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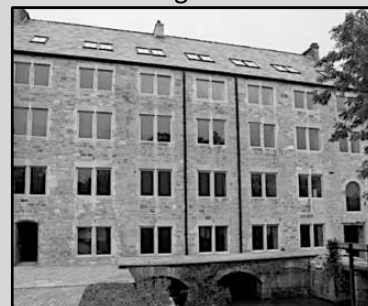
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 Eastington Community News

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sign post



A year on from commemorating 25 years of Eastington Community News (ECN), thoughts are turning to what lies ahead, and how ECN can best fit the future needs of this community. To understand why ECN was born it's necessary to look at events back then. It was a time when some in authority said no one in the general community was interested in local matters, pointing to empty councillor seats to make their point. Gradually, it was accepted that for residents to engage and take part, then first they needed to know what was going on. The prime function of ECN was to keep all residents informed and aware of critical local events and proposals, which could affect their lives. It gave village organisations and residents a chance to say what they were doing, in a way that included all parts of Eastington, and all ages, and for them to see the many things going on and to join in if they wished.

Much has changed since then, with social media now adding more ways to communicate. So what should be the role of ECN over the next 25 years? Maybe to get started we could think about the next 5 years? The clues to what this publication is about are in its name, '*community news*' and the footnote of every page, '*by the community – for the community*'. ECN is about you, so it seems only right to invite you to say how ECN should accommodate the most important community issues. **Maybe you have ideas about how ECN might help those unfamiliar with 'social media' to read about it in print. Please contact me (details below,) if you are interested to help shape the future of ECN or to assist us in compiling future editions.**

It's the income from our advertisers that ensures that ECN is free to every household in the parish, and also ensures independence of this publication. This is the time of year when adverts are renewed for another year, and I would like to thank Tom and Jan Low for the very considerable effort they make in encouraging advertisers to continue to help keep us running. I would especially like to thank all of our advertisers for supporting us again this year. Nearly all of them are local people, so please do take some time to browse through the advertising pages, and if you decide to contact one of them, please be sure to tell them you saw their details in the pages of ECN.

I would like to draw your attention to two important, time-sensitive pieces of information, which you may not be aware of.

1. Stroud District Council is required to publicise details of the **Eastington Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) 2015-2031** and invite comment ahead of the submission to independent examination. The following hard copies of the NDP documents and accompanying information are available at:

- a) Stroud District Council offices, Ebley Mill (Monday to Thursday 09:00 -17:00, and Friday 9:00 - 16:30).
- b) Eastington Community Centre (OHMG) – Alkerton Green, (Monday to Thursday 9:00 to 15:00).
- c) The King's Head House Hotel – Alkerton, Eastington (Open 8:00 to 23:00 daily).
- d) The Old Badger Inn – Alkerton Road, Eastington, (Open 12:00 to 23:00 daily).
- e) St Michael's & All Angels Church – Churchend, Eastington, (Open dawn to dusk).

Or on line search for 'Regulation 15 – Submission of Neighbourhood Plan to Local Planning Authority' on SDC's website under 'planning'.

The period for making representations (i.e. your comments) runs from 20th January to 2nd March 2016. If you would like to contribute, please send your comments to ndp.consultation@stroud.gov.uk or in writing to: Ricardo Rios, Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Stroud District Council offices.

2) This year, **elections** for Eastington Parish Council will be held on **5th May**. Having read about the busy times and hard work by the Parish Council, maybe you would like to put your name forward for election this time? It's always helpful to have fresh ideas and new talent to help with the many challenges facing our community. But by the time the next ECN is delivered there will be no more than 4 days before the deadline to apply to become a Parish Councillor. So you may wish to note that nomination papers will be available from Ebley Mill from 1st March. To request a nomination pack please contact the Elections Team on 01453 754887 or email elections@stroud.gov.uk.

You must submit your completed nomination form to Electoral Services between **Tuesday 22 March and 4pm on Thursday 7 April 2016.**

Andrew Niblett - Editor



Faster internet has finally made its way to almost 500 properties Eastington. Here is a quick guide to what it is, if it is something you want and how you can get it. Mark Chatterley explains...

What are we using at the moment?

Currently our internet connection goes from our houses all the way to the telephone exchange in Stonehouse over copper wire. It is this distance that causes our speed to be so slow.

What has changed?

We now have two fibre cabinets in the village. These are connected to the Stonehouse telephone exchange by fibre optic cable. These boxes will allow for internet download speeds of up to 80Mbit per second.

However, our third phone cabinet has not been upgraded. People connected to this cabinet cannot get faster internet, and I've heard that there are no plans to upgrade this part of the current phase of the Fastershire rollout.

What do you mean 'speeds of up to'?

In the same way that our village's internet speed is currently limited due to our distance away from the Stonehouse exchange, the new speed you will be able to get will be determined by your distance from the new fibre boxes.

The further you are away from them, the slower your connection will be. However, most people should see an increase from changing.

You can get a prediction of your connection speed by going to: www.samknows.com/broadband/broadband_checker and entering your landline phone number. On the results page select BT FTTC.

Do I need to update?

The simple test: Is your internet speed too slow for you at the moment?

latest news

With the upgraded internet multiple people in a house could use the connection without it slowing down.

You could have mum playing Xbox online, dad watching a YouTube video on how to cook homemade Korma, one kid catching up with Agents of Shield on All4 all while the other watches cartoons on NetFlix. All without any buffering.

Does it cost more?

Yes. You will need to pay an extra per month to use the fibre connection rather than the copper. You may also need to purchase a new modem/router that 'speaks' the language expected by the new cabinets. There may also be a one-off installation charge. All of these vary depending on who your internet service provider is.

Who do I ask and what for?

You need to get in contact with your internet service provider. These are the people you pay monthly for your internet connection. This could be BT themselves or a number of other providers.

Different internet service providers call the upgraded service different things. It's official name is 'fibre to the cabinet' or FTTC. BT calls this Infinity 1 and Infinity 2 depending on how much speed you want.

The technical terms

Mbit – Megabit, a measurement of data transfer speed. Not to be confused with Megabyte which is a measurement of storage space.

'Speeds of up to' – Until a connection is in place, there is no 100% sure way of knowing what speed you will get. It varies based on distance from the fibre cabinet, quality of the copper wire, how many people are connected at the same time and more.

See 'Gigaclear' ad - p24 for more information (Ed)

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councils



Parish Matters

Here we are at the start of another year hope you all had a good Christmas and New Year.

The Parish Council are very busy again. The Neighbourhood Development Plan has been completed and submitted to Stroud District Council by the deadline of January 11th, and we have to thank a few very dedicated people for their hard work over the final weekend to achieve this.

While writing this we have heard the development West of Stonehouse (the Parish Council would like it named Oldbury End) has been approved by the Development Control Committee at Stroud District Council the vote was 8 in favour 2 against. There are more planning applications coming through that will cause concern not least of these is the outline planning application from Ecotricity which is for a Football Stadium and an Eco Park. They are planning a public consultation at the Village Hall on Friday 4th February 2016 from 2-7 pm.

Ed - For more information go to:
<https://www.ecotricity.co.uk/about-ecotricity/eco-park>

Parish Council are planning to hold an exit poll.

The Parish Council has finalised its budget for 2016/17 and the precept (parish portion of the council tax) will be £66,570, which is a 5.5% increase on Band D properties. The grant that Stroud District Council has passed onto us in previous years (called the Local Council Tax Support Grant) has been withdrawn for 2016/17, which has unfortunately had an impact on our income. Please visit our website if you would like to see a breakdown of the budget.

I have been contacted by someone who is interested in helping to either re start the 'Bluebells' or something similar. If anyone has any ideas we would like to hear from you, especially those who would like to attend, what would you like i.e. entertainment, talks, or just a cup of tea and a chat. Please let us know.

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DIARY DATES - FEBRUARY

Thursday 4th

ECO mid-winter gathering - p21

Thursday 4th

Ecotricity meeting - p4 (above)

Thursday 11th

Gigaclear faster internet meeting - p24

Sunday 24th

PROWD walk - p22

Friday 26th

Rotary spring quiz - p19

NB: Saturday 6th August is Eastington Horse Show
make a date in your diary for this annual event - p19

Eastington Village Hall



For your function or group meeting !

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Stonehouse, Severn Vale and Dursley Rotary Clubs offer their thanks

rotary

Each year in the run up to Christmas, the local Rotary Clubs get together to collect money for a variety of good causes. They are assisted in this endeavour by Father Christmas, who takes time out from his busy schedule, to ride round the district on his Carol Float.

Sometimes he pulls up outside many of the local supermarkets.

His preference however is touring the streets at nighttime, to the delight of the many children who wait up to see him.

Each year he has a story or two to relate. Sometimes it is a bad story, like the unknown cheeky thief or thieves who drove up to the Carol Float parked outside Tesco, Quedgeley and nicked our little generator, even whilst it was powering the music and lights on the Float!

Happier Tales

More often though it is a good story, of the many kind folk who give so generously. Like a certain gentleman in Kings Stanley, who donated a year's worth of small change practically filling a demijohn. It was so heavy, Santa almost had trouble carrying it.

On another occasion, a lone customer in the Three Horseshoes Pub delightedly made a generous donation for the privilege of taking a 'selfie' with Santa on his float. His donation was matched by the barman. There are many other similar stories.

Then we have to thank Mark Cummings of BBC Radio Gloucestershire, who regularly broadcasted our schedule on his early morning breakfast show.



One evening in the Bell, the 'Shedders' happened to be having their Christmas party. Apart from very generously buying drinks for Santa and his thirsty helpers, they added a substantial donation to our evening's collection.

Funds raised and distributed

Altogether a total of £9,955 was collected. This sum was distributed between the three Clubs in proportion to their manning of the Float. That way each Club could donate to their chosen Charities. The main beneficiaries this year from the three Clubs, are two Air Ambulance Services, Gloucester Young Carers, Riding for the Disabled, Severn Area Rescue Association (SARA), the Holly

Gazard Trust, LINK and the Stroud Door Project.

At a cheque giving ceremony on Wednesday 13th, donations from Stonehouse Club's share of the FIVE VALLEYS FIREWORKS event were also made to three further charities, Itchy Feet, Psalms and the Shrubberies School.

Eastington Helpers

This article provides a snapshot of Rotary Clubs activities before Christmas. Unfortunately, the Carol Float and Father Christmas do not visit Eastington for logistical and resource reasons. We acknowledge the support from three ECO members as well as three Severn Vale Rotary members living in Eastington. Stonehouse Rotary President John Morris is pleased to receive enquiries.

To find how you can help with the Rotary Carol Float or to about other Rotary activities and please contact John | 822353.

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Eastington Methodist Church



| Eastington Methodist Church Activities | |
|---|--|
| Baby & Toddlers Group | Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am |
| Prayer Meetings | Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am & Fridays 8:30am – 9:00am |
| Line Dancing | Tuesdays 10:30am - noon |
| Lunchtime Bible Study | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm |
| Evening Bible Study House Group (Christianity Explored Tuesdays 7:30pm-9:30pm) | Tuesday 8:00 – 9:45pm at The Pike Lock House |
| Tiny Tigers Toddler Group | Wednesday 9:30 – 11:30am at Whitminster Village Hall |
| Youth Club (11-18) | Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm |
| Main Service (+ childrens' group) | Sundays 11am |
| <i>Unless stated otherwise, these are held at EMC which is opposite the butchers in Eastington.</i> | |

Christianity Explored

We are embarking on a series which explores key aspects of the Christian Faith. This starts at 11am on Sunday February 7th at the monthly Café Church and will be followed up on Tuesday 9th by two groups. The first meets at the church at 1pm, where a buffet lunch is provided, and finishes at around 2:30pm.

The second group meets at The Pike Lock House (GL10 3RT) at 7:30pm, where a selection of puddings will be on offer, with an expected finish time of 9:30pm. The two groups will be covering the same ground and there will be plenty of opportunity to enter into discussion and ask questions.



If you are unable to come every time or need to leave early, please do not worry, you are welcome anyway. In particular, we would love to see people who have perhaps come to the youth club when they were younger or perhaps used to go to church but perhaps drifted away before really understanding what it was all about.

The February sessions will be an introduction so even if slightly interested, why not come along to find out more.

Into the Book

A small group of us go into Whitminster School (currently more or less every Thursday morning) and less frequently into Eastington School to act out stories from the Bible for the Children. We are not great thespians but fortunately the children are not great theatre critics either and really appreciate our efforts anyway. If anyone feels they could help us out, we would love to hear from you and tell you what it involves.

Ken Burgin – Senior Steward | Ken, Beck & Liz Burgin 01453 827414
www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk

Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

So, January has arrived and we have welcomed some lovely new members to all groups. 2016 is the year to eat healthily and lose that extra weight. Be it for a special occasion, special birthday or anniversary, for that summer holiday or most importantly for yourself, Slimming World is the place to be. With group support each week, 1000s of gorgeous recipes to try and unlimited free foods, you really can lose weight and never feel hungry.

It's lovely to see the groups so busy and members happy with their weight loss journeys and sharing ideas with each other. Warmth, understanding and support await you.

g r o u p s

As your consultant I will support you through the more tricky weeks and celebrate your successful ones.

We have been sharing lots of favourite recipes. Whether you enjoy your roast dinners, curries, casseroles or pasta there's plenty of choice and plenty to eat. So come along and find out about Slimming World for yourself. We meet in Stonehouse at the community centre at 9.30am on Wednesdays or at Eastington Village Hall on Wednesday evenings at 5pm or at 7pm. I look forward to meeting you.

Best wishes. **Lorna | 01453821751**

Alkerton Rangers F.C. 2015-16

After a summer of turmoil Alkerton Rangers' season has been taking a turn for the better of late. With the departure of last term's first team en masse and no time to recruit replacements, the Reserve team had to be sacrificed with many of the players having to step up two divisions to Division Four of the Stroud & District Football League.

The squad was bolstered by some key signings with a number returning after seasons playing for other sides, but it took time for the team to gel. With a band of players largely from the village the spirit is high. Under the excellent stewardship of Kev Bond the results so far have been a mixed bag.

Crushing defeats against Rodborough Old Boys and Minchinhampton early on did not bode well but splendid performances against other top teams Chalford Reserves and Cotswold Rangers reaped four well-deserved points. Other victories against Avonvale United Reserves (twice) and Old Richians have consolidated Alkerton's position in mid-table.

The current standing can be viewed at

<http://fulltime.thefa.com/Index.do?divisionseason=872270372&league=1199765>



A huge thank you to all of the ladies that undertook knitting for me of Christmas Robins, Puddings, Santa's hats etc to sell to raise funds for Longfields.

We made a total of £2146.00 selling the mini knits and a further £710.00 at the Frampton on Severn Craft Fair making an overall total of £2856.00. This was a magnificent effort for which Longfields were extremely grateful.

If anyone else would like to help in any way then please get in touch with Jacky Naylor 01453 828682

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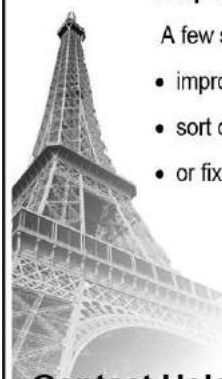
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News from St Michael and all Angels' Church from Jacky Naylor

It is hard to believe that it is now more than seven months since our Rector retired but despite this we have been able to maintain our normal pattern of services and are encouraged by the level of support we have had from visiting Priests and members of our own congregation.

As to the future, we do not expect anything will happen within a short time-frame but we are hopeful that the future of the six churches in our Benefice; which apart from Eastington includes Frocester, Whitminster, Moreton Valence, Haresfield and Standish will be settled during the course of the forthcoming year.

Inevitably the way the church is administered will be different from what we have been used to but at least when new appointments are made we will have a regular Ministry to provide our Parish with leadership and pastoral care as well as conducting worship, weddings and funerals. Meantime we will continue to enjoy the variety and fresh approach that visiting clergy bring to our Church.

Christmas Tree Festival 2015

The Christmas Tree Festival held in St Michaels and All Angels Church for the first time attracted 24 entries and began with a Preview Evening on Friday 27th November 2015 where Christmas drinks and nibbles were served to a large number of supporters. The Festival exhibition continued over the weekend and concluded with a well-attended Advent service, a highlight of which was the Cotswold Youth Choir.

The voting for the most popular tree resulted in a first place for Eastington Playgroup.



Third place going to the Clangers (otherwise known as Eastington Bell ringers).



Second prize went to the Wedding Tree.



Close behind was the prize for the children's entry which was given to Purdey's 'What the Ladybird Heard' Tree

A very big thank you for everyone who put in a tree and many congratulations to the prize winners.

The event proved to be a huge success even though the weather was atrocious. The many visitors who came were able to sit and chat in the café, which was set up for the weekend in the Charlie Bullock Room, enjoying hot mince pies, teas and coffees.

A great big thank you to all the people who helped set it up and organise it and also to all of those who came along and supported the event.

Although it was a lot of hard work it was great fun and the feedback was absolutely brilliant. Although it won't be repeated this year, everyone should get there thinking caps on for 2017 when hopefully we will hold it again and even more people will come along to put forward their entries.

Jacky

councils

Letter from your District Councillor

Dear all

As you read this the year will be well under way but let me wish you a Happy New Year all the same.

Since my last letter in ECN there have been a number of developments on the Planning front as ever. The most significant has been the passing of the Master Plan for West of Stonehouse.

My first concern was that I think it is regrettable that the officers at Stroud District Council have not followed their own policy of producing a Design Review before the West Of Stonehouse Master plan was approved. However I believe that the "Design Vision" document and other documentation cover most of the 20 points that should be covered by a "Design Review" and recommended that we focus on the key issues rather than the process.

My view was that the following Key Issues should remain our priority.

Traffic: I remain concerned that the proposed improvements to the A419 are based on funds available (£4m) rather than need. I think we need to continue to maintain pressure on this.

Stonehouse Connectivity: I am not alone in being concerned that the connections between what was originally positioned as an Urban Extension and Stonehouse are inadequate. I would like to make three points in this regard:

1. We need to improve the link between West of Stonehouse and Stonehouse. I understand that land has been identified for a bridge but there is no funding for this. At a minimum I believe that a Cycle / Pedestrian Bridge should be provided. Clearly in an ideal world or at a later date a road crossing should be considered and remain a possibility.

2. I firmly believe that we should continue to explore the option of a second Railway Station for Stonehouse and would recommend that a

committee of interested parties is convened to discuss the business case for this with a view to making representation to Network Rail.

3. As access to Stonehouse is compromised it is important that this new Community is sustainable. In the master plan that was passed includes the provision and funding for a Primary School, Retail facilities and recreational facilities. I also believe that a Health Facility should also be considered.

Other Concerns:

Buffer Zones: It is understood that these are agreed in principle in the Master Plan but not defined in detail. I have no issue with this. My concern is that on an important and highly contentious issue such as this, where it may prove difficult to reach agreement, the process for establishing these "Buffer Zones" is clearly defined, understood and in the public domain. Examples where precedent has already been set would also be useful.

Design: Design both of Landscape and buildings are covered in the "Design Vision" document and I have no issue with what it says. I believe we should all strive that West of Stonehouse should be more like Littlecombe than Hunts Grove, if you know these developments. I have been given to understand that the planning officers support this ambition.

There are other issues including drainage and bridle paths / footpaths that need to be discussed at the appropriate stage in the planning process, and will continue to work on getting the best solution possible.

Sadly planning continues to dominate. As I write this we are still awaiting Ecotricity's next move and have seen an Appeal to the Inspector of an Application that Stroud District Council rejected. As ever vigilance and attention to detail is important.

If you have any comments or questions please contact me on cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk or 07802 595 307.

Stephen

nature watch

Beekeeping

People ask so many questions about bees, I thought it would be good to answer some here.

What is honey?

When bees bring nectar home from plants, they carry it in their honey stomachs where they add enzymes to it. This both alters its acidity and turns it into honey. Once back at the hive they regurgitate it into the cells of the honeycomb. They then fan it to evaporate excess water and seal it into wax cells so the air can't cause it to ferment.

Honey, which was found in Tutankhamun's tomb, was perfectly preserved after 3000 years. It consists mainly of different sugars; 38% fructose, 31% glucose, 17% water, and 7% maltose. It is also rich in trace elements, e.g. potassium, sodium, magnesium and calcium.

Amazingly the medical world has recognised several health benefits from hive products as a result of clinical trials. Honey can be taken by mouth for coughs, hay fever and sore stomachs. It can also be used topically for treating burns, wound healing and prevention of ulcers. It is applied on sterile gauze or a ready soaked dressing. Some hospitals also use it to help prevent sore mouths and ulcers, for people receiving radiation treatment. It has been found to help reduce healing time after some surgeries. Although honey is thought to be a sterile medium, it is always sterilised first for hospital usage because very occasionally it contains a bacterial spore. For this reason it is best NOT to give it to babies and small toddlers, neither as food nor medicinally.

Pollen is often advocated as a superfood when taken as a supplement. There is NO clinically researched evidence to support this. However the tiny amounts that occur naturally in honey can be useful as a guard against hay fever, if the honey is local.

Propolis is a useful agent for healing sore gastric linings and is also used in cough medicines and to protect gastric linings, especially in Eastern Europe and Russia. It is made from the resin of trees, which bees collect, to use for sticking things together and plugging gaps in the hive.

Wax and honey are often used in cosmetics of course wax has traditionally been used for making candles and in polish.

What other uses do bees have?

The most important role of bees is pollination. The pollen from male flowers sticks to their furry bodies. If the bee then visits a female flower some pollen will rub off inside and fertilise the flower. Only then can it bear fruit. Unlike some other pollinators bees are extra valuable pollinators because they actively seek out plants with pollen because they feed their brood on it, unlike some other pollinating insects and birds.

They play a vital role in the survival of many crops and plant species, pollinating about one sixth of the plants on earth and about one third of our food plants. Not all plant species need to be insect pollinated, but many do. Honey bee and bumble bee pollination is estimated to be worth £200m annually to British agriculture, so we must protect our bees.

The most bizarre use for honeybees that I know of is currently being developed in the USA. They are being trained as explosive detectors for use at airports. Teams of three bees are harnessed into a cage and fed sugar syrup. As soon as they smell it they poke out their proboscis, (tongues). Then they are fed syrup with a trace of explosive in it. It only takes six trials before they extend their proboscis for the scent of explosive alone... and they are very reliable

It's much cheaper and quicker than training dogs, so don't be surprised if one day soon, you are checked out by a team of honeybees. Poor things.

Our only remaining colony of bees looks well. They are all tucked up for the winter now. The mouse-guard is in place and entrance narrowed. There are plenty of stores and a bit of carpet sitting on the crown board to keep the bees warm.

I still need to clean and fumigate the empty equipment. Not much else needs to be done for a while.

Val Hicken

Eastington Community Centre and Sports Field - OHMG Charity report

The essential work of the small management and trustee committee continues to maintain and improve facilities for users of the community centre and sports field.

The Annual General Meeting was held to report on finance, progress on activities and to elect trustees. With the loss of Ron Bomberg last January, John Morris has stepped up to Chair of Trustees (as Ron requested). Early last year Ron's son Alex Bomberg joined the Management Committee and has now been elected a trustee; thanks for taking on the baton. Also we are pleased to be joined by another elected trustee Graeme Dougan. This increases the number of trustees to six and strengthens our expertise in marketing, IT capabilities and charity governance.

The work of running the building is undertaken by a Management Committee of volunteers and three part time paid staff; trustees value and appreciate this work done.

During the summer there has been an improvement of facilities with the tarmac car park now with

community

marked parking spaces, a fence to separate the car park from access to the rear of the building as well as extensive hard landscaping behind the building. Also all the downstairs rooms have been repainted and we are pleased with the work carried out by local contractors.

More recently the Minchinhampton Bowmen are using the field regularly for archery activity. Stroud Football Club continue as regular users of the playing field with additional temporary changing facilities operational.

There is a request again for support from volunteers to help in various ways to continue the task to improve facilities. If you have the time and skills we will be pleased to hear from you. There is a volunteer work party arranged for the Saturday morning 30th January to tidy up outside, please help if you can or wish to see the facilities.

Also, see the advert on the back page of ECN inviting enquiries for new users of facilities. As a small community enterprise we need your support to maintain and improve facilities.

John Morris

OHMG Charity – Chair of Trustees | t: 822353

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village life

INDUSTRIAL
HERITAGE**Millend Mill gets an award**

After a long and somewhat complicated rebuilding/conversion of what was a tired, derelict structure on the point of collapse, Millend Mill has won an important award.



Each year, a national body, the Association for Industrial Archaeology, awards a number of prizes for different aspects related to the subject. One category is for the best and most imaginative conversion of a redundant industrial building. Against many other contenders from around the UK, Millend Mill was nominated and won its category (the 'Award for the Best Creative Re-use of an Industrial Building').

***The mill now has its first residents***

The award was presented at a ceremony forming part of the Industrial Heritage Conference, Celebrating 2015 European Industrial & Technical Heritage Year. This was held in December at the Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester ("Birthplace of The Industrial Revolution").

This prestigious event was co-hosted with The Prince's Trust and Historic England, and brought together experts from the UK, Germany and the Netherlands to explore the challenges and benefits of reusing industrial heritage buildings. The architect responsible for the mill's conversion attended the event where he was awarded the prize.

A presentation ceremony will take place at Millend Mill later this year, when a plaque denoting the award will be officially handed over.



The Museum of Science and Industry in Manchester

Nice to think we've now got an award winning building in the village!

Stephen Mills

St Michaels and all Angels' Church Christingle 2015

On Christmas Eve, over 180 people attended the Church, where Christingles were handed out to children and parents. The service was raising funds for the Children's Society and raised £217.94.

Thank you to everyone who came along.

Chris Amys

Eastington – BBC Radio Gloucestershire's 'Village of the Week' - Stephen Mills

Each week, BBC Radio Gloucestershire visits a different village. They interview local residents, discuss local issues, and generally try to get under the skin of the place. In short, they try to find out why the particular village is a good place to live. At the beginning of December it was our turn.

Over the course of several days, the BBC's reporter and presenter Dominic Cotter met up with various people from around the village and recorded a series of interviews that were broadcast as part of his regular programme.

He interviewed several newer (and some older) local residents and asked them what had brought them to Eastington and what they thought of the village. A range of reasons were given that included good local shops and amenities, a thriving busy social scene, and a good combination of decent housing with easy access to the surrounding countryside. Many people found the latter to be of particular importance and felt that our green spaces should be retained and protected.

Representatives of most of the village organisations were interviewed. These included the Camphill Community at Orchard Leigh, Julie Gilbertson at the Old Badger, the Owen Harris Community Centre, the Eastington Community Orchard, St Michaels and All Angels and its Christmas tree festival, and the Cotswold Canal Trust Volunteers. I added a bit on the conversion of Millend Mill and the history of the woollen cloth trade in the village.

The overall impression that came out of Dominic's programme was that Eastington is not a bad place to live – but we knew that already, didn't we!

Selection of photos from the BBC's website:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p039smxt/p039sl8y>



Pictures courtesy of BBC Radio Gloucestershire

school

Eastington Primary School - New Year Resolutions

We are now well into Term 3 and have been thinking hard about our school value – Choices and Consequences. In Class 3 we think choices are important because they give you a chance to do something you want. Choices are good because you can see what the alternatives are and make a decision based on them. The consequences of our actions help us to see whether we have made the right choices or perhaps another time to think something through much more carefully.

This is happening right now as we are trying hard to keep to our new year resolutions for 2016. For some of us, perseverance is key to keeping going when things are tough or you've had a bad day. We are working together and asking our friends and families to help achieve the following:-

Joseph – First of all I want to stop biting my nails. Also I want to stop eating so much sugar from chocolate, sweets and fizzy drinks. I am determined to make healthy choices in 2016 because I love sport and want to look after my body and improve my fitness.

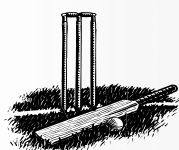
Poppy – I too want to stop biting my nails! also want to do neat handwriting and help the younger children in the playground. I know I can be a good writer if I try my best.

Ollie – I want to be better at going to sleep. I am improving my bedtime routine and going to sleep straight away. Already I am more alert, look good and can manage the whole day with energy.

Daisy – I want to look after my pet hamster Pippin better. This involves cleaning her out, feeding her and playing with her. I also want to spend more time with my sister Polly such as playing games together, talking and hearing her read.



Poppy Jones, Daisy Walker, Joseph Bond and Ollie Trotman
Class 3



Do you play or have you played cricket?

Eastington Cricket Club requires players of any standard for the 2015 season, with most Saturdays (league) and 'friendlies' on Sundays, midweek days and midweek evenings. We play and practise at Owen Harris Memorial Ground.

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



churches

St Michael and all Angels' Church Chris Amys

News from Eastington Church

The church is entering the season of Lent, and this sees a number of important services taking place in Eastington Church and across the benefice in February and March.

Mothering Sunday is on **Sunday 6th March**, and the church is holding a **Mothering Sunday Service at 10.45am**, during which flowers will be handed out to mums. If you would like to come along and give a posy, please contact Muriel Bullock on 01453 826172.

Easter Day is on **Sunday 27th March**, and the church will have an **Easter Communion Service at 10.45am**, which is being taken by the Revd Pat Freeth. Following the service, the church is having an **Easter Egg Hunt** in the churchyard (weather permitting!)

Eastington and Benefice Church Services in February 2015

| Date | Time | Church | Service | Minister |
|--|---------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday 7th February Sunday before Lent | 10.45am | Eastington | Holy Communion | S Phillipson-Masters |
| Wednesday 10th February Ash Wednesday | 7.30pm | Haresfield | <i>Ash Wednesday Service</i> | <i>L Smith</i> |
| Sunday 14th February Lent 1 | 10.45am | Eastington | Holy Communion | P Newing |
| Sunday 21st February Lent 2 | 6pm | Eastington | BCP Evensong | Lay-led |
| Sunday 28th February Lent 3 | 10.45am | Eastington | Holy Communion | P Freeth |

Eastington and Benefice Church Services in March 2015

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| Sunday 6th March Mothering Sunday | 10.45am | Eastington | Mothering Sunday Service | TBA |
| Sunday 13th March Lent 5 | 10.45am | Eastington | Holy Communion | TBA |
| Sunday 20th March Palm Sunday | 10am | Standish | <i>Palm Sunday Communion</i> | TBA |
| Monday 21st March Holy Monday | 7.30pm | Frocester | <i>Holy Monday Communion</i> | <i>Lay-led</i> |
| Wednesday 23rd March Holy Wednesday | 7.30pm | Standish Village Hall | <i>Agape and Communion</i> | <i>Lay-Led</i> |
| Thursday 24th March Maundy Thursday | 7.30pm | Eastington | Maundy Thursday Communion | Archdeacon of Gloucester |
| Friday 25th March Good Friday | 10am | Haresfield | <i>Good Friday Communion</i> | <i>Archdeacon of Gloucester</i> |
| Friday 25th March Good Friday | 2pm | Whitminster | <i>Reflective Service</i> | <i>Lay-led</i> |
| Sunday 27th March Easter Day | 10.45am | Eastington | Easter Communion and Easter Egg Hunt | P Freeth |

g r o u p s

Eastington Church Choir

The Church Choir are looking for anyone who would like to sing and be part of the choir for a number of upcoming special services at Eastington Church and across the benefice including:



- Holy Communion at Eastington Church (Sunday 7th February at 10.45am);
- BCP Evensong at Eastington Church (Sunday 21st February at 6pm);
- Mothering Sunday at Eastington Church (Sunday 6th March at 10.45am);
- Palm Sunday at Standish Church (Sunday 20th March at 10am);
- Maundy Thursday at Eastington Church (Thursday 24th March at 7.30pm); and
- Easter Day at Eastington Church (Sunday 27th March at 10.45am).

The choir would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to sing. Please contact Shirley at sj.baker@talktalk.net or Chris at chris.amys@hotmail.com or on 01453 821656.

Jolly Joggers meet every Wednesday during term time 7pm @ Co-op in Eastington

Why not come along and give Jollies a go!

Have a laugh get fit and meet new people, kick-start your New Year resolutions!

It's free and funky, beginners welcome and we have faster more experienced runners who join us also. Choose the level that best suits your needs whether you're a first timer or a seasoned pro we have runners of all abilities!

Come on down and join the Jollies! Feel uplifted and revitalised enjoy the fresh air and the freedom running gives you.



or phone 07806 802540 | a warm welcome awaits.



Orchard Leigh Camphill Community Eastington - Support Worker Vacancies



Orchard Leigh Camphill Community are currently seeking enthusiastic and committed Support Workers on a full-time, part-time and bank/relief work basis. Our Support staff are warm, respectful and reliable people, who are able to work easily as part of teams that deliver support to adults with learning difficulties.

We are able to offer competitive/industry rates and an opportunity to work in a creative, interesting and fulfilling environment alongside like-minded others. Meals are provided whilst on shift and staff can access a private health fund if they wish. Whilst previous experience is desirable, applications from those outside the industry will also be considered as training can be provided for successful candidates.

Please contact Sarah Lane for further details and/or an application form:

recruitment@orchardleigh.org or telephone 01453 823 811



groups

Charity Number Registered Charity No. 1084981

OFSTED Registration No. 101782

January/February 2016

We welcome back all the children to Playgroup and look forward to a great year ahead in 2016.

The children enjoyed participating in the nativity play '# Our First Nativity' for which we had been rehearsing many times beforehand, luckily it went without a hitch on the afternoon!! Parents/grandparents and carers were suitably entertained and afterwards enjoyed a cup of tea and cake before we broke up to continue the countdown to the Christmas celebrations.

We had a very successful Christmas Craft event, which raised over £600, which was very well supported by both parents and the village. Our fund raisers also organised a delightful evening of carol singing in Nupend and of course we have to mention that we were very proud to win first prize in the Christmas Tree display at St Michaels and All Angels Church. Thank you to everyone who voted for us.

After all the fundraising we are planning to put the money towards some technological equipment for the children and staff to update some tired and broken equipment. This will enable the children to further their knowledge of 'keeping safe' with new technology.

This half term we are focusing on settling new children into the new routines, listening to stories, looking at nursery rhymes and show an awareness of rhyme. All of these activities will encourage children's awareness of how stories are structured, talk about the principal characters, to think of alternative endings to stories and encourage them to join in with any repeated refrains.

During this half term we will also be focusing on friendships linking with Valentine's Day cards for someone special and what makes a good friend.

Our playgroup offers care and education for all children from 2 ½ years to 5 years 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 will be holding a 'new parent information afternoon' if you would like to come along then please give us a ring and then we can let you know more details. We are currently operating a waiting list and open 4 days a week offering full and half-day sessions and we accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

**If you would like more details please contact Mandy Owen, Play Leader
Tel 07977 342 742 – email eastingtonplaygroup@eygloucestershire.co.uk**

groups

There have been three significant planning issues since the last edition of the ECN. In the last edition the editorial suggested the need to delay the NDP and to bring in new project team members. In the event, the project team determined that after nearly three years of work and being so close to completing the plan we should just get on and meet the deadline of January 11th.

The work and understanding the requirement is complex. Producing the plan is also expensive and finding and bringing new people up to speed would be time consuming for those on the team who have already given so much to bring the plan to fruition and of course it would add further to the cost. The team concluded that the responsible decision would be to complete the job and that is what we did. The plan was submitted on time although appendices went in on the 14th January.

I took over as Chairman of the group from Peter Edis Bates last year for the final part of the plan's development. I have seen first-hand, the extraordinary amount of work needed in these last few months. All the team have contributed in their own way but a very special thank you must go to Pauline Allen, Parish Councillor and Mark Campbell whose huge contribution was not just hours but days of work into the last few drafts and the final version.

A very special thank you to our Parish Clerk, Julie Shirley, her task was to administer the whole process and draw the document together and produce the final version. I suspect the document was relatively easy compared to managing the project team members which made herding cats a very straightforward exercise. Julie spent most of the weekend before the deadline chasing agreements and working with an Independent planning examiner who undertook a Health Check on our work to ensure it complied with planning law and was effective in delivering our aspirations.

A big thank you to Muriel Bullock, the PC Chair who remained stalwart in her determination to see the plan delivered. The plan for all to see is on the NDP Web site. The next stage is for SDC conduct a 6 week consultation. All comments on the plan will be collated by Stroud DC

Neighbourhood Development Plan

and then the NDP will be submitted to a Planning Examiner for a detailed assessment. If any small adjustments are required they will be made at that stage and then the Plan will go for referendum in our Parish where we will need more than 50% of those that vote to approve it. If the plan successfully passes the referendum it then has the same status in Law as the District's local plan and will guide all future planning decisions in our Parish for the next 20 years. It will of course require the Parish to review it during the course of the next 5 years.

PLANNING APPLICATION, NUPEND

An application to build 6 houses (3 affordable and 3 market) had been submitted and approved under delegated powers by SDC. Stephen Davies, our District Councillor, asked for the application to be called in as the decision had not been issued. In the event the DCC on the 12th January rejected the application on grounds of sustainability. Recently an inspector overturned a refused application in Arlingham as it was in a field with services a little less than 2 miles away like Nupend. SDC are seeking a Judicial Review of the Inspector's decision. Some Councillors believed consistency of approach was important. The Nupend application was rejected 5 votes to 4.

WEST OF STONEHOUSE

In April 2014 Hitchins submitted their planning application for WoS. The masterplan for this application was cut and paste into the SDC Local Plan and adopted as the SDC Masterplan. After two years of discussion and consultation on January 12th DCC approved the Masterplan and planning application completely unchanged. 2 Councillors voted against it on grounds of no connectivity to Stonehouse removing any pretence that it was indeed an urban extension to the Town; Tom Williams, Cainscross, a long standing friend of our Parish and Stonehouse concerning WoS, and John Majoram (Trinity). Sadly it is just another estate in a field. This time it is a very large estate about half the size of Stonehouse. At this stage I do believe there is commitment from some Councillors and Officers to make the estate as attractive as possible. We all need to join this ambition and work with Robert Hitchins to do just that.

Daniel James | Don't Strangle Stroud (DSS)

fundraising



"Hold a Fish and Chip Supper to help spinal cord injured people rebuild lives after injury"

Great British Fish and Chip Supper – Friday 20th May 2016

Want to eat Fish and Chips, while raising money for charity? Hold a fish and chip supper on Friday 20th May 2016 whilst raising awareness of spinal cord injury and supporting SIA's vital services.

You can hold a fish and chip supper in your own home, at work or hold a larger supper at your local community centre.

SIA will provide a fundraising pack containing hints and tips, recipes, invitations and donation envelopes. By inviting 8 friends and asking them to donate an additional £5.00 means you will raise at least £40.00 from your supper but we will also give you additional fundraising ideas to raise even more money for SIA.

Just £50 could contribute towards the support from our Peer Support Service for one hour, in a district general hospital or Major Trauma Centre.

In 2016 we want to make the batter matter and raise £40,000 from everyone holding suppers. Last year we raised £12,000 from the suppers.

The money raised from the suppers will help the Spinal Injuries Association offer support to individuals who become paralysed and their families, from the moment a spinal injury occurs, and for the rest of their lives by providing services and publications which enable and encourage paralysed people to rebuild lives after spinal cord injury.

Every year in the UK over 1,000 people experience a spinal cord injury and there are an estimated 40,000 spinal cord injured people in the UK alone.

Community Fundraising Manager, Elizabeth Wright, says, "The Fish and Chip Supper is a wonderful opportunity for a great evening with friends and family. We are also encouraging people who work to hold a Fish and Chip Lunch in their work places to raise even more funds. You may be even a local community group wanting to run a fun evening with your group."

For more information or request a fundraising pack call Elizabeth Wright on 0845 071 4350 or email fundraising@siafishandchips.co.uk or visit www.siafishandchips.co.uk

ROTARY SPRING QUIZ 2016

Elmore Village Hall

Friday February 26th 2016 at 7.30pm

Teams of 4 (approx)

Cost £10 per head to include lasagne supper. Pay bar

Monies raised on the evening will be donated to our local Rotary Charities.

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OF SEVERN VALE

For further details and entries please contact

Dudley Ford 01452 720326

[dudley@dudleyford.co.uk]



EASTINGTON HORSE SHOW

Many of you will already know that Eastington Horse Show is the longest running event in this Parish.



It also generously donates it's profits to many Village organisation and the Air Ambulance Service every year.

The Show will go ahead on the usual site (off the A419 by Junction 13 of the M5,) by kind permission of Barry Yeats and Dale Vince.

Eastington Horse Show is desperately short of helpers for car parking, setting up jumps, stewarding etc.

So please contact Joy Spencer (01453) 823240 or Jane Hyatt 07776 044 930 if you can spare a couple of hours on Saturday 6th August 2016

groups

Eastington's Approaches to Road Safety (EARS group)

National Country Roads Campaign

"Brake before the bend, not on it"

This National Road Safety campaign has been running during January 2016 but, if you have not been aware of it, fear not as it will be repeated during the summer of 2016 & updated following information gathered during January.

However, it does refer to country 'roads' & not country 'lanes' &, as we know in our own parish, there is certainly a difference.

Our local EARS Group (Eastington's Approaches to Road Safety – this has changed from 'Reducing Speed' to fall in line with the wider county Road Safety Tool Kit on road safety) will be working with GRCC & the county Road Safety Partnership during the summer months to raise awareness of the issues within our community, so please look at <http://roadsafety-gloucestershire.org.uk> for the current information & keep your ears & eyes open for future information. We hope to have some sort of 'event' in early summer to spread the word. The following facts & advice have been taken from the current campaign:

Some Gloucestershire facts about road casualties

- 68% of fatal casualties occur on rural roads. From 2010-2014, 96 deaths occurred on country roads while 11 were on motorways.
- 42% of serious casualties and 36% of slight casualties occur on rural roads.
- The proportion of incidents on bends is far greater for fatalities than other severities. Fatal = 23%, Serious = 11%, Slight = 7%.

The National Country Roads Campaign concentrates on the following key messages for drivers:

- The best drivers **read the road ahead and anticipate potential hazards**. Look out for upcoming bends, hidden dips, blind summits and concealed entrances.
- Country roads often have sharp bends. To stay in control and give yourself time to react to unexpected hazards, **brake before the bend**, not on the bend.
- Overgrown verges, bushes and trees on country roads can block your view and potentially obscure an oncoming hazard. **Always drive at a speed that will allow you to stop in the distance you can see to be clear** (double that on a single track road). Allow more time to stop on wet or slippery surfaces.
- The speed limit is a limit not a target. The national speed limit on single carriage roads is 60mph, but **there will be times you need to drive under the speed limit** in order to drive correctly for the conditions. In fact most people do on these roads – the average free flow speed is 48mph.
- If you get stuck behind a slow moving vehicle **be patient**. Dips in roads, bends and other junctions joining your road often hide oncoming vehicles, so unless it's absolutely essential, don't overtake.
- If passing more vulnerable road users such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers, **pass wide and slow**.
- Even if you're familiar with a country road, **never take it for granted**, as the conditions can be different every time.

There will be a higher level of enforcement during the campaign, and these will concentrate on 6 'hot routes' in rural districts in the county which can be found on the website mentioned above.

Pauline Allen - EARS representative

Eastington Community Orchard (E C O) Group

g r o u p s

2015 Xmas Markets

We enjoyed a good season around the markets in November and December, thankfully all at indoor venues apart from Stonehouse.

The photo on the right is at Frampton Xmas Fair in the ancient wool market. Many thanks to the 15 people who helped out at the six venues

At Stonehouse, the lashing rain sent all stallholders home but we and three others stuck it out so what few customers did come out, had to buy from us!



Our biggest success was at Gloucester Cathedral where we brought £400 stock with us (an absolute car full) and cleared the table by 3 o'clock. We had three people manning the stall in relays most of the time. Cider and perry were on sale at all events for the first time, which has boosted our overall sales to over £2,000. After packaging and marketing costs, this will go towards our anticipated second orchard behind Brownings Close.

2014 Income wisely spent



Looking back at 2015, the main achievement was the re-building of the footpath through Coneygree Orchard. The stone surface has been a great success with walkers young and old, standing up to the very wet winter (oh yes, and the very wet summer) with not a puddle in sight. It is markedly better for buggies and wheel chairs and even small persons on bikes.

The joy of not having to continually maintain the wood-chip surface will also be welcomed by all our volunteers!

Winter Club Meeting 4th February

We will be having our mid-winter gathering in Millend on Thursday 4th February 8.00pm. Cider and perry will be tasted and we will take a look forward to projects for 2016.

New members are welcome, ring me, Tom Low, on 823425 for directions.

groups

Best wishes for a Happy and Rewarding New Year and, it is to be hoped, some drier weather! What a wet and dreary time we've been having, but thankfully, not as bad as they've had in Cumbria and Scotland.

Normally February is our coldest month, but this won't deter us from having a brisk walk at some time (look on the notice boards for information).

Our next walk is on **Sunday 24th January 14.00**, starting at The Badger and onto the canal path to 'The Ocean', returning via Five Acre Grove and Cress Green.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind our local Farmers and land-owners, to please make sure that footpaths are kept clear and walkable where you plant crops in fields that have footpaths running through them, or when the path is on the edge of a field. If the paths are kept clear, and stiles maintained, it means that enforcement action won't need to be taken, and therefore walkers, farmers, and land-owners can all benefit from a mutual understanding and respect.

I have reported two fallen trees to the County Footpaths Officer, both of which fell across bridges on footpaths. Fortunately, I managed to clear one (EEA7 Wicksters Brook near Orchard Leigh) with the help of a volunteer Andy, and I will follow-up on the other one (EEA 13 near Nastend Farm)

I hope to meet you soon on one of the walks.

Bill Edwards - PROWD

Public Rights of Way Defenders (PROWD)

Our last walk was on December 13th included 'Rudolph's Ramble' for the younger members, which was excellently organised by Jenny Empson. The adults walked to St Peter's Church Frocester and came back through Lower Downton. We all met-up again at the Kings Head and enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and a mince pie, and there was squash for the kids!

A BIG 'thank you' to Chris for having everything ready, and for letting us use the boardroom.

I often get asked about paths that get 'ploughed out', which is bound to happen from time to time on working farms. I include an article below that appeared in 'The Walk' magazine in autumn last year, courtesy of the Editor of this publication.



Ploughing over paths

A large field near me is ploughed each year, destroying the footpaths that run through it. Although the farmer marks the paths with a roller, in wet weather they are impassable. The paths are not marked out according to the Ordnance Survey map, but are rolled in straight lines to a star point for the farmer's convenience. Guidelines state paths can be ploughed over but must be reinstated within two weeks and then be passable by a wheelchair or pram. This is certainly not the case, but a complaint to the local authority did not produce any action. Any advice would be appreciated.
Bernard McGonnell

Emily Shaw: This is a common experience. You did the right thing by reporting it to

the local authority, but unsurprisingly many are overstretched. However, you could try reporting it to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA). In order to receive payments under the Common Agricultural Policy, farmers have to comply with a set of rules, known as 'cross compliance', which say that visible public rights of way 'must be kept open and accessible'. If this rule hasn't been adhered to, you could contact the RPA to report a failure in cross compliance and give the full details of the location. Alternatively, you could suggest to the local authority that they report the matter to the RPA if they don't have the resources to do anything themselves. We are starting to hear about this method being very successful. You can contact the RPA Customer Service Centre by phone on 0345 603 7777 or email csc@rpa.gsi.gov.uk

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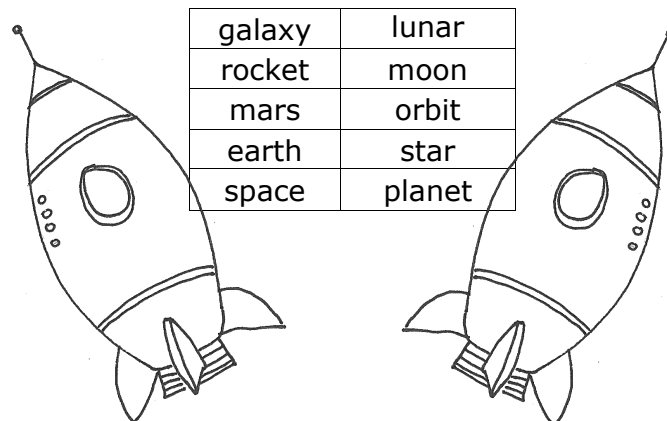
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Unfortunately all of us may be faced with having to deal with the death of a loved one, which can be a very difficult time for dealing with practical, as well as the emotional stress.

We would like to tell you about a confidential service by Gloucestershire Registration Service together with the Department of work and Pensions, and your Local Authority, which we hope will make things easier for those of you who register a death.

The service means that when you register a death all other government departments and local authorities will be informed on your behalf. This reduces the time spent corresponding with a number of services and also reduces the need to send them copies of the death certificate. All you need to do is to make an appointment to register a death with one of the Registrars. To book an appointment you either telephone 01242 532455 or go on line to www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/registration

If asked the service can contact the following agencies for you:

- Department for Work and Pensions,
- HM Revenue and Customs
- Identity and Passport Service
- Local Authority
- Blue Badge Office
- Social Services
- DVLA
- Electoral Registration

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7.30pm – 9.30pm

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The information you need to provide to the Registrar will be: National Insurance Number and date of birth of deceased person, Details of any benefits or services they were receiving, Death Certificate, Driving Licence, Passport or passport number.

If you would like more information about this service or any other matters, please contact your Village Agent.

Sue Colquhoun | Village Agent | 07810 630 145

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