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Dear Readers,



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A few can lay claim to having delivered virtually every single issue of the magazine since it's re-birth in 1990. In those early days, before the internet and all that, ECN was a vital organ of communication, keeping Eastingtonians informed of all the goings on at Parish, District and County Council. Perhaps these days - and no less importantly - it serves more to celebrate and foster our wonderful and vibrant community.

Three of these special people, who have been with ECN since the very beginning, have recently felt retirement calling - Alice Elliott, and Mr and Mrs Reg Parry - shown here at the celebration of our 150th edition - 25 yrs of ECN.

So a huge Thank You to every one of you who give up your time for the benefit of all - and a very special Thank You and Happy Retirement to you, Alice, Maryann and Reg for all that you have done to help keep Eastington folk 'in touch' over the years and to help our community to flourish.

Tom, Jan and Mary

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Next deadline for October issue : Monday Sept 17th, for delivery w/e of Sept 29th

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PARISH MATTERS



I have just looked at my previous article and notice it was raining when I wrote it, I don't think we have any significant rain since.

I hope at least some of you are enjoying the heat.

We are still dealing with planning applications from the Great Oldbury site and will be for some time to come I think.

The Ecotricity application isn't expected until November but please still enter your comments on the SDC (Stroud District Council) web site.

I hope the people who complained at the workmanship on the pavements in the Victoria Drive/Cotswold Avenue area have been back now they have been finished, it took Parish Councillors many months of meetings to get GCC highways to agree to do the work, so it is very disappointing when we see negative comments on social media I can assure you we all work very hard to do our best for Eastington and its Parishioners.

Muriel Bullock (Chair Eastington Parish Council)

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Happy Birthday the Phonebox !



Amazingly, it is just about a year since the phone box opened its doors to all you avid readers out there - the young and less young.

- And it still looks as good today as it did then -

So a very huge thank you to everyone who has contributed, used it, and helped to keep it tidy.

Special thanks are due to the phonebox minders - Vera Potter, Kirsty-Anne Cutler, Tina Lange and Sue Withers.

Well done Eastington, yet again!

(Good Quality Children's Books are especially appreciated)



Alkerton Rangers

We are looking for more players for this season - let's not let the local football team fold. There has to be a lot of new faces moved to the village who might like to support the local teams and keep them going.

Training is Thursday evenings at Owen Harris memorial ground.

New and old faces are welcome - just come along.

let's keep the team alive!

For more details phone Martin Elliott on 07557 360 901

District Councillor's Newsletter

I hope like me you have been enjoying this long hot spell although I am always conscious that by the time you read this we may be in the wettest and coldest August in history.

There have been some "hot" political issues at Stroud District Council and I would like to update you on 3 of them.

The first is the latest application at West of Stonehouse, or Great Oldbury as we will all come to call it. I think that there were some significant improvements achieved in the process including house design, footpaths and the buffer between the development and Westend particularly. Sadly despite the efforts of the Parish Council, Councillor John Jones and myself at the Development and Control Committee we did not achieve all we wanted. There could have been a better buffer. Going forward I believe that future applications require our continued vigilance which we are committed to, although may have less challenges.

The second issue is the sale of the Subscription Rooms in Stroud to Stroud Town Council for £1, with a £230,000 grant and after Stroud District Council spend £120,000 on repairs. This contrasts with an offer from Ecotricity to buy the building and keep it as a public Arts Venue for £300,000. I believe that although an important Public Asset, and as due diligence has not been done on the Ecotricity proposal personally I don't believe this is the best deal particularly for the wider District beyond Stroud.

The third issue is Car Parking where Stroud District Council has proposed and is consulting on the introduction of parking charges in Nailsworth, Dursley, Stratford Park and Wotton. This they claim is not to raise money but to increase "churn" at these sites. I have personally collected signatures at all 4 venues and believe this is a mistake. At Full Council recently I seconded a motion to have this considered by Full Council not just at Committee which was agreed so I will keep you updated.

Finally I wish you the best for the rest of the summer. The autumn will bring the Ecotricity Stadium Planning Application to the Development and Control Committee and more challenges.

As ever if John or I can help you please contact us at Cllr.John.Jones@stroud.gov.uk or cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk or 07802 595 307.

Stephen....

John Jones adds: I've written to the Case Officer on the Westend Farm enlargement application copied in to the planning manager and team manager objecting on Highways grounds It should be on the Eastington PC application page shortly.

John is convalescing following Hip surgery - we wish him well and hope for a speedy recovery. Ed

Dennis Shill

The family of the late Dennis Shill would like to sincerely thank neighbours and friends for their kind words and cards, also for attending Dennis's funeral and generous donations to the Great Western Air Ambulance Charity.

Local History

A Walk down Middle Street

Steve Mills

A snowy April in 1908. Looking from Muddles Hole toward Middle Street.



One of Eastington's quieter backroads is Middle Street. This branches off the Bath Road *en route* towards Frocester, and wends its way up to Cress Green, where the road now ends. However, this was not always the case and in days long gone, it formed part of an important through route much used by carters and carriers moving goods between local villages and cloth mills.

Wagons regularly travelled along a now-lost 'road' (probably more of a trackway) that once linked Cress Green with Beards Mill in Leonard Stanley and beyond. Apparently it fed into 'Slough Lane' near The Grove, before making its way to Cress Green. Goods transported included wool, cloth and agricultural produce. At times, it must have been a difficult route as there are frequent stories of loaded wagons getting stuck in the mud. At times, these were sometimes hauled out by one of the local farmer's bulls.

Middle Street's days as an important transport link have long gone, although in earlier times, it must have been quite a busy place.

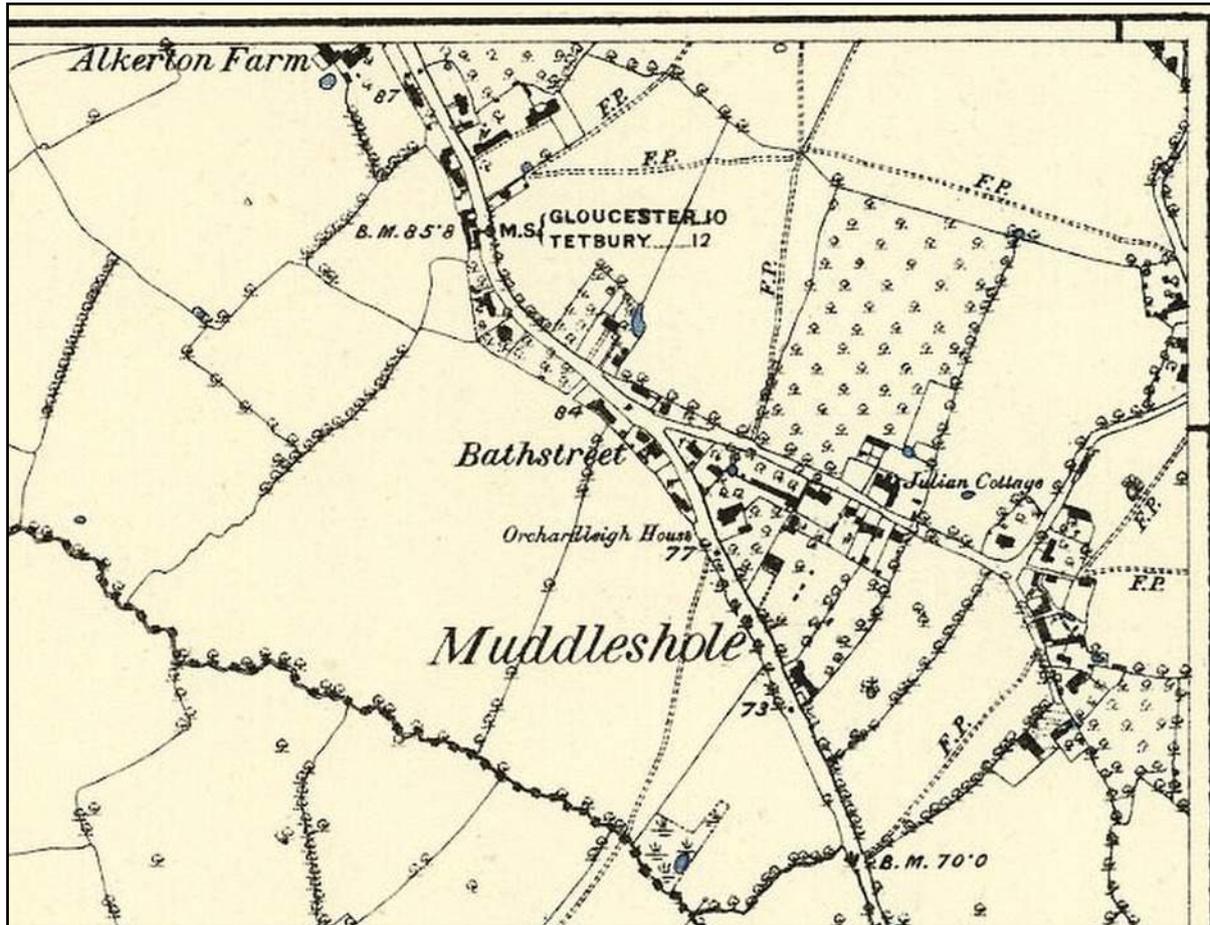
Originally mainly open fields, Middle Street

and the area around Muddles Hole were developed mainly during the late 18th and early 19th centuries by the building of a numerous two-storey brick-built cottages. Most of these were in pairs although there were also terraces, such as Bath Terrace, that backs onto the Street. The reason behind this localised outburst in building was mainly the need to house the increasing number of workers being brought in to man the village's cloth mills. Following this period of activity, for a long time, little changed in Middle Street – old 19th and 20th century maps confirm that this was limited largely to the odd bit of infilling.

This was a period when most villagers didn't travel far and relied heavily on trades and services on their doorsteps. So, at times, a traveller making his way along Middle Street would have passed several farms, at least one of which was flanked by a large orchard that spread down to the road. If he was thirsty, he could stop off at *The Royal Oak*, one of the village's many pubs - but perhaps the beer wasn't up to scratch or the landlord was unfriendly, as it only lasted around 20 years. By the 1880s, there was a blacksmiths forge at the end of the road, and in the 1930s, a cabinet works was recorded. In the early 19th century, there was a brick yard on south side of the road. More recently, where Middle Street turns off the Bath Road, for many years, there was Mr French's little antique shop.

Like other village roads and hamlets, it's hard to visualise how these now-tranquil backwaters were once thronged with people making their to and from work on foot, tradesmen transporting and delivering goods, as well others meeting the needs of the local populous. On the next page are a couple of evocative reminders of an age gone by.

Local History



A section from the 1885 OS map showing Middle Street branching off from the Bath Road. The layout of cottages etc. is largely unchanged

The name Muddleshole covered the area that includes what we now know as Middle Street. We do not know whether or not there was a connection between these names, or indeed any connection with 'mud' - but there still is a Muddleshole Cottage in Middle Street, with evidence of a stream running nearby. Ed.



A gathering of local residents. Judging by their Edwardian looking dress, the photo probably dates from the early 1900's

Local History



Mrs Bliss c.1950

Megan Timbrell has deep roots in Eastington. Coming from a long line of Eastingtonians, she was born in Cress Green and lived there for many years at what is now Cress Green Cattery. Her mother, Mrs Bliss, now 94, has written down some of her early memories of living here, and Megan has been typing and collating these. This is precious living history, and tells of a time - such a short while ago really - when things were so very very different..

Childhood Memories of Eastington

One of my earliest memories comes from the late 1920's when as a small child I was taken by my father to a house in the lane from Cress Green to Millend. The detached house was called 'Fairview' probably changed by now*. Two sisters and their brother occupied the house. Both unmarried, one sister Kate Cole had only one arm, the result of a cycling accident when a girl, together with her older sister Lucy they looked after their disabled brother Charlie Cole.

Charlie was contained in the most deformed body I have ever seen. To move around he was almost completely doubled over, and could only shuffle along supporting his back against the garden fence as he made the daily trek out into the garden. He propelled himself along by moving what must have been grotesque feet (in specially made boots) one after the other with his equally deformed hands. But this twisted body was crowned with the face and head of a benevolent professor. Eyes always twinkling and ever a smile on his face, this is how I remember him.

He would come shuffling around from the back of the house to his little domain, a collection of small low sheds with a corrugated iron roof which I always found fascinating. It was affectionately known as 'First Class' and here Charlie would entertain his friends who visited him regularly. They were mostly the men who had befriended him in his younger days and taken him out in his basket wheelchair. There had been trips to Newnham on Severn over the river on the ferry from Framilode, then walking and pushing back over the 12 miles into Gloucester Railway Station, a train to Stonehouse and the walk home.

It was the custom of my father to visit Charlie on Saturday mornings and he nearly always took me with him. I would sit beside him in 'First class' on a low seat on which he had hoisted himself up and I would listen to him and my father discussing football, cricket, religion and world affairs, for Charlie was a great reader and had enormous piles of newspapers, magazines and books on the shelves of his little haven. His deformed body certainly had no connection with his very fine brain and intellect.

I look back on those Saturday mornings not only with nostalgia but with affection and gratitude, for though I certainly did not realize it while a 4 to 5 year old, they played a great part in my education of life. Charlie gave us a quality and richness that no media today could give.

What may seem strange is that I never at any time felt surprise or revulsion at his appearance. I just accepted it, as many of us did in those days, there being no sophisticated treatment or state help for anyone unfortunately to be born with any handicap. There was a care and neighbourliness for those in this situation, so sadly lacking in today's world – for love and not financial reward.

**'Fairview' is the house in Millend that was occupied by Mrs Smith when we came here 30 odd years ago. It has since changed hands a couple of times, been renovated and extended and is now known as 'Frome Cottage'. Ed*



Education

1st Eastington Brownies

The weather on Wednesday evenings has certainly provided us some opportunities to get out doors this term. You may have seen us out in the village, as we completed a rose petal trail to Snakey Park or stormed the Co-op to buy ice-creams, so we could check out our local surroundings for mapping on a blank OS map for the "Out & About" badge. We've had a teddy bears picnic with teddy's in fancy dress, naturally prizes were tiny rubber ducks in honour of Eastington's own duck race.

Naturally everyone had a fantastic time "sliding" at our end of term slip & slide party and consuming 2 litres of ice cream afterwards! However, the highlight of the term had to be our fund raising and recruitment drive at the Duck race. The brownies were amazing in securing customers and have received their fund-raising badge as a reward.



Making their Promise : Maude & Amy

We've done some serious things too, as we took part in the "Future Girl" survey to let politicians know what the girls of the future are concerned about. We combined Parliament's Equalities event with a Promise ceremony & a last chance to do the brownie Hostess badge; before we embark on the new programme in September, which we are all excited about. However, the official badge to mark 100 years of the woman's vote was given back by one brownie who thought it was too boring (right)



Planning is underway for our first brownie sleepover in October and we are always looking for opportunities to get involved in the life of the village, so please contact me if you have events running we could join in.

Also, if you have a new brownie for us, between the ages of 7-10 years old, please contact Brown Owl on (01453) 825577

Ava Martin, Age 9 yrs, creative story written for her writers' badge.

The Lost Cat

Once upon a time, there was a cat called Topsy, she was a mischievous cat that lived in a cottage with her owner Rose. Topsy would usually come in at night but one cold dark night she didn't. The next morning Rose called her, but she didn't, so after school Rose went looking for her. She looked and looked but Topsy was nowhere after 2 weeks she was still missing. Rose looked and looked again, and one night she heard a strange noise coming from the attic. So, Rose went up to look if she was hiding, but there was no sign of a cat, so Rose went back to bed. But once again she heard a strange noise coming from a different place, it was from across the hall, so she checked but there was nothing there.

"Strange" Rose whispered to herself.

So, she went back to her room and the next time she was awoken by her alarm clock and she went to check up in the attic hopeful she would find Topsy sleeping or meowing, but no one was there. After school she had to clean her room, and spotted Topsy hidden under the bed in a box filled with toys & cushions!!!!

The End

Church

St. Michaels & All Angels Church Eastington



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 Hon. Churchwarden : Jill Simmons (01453 825303)

Services in the Cotswold Edge & Stonehouse Ministry Area - August 2018

Sundays	5 th August Trinity 10 Proper 13 (p639) Exodus 16:42-44 or Ephesians 4:1-16 & John 6:24-35	12 th August Trinity 11 Proper 14 (p644) 1 Kings 19:4-8 or Ephesians 4:25-5:2 & John 6:35,41-51	19 th August Trinity 12 Proper 15 (p649) Proverbs 9:1-6 or Ephesians 5:15-20 & John 6:51-58	26 th August Trinity 13 Proper 16 (p654) Joshua 24:1-2a,14- 18 or Ephesians 6:10-20 & John 6:56-69
<i>Morning Service Readings</i>				
Eastington	11.15am Holy Communion Steve Harrison	11.15am Holy Communion Charles Minchin	6.00pm Sung Evensong Lay Led	Sat 25 th 1.00pm Wedding Liz Palin 11.15am Holy Communion Liz Palin
Frocester	No Service	8.00am BCP Communion Charles Minchin	No Service	9.30am Holy Communion Liz Palin
Haresfield	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay Led	9.30am Holy Communion Angela Reeder	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay Led	6.00pm Holy Communion Liz Palin
Moreton Valence	9.30am Holy Communion Charles Minchin	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay Led	9.30am Holy Communion Liz Palin	9.30am Morning Prayer Lay Led
Standish	Fri 3rd 10.00am BCP Communion Sunday No Service	Fri 10 th 10.00am BCP Communion Sunday No Service	Fri 17 th 10.00am BCP Communion Sunday 19 th 11.15am Holy Communion Steve Harrison	Fri 24 nd 10.00am BCP Communion Sunday 3.00pm Said Evensong Lay Led
Stonehouse	9.30am Café Church Lay Led 6.00pm Healing Service Steve Harrison	8.00am Communion Steve Harrison 9.30am Family Communion Charles Minchin	9.30am Family Communion Charles Minchin	8.00am Communion Charles Minchin 9.30am Family Communion Steve Harrison
Whitminster	No Service	11.15am Holy Communion Angela Reeder	No Service	11.15am Holy Communion Angela Reeder

Church

St. Michaels & All Angels Church, Eastington

HELP IS REQUIRED



As this year is the 100th anniversary of the 1st World War we are planning on putting together an exhibition in the Church as the War Memorial is within the Churchyard.

Julie Mitchell who won the 1st prize with her tree at the Christmas Tree Festival called Poppies, Berries and Poinsettia – Lest We Forget - has agreed to help me with this task.

The following are a list of the families from Eastington who lost men in both wars:

LIST OF THE FALLEN

In the 1st World War of 1914 to 1918.

Charles Almond	William Drew	Thomas Lewis	James Sleeman
Godfrey de Lisle Bush	Laurence Duxbury	Herbert Marling	Thomas Tudor
John de Lisle Bush	Herbert Harvey	Albert Morgan	Alfred Underwood
David Butt	Thomas Howell	Samuel Reynolds	John Wothers
Ernest Creed	Robert Hulbert	Harold Ruck	Gilbert Young
Ernest Daniels	George Keene	Maurice Shill	
Arthur Davies	Arthur Keene	Artemas Silvey	

In the 2nd World War 1939 to 1945

Claude de Lisle Bush	Ernest King	Frances Harry Winfield	Marston Everett
Cyril Arthur Cowley	Ernest Knight	Harold Walter Barnes	

If any of the above families are still within the village or surrounding area or if people know where they are, could they please get in touch as we would like to get as much information on the people who were lost in both wars to inform the villagers of today as to what happened to them and something about their lives.

Steve Mills has kindly said he will help with old photographs of the village and surrounding area during that time; The Ladies of Eastington have also said they would very much like to help out with perhaps knitting/crocheting poppies in both red and lilac (for the animals lost) and anything else we can think of and the Kings Head have shown an interest in possibly cooking food from that time over Armistice weekend which this year happens to fall on the weekend of 11th November.

The Government have also asked if as many people as possible could ring bells (any sort be it hand bells etc) on that Sunday in tribute to the fallen both in Church/Schools/Playgroups etc which we are hoping to do in Church as well.

The other thought was to run a café in Church selling food from that period over the weekend of 9th/10th/11th November when the exhibition will be open to all the villagers.

We also are after 33 pairs of old leather boots to line the path up to the Church to denote the number of men lost in both Wars. So if any one has any old boots they can donate they would be very much appreciated.

If anyone has any camouflage netting that would also be very welcome as would any men who could help with building a representation of a dug out so the children could see what it was like during those days in Flanders.

Jacky Naylor 01453 822728

Church / Community

St Michael & All Angels Church Eastington - Leaky Roof



When the hot weather is over make sure you look out your broly if you are thinking of coming to Church!

The roof of our 14th Century church has developed some serious leaks especially over the entrance door inside the Church and above the celebrated blue Denny windows. The north facing roof slope (the one facing the road) is in very poor condition. Various local repairs have been carried out over the years and we are now having to employ a builder to carry out some further patch repair. However, this does not remove the need in the not too distant future to completely renew the north facing roof cover. This will be a mammoth task. The roof cover is of graduated Cotswold stone tiles which means there are very large tiles at the eaves which get

progressively smaller towards the ridge. Such roofs are very costly to replace and since the Church is Grade II* listed there is no cheaper alternative.

The cost of the emergency repair work which is due to commence in August will have a significant impact on the church's modest resources and this money has to be found by St Michael and All Angels Parochial Church Council and there is no help from the Diocese in this regard. Once the emergency repairs are completed we will have to think of ways of raising substantial funds for more extensive repairs. There are various grants and other sources of finance we may be able to access but we will need to put together a plan with costing and a timetable to make a credible bid.

The church has served the inhabitants of this parish for many centuries and has played a central role in many historical events including the Reformation, a Civil War and two World Wars. The repair project will be a challenge but if successful will ensure the building will remain serviceable for future generations.

We need a person who is willing to take on this once in a lifetime rewarding project. If you are you that person or would be willing to lead or form part of a project team then please let me know.

Mike Naylor, Churchwarden St Michael and all Angels Church

Cooling off - or just chilling out !

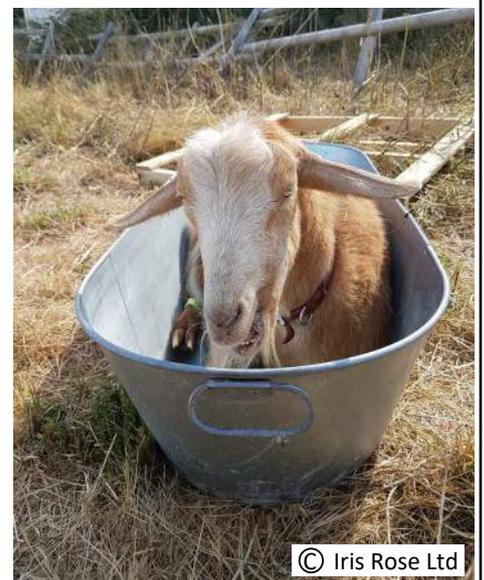


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This well sorted goat is one of Eastington's newest residents.

Living in the field at the top of Millend Lane, this lucky goat, along with his friends, some sheep and alpacas, is having a new lease on life, and obviously making the most of it.

They are all rescue animals currently being fostered by Susi Sharland.



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Eastington Primary School - May Queen



Hello, my name is Gabbie Whitaker and I was voted as Eastington Primary School's May Queen for 2018.

My journey began a few weeks before the ceremony. The day I wrote my speech I wrote about how much I wanted to be May Queen and how much it would mean to me and I think the other pupils understood where I was coming from and then all my friends and I had to wait a while to get the results.

After swimming, on the Thursday afternoon, I was so nervous about being the May Queen or not and as soon as I heard Mrs Mifflin say my name my heart was racing! All my friends came over to hug and congratulate me; I was extremely excited for the crowning day.

I was, and still am, so happy to be voted May Queen and glad to take on the responsibilities that the May Queen has to do. It is lovely knowing that I will be in the history of this village as the 2018 May Queen!

On the crowning day, I went up into the staff room to get ready. My mum and gran were there too, and my mum did my makeup and my nan was congratulating me. I then put on the dress and nervously waited to be taken round the playground. I was so chuffed in my lovely pink dress. Being crowned with a flower crown was the best moment of my life. I can't wait to hear who the next May Queen will be! I love this village and school and I'm happy to say that key moment will stay with me for life. I would love to say a thank you to Miss Greening for crowning me, Ms Avastu for walking me round and all the teachers that were there to support me. I also want to thank Mr Dougan for taking my pictures and all my friends for being happy for me and being there for me. And thank you to all the adults and children for coming to see me, we all had a lovely day!

One of my jobs was to go to playgroup to say hello to everyone and to play with them. It was so much fun seeing all the little children and at the end they sang their leaving song, it was sweet and I got to play in the sand with them. I also read them a book and I played babies and ponies with them - it was so much fun! I also had to write this article that you're reading now!

It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience and has given me some fabulous memories to take forward to secondary school.

Thank you for reading.

Gabbie Whitaker, year 6 Eastington Primary School.

Events



The 36th Eastington Autumn Veg & Flower Show

In the Village Hall On **Saturday 8th September 2018**

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

Sponsored by Ley Bistro restaurant, Frampton. 01452 740077

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

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)

The ECO Group Chairman's shield for most points in the 'fruit' based classes (18 -20 , 38 - 42 and 60) *new*

**** Prizes are the traditional First £1, Second 50p and Third 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 check and 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 36th Eastington Autumn Flower & Veg Show:-

(You may enter as many classes as you wish)

CLASS NUMBERS:-

I HEREBY CERTIFY that all items have been produced by me in my own garden or allotment, or made by me.

Signed _____ Name: _____

Address: _____

Total remittance: _____

PRESIDENT: Lt. Cdr. W. R. Harris

CHAIRPERSON: Mr D Haines

SECRETARY: Mrs C Haines

STEWARDS: Mrs Q Jones, Mr C Jones, Mrs E Haines

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

THE COMMITTEE THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Events

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
- 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 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

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,
6oz margarine, 5oz sugar, 3 eggs,
9ozs self-raising flour,
10oz mixed fruit (incl. Cherries), 1 teaspoon salt,
½ teaspoon almond essence,
1 level teaspoon mixed spice, little milk.

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.

Groups

NEW! - Eastington Craft Group



Eastington crafters meet once or twice a month to chat about and show our crafting to others. The idea is to encourage each other and help give each other confidence in our crafting. We have had a group knit to knit hearts for a charity garden, made tea light holders and had a go at rag rugging.

We are very informal and friendly.

Please contact Jo Pegler pegler222@aol.com or 07855104155 for more details.

We have a morning meeting on **Thurs. August 9th** at 1 Swallowcroft at 10.30 if you would like to join us.

Ladies Of Eastington

We would like to thank Tease Salon for the wonderful demonstrations and quiz we enjoyed there on 28th June, they taught us how to perform a head and hand massage whilst teaching us a little bit about reflexology and hair. A very fun and informative evening, we all loved it (and the Prosecco and nibbles)

Congratulations to Heather for winning the quiz, I'm sure she'll be enjoying her beauty voucher very soon!!

On 26th July we had a lovely summery evening at the Kings head. We had the pleasure of the company of the delightful Nicola Roesch, torch bearer for the 2012 London Paralympics, who brought her torch and gave us an informal presentation. Thank you Nicola, it was so informative and heart warming to hear your story!!!



We have lots plans afoot for our Community Christmas Fayre on the 8th December, watch this space!!!

New members are always very welcome and 'The Ladies' would love to welcome you if you would like to join us - we meet once a month, usually on the third Thursday the month. Please contact Anna-Marie on 07581 010884 for more details.

The Bowmen of Minchinhampton Archery Club

We are running two 'Have-A-Go' sessions at the OHMG Ground Eastington during this summer.

The sessions will be from 10.00 am to 12.00 midday on **Sunday 12th August and Sunday 19th August.**

All budding archers will be most welcome. The sessions are free. Please pass this information on to as many people as you can. The event is primarily intended for the people of Eastington and the sports clubs that play at OHMG, but all are welcome.

Please note all intending archers **MUST** be eight years old or older. Intending archers aged less than 17 years old **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all times when on the shooting range.

If you intend to shoot PLEASE wear closed toe shoes for safety reasons.

Peter Munday, Secretary

For more information email : info@bowmen-of-minchinhampton.org.uk

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Events

Frampton Village Society Talks

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come to our series of 2018 illustrated talks. The talks are on Friday evenings at 7.30pm in Frampton Village Hall. The cost is £3.50 per person, for non-members including tea/coffee and biscuits.

For more information please contact Paul Bradley on 01452 742184 or at: paulbradly@hotmail.com.

On 22nd June, Dame Janet Trotter came to speak about her role as Lord Lieutenant of Gloucestershire. Entertaining, informative, passionate, she began her talk with the military origins of the role some 500 years ago. The Lord Lieutenants are now expected to serve the monarchy and to uphold the dignity of the crown. Her tasks include arranging royal visits and presenting the Queen's awards for Enterprise and for Voluntary service - for which a relatively high number of Gloucestershire folk have been selected. She ended with the thought that the monarchy is now undergoing great change, almost a rebirth, and that the Lord Lieutenant (or Lady Lord Lieutenant as she likes to put it) is acting as the midwife.

On the 4th July members paid a visit to Wick Court to experience the great work being done to enable 'city' children to experience the workings of a real farm and understand where their food comes from.

Remaining 2018 talks for your diary:

17th August: Annual Visit - to Woodchester Mansion

28th September: The Queens Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard - Shaun McCormack

26th October: AGM and Bill Wood Memorial Presentation

23rd November: Get 'Orf Moy Land! - John Putley



Patient Participation Group (PPG)

YOUR BEFRIENDING SERVICE

We have a Befriending service in the area including Eastington, where an older person is matched with a 'befriender', someone who pops in for a cup of tea and a chat around once a week, to provide friendly conversation and companionship ... and perhaps a little practical help.

Do you know someone who is lonely, or are you in need of befriending?

Or do you have just an hour free every week to make a real difference to someone's life?

Please get in touch by emailing myppg@framptononsevern.com or by calling 01452 741988.

Helping to ensure that all of our neighbours stay safe and well.

The **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** is a group of patients working with Frampton's GP surgery to help improve health services in the whole area. WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS - please email or call as above.



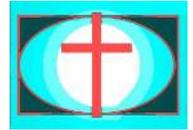
Come along to Saul Marina for the Teckels Fun Dog Show on Sunday 12th August 11 am - 4 pm.

A fantastic afternoon of entertainment including: children's games, Tombola, Raffle, face-painting, dog agility displays, a doggy dash, Doggy stalls and Human stalls too.

'Enter on the day' fun dog show classes (most handsome male/prettiest female, Best trick etc) and plenty of refreshments - including our much loved BBQ (veggie options too!). Also introducing the Catless Cat Show (£2 per cat) !!!

All proceeds go directly to caring for Teckels Cat & Dog Residents. So, come along to this fun filled event, the perfect day out for everyone! Entry £3.00 per adult, £1.00 per child.

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 (not in August)	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm
Bible Study House Group (not in August)	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 – Aug 12th & 19th and Sept 9th & 16th)

** Running most weeks in August - see below, visit [www. EastingtonMethodists.org.uk](http://www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk) or call to check. All held at EMC which is opposite the butchers in Eastington, unless stated otherwise*

11am Sunday 12th Aug

Who Jesus Came For

Hands-on activities suitable for all ages with free cakes and drinks

Jesus The Healer
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11am Sunday 9th Sept

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11am Sunday 19th Aug

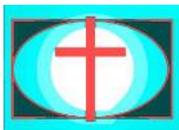
11am Sunday 16th Sept

Harvest with the Leprosy Mission

Our next three Café Church sessions continue the exploration of Jesus' ministry but the second one in September will double as our Harvest Service and an opportunity to learn about the work of the Leprosy Mission which has been running for 141 years. Leprosy is easily treated but poverty results in many people suffering from this debilitating disease. Please come along on 12th September at 11am to find out more.

Over the summer....

Whilst some of our normal activities stop for the summer holidays, there will be some additional events. For example, on Monday 13th & 20th August, there will be a drop in café running at the church from 3:00 – 5:00pm with toys and crafts for kids.



Church

Eastington Methodist Church Contd.

Youth Club

The youth club is expected to run throughout the summer with the probable exception of Friday 24th August. The warm weather has already encouraged us to get the water slide out.

Subs are 75p per session, there is a tuck shop, a free drink and various activities/games available. Those about to start secondary school are already old enough to come and would be very welcome.

We are also planning a couple of youth outings in August and are checking demand and available dates. In recent years these have taken the form of a beach trip and a waterfall walk, both in South Wales and both offering the opportunity to get wet.

Ken Burgin – Senior Steward

Ken, Beck & Liz Burgin 01453 827414



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**Eastington and Whitminster
Baby & Toddlers Groups
Summer 2018**

Over the summer holidays, the baby and toddler groups at Eastington and Whitminster will continue to meet on the following dates, at **10-11:30 am**

Date	Venue
1 Aug	Whitminster Village Hall
6 Aug	Eastington Methodist Church (EMC) Hall
8 Aug	Picnic @ Eastington Park, Snakey Lane
13 Aug	EMC Hall
15 Aug	Whitminster Village Hall
20 Aug	Picnic @ Eastington Park, Snakey Lane
22 Aug	Whitminster Village Hall

The cost of sessions is £2 per family, except for the picnics, which are free.

Older children are welcome to join their siblings, but remain the responsibility of parents.

New School Year

We restart at **Eastington on Monday 3rd September**, and **Whitminster Wednesday 5th September**.

For more information contact Beck Burgin 07511197265

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Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

Wow what an amazing summer we are enjoying. Long sunny days and beautiful evenings. So at Slimming World we have been sharing lots of lovely healthy meal and snack ideas to help support our continued weight loss goals. From BBQ ideas through to picnics treats, day trips, work days, entertaining friends and socialising. The ideas are endless and delicious.

Jerk Chicken with Fruity Caribbean Slaw

A tasty recipe that's pure Caribbean sunshine.

Serves: 4

Ready in: 60+ mins Syms per serving: FREE

Ingredients

- 12 skinless chicken drumsticks
- 1 tbsp white wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp jerk seasoning
- 2 tbsp tomato purée
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 1 Scotch Bonnet chilli, deseeded and finely chopped
- 1 tbsp dark soy sauce
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lime wedges, to serve

For the slaw:

- 200g roasted red peppers in brine from a jar, drained and roughly chopped
- 1 carrot, peeled and shredded
- 1 red onion, thinly sliced
- 200g each mango and pineapple flesh, cut into bite-size cubes
- 1 tsp jerk seasoning
- Finely grated zest and juice of 1 lime
- A small handful of fresh flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped, to garnish



Method

Put the chicken drumsticks, vinegar, jerk seasoning, tomato purée, garlic, chilli and soy sauce in a food bag, season, seal and shake to mix well. Marinate in the fridge for 3-4 hours, or overnight if you can.

Preheat your grill to medium hot. Line the grill rack with kitchen foil and lay the chicken on the rack in a single layer. Grill for 8-10 minutes on each side, or until cooked through, brushing with any remaining marinade after the first 5 minutes.

Meanwhile, for the slaw, put the roasted red peppers, carrot, red onion, mango and pineapple in a bowl. Add the jerk seasoning and lime zest and juice, season and toss well to combine.

Divide the slaw between plates and garnish with parsley. Top with the chicken and serve with lime wedges for squeezing over.

Members weight losses continue to go well and it's been lovely celebrating members achieving weight loss awards and their goal weights. When someone gets to their Target weight the support continues as we have launched the brilliant Slim for Life routes to help everyone maintain their weight loss achievements.

Groups continue to run right through the summer holidays as we open our groups 52 week of the year. As the beautiful weather continues if you'd like to lose some weight it would be lovely to welcome you to one of my lovely friendly and supportive groups. We meet at Stonehouse community centre on Wednesdays at 9.30am and also at Eastington village hall on Wednesdays at either 5pm or 7pm

Best wishes

Lorna 07974937830

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Groups



After 8 years, at last a Club Shed for ECO in Brownings Community Orchard

Founded in 2010, ECO Group has finally built a shed to call home. Big enough to keep all our bits and pieces, close enough to Alkerton Cross for easy exit to the other community orchards when the bits and pieces are needed. We are indebted to several benefactors, starting with Cottsway Housing for the 30-year lease on Brownings Orchard and the Parish Council for a grant to pay for that lease.

The shed itself was sponsored by the Charlie Bullock Fund and supported by a solid base paid for by Gloucestershire Environmental Trust (GET).

GET have been the main donor to Brownings Orchard, having paid for ground clearing, hedge thinning and the trees featured in ECN's April edition.

Their grants have also paid for the gates, "welcome" sign and the robust entrance splay shown on the right (remember the mud last winter?!).

All-in-all, £4,000 worth of grants to kick-start the Brownings project.

Thank you GET!



What about that shed then?

After a frustrating winter and spring, Alan Loveridge was finally able to drive his gear onto the field to excavate and float a base for us (he also sorted the entrance splay above).



The job took us 5 hours in sweltering heat but the finishing crew were still smiling at the end.

There's still plenty to do to improve Brownings Orchard, so please join ECO Group and enjoy some fresh air and exercise. Free!

Finally, for those of you entering your own fruit or fruity produce at the **Autumn Flower and Veg show** (see p.12), Note that Tom is sponsoring a fruity new prize - **The ECO Chairmans Shield** - Let's see an ECO member bringing it home!!

The shed came in kit form, which was not an impressive sight to start the day.

However, with two shifts totalling 12 volunteers, a steady start was made, with much discussion over the 24 pages of plans.



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Events

Eastington Duck Races

Once again, the Eastington Duck Race and Summer Fete was a great success. Everyone had a good time and we raised a whopping amount towards the school funds. For this we must thank all of you who attended and parted with your money, but also our volunteers and local businesses who are mind blowingly brilliant. We can't name everyone to helped with Duck Races, we had more volunteers than ever before, but there are a few that should be especially acknowledged:



I want to start by thanking 'Miss Treated', our amazing band, they added so much to the event, gave their time for free and were just fantastic very much appreciated by young and old - and those in the middle too!.

BJs Birthday Bar - Barry-Jon of the old Badger, who managed to get so much support from so many great folk and ran the bar so professionally - the G&T went down a treat.

The BBQ was brilliantly run by Joanna Hayward from the Bell Inn, no one envied Jo or Tom working in the heat for 3 straight hours!

And of course our set up team, the companies who sponsored duck races and games, our game arrangers, our cake backers, our tea makers, the crafters who donated to locally made, our emergency shop runners, the toy donators, our teachers who came to school at the weekend, the road crossers, everyone who manned a stall, the kids who took part in the displays, those who stayed and cleaned up, those who worked all day and everyone who came and enjoyed the event! (Sorry if I missed anyone!).

Jennifer Empson

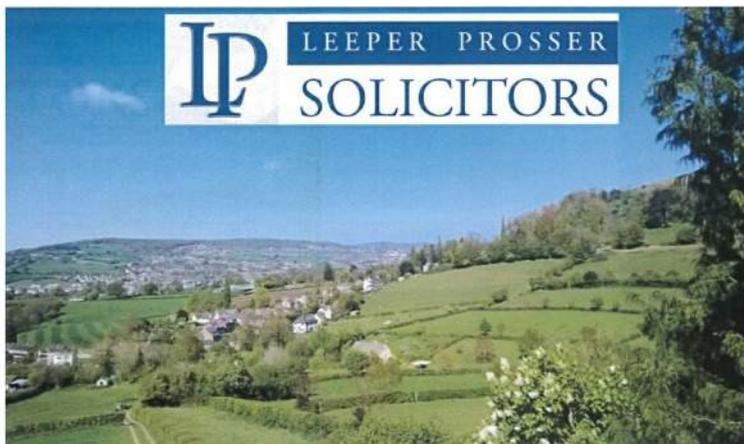


Star of the show for the editor was The Human Fruit machine - three children sitting behind those boxes - on the count of three each of them - on their whim - holds out either an apple an orange or a banana; Three of a kind and you win!.



Our local Police Liaison Persons arranged some demos - and enjoyed the Brownies Stall

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Community

New Pizza Review.

It was always going to be potentially difficult assignment to help sort.

Find somewhere to eat which is within a short ride or walk of where we live on Bath Road, somewhere which offers good food and drink in a pleasant and relaxing environment and most importantly, somewhere which would appeal to my 21 year old son bringing his girlfriend to visit us for the very first time.

Yes there was always the lovely Badger, but we've been there so many times in the recent past, we decided we might want to try something different? Choose the wrong venue for this extremely important occasion though and you run the risk of quite literally biting off more than you can chew!!

How about The Kings Head I heard someone say, they've got a brand new wood fired oven and are currently offering 20 per cent off your bill. Everyone loves a good pizza don't they? So in we went.

Liz the manager on the Saturday evening we visited made everyone extremely welcome. We each chose a different style of pizza - all priced between 8 and 10 pounds and quite honestly they were simply delicious.

Whether it was a Quattro Formaggi - containing four tasty Italian cheeses or the simply sounding but still special tasting Caprino -containing Mozzarella, sweet and sour red onions, goats cheese and pine nuts - the options were extensive and the service warm and friendly. There was a vegetarian pizza too.

Having spoken to Liz beforehand and heard about her hope and ambitions, I must admit I had booked our table with confidence and a slight hope that maybe this time, after so many re-starts and false dawns, it might finally be the beginning of a bright new future for the Kings Head.

As a purely independent observer and someone who is quite prepared to speak as I find, I can happily report that all four of our party said they'd rate the new restaurant and its take away menu 10 out of 10.

Oh and just in case you were wondering, my son's new girlfriend visiting from London was particularly impressed with our village and its temporary ducks, as we were of her.

We had a great weekend in more ways than one and in no small part to the part played by Liz and her team at the Kings Head.

Thanks - David Aston



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Events



8TH SEPTEMBER 2018 2-4PM HOUNDS IN THE HOUSE

The Kings Head House would like to welcome you and your dogs for a fun day in our garden. This is in aid of raising money for...

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