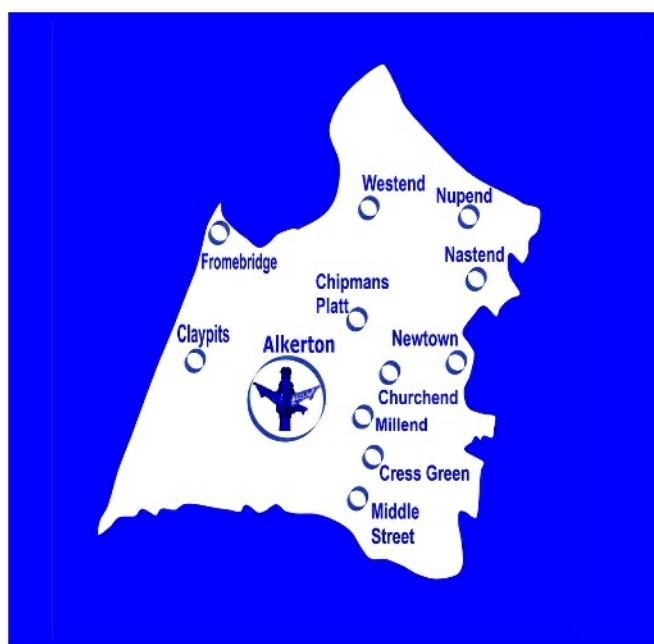




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Signpost

Your news... *your* ECN!

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Dear Readers,

Your ECN team is reeling under a double blow just now, as both Stephen Gribble and Jo Granger (our treasurer's wife) have lost their battles with Cancer. I just know that Mary and Dave are receiving as much love, kindness and support as any community could possibly give. Eastington is just such a good place to be.

Our community is caring in other ways too, and ECN would like to give a vote of thanks to Kristian Griffiths and all of you who have volunteered to help her in her recent litter picking sessions. In just one outing, in August, they collected 7 black bags worth! More sessions are planned. Thank you guys - and although we suspect that much of this was thrown from passing cars, it is to our shame that some was not.

All that being said, we have a super issue for you this time - another whopper - with lots of fascinating historic insights, exciting news from many of our lively groups and lots of popular 'goings on' - with photos.

Thank you all for being such a great community!

Jan and the team

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Next deadline for December issue : Monday Nov. 19th , for delivery w/e of December 1st

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Community



Community Pond at Coneygree Orchard – by the Junior Section

The Monday-after-school group of children, under the eye of Emma of Raffles Forest School, have made great progress in clearing a derelict corner of Coneygree Orchard. Their choice was to create a pond area in the existing stream bed, which they discovered when they cleared away the brambles.



One parent kindly dug out the pond and ECO members voted at their AGM to provide financial support for landscaping the area – making it safer, providing pond dipping shelves, planting willows etc.

To welcome back the Junior Section – now 20 children strong, senior ECO members used a hired JCB to do the heavy work of landscaping and creating access paths.

The 8th Parish Apple Day – Saturday 20th October OHMG from 12 noon

Come along to join in our ever-popular apple pressing day, outside the OHMG Community Centre.

If you have some apples and/or pears, bring them with you and watch them transform into tasty juice.

As you can see, all ages are welcome to help with juice making and then taking some home as a reward.

If you can spare a couple of hours in the morning to visit an orchard and collect fruit, please contact Tom on 823425 or 07974 369680.

Please dial the same numbers if you have fruit but would like help gathering it.



Extra Fun with Apples

This year we will have a new feature with apple-related games, organised by Emma from Raffles Forest School. We will have more news about this and the apple pressing through the school nearer the time.

Groups

PROWD

Well, we are getting into Autumn now, with colder mornings and earlier Sunsets, but, I've got some really good news on our local footpaths.

There should be, in the next couple of weeks, two new kissing gates being installed near the A38. One is near Fromebridge (EEA46) and the other one is at Wicksters Bridge (EEA73). Also, there is another kissing gate to be installed at the end of Broadfield Rd, (EEA51) as soon as conditions and funding are in place.

Permission has been given (thank you Angela), for some stone to be laid in the bottom field by Middle St. as this area becomes very muddy in bad weather. To be done as soon as weather conditions allow(!) hopefully in the next few weeks.

I'm afraid that many of the footpaths in the Nastend and Nupend area have been closed because of all the new house building. There is a meeting planned for October between the Developers, County, and District Officers and PROW Officer. I hope that they will agree to have some of the paths re-opened as a matter of urgency. If you have particular concerns, contact your District and County Councillors, and County Footpaths Officer.

NOW FOR REALLY GOOD NEWS !!

Any Farmer or Landowner who would like to replace old stiles, can replace them with a new Kissing Gate (normally £230) for the cost of a new stile £45. !!!! What an offer! and what a chance to improve our Local Footpath network. Anyone interested should contact our PROW Officer, Sarah, at...

Sarah.Macaulay-Lowe@gloucestershire.gov.uk . (Please note Capitals)

There may be a limit to numbers available,..... so act quickly!!

The Eastington Walking Group are very active, and their latest walk was on September 16th to Cambridge (stopping at the George for a break) and returning via Peter Street. Keep checking on Facebook, and the local notice boards for the next walk, and go along for a healthy ' fun ' walk with other enthusiastic walkers.

Please contact me if you have any ' Footpath Issues '. Don't forget to ' be adventurous ' and try some footpaths that you haven't walked before.

Best wishes, Bill Edwards Ph. 824452. (edwards.parish@btinternet.com)



Volunteer

THE ROYAL BRITISH
LEGION

For the Poppy Appeal

**If you could spare an hour or two collecting in your area,
to help the armed forces community
Please contact Kathryn Gribble on 01453 825279**

History

Childhood Memories of Eastington - Mrs Bliss

Last time, Mrs Bliss noted that in the past, there was no sophisticated treatment or much state help for anyone ill, old or disabled, but that there was genuine care and neighbourliness 'in the community'.

There was, however,:-

The Workhouse

On the subject of care, the Eastington Parish Workhouse was built in 1785 of Frampton Brick, "for the help of the poor", being half hospital and half factory, as there was work to be done for the upkeep in its walls and garden. (In 1836, with the new Poor Laws, it was adopted by the Wheatenhurst Poor Law Union to serve a wider area). On the banks for the Stroudwater Canal, facing southwest, it was a pleasant looking two-storey building with an imposing façade which actually did resemble the hospitals of the day.

A wide railed balcony ran the whole front of the building which was used to advantage in fine weather, as there were glass panelled doors opening on to it where the patients beds could be wheeled out for them to enjoy the sunshine.

There was a lodge for the Porter near the back entrance in which (I think) the married couple who were cook and porter lived. As I lived next door, it was a large part of my childhood, as with the other children from nearby we played in the grounds with the family of the "Master and Matron" as they were then known.

There were places for both men and women, who had been taken there for a variety of reasons. Some may have become homeless, but a few of the women were there for having had an illegitimate child and had nowhere else to go. Those that were living there during my childhood I remember very well. They were not up to the standard expected for education so this was their only refuge. There was work for them in the kitchens and laundry; whether they were ever paid for their work I have no idea.

One that I recall was Ada, who was profoundly deaf and because of it was unable to speak with any clarity. She was there because she had a child and for some reason was able to keep her child with her until she was about 7 years old. She came to the local primary school with me and I remember her as a pretty little girl with curls. I have often wondered since what happened to her.

Another unfortunate was Amy who had a sub-normal son (as they were called in those days) who was taken from her and I believe put in a home in Bristol. She was a dear soul, but not too bright and she too worked in the kitchens. She was there when I was born next door and lived until I had a grandchild, certainly a lifetime.



Wheatenhurst from the south-west, early 1900s.
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History

Living where we did, just a stones throw from the workhouse, we knew them all well. My mother visited most Sundays with flowers and little treats. The old ladies would sit in the Day Room on forms (no easy chairs) and they all wore calico dresses, some pink, some blue, with nothing at all to do, and they welcomed visitors. I often went with my mother, and I remember, young as I was, how sorry I felt for them.

The men also had a room where they could smoke, which must have been some consolation. They wore suits of hardwearing material.

In spite of the conditions they were cared for with kindness and the standard was high with regard to the knowledge at the time. As I have said a lot of the work in the kitchens was done by the women there, and poor Ada always seemed to have her arms swathed in bandages from scalds and burns.

On the outside of the main building next to the road was another long low building which had large iron gratings let into the wall. Outside these were mounds of granite stones. Any tramp that wanted a bed for the night have to break the stones into small enough chippings to through the holes in the grating and when the pile the other side was considered the right amount, he had earned a nights lodging. These chippings were then used for roads.

In the grounds was a small building almost like a little bungalow where a lady who came every day from Stroud did all the sewing and mending for the home.

I cannot remember bed cases in the early days as we never ventured upstairs but undoubtedly there were.

When the NHS was formed, it was turned into a geriatric hospital for local people, especially those who were terminally ill. The active residents, who had been there so long, stayed there and were nursed when the time came.

They had a fully qualified nursing staff and the care was second to none as personally I witnessed. Those men who were able, did a little gardening and worked in the large conservatory.

Each week a short service was held, which many of them enjoyed – especially the hymn singing – taken by a member of the local Methodist Church.

Things did improve and attitudes changed. The name was altered to the Willows as Workhouse had such a stigma.

After laying empty for some years, it was eventually bought (rescued) by the Rudolf Steiner organization and completely renovated as William Morris House.

It has continued to be modernised and expanded with the addition of many new facilities and is now part of the William Morris College - which offers a wide range of services for children and young adults with learning difficulties and special needs.



Councils

Parish Boundaries and 'West of Stonehouse' (Great Oldbury)

Stroud District Council is currently undertaking a review of 'Community Governance'. The process is used to consider whether existing Parish arrangements/boundaries should be changed in any way. Overall reviews like this are undertaken only every 10-15 years or so.

The stated aim of the review is to ensure that the arrangements across the district reflect 'the identities and interests of the community in the area' and are 'effective and convenient'

Stroud District Council are particularly keen to hear from local people and parish councils with proposals as to where they believe parish arrangements should be reviewed.

The consultation period lasts until Monday 26 November 2018.

The new development that is now well underway starting at the Shell garage, will quite soon cover land all the way into Stonehouse. This phase will comprise some 1300 new houses all built on land which is within Eastington Parish. The new community will have to come under some form of 'community governance' (i.e. Parish or town council).

Having regard to 'the identities and interests' of both the our existing community and the new community, do you think that arrangements are most likely to be 'effective and convenient' if :-

- a) The Eastington Parish Boundary remains as it is and Eastington Parish Council takes on more councillors to cope with all the new residents (to three times the current population) , OR
- b) The Eastington/Stonehouse Boundary is moved so that the new houses come under the governance of Stonehouse Town council , OR
- c) That the new development - which will eventually have facilities and a 'centre' of its own - should become a whole new parish (this may not be realistic in the short term, however, before such facilities - and even any residents, exist) - OR
- d) some combination of the above.

Stroud DC want YOUR views on this, before the 26th November. You can write to the Council, quoting 'Community Governance Review', or you can enter your views on a very simple form on the council website.

You can find it easily enough by visiting www.stroud.gov and clicking through the options: "Council and Democracy/Have your Say/Consultations/Community Governance Review.

This will affect us all, on a day to day level, - Please make your views known.

Does anyone recognise these photos?



Noel Baker who used to be the vicar here is asking for help from anyone who might know anything about an old photo album. He writes:

"Howard Beard and I are archiving a photo album that is just over 100 years old. The images seem to suggest the amateur photographer who compiled the album was centred in Eastington. We would dearly like to be able to

identify him and anyone else in the album. Thank you. noelbaker@greenbee.net "

You can see the whole album at this website link:

<http://www.users.greenbee.net/~noelbaker/eastington/00.htm>

(Please note that you need full or wide screen window to be able to use the website properly.)



Councils



Eastington Community Land Trust

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

Public Consultation in October

ECLT will soon be submitting the Planning Application for the Claypits development of affordable homes.

We expect that at least one drop-in day of consultation will be provided at the Village Hall during October, which will be advertised in a few weeks' time. We will have our banner up outside the village hall with date(s) and times.

Stroud DC are reviewing the Local Plan and extending it out to 2040. At the time of writing, there are no plans for more market housing around Alkerton.

During this winter, the Parish Council will conduct a new Housing Needs Survey, 5 years on from the 2013/14 review, the results of which led to forming ECLT and devising the Claypits scheme. There will be more news of that in a future ECN, once the Claypits scheme has been approved by Stroud DC.

Tom Low, ECLT Secretary



District Councillors' Newsletter

The Chief Executive, David Hagg, will be retiring on 5th October, after 17 years service. His replacement is Kathy O'Leary, who will be joining SDC in November. Kathy comes to SDC from Surrey, where she has held a senior management position for the last years. She has a background in Planning, which may be useful given the Government proposals to increase Stroud's housing allocation considerably over the coming years. The interim position will be held by members of the existing Senior Management Team.

The Community Consultation on the Local Plan Review is due to start before the end of the year.

Currently there is a Community Governance Consultation in place, including possible changes to Parish Councils and Parish Boundaries. Have your say by going to the consultation link on the SDC webpage. It is open to members of the public. **(See previous page)**

The proposals to charge for car parking in Nailsworth, Dursley, Wotton and Berkeley have been dropped, and the Government has announced it will not be asking SDC to hand over nearly half a million pounds next year as had been proposed, instead of Government subsidy coming to SDC.

Locally, we understand that the FGR Stadium planning application will be presented to Development Control Committee in November. Various condition discharge applications relating to Great Oldbury are still arriving at SDC Planning. We continue to get the best deal possible for Eastington residents.

As ever, we can be contacted on John 0780 8922918 email cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk

Stephen 07802 595307 email cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk

Stephen Gribble

May we thank, from the bottom of our hearts, our friends and neighbours for their help and kindness over the recent weeks.

It was overwhelming that so many friends were able to attend the service to celebrate Stephen's life. We hope Stephen will be remembered for the contribution he made to local life, especially at the Community Orchard and the Allotments where he enjoyed so many happy times.

Mary and Kathryn Gribble

Community

Eastington Primary School

Class 3 have been excited about coming back to school after the summer holiday! In these first few weeks the new Y3/4 children have been getting to know each other and learning the importance of friendship.

They have taken inspiration from their English focus which is all about fables. The children have enjoyed listening and retelling stories with a moral e.g Aesop's fables. Important messages such as "Treat others as you'd like to be treated" and "Little friends make great friends" have proved to be very valuable.

All of the children have had fun playing games together such as Duck, Duck, Goose, Ladders and many team activities. This has resulted in new friendships and learning how to give and take.



In Circle time the children have been talking about the qualities of a friend and here are some of their thoughts...

Lily – I can be a good friend by helping to sort out any problems.

Emelia – I can be a good friend by being helpful and kind.

Purdey – I can be a good friend by being a good role-model.

Wilf – I can be a good friend by helping people do the right thing.



Harun – I can be a good friend by showing respect.

George – I can be a good friend by being thoughtful.

Daniel – I can be a good friend by treating people like you want to be treated.



A happy term lies ahead!



Community

Eastington Playgroup



We have had a very busy start to the new school term since September and have been settling into routines and supporting children's transition to playgroup and encouraging independence for the older children.

We have started the Autumn term by drawing our self-portraits and we have made a large 'Guess Who?' game which the children have loved contributing to and playing with.

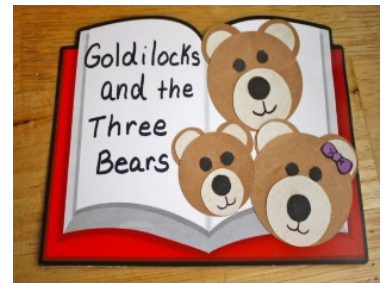
Our allotment has had a makeover during the summer holiday and we are very excited to be able to reuse our outside space again to enable the children to get lots of fresh air, awareness of nature and get MUDDY!!!!

We have been reading the book Goldilocks and the Three Bears, looking at sizes, comparing the bears and making porridge which supports literacy and mathematics.

During this half term we have been making musical instruments from recycled construction, experimenting with different sounds that we can make linking to expressive arts and design.

We also plan to make some purple poppies for the church when they have their remembrance display.

Finally we are looking at keeping safe, not only when out walking by the road but stranger danger and also internet safety.



A very productive start to the Autumn term!

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 limited spaces available and are currently operating a waiting list for September 2019.

We operate 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 on 07977 342 742

email eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com or visit our website www.eastingtonplaygroup.wordpress.com



Jolly Joggers is Back!

As usual every Wednesday evening - meet outside the Co-op at 7pm sharp.

All levels of ability, all speeds catered for, very friendly bunch - Come along, get fit and have fun!

You will need a High Viz jacket and maybe a head torch for the darker winter evenings.

Phone Vanessa on 07806 802540 for more details or encouragement!

Groups

Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

We've had such a brilliant summer at groups. I love my Wednesdays helping everyone to achieve their weight loss goals. We've celebrated lots of achievements over the summer. Awards for weight loss achieved, awards for Body Magic which is Slimming Worlds activity awards and also celebrating our fabulous Women of the Year 2018. Congratulations to everyone.

We've supported members through their summer holidays and busy social family and friends time and now here we are at the start of the autumn.

Those nights have started getting that little bit longer and the hedgerows are full of berries. So at groups we have started planning for the winters months. Homemade soups, stews, curry's and casseroles are back on our weight loss menus with plenty of seasonal veg. Here's a little taster.

Squash and sweet potato are seriously satisfying and they taste amazing in this luxurious stew.

Sweet potato and bacon stew

Serves: 4 *Ready in: Less than 30 mins *Syns per serving:FREE * Freezer friendly

Ingredients

- Low-calorie cooking spray
- 10 lean bacon rashers, all visible fat removed, roughly chopped
- 1 onion, roughly chopped
- 600g prepared butternut squash and sweet potato chunks
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- 400g can chopped tomatoes
- 1 tsp dried rosemary
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- 4 tbsp tomato purée
- 300ml boiling vegetable stock
- 200g trimmed green beans



Tip: You can buy packs of prepared squash and sweet potato in some supermarkets. Any leftover stew can be made into a delicious soup by whizzing it in a blender with some more stock.

Method

Spray a large saucepan with low-calorie cooking spray and place over a high heat. Add the bacon, onion, squash, sweet potato and garlic and stir-fry for 1-2 minutes, then add the chopped tomatoes, dried herbs, tomato purée and stock.

Bring to the boil, cover and cook over a medium heat for 8-10 minutes. Stir in the green beans and cook for a further 8 minutes or until piping hot.

Remove from the heat and ladle into warmed bowls to serve.

So many delicious filling meals to enjoy on Slimming Worlds Extra Easy Food Optimising Weight Loss Plan.

So if you'd like to join us at one of our groups it would be lovely to meet you. We meet in Stonehouse Community Centre at 9.30am on Wednesday morning and also at Eastington Village Hall at 5pm or 7pm also on Wednesdays. Men, Women (and 11-15 year olds who follow our GP approved Free to Go plan) are all welcome.

Best wishes. Lorna 07974937830

Groups

1st Eastington Brownies



We welcomed 3 new girls from Rainbows to Brownies for the first time.

Those to whom it really matters - the Brownies - got to see the new programme this week and it was really well received. We looked at the six Themes which are the basis of the new programme and then played a ladders game, including the themes, to learn them - and in an attempt to wear the chatty brownies out!

They were excited about the new 'Interest Badges' with some oohhs & aahs as we read through them together. We've decided that each leader is going to select an interest badge and present it, using 1 or 2 of the 105 different ways suggested, to the Brownies themselves, so they can see just what is possible. The girls are going to choose for us which badge we do.

We used a giant dice to select activities from the new programme:

'Unit Meeting Activities', UMAs, are the activities that we do together as a unit. Each of the 6 themes require us to do a total of 4 hours of UMA, but the individual activities are chosen and led by the girls, not the leaders. Each girl selected one activity (from printed cards) after their throw of the dice, and summarised it for the other Brownies. We then took a vote on the ones picked and the 'First Aid' and 'Strike a Match' were chosen with a vote of hands; so we will do both of these at the next meeting.

This was our first night back and the girls were chatty and excited so we didn't get to talk about 'Skills Builders' - which make up the other element of the new programme to be done in the meetings. The Skills Builders provide the opportunity for the girls to work in groups. That's for next week!

We also talked about our sleep over in January, now that we have a venue, and the Brownies are voting on which night they want to go away, as this is one of the activities that makes our unit special to us.

All in all the girls gave the new programme a very positive reception, and we are all looking forward to earning Theme & Gold Awards.

If you know a girl aged between 7-10 years who is interested in joining Brownies please contact me on (01453) 825577. Pauline Dobson.

OUR PROGRAMME THEMES



- **Know Myself:** Girls explore emotions, build confidence and discover how feelings affect behaviour.
- **Express Myself:** Girls develop their creativity, start thinking laterally and communicating ideas
- **Be Well:** Girls learn how to stay healthy and how to help others when they're hurt.
- **Have Adventures:** Girls have the chance to overcome fears, try new activities, get outside and learn survival skills.
- **Take Action:** Girls build skills to make a positive difference, such as by volunteering in their community
- **Skills For My Future:** Girls investigate what they might like to do in the future and how they can grow their life skills.

Within each theme there are a number of activities that the girls can do, which are subdivided into three elements; Skill Builder Stage Badges, Personal Interest Badges and the weekly Unit Meeting activities.

Generally, girls will work towards Skill Builder stage badges within the group meeting time and towards Personal Interest badges individually/at home. Unit Meeting Activities are done within the group and may be chosen from a very wide range of topics within the themes.

The 6 themes and the elements are consistent across the Rainbow/Brownie/Guide/Ranger sections, with the challenges of the elements' activities progressing accordingly. Awards are based on the completion of all three elements within each theme at the appropriate section level.

History

The Lych Gate of St Michaels and All Angels

Steve Mills

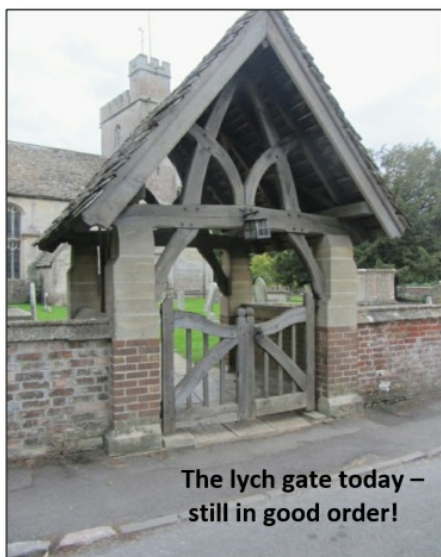
At some point, we've all walked past or through the lych gate (or lytch gate) of our village church, St Michael and All Angels. Many older churches have one of these, usually in the form of a covered entrance to the church grounds – it marks the division between consecrated and unconsecrated ground. In older days, it was the place where the bearers sheltered with the coffin before a burial. Often, the priest would meet the funeral congregation and carry out the first part of the burial ceremony under the lych gate roof.

The first lych gates are thought to have appeared in the 7th century, although many have been rebuilt on several occasions. Others are somewhat later in date, sometimes built as a bequest by a wealthy local resident. The gate at St Michael's is an example of this and was dedicated in September 1955. It was presented to the church by Mrs Dorothy J Dunn (and her son Michael) in memory of her late husband, Major Claude de Lisle Bush of Eastington Park. Claude has cropped up in several previous ECN articles – for example, he kept a pack of Bassett Hounds at the Park. Educated at Clifton College and commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1912, Claude saw action in the First World War. He was wounded at Ypres in 1914 but survived his injuries. Following the war, he was attached to the Kings African Rifles and served for some time in Mombasa, Kenya. But once again, he was sent to war, and in January 1941, he was killed while fighting with the Gloucestershire Regiment.

From the outset, the intention had been to build the new lych gate using local craftsmen and with materials sourced locally. The architect (Mr C D Carus-Wilson) designed the new gate using brick, stone, oak and tiles. The sand-faced bricks were from the Stonehouse brickworks, and the stone from a quarry at Minchinhampton. But when it came to the Oak needed, there was a problem. It was hoped to use Oak felled on the Eastington Park estate, but it seems that nothing available was big enough. As a result, coppice-grown Oak was cut by Miss C Cole of Pontshill in the Forest of Dean. Around one and a half tons of this was then transported to Frampton-on-Severn where Mr W B Wood and his three sons cut and shaped it to meet the architect's plans. The gate's roof was made of 2½ tons of Cotswold stone tiles sourced from a redundant building in Wotton-under-Edge, with the stone ridge tiles coming from an old shed near Haresfield. Tom Bailey from Little Haresfield undertook the actual tiling work.



The OS map of 1883. Note the lack of lych gate and no 'new' burial ground across the lane

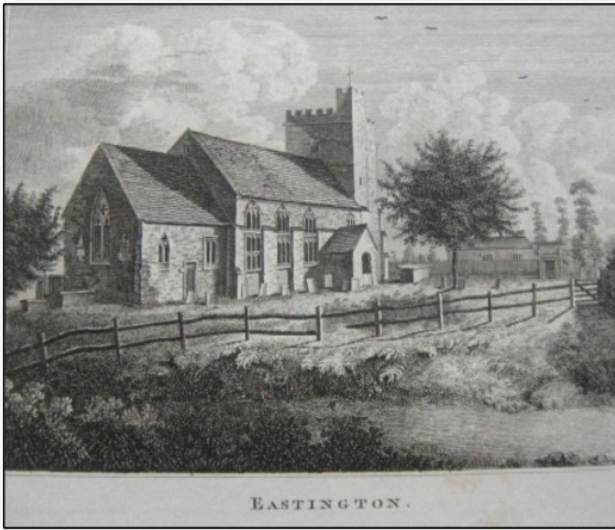


The lych gate today – still in good order!

Metalwork for the gate was produced by blacksmith Mr B Wyer in his forge at Whitminster. Ships nails were used to construct the oak frame and attach the stone tiles, these coming from Mr Davis's dry dock on the Gloucester-Berkeley Canal at Saul. It's remarkable how many individual craftsmen were involved in the project, and just how much local history is wrapped up in this apparently simple structure.

The new lych gate was dedicated on Sunday the 25th September, a date chosen as it was the nearest Sunday to the feast of St Michaels and All angels, the church's patron saint. The procession was headed by the Bishop of Tewkesbury, the Rt. Rev. Edward Henderson. He was followed by the Eastington choir, dressed in blue and white robes.

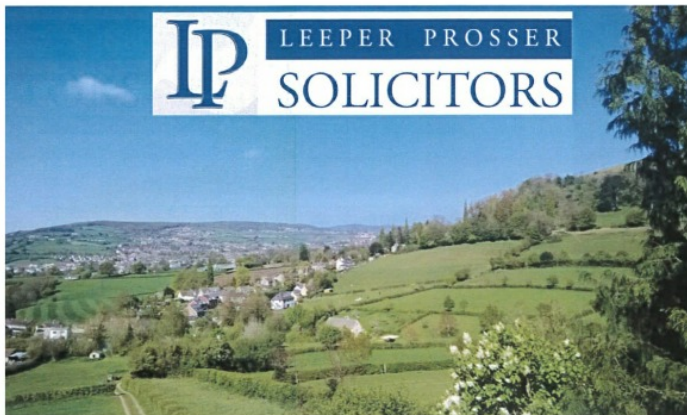
History



While we're on the subject - it's interesting to compare the two views of the church. The early engraving was produced by a Mr Nichols and dates from 1795. The main body of the church and the tower hasn't changed much, at least visually. However, it now boasts various additions made in 1832 when the vestry was added, and in 1851 when mill owner Charles Hooper paid for a restoration and the lengthening of the nave.

Steve Mills

- and note the yew tree!! Ed.



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Groups

Eastington Crafters

Hope everyone has had a good summer. We will be resuming our evening meetings from October if anyone fancies joining us for a chat about crafting of any kind. Our aim is to encourage each other and give ideas and support.

During our September meeting we will have been knitting poppies for the planned church display commemorating 100 years since the end of World War 1. There are patterns online, and I have a couple if needed.

We will also be looking for Christmas ideas if you have any. We try to be informal and friendly. If you want any more info contact Jo Pegler 07855104155 or email pegler222@aol.com.

Dates for meetings up to Christmas.

- October 8th at Jo's 7.30 (wine included)
- October 25th venue to follow
- November 5th at Jo's (wine included)
- November 22nd venue to follow
- December 10th at Jo's (wine and mince pies included).

I Look forward to seeing you. jo

Knit - or Crochet - for Remembrance

Jack Naylor is organising a big commemorative display in the Church (see poster on page 23) over the remembrance week end. It would be wonderful if *everyone* could contribute to making this a real community show of gratitude to those who gave so much. Even if you have never really knitted or crocheted anything before, these patterns are really, really easy and very quick to do.

Do some in red for the troops and some in purple for all the animals who also served.

Use what you have, but these work well in DK yarn, size 9 (4mm) knitting needle/ 3.5 mm crochet hook

Simple Garter stitch Poppy

Cast on 60 stitches (approximately!) with red or purple yarn

Rows 1-8: Knit (**OR** for a different look, work as k2 p2 rib.)

Change colour to black and work 1 more row (*not too tightly* or next rows will be difficult!)

Row 10: (Knit 2 stitches together as though they were one stitch) across the whole row (30 stitches)

Row 11: (Insert needle into next stitch as though to knit it, but just slip it across onto the needle without knitting, then knit the next 2 stitches together, then pick up the slipped stitch and pull it up and over the just-knitted stitch and off the needle) - across the whole row (10 stitches)

Cut yarn leaving a tail of about 20cm.

Use a darning needle to thread the tail back through the 10 stitches and pull up tight. Pull around into a circle and secure, then sew up just the black seam. Leave the coloured edges to overlap slightly.

Weave in all the ends

Crochet poppy

Using black yarn create a magic loop (or a slip knot loop that you can work into and then pull up tight using the tail)

Round 1 : ch3 (counts a first tr) then 9 more trebles into the loop. sl st into top of 3ch to join the round. (10 sts)

Fasten off black. Join on red or purple yarn (by tying closely, then insert hook into the sl st and pull up a loop)

Round 2 : ch1, then 2dc into each tr of previous round. (20 sts)

Round 3: ch1, then 1 dc in first dc, 2 tr into next dc, (2 dtr into next dc) 5 times, 2tr into next dc, 1 dc into next dc, 2 tr in next dc, (2 dtr in next dc) 8 times, 2 tr into next dc, sl st into to last dc. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



Instead of changing colour, you could use a black button or make a **separate centre** to sew on to your poppy:-
KNIT: Cast on 16 stitches, and then cast off. Coil this into a tight spiral.
CROCHET: make a magic loop, 1 ch and then work 10 dc into the loop, join and pull up tight.



Drop your poppies into the Church, at any time.

Community

The 36th Autumn Veg & Flower Show

Once again the green fingered amongst us - and those handy in the kitchen too - came together to show us all what can be done with a little diligence, some skill and maybe just a tiny smidge of good luck. Given the very peculiar weather this year, it was amazing how many beautiful flowers and fat, juicy looking fruits and veg there were on display. The cookery exhibits all looked very tempting as well. 26 people entered their wares, providing us with a record breaking 177 exhibits, well spread over all of the classes.

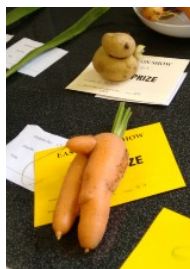


Mr R Hughes took trophies for Most points in show, most points in section A (veg), most points in section F, most points onion class and best overall allotment.

The Lady winning the Most Points in show was Mrs Liz Hughes



Mrs Di Davies won the new ECO shield for most points in all the 'Fruity' classes - as well, as it happens, as winning the Comical Vegetable class with this carrot (well, they did ask !!!)



Mr R. Reece took 'Best in Show' with a stupendous loaf of bread that was brought in all warm and gently steaming.

The Childrens' Classes trophies were won by Miss A Wroe and Miss G Cropton. Mr Baker took the trophy for Best Runner Beans, and Mr R Jones won the tomato class trophy.



Groups

Ladies of Eastington

After a quiet summer, we have plans afoot.... We are planning Eastington's first ever **Goodwill Evening** for **Saturday 8th December**, there will be stalls, a tree to sing carols around, Santa's Grotto and hopefully a few businesses open. If you are interested in a stall please contact me on the number below.

Also we are going to be organising a special Old Time Fete next September in honour of 100 years of Owen Harris's birth, this will take place at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground and will be lots of fun, so we will need volunteers for that.

Our meeting on Thurs 27th September was an icing workshop.

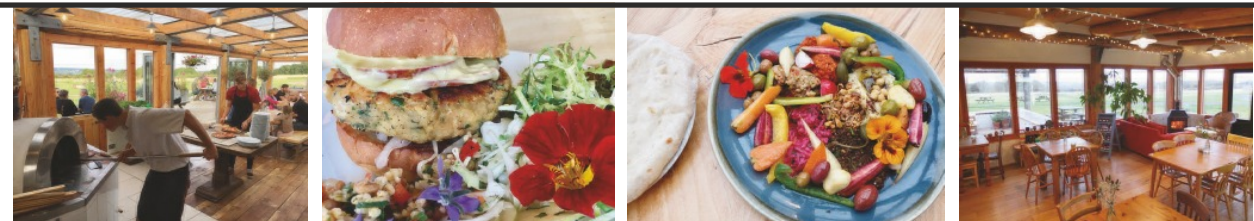
Our October meeting will be on Thursday 25th Oct - content to be confirmed.

Hope to see you all very soon

Anna- Marie X 07581 010884

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Community

Hounds in the House

"Never work with Animals or Children" here at the Kings Head House we like a challenge and did just that!

What a fabulous event this was, with a real sense of Community people were so generous donating their time and money.

The children of Eastington played a massive part and had the tough job of judging the Doggy competitions which included cutest puppy, golden oldie and waggiest tail, they did this with such professionalism, passion and confidence.



We would like to say a special thank you to The Old Badger, Holly Taylor (Zumba), Chloe Witts (Yoga), Tease Hair and Beauty, Gillian Rodway, Patrick Kinsella, Bath Road Garage, Jan Lawry, Lynne Jessett, Leanna Bishop, Lynne Farnden and Tom Low for their Raffle donations. Without all this help and support we would have not raised the whopping total of £327.59. This money will go towards the care for hundreds of abandoned, abused and neglected animals each year.

- see www.cotswoldsdogsandcatshome.org.uk

So a massive thank you Eastington Community you are wonderful!

Liz and the Kings Head House Team



Community

Halloween Walk



The time has come again for the children of Eastington to get their spook on!

Our annual Halloween walk will take place 26th October meeting in the garden of The Old Badger at 6pm to begin the trick or treat trail, making our way back round to The Kings Head House where you will be greeted by ghouls and games.

Everyone is welcome. Along the way we call at houses that have kindly agreed to be visited for trick or treating. We only call at prearranged houses so we know we will be welcomed with sweets and in some cases very spooky decorations! The walk takes about 45 minutes and is wheelchair/pushchair friendly.

All the children (and many of the adults) wear brilliant costumes and have great fun along the way.

We will have a pumpkin carving competition so make sure you enter by dropping your pumpkin off at the Kings Head House before the walk.

This is a free event organised by volunteers just to create memories for the little generation of the village so any donations of sweets and decorations are very welcome and can be dropped off to the Kings Head House anytime.

Last year we were amazed by the number of terrifyingly dressed little witches, skeletons, zombies, vampires and other monsters who came along, we think we had about 60 in total! It's really useful to have an idea of how many people are coming so our hosts have enough treats, if you are planning to come please let us know via the facebook event, we will put a link on the love Eastington page or via email jen.empson@gmail.com

We would always love more houses to call on so if you live on Millend Lane (before the mill), Cress Green or Middle Street we would love to hear from you, we are happy to provide some sweets and all you need to do is be in on the night and give out the sweets.

Liz & Jen



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We are currently offering the following:-

MENTAL HEALTH - Raising awareness and reducing the stigma

A talk, with Jane Melton, Director of Engagement & Integration, Mental Health Foundation Trust

One in four of us will suffer a mental illness in our lifetime. This talk explores this startling fact and the stigma that is very often attached to having a mental illness. We can all help to breakdown this stigma, in order to make recovery easier and life better for all sufferers.

This talk is for anyone who has come close to a mental health problem ... and all of us that haven't.

Friday 19th October starting at 7.30pm, Cadbury Hall, Frampton-on-Severn,

Open to all, free admission.

WELLBEING COURSE- Strategies for wellbeing and self-care

With Rachel Stevens, Holistic Practitioner BA Hons MSTAT CNHC

This course is designed to enhance your wellbeing and give you the self-care tools and techniques you need to reduce stress, anxiety and pain, to aid sleep and to increase self-confidence and self-esteem.

The course will take place on Tuesday evenings over a six-week period, in a safe and supportive group. It will cover relaxation and breathing techniques, mind-body awareness techniques, mindfulness and meditation, self-care techniques and goal setting. It will involve a range of approaches, including group discussion, pair work and group work. As there will be some floor-based relaxation, you will need to be able to get onto and up from the floor (a little help can be given!).

Tuesdays, 16th October to 20th November, 7.30 - 8.45 pm at Wisma Mulia, Frampton.

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Baby & Toddlers Group	Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings	Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am
Lunchtime Bible Study	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm
Bible Study House group at The Pike Lock House	Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30pm
Youth Club (11-18)	Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm
Café Church (all ages together)	2 nd & 3 rd Sundays 11am
Main Services (separate activities for children/young people available)	The other Sundays 11am
For more information call Ken or Rebecca Burgin on 01453 827414 or visit : www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk	

**Jesus - Controller
of Nature**



**Sunday 14th &
21st October 11am**

ALL WELCOME !

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all ages with free cakes and drinks*

CAFÉ CHURCH

www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk

Café Church in October

On Sunday 14th and 21st, we will be looking at Jesus – Controller of Nature as the next part of our series exploring the life and ministry of Jesus.

There are several stories in the Bible where the normal natural order of things gets suspended. Examples include Jesus walking on the water, the calming of the storm and extraordinary catches of fish.

This will all sound like nonsense to those who put their faith in there being no God and believe that everything around us just happened by chance starting from nothing at all.

If you believe that the universe was created by God then, whilst these stories might fill us with wonder, God's Son being able to do what He did should be of no surprise at all.

Anyway, we will be looking into this in more detail on the above two Sundays and at our Bible studies on the subsequent Tuesdays.

Curious? - then why not come along? - the cakes will be good!

Messy Autumn Half Term 10:00 – 11:30am on Wednesday 24th October

The theme this time will be “Isaac Finds a Wife” so expect activities involving watering camels and weddings. If that does not make sense, why not come along and find out about the full story.

As usual, there will be a selection of crafts and other activities suitable for all ages.

Ken Burgin – Senior Steward
Ken, Beck & Liz Burgin 01453 827414



Church

Eastington Methodist Church

Pictures of Summer Activities

Messy Summer (*left*)

Southerndown Youth Club Outing (*below left*)



Friday Evening Youth Club – meets every week from 7:00 – 9:00pm. Over the summer we enjoyed spending time up at the OHMG field but as the nights draw in, we will be at the church for the whole evening with a variety of activities to participate in for those who want to. Subs are 75p, which includes a drink, and new members are always welcome.

November 11th Remembrance Sunday – 11th November falls on a Sunday this year and is also the 100th anniversary of the ending of WW1. This will be the theme of our Café Church on that Sunday. We would ask that those attending make sure they arrive a few minutes before 11am so as not to disturb the two minutes silence.

Prayer Changes Things - We hold a couple of prayer meetings a week, pray in the services and pray when we meet for Bible Studies. We see answers to prayer all of the time so if you would like us to pray for you and/or your situation, please make contact with us.



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Cotswold Edge Ministry Area - Stroudwater Team

Services in October

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| 1. | 7th Oct. | 11.15 Holy Communion | HARVEST | Liz Palin |
| 2. | 14th Oct. | 11.15 Holy Communion | | Pat Freeth |
| 3. | 21st Oct. | 18.00 Sung Evensong | | Lay Led |
| 4. | 28th Oct. | 1.15 Holy Communion | | Steve Harrison |

Services in November

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|----|-----------|----------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. | 4th Nov. | 11.15 Holy Communion | | Steve Harrison |
| 2. | 11 Nov. | 10.45 Holy Communion | REMEMBRANCE | Liz Palin |
| 3. | 18th Nov. | 18.00 All Souls | | Lay Led |
| 4. | 25th Nov. | 11.15 Holy Communion | | Liz Palin |



Some dates for the Christmas period.

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| 16th Dec. | Carol Service 3.00pm |
| 24th Dec. | Christingle 6.00pm |
| 24th Dec. | Midnight Mass 11.30pm |

*Full details of all the Stroudwater Team services in the Cotswold Edge Ministry for the current period can be downloaded as a .pdf file from the ecn website - or from this link:-
ecnarchive.eastington.website/pdfs/services.pdf*

THE ROTARY CLUB OF STONEHOUSE

Rotary offers a warm welcome to all, encouraging everyone to bring their own mix of work and life experience to the vitality of the Club.

Stonehouse Rotary has a full annual programme of community and charity activities and raises around £20,000 a year from such activities as the Five Valley Fireworks, the Hidden Gardens of Frampton-on-Severn, Santa's Carol Float and numerous other fund raisers.

Rotary supports youth groups, local schools, senior citizens and is committed to supporting both local and global communities. International charities such as End Polio Now, Shelter Box, emergency disaster relief and projects in Kenya and Zanzibar. Members also enjoy a full social calendar.

Stonehouse Rotary is now involved with Stroud Rotary in the Stroud & Stonehouse Rotary Community Awards. The programme aims to support small organisations within Stroud & Stonehouse.

We are a friendly and informal Club of men and women who combine fun with service and meet every Wednesday Evening at The Frocester. (The Frocester George).

If you would like to come and join us one evening and see what we do please contact:

Secretary: Derek Rogers 01452 740883 or derekrogers@btinternet.com

George Cook

The family of the late George Cook - an Eastington resident for 94 years - would like to sincerely thank all the many neighbours and friends who attended George's funeral, and for the very generous donations made to Cancer Research. Thank you also for the kind words and cards we have received, including the wonderful comments posted on the Love Eastington Facebook page, all of which have meant so much to us.

Mrs Julie Webb - Daughter.

Community



EASTINGTON VILLAGE WILL REMEMBER THEM



WWI in pictures, objects, books and animals

Photos of the village during the period.

Come and plant a poppy with your thoughts

Trench Canteen selling refreshments.

Blue Frog Theatre Company Presents...

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Entry is free but donations on the door will be greatly appreciated.

Proceeds to Poppy Appeal

Exhibition Open:

Friday 9th November 2 – 4 pm

Saturday 10th November 10 – 3 pm

Sunday 11th November Remembrance Service 10.45 am

Exhibition open 12pm – 3 pm

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