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EAST KNOYLE COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR Village Emergency Telephone System Goes Live!

An exciting development in the East Knoyle defibrillator project is the inauguration of the Village Emergency Telephone System. This system is supported by a group of 10 volunteers who can be called upon to bring the defibrillator to the place of need. So now, in the unfortunate event of someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest, after first calling 999 for an Ambulance, you can also call for local assistance through the VETS system (telephone no: 01747 612999).

Enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter is an *INFORMATION SHEET* (kindly sponsored by Wren's Shop) telling you what to do in the event of finding someone suffering a sudden cardiac arrest and how to call the VETS telephone number to get someone to help.

<u>PLEASE KEEP THE INFORMATION SHEET permanently</u> <u>at home in a conveniently accessible place</u>. In the event of an emergency, you may need it in a hurry.

The VETS system was launched with a seminar for the VETS volunteers on Saturday 4 March in the Village Hall led by Tina Sauvage from the Community Heartbeat Trust. We plan to arrange a follow-up session as soon as possible for those who were unable to attend on that occasion.

For general information (not in an emergency) contact: Martin Williams on 01747 830938 (voicemail) or email <u>mgwilliams36@btconnect.com</u>

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St Mary's Church

As usual, Easter was a busy and very active period for the Church: St Mary's was once again beautifully decorated and there was a large congregation to celebrate Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday. On the 18th of April, many people from our Benefice and further afield attended a most uplifting Thanksgiving Service at St Leonard's Church, in memory of The Venerable John Holliman who had made such a valuable contribution to the Ministry Team during the past few years. Such a popular Priest, he will be sadly missed.

During Christian Aid Week, between 14th to 20th May, we turn our thoughts to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. At a local level we also assist in supporting the excellent work of the Gillingham Food Bank: there is a box for donations located just inside the Church Door – but available to all members of the Village! - and we would much appreciate any non-perishable items – particularly tinned or sealed packets well within their sell-by dates – for those in our area less fortunate than ourselves. The Editor has kindly agreed to publish a short article from John Passmore who is our nearby co-ordinator, which provides detailed information on how the Food Bank is managed and shows that it does such an excellent job.

Briony Hamilton

Gillingham Food Bank

Churches and community working together serving the people of the Blackmore Vale: that's the strap line of the Gillingham Foodbank. A quick look at the web site tells us that:

- During the last financial year (2016/17) the foodbank provided emergency food to 1572 people (960 adults & 612 children). That compares with 1394 people (878 adults & 516 children) the
- preceding year
- In 2016/17 we fulfilled 687 vouchers for 3-day emergency food supply in 2015/16 it was 593 vouchers
- 'Stock in' 2016/17 was 19104kgs; 'stock out' was 19889kgs. The previous year it was 17652kgs and 18809kgs
- Current stock stands at 3892kgs

The foodbank works using a voucher referral system. We know that anyone can find themselves at a crisis point for a number of reasons. In order to provide the most appropriate help for the circumstances of the situation we work with local agencies. If they feel someone is struggling to put food on the table, they will issue a foodbank voucher.

The Gillingham Foodbank works with a number of agencies, such as Citizens Advice, children's centres, health visitors, drug rehabilitation projects, Sovereign Housing, Open House, primary schools and health centres.

We want to make sure that no one in our local community has to go hungry, but we need your help to make this happen. Food items are collected by many local churches, including St Mary's in East Knoyle. Anyone can go into the church to leave a gift of food for the foodbank. There are permanent bins in supermarkets, where donations of food can be left and occasionally there are special collection days at Tesco, Shaftesbury and Waitrose in Gillingham. The foodbank also has to meet ongoing expenses and donations are always welcome. As a charity registered in England and Wales, number 1146565, donations of cash can be gift aided. The Foodbank relies on the good will and support of our local community. Big or small, every gift of food or donation given helps transform lives. Thank you.

(Postcard photograph of St. Mary's circa 1905)



Exclusive Competition for Local Residents - Win tickets to see Jess Glynne in Concert at Wincanton Racecourse on Saturday 1st July.

Simply email (or post!) your name, address and phone number to the Editor – clearly marked 'Jess Glynne Draw'. We have 2 pairs of tickets to give away, kindly supplied by The Jockey Club Live.

The Draw will take place on Friday 2nd June

For more information about the concert and supporting acts and activities for all the family go to – <u>www.thejockeyclublive.co.uk</u>

Chart sensation Jess Glynne will be bringing her open air headline concert to Wincanton Racecourse on July 1st. First coming into the public consciousness as the vocalist on Clean Bandit's Grammy Award winning and #1 hit 'Rather Be'; Jess Glynne has since become one of the biggest UK breakthrough acts of recent years. Her number-one charting debut album, 'I Cry When I Laugh', has turned double platinum in the UK, making it the highest selling debut album of the past year.

Jess Glynne told the EKN - 'It's going to be great fun playing Wincanton Racecourse on 1st July. I love outdoor shows and can't wait to share some summer evenings with my fans, it's just a shame I won't get to see any racing whilst I'm there.'

Terms and Conditions

All entries must be received by midnight Thursday 1st June. Multiple entries from individuals will not be accepted. Only one entry per household. All entrants must be aged over 16 years old. For details of concert admission details please visit <u>www.thejockeyclublive.co.uk</u>

And talking of Concerts, if Jess Glynne is not your cup of tea......**East Knoyle Village Choir** will be performing again at the 'The Shaftesbury Fringe'. Come along and enjoy the 'Fringe'.

Saturday 1st July 12 noon - The Mitre, High Street 3 pm - Abbey Gardens





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Knoyle Knature Notes

April ended with a couple of sharp frosts, as the blackthorn gave way to the profusion of hawthorn blossom, the lingering musky scent of which will fill the air of our country roads and lanes until June. The name stems from the Saxon 'hagathorn', it's also known simply known as 'May', 'bread and cheese' or 'quickthorn'. Blossoming hawthorn is for many the real harbinger of summer, the quick setting properties of its cuttings made it a favourite for creating enclosures. With young leaves used as a food in times of hardship (bread and cheese), the flowers are an important source of insect nectar. The dense foliage then provides important bird habitat and its berries or 'haws' important forage for mammals, resident and migrating birds alike.

We've had the second hatch of the pastel yellow brimstone butterfly, together with the holly blue and the peacock, some of which will have overwintered in semi-hibernation as adults.

The greater stitchwort (see sketch by The Yaffle) appears as starry white dots in the vivid hue of the bluebell carpet together with the red and less frequent white campion. Look out too for the delicate white wood anemone and wood sorrel. Use your nose to pick out the scent of the darker hued sweet violet, less common than the lighter, unscented dog violet.



Tree creepers scurry up trunks starting from the bottom of trees, gathering insects with their finely curved bills. Nuthatches, with their rusty orange yellow underparts and slate grey backs, move both upwards and downwards on trunks and branches. The nuthatch nest, if you are ever lucky enough to see a bird entering or leaving, is made in a hole in a tree which it adjusts to size using mud.

There's surely no more reassuring announcement of summer's impending arrival than the sonorous hum of a bumble bee. Nothing more melodic than a song thrushes closing celebration of day, or blackbird's chortling night time serenade as we head to midsummer.

The wide spectrum of wildlife in the Parish is very much due to the existing tapestry of interconnected woodland and pasture. So many of these vital connecting corridors and margins have been lost nationwide after successive decades of intensive agriculture. Their preservation and restoration, is vital



to maintaining the delicate ecological balance and diversity of the natural environment for future generations.

The Yaffle

Inspired by 'The Yaffle' (reported it in the May/June '16 edition)

An eagle-eyed reader spotted an Early Purple Orchid 'without speckled leaves' - which evidently can happen! - in local woodlands. Often arriving with the bluebell, the purple-pink flowers of this early orchid make a handsome sight in spring. The early purple orchid was once a common plant, found in a variety of habitats. Sadly, these have also been places where urban development and modern farming methods have taken their toll. Although still found at sites throughout the UK it is by no means as abundant as it once was.

The early purple orchid is the "long purple" of Ophelia's garland, as referred to by Gertrude in Shakespeare's Hamlet: "Of crow-flowers, nettles, daisies, and long purples, that liberal shepards give a grosser name".

(information from - http://www.plantlife.org.uk)



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Parish Council News

It was disappointing to have only 8 applicants for the 11 places available on the Parish Council team. This resulted in an uncontested election once again - a pattern repeated all over the County in smaller locations and is, perhaps, a sign of the times.

At the May meeting of the PC Tim Hyde was re-elected as Chairman and will be ably supported by Neil Southerden as Vice Chairman.

Responsibilities for areas of key interest and sub committees will be decided in full at the June meeting where we hope to get PC numbers back up to 11 through Co-Option.

If you are interested in becoming Co-opted onto the Parish Council please speak to the Clerk for more information.

One behalf of the Chairman I would like to thank departing Councillors for their service over the years and welcome our new PC member Ian Tait onto the team.



Local farmers and concerned residents have drawn to the attention of the PC the increasing number of dog faeces being found in fields around the village. The "droppings hotspots" are the footpath/field behind Seymour House (old Seymour Arms) and on the path through the fields between Holloway Lane and Park Houses. Apart from the disgust of finding dog faeces there is a real risk to livestock health.

Please do the right thing and clear up after your dog.

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Parish Council.

kandbstow@hotmail.com Limetree Cottage, Underhill, tel: 830431

From The Archives



10 years ago today!

From - East Knoyle Newsletter May 2007 - VOL XXXIII No.3 May 2007 READY TO SERVE

After the elections on 3rd May East Knoyle Parish Councillors are: Back row left to right Cllrs Wharton, Dawson, Wilson, Webster, Coffin, Campbell, Southerden. Front row left to right Cllrs Drake, Haworth- Booth (Chairman) and Garrett (Vice- Chairman). Cllr Hyde is inset top left.

80 years ago - The Green, as photographed for a postcard in, we think. the 1930's.

The Newsletter has been given access to a library of old postcards similar to this one. We would consider a special edition featuring some of these, but this would need sponsorship to cover costs.

If anyone is interested please contact Martin Brown - contact details on the front page.





RBL Branch News

Restoration work on the war memorial in St. Leonard's churchyard in Semley is to commence shortly. Jim Winchcombe, who cleaned the East Knoyle memorial several years ago, will carry out the work - so a 'first class' job is guaranteed.

The Branch was represented at the memorial service for the Venerable John Holliman, held at St. Leonard's on the 18th April.

On the social side Members are looking forward to a visit to Britain's oldest Maltings in Warminster on the 18th May, kindly arranged by Julyan Gordon. This is to be followed by a visit to the Submarine Museum in Gosport on the 27th June, kindly arranged by Paul Naish. The Branch will also be represented at Shaftsbury RBL's VE Day celebration supper on the 10th May.

Poppy Appeal



At the end of April the total for the 2016/17 Appeal had reached £4,928.

Although handing over 'the baton' as Poppy Appeal Organiser in 2015, Roy Halsall continues his fund raising efforts on behalf of the Appeal. In April he raised £52 from the sale of Poppy Appeal merchandise, such as lapel badges and wristbands etc., plus £27 from the sale of 'spares' for Morris

Minor cars. The sale to Bob Morgan in Semley of the 'old' coins and notes kindly donated via the box in the Wren shop raised £40. A further £12 was received in cash donations via the Wren Box. Thank you to Roy and you all for your on-going support of the essential work of the RBL.

Veteran's Gateway

This new national Government funded welfare initiative, headed by the RBL, will be launched on the 20th June. It will be a partnership of a number of charities of which the RBL's role will be to act as the first port of call for requests for support and welfare from veterans, assess and channel them through to the most appropriate organisation to meet their needs. Initially planned to last two years it is hoped that funding will be extended to also include requests from serving personnel and their families on an on-going basis.

Coming Up:

The next two Branch meetings will be at 7.30pm on Monday 5th Jun and 3rd July. Venue: Fox and Hounds.

Ron Clark Branch Secretary (830354)

Friends of East Knoyle.

We would like to thank all you lovely people who supported the Easter Egg Treasure Hunt in the grounds of Diana Makgill's walled garden. The weather was glorious and the flowers in bloom in abundance. All who came contributed to a very happy atmosphere and enjoyed the games, raffles, face painting, teas and ice creams. Thanks also go to all the helpers without whom the event could not take place. £370.73 was raised for charity.

Thank you everyone, from the Friends of East Knoyle (*a group of ex Legion Ladies who have not yet thought up a name for themselves as a fund raising group*)

Fly Tipping

A report from Councillor Bridget Wayman

I want to comment on littering and fly-tipping as there seems to have been a recent surge in this illegal activity.

I hope there will be an effort in the new Council to step up its efforts in educating the small percentage of people who litter. Large numbers of people volunteer their time to carry out village litter picks. This year in the Great British Spring Clean in Wiltshire more than 3200 volunteers took part in more than 142 events collecting over 1882 bags of rubbish. In addition, the Council spends £2.5 million of tax-payers money litterpicking – £0.5m more than last year.



Fly-tipping is an offence, with a maximum penalty of £50,000 fine or/and 12 months imprisonment. For small scale tipping a Fixed Penalty Notice (currently £75) can be issued plus legal costs and compensation. Householders and businesses must understand their obligation to dispose of their waste legally.

If you are having rubbish cleared from your property or some hedges cut, always check that it is removed by Authorised Waste Carriers. If it is traced back to the householders address you could be prosecuted or fined for breaking the law. Always ask to see your contractor's Waste Carrier Licence; if they don't have one, don't use them !!

Keep a record of any paperwork they give you, dates, name and telephone number. Report anyone who is not registered to the Environment Agency - 03708 506506. You can also call the EA on the same number for an instant waste carriers validation check or do this on-line at https://environment.data.gov.uk/public-register/view/search-waste-carriers-brokers-regime? regime=lower-tier

If you see any fly-tipping, you can report it on the Wiltshire Council website or the MyWiltshire phone app. The Council will only remove it if it is on Council land or the highway. If it is on private land, unfortunately it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove it.

As an alternative, householders are able to obtain a Van Permit from the Council which allows residents to transport larger loads to the Household Recycling Centres. Staff at the HRCs are trying to prevent commercial vehicles from using the HRCs illegally and will question a van or pick-up driver, or a car with a trailer, but if you have a Van Permit you are able to use the HRCs. The Van Permit Scheme will give you 12 permits a year free of charge. Apply on the Wiltshire Council website. If you do not own a van or pick-up, you are able to nominate a friend or family member's vehicle, but you will need to ask them for the vehicle registration details first.

http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/household-recycling-centres-permits

Unitary council election on Thursday 4 May 2017 - Result
Nadder and East Knoyle (Turnout 41.5%)CandidateDescriptionVotes

Candidate	Description	Votes	
Caudle, Jill	Liberal Democrat	478	33.15%
Wayman, Bridget Anne (Elected)	Conservative Party Candidate	964	66.85%



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"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."

Elizabeth Andrew

"The Store is the Core" was one of the by-lines provided by our advisor organisations when we were setting up Wren's Shop and core, of course, means "heart". The last ten years have proved that the shop is indeed the heart of our village, pumping around fresh food, essential supplies but also much more: strong relationships built by people sharing in the work and giving their time. As we said last year, providing paid staff would cost much more each year than we raised from the village for the refurbishment.

The rota sheets are full of gaps waiting for names to appear; if yours is not yet there please do think

about what you could give and what you gain by doing so. Perhaps imagine the village without the shop and post office; that was very nearly a reality in 2005.

Instead we have a wonderful shop with an unparalleled stock range. Easter was a huge success and congratulations to Orla Thresh who won the giant Easter Egg – and apparently even shared it with her family! The raffle raised £266 towards our new vegetable display which we hope to install over the summer months.

The shop belongs to the whole village and you can play your part in running it by paying an annual membership fee of the East Knoyle Community Shop Association. For last vear's members the AGM is on Wednesday 24th May at the Village Hall. Any Shareholder (i.e. member) can attend, propose and vote for committee membership and if you want to propose yourself or someone else please let Paul Egginton know before May 21st - you can send an email to wrensshop@btconnect.com. If you are not currently a member, do join up for this year.

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9am – 2pm (Closed weekends & Bank Holidays)





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To be held on Saturday 2nd September at Knoyle Place

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The usual variety of stalls and events will be there for all to enjoy which will include such items as:

Bar; BBQ; Books; Bottle stall; Bric-a-Brac; Cake stall; Dog show; Face painting; Hat, scarves and handbag stall; Ice cream; Plate smashing; Portrait photography; Raffle; Teas; Toy stall

If you would like to volunteer to help or have some interesting ideas to add to the above list, please contact Roger Hague on 01747 840719, 07850 613813, <u>rogerhague@btinternet.com</u>

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Round and About

We are delighted to say 'welcome' to Heidi and Simon who have now moved into Copse View. They are already beginning to be part of village life, and we hope they will be very happy here.

Many longer-term residents will remember Brian Churchill, who for many years was Colonel Scammell's 'right hand man' on the Clouds Estate. Living at Hawthorn Cottage, keeping some cattle of his own, Brian was often to be seen about the village on his (allowed in those days!) cab-less tractor. Twenty years ago he retired to Portsmouth, where he died in March. We send our condolences to all his family, including his widow Anne and his children Philip and Katie.

East Knoyle Rainfall

Rainfall recorded

Marc April

March 86.75mm (3.41") April 9mm (0.35")

In March previously the average rainfall was 3.29", so this March was just over my average readings. The rainfall was spread out fairly evenly throughout the month with 5 days being the longest spell without rain.

April has been the surprise, we all thought that it would turn out to be the driest month ever, but from my records it has exactly equalled the driest April that I have got in my records, that of 2007. The average is 2.77" and I have records of two other Aprils having under an inch of rain, that of 1997 and 2011.

The 30th April was the 'let-down' for those of us who wanted some rain - we only had 2mm up to midnight and only 1.5mm during the rest of the night, and at 11.30am while writing this we haven't had any of today's forecast rain! Robin Egerton

Congratulations to East Knoyle residents Camilla Trimble (proprietor) and Ann Ambrose (manager) of Nazareth Lodge Residential Care Home based in Sturminster Newton. They, along with several members of staff, qualified for the highly prestigious finals of 'The Great British Care Awards' having successfully won the regional awards held in Bristol at an earlier date. These wins were in the categories of 'Outstanding Contribution to Social Care' for Camilla, 'Palliative Care Team' lead by Ann and 'Care Team' lead by deputy manager Natasha Baker - all made possible by a truly dedicated team of staff. The finals were held in Birmingham in late March, and whilst they were 'pipped at the post' they were very proud runners up. We hear the staff had an absolute ball in Birmingham!

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Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

Hindon Surgery News Data Sharing

You will probably have read that concerns have been raised about the NHS IT systems in general practice and the sharing of data. The Information Commissioners Office (ICO) has given advice in relation to these concerns and issued the following statement:

"The ICO has data protection compliance concerns about SystmOne's enhanced data sharing function [SystmOne is the computer system used by Hindon Surgery]. However, given the possible impact to patient care, the ICO is not advocating that users switch off data sharing at this stage."

Keith McNeil, NHS Chief Clinical Information Officer, said: "Access to good information is essential to good care. Doctors, nurses and other health care workers need to see a person's medical history to be able to give them safe and effective treatment.

"Every health and care worker knows that medical information is sensitive, personal and should only be accessed when appropriate. Rules about appropriate use are written into individual contracts, and for clinicians it is also part of professional codes of practice.

"Medical data should always be managed fairly and lawfully, with the highest levels of security and safety. Access to records in commonly used GP IT systems is audited and can always be traced back because users log in using unique identifiers and secure access methods.

"We are currently working with TPP and GP representatives to address concerns raised by ICO."

Min Teare

We also said goodbye to Min Teare this month, who has now retired after working for the surgery for over 30 years. We will miss her greatly and wish her well in her retirement.

Job Vacancy

We are advertising for a Receptionist/Administrator to work with us during the afternoons, covering reception and taking on a number of administrative tasks. Full details are on our website at <u>www.hindonsurgery.co.uk</u>.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely



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/



2017 Wylye Valley Art Trail - 27th May until 4th June.

Painters, sculptors, potters, glass artists, jewellery and furniture makers, photographers and even a milliner are throwing open their studio doors to the public from 27th May until 4th June.

The Wylye Valley Art Trail is the largest and most diverse open

Saturday 27 May - Sunday 4 June 2017 studios event in Wiltshire, and takes place in some of the most gorgeous countryside this beautiful county has to offer.

If you can't get out to find a brochure (try Wren's Shop), there's always the website: *www.wvat.co.uk* which will have all the brochure bumf, plus links to artists' websites and the Wylye Valley Art Trail Facebook page.

There are 11 venues taking part in the **<u>East Knoyle area</u>**, showing Painting, Sculpture, Ironwork, Printmaking, Textiles, Ceramics and much more! Find out details at www.wvat.co.uk.

The Wylye Valley Art Trail is an artist- led, non- profit project, organised by an enthusiastic team of volunteers.

For further information contact WVAT Coordinator, Laura Rich:07910 736563 / E: info@wvat.co.uk

For Village Hall Bookings & Availability

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Future date, please note, Thursday 15 June



Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 30 May

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St. Mary's Games Evening Tuesday 30 May 7.45pm 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, Tuesday 27 June



Moviola

Our season finished in April with another very convivial and well attended evening in the village hall for 'A United

Kingdom', which was much enjoyed by the audience.

The Moviola year seems to have sped past. We've shown a wide variety of films, from broad comedy to tense drama - something for all tastes we hope!

We are now taking our summer break but will be back in September for what will be, rather astonishingly, our 10th year showing films in the village hall.

I hope to be able to tell you about the programme for the Autumn in the next newsletter.

Thank you for your continuing support and we look forward to seeing many of you in September.

Sara Southerden





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