize!

Flower and Vegetable Show



WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT Come and join Babs again at the Village Hall on Friday 29th September

10:30am to 12:00 noon.

Good prizes wanted for the Raffle and Tombola

Phone Babs on 01747 830242

A FLOWER FESTIVAL FOR ALL THE SAINTS AT ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH, SEDGEHILL

FRIDAY 28TH TO SUNDAY 30TH JULY INCLUSIVE - 10AM TO 5PM DAILY

You are warmly invited you to view and enjoy the skilled and colourful display being provided for us by the Shaftesbury Flower Arranging Group. Our church organ will be played each day and refreshments will be available; including light lunches, cake and cream teas.

Proceeds will go towards St. Catherine's Church maintenance fund.



T@3 Thursday 10 August

Held every second Thursday of each month in the Billiard Room, Village Hall 3-4pm. Delicious savouries and cakes with tea and coffee, plus a raffle. Donations if you wish. Taxi service available,

kindly funded by the Parish Council. Call Sandra 830471, or Jennie 830460 for further information. See you there!.

Future date, please note, Thurs 14 September



Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 25 July

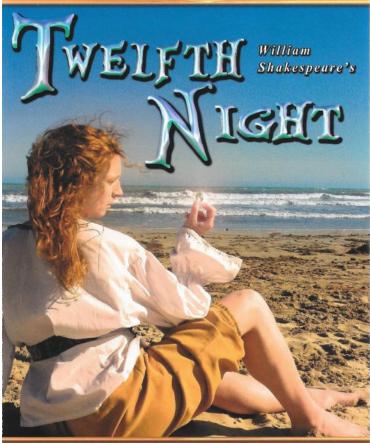
St. Mary's, 10.30am -12.00pm
Freshly brewed coffee and tea with biscuits in our lovely church
A warm welcome awaits you!
Future date - Tues 29 August, then 26 September



St. Mary's Games Evening (On Summer Break now!) Billiard Room, Village Hall Bring your own refreshments, no admission fee, but a box for donations is available if you wish. We have a pool table, darts, chess,

cards etc. Everyone welcome! For more information, call Alan on 830471 Future date, Tues 26 September

Nain or Shine Theatre Company present



Journeys end in lovers meeting.

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Friday 28th July at 7:30pm

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