Your news... your ECN!

Dear Readers,

The searing start and soggy end to the last few weeks might have left us and the gardens somewhat confused, but never mind, here is your faithful ECN to browse over from your sun-lounger out on the lawn, or to curl up with on the settee with a mug of cocoa, as the situation requires!



Fortunately the weather was kind to the brilliantly organised PA Duck races, but it was a shame that the weather magic could not be sustained, and the Skate Jam had to be postponed. Our next Village Event is the 34th Annual Veg and Flower show - these shows are amongst our longest standing traditions, but do need a little more support. There are plenty of different classes to enter - including children's classes - think about it and give it a go. Let YOUR marrow grace the pages of the next edition!

On a heavier note, let me draw you attention to our back page. Depending on how the latest traffic/highways report is received, the Ecotricity planning application might go before Committee this Autumn. The application is controversial for many reasons - not least because it 'breaks' our local plan- which is supposed to limit development to what is already in the plan - until 2031.

Whether you are in favour of the football stadium and associated business/industrial park up by the roundabout or not, it is really important that Stroud Planners are fully aware of how we feel about this.

Please respond to our poll so that we can report the strength of your feelings for what, overall, YOU want, - and we will do our best to support the community wishes.

Email: info@ecn.me.uk

Jan & Tom Low and Mary Gribble.

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Saturday 2nd Sept 2:00-3:30 pm The 34th Autumn veg & flower show in the Village Hall

Saturday 16th Sept 1:00-3:00 pm Defibrillator and life-saving course at the Community Centre

Sunday 17th Sept 1:00 pm Meet at The Badger - Frocester and Coaley walk

Next deadline for submission: Monday, September 25, 2017

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Eastington Parish Council



For more details on all the following, please see the Parish Council website www.eastington-pc.gov.uk

or contact Julie Shirley, the Parish Clerk

on 01453 799 616 or email: clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk

Grants available via Eastington Parish Council

The Parish Council will be considering grant applications at its September meeting. Did you know there are several grants within the parish that local organisations can apply?

<u>The Solar Grant Fund</u>: this is a fund given annually to the Parish Council to administer from the solar farm at Cambridge. The fund is to be used for goods or services which are for the promotion or improvement of the environmental, social, or benefit of the local community.

<u>The Charlie Bullock Trust</u>: this fund is from the sale of land given to the Parish Council in the last Will and Testament of Charlie Bullock. This fund is to be used for the benefit of Eastington community. The fund was most recently used to help with the purchase of a communal shed at the Allotments.

<u>Eastington Parish Council</u>: the Council operates a small grants budget and beneficiaries must live or work in Eastington and/or must provide services that will benefit a significant sector of the local community. This grants budget is used for things like the Poppy Appeal, or Citizens Advice Bureau donations.

Please see the Parish Council website for grant application forms and guidance, or contact the Parish Clerk who can help you complete the relevant form.

Would you like to join the Parish Council?

Due to the resignation of Councillor Pauline Allen, there is a vacancy on the Parish Council. Anyone can apply.

The Parish Council administers considerable funds (e.g. see above) and is responsible for organising many of the things that help to keep life here as pleasant as it is - have a look at the Parish Council website www.eastington-pc.gov.uk

Julie Shirley, the Parish Clerk, is the only 'professional' member of the team, everyone else volunteers their time. Eastington Parish Council has recently won the prestigious 'Quality Gold' from the Local Council Award Scheme, recognising good practice and the will to go above and beyond legal obligations in serving the community.

The council normally meet on the second Thursday in each month in the Village Hall

If you think you would like to play a part, please let Julie know by 14th August





Automatic External Defibrillators are portable units that can be used to stabilise a heart rhythm in certain medical situations. We currently have two defibrillators (installed at Westend Suites and at Eastington Community Centre). These are available 24 hours a day.

In the event of a medical emergency please call 999 as normal and the operator will direct you to the closest defibrillator and talk you through how to use it.

No special training is needed; however we are running an awareness session on **SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 1-3 pm** at Eastington Community Centre.

Please do come along- the last course was very entertaining as well as being informative!

Eastington Parish Council

Eastington Burial Ground

The Parish Council has reviewed the implementation of the burial ground rules and regulations following recent concerns about how removal of glass/china objects has been handled.

In order to protect visitors and contractors from injury from broken glass/china, we have the rule that Council will remove items at any time but will inform the family wherever possible.

For the older graves, the Council does not have up-to-date contact details so it hasn't always been possible to contact families. However, the Council recognises it can improve upon its actions and act in a more sympathetic manner and has agreed the following process:

- Safety inspections will be carried out monthly by the Parish Clerk / group of councillors so that actions about individual items can be agreed upon.
- Where <u>broken</u> glass/china items are found anywhere on graves, the broken pieces would be removed immediately and the family contacted if contact details are available.
- Where unbroken glass/china items were found on grassed over graves these would be moved to a safer location (eg on the plinth of the headstone) and the family contacted if contact details are available.
- Where unbroken glass/china items were found on tended graves that are either gravelled or gardened and at a lower risk of becoming broken, these would be left and depending on the risk of breakage Council will contact the family and advise them that removal of the item would be preferred but Council will not remove unless it becomes broken.
- In all cases, the Council will photograph the grave with the item in place before action taken.

It would greatly help if families avoided taking glass items into the burial ground. Glass particularly is a worry because it is difficult to see once it becomes broken.

The annual safety check is carried out in May; this is where Council checks that headstones are safe and not at risk of toppling. The annual check will be publicised well in advance via Eastington Community News, social media and with signs at the burial ground entrance.

The Parish Council did not mean to cause any distress in the recent removal of glass/china items and the Council apologises for distress caused.

Any families that have been affected by the recent tidy up are asked to contact the Parish Clerk to discuss any remaining issues.

The Clerk can be contacted by phone on 01453 799616 or email clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk.

Tithe Maps and Field Names

Stephen Mills

Many people will be familiar with the term 'tithe' – it often crops up in the name of houses, farms and roads.

The name originates from the long-established custom of paying a tenth of yearly profits (a 'tithe') from farming to the church. This normally took the form of payment in kind, such as crops, livestock and so on, rather than cash. Tithe barns were a common sight across much of northern Europe, and all over England, large barns were built to store the produce – the massive barn nearby at Frocester Court is a prime local example.

Gradually, the tradition of providing goods and livestock began to dwindle, and from the 17th century it became increasingly common for farmers and landowners to instead pay an agreed sum in cash. This arrangement carried on into the first quarter of the 19th century although there were often complaints about unfairness and inequalities. However, in 1836, the 'Tithe Commutation Act' brought a degree of stability to the system. From now on, all payments were made in cash.

Of course, that wasn't the end of the matter. To come up with the appropriate cash payment, it was now increasingly important to assess who owned what land and property, its value, and what it was used for. This enabled the authorities to determine how much each landowner was obliged to pay. As part of this process, tithe maps were compiled for each parish, including Eastington. Our tithe map was compiled in 1839 by Charles Baker, surveyor of Painswick.

As each was essentially a unique undertaking, tithe maps can be a bit variable in their quality and accuracy. However, they usually cover an entire parish and show individual fields or plots of land (arable, pasture or meadow), woods, rivers and other bodies of water, houses, cottages, barns, other buildings, yards, gardens and workshops. Each is numbered for reference.

Some maps even included the names of individual fields, which brings us to the present topic. Eastington's tithe map is a fine example of this, as every strip of land, even insubstantial pockets, had a name. And what names they were! So in the parish we have such evocative place names as Heron Grove, Great Hill, Mangerstone, Wobow, Aspla, Hither Pie, Great Hurns, Tumpey Ground, and Great Oldbury. To the south of the village lay the wonderfully named Upper and Lower Honey Hills, to name just a few.

What was surprising was just how many orchards there were. Today, most have been grubbed up or built over, but a century or so ago, they formed important sources of food for many villagers. For example, there was Flax orchard, Westend orchard, Hitchings Croft orchard, Sparrow Croft orchard, and Court orchard. There were many others differing widely in size. There was also Conygre orchard, a name recently revived for the community orchard adjacent to the churchyard. Conygre is an indication that this was once the location of a walled warren, where rabbits ('conies') were raised as a delicacy for the local gentry.

Some field names on the tithe map hint at how they may have been used at some point in history. So upstream from Millend Mill is a field once known as Rack Leaze, an indication that this was where woollen cloth manufactured at the mill was stretched out on tenter racks to dry. Across the river is a large field called Floodgate Furlongs (the one where we all go sledging in the Winter!). The lower part next to the river originally hosted withy (willow) beds, once so important for basket weaving. Floodgates probably refers to the gates once used to control water supplied to Millend's water wheels but may also be connected with water control to the withy beds.

Elsewhere in the village were fields called Brick Close (at Nastend) and a plot known as Hither Pugpits. A pug mill was a machine used to process clay dug from pits for brick making, so perhaps both refer to the making of bricks in those locations. In earlier days, clay bricks were simply fired in stacked heaps known as clamps, so would leave little trace once finished with. Perhaps these names are a distant echo of this once-important trade.

Other field names reflected past or present land owners. So we have fields such as Sauls Patch, Brains Ground, Madam Smalls meadow, Warners Tything, Abigails Mead and Buddings Ground. A few local road names give a nod to some of these old names – for example, Middle Croft (built on the field of the same name) and Budding Road.

The map also lists some more intriguing names. For example, there was Green Cheese Leaze and Captains Meadow. There was also the interestingly named Thieves Green. All must have once had a story to tell, probably harking back to some long forgotten incident.

Today, few of these wonderful old names are used. In fact, the vast majority have been forgotten. Only a few generations ago, many villagers were intimately tied to agriculture as farmers or farm workers. Such was its importance to the general wellbeing of the village that even those that earned their living in some other way, such as the local cloth mills, took an interest in the subject. Today, few people are directly involved in local agriculture and most of these old names have drifted off into the mists of time. It seems a sad loss.



News from our District Councillors

Despite the interesting times and endless elections that we have been through, the good work of Local Government continues.

The new waste collection service continues to result in a significant increase in recycling in the District which is good although there is still a higher than budgeted cost for this. This is helped by the higher take up of the Green Waste scheme and the removal of recycling centres in Cainscross and Cam. There are still some issues and if you have any problems please let me know.

On planning we have had 2 Appeals rulings. The first was permission for a house at Nursery End, which I supported as it saves an existing building and protects it for the future. The second was a development of 22 houses which was outside the Local Plan and the Neighbourhood Plan which I objected to and I am glad to see the Appeal was rejected.

We are waiting for a new detailed planning application for the first phase of West of Stonehouse, the initial application being withdrawn after a number of concerns were raised. As ever we will need to be vigilant and study the new application when it comes.

Finally on planning, the Ecotricity Application is not expected to be considered at the Development and Control Committee until the Autumn. I will continue to oppose this as it is inconsistent with the Local Plan, will cause traffic congestion on Junction 13 and the A419, as well as disrupting the good work done at the William Morris House. I fear there is a considerable amount of confusion about this application including the assumption it will be passed. This is not true and there is all to fight for.

On traffic there was a consultation on the A419 improvements in Stonehouse that outlined the proposed changes planned in support of the West of Stonehouse development.

As ever if there is anything we can do to help please don't hesitate to contact me at cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk or on 07802 595 307 or John at cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk.



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Village Agent News

Hello everyone. Today I am going to talk about feet! And the message is, be kind to your feet, look after them and they will look after you.

Here is a four point check list.



- 1. If you have a long-term condition, such as diabetes or arthritis your feet are particularly vulnerable. Check your feet regularly and ensure you attend check-ups as requested. If you notice any problems, report them to your GP as soon as possible. Fortunately, there is a lot that can be done to protect our feet and most common problems can be treated successfully by a chiropodist or podiatrist. As we get older an anual foot health check is important.
- 2. On a day-to-day basis, there is a lot we can do ourselves. First and foremost, it is important to wear comfortable, well-fitting shoes. The thinking is that slippers which we may want to wear if our feet are hurting are not the best option as they encourage shuffling rather than letting the joints work as they should. Rather, wearing a pair of running shoes is the best option as these provide a good amount of shock absorption and stability and also support the arch.
- 3. Good nail care can also keep the feet feeling comfortable. If you are struggling to cut your own nails, ask a family member for help as hacking at them could do more harm than good. If that isn't an option it really is a good decision to go to a chiropodist or nail cutting service. Some do home visits although that can get pricey. If you are struggling to find a foot care specialist, I hold a small list of local people that I can share with you.
- 4. A daily application of moisturising lotion will help to keep feet feeling soft, supple and fragrant.

Penny. Mobile: 07776 245 276 Email: Pennyf@villageagent.grcc.org.uk

Car Sharing - Parish Lift

Gloucestershire County Council is promoting a new car-sharing initative in areas of the county where transport tends to be poor..

It is basically a website where you can register your journey (or your need of a journey) and and seek partners with whom you might want to share. The program will match similar destinations/times of day etc. You can share on the basis of exchanging lifts - or you can 'exchange' your lift for the cost of the fuel - this will not normally affect your insurance so long as no profit is made.

This has to be good for your pocket and the reduction of traffic congestion and pollution; and the scheme does seem to have been quite well thought through.

There is a helpline on 07415 260 758 or you could

check out the website **www.parish.liftshare.com** which is very informative

By contrast, any members of the 'Plain English' society might be interested to see the promotional letter that was sent to our Parish Clerk about this. I have put it on the ECN website at www.ecn.me.uk/pdfs/carsharingnotice.pdf Ed.

Eastington Cricket Club

We are playing in the Stroud League Division One this season. We have won 7 of our 11 games in the league so far (as on 19th July) which puts us in 4th place.

Centuries have been a feature of this season, for different reasons: Will Beese has scored two with the bat and has an average of over a hundred.

The club is now in it's 154th year. The oldest wicket taking combination was set (as far as we know) at 144 years when a visiting batsman was dismissed caught K.Dench (71) bowled C. Chopping (73). A few days later Chris "raised the bar" to 146 with a "caught and bowled C. Chopping."

Sadly, this record may stand for sometime as Chris died recently while away on holiday. As the vicar said at his funeral, well attended by members of the club, "he was going well on his way to a century, only to be caught just inside the boundary". Actually, we will remember him mainly as a bowler and for the enthusiasm and sheer delight he expressed in claiming every wicket as if it had been his first.

On a happier note, one of our players, Sam Jones, has made himself unavailable for our match on 12th August on what many cricketers consider the weakest of excuses: "getting married". We think grandad, Ron Bomberg, would have said "OK, but don't do it again".

Best wishes to Sam and Megan for the 12th, and the future.

As always, **Roger Beese 01453 823128 or Keith Dench 01453 764990** would like to hear from you if you would like to play for the club. Nearly all our games are on Saturday afternoons in the summer and we also play in an evening, indoor, winter league.



Ladies Of Eastington

Well we've now had our second meeting and it's been a roaring success. This month we had a fun quiz, a collection for Stroud Food Bank and discussed future plans.

Our quiz master Ben Brewer set some interesting and fun questions which got everyone working together in their teams! Congratulations to our winners Suzi, Dawn and Audrey who won our main prize of a £25 voucher from The Old Badger. We also pulled other prizes throughout the quiz by raffle which kept it exciting.

A huge thanks to our local businesses who donated, I really couldn't have done it without you.

We sent a huge box of donations to the Food Bank for which they were extremely grateful! Well done!

Our next meeting is on August 24th at 7.30 at Eastington Village Hall when I'm trying to organise a 'Clothes Swap'. Why donate when you can swap with someone else, a great way to refresh your wardrobe!!

Also meeting on 28/9/17 Eastington village hall 7.30 and we are planning to run a Xmas fair for a bit of local Xmas shopping on sat 18th November

Thank you all for your continued support

Anna-Marie Smart

STROUDWATER NAVIGATION ONE OF ENGLAND'S TOP HERITAGE PROJECTS

The quickest way to restore the Stroudwater Navigation between The Ocean and Saul Junction is for the Heritage Lottery Fund to give us a major grant next May. That means convincing the HLF that our project is one of the top four projects in the UK: yes that's right, one of the top four. This is because our project gets judged with all the other major bids across the country. This year the HLF has £40 million for major projects, which is being divided between 4 projects. Next year they expect to have the same amount of money, with more than £200 million worth of projects competing for funds.

So, how do we convince the HLF that our project is as important as a national museum, or a cathedral? We must show that....

- Our canal and its archives are valuable national heritage assets;
- If our project does not happen, that heritage will suffer;
- Lots of people, of all ages and abilities, will enjoy an exciting, innovative kaleidoscope of activities on land and water;
- The way we train and use volunteers in practical and professional skills will be exemplary;
- There will be a unique partnership between canal restoration and planning for wildlife;
- Once restored, we will manage the canal really well;
- Canal restoration will make a big difference to local wellbeing and prosperity.



Boats passing through the restored Ryeford Double Lock on their way from Stonehouse to the Jubilee celebrations at Marling School Field, June 2012.

Photo: David R Joyce

We've commissioned a heritage consultant to do an independent review of the heritage significance of the canal and its archives. Work on flood risk assessment is about to start. We are working on an outline planning application for the Missing Mile. All these things will help convince the HLF, as will the generous match funding from Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council and the Canal and River Trust.

You can also help: we must show that we have enormous community support, so in August and September we will run a new survey, which we will publicise widely.

Do look out for our survey and have your say!

IT'S HOTTING UP ALONG THE CANAL (and it's not just the weather!)

Val Kirby

Frampton Village Society talks

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come to our series of illustrated talks. The talks are on Friday evenings starting at 7.30 in our Village Hall .The cost is £3.30/per person, including refreshmenst. Contact Paul Bradly on 01452 742184 or at: paulbradly@hotmail.com for more information.

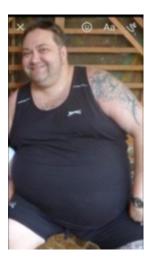
Next talks are: 18th August: Visit to Dunkirk Mill (textile talk), followed by a meal

22nd Sept: Gertrude Jeckyll and the Classic English Garden Style – Roger Turner

Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

It's been an amazing time at group as one of our lovely members was one of 39 semi finalists out of 50,000 in the national Man of the Year competition.

Marc who attends our Groups lost an amazing 11 stones in just over 12 months by following our brilliant Food Optimising Extra Easy plan.





Marc
Now 11 stones
lighter
winning the group
Man of the Year,
he then went onto
attend the
National semi
finals.



Marc joined us between Christmas and New Year at the end of 2015 and embraced the new healthy eating plan. He loves the amount and range of choice of healthy foods you can eat, which suits all appetites. He loves his chilies adding them to many of his meals as well as his pickles, veg and fruit especially apples. He is a very inspirational and supportive member of Groups.

Now he is 11 stones lighter he has started cycling which he loves and is already up to 50 miles in one ride. He loves the fact he can now keep up with his young son and is no longer classed as a diabetic. The change to Marc's life and lifestyle is totally amazing.

So if you would like to lose weight healthily come along and join us. We are there for anyone whether you want to lose 1/2 a stone or many more like Marc has achieved.

We meet in Stonehouse Community Centre on Wednesday mornings at 9.30am and Eastington Village Hall on Wednesdays at 5pm or later at 7pm. I look forward to welcoming you.

Best wishes. Lorna. 07974 937830

PS... At group we've been enjoying sharing lots of fresh food ideas we can enjoy during the summer months. Here's one of our favourites:-:

Baked Oats

Ingredients

- 40g plain porridge oats
- 1 tbsp sweetener
- 1 small egg
- ½ pot of vanilla Müller Light (or 90g of any Free vanilla yogurt)
- A few drops of vanilla essence
- 100g raspberries



Serves: 1 Ready in: 30-60 mins Syns per serving:1

Method

Preheat your oven to 200°C/Fan 180°C/Gas 6.

Mix the porridge, sweetener, egg, yogurt, vanilla essence and raspberries in a bowl and stir well.

Transfer the mixture to a small oven-proof dish (we used an individual casserole dish) and bake in the oven for 35 minutes, or until browned.

Serve with lots of Speed Free Food fruits.

Tip: Ring the changes with chopped apples, apricots, or blueberries, counting the Syns for the cooked fruit accordingly.

Village walk Sunday 17th September: Meet 1pm at the Badger

Hello dear Walkie Talkies!

Please come along our next organised walk to Frocester and Coaley. This is a lovely walk that we have done before encompassing 3 pubs.. The Badger, The George at Frocester and finally The Kings Head.

5 ish miles 3-4 hours.

Please phone for more details and to find out if we are getting together for any walks in the meantime!

All the best,

Vanessa. 01453 828 557 / 07806 802 540





PROWD

Public Rights of Way Defenders

Welcome to Summer!! Well, we can't complain that we haven't seen the Sun! I found it too hot to walk the dogs during the day, so in order to keep cool we went to the woods, or to Frampton Lakes. Lets hope that we don't pay for it with a wet August!!

I'm pleased to say that the two kissing gates by the M5 underpass have now been installed, also one by Five Acre Grove, and one on the Bath Road.

After 7 years of trying, the path in Peter street in Frocester (EFR 23) has now been opened, and a new stile installed. It is worth mentioning that this path connects with some lovely walks around Frocester and Coaley...... try them out - see above!!!

Another area of our Parish that is rich in footpaths, is the Nastend and Nupend area...... well worth exploring. If you are fit (or want to occupy the kids during the hols!) you could continue to Stonehouse, and return along the canal tow-path.

However you spend your Summer time, remember to make the most of our wonderful footpath network.

Best wishes, Bill Edwards (PROWD) ph. 824452

Yes - definitely worth exploring the lovely paths and countryside around the Nupend, Westend, Nastend and Newtown hamlets before, sadly, it all gets buried under the WoS development.

Enjoy it while you can! Ed

Eastington School and Playgroup Parents Association

Duck Races

What a year we had for the duck races!

We had all the old favourites were as popular as ever such as the bouncy castle, raffle, hook a duck and the ever popular barbeque and bar.



Our specially trained rubber ducks were in fine racing form and proved once again that Eastington Ducks are the fastest rubber racing ducks in the region. Each duck race was sponsored by a local business which is a great example of the business community supporting the school.



As well as the usual antics we had a few very special guests this year. We are treated to demonstrations from New Horizons Martial Arts and Defined Dance Group, it was great to see the levels of dedication and talent that the children put into these brilliant out of school activities, many thanks to all that took part and the kind group leaders who give their time to support the event.







Eastington School and Playgroup Parents Association



We were also supported by the police service who were able to provide a police car to play in, lots of equipment to try on and a police dog and handler who put on a great demonstration of how effective a dog can be at chasing and holding a suspect, we hope that PC Colley's bruises have healed nicely!



For the first time this year we had a locally made stall where we sold items that had been made by crafts people in the

community, we were totally amazed by the quality and quantity of items donated, the stall raised over £100 which is a great contribution to school funds. Thank you again to everyone who donated to the stall, freely giving their time and materials to make some amazing things.

The inclusion of more volunteers from outside the school along with the other groups that took part made the duck races feel less like a school event and more like a whole village fete, which was great!

Overall the event took over £2,000 for the Parents Association which is an amazing amount.

This year the PA has raised over £7,000 in total, these funds have been used to support the maintenance of playground equipment, the provision of enriching learning experiences such as dance days, provided materials for classrooms and the Mathletics programme. These funds are vital to the school and no PA events would be possible with out or amazing committee and volunteers.

Next year we will continue our work and we are always keen to have more volunteers, donations and ideas so if you would like to be involved please do get in touch - via the school, the plagroup, or any of the parents.



Eastington Playgroup



As a focus for the final term we have been looking at our families and the world around us and also preparing the leavers for their transitions into their new schools in September.

Lots of the children brought in photos of their families to share with the group, proudly talking about their parents, siblings and pets.

We invited Dad's and Grampy's (or male carers) to join us for a Father's Day afternoon tea treat where they were served squash and cakes, followed by playing together and finishing off with a story.

What a lovely afternoon together topped off with a keep sake gift from each child of a painting of their Dad to take home!

The children have also enjoyed showing off their talents when we had a little talent show, many of them showing us their physical skills by hopping, balancing or doing a little song. Well done everyone!!

On our last day we held a party for the children leaving playgroup, afterwards the parents all returned and the children sang their leavers song before being presented with a gift from Playgroup to help send them on their way to big 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.

Finally, we held our AGM at the Old Badger and had a brilliant turnout with some lovely food. We welcome our new committee and parent volunteers and look forward to working with them in the next academic year, which is sure to be as busy and exciting as this one.

We look forward to another new term in September and welcome back our remaining and also all of our new children – we have lots of exciting things planned for our return.

Playgroup's first day back will be Tuesday 5th September 2017 – 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.

Spaces for September 2017 are filling up very quickly and some sessions already have a waiting list, however if you are interested in coming for a visit then please contact us we would love to meet 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 and 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



Tel 07977 342 742 or Email eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.co.uk
Alternatively you can visit our web site eastingtonplaygroup.wordpress.com



Eastington Methodist Church

As we enter the holiday period, some of our usual activities take a break. The 11am Sunday morning services continue throughout and include the Café Church on 13th August which will be considering the subject of IDENTITY. Just about everything resumes to normal at the beginning of September.

The Café Church on 10th September considers sin. We all sin; we cannot help it, it is what happens every time we do, or even think, something bad or fail to do something good. The biggest mistake we can ever make is to fool ourselves into thinking that we never sin. It cannot be true and it means that there is no room to accept forgiveness. Nor is there a need to pickle ourselves in guilt as Jesus came to save us from this. There is salvation and there is restoration available if only we will accept it.



Youth Club News

This looks like it is going to be quite a good year for additional events.

The Youth Barn Event held on 24th June at Coln St Aldwyns was fun.

The young people were better at staying on the rodeo ride than the leaders.

Over the course of the summer, we will also need to know which young people want to book into the "EWEnique " District Youth Weekend based in Nailsea from Friday 13th to Sunday 15th October. The normal price of this would be £45 but the church will subsidise this so the cost for each young person is only £10. This covers two nights away, all food as well as entry into Noah's Ark Farm Ball Pool and Death Slides and a Silent Disco UV Party.

We try to keep the youth club running throughout the summer holidays, but as is often the case in holiday periods, we do not have enough leaders available to manage every Friday in August. This year there will be no youth club on 4th & 18th August but there are two youth days out planned for Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 30th August. One of these will be a beach

trip and the other a waterfalls walk in the Brecon Beacons – the beach trip will be first if the weather is good on the 15th. Both events are free and will leave the church at 10:00am with the young people being dropped off at their homes mid-evening.

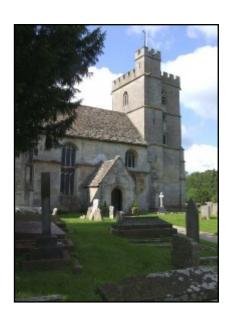
Ken Burgin - Senior Steward

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Eastington Methodist Church Activities		
Baby & Toddlers Group	Mondays 10 – 11:30am (Break in Aug – resumes in Sept)	
Prayer Meeting	Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am (Break in Aug – resumes in Sept)	
Lunchtime Bible Study	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm (Break in Aug – resumes in Sept)	
Life Explored Series with food provided	Tuesdays – 7:30pm (Break in Aug – resumes in Sept)	
Prayer Meeting	Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am (Break in Aug – resumes in Sept)	
Youth Club (11-18)	Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm (Running except Aug 4th & 18th)	
Main Service (separate activities for children/young people available)	Sundays 11am (Café Church - Aug 13 th & Sept 10th)	
All held at EMC which is opposite the butch	ers in Eastington.	

St Michael's and All Angels' Church, Eastington



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 2017

Yes it's that time of year again!

Following on from the very successful Christmas Tree Festival in 2015 we are holding another one this year.

Weekend of 1st – 3rd December 2017

Open to all children, families, clubs, organisations and businesses.

Put your thinking caps on folks to come up with some original ideas.

For more information contact Jacky Naylor on 01453 828682

Services in the 'Cotswold Edge' Parishes - August 2017 -12/07/17

Sundays → Morning Service → Readings	6th August Trinity 8 Proper 13 (p273) Isaiah 55:1-5 or Romans 9:1-5 & Matthew 14:13-21	!3th August Trinity 9 Proper 14 (p279) 1 Kings 19:9-18 or Romans 10:5-15 & Matthew 14:22-33	20th August Trinity10 Proper 15 (p283) Isaiah 56:1,6-8 or Romans 11:1-2a, 29- 32 & Matthew 15:10- 28	
Evening Service → Readings	As Morning	As morning	As Morning	As Morning
Eastington	10.45am Holy Communion John Hunnisett Mon 7th 1.00pm Wedding Pat Freeth Sat 12th 12.30pm Wedding	10.45am Holy Communion Peter Marsh + baptism x2 (Foster & O'Connor)	6pm Sung Evensong Lay led	10.45am Holy Communion Pat Freeth
Frocester	John Hunnisett No Service	9.15am Morning Worship Lay Led	No Service	9.15am BCP Communion Pat Freeth
Haresfield	9.15am Morning Worship (Lay led)	9.15am Holy Communion Peter Marsh	No Service	6pm Holy Communion John Hunnisett
Moreton Valence	9am Holy Communion John Hunnisett	9am Morning Worship (Lay Led)	No Service	9am Morning Worship (Lay Led)
Standish	Wed 2nd 11.00am Communion at Moreton Hill Fri 4th 10.00am BCP Communion Sat 5th 12 noon Baptism John Hunnisett (Wapshott) Sun 6th 11.00am Holy Communion Michael Bennett + baptism (Sutton)	Fri 11th 10.00am BCP Communion Sun 13th 11.00am Morning Prayer (Lay Led)	Fri 18th 10.00am BCP Communion Sunday 20th 10.00am Benefice Holy Communion Peter Newing	Fri 25th 10.00am BCP Communion Sun 27th 3pm Evensong (Said) (Lay Led)
Whitminster	No Service	11.00 Morning Worship (Lay Led) Sat 19th 2.00pm Wedding Angela Reeder/Pat Freeth	No Service	11.00 Holy Communion Angela Reeder



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Building 23 homes with Affordable Rent for Eastington People, in Claypits

The Board of trustees has been meeting fortnightly to push ahead with this scheme, bolstered by the many positive comments from our two drop-in events on 27th and 29th April. More than 50 people attended and we were pleased to gain extra members - we now have 109 people who have paid their £1 life membership.

May and June - gaining funding for making the Planning Application

There are considerable costs involved in gathering the professional advice needed for Planning. We spent a lot of time applying to Locality, a government agency, who gave us £40,000, matched with £4,000 from the Parish Solar Fund. As well as architect and solicitor's fees, these grants cover:

Highways access Ground condition survey and soil analysis

Location of Utilities Ecology

Engineering reports on drainage (run-off and sewer)

Air quality analysis and Noise attenuation

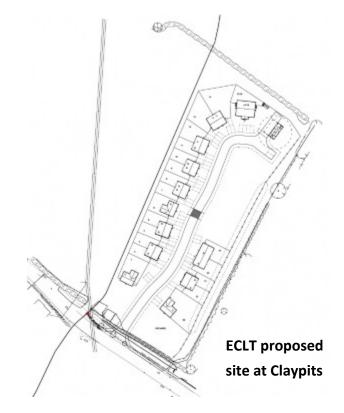
A key milestone was achieved when Aster Group's investment board gave our scheme first stage approval.

Aster have to take responsibility for the building and eventual management of the homes.

July – Revised layouts and plotting of underground services

Despite the presence of a maize crop 2 metres high, surveyors have been digging trial pits to prove the stability of the soil for foundations and roadways. As the name "Claypits" suggests, this is indeed very solid and stable clay – that's the good news

More tricky is the number of underground pipes – water mains, fibre cable, national gas pipeline and BT cable ducts – which cross the field. Engineers and architects have had to plan the houses to avoid these utilities, resulting in a curving layout with a recreational space to one side.



August – Submission of Planning Application?

Hopefully, we will complete the technical reports before the end of August and hand in our application to the Stroud DC planners. With a fair wind, we could be active on site before winter.

For more details, see www.eastingtonclt.uk



Skate Jam

We had plans in place to hold a Skate Jam at the end of July as an official opening to the Skate ramps. However the weather rather got the better of us and we have had to postpone, as soon as we have a new date we will advertise it via facebook and posters at the ramps.

The skate jam will give us the chance to learn some great new skills on the ramps including how to stay safer as we skate. We will be joined by excellent skating coaches who will hold 4 separate sessions during the day, beginners and advanced scooters in the morning followed by beginners and advanced skateboarding in the afternoon. The event is free and there will be refreshments available from a school PA stall selling drinks and snacks

Park Developments



Thanks to a kind grant from Renishaws we are pleased to announce that we will be providing a port-a-loo in the park over the school summer holidays, if it works well he hope to be able to provide them during most school breaks this year!

Developments continue in the park, we have recently installed the baby swings which are proving very popular, we have replaced some matting and carried out some works improvement works on the tunnels. Hopefully by the time you read this we will have also installed the round about.

Over the summer our volunteers will be working hard to keep the park running, please help by putting litter in the bins or if you have a lot of litter taking it home with you. Please note that we do not have recycling facilities so please take recyclable items home with you!

We are now nearing the end of this round of developments in the park, we will have funds for one last piece of equipment and we would be keen to hear what you feel we are still missing, please get in tough via email or facebook.

Snakey.park@gmail.com

STOP PRESS from Brownings Community Orchard

Steady progress at the second ECO orchard saw a cattleproof set of gates being hung.

John demonstrated the self-closing pedestrian gate which is built into the 3-metre wide gate, whilst Kyle, Kev and Tom relax after a hard morning's post-hole excavation.

Behind them, you can see the field can now be cut with the new sit-on mower – well, 90% of it can. Next steps will be a tool shed, leading us to preparation of plots for the first 20 trees, now in Coneygree Orchard.

JOIN IN — Browning's Community Orchard is only 100 metres from Alkerton Cross. If you would like to help make this empty field into a useful orchard - and have

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free exercise in the fresh air – register on the ECO website: www.ecogroup.me

Eastington Phone box Library

The Book-swap library is now ready for you!!!

Bring a book, take a book, share the books you have loved!

There are no rules - but we are all responsible for keeping this nice. Give it a tidy while you are there! Lots of people have been offering to share books ..thank you all very much. There is space for CDs too.

It may be that at this stage we get over-subscribed - brilliant though that would be, please be patient and sensible - and we would like to see children's books having priority to start with.

Kirsty-Ann Cutler and Tina Lange are going to keep an eye, and will be asking for volunteers to form a Book Club to help manage the 'stock' and decide the way to go once things have settled down. You can contact them via facebook (Love Eastington) - or contact ECN and we will pass enquiries on.



Tina Lange and I rubbed it all down.



Wendy Fabbro and Kirsty-Ann Cutler joined in on the massive paint job





Peter Malecki donated all the wood, from a recycled source. Peter and Tom Low did all woodwork (which turned out to be a lot harder than you might think - because you can't screw anything to a steel and glass cabinet!)



And Vera Potter added the crowning touch!

The rest is up to you!!

Eastington Primary School - Looking Back and Moving On

As we approach the end of another school year, class five have been reflecting on the time gone by. Our year sixes have been thinking about their time here and the next steps in their educational journey as they move onto their secondary schools. Our year fives have looked back on their time as year fives and looked ahead to the challenges that await them in year six next year. The children had many lovely things to share: here's what they had to say...

Year sixes looking back and looking forward.

Rosie Fuller.

My years at Eastington have been the best years of my life. All of the teachers and my friends have helped me through the years. There is only one Eastington Primary School and I'm going to miss it greatly. I am, however, excited about my new school.

Xan Kemp.

Thinking back from when I started Eastington, I know I have thoroughly enjoyed every second of it. I love it loads. Year 7 at KLB is going to be very different from primary. It will be fun and exciting, but I am nervous at the same time.

Mae Hedges.

My time at Eastington has been the best part of my life. I am so grateful for all the pupils, teachers and friends I have created. As the only Eastington person going to Stroud High, I am quite nervous, although I am looking forward to having a change.

Lily Kimber.

I have loved being at Eastington for 7 years. I have learned lots and made loads of friends. I am really looking forward to year 7 and meeting lots of new people.

William Cousins.

Everything has been amazing throughout the school in all the subjects the teachers have been teaching us. I can't wait until I go to secondary school. It's going to be so much fun but it will be tough leaving my old school behind.

Jon Davies.

Over my years at Eastington, I think I may have done very well; my downfall was my pace of work, but I have mastered it now! I am looking forward to next year and the challenges ahead in secondary.

Zac Hoskins.

I have enjoyed all of the classes and will miss this school. I will enjoy Maidenhill - it seems exciting – I will love it!

Thomas Hayes.

Eastington has been the best 7 years I could have had and I'm so glad I chose the right school. I am going to miss Eastington, but I am looking forward to year 7 and moving to Rednock.

Summer Bishop.

I have loved spending my time in this school with all the encouraging people. It's been amazing learning in this school. I'm really excited about going to secondary but still sad about leaving.

Muhammed Aktan.

I have enjoyed all of the classes and what I have learned. I particularly enjoyed maths. I am looking forward to making new friends and learning more subjects. I am a little nervous of the teachers.

Oliver Beach.

In Eastington, I have made so many friends and have had some awesome moments throughout this school. I have loved it here so much. I am really looking forward to going to secondary school as I will make new friends and learn new subjects.

Jacob Phipps.

Eastington has been such a good school for me. I have loved all of it. I've enjoyed making lots of friends and playing with them. I'm very excited but nervous for secondary school because it's a big change for me.

Rosie McConnachie.

I have been at this school for 7 years and have loved it for 7 years; I don't want to leave, however, I'm going to Maidenhill and can't wait to meet new friends and have new challenges.

Jack Gardner.

Eastington has been great; the teachers have helped me through the years. I can't wait for year 7 and more homework! Jacob Rumbold.

I only joined in year 6, but it was so much fun. I learned lots and made many friends. I can't wait to go to year 7 and meet new people.

Edgar Ayers.

It was great at Eastington – it was amazing! I really enjoyed my time. I am excited about Maidenhill and being in year

Ben Smith.

My years have gone quickly. PGL was so much fun and SATs were quite hard. I will miss all of my friends. I am excited about secondary school. I am most excited about maths, P.E., science and, most of all, making new friends.

Lilian Watkins.

It's the end of a big journey and adventure and I'm looking forward to the start of an even bigger adventure in year seven.

Year fives looking back and looking forward.

Shawn Paul.

My first year in class 5 has been wonderful and happy! It was nice that I made friends! It's going to be fun when I am a year 6 and I am going to do fun things then!

Martha Cozens.

Year 5 in class 5 was really fun. All of the lessons were fun to do – mostly all of them. I can't wait until year 6! I'm looking forward to it, but nervous too.

Sophie Fudge.

This year, I have enjoyed every bit of being a year 5 and all the teachers have been lovely. I am looking forward to being a year 6 and going to PGL and having even more responsibilities.

Gabbie Whitaker

I like year 5, but I can't wait until next year. Here I come year 6! I can't wait for SATS and all the maths tests – so much school makes me happy!

Esme Clutterbuck.

I enjoyed being year 5 in class 5. Having a little friend was nice. I am looking forward to May Queen, PGL and the Christmas play.

Charlie Denton.

I have had a wonderful year in class 5 with important roles, like having a little friend. I have had lots of awesome moments and memories this year. I am really looking forward to being a year 6. I am also quite excited about being involved in more activities and roles. It's exciting to think we are the oldest students in the school.

Tyler Watson.

I have really enjoyed this year as a year 5. I remember right the way back to my first English lesson. I think I'll do really well in SATs next year and I'm so excited for our residential trip to PGL.

Ben Wheeler.

Over the year, I have loved getting a little friend and having the week in class 4 when year 6 went to PGL. I am looking forward to being in year 6 because I will be the 5^{th} oldest in the school!

Asked what PGL was, Ms Mifflin, Class 5 teacher replied

"PGL is a week long trip we go on every year with the year sixes to Ross-On-Wye. It's an adventure trip so lots of activities like: archery, abseiling, canoeing, raft building, climbing etc. It is, indeed, very much fun - if a little tiring!"



The 35th Eastington Autumn Veg & Flower Show

OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS AND MEMBERS OF ORGANISATIONS IN THE PARISH OF EASTINGTON

In the Village Hall On Saturday 2nd September 2017

The hall will be open to all exhibitors from **9:00 am** on the morning of the show.

You will need to complete an exhibitors' form (see below), and you will be given a card to display by your entry/entries. You can then 'stage' your own entries on the tables provided, using your own bowls/vases etc. as you wish. You can enter as many classes as you like, but only one entry per class, please. Entries close at **11:00 am**.

Judging takes place from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm and exhibitors must not be in the hall during this time.

From **2:00 pm** everyone is welcome to come and admire the exhibits (for the traditional entry fee of 20p). The presentation of trophies and prizes takes place at **3.30 pm** .

The committee cannot accept responsibility for loss or damage to exhibits or accessories and It reserves the right to move any exhibit to assist display. As always, the judges decision is final!

We are indebted to our kind sponsors - a full list will be on display in the hall.

TROPHIES and prizes will be awarded in classes showing appropriate merit, and will include:-

The Bill Fletcher Memorial cup for best in show *new*

The Parish Council Trophy for best exhibit in Class 57 (comical vegetable)

The Chris Haines Memorial for best Orchid in Show, Class 37

Best Runner Bean in show sponsored by Borders Lawns and Trees Garden Maintenance, Class 10.

The Village Hall Cup awarded to best allotment – Class 59 - (judged prior to the show)

Prizes are the traditional £1, 50p and 25p.

ENTRY FORM FOR EXHIBITORS

Entry forms, worded as below, may be handed in to any committee member or brought along on the morning of the show, together with entry fees of **20p for each class entered**.

N.B. Please make sure that you enter the correct number of items for the class chosen.

I wish to enter for the following classes in the The 35th Eastington Autumn Flower & Veg Show:- (You may enter as many classes as you wish)								
CLASS NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER	CLASS NUMBER					
I HEREBY CERTIFY that all items have been produced by me in my own garden or allotment, or made by me.								
Signed	Name:							
Address								
Address:								
Total remittance:								

PRESIDENT: Lt. Cdr. W. R. Harris **CHAIRPERSON:** Mr D Haines SECRETARY: Mrs C Haines

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For more information, please email: tevfs@.outlook.com

THE COMMITTEE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SECTION A - Vegetables

CLASS

- (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) Shallots Large 8
- (7) Shallots Pickling under 1" 8
- (8) Onions White Dressed 4
- (9) Onions Red Dressed- 4
- (10) Runner Beans 6
- (11) Table Marrows Any Size pair
- (12) Plate of 6 mixed tomatoes
- (13) Tomatoes Salad Red 6
- (14) Cherry Tomatoes Greenhouse Red 6
- (15) Cucumber Ridge 2
- (16) Cucumber Telegraph 2
- (17) Courgette, under 6'' 2
- (18) Pears 4
- (19) Dessert Apples 4
- (20) Eating Apples 4

(21) Collection of vegetables

(21a) as (21) but for children up to 16 years.

Class 21/21a rules:

- Vegetables to be shown in standard size seed tray
- Pick 3 varieties from :-

3 Potatoes, 3 Carrots, 3 Tomatoes, 3 Onions, 6 Runner Beans

Section B - flowers

CLASS

- (22) Asters, Blooms in vase 6
- (23) Chrysanthemums, Any variety, Blooms -4
- (24) Chrysanthemums, Any variety, Spray -1
- (25) Dahlias, Pom Pom, Blooms 4
- (26) Dahlias, Decorative, Blooms 4
- (27) Dahlias, Cacti, Blooms 4
- (28) Gladioli Spikes 3
- (29) Gladioli Spike 1
- (30) Roses, Blooms 4
- (31) Rose, Bloom 1
- (32) Vase of cut mixed flowers, Quality of flowers only will be judged
- (33) Spray of Floribunda or Polyanthus Roses
- (34) Pot plant for flower
- (35) Pot Cacti
- (36) Pot Succulent
- (37) Pot Orchid

- Make sure you have the right quantity of each
- Parsley & raffia may be used to assist your display
- Carrots to be trimmed to 2 inches
- Larger trays or wrong number of vegetables will be disqualified

Section C - Cookery

CLASS

- (38) Homemade Chutney Pot
- (39) Homemade Lemon Curd
- (40) Homemade Jam Pot of soft fruit
- (41) Homemade Jam Pot Stone fruit
- (42) One small pot Any Jelly
- (43) 4 Scones Any variety
- (44) 4 Chocolate brownies
- (45) Homemade loaf, White using 1lb of Flour
- (46) Homemade loaf, Brown using 1lb of flour
- (47) Victoria Sponge, 7" round
 3 eggs with their weight in fat, flour & castor sugar
- (48) Cake made with carrot, beetroot or courgette.
- (49) Fruit Cake, 7" round, deep tin,
 60z margarine, 50z sugar, 3 eggs,
 90zs self-raising flour,
 10oz mixed fruit (incl. Cherries), 1 teaspoon salt,
 ½ teaspoon almond essence,
 1 level teaspoon mixed spice, little milk.

Section D - Children's Classes Up to 16 years.

- (50) A picture coloured to your choice (Available from the Village post office to colour during the summer holidays). Please write name and age on the back.
- (51) Picture of your choice made from natural materials e.g moss, leaves, twigs
- (52) Animal made out of fruit or vegetables
- (53) A piece of jewellery made to your own design
- (54) Garden on a plate (own design)
- (55) 4 Fairy Cakes decorated to your choice

Section E - Fun Section

- (56) Longest Runner Bean
- (57) Any other comical vegetable

Section F – The Eastington Allotment Society

- (58) Up to 5 items from your allotment.
- (59) Best overall allotment to be judged prior to show

Section G – Homemade wine, beer or cider

(60) Bottle of homemade wine, beer or cider.





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