

# Eastington Community News

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Welcome to the mid-summer edition of ECN. I count myself privileged this year in meeting interesting people in lively communities and places. I also feel privileged to be part of Eastington community, as I see an ever increasing participation by volunteers contributing to Village life.

In May this year we went as a family to Romania after a gap of 16 years. This time it was for the wedding of my eldest son. As we were welcomed by our new Romanian family and their friends, we had chance to reflect on how they had come through most terrible times under former communist dictator Ceausescu. Villages were bulldozed and church attendance heavily suppressed, yet through all of that, a resilient pride and sense of community has survived. Maybe it was that community spirit and faith that helped them reach today with their charming hospitality intact.

I am delighted to write the introduction of this edition of ECN, where there are so many interesting and different contributions. This is also our first edition using the new printing method which enables clearer pictorial illustrations for some of the articles.

It's always refreshing to see a group putting something into our community, and Eastington Youth Group (EYG) is a great example. Litter is a world-wide problem and we are no exception here. EYG have been clearing up litter in our Village and have some ideas on how this may be better tackled. They have also organised a village trip to Weston Super Mare on Sunday 17th July – details inside (just £5.00 per seat so please support them.) On 4th September EYG are organising the 2011 Village Fete. This always proves to be a fun occasion for all, so watch out for the notices and please support this community event.

We welcome articles this time from Footballers and Cricketers. Here again are activities for youngsters – and those young in spirit. If you can help in any way support these activities, please see inside for details. The fascinating past enterprise of the making of cricket bats in the Parish is given a very interesting presentation by Steve Mills.

We are fortunate to have a County Councillor and District Councillor who help keep us appraised of important matters, such as housing and road safety. Their letters help our understanding of responsibilities for the GCC (County) and SDC (District) councils. For what I like to call the 'First level' of government, Jill Simmons gives her perspective from 'grass roots' of the Parish Council in 'Parish Matters'.

There is a wide range of events from St Michael and all Angels and from the Methodists too.

The Eastington Horse Show is on Saturday 6th August at Claypits Farm this year. Please make a note in your diary for this long established and popular annual event; it has supported a wide range of community activities for many decades.

The 29th Eastington Autumn Flower Show will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September. Let's hope the Allotment mole can be routed well in time for this regular event.

Inside we have news from Playschool and Brownies, and the popular article from our Parish 'Birder' is also included in this issue.

Road traffic accidents in the Village have sadly claimed the lives of several people over the years and have caused many more injuries. Each accident was a tragedy and an event from which we can learn in planning future prevention. When checking 'official' records, I was dismayed to hear from one official or another, that such an event no longer appears on 'the records'. We would like to record such important information here in the Parish. If you have details about a past accident, please contact myself or Mary Gribble to give as much detail as possible about the accident. (please do not leave it to someone else; it's better to have duplicates than to miss one!)

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## Parish Cllr Jill Simmons – Joint Planning with Chris Hill

I came to Eastington eleven years ago. Left Painswick with its beautiful buildings and narrow streets. I served on Painswick Parish Council for roughly fourteen years, and am now a member of Eastington Parish Council.

Eastington is an ideal 'vibrant' village. We have the Owen Harris Memorial Ground with the Eastington Community Centre, the Village Hall, the allotments and now the Community Orchard Group beginning to plant soft fruit, then small fruit trees and in the future larger fruit trees which will take some time to come to maturity. Our village has not died as some local villages have.

We have around us fields, woodland, the River Frome and the Stroudwater Canal. The parish is mostly flat land and mostly agricultural, with two dairy herds. We welcome the fact that amongst us are two homes providing care for young and older people – Orchard Leigh and William Morris.

Eastington has a great mixture of housing - some old small cottages, new build and larger old beautiful houses. We have St Michael & All Angels and the Methodist Church to serve our community. We have the Stroudwater Canal restoration growing and growing. This village also has a good transport layout with Junction 13 on the M5 nearby.

I recently attended a Planning seminar at Ebley Mill, led by Phillip Skill, the District Council Planning Head Officer. He gave details of guidelines that planning applications will be subjected to. These guidelines covered a five year housing land supply for Stroud District Council area. Also many details of various applications including reserved matters, full, householder and change of use. In more detail, materials used the design of the application, loss of daylight and highway safety. Eastington Parish Council advises applicants to consult neighbours and Officers at the Planning department at Ebley Mill.



## Eastington Community Centre

[www.ohmg.org.uk](http://www.ohmg.org.uk)

Available for parties, regular bookings, sports events, clubs, wedding receptions

### *What's on at the community centre?*

<b>Mondays:</b>	<i>Fitness Circuit Training. 7-8pm &amp; 8-9pm</i>	<i>Tel. Rachel 07972 149285</i>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<i>Blue Frog Fun Drama Workshops for 5-11yrs. 6-7pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Liane 07969 436138</i>
<b>Tuesdays:</b>	<i>Boxercise. 7.30-8.30pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Matt 01452 741711</i>
<b>Wednesdays:</b>	<i>Just 'B' Aerobics and Fitness. 7.30-8.30pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Bryony 07906 581450</i>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<i>Street Dance for kids. 5-6pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Vanessa 01453 828557</i>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<i>Jiu-jitsu Martial Art Training. 6.15-7.45pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Paul 07909 525582</i>
<b>Thursdays:</b>	<i>Yoga. 8-9.30pm.</i>	<i>Tel. Carol 07814 341092</i>

**Cricket:** *Eastington Cricket Club usually play every fortnight during summer months.  
Tel: Ron 01453 822942*

**Football:** *Regular Alkerton Rangers first and second matches throughout the football season.  
Tel: Martin 01453 828712*

*Eastington Community Centre is the home of Eastington Playgroup. Tel. 07977 342742*

**Contact Vanessa on 828557 for a friendly chat and more information**

## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S NEWSLETTER

The elections of last May changed the make up of the Council somewhat. The conservative group now has a majority of one. This change in political balance has had an effect on the allocations of seats to committees etc. The journey from Election Day to nominating people to fill those seats at the council's AGM was a bit jerky and protracted. The election was on a Thursday with the votes 'eventually' being counted and declared on the Friday afternoon. What happens when the political balance of a council changes is that a sum is done to work out how many seats on committees each political group will be allocated. Not a very difficult exercise. However the first issue of the new balance did not appear until almost a week later. There were then several more issues of the balance before the AGM. The result of all this was an allocation proposal that was not very favourable to my group. We were the only group that had its allocation rounded down. (Strange, that) On one major committee we were allocated the same number of seats as a group with nearly half the members of ours. Our opinion was that this did not reflect properly the result of the elections. Much hand wringing etc but we were persistently told that there was no other way of fitting it into the system. At the AGM my group proposed a small amendment increasing the membership of one committee by one seat. This then allowed, in our opinion, the correct allocation of seats across the council. This simple proposal seemed to non-plus a few people but, with the monitoring officer confirming that it met all the legal criteria, no reason for refusing it could be found and it was passed. My opinion is that there was a very distinct lack of leadership shown by one or two 'senior' people on this affair. All a complete unnecessary nonsense and one that I dare say cost a lot in officer time. At the end of it all I was nominated to serve on the Development Control Committee and Planning Strategy Advisory Panel for the next civic year.

### **CORE STRATEGY (housing numbers)**

The work on constructing this document continues. This work is hampered by several things. One is the fact that the Localism Bill is still not law. Without a framework it is very difficult to quantify several important factors. At a recent training day I attended it was made clear to us that any neighbourhood plan brought forward under the proposed localism legislation must not be in conflict with the District's Core Strategy. For instance if a neighbourhood was allocated a number of houses it would not be able to say it did not want them because that's what its own plan said. You would, though, be able to have a say in where those houses were built. I will continue to work to do all I can to keep Eastington a Rural Parish. An effort to get District Councillors to agree on the number of houses required for the District will be made soon. I think that a number well in excess of the 2000 we have been consulting on up to now will be put forward. This is directly because of the abolition of the RSS (Regional Spatial Strategy). Numbers that the RSS deflected from our district will now have to be taken into account. If you want to know more detail on this very convoluted issue please ring me.

### **HOUSING**

Another major issue the Council will be dealing with soon is whether or not to become the sole owners of its housing stock. To do this it will have to pay the government an amount of money to cover the historic debt carried by the government on these buildings. For Stroud District this will be around £90 million. This figure could also include monies that could be used for building new houses. (The calculation and actual amounts of monies involved is a complicated subject and the figure I have used here should be taken as an approximation only) This initiative is similar to the one proposed by the previous government. If the Council decides to become sole owners of the housing stock it will bring both opportunities and challenges with it. At present the Housing Revenue Account is ring fenced from all the District Council's other finances. This would cease and housing finances would be integrated with the rest of the Council's financial business. This brings with it a new financial dynamic for the Council. I have asked questions on how this will be managed but the response I had was just that it was something they are aware of. I will continue to work with tenants and tenant organizations on this issue.

**Ken Stephens June 2011**

## From County Councillor Tony Blackburn (North Stroud)

Good and bad Omens for Summer

It is time that I kept readers in Eastington up to date with what has been happening at the Shire Hall. Everyone will know about the Country's deficit and that we in the majority Group on the GCC under Cllr Mark Hawthorne are having to make savings of £114 m over 4 years on Council spending. We are doing this with regret and without political motives. The budget for vulnerable adults and old people and for children's services is being maintained but we can no longer pay for youth centres and libraries, which are being offered to the local communities as part of a "community offer" programme. There has been a positive response and there are negotiations taking place in respect of 22 libraries/youth facilities. The number of Directorates (key administrative units) has been reduced from 6 to 3 (Old people; Young people and Schools; Environment and Communities) with a saving of £700,000. The number of "Cabinet members" (councillors in charge) has been reduced from 10 to 8. You can take your pick as to whether these are "good" or "bad" omens. I think that they are good, particularly as we have been able to hold the GCC element of council tax at 2.5%.

Locally, the "good" things are unfortunately minor - getting the 30mph extended on Bath Road and now, I hope, some kind of crossing for Orchard Leigh residents. Also the Cabinet have accepted some of the recommendations of the sub committee which I chaired as to local communities being able to set their own speed limits and GCC actively supporting road safety schemes. I am going to re-raise 30mph for all Springhill and, of course, the appallingly dangerous B4008. This change of attitude and the new localism bill should mean more of a voice for alert local communities like Eastington. So - "good"! But the "vacuum" in planning and housing policy until the latter is passed means that we must be on our guard against unsuitable development proposals such as that proposed at Newtown. Potentially "bad"!

Finally, a project which the Cabinet in its wisdom regards as "good" for the people of Gloucestershire generally but I regard as "bad" for us locally - The Javelin Park Waste project. Certainly something must be done to reduce waste (and Stroud is setting a good example as to recycling and recovery) and to avoid landfill tax but I do not think that a 25 year single 150 000ton capacity incinerator contract is the answer and although in the interest of the County (disputable) is it in the interest of those who live around it as we do (Haresfield and Standish obviously being nearer than Eastington village)? I have said this in Council but a majority vote has been taken and "the incinerator" is now going forward to two final tenderers, one being decided upon in the Autumn. I feel very much how I felt about Labour's no smoking in pubs and the hunting ban - a lawful decision has been taken and one must accept it. But I am continuing to ask, through the Council, searching questions as to the emissions from the plant's chimneys, and whether there will be any adverse effect locally on humans, animals and the environment and on traffic. I reserve the right to oppose the scheme when it reaches Environment Impact assessment and planning stage if not satisfied. I will report further when I have had replies.

So those are the plus and minus factors as I see them at the moment. I am available as ever to deal with any Eastington residents' problems with the things the GCC does or fails to do. Meanwhile have a good summer!

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## LITTER PROBLEM IN EASTINGTON

Since February of this year, myself and volunteers from Eastington Youth Group have been litter picking around Eastington every month. We have been shocked with the litter we are collecting and the quantities of it - it varies from household waste, commercial packaging, dog mess, sweet wrappers and cans/bottles. We are looking into the possibility of having more bins and dog bins in the village which, hopefully, will help.

People need to be aware that it is an offence to drop litter, and somewhat unfair that other people have to clear it up. We live in a lovely village with a community that are all pulling together with organisations and clubs so please support EYG in their litter picking campaign.

If anyone would like to help on the next litter pick the date is: 30<sup>th</sup> July at 11.00 a.m. - meet outside the CO-OP.

**Tina Smith, Secretary of Eastington Youth Group.** Any comments please contact Tina on: 0789 1579754

## EASTINGTON YOUTH GROUP

Eastington Youth Group has been busy spreading the word about their new venture and holding meetings to try to involve the community of Eastington. We have held a couple of litter picks since the last issue which has been very successful as well as being good fun (believe it or not!). We had a community BBQ after the last litter pick and played a rounders match and tug o war - great fun had by all - although some were suffering with aches and pains for a while after!

We are now holding weekly games nights, which will be held on different evenings to accommodate all. If you look at the notice board on the CO-OP we will be putting up forthcoming events, including the games nights. We are looking into weekly drop-in sessions, which will give the young people somewhere to go and something to do. We will be playing table tennis, being shown first aid, cooking and any activities that we feel will be enjoyed by the youth, as well as giving them a meeting place just to meet with friends and chill. If anyone has a skill or interest they would like to share please let the Group know.

We attended the Eastington School Duck Race in June where we threw sponges at willing volunteers - it was a great way to cool down as we were lucky to have a scorching day.

We are organising a village trip to Weston Super Mare on Sunday 17th July - leaving Eastington CO-OP at 9.00 a.m. and being collected from Weston at 4.00 p.m. All children need to be accompanied by their parent(s)/guardian. Price: £5.00 per seat. This trip is open to all ages, so pack up your bucket and spade and let us know so we can book you a space!

On 4th September we are organising the village fete so watch this space and check out the notices that will be going up in the near future. If anyone would like to help or have any ideas please let the Group know. We will be selling table space so if you have any crafts or items to sell please let us know; there will also be a car boot sale.

Summary of forthcoming events:-

17th July:	Trip to Weston
30th July:	Litter pick followed by Community Picnic/BBQ – 11.00 a.m. meet by CO-OP
4th September:	Fete at OHMG – 12.00 Noon
Every week:	Games nights
Future event:	Weekly drop-in sessions

As you are aware we are a new Group and are open to any help or suggestions. Your support in this venture would be much appreciated. We would like to say a huge Thank You to the existing groups and individuals in Eastington that are currently supporting us.

**Contacts: Tina Smith: 0789 1579754; Roma Hall: 0791 9686924; Ali Loveridge: 0788 8661303**

Eastington Parish Council would like to say a very big THANK YOU to Eastington Youth Group for their ongoing litter picks. It's nice to see a litter-free village. It is good to hear positive comments about our youth instead of complaints. It should also be noted the group of parents and volunteers are also working hard to make things happen - they will be organising the village fete this year (information in their article). Please support this event.

**Cllr Muriel Bullock**

# From willow to wicket – a forgotten cricket bat willow plantation

By Stephen Mills

Gloucestershire has long been steeped in commerce and the manufacture of all sorts of things, and tucked away to the east of the parish are the long forgotten remains of one of them. Remarkably, this was the growing of willow trees, specifically for the manufacture of that epitome of English sporting prowess, the cricket bat.

The cricket bat is produced from a specific type of willow tree (English Willow - *Salix alba var. caerulea*), one that was originally introduced from Asia. Ironically, it actually produces wood more suited to bat manufacture when grown under UK conditions. There are many species of willow but, over the years, because of its light weight, toughness and resilience, this proved to be the most suitable type for crafting cricket bats. The tree appears to have been introduced at some point during the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century, a time when the game was evolving into a more 'organised' form. The first written rules reputedly appeared in 1744. However, other sources suggest that the cricket bat was in fact, around by the 1620s. Whatever the truth, it has been with us for many years, and during this time, there have been specialists who have grown suitable trees and subsequently turned them into bats.



**Figure 1** - Part of the willow plantation during the 1920s or 30s, showing rows of young sets. The figure is Percy Lea, the plantation's long term guardian.

The walkers amongst us will doubtless be familiar with the site and have probably walked past it on countless occasions. It nestles close to the massive railway viaduct at Beards Mill, down behind Stonehouse Court. Immediately after passing under the viaduct (from the Eastington direction) on the right hand side is a very overgrown strip of land with a number of mature willow trees. This is flanked by the River Frome on two sides. It was here that for possibly a couple of decades, this unusual trade was carried out.

Growing willow needs a lot of regular watering and the outcome was that the land was reworked so that a network of small water channels, in the form of grid pattern, was created. Water was admitted to these via a small sluice gate fed from the Frome. The channels were made of concrete and varied between 15 and 18 inches in width and over a foot in depth. Water flow through this quite sophisticated system was controlled by small secondary sluices (probably no more than simple stop boards) that allowed water to flow into the required areas of the beds. Boards were simply slotted into grooves located at the beginning of each channel.

The business was set up by a wealthy local businessman, Arthur Strachan Winterbotham, born in Dursley in 1864 and who was, from 1907, owner of Stonehouse Court. He clearly had a love of cricket, having played (as a right-hand batsman and right-arm slow bowler) for several teams that included Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire Colts, Rugby School and Marylebone Cricket Club. He played in a number of county matches, including several at Lord's cricket ground. Most of these were in the 1880s. The growing of willows for cricket bats was probably no more than an interesting sideline, but given Winterbotham's love of cricket, it's easy to see why he developed the business.

As far as can be ascertained, the business operated in the 1920s and 30s and apart from Winterbotham, there were two men who seem to have been the mainstay of the operation. The first was Percy William Lea, born in 1885. He lived and worked at Stonehouse Court for more than half a century. As head gardener, he maintained 6 acres of gardens and greenhouses, as well as the willow beds. It was reported that bats made from his trees were exported all over the world. He died in 1969. The second individual was the man who became the foreman, Edgar Watts. In June 1936, Arthur Winterbotham died and this probably signaled the end of the willow business. It seems likely that the plantation was abandoned at this time. Watts subsequently moved to Bungay in Suffolk and carried on in the same line. Remarkably, the business he created is still thriving today.



**Figure 2** - Willows at Stonehouse Court being cut in readiness for cricket bat production.

It appears that the plantation has not been used for any productive purpose for many years, possibly even since its abandonment in the 1930s. So does anything remain of this interesting business? As noted, it was formerly watered via a network of concrete channels. Remarkably, many of these still survive, buried deep in the undergrowth (and very tall dense stinging nettles, as I can testify!) Alongside the channels, also lost in the undergrowth, there are also the remains of several larger concrete structures that may have been water tanks or reservoirs. The inlet sluice that fed water from the Frome was still visible during the early part of the 1990s, but now cannot be traced, although it is doubtless still there. It's remarkable what's tucked away in such quiet forgotten backwaters in and around the village!



***DO YOU PLAY or HAVE YOU PLAYED CRICKET?***

**Eastington cricket club requires players of ANY standard for the 2011 season, with most Saturdays (league) and friendlies on Sundays, midweek days and midweek evenings. We play and practise at OHMG.**

**Any standard/ability is welcome, to keep our club going.  
Please contact Steve Gallagher on 01453 791209**

## Alkerton Rangers

Last season...



Season 2010-2011 for Alkerton Ranger was a long hard season. The 1st team had a reasonable season finishing mid-table in Division 5. However, the 2nd ended bottom of Division 8 but I will say a big **THANK YOU** to all the lads for turning up every week. Good news for the new season starting September 1<sup>st</sup>: we have been promised new kit for the 1st and 2nd teams from a sponsor from the village (see below). If anyone would like to get involved in running the club or playing please ring me on 01453 828712. Training will start Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm at the O.H.M.G. ground. I would also like to say our village team is very proud to use the excellent facilities which are second

to none.

**Martin Elliott, Alkerton Rangers Chairman. Tel: 01453 828712**

...and the next

With it now being the middle of summer, the new football season is fast approaching. We are due to start training for this season on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 6:30pm and then continuing every Thursday, 6:30pm. We train down at Snakey Lane football pitch. We would really like to see some new faces as we look to strengthen the two teams we have in the Stroud Leagues. Players of all abilities aged 16 and above are more than welcome to join. We also have friendlies coming up so there is still plenty of time to get in some practice ready for the challenge ahead.

The club now has a new sponsor, **Direct Online Services Ltd.**, who has kindly funded the purchasing of a new kit for each team for the upcoming season. As a club we are greatly looking forward to the start of the new season and all it will bring. With good team work and a lot of effort we hope that the new season will contain success.

**Russell Elliott**

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## EASTINGTON YOUTH GROUP FETE

**AT OHMG, SNAKEY LANE, EASTINGTON,  
SUNDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 12.00 NOON ONWARDS**

Please come along to our fete for a fun-packed afternoon:-

Selection of hot food, yummy cakes, Bar/Beer tent

Pony Rides, Bouncy Castle, Music, Stalls

Demonstrations & stands by local groups/children

Fun games/activities for adults and children

We will also have a fire engine and police car

And much more!

**A great opportunity for the community to get together!**

For further information or if you would like to be involved please contact:

**Roma: 0791 9686924, Ali: 0788 8661303, Tina: 0789 579754**

## Eastington Bluebell Club 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday year!

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Hard to believe that the Bluebell Club has been going strong since 1971! For the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration about 20 members enjoyed a brilliant tea provided by landlady Ann Arney at the Kings Head.

Anyone over the age of 60 is welcome to join The Bluebell Club. How about coming along and bringing a friend to one of our afternoons? Ladies and gentlemen alike are welcome.

Meetings are held at the Village Hall on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, at 2.15pm. Coming up in July/August:

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| 19 July     | Val Taylor on a whistle-stop cruise round the British Isles.               |
| 2 August    | Sarah's Musical Quiz   |
| 16 August   | Mike Clifford on Church Bells. Mike will also be bringing some hand bells. |
| 6 September | Do you remember...?  |

We really would enjoy seeing you! Contact **Anne Shill Tel: 01453 822061** for further details.

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### News from St Michael and All Angels

We had a most enjoyable evening at the Can't Cook Won't Cook event on 10<sup>th</sup> June. Pampered Chef gave an excellent cooking demonstration aided by our very own and rather fetching Nigella (aka Bernie) and rather less attractive Delia (aka Mike Naylor) who ducked the fancy dress and wore chef's hat and pinnie instead. A very passable broccoli and ham bake was produced and eagerly devoured by those present. We are most grateful to Helen Whitehead for doing the demonstration so well.

Coming up soon we have the Parish picnic at the Rectory on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm and later on there are several events in September – the village fete on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> where we will be having a table top sale and a bit later a book and bric-a-brac sale at the Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> where coffee, tea and cakes will served in the Charlie Bullock Room. Finally on 30<sup>th</sup> September, following on from last year's success we will be repeating the Village Quiz at the Community Centre. We are expecting a lot of interest from village groups so start getting your teams together.

Those of you who have ventured into our Church recently will have noticed the library has a new look thanks to the efforts of Angela Amys. The books are now categorised making it much easier to find what you are looking for. Books can either be bought or borrowed for a very modest sum.

Our Church Choir has been very busy recently at various weddings and we are delighted to have welcomed some new members. If you enjoy singing and are interested in joining the choir you can contact **Mike Naylor 01453 828682** and he will pass your details on.

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# Eastington Methodist Church

Over the summer holidays, some of our activities take a break but we also have a number of special events. More details are available in PewsNews which is available on our website or in paper form at the church.

<i>Date(s)/time</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Cost</i>
Wed 20th July 6:15pm	Kidzone water fight	75p
Wed 27th 6pm - 10am Thur 28th July	Kidzone sleepover	free
Sun July 17th 2:30pm - 7pm	The Junction Treasure Hunt and BBQ Youth event (lifts to Hucclecote and back)	free
Sat 6th Aug 10:00am	Southerndown beach trip (all ages) <i>bring spending money</i>	free
Wed 10th Aug 8am – late	Day trip to Soul Survivor - Primarily Youth	£20
Thur 25th Aug 10:00am	Barry Island or Oasis Swindon - Youth <i>bring spending money</i>	entrance fees
Wed 31st Aug 3pm - 4:30pm	Tea & Chat at the church	
Fri 16th - Sun 18th September	District Youth Weekend - Portishead with beach party at Brean ( <i>need to book urgently</i> )	£28

*\* Parental consent forms are needed for under 18s going on trips or sleeping over.*

### Problems with strike closed Schools?

We are looking into the possibility of running a daytime club for 7-14 year olds if continuing industrial action results in local schools closing on certain days. If this would be of interest, please email us at [info@EastingtonMethodists.org.uk](mailto:info@EastingtonMethodists.org.uk) giving the age(s) of your children so that we can gauge potential demand and keep you informed.

### Coming in September - Alpha Course or Similar.

We are expecting to run another weekly series exploring and discussing the basic concepts of Christianity starting in September. This is expected to be held again at the Kings Head but on Thursdays this time. These sessions are ideal for people who wonder what life is for. Why am I here, is there a God, who is Jesus, is death the end and/or how can my life be made better? Please look out for publicity and details nearer the time.

### Youth Club. T

he Friday youth club is available to children as soon as they leave primary school so new joiners will be welcome from 22nd July at 7pm. The youth club runs on Fridays throughout the summer holiday unless there is a particular shortage of leaders due to holidays.

**Ken & Beck Burgin 01453 827414**  
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## Eastington Brownies

The Brownies continue to be busy, with an active and varied programme.

This term the girls have taken part in lots of activities, including planting seeds and gardening, cycling and origami, all of which we hope they have enjoyed, and they have gained a few more badges along the way.

We have also had an evening of drama led by Blue Frog Drama Group (if anybody is interested in finding out more about the drama workshops at the OHMG, please contact one of the leaders.)

We have managed to have some activities outside to take advantage of the summer evenings, although unfortunately the cycling evening had to be inside to the sound of rain hammering on the windows, with an improvised road constructed of chairs!

We had a good evening at Cattle Country with Stonehouse District Brownies and Guides, which was a good chance to meet other Packs in the Area.

We continue to welcome new girls to the Pack with three enrolments this term and more imminent.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and helpers for their assistance with the programme and also ask if anybody has an interest or hobby they would like to share with us, please come forward!

Brownies are girls aged 7 to 10 years and we meet on Monday evenings during term time in Eastington Village Hall, from 6pm to 7.15pm.

For more information about joining, please contact:

**Sarah Mannings 01453 826850**

**Vanessa Cousins 01453 828557**

**Helen O'Neill 01453 821801**

### Blue Frog Drama Club

Tuesday Evenings (Term-Time Only)

Ages 5-11 @ 6pm-7pm

Eastington Community Centre

Book YOUR place for **September 2011**

Contact Liane: 07969 436138

[www.bluefrog.org.uk](http://www.bluefrog.org.uk) [info@bluefrog.org.uk](mailto:info@bluefrog.org.uk)



## About Blue Frog

Blue Frog is run by Liane Buckley, a qualified drama teacher with over 15 years' experience of working with schools and youth groups.

We deliver innovative, inspiring and creative workshops that give children the chance to demonstrate their own creativity and self-expression whilst developing a wide range of drama skills.

Blue Frog has been running throughout the summer term every Tuesday evening at Eastington Community Centre. Each session is packed with a variety of fun activities and games that develops your child's confidence and creativity.

It has been a great term so far exploring improvisation, still imagery, role playing and movement & voice work. We will be finishing this term with a small showcase for friends and family to come and see the work that our Blue Frog members have been doing.

Blue Frog will also be running a holiday club this summer that will be full of creative fun and is guaranteed to stop your child from being bored!

For further information call **Liane on 07969436138** or **Lucy on 07800842322**.



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July 2011

This term we have been learning about keeping safe at home, playgroup, and road and fire safety. We have been using the camera to photograph potential dangers and learning how to STOP, DROP AND ROLL if someone catches fire. We have also had great fun with our fortnight theme of Numerjacks, introducing younger children to numbers in play and continuing this theme with a shop using real money and food made from saltdough. We will also be looking at mini beasts – searching on the field to see what wildlife we can spot, talk about and draw and incorporate into our play.

Whilst the sun has been shining we have been enjoying the outside space playing ball games, racing games, using the play park and our bikes, scooters and physical equipment. We are collecting the Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers - if anyone has any spare vouchers please pop them into an envelope and drop them off at Fox House, Bath Road, Eastington – all vouchers will be very gratefully received. Thank you!!!

We will also be saying goodbye and good luck to our older children who will be leaving us to go onto their next adventure at primary school – we wish them all well and would like to say a big thank you to all our parents who have supported the Playgroup during their children's time with us.

Our **Summer Fete** is on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2.00 - 4.30 pm and we welcome everyone from the village to come – it should be a great event - do come along it should be a fun day!

We look forward to another new term in September and welcome back our existing children and welcome anyone new - we have lots of exciting things planned for our return. Playgroup first day back will be Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011 – we will see you all then!

If you would like your child to enjoy a stimulating, fun and safe environment to learn and play in then we would love to hear from you.

**Our playgroup offers care and education for all children in a well established community based group.**

**We offer your children a safe and stimulating environment in which they can grow and blossom into self confident, self reliant and positive little people.**

**Our ultimate goal is to enable the children to have fun, explore and have the freedom to express their individuality, while forming the basis of their education.**

We accept children from the age of 2yrs 6month to 5 years and operate 4 days a week (Monday – Thursday) offering full and half day sessions. We accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

If you would like to have a look around our fantastic facilities and have an informal chat please call one of the staff on 07977 342 742.

**Please feel free to put this page on your notice board at work to promote our Playgroup.**

## Birder in the Parish

I've been collating a Parish bird list for some years, and it has been suggested that I publish this through the newsletter. The list stands at an impressive 117, and the Parish is, therefore, very rich in recorded bird species – recognised as such by ornithological surveys.

Birds can only be added to the list if the particular species has sustained a continuous, viable breeding population in the wild, producing young in a relatively 'wild' state. Awkward species such as game birds (Quail) are difficult to list as some are still regularly bred by gamekeepers and released – whilst the County also has a wild breeding population. This is especially relevant to introduced, non-native birds (such as Little Owl/Canada Goose), exotics (Ring-necked Parakeet – although this bird is now firmly on the UK list as a breeding species), and domestic and collection species (such as Muscovy Duck and Golden Pheasant). Some species can also go 'under the radar' and be suppressed as breeding birds. The Eagle Owl is one such bird – though it is difficult to imagine a bird as impressive as this going undetected by anyone! It has been breeding wild in the UK now for some years, with a number of pairs' breeding locations being kept under wraps, though because of its sporadic breeding record, it is not yet added to the UK list.

**The Parish List (25/06/11)** I have used Svensson's nomenclature (as in the latest Collins Bird Guide):

### Mute Swan

**Whooper Swan** (a family party of two adults/two young over in December 2010)

**White-fronted Goose** (skeins often over as they arrive and depart the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust at Slimbridge for the winter)

**Greylag Goose**

**Canada Goose**

**Shelduck**

**Mallard**

**Teal**

**Garganey** (two males on the Frome south arm)

**Grey Partridge**

**Common Pheasant**

**Little Grebe**

**Gannet** (juvenile over Millend heading south west in 2010)

**Cormorant**

**Little Egret**

**Grey Heron**

**Red Kite** (usually at least one record annually)

**Common Buzzard**

**Sparrowhawk**

**Goshawk** (one chasing and attacking Jackdaws at Millend)

**Kestrel**

**Hobby** (has possibly bred in the Parish)

**Peregrine Falcon**

**Merlin**

**Water Rail**

**Moorhen**

**Coot**

**Common Crane** (two recent records – latest over Eastington in June this year)

**Oystercatcher**

**Golden Plover**

**Lapwing**

**Green Sandpiper**

**Common Sandpiper**

**Curlew**

**Whimbrel** (two recent records)

**Woodcock** (one feeding on the lawn of No 9 Millend Row last winter!)

**Common Snipe**

**Jack Snipe** (one flushed with Common Snipe in the east water meadows)

**Black-headed Gull**

**Herring Gull** (considered to be one of the County's rarest breeders)

**Lesser Black-backed Gull**

**Common Gull**

**Feral Pigeon**

**Collared Dove**

**Stock Dove**

**Wood Pigeon**

**Turtle Dove**

**Cuckoo**

**Tawny Owl**

**Barn Owl**

**Little Owl**

**Swift**

**Kingfisher**

**Lesser Spotted Woodpecker** (now a very rare breeder in the County, but bred regularly in the late 80's, very early 90's in the grounds of Eastington House)

**Great Spotted Woodpecker**

**Green Woodpecker**

**Wryneck** (call only)

**Skylark**

**Sand Martin**

**House Martin**

**Swallow**

**Meadow Pipit** (over-winters)

**Pied Wagtail/White Wagtail** (White Wagtail is the nominate species and is found over most of continental Europe; Pied Wagtail (*yarrellii*) is the common breeding sub-species in the UK)

**Grey Wagtail**

**Yellow Wagtail**

**Dipper** (breeds fairly annually in the Parish – best seen when the rivers are low)

**Waxwing** (a party of seven seen near Millend)

**Duncock**  
**Robin**  
**Common Redstart** (often seen passing through on bi-annual passage migration)  
**Black Redstart** (was seen regularly on Spring passage through the derelict buildings at Millend)  
**Wheatear** (often comes to Autumn plough)  
**Stonechat** (now rare in the County – but still sometimes seen in Autumn in the Parish)  
**Song Thrush**  
**Mistle Thrush**  
**Blackbird**  
**Redwing**  
**Fieldfare**  
**Blackcap** (regularly over-winters)  
**Garden Warbler**  
**Common Whitethroat**  
**Lesser Whitethroat** (used to breed annually in the old, mature hedges of the east water meadows)  
**Sedge Warbler** (has bred on the Frome south arm margins)  
**Grasshopper Warbler** (one record of a single bird seen singing in the scrub opposite Millend Row in April 2008)  
**Willow Warbler**  
**Chiff Chaff** (annual breeder and regularly over-winters along the Frome margins)  
**Goldcrest** (numbers down after the poor winter, but a pair bred at Millend this year)  
**Wren**  
**Spotted Flycatcher** (uncommon breeder in the County now; best record of three pairs successfully breeding in the Parish)

**Great Tit**  
**Blue Tit**  
**Marsh Tit**  
**Coal Tit**  
**Long-tailed Tit**  
**Nuthatch** (fairly annual breeder in the Parish)  
**Tree Creeper**  
**Magpie**  
**Jackdaw**  
**Rook**  
**Carrion Crow**  
**Raven**  
**Jay**  
**Starling**  
**House Sparrow**  
**Chaffinch**  
**Goldfinch**  
**Greenfinch**  
**Brambling**  
**Siskin**  
**Lesser Redpoll**  
**Linnet**  
**Bullfinch**  
**Hawfinch** (one late winter bird flushed with Redwings from the grounds of Eastington Park)  
**Crossbill** (very unusual record of a family party of six which alighted in the tops of willows along the Frome south arm)  
**Reed Bunting** (used to breed regularly along the Frome south arm margins)  
**Yellowhammer**

There are also un-confirmed records of Bee Eater and Osprey, and an old record of a male Golden Oriole at French Gardens.

## **EASTINGTON HORSE SHOW**

**SATURDAY 6th AUGUST 2011**

**At Claypits Farm, Eastington**

**by kind permission of Mr W & Mr N Spencer  
 Secretary Mrs Liz Elliott, mob: 07720 987 481**



## EASTINGTON SLIMMING WORLD

How well did our group do during our community challenge weight loss?

Answer: We lost over 58 stones in weight as a group.

A huge 'Congratulations' to all my members for such an amazing weight loss. We also were fund raising for 2 local causes during this time and raised £122. So we have donated £61 to the Special Care Baby unit at Gloucestershire Royal Hospital and £61 to the Brad Hedges wheelchair appeal fund.

So the weather is hot and sunny again at the time of writing this piece. Our group now has around 80 members attending each week, finding how wonderful it is to eat healthily following the Slimming World plan and losing weight successfully. This week's highlight was awarding a member - who has lost 6 stones to date - her 6 stones award. You know who you are so a massive congratulations again from the group.

We have also been encouraging men to join our group as well as the ladies so it has been great to welcome some new men. I know men can often find it difficult to admit to themselves that they need help and encouragement to lose weight so Slimming World have been busy encouraging them and helping them to lose the weight and reach a healthy size. One of our new men members has lost 9.5lbs in his first week!!! A brilliant achievement.

So if *you* would like to lose some weight come along to the village hall in Eastington at 7pm any Wednesday. We hold our group 52 weeks of the year and welcome new members every week. Remember we offer complete confidentiality and never humiliate.

For more information ring Lorna on 01453821751 or just turn up at the hall at 7pm

### **Stroud Stroke Club**

THE Stroke Association is working with groups in the Stroud District to boost the support available to people affected by stroke. The charity would like to hear from anyone of any age who would like to join these groups. It is estimated that 1,350 people in Gloucestershire have a stroke each year and at least 450,000 people are severely disabled as a result of stroke in England.

"Whether you have had a stroke yourself or look after someone who has had one, meeting others with similar experiences can help overcome the isolation which can follow," said Caroline Seguro from The Stroke Association who will lead the project in Gloucestershire.

"It doesn't matter if the stroke happened in the last few months or a number of years ago, stroke clubs provide a secure setting where you can meet, chat and build confidence. Many find they provide the first steps towards the rest of their lives," she said. The Stroke Association is also looking for volunteers to support the local stroke clubs so if you would like to volunteer or want to find out more contact Caroline Seguro on 01452 520723 or email [caroline.seguro@stroke.org.uk](mailto:caroline.seguro@stroke.org.uk)



Come on down to Eastington's Community Centre where you can learn *STREET DANCE* for beginners of all ages from 5 - 105! Just come along and try it, every Thursday during term.

**PAY-AS-YOU GO: £5**  
**Tel: Vanessa 01453 828557**

## Parties for Children



A children's jewellery making party is a perfect solution to the age-old problem of birthday parties and school holiday activities! Girls will love getting together with their friends to be creative and inspired. With a huge selection of gorgeous beads and charms to choose from, they will all be able to make something extra special to take home. Perfect for girls 6 years to 16. Contact me on [info@bohemianbeads.co.uk](mailto:info@bohemianbeads.co.uk) for more information or meet me at many of the local craft events.

[www.bohemianbeads.co.uk](http://www.bohemianbeads.co.uk); Tel: 0845 391 8941

## The Eastington Allotments Society

A warm welcome from TEAS to the new format Eastington Community News. With the thrilling potential for including pictures I shall be on the lookout from now on for some awesome vegetable photographs to excite you all.

Well, we did get the rain and it looks like it may well be warming up at last, which means plenty of movement on the growing front. Unfortunately, this also includes the grass in between the beds and, of course the weeds, so a good bit of time needs to be spent now keeping these under strict control while waiting for the good stuff to proliferate.

Some other unwelcome movement has also been noticed. In this case it is not the plants but a rather lively but very annoying little critter.

Yes, it's a Talpidae or Mouldwarp (apparently meaning 'Earth thrower') or if you haven't got it yet, a **MOLE**. It seems like these little furries like rooting around under freshly dug seed beds. My particular 'favourite' has the nerve to burrow all around the strategically placed sonic mole scarer. A deaf mole???



If you think you would enjoy a productive hobby such as making moleskin gloves then please contact me. If you just want an allotment plot to grow some fruit and veg. then call Angela Kitson on 01453 826914 to get your name down on the waiting list.

Just a reminder to all you allotmenters, and all other flower, fruit and vegetable growers out there: now is the time to start thinking about what you could be entering for the Annual Eastington Flower and Vegetable show on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Steve Gribble**

# We Need your Spare APPLES and PEARS

## Eastington Apple Days

Have you a tree or three in your garden which give you more apples or pears than you can cope with? Would you like the ECO Group to take them off your hands this October?

By gathering spare apples and pears from all over the village, we will have sufficient scale to organize a proper juice pressing operation at the OHMG Community Centre. This will be October 21<sup>st</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, which is half-term. We will be ably assisted by both the Youth Group and the School.

- you can bring apples/pears and take away fresh juice
- we can collect fruit from you and even pick the fruit if it hasn't fallen by then
- people may be making cider, perry and wine from some of the product
- a special production unit in the OHMG kitchen will be making Long Life Juice (i.e. sterilized, bottled and sealed) . This can be sold for the benefit of the ECO Group, the Youth Group and the School.



### Becoming an Apple Days Donor

Already we have a list of 17 gardens or orchards which want to donate fruit this October.

If you want to join this (extremely sensible) movement, please log onto the ECO Group website:

<http://www.eastingtonorchards.org.uk/>

or ring Andy Davies (secretary) on 821499  
or Tom Low (Chairman) on 823425

All willing donors will become members of the ECO Group. You would then be eligible to join in training courses to learn to look after your fruit trees – pruning and even grafting young trees.

Your donation of fruit juice (after you have had your share) will be used to pay for more orchards around Eastington. Part of the profits will also go to the Youth Group and the School for their participation.

Please register now and we can begin to organize our Scrumping Teams to come and collect your spare apples and pears.

**ECO Group - Eastington Community Orchards Group - Keeping Eastington Rural**

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### **PUDDLEDITCH FARM SHOP**

Fresh local produce delivered to your Doorstep!

Getting your greens is a breeze with our Puddleditch farm shop veg-boxes.

Fully packed with seasonal goodness, our boxes offer locally grown produce at reasonable prices to suit every household.

Enjoy it weekly, fortnightly or as a one off – what ever is best for you.

With our new farm shop opening in Berkeley Heath, there's no easier way to get your five-a-day!

Contact either: Stuart: 07812402561 or Pete: 07774958228

Or email us at: [puddleditchfarmshop@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:puddleditchfarmshop@hotmail.co.uk)



# **The 29th Eastington Autumn Flower Show**

to be Held in the Village Hall on Saturday 3rd September 2011  
2pm - 3.30pm. Admission 20p

## **RULES**

- (1) The hall will be open to exhibitors from 9am on the morning of the show. All exhibits must be staged by 11am at which time all exhibitors must leave the hall. Presentation of trophies at 3.30pm - no exhibit to be removed before 3.30pm.
- (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.
- (6) The judge's decision is final.
- (7) The committee cannot accept any responsibility for loss or damage to any exhibit or accessories to an exhibit. It reserves the right to move any exhibit to assist display.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES 11am, 3rd September 2011**

## **SHOW SPONSORS**

Classes 23-26 sponsored by:	Stonehouse Accessories
Classes 27-36 sponsored by:	KB Coaches, Eastington Tel: 01453 8225774
Classes 43-53 sponsored by:	Stonehouse Accessories
Section E & Classes 59-60 sponsored by:	Mrs Q Jones
Classes 1-6 sponsored by:	R U Electrical Services, Eastington. Tel: 01453 823285
Classes 7-11B sponsored by:	Mr W Fletcher
Class 12 & 22A sponsored by:	Borders, Lawns and Trees Garden Maintenance.
Classes 13-17 sponsored by:	Mrs R Barnfield
Classes 18-22 sponsored by:	Alkerton Draughting Services Tel: 01453 822862
Classes 37-42A sponsored by:	Mr & Mrs J Underwood

## **TROPHIES**

Stroud Building Society Perpetual Challenge Cup to the exhibitor obtaining the most points in the show.  
Presidents Perpetual Challenge Cup to the exhibitor obtaining the most points in Section C. Trophy to runner up for President's Cup. Presidents Rose Bowl to the lady exhibitor obtaining the most points in the show. Trophy to the runner up for the Rose Bowl.  
Dr R R Wethered Shield for the best exhibit in Class 35.  
The Bill Fletcher Shield for the most points in Section C.  
Perpetual Trophy for the most points in Section D.  
Perpetual Trophy for the most points in Class 55.  
The Neal Perpetual Trophy for the best exhibit in children's Class 56.  
Joan Parkes Trophy for the best exhibit in Section F.  
The Parish Council Trophy for best exhibit in Class 57.  
The Moss Trophy for the best exhibit in Class 58.  
Mr & Mrs J Underwood Trophy for the most points in Classes 37-42A  
J Bridges Perpetual Trophy for most points in Classes 6, 7, 9-11B  
The Chris Haines Memorial for best Orchid in Show, Class 42A  
Best Runner Bean in show sponsored by Borders Lawns and Trees Garden Maintenance, Class 12.

**IN THE EVENT OF A TIE, TROPHIES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE PERSON OBTAINING THE HIGHEST NUMBER OF FIRSTS.**

**Please come along – let's make our 29<sup>th</sup> show a day to remember.  
By just entering one item, you will make the difference.**

## Hints to exhibitors:

Read the schedule carefully and be sure that you enter the correct number of specimens in each class. Prize money to be collected on the day of the show.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section A</b></p> <p>CLASS</p> <p>(1) Potatoes - Kidney, Oval or Round, White - 4            (2) Potatoes - Kidney, Oval or Round, Red - 4            (3) Carrots - Long - 4            (4) Carrots - Short - 4            (5) Beet - Round - 3            (6) Onions - Spring Sown Flat - 4            (7) Onions - Spring Sown Globe - 4            (8) Peppers - 2            (9) Shallots - Large - 8            (10) Shallots - Pickling under 1" - 8            (11a) Onions - Large Dressed - 4            (11b) Onions - Red - 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section B</b></p> <p>(23) Pears - 4            (24) Cooking Apples - 4            (25) Dessert Apples - 4            (26) Plums - 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section A cont.</b></p> <p>(12) Runner Beans - 6            (13) Table Marrows - Any Size - pair            (14) Plate of 6 mixed tomatoes            (15) Cabbages - 2            (16) Tomatoes - Outdoor Grown - Red - 6            (17) Tomatoes - Outdoor Grown - Green - 6            (18) Tomatoes - Greenhouse - Red - 6            (19) Cherry Tomatoes - Greenhouse - Red - 6            (20) Cucumber - Ridge - 2            (21) Cucumber - Telegraph - 2            (22) Courgette, under 6" - 2            (22A) Collection of vegetables (see rules below)</p> <p><b>Collection of vegetable rules:</b>            1 - Vegetables to be shown in standard size seed tray            2 - Pick 3 from the following vegetables: Potatoes(3), Carrots(3), Runner Beans (6), Tomatoes(3), Onions (3)            3 - Make sure you have the right quantity of each vegetable            4 - Parsley &amp; raffia may be used to assist your display            5 - Carrots to be trimmed to 2 inches            6 - Larger trays or wrong amount of vegetables will be disqualified            7 - The judge's decision is final</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section C</b></p> <p>(27) Asters, Blooms in vase - 6            (28) Chrysanthemums, Any variety, Blooms -4            (29) Chrysanthemums, Any variety, Spray -1            (30) Dahlias, Pom Pom, Blooms - 4            (31) Dahlias, Decorative, Blooms - 4            (32) Dahlias, Cacti, Blooms - 4            (33) Gladioli - Spikes - 3            (34) Gladioli - Spike - 1            (35) Roses, Blooms - 4            (36) Rose, Bloom - 1            (37) Vase of cut mixed flowers, Quality of flowers only will be judged            (38) Spray of Floribunda or Polyanthus Roses            (39) Ladies Wedding Spray            (40) Pot plant for flower            (41) Pot Cacti            (42) Pot Succulent            (42A) Pot Orchid</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section D</b></p> <p>(43) Home made Chutney - Pot            (44) Home made Lemon Curd            (45) Home made Jam - Pot of soft fruit            (46) Home made Jam - Pot Stone fruit            (47) One small pot - Any Jelly            (48) Scones - Any variety - 4            (49) Small Tarts, Jam, open - 4            (50) Home made loaf, White using 1lb of Flour - 1            (51) Home made loaf, Brown using 1lb of flour - 1            (52) Victoria Sponge, 7" round - 3 eggs with their weight in fat, flour &amp; castor sugar            (53) Fruit Cake, 7" round, deep tin, 6oz margarine, 5oz sugar, 3 eggs, 9ozs self raising flour, 10oz mixed fruit (incl. Cherries), 1 teaspoon salt, ½ teaspoon almond essence, 1 level teaspoon mixed spice, little milk.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section E</b></p> <p>(54) A picture made from fruit &amp; vegetables of your choice            (55) Animal made out of fruit or vegetables            (56) Necklace made to your own design            (57) Decorate a pebble (own design and choice of materials)            (58) Fairy Cakes - decorated to your choice - 4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Section F - Fun Section</b></p> <p>(59) Longest Runner Bean            (60) Any other comical vegetable</p>

Entry forms to be sent, together with entry fees, 20p each class (except 54 - 58, which are free) to the show secretary, or handed to any committee member. Additional entry forms available from the show secretary.

## ENTRY FORM FOR EXHIBITOR

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**Closing date for entries 11am, 3rd September 2011**

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that all the articles referred to have been produced by me in my own garden or allotment, or made by me.

Exhibitors Name: -----

Address: -----  
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Total remittance: -----

PRESIDENT: Lt. Cdr. W. R. Harris

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AWARDS: 1<sup>st</sup> - 25p    2<sup>nd</sup> - 20p    3<sup>rd</sup> - 15p

POINTS: 3            2            1

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