



Two happy visitors obviously enjoying the new musical additions to Snakey Park



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Dear Readers,

Well it is amazing what life can throw at you and what you can learn. During the two months since I last put this magazine to bed, my bowel cancer has been suspected, scanned, diagnosed, and (hopefully) fully removed in a major operation. The NHS has many failings, it is certainly short of cash and a bit clunky, but I have met a huge number of frontline staff at both Gloucester and Cheltenham on this whirlwind journey, and the dedication to the work that they do and the genuine care that they offer *as individuals* - every single one of them - has been truly uplifting. And now here I am, functioning a bit slowly, but certainly alive and very grateful to everyone who has helped and supported me so much. Thank you. Jan.

It would seem that summer HAS arrived - even if it is still a bit patchy at the moment! The garden beckons and holidays are in the air - so whether you are in a deckchair on your lawn or the beach - or waiting at the airport, we hope you enjoy this latest edition of ECN and it's little look back over the last two months' activities in and around Eastington and it's brilliant community.

Jan, Tom and Mary.

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Omega Textile Exhibition 22 nd - 24 th June Whitminster VH	Frocester WI Garden Party 30 th June, 2pm at Bucketwell GL10 3TG	Quiz night at the Kings Head Sundy 17 th June 7pm Call in to book a table.
Arlingham Fossil Walk : Sunday July 22 nd , 1pm at The Badger or 1.30 at The Red Lion Arlingham;	Eastington Horse Show Saturday 4 th August	Eastington Fete and Duck Races Sunday 1st July 12-3pm at Eastington Primary School

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Community

Eastington Egg Hunt

On the 14th April we held the second Eastington Egg Hunt. The circular walk around the village featured 32 eggs decorated with this years' theme of TV shows.

Despite the forecast of rain it turned into a lovely sunny day and it was lovely to see so many happy smiling faces.

Thanks to Raffles Forest School we are able to offer free forest school activities and this year we were joined by Stonehouse Scouts who let children roast marshmallows over a fire pit.

No other event asks so much of so many different parts of the village, we are grateful to:

- Our hosts who had eggs attached to their gates and fences
- Our talented egg decorators
- The Kings Head House who acted as a great stop off point
- Our amazing businesses who sponsored eggs and are so willing and generous
- Our Volunteers who organised, publicised, set up, made cakes, manned stalls, cooked, painted faces, made tea and tidied away.

We think about 300 children enjoyed the day and the feedback was brilliant. In total we raised £2,500 which is split between Eastington School Parents Association and Eastington Playgroup.

Here is a full list of all the eggs, their talented artists and kind business sponsors:-

<i>Egg No</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Egg made by</i>	<i>Sponsored by</i>
1	Minion	Mother Goose	Mother goose
2	Hey Duggee	1st Stonehouse Scouts	1st Stonehouse Scouts
3	Postman Pat	Eastington School Council	AL Groundworks
4	He-Man	Matt Curtis	Smiths
5	Dennis the Menace	Ben Wheeler	M I Works South West
6	Telly Tubbies	Lisa Hart	Mike Naylor Chartered Surveyors
7	PJ Masks	Eastington Playgroup	Langley Construction
8	Noddy	Jan low	Naylor Powell
9	Shaun the Sheep	Janette Hicks	Cress Green Cattery
10	In the Night Garden	Nat Jones and class	Slimming World
11	Farthing Wood	Emma Levan	Raffles Forest School
12	Simpsons	Aimee Collins	Nimble
13	Rusty Rivets	Honour Clutterbuck	New Horizons Martial Arts
14	Blue Peter	Sam Spencer	Lost and Found
15	Worst Witch	Emma Hayward	Wheatly Printers
16	Trapdoor	Charlie Critchley	Crozier Wreaths for Yule
17	Fireman Sam	Lucy Powell	Fusion Electrical Services
18	Bagpuss	Liane Hadley	The Development People
19	Spiderman	Jen Dark	Arc Energy Resources
20	Mr Bump	Katy Smith	Lyndon Harris
21	Ben and Holly	Liz Hanks	Kings Head
22	Scooby Doo	Jo Daw	J.Broomhall Ltd Butchers
23	Dr Who	Marc Freebrey	Tease Hair and Beauty
24	Charlie and Lola	Sarah Babbage	Peter Hickmans
25	Peppa Pig	Chris Hancock	The Old Badger Inn
26	Bob the builder	Marc Freebrey	Steve Mills Roofing
27	Paw Patrol	Jo Pegler	Volkswagen & Audi Centre
28	Paddington	Lizzie Wroe	Dale Haynes Garden Services
29	Dangermouse	Rachael Walton	Omega Recruitment
30	Mickey Mouse	Becky Mother Goose	MidAS Communications
31	Pac-Man	Suzie Colley	The Nail Box
32	Peter Rabbit	Eastington Toddlers	Renishaws





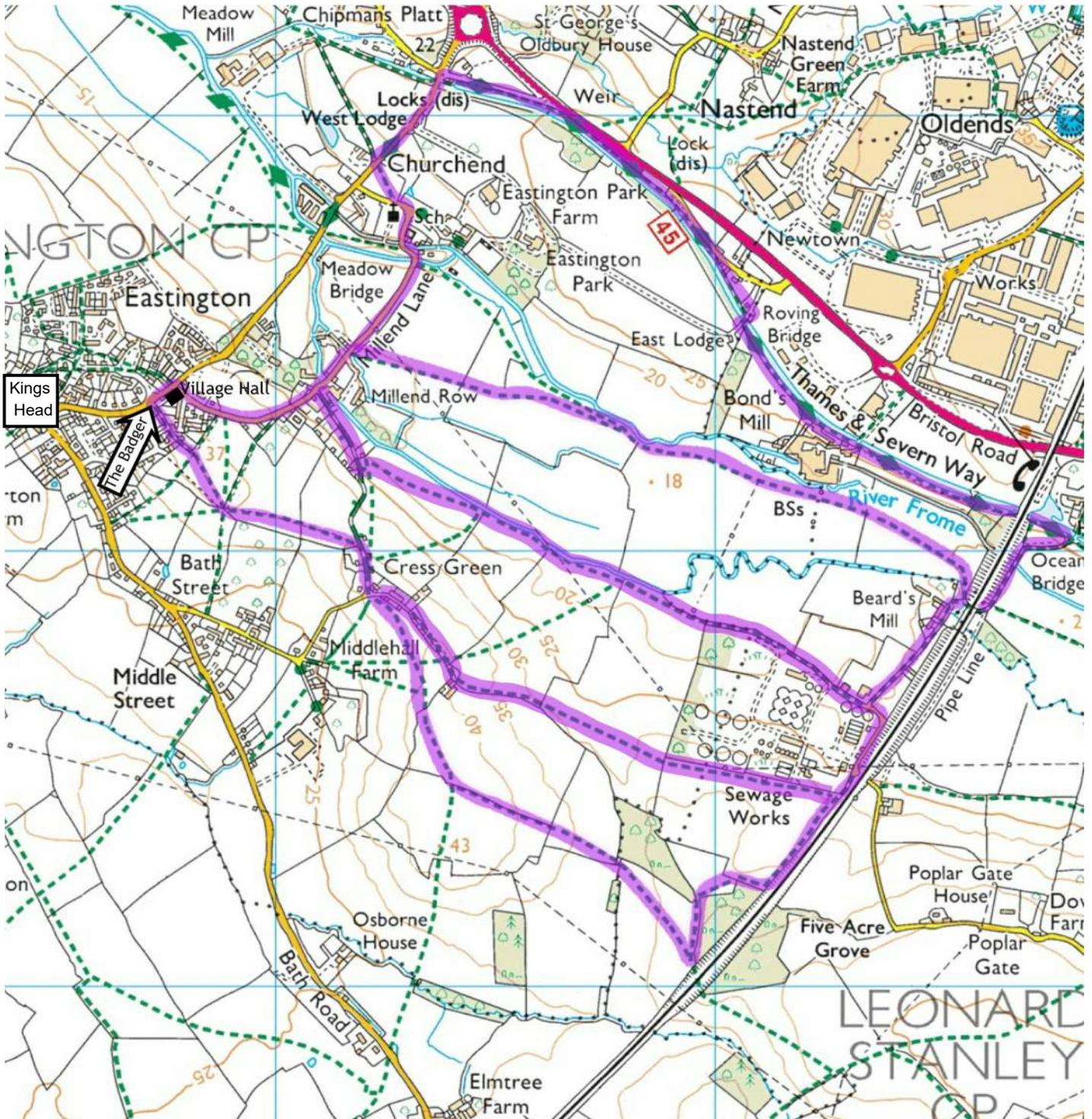
With sound effects!!



Groups

PROWD

Public Rights of Way Defenders



The 'East Circular' walks

A collection of footpath routes from the centre of the village - mix and match!

Colour page Sponsored by Bill Edwards

Basic map courtesy OS Maps

PROWD

The new kissing gates in Frocester have been installed, thanks to the Ramblers Holidays Charitable Trust generous donation, also the hard work of installing them, by the Cotswold Wardens. Thanks also to Sarah Macaulay-Lowe our County Footpaths Officer for all her help in co-ordinating supplies and liaising with the Wardens and Landowners.

Our very own Eastington Walking Group walked one of these lovely circular routes on Sunday 20th May in glorious Sunshine. Starting from ' The Badger ' at 1300 they walked to Cress Green, then down to the Bath Road near Osbourne House. Mike Payne, from Elmtree Farm very kindly cleared a fallen tree that had blocked the bridge over Wicksters Brook.(EEA66/EFR7) The walkers continued over the fields,..... and through the new gates (!!) until they re-crossed Wickers Brook and eventually arrived back at ' The Cross '... which is conveniently next to ' The Kings Head ' !!!!! Most of the walkers took the opportunity to have a refreshing drink and a chat in the lovely cool and shady rear garden. Well done to all you walkers,..... it was a very hot day.

The next walk with the Eastington Walking Group, will be on 17th June, starting at 1300 at ' the Badger ' . They will be walking the longest of the routes shown on the map,which will take in Five Acre Grove, then onto 'The Ocean' bridge on the Canal by Stonehouse Court, then back along the Canal to 'Pike Lock ' . Then,.... back to the 'Badger' for a well deserved drink !!!

As can be seen on the map, there are at least FIVE paths back to Eastington, so, if you want a shorter walk, its easy to do. !!

Please make an effort to take part,... you can walk as much, or as little, as you you want, in friendly company, and..... you can take your dog along !!!!!

I'm hoping that in the near future, we can install a couple of new gates at two places on the A38 which will give better and safer access to Fromebridge, and Cambridge.

Please contact me if you have any ' footpath ' issues. 824452 or, edwards.parish@btinternet.com

Best wishes for a healthy walking season, Bill Edwards

Eastington Horse Show

Saturday 4th August

Proceeds to village organisations and other charities



Plans for the show are well in hand and we are looking forward to another successful event. Eastington Horse Show has been taking place (on and off) for many years. A parishioner born in the 1930s remembers her father saying that he had competed as a young man.

We are very grateful to all helpers and supporters for their input - where would we be (literally) without the use of Messrs. Ecotricity's ground - thank you Mr Dale Vince.

There will be the usual assortment of classes: showing in-hand and ridden, dressage, show jumping and all the fun and games of the gymkhana classes (and fancy dress). Offers of help on the

day and in putting up and taking down welcomed. All offers of help welcomed. Please contact:

The Show Secretary Mrs Jane Hyett Tel 828781 or www.eastingtonhorseshow.com

NB. this could well be the last Eastington Horse Show as it is possible the ground will not be available next year....

Community



Eastington Fete and Duck Races Sunday 1st July 12-3pm.

This year we can offer live music, displays, traditional stalls, home made cakes and produce, and for those feeling active we have competitions such as welly wanging, beat the goalie, and our assault course.

For the younger ones we have a bouncy castle, crafts and face painting. The event is always well catered with a bar stocking real ale and a BBQ.

Of course we also have our famous duck race, this means we release 200 highly trained rubber ducks into the river, each duck is available for purchase and the winner gets a cash prize.

We always welcome more help, if you have donations for the locally made stall including plants and produce we will be very happy to accept them at school, also if you fancy volunteering on the day please contact eastingtonschoolpa@gmail.com.

It's a delightful way to spend an afternoon, every one is welcome and all funds raised go towards the school.

Raffles Forest School



Emma Levan of Raffles Forest School has been working with children from Eastington Primary school, after school hours. They have a corner of the Eastington Community Orchard to make their own, and they have been going about this with some gusto in recent months. They have cleared a huge area of brambles and undergrowth and (with only a little help from a man with a digger) have now started to create the pond which will form the basis of the wildlife habitat they want to create.

Emma writes : "So proud of the children at Eastington's Forest School Club. They worked so hard to clear the area and now we have a pond!! Who knew a hole in the ground would create so much excitement! FAB work everyone!

EASTINGTON SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our role as members of the Eastington School Council is to give a voice to the children of Eastington Primary School. We have two representatives for each of our five classes, allowing children to participate in formulating new ideas for our school and community. We also support charities, as well as having close links with Llanga Llanga School in Kenya, and Charles Dickens Primary School, London.

We meet once each term to discuss thoughts and ideas from all children to ensure that we all have a voice, giving everyone the opportunity to continually introduce new and different ideas to improve and contribute to the wider world. Sometimes we have a breakfast meeting which is extra fun as the croissants are lovely!

Here is a list of some of the activities and events we helped organise this year:

- Sponsored Class Marathon- it got us all active and raised approximately £1000 for CLIC Sargent Cancer/Leukaemia in Children & school).
- We entered the Christmas Tree Festival in the Church, our theme was 'Twas the night before Christmas'. Some children knitted stockings, some children made tree decorations - we were delighted when we came second!
- Our School Christmas performances raised money for Headway, a local charity that supports people who have had a serious head injury.
- All the school took part in World Book Day when we dressed as favourite book characters. A parents shared why reading was important to him in assembly and we all shared our favourite books with each other. The School playground markings - the School Council proposed new designs to enhance the playground, including play equipment.
- Did you spot 'Yolkman Pat' on our Easter Egg Trail? We made the egg together.
- We are currently collecting pre-loved football shirts which will be shipped to Llanga Llanga School in Kenya: they love their football as much as some of us!
- We are constantly thinking about how to keep ourselves safe: posters have been designed for placing around the school to remind us about road safety.

We have had a fun and busy year and look forward to continuing our involvement next year too.

Eastington School Council



Groups



Eastington Playgroup

Summer Newsletter

During the last term we planted seeds and looked at different life cycles. Following that we had great fun exploring St George's Day and made shields and swords, crowns and hats using our imaginations and learning about the use of tools and different materials.



To celebrate the Royal Wedding the children made their own sandwiches for our 'street party', and took it in turns to act out being the bride and groom, a member of the Royal family or wedding party. We had lots of comments from parents on facebook when we put the video on for everyone to see. The children were eager to share their news the following week about watching the wedding on the television with their families.

The final week of the half term we played lots of sharing and turn taking games which all support the children's confidence and friendships, helping prepare them with invaluable personal, social and emotional skills.

Pre School sessions at Eastington Primary School are going well, children are becoming more familiar with their new surroundings with Mandy and Donna who run this session on Wednesday afternoons during the summer term.

We wish all the children lots of luck in their next step at big school.

Next term we are planning a visit from a fire engine, the tooth fairy and a doctor coming to talk to us, an icecream van is visiting and finally Teddy Tunes.

Its going to be a very busy final half term!

Have a great summer everyon

Our playgroup offers care and education for all children from 2 ½ years to 4 years 11 months 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 have a few spaces available for new children to start in September and operate 4 days a week offering full and half day sessions. We also accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.



If you would like more details please contact the playleader **07977 342 742**

email eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com

or visit our website www.eastingtonplaygroup.wordpress.com

Eastington Spring Flower Show 2018



Ed Davis won the craft section, and 'Best in Show' for this magnificent hand-built model of a yacht - and Diane Davis won a 'first' for the extraordinary pot plant that you can see in the background



Isaac Folker (aged 8) had 'Most points in show' from childrens classes.



Queenie Jones took many of the prizes, including the John Ellis Trophy and the Doreen Fletcher trophy for 'Lady with most points in show'.



Helen Whitehead won in the Cakes and Biscuits sections



Shelagh Crowther's Daffs took first prize.

Ladies Of Eastington

At our April meeting we met Ginny and had a very informative and pleasant evening discussing Alzheimer's and Dementia. We talked about what Dementia was and broke down some of the taboos surrounding it leaving us all with a much better understanding. We have made a generous £40 donation to the Alzheimer's Society and consider ourselves 'Dementia Friends'. A huge thank you to Ginny and to Lynne Jessett Floristry for the beautiful bouquet she donated to Ginny to take for her residents to enjoy at the home she works at. Thanks also to The Kings Head for the exclusive use of their private room.

Mays meeting was a social catch up, a chance to have a natter and see what everyone's been up to and plan for future meetings

June's meeting has been organised by Tease salon and a select number of people will be attending the salon for demonstrations of new products and treatments! We are very excited.

Should anyone new to the village like to come along to a meeting please contact Anna-Marie on 07581 010884 we would love to welcome new members.

Events

Eastington Yard Trail

Once again, the Eastington Yard Trail, organised by Luke Honeychurch (and family!), was a huge success with many residents opening up their front gardens or driveways to exchange unwanted goodies for cash - and equally, with many residents wandering around and grabbing themselves some great bargains.

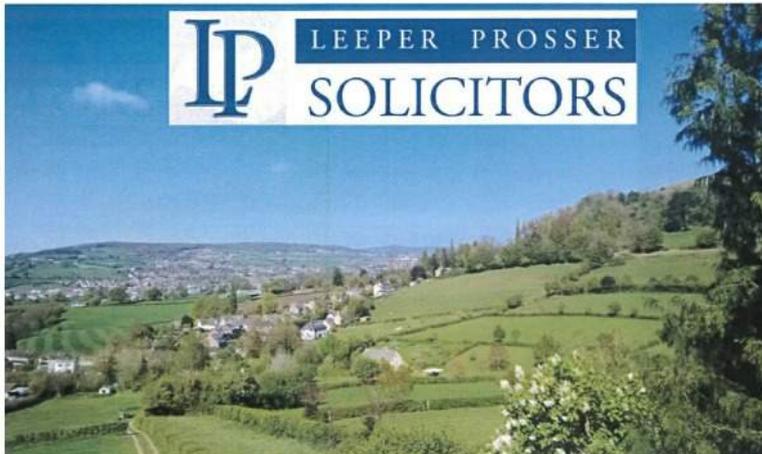
Lizzie Mills and her family and friends at Cress Green used the occasion to support two charities,. She writes:-

We'd like to say thank-you to everyone who came and bought goods from our yard sale in Cress Green. Also huge thanks to friends and family who donated so many items for us to sell, and to Luke Nicholas Honeychurch for organising the event.

We raised a staggering £414.00 for our Charities from the sale, of which we gave £214 to Clic Sargent and £200 to the Helen & Douglas Hospice .

*All unsold items were donated to H&D Charity shop in Cirencester, or to Break Charity shop in Stonehouse. We have since learned that the H&D charity shop have so far raised a **further** £413.73 from the donated left overs. What was even more amazing was the fact that just a few weeks later we held a coffee morning for 'Stand up to Cancer', and raised another staggering £653.20 for it. Thank you so much to all who bought items or donated money.*

From Steve & Liz Mills, Zoe and Adrian.



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Eastington Walking Group

Dear all

We enjoyed two fabulous walks recently. Our April walk took us to Minchinhampton where we enjoyed a hilly and blustery walk of around five miles. Following the path from the car park by the church in Minch we wound our way across the common and down through box and Amberley eventually coming out at The Weighbridge Inn on the Avening road. A rather soggy pint or two was enjoyed before our steep return journey homeward past a lovely lake and stables.

Our May walk started as usual at The Badger Inn following the path up behind and into Cress Green. We then came down a delightful meadow where we alighted onto one of Bill's famous bridges where upon Mike the farmer kindly kept his bulls busy whilst we meandered by, heading towards the road. We were delighted to pass with ease



through one of Bill's famous kissing gates and followed the route as shown in the last ECN taking us back through farmer Cozens fields and finally resting at The Kings Head. It was a very hot and sultry day and we were gratified to see Liz's welcoming smile when we arrived at the KH and promptly downed a cool pint of cider!

Look out for our next two walks:

The East circular walk map shown on Bill's PROWD page: Sunday June 17th

1pm meeting at the Badger five miles 2.5 hours (shorter option available which Bill will lead all being well)

Arlingham fossil walk : Sunday July 22nd

1pm at The Badger **or** 1.30 at The Red Lion Arlingham; Details to follow, will be no longer than five miles.

Please do get in touch for further info! Cheers! Vanessa 07806 802540

Find us on Facebook / Eastington Walking Group



Groups

Next Phase of Canal Restoration gets the Green Light

Stroud District Council and Cotswold Canals Trust have received backing from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), for the restoration of the canal between Stonehouse and Saul junction, including the 'missing mile' at Eastington.



The HLF picked '*Stroudwater Navigation Connected*' as one of just four projects across the country for development funding and the £842,000 announced today will make sure everything is in place to apply for a further £9 million of HLF money to allow the whole project to go ahead. If the HLF had not chosen this project, it would have been set back by at least a decade.

Prince Charles' obvious interest during his recent visit cannot have harmed our chances, but the real thanks must go to the volunteers who have done so much impressive restoration work already, and including those spending countless hours getting the HLF 'bid' together. Well done all concerned.

The stretch between Stroud and Stonehouse is already nearly fully restored; bringing the remaining four miles back in to use will link it to the Gloucester & Sharpness Canal and the rest of the country.

This will :-

- create 30 more hectares of biodiverse habitat,
- regenerate the canal towpath for recreational use,
- help to conserve and digitise archive material of the canal's history
- attract major tourism benefits,
- attract more than £100 million-worth of new private investment into the area within five years of the end of the project
- Studies suggest that boaters and visitors to a restored canal would spend more than £5 million a year in the Stroud district.

Stroud District Council leader Doina Cornell said "We knew that the bid was very strong but this is a huge relief and it means that working with partners, we can drive the project on and look forward to making Stroud and Stonehouse canal towns once again."

The project aims to take the canal under the M5 motorway, reinstate the 'missing mile' of canal near Eastington and forge a new stretch of canal under the Gloucester-Bristol railway line at Stonehouse.

The SDC-led canal restoration between Stonehouse and Thrupp has already transformed the canal corridor.

The whole Stonehouse-Saul project will eventually have cost around £24 million, with direct health benefits alone being calculated to be worth in excess of £37 million. The value to the area of private investment and business attracted is measured in hundreds of millions.

About the Heritage Lottery Fund and funding

HLF Heritage Grants applications are assessed in two rounds. *Stroudwater Navigation Connected* has initially been granted round one development funding of £842,000, allowing it to progress with its plans. Detailed proposals are then to be considered by HLF at a second round, where the final decision is made to release the full award of £9 million. Other funding comes from Stroud District Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Cotswold Canals Trust and the Canal and River Trust.

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We donate 5% of all hot drinks sales to charity for tree planting and habitat creation in the local area. We're open 9am - 4:30pm Weds to Sun and offer brunch Fri to Sun and wood-fired pizzas Fri & Sat evening. Booking is highly recommended for all services. Join our mailing list for details of events such as vegan tapas nights, wood-fired sourdough pizzas, storytelling sessions and foraging walks!

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The Grange Care Centre - Garden Party

on Saturday June 16th at 2pm

Entertainment with Rob Dee, BBQ, Stalls, Bouncy Castle, Refreshments, Raffle, Childrens Fancy Dress competition.

All proceeds will go to our residents' activity fund.

If anyone is willing to help us on the day or would like to run a stall then please contact Denise, Claire or Chris on the activities team phone: 01453 791 513. Donations of raffle prizes also gratefully received.



Everybody welcome - do come along!

Groups

Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

We've had a great couple of months at group. Lots of sharing of recipes and ideas and enjoying our weight loss journey as we head into those summer months.

This week we had a brilliant food taster session in all groups - our inspiration was The Royal Wedding. Everyone bought in a plate of food to share that we can enjoy on Slimming Worlds Extra Easy plan. With the theme of 'Tea Party' the tables were full of delicious food both savoury and sweet and it was lovely to share new ideas that we can then make for ourselves at home.

We've also talked about food ideas and healthy eating choices for day trips and summer BBQs as well as quick weekday evening meal ideas and packed lunches for work.

Lots of sharing and it's so lovely to give out all the amazing weight loss awards each week.



We've also been inspiring each other to get a little more active in our daily life and shared ideas that we enjoy. Walking, cycling, Swimming, Gardening, Tennis, outdoor gym, Zumba, water aerobics to name a few activities that are enjoyed.

The groups are so lovely and friendly, if you would like to lose weight healthily - come along and join us

Wednesday 9.30am Stonehouse Community centre and also Wednesday 5pm or 7pm at Eastington Village Hall.

Best wishes Lorna 07974937830

Thai-style chicken cakes

Serves: 4 Freezer friendly

Prep 15 mins Cook: 20 mins Ready in: 30-60 Mins

Syns per serving: FREE

Ingredients

4 large, skinless and boneless chicken breasts, roughly chopped

2 garlic cloves, peeled and crushed

1 tsp grated root ginger

6 spring onions, finely chopped

25g pack fresh coriander (leaves and stems), chopped

2 tbsp finely chopped fresh mint

1 tbsp finely chopped fresh lemongrass

Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lime

1 red chilli, deseeded and chopped

Low-calorie cooking spray

For the salad

1 large cucumber

1 large carrot

1 small red onion, thinly sliced

Juice of 1 large lemon

Method

Preheat your oven to 220°C/fan 200°C/gas 7.

Place the chicken, garlic, ginger, spring onions, coriander, mint, lemongrass, lime zest and juice and red chilli in a food processor and season lightly. Blitz until the chicken is finely ground and everything is well mixed. Divide the mixture into 12 portions and, using your hands, shape into small cakes.

Spray a large non-stick frying pan with low-calorie cooking spray, and fry the cakes over a medium heat for 3-4 minutes, turning once. Transfer to a non-stick baking sheet and cook in the oven for 6-8 minutes, or until cooked through.

Meanwhile, make the salad: use a vegetable peeler or mandolin to slice the cucumber and carrots into thin ribbons, and place in a bowl with the sliced red onion and the lemon juice. Season lightly and set aside.

Remove the cakes from the oven and serve immediately with the cucumber salad.

Tip: Swap the chicken breasts for 500g turkey mince (5% fat or less) if you prefer.

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The company is currently providing personalised community services in Stroud and the neighbouring villages. The company have gained an enviable reputation by building from word of mouth reputation. Some of the services provided include Personal Care, 24 Hour live in care, Palliative Care and Support, Respite Care and Dementia Care.



Flexicare staff (Left to Right)
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Community

The Churchyard and the Burial Ground

ECN has received a letter from a parishioner, which both highlights a genuine problem that people may face at an already difficult time and provides a context to clear up some of the confusion that exists regarding the Churchyard and the Burial Ground in general.

Glenys Dauncey writes:

Attention is drawn to all Eastington village families in order to make you aware of the problems you are likely to face in the future.

Following the death of my Uncle in February this year permission was refused for his ashes to be interred in the Garden of Remembrance, where the remains of five members of his family have already been laid to rest, due to legality issues since closure of the churchyard in 1975. I understand that action is now being taken to resolve the situation but this is a very lengthy process.

This situation relates ONLY to the Garden of Remembrance (or 'Memorial Ground') within the churchyard.

The more modern burial ground, situated across the lane from the Church, including it's Remembrance Garden, are owned and administered by the (secular) Eastington Parish Council, completely independently of the Church. These areas are not affected by this problem.

By way of further explanation, the Parochial Church Council writes:-

Eastington Parochial Church Council and the Churchwardens would like to express regret that confusion over the continued use of the Memorial Ground for the internment of ashes has caused some distress to members of our Parish. By way of explanation the situation is as follows:

The Churchyard including the area occupied by the Memorial Ground was closed on 6th August 1975 by virtue of the Burial Grounds (St Michael and All Angels Churchyard, Eastington, Gloucestershire) Order 1975.

The Churchyard remains within the ownership of the Church although the Parish Council have assumed responsibility for grass cutting and general maintenance.

Following recent requests for the internment of ashes in the Memorial Ground, the PCC sought to clarify whether such internments were covered by the Closing Order and the advice we have received from the Diocesan Registrar's legal department is as follows:

"The Order in Council means that from the date of the Order, burials on the land hatched on the plan are prohibited. There is an exception that burials are permitted in a family grave where a family member is already buried, provided that no part of the coffin is less than 3 feet below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

The Churchyard Regulations for the Diocese of Gloucester and the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1992 (section 3) provides that cremated remains may be interred in a closed churchyard, however a Faculty must be obtained prior to any internment".

Research of records does not reveal the existence of any Faculty previously applied for and we have asked for further advice, from the Diocese, on the next steps. Once we have received this advice we will issue a further statement.

Notes:

The Faculty jurisdiction is the Church of England's regulation of works to church buildings, their contents and churchyards. It ensures that churches are properly cared for, and that whatever is done to them is properly considered beforehand and carried out in the most appropriate way.

A Faculty is a licence to carry out work. Any work carried out in the absence of a Faculty is illegal.

Muriel Bullock and Mike Naylor, Churchwardens, St Michael and all Angels Church, Eastington 22nd May 2018

PARISH MATTERS

I am sure a lot of you will have made the most of the fine weather we've recently enjoyed. As I write this, we seem to be experiencing the extreme opposite, although the rain is much needed for the new planting. I only hope it knows when to stop with the Bank Holiday upon us.

As some of you will know, the extended leave of our Clerk, Julie Shirley, has led to a certain amount of pressure on Eastington Parish Council. We are grateful for your patience, if our response to requests and queries take a little longer than usual. However, we will continue, to try and answer any questions you may have, although secretarial time is currently restricted. Please be aware Anita, our temporary clerk, is limited to ten hours per week, so answers may not be as quick as you are used to. Vice Chair Jennie and myself are helping out as much as possible.

Everyone will have noticed the cheery floral decoration on the village gateways during the winter and spring. We are now looking for volunteers to help with the summer replanting of the gateway troughs, so please get in touch if you are able to help. We are anxious to get some dates when this can happen.

The Council is still in discussions with Stroud District Council (SDC) on planning matters at the Oldbury site. We also heard this week that the planning application for the Forest Green Rovers' stadium will be brought to The Development Control Committee (DCC) in October, so if you have any comment please visit the web site and register them.

Our clerk has received an email reporting a distressing incident in a field off Millend Lane on Wednesday 16th May at about 8.30pm. Apparently, two greyhound type dogs ran towards a mother and son who were attending their ponies in the field. The mother felt very threatened and told her son to get in the car. When she spoke to the owner, he was aggressive and said it was her fault. Unfortunately, the Parish Council cannot do anything about this, and the complainant was advised to contact the police on the 101 number.

I would just like to remind dog owners that, when there is livestock in fields, dogs should always be on their leads.

Muriel Bullock (Chair Eastington Parish Council) murielbullock@gmail.com 01453 826172

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www.stroudshow.co.uk

Community

Frampton on Severn Bowls Club



At last some decent weather and we can get out on the green and play our sport. After a delayed opening of the green we soon got going and the games are coming "thick and Fast" League Games, County Competitions, Friendlies etc etc.

At Frampton we cater for all ages and all skill levels. Plenty of Friendly games against neighbouring Clubs as well as League games and Cup games. Nothing better (except playing that is) than sitting on the balcony of the Clubhouse watching a good game of competitive bowls on a summers evening with a cool drink.

Why not come up and have a go. We can supply you with a set of bowls and trainers are OK. This is the ideal time to "Have a go". The sun is shining, the green is bowling well.

Please contact our Club Secretary Tom Griffiths on 01452 740013 and he will organise for somebody to meet you at the Green.

OPTIMISING HEALTH - USING FOOD AS MEDICINE

With Dr Ian Lake from Frampton Surgery

Some of the foods we consider a staple part of our diet are contributing to ill health and disease - including diabetes and obesity - and this talk explores the role that carbohydrates play in this process.

TUESDAY 12th June. 7.15pm at Frampton Youth Football Club (opposite the surgery)

To book, please email myppg@framptononsevern.com or call 01452 741988. There is no charge for this session.

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients working with Frampton's GP surgery to help improve services. We want to better understand your needs, priorities and issues, so we can work together to deliver the highest quality of health care locally. WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS ... Please give us any feedback or suggestions for improvement - just email or call as above.

- or visit our website www.framptonsurgery.co.uk

THE LORD LIEUTENANT OF GLOUCESTERSHIRE

Friday 22 June 7.30pm. Frampton Village Hall, Frampton on Severn GL2 7EA Cost: £3.50 to visitors

Frampton Village Society are hosting a talk by Dame Janet Trotter who will be describing her role of Lord Lieutenant and her life experiences in support of her work.



District Councillor's Newsletter

By the time you read this we will be embroiled in planning issues, so nothing new there then.

The first is the latest application for **West of Stonehouse**, which will have gone to the Development Control Committee where we will have spoken out against this. This is unfortunate as up until now we have largely got agreement to modify plans to achieve our objective of getting the best possible development we can. The reason we will speak against is that the proposed "buffers" are inadequate to achieve their objective of providing strategic buffer. This is after a number of meetings but not enough progress. I hope that the Committee will decide to send this application back for further work.

The second is the **Ecotricity Stadium** proposal which we are expecting to come to the Development Control Committee in the summer. Currently there is no date. We will be raising concerns that this is not in the local plan, will have impact on the traffic and is too close to William Morris House.

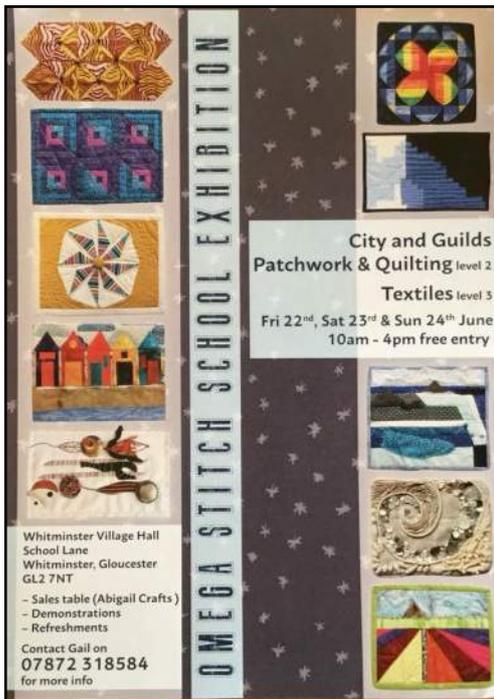
In other news Stroud District Council is under continuous **Financial Pressure**. Some of the actions being taken cause concerns including the reduction in Neighbourhood Wardens and the introduction of Parking charges in Nailsworth and Wooton particularly in comparison with the money still being spent on the Stroud Subscription Rooms. Politics is about prioritising decisions and that is something we take very seriously.

Finally it is excellent news that the Lottery Heritage fund made a grant that allows the continuing work on the Stroudwater Canal. More money will be required to complete this but this is a significant next step.

As ever if there is anything we can do to help please contact Stephen Davies at

cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk tel: 07802 595 307

John Jones at cljr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk tel: 07808 922 918.



OMEGA STITCH SCHOOL EXHIBITION

Whitminster Village Hall
School Lane
Whitminster, Gloucester
GL2 7NT

City and Guilds
Patchwork & Quilting level 2
Textiles level 3
Fri 22nd, Sat 23rd & Sun 24th June
10am - 4pm free entry

– Sales table (Abigail Crafts)
– Demonstrations
– Refreshments
Contact Gail on
07872 318584
for more info



Frocester WI

We're having a
Summer Garden Party
at **Bucketwell, Frocester GL10 3TG**

Saturday 30th June 2018
2pm - 5pm

Entry, tea and a cake £3
Plant Sale, Sideshows, Tractors
Please join us!

Friends and family welcome
Plenty of parking, cover if wet

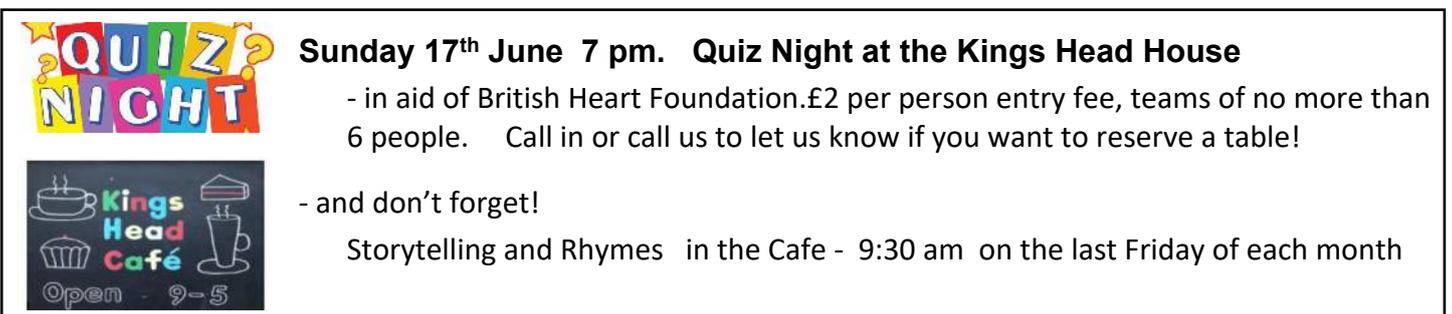


Cotswold Youth Singers'
summer concert

A Sprig of Thyme

Saturday 16 June 7pm
Eastington Church

Tickets £5 (£2.50 for students)
Available on the door
or from choir members



QUIZ NIGHT

Sunday 17th June 7 pm. Quiz Night at the Kings Head House

- in aid of British Heart Foundation. £2 per person entry fee, teams of no more than 6 people. Call in or call us to let us know if you want to reserve a table!

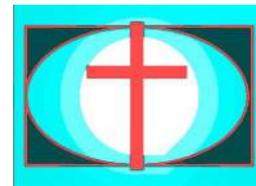
- and don't forget!

Storytelling and Rhymes in the Cafe - 9:30 am on the last Friday of each month

Kings Head Café
Open 9-5

Church

Eastington Methodist Church



Eastington Methodist Church Activities	
Baby & Toddlers Group	Mondays 10 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings	Usually Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am & Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am
Lunchtime Bible Study	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm
Bible Study House Group	Tuesdays – 7:30pm (at The Pike Lock House GL10 3RT)
Youth Club (11-18)	Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm
Main Service (separate activities for children/young people available)	Sundays 11am (Café Church – June 10th & 17th and July 8th & 15th)
<i>All held at EMC which is opposite the butchers in Eastington, unless stated otherwise</i>	

New Members

In April, we were very privileged to formally welcome six people into formal membership. This brings our current membership level to the highest it has been for many years.

We are also pleased that we have a number of younger adults attending as in many churches this is seen as the missing generation.



Messy Events

These take place in the school holidays. If you have missed the one on Wednesday 30th May with its Noah and his Ark theme, not to worry, the summer one is on **Monday 30th July 10:00 – 11:30am.**

Café Church

We now usually have two of these a month on the 2nd and 3rd Sundays. We are following a theme of looking at the life and ministry of Jesus and the one on June 10th will be looking at the story of Jesus' baptism.

The Café Church on the 17th is a one off special where we will be hosting a visit by SIFT, a Christian charity that works in Nicaragua. For all ages with quizzes and/or craft activities, usually a video with drinks at the start and more drinks and cakes at the end, what is there not to like? Everyone welcome. There is no charge; a voluntary offering is taken.

Youth Club

Just a reminder that Youth Club runs on Friday evenings from 7:00 – 9:00pm and children going up to secondary school this summer (i.e Year 6 now) can start to come along now and would be very welcome.

Eastington Methodist Church

A THANK YOU FROM BECK!

I just wanted to take this opportunity to say a big THANK YOU.

Many of you will know that I was diagnosed with cancer, (follicular lymphoma) towards the end of last year, and that since then have been undergoing a course of 6 chemo therapy treatments (one every 21 days).

Thank you to all of you who have sent cards, flowers and spoken kind words when we've met. It has been a great encouragement.

Thank you, especially, to those who have prayed for me. Throughout this time God has heard and answered those prayers. Even in the early stages of trying to diagnose what type of cancer I had, when the doctors thought it was stage 3 or 4 lung cancer (which would have meant I could have been dead by now) I have known God's peace. That peace that "passes understanding" (Philippians 4:7). That peace that is based on the firm foundation and certain fact that I have a Heavenly Father who loves me (Jeremiah 31:3), who cares for me (1Peter5:7), and whose plans are for my good (Jeremiah 29:11).

We live in a world where bad stuff happens – there is sickness, problems and death. And there can be that tendency to think "Why me?", "How can God allow that?". There is a verse in the Bible that speaks about this.

"Does it mean God no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death?"

Romans 8:35

And the answer the writer comes up with is this: "And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38-39

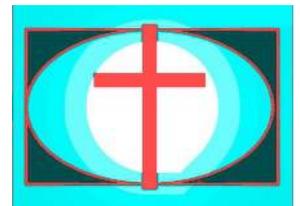
If we have asked Jesus to forgive us and be our rescuer, then there is no longer a barrier between us and God. He is no longer far away, or fierce. Instead, as we put our trust in Jesus, and give our lives to Him, we are adopted by God as His children, and He becomes our loving Heavenly Father. He will never, ever leave us now (in this life), nor when this life ends.

If you'd like to know more, why not get in touch, or come along to Eastington Methodist Church and find out for yourself.

God bless, Beck (Burgin) Tel: 075 11 19 72 65

Ken Burgin – Senior Steward

Ken, Beck & Liz Burgin 01453 827414



Meet New Friends at the Badger

Every Tuesday 3pm - 5pm we hold our weekly Coffee & Conversation afternoon. Do come along for complimentary tea or coffee with cakes and sandwiches.

The Badger is a popular meeting place and you are sure to meet others for a good old chinwag. You don't need to live alone or to be in any particular age group to feel in need of a bit more company.....so come along, we're waiting to meet you.



Groups



1st Eastington Brownies

We have had a busy term since Easter having girl-led guiding as it should be – the Brownies completed a survey before Easter asking them what they wanted to do, and every single girl wrote swimming, so we've been off to Dursley pool to do our swimmer badge.



We frequently hold a "pow-wow" which is the Brownie equivalent to a council meeting! At the latest pow wow the girls decided on the refreshments for our street party which included "cups of tea & adult biscuits".

We've had some fun out of doors in our Easter egg hunt which was delayed until after the school holidays and we've played some traditional street party games to celebrate the royal wedding last week but Wednesday's weather is always the coldest of the week! We are hoping to get and about the village now the weather is warming up and we have a badge to complete.

We've been working in small groups to allow our new brownies to prepare for their promise ceremony on 14th June. We've also all worked together to do some secret writing to each other.

We are having a real push this term and next to complete some of the traditional brownie badges before the new brownie programme starts in September.

However, we would really like a few more brownies to join us, we meet on Wednesdays in the village, girls need to be between 7-10 years old.

Come and see us at the Eastington Duck Race on 24th June and "splat that rat" again, the brownies will be selling personalised "I raced a duck" badges! We are always looking for opportunities to get involved in the life of the village. **Please contact Brown Owl on (01453) 825577**





The Runaway Horse

A story created by Ella Manqan (age 9) for her writers' badge :

One day there was a great Brownies, Eastington Brownies. They were amazing and did all of the things kids want to do. They were great. About 12 children came to this super Brownies so it was quiet which was nice. They loved it. I mean, wouldn't you?

One Wednesday they decided to play a few games, which they all loved. They played Tag and Stuck in the Mud and much more. They were all loving it. They were playing and playing then they heard "clip clop" behind them. All of the children stopped playing. They could still hear it, so they turned around and there were ginger, black & brown and white horses behind them. They all froze in shock. "What is that?" said Brown Owl in shock? "I I don't know" said one of the children trembling, "It's a horse".

They tried to grab the worried black horse, but it got scared and ran away. It went across the road stopping traffic. What could the Brownies do? The rest were good and well behaved and luckily, they were all saddled. The owner of the horses wasn't home, so they climbed on them and started to trot down the road. They knew the black horse would probably not be saved. Genius! They kept going till they could see the horse that was quiet far away.

Luckily the horse was in a field which was good because they could all canter to get the run-away horse. That horse was a show jumping horse which meant he was the best. Brown Owl said "I will go on the road and go in the field, so he can't run, while the rest of you keep watching" she waved as she left.

They got to the sight of the horse and it had no where to go with Brown Owl one end (to the entrance of another field) and the Brownies at the other. Brown Owl leapt off her horse and got hold of the other.

When they got back with all of the horses, the owners had just arrived and they looked puzzled. Then they looked behind them and saw all the Brownies and horses. "My golly" said one of the owners "what happened here?" "Well" said Brown Owl and explained it to them. Their eyes lit up in joy "Why thank you" both the owners said together. Then they all smiled and laughed.

The End

Eastington Cricket Club

If the wind is from the South-West and the M5 traffic isn't too heavy, you might just hear the sound of bat on ball coming from the Owen Harris Memorial Ground on a Saturday afternoon.

Eastington play in the Stroud and District Cricket League where games start at 1.30 pm and each side bowls 40 overs. If you are coming to watch you might like to bring folding chairs and a picnic. There is a car park right next to the ground.

Home games are arranged for: 2/6, 16/6, 30/6, 7/7, 21/7, 30/7 (Monday), 11/8, 25/4 but, beware, games sometimes get postponed/rained off. Even better, why not try playing? If you want to, have a word with the fixture Secretary/Captain, Roger Beese 01453 823128.

Keith Dench Hon. Secretary 01453 764990.

Community



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For more information on any of our services please call:

Liz West on 01452 302542 option 3

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