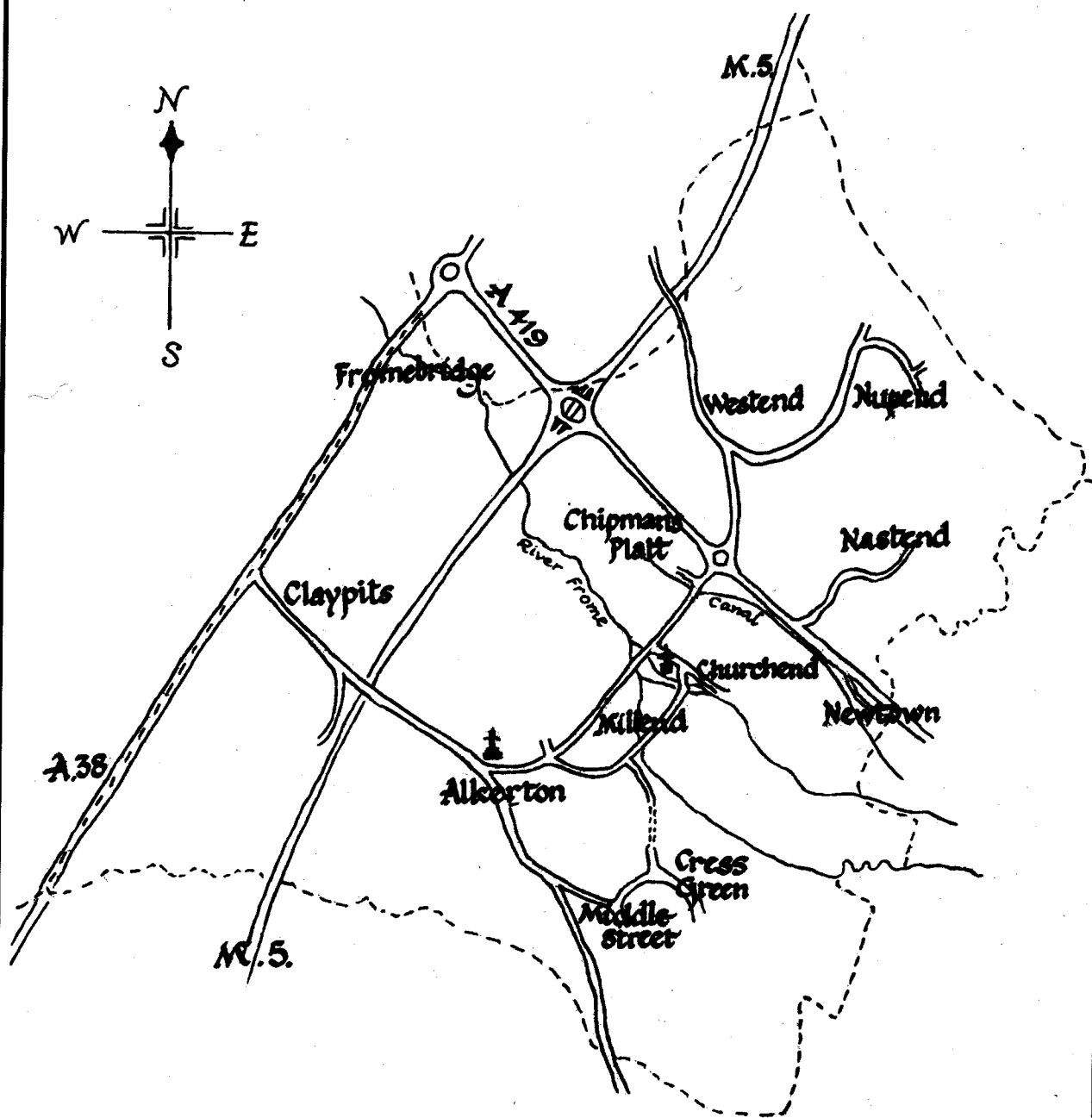


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Happy New Year and welcome to our first edition for 2009. Although we missed having a white Christmas, yet again, at least there has been some seasonal, 'real' winter weather this time. Would it be hoping too much for 2009 to have a 'real' summer as well? After the lists of tasks to help us prepare for Christmas, came the New Year resolutions made with good intent. It may be tempting to put these in a safe place; just in case progress does not match expectation.

A longer Christmas break this time, gave me a welcomed opportunity to get out and enjoy the landscape on our doorstep without time pressure. A wide variety of winter weather, from bright sunshine to freezing fog, gave spectacular scenery bedecked with hoar frosted cobwebs one day, and trees undressed against bright blue skies the next. We really are lucky to have such magnificent countryside around us. And maybe if the pound continues to buy so little abroad, there could be some consolation in spending more time exploring some 'home' delights.

The freezing temperatures of course do not suit all, so I hope you have been fortunate to keep warm so far. For the birds it has also been a harsh time, with water frozen solid for much of the period. For those able and willing to provide our feathered friends with a garden buffet, the reward has been delightful. A Greater Spotted Woodpecker was tempted into our garden for the first time; he was so much better equipped to work on the suet block than the starlings. However, some points for effort must be given for their tenacity; if somewhat clumsy attempts to feed from this hanger.

Progress continues at a pace with the New Community Building at OHMG, and a special colour update page is provided in this issue. There will be a chance for you to have a look inside at the **Open Day on 7th February**. One resident of this area can recall the laying of the foundation stone for the Village Hall. How interesting it would be to span the decades of these two important community buildings. With the many activities in this Village, we can be sure that both meeting places will be much used for many years to come. There is a reminder inside too about that ever-popular charity, ticketed event 'Ladies Night' on 28th February 2009.

If you are not up-to-speed with County Council plans to build a large new waste incinerator at Javelin Park, you might like to catch-up on the update by our District Councillor, Ken Stephens. Some members of the Parish Council have also been attending meetings and following this proposal. Predictions are that we shall all continue to produce an ever-increasing amount of rubbish that is not recycled; this huge mountain can no longer be accommodated by landfill dumping. The County Council simply does not believe that we are capable of reducing the amount of waste that we put out for collection. (A walk around any neighbourhood on 'dustbin day' tends to reinforce that view.) Recycling and collection of waste is the responsibility of Stroud District Council. Not only has there been very little increase in types of material that can be recycled in Stroud, but there is also a challenge in getting us all to prepare our recycling for collection. (e.g. crushing cans, rinsing containers, segregation and sorting for collection.) Unless we can do something about the amount of rubbish we throw out, it looks likely that we shall get a whopping incinerator on our doorstep.

David Drew MP recently met our 'Village Flood Group' in January and we also have a message from him inside. I support his positive comments about our Primary School, as I was similarly impressed following a recent tour of the new buildings. So much additional character has been included in the building and renovation at Eastington School, that a feeling of joy can be sensed just by being there. There can be few children in the country who could hope for a more pleasant environment in which to learn. The high quality and success of this project, and the outstanding performance of the school against the national standard, are of course a reflection of the exceptional people running the school.

We have activities for 2009 from the Methodist Church and messages from St. Michael's Church this time and Richard Amys has also prepared obituaries for this edition. Don't forget to make a date in your diary for the Spring Flower Show on Saturday 21st March; details of how to enter are included inside.

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Update from the Chair:

Andrew Niblett

Sustainable Communities Act is designed to give power and money for local people to do important things for the community, that are either not currently being done, or that are not being done satisfactorily.

The Act was promoted by all 3 main political parties. (Nick Hurd (Con), David Drew (Lab), Julia Goldsworthy (Lib)). David Drew and Steve Shaw presented an overview of potential value of this legislation to a meeting of local Parish Councils representatives that I attended. Some examples could be to make changes to the National Planning Process such as the PPGs that control local planning issues. Being able to control and co-ordinate flood prevention is another possibility. Getting National Government to give more business elements to Post Offices could be another. The Parish Council will keep you informed about developments. Meanwhile you may wish to visit the following sites:

<http://www.localworks.org/node/47> & http://www.unlockdemocracy.org.uk/?page_id=537

Police Sara Plans are very specifically designed to target a particular problem in a particular community. Typically these take 50 to 60 hours of dedicated Police time over a period of 2 to 3 months. The plans are formulated and closed at Police Neighbourhood Panel meetings. It will be extremely important for an Eastington representative to attend future meetings. (**Volunteers would be welcomed to help cover future meetings please**).

A new Sara Plan has been designed to tackle antisocial behaviour at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground here at Eastington. It was explained that there had been 2 incidents of damage at the new building recently. A window was broken the day following its installation by some people driving golf balls towards the New Community Building. We are determined to break the habit of vandalism that has occurred with the old building.

In an effort to catch possible offenders, PCSO Debbie Flay of Stonehouse Police says they will be targeting and observing the OHMG over the forthcoming months. This will be on a regular basis, at various times of the day, evening and night. To assist them in this task, she would be grateful for local residents to phone the Police on the non-emergency 0845-090-1234 number if anything suspicious is seen at the grounds or you can simply report any damage found to the building. Obviously in the case of an emergency you should still dial 999.

Eastington Flooding Group met with David Drew MP to review the current situation and developments following the severe flooding of 2007. The Parish has suffered flooding in different locations from 3 main sources: Overflowing and surge of the River Frome and its waterways; overwhelming of the Eastington sewer system; excessive runoff from saturated land following a deluge of rain. Matters which exacerbate these events were blocked drains, culverts and ditches arising from several causes: hedge-cuttings; thick mud on roads; verges and ditches crushed by vehicles. The Group is in need of a leader / Flood Warden to bring together and co-ordinate the existing volunteers and to make use of the assistance offered by David Drew MP.

I would like to publicly thank David Drew for giving his time and assistance for both the flooding issues, and guidance for using the Sustainable Community Act. He was to only person to arrive by bicycle at these meetings; the first during one of the heaviest rainfalls since the flood; the second on the coldest night of the year with ice and snow on the ground.

Issues Presented to the Parish Council

- Abundance of light: Streetlights polluting and obscuring the night sky, and over lighting of domestic properties. (Some security lights are also dazzling drivers at night.)
- Parking in designated Bus Stops: causing difficulty to bus users with mobility problems.
- Dog Fouling: several disgusting incidents of filled dog poo bags being left hanging in hedges near Cress Green.
- Excessive mud on road and newly cleaned pavements in Spring Hill.

EASTINGTON SLIMMING WORLD GROUP

So another new year has arrived. The decorations are packed away and we all turn our thoughts to what this year may bring for us. We had a lovely Christmas in group with a party enjoyed by the members held the last Wednesday before Christmas, everyone brought in a plate of food and we all enjoyed the festivities together. At this point I would just like to express a huge thank you to my best friend and fellow consultant Sarah, who has been looking after our group in Eastington since the middle of October while I was recuperating following surgery to my spine. So like all my members and those coming to join us over the next few weeks I will be food optimising with everyone else to undo the damage ten weeks of bed rest has caused!


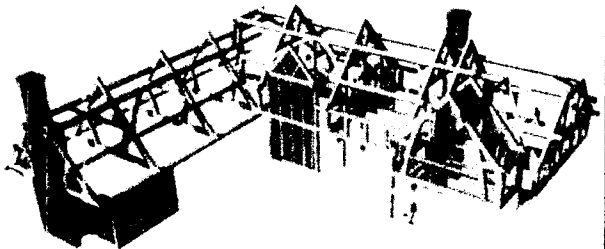

We all have different reasons for wanting to lose weight some of us for our health, others for a holiday or for a special occasion, a birthday or even a family wedding. The wonderful thing about Slimming World food optimising plans is that they suit all tastes and appetites. We now offer five plans to choose from as we launched our new XTRA EASY plan at the beginning of January and like the rest of the Slimming World plans there is a huge list of free foods but everything has been stream lined to provide a fantastic weight loss, with less to think about and you can still enjoy as many tasty foods to satisfy even the largest of appetites. Why don't you come along to group to find out more.

In Eastington we still meet in the Village Hall every Wednesday evening at 7pm and we welcome new members though our doors every week. Confidentiality is still extremely important to us. No one will disclose your weight in-group and the scales have a screen around them so no one can peek! We offer support and guidance to help everyone with their weight loss journey, but will not humiliate anyone. We still welcome men and women to our group and also 11-16 year olds with an adult. You will learn about our easy to follow, unique plans and how to lose weight effectively and healthily while still feeling full up and enjoying life.

So come along to the hall and find out more. If you would like any more information you can call me. Lorna 01453 821751

Eastington Cricket Club

Steve Gardener says the Eastington Cricket Club are very short of players and invites anyone interested in membership to contact him. He stressed that any standard of cricket ability would be O.K. and could willing new members contact Simon on 01452 535901 or Steve on 01453 791209.

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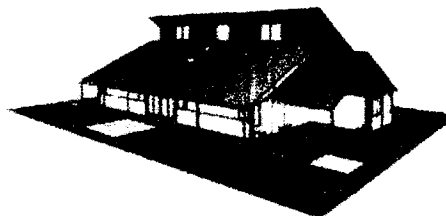


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Eastington Community Centre News.

The last two months of progress on the new building have gone well. we are currently bang-on the 'revised' schedule after the long delays in the summer caused mainly by the heavy rainfall we experienced.

At the time of writing, we have some of the solar-thermal panels fitted, the rear-roof tiled and the front roof is about to be completed. The under floor heating is in place with the whole area now screeded and drying. Work is now moving towards the interior of the building and so it will be difficult to see significant progress from the outside.

The enclosed colour insert briefly shows the progress of the build over the past 6 months, and we hope you find it informative. We'll also be holding an open-day on Saturday 7th February between 10am and 12pm. Anyone interested in being shown round the new building is welcome to turn-up and get a guided tour of the inside to see what facilities will be available. Please bring strong shoes/boots as it is (of course) wet and muddy.

Site Safety

Once again we must remind everyone that the building site is a hazardous place and **should not be entered under any circumstances**. Presence on the site, and any damage caused, is likely to result in injury to themselves or others and is therefore incredibly dangerous. This should also be stressed to any children likely to play on the grounds. Unfortunately, we recently experienced an incident involving golf-balls which resulted in £500 of damage to the new centre. The police have been informed and are currently investigating.

Christmas Raffle

We recently held a Christmas raffle in conjunction with the Stonehouse branch of the Stroud & Swindon Building Society. Many of you may have been approached during the school Christmas bazaar and over the last few weeks about the draw. The winners were drawn on New Years' Eve at the Stroud & Swindon and the first prize of a 32" Sony LCD Television has been awarded to a lucky person within the village! The raffle raised over £700 towards the new building and we would like to thank the Stroud & Swindon for adopting us as their 'Charity of 2008' and supporting us through the year. Their efforts have raised over £1,100 for the new centre and it is gratefully received. We would also like to thank all the businesses within the area who generously donated prizes for the draw.

Carol Singing

Thank you to everyone who generously donated during our carol-singing event throughout the village on 23rd December. Your donations raised a further £60 towards the building.

Ladies Night

Don't forget we are holding the third 'Ladies Night' fundraising event on 28th February featuring the UK's no.1 artists! See the enclosed advert for further details or contact Vanessa on 828557. Tickets are now on sale and as always, this will be a sell-out event so buy early to avoid disappointment.

Used Ink Cartridges

We are always collecting ink cartridges and your donations so far have raised over £400! Thank you and please keep them coming (collection box in the Post Office).

Contact Details for the Owen Harris Committee:

Mark Cousins (Chair)	828557
Gill Glover (Funding Manager)	828782
Jayne Elder (Secretary)	828027
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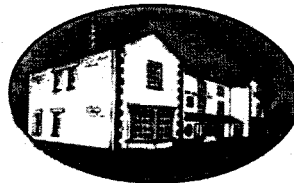
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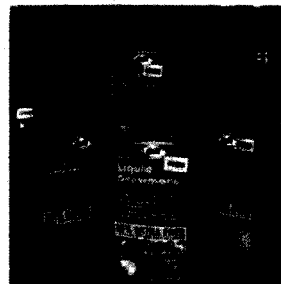
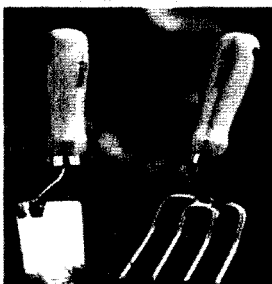
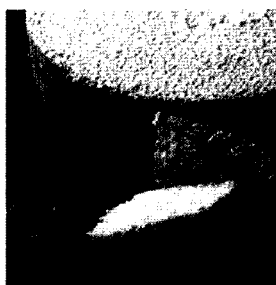
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The District Council recently voted to start work on this project. This committed a quite substantial sum of the Councils money. The meeting took over three hours and there were many members of the public in attendance. The decision was not taken lightly. If the decision had been made solely on the report tabled the decision may well have been different. The past record of such organisations as the Cotswold Canals Trust and the abilities of their members was very much a contributory factor. Starting such a project at any time is a big decision. Questions were asked as to whether this is the right time. You can always find lots of reasons why not to do something and 'will there ever be a right time' to commit to such a project? Will it ever be finished was another question. Well you will never finish anything unless you start. I supported the decision to start. I was mindful of the conditions attached to the decision that did not commit the council to an open ended financial commitment. I was also mindful of the many many millions of pounds that the Councils contribution will attract into the District. A substantial part of which will be spent here in the locality to the benefit of local residents.

ICELANDIC BANKS

The Council had some £3 million on deposit in Icelandic banks when they collapsed. The group set up by the government to co-ordinate the attempt to recover this money issues regular reports. There is no positive news to report as yet. The government has suggested that if this money is not recovered in full or part then the losses could be discounted in the Councils accounts over a period of years rather than in one go. My group has for several years been urging the Council to invest in ethical banking organisations. The Council was not forced to use these banks. It is a fact of life that higher interest carries higher risks.

JAVELIN PARK

As the District Councillor for Standish as well as Eastington the County Councils proposals for building an incinerator on this site has taken up much of my time. I attended a recent meeting in Quedgeley on the subject where County Council officers and the relative cabinet member made a presentation. The meeting was organised by Haresfield Parish Council. The fact that they had to do this just to find out what was being proposed in their parish is I think, to put it politely, extraordinary. It was one of the worst meetings of this type I have ever attended. In my opinion it was obvious from the start that the main objective by the County Council member was to make party political points. There was also, in my opinion, a lot of organised support at the meeting, clapping and cheering on cue. As far as I am concerned the County Council will try its utmost to build a large incinerator on the site. I am not impressed by the comments 'nothing has been decided yet'. I think the County Council administration have made up their mind on what they want and where they want it.

I was very fortunate in being asked again to the Christmas meal at the Broadfield sheltered unit. A most enjoyable time and I thank all involved for the invitation.

I continue to be involved with residents in planning, housing, environmental health, and many other matters. It is very pleasing to see that people local to Eastington have benefited from the social housing allocation in the Springhill development.

Ken Stephens Jan 2009

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Message from David Drew MP

I am very impressed at the progress made for the new build at the school. I had the good fortune to be shown around some months back and look forward to it being quickly finished and formally opened.

I hope to be meeting shortly with the Parish Council to receive an update on matters relating to the flooding situation. I am trying to help co-ordinate an appropriate response to the continuing threat in Eastington and other places in the district. We must realise that although we have a greater grasp of what needs to be done in the future there is a need for specific measures to reduce and eventually eliminate the risk.

In the recession I hope to keep in close contact with businesses in the locality and if any would like me to visit please give my office a ring at Stroud 764355.

David Drew - MP for the Stroud Constituency

EASTINGTON BROWNIES

The Brownies continue to be active and are looking forward to starting the new spring term. There will be lots of activities, games and badge work and of course fun!

We meet on Monday evenings from 7 - 8pm, during term time in Eastington Village Hall.

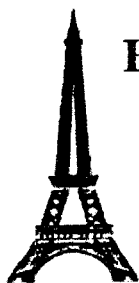
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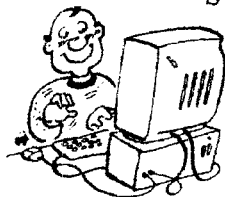
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THE RECTOR WRITES



Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a good Christmas, and were able to spend some time with family and friends either at home or away, and were able to attend a service or two as well. I enjoyed many Carol Services, and some School Nativities – it never ceases to amaze me that after 2,000 years we still managed to add new twists to the story of Jesus' birth.

2009 promises to be a difficult year for many due to the economic crisis facing our country. In the face of any adversity it is often easiest to keep yourself to yourself, and hope for the best, and in many parts of our society that is what happens. I think that is

sad. What we really need is a greater sense of community, where everyone feels comfortable sharing with one another, caring for one another – in other words, showing neighbourliness.

In one of the stories I tell over Christmas to children in school assemblies, Mary and Joseph get turned away from the inn because there is no room. The landlord (a kind man, but with little imagination) gets a right earful from his wife when she learns that he has turned the young couple away, and with Mary being heavily pregnant. He is told, in no uncertain terms, that by the time she gets back from searching for them, he'd better have come up with a solution! Seeing as all the rooms are full, and people are sleeping in corridors too, he comes up, apologetically, with the offer of the stable. Mary is so exhausted she is grateful for anywhere undercover – but mostly for the care shown to her and Joseph by his wife, who stays with her and helps her through the night.

None of us, truth be told, like to be in the position of needing help, but are generally extremely grateful when we receive it. When and if we get back on an even keel again we often try and do something ourselves to repay the kindness, and in so doing we pass that positive experience that we have had onto others, and it can similarly inspire them to pass something similarly positive on again.

In Matthew chapter 25 Jesus draws a clear distinction between those who put themselves out to help others, and those who ignore their needs. As I go around our parishes I discover loads of people who are helping others directly through volunteering, or indirectly by charitable giving and fundraising. These are activities that build up community life, which can be difficult to do when we often relate more readily to those we work alongside than those we live near. However, a good fall of snow always seems to bring out the best – community snow clearing, snowman building, and caring enquiries about keeping warm and well fed!

Thank you to everyone who cares and helps in our area – you are greatly appreciated.

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The Church is open during the day, every day, should you wish to visit to pray, or just sit. You are most welcome.

David John Cook 'Dave' of Chipman's Platt, Eastington died on November 18th. His funeral was conducted by the Rector in Eastington Church on December 1st, followed by burial in the cemetery.

Dave was born in Selsley West, the second of 3 children, and went to school in King's Stanley. He started his working life with Bloodworth's Engineering, working in their foundry, then for a short time was at the Stonehouse Brick and Tile Company before doing two year's National Service with the army, part of it in the Middle East. He returned to work in his father's haulage company, taking over the business in partnership with his brother Ivor after their father died in 1956.

He married Janet in 1958 at St. George's in King's Stanley, and they celebrated their Golden Wedding in February this year. They started married life living in a caravan at Grey Gables for 3 years before moving to King's Stanley. 7 years later they moved to Barrowfield Road in Whiteshill, then back to Grey Gables, the bungalow this time, bought after his brother Ivor died in 1987.

Dave retired when he was 59, due to blood pressure problems, though this never stopped him from being a hard worker. Treatment at the John Radcliffe hospital in Oxford largely sorted out the heart problems, and he made a good recovery. He went on to develop diabetes, but it was under control.

Dave and Janet had two children, Mark and Beverley, and seven grandchildren too. His family used to get involved in his hobbies and interests. Family holidays were taken in the Lake District, Germany and Switzerland, and both in caravan and caravanette – in one of the latter in Scotland just a couple of years ago. In his younger days Dave was into speedboat racing – his best-known boat was 'Dave's Dilemma'. This often meant weekends away, regularly at Fairford. He won many trophies, though he never liked to brag about his success. This also involved some water-skiing, and later on he was a keen supporter of Mark when he was motorcycle scrambling.

He also liked to keep his home surroundings tidy, and would regularly get Mark and Richard (Bev's husband), as well as others from time-to-time to help clear various things from the site.

But his greatest passion was for racing pigeons, and it was only earlier this year that he let the last of them go. He was well known in most clubs, and raced regularly with great success until a year or two ago. Again, family members were pressed to help with the clocking-in of the birds. Many of the friends he competed against would have liked to know the formula of 'Dave's Special Mix' he fed to his birds – but the truth is he used the same stuff as everyone else. His success lay in the training he gave to his pigeons, and his dedication to the sport, in which he won many trophies. He was a plain, straightforward, good-natured and generous man who will be greatly missed.

Edward Gaston 'Ted', of Middle Street, died on Christmas Day. His funeral was conducted by the Rector and the Revd Angela Reeder in Eastington Church on January 6th, followed by burial in the cemetery.

Ted was born in Sharpness, one of 5 children, where his father worked in the docks, as did Ted at the very start of his working life. He went on to work for many years at the Cadbury factory in Saul, interrupted by the War, during which he became a sergeant in the Air Ministry police, based at Quedgeley. He returned to Cadbury's after the War, then had a short spell at Bon Marche in Gloucester as a carpet salesman, before moving in the late fifties to work for Columbus Dixon, an industrial floor cleaning manufacturer, as a sales rep – a position he held for around 20 years until retirement.

He married his late wife Dorothy in June 1938, and was devoted to her. They had two sons, David and Tony, 6 grandchildren, and Ted also had a number of great-grandchildren. Ted's main hobby was gardening, and he regularly filled the planters at the front of the church, which he had donated originally, and he was a big grower of flowers, particularly geraniums. He could turn his hand to DIY, and was also a good woodworker, making clock cases and small boxes.

Ted was a giving father, and a good friend, but was greatly saddened by the stroke Dorothy suffered, and her subsequent struggle with life in hospital and in her nursing home, where he visited her very regularly. He was a man with a strong Christian faith, and was a regular attender at the Church over many years, and will be greatly missed.

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A few years ago I visited an elephant sanctuary in the north of Thailand near the mountains. In that part of the country elephants used to be a major part of the logging industry. With their powerful bodies and flexible trunks they proved useful to manoeuvre the logs over the rough ground. Then the government banned logging, more to protect the forests than for animal rights reasons. Many of the elephants were in a poor physical condition, having been worked very hard. I remember one which still had the scars on its leg where it had been manacled. Several sanctuaries were set up to help the elephants to recover.

Like those elephants many of us are worked very hard and become exhausted or battered by life and its stresses. In this New Year we may need sanctuary too; a place to recover from what life has thrown at us. A holiday break, a trip out, a special treat can recharge our batteries, only for us to go back in to the same situation that caused us stress in the first place. It seems to me there is a need to alter the pattern of our living, and find rest and sanctuary in its deepest source.

Let the Lord lead you into the quiet place of your heart, where he will speak with you.

Let the Lord lead you beside still waters, so that in Him you may find your sanctuary and rest.

God's Blessing to you

Noel Sharp - Minister

noel.sharp@btinternet.com

As this is the first edition of Eastington Community News of the New Year it is perhaps appropriate to give an overview of church run activities. As usual, there are activities to suite most ages.

We have Kidzone for the primary school children from 7 years old and upwards at 6:15pm on Wednesdays in term time. The Youth Club for those of secondary school age runs from 7pm until 10pm on Fridays with two two hour sessions for the younger and older groups respectively with an hour overlap in the middle .

There are weekly Bible Studies at 1pm with lunch at the church and another home based one at 8pm on Thursdays as well as a fortnightly session for young people seeking to learn more on Mondays at 7pm usually at The Pike Lock House.

Sunday morning services are at 11am lasting about an hour with coffee afterwards and Sunday Night Praise meetings take place on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month starting at 7pm and usually lasting about 90 minutes with a lot of music, much of it new.

There is line dancing on Tuesdays at 10am, a coffee morning at 10am - noon on the first Monday of the month and we have a joint service at Broadfield at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month organised with the Parish Church.

In all we do, we seek to encourage each other into a deeper living faith in our Lord Jesus Christ and serve him here at Eastington. Please do come along to see what is happening for yourself or contact us for more information or visit the website.

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Visible Progress at Millend Mill

Some of you will have seen some activity around Millend Mill recently (at last, you may have said).

The downturn in the housing market has of course slowed many projects, and Hallwave Ltd have had their share of hardships. However they have made a start on the long list of Planning Conditions (26 in all) which they have to fulfil or eliminate before beginning the main building work.

Their Managing Director is funding this preparatory phase which sees the Bat Survey underway (12 weeks of study), tree and scrub clearance, pigeon and rodent reduction and restoration of the sluices to normal water flow. Scaffolding at the rear has aided the removal of pernicious ivy, providing views of the main building not seen for a decade or more.

The hope is that, over the winter, they can then demolish the smaller buildings on Cress Green Lane. That would give them some room for machinery and parking for more serious work, as well as affording a clearer view of the main structure. Both the Conservation Planners and the Hallwave architects need to see more close-up detail before final structural plans can be finalised.

Significant demolition cannot take place until Health and Safety consultations have taken place with residents and school representatives. We expect that stage to be reached in time for the next News.

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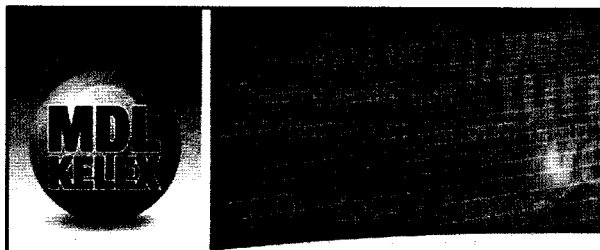
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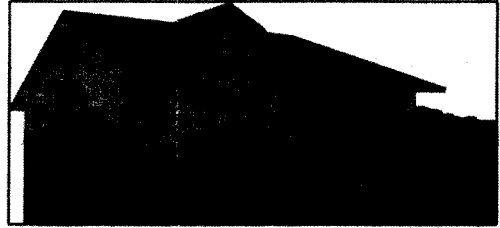
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- (2) Exhibitors cards corresponding to the entries will be handed to exhibitors by the show secretary and exhibitors will be responsible for the proper placing of their cards with their exhibits. An exhibitor may only enter one exhibit per class. Each exhibitor using separate entry forms.
- (3) Exhibitors must provide their own bowls, vases etc for display of their exhibit. All exhibits entered must be staged.
- (4) The judges may modify or withhold any award if the exhibits do not merit the prizes offered.
- (5) Any unfair means to obtain a prize will forfeit all claims to prizes.
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SECTION (3) POT PLANTS (19) 1 pot flowering cactus. (20) 1 cyclamen in bloom. (21) 1 azalea in bloom. (22) 1 polyanthus in pot. (23) Collection of polyanthus, 5 - mixed. (24) Primrose in a pot. (25) Collection of primroses, 5 - mixed. (26) Collection of 5 mixed pansies. (27) 1 pansy in pot. (28) 1 foliage plant. (29) Any other pot plant in bloom.	SECTION (4) CHILDRENS' CLASSES (30) Painting of your favourite T.V. character. Up to 10 years. (31) Bowl or dish with floating flower heads in. Up to 10 years. Name and age on the back of all exhibits please.
SECTION (5) FLOWER ARRANGMENTS (32) Arrangement of flowers in a basket. 18" square. (33) Arrangement - to a theme of your choice. 24" square e.g. song, book title (34) Miniature spring arrangement. 9" square.	SECTION (6) COOKERY (35) 4 Easter biscuits. (36) 4 pieces of shortbread. (37) 4 fairy cakes - plain with a cherry on the top. (38) 4 rock cakes. (39) Pot of marmalade. (40) Quiche lorraine, 6 - 7" diameter.

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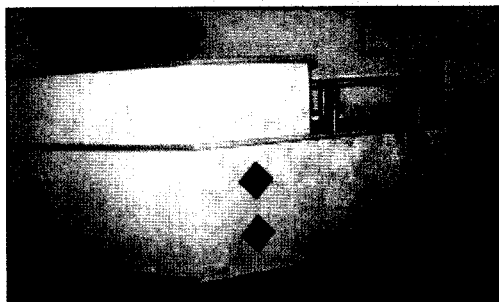
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