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Dear Readers,

A Very Happy New Year to everyone.

The strange and unsettled weather continues, swithering between balmy and calm, blustery and wet, cold and dry, sunny and bright, dismal and dark - sometimes all in one week. Once again the garden seems confused, with flowers blooming early - or even hanging on from last year. We have an ancient wallflower at the bottom of the garden, so woody that it is almost a small tree, and it blooms just exactly when it thinks it will, regardless of anything. Perhaps there is a lesson there.

Last year the really cold weather hit us in late February and March - and we are threatened with something similar this year - so enjoy the early daffs - but don't necessarily believe them.

But sun, rain, wind or snow we hope you enjoy your latest ECN - regardless!

Jan and the team.



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17th Feb, Walking Group (p14)

19th March Jumble Sale, 10am at Frocester Cricket Club

6th April, Easter Egg Hunt (p18)

PLUS don't forget the Playgroup's BINGO night on the Friday the **8th Feb** at the OHMG Community Centre that we featured last time. Tickets at the Post Office.

AND keep an eye on the website whatson.eastington.website for more news on local events as it comes in.

Deadline for next issue : Wednesday 20th March - for delivery around 1st April

Please email your articles, stories, photos and events to articles@eastington.website and please email advertisement requests to advertising@eastington.website

Space is limited - we may have to omit, postpone or shorten articles.

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History

An Eastington Diamond Wedding and the Band of Hope

The subject of this article is the gentleman in the photograph below. It was taken in 1911 at the celebration of the diamond wedding (60th) of the venerable **Nathaniel and Mary Partridge** - "much respected inhabitants of Eastington". The photo comes from an article in the *Stroud Journal* of the time, that reported what took place – it sounds like it was quite an event.



MR. AND MRS. N. PARTRIDGE.
Photo: W. G. Lewis, Eastington. 1911
DIAMOND WEDDING AT EASTINGTON.

The article described the day's activities at some length, commenting that the couple were joined by a crowd of between 30 and 40 that included their children, grandchildren and various family friends. Apparently the couple received "many hearty congratulations and handsome presents".

Remarkably, at nearly 80 years of age, Mr Partridge was still hard at work. In his youth, he had been apprenticed to Eastington bootmaker William Burford. At the time of the celebration, he was still active in the same trade. However, this wasn't the only string to his bow as he had also been the school librarian for no less than 40 years. Nathaniel and his wife Mary were both staunch supporters of the Wesleyan Church, where both had been class leaders.

Their involvement with the church leads us on to the second part of this article – the 'Band of Hope'.

From the middle of the 19th century, many churches and other organisations became increasingly concerned about the effects of excessive drinking, particularly by members of what were perceived as the working class. There was growing involvement with the Temperance Movement, the result being the creation of what became known as the

Band of Hope. The Band of Hope organisation was founded in Leeds in 1847 and was, in essence, a temperance organisation for working class children up to the age of 16. The idea for such an organisation was first proposed by the wonderfully-named Reverend Jabez Tunnicliff, who was a Baptist minister in Leeds, following the death in June 1847 of a young man whose life had been cut short by alcohol.

Members enrolled from the age of six and all took a pledge of total abstinence.



*The Eastington Band of Hope picnic, probably around 1910.
Nathaniel Partridge is left of centre (ringed)- same hat?!*

History

This was an era often marred by excessive drinking amongst adults. Life in general was made even harder by poor living conditions and health, and the fact that alcohol was freely available, including to youngsters.

Usually, meetings were held weekly, the organisation acting almost like a childrens' club. Understandably, youngsters were given lectures on the pitfalls of the demon drink, but also talks and lectures of a more general nature. The programmes of 'entertainment' were often quite varied and could include things such as hymn and song writing, and magic lantern slide shows. The highlight was often an annual competition to select a pageant queen. Depending on the location, members of local Temperance Societies sometimes organised outings for the children, often by rail or to the nearest coastal resorts.

The Band of Hope movement was remarkably successful for some years. In 1887 it had about one and a half million members – at the time, there were around 8 million youngsters of a suitable age in Britain, so that was a significant percentage. By 1891, membership had risen to 2 million and in 1897, it was over 3 million. In that year, Queen Victoria became the Movement's patron. Bands of Hope were set up in most towns and villages, and Eastington was no exception. The Temperance Society already has a strong foothold here, encouraged and supported for many years by the local mill-owning family, the Hoopers – see below

And what became of the Band of Hope? Changes in society and attitudes saw interest gradually wane, and by the 1950s the Temperance Movement in general fell away. The Band of Hope, however, was transformed into the existing London-based charity *Hope UK*. In essence, it continues the work started by Jabez Tunnicliff to educate children and young people about drug and alcohol abuse.

The likes of Nathaniel Partridge and other local people provide a direct link back to the early days of the movement and to this interesting (but largely forgotten) period in our history.

Steve Mills

Alcohol and the first Eastington Parish magazine

From the 1880s, through to the early years of the 20th century, ECN's forebear - the 'Eastington Parish Magazine' - was distributed monthly throughout the parish. It appears to have been produced by the local Temperance Association, as each issue carried a prominent report of what the organisation had been doing in the previous month. It contained many articles describing day-to-day activities in and around the village but also included regular warnings about the dangers of the demon drink!

The Temperance Association was strongly promoted in Eastington by some of the wealthier and more powerful residents. Amongst these were the Hoopers, the family that ran the village's cloth mills from the 1830s through to the 1880s.



1915?? The Kings Head and the original cross and drinking fountain

Both Charles Hooper and his son Charles Henry Hooper played dominant roles in the parish. Their cloth-making business was the main local employer and both adopted a fairly paternalistic attitude towards their workers. They promoted various measures to look after their workers' educational, physical and spiritual needs, but were particularly concerned about the effects of beer shops, often just converted cottages, dotted throughout the parish, that sold both beer and spirits.

In the 1830s Eastington had no less than 23 beer shops and two pubs - by the 1890s the number of pubs had risen to nine.

The Hoopers are probably best remembered for the Temperance hall that formerly stood in Alkerton, and the drinking-fountain combined with a signpost set up in the centre of the village to mark Queen Victoria's Jubilee of 1897. Local tradition suggests that this was intended to deflect custom from the King's Head!

(Extracts from from previous articles by Steve Mills)

Councils

PARISH MATTERS



The Council meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month (Full Council / Planning Committee), the meetings are open to the public and all the information relating to the meetings is published on our website.

For those of you that are unable to come along to the meetings, we thought it might be useful to give a more in-depth view of what the Parish Council does for its residents.

In this edition of the newsletter, we focus on the work of our committees and working groups; residents are welcome to join in with any of the activities our working groups promote.

Planning

There has been further delay in Stroud District Council making a decision on the Ecotricity planning application S.16/0043/OUT for a sports stadium at junction 13. We understand that it was to be considered in February but this is now more likely March or April. We will keep you updated through the ECN and our own Facebook and website once a date has been set.

The Parish Council is extremely grateful to its strategic planning working group of residents and councillors that have met monthly, sometimes twice a month, for the past 2 years and working behind the scenes spending many hours reading the planning documents, researching the impact of the Ecotricity application, meeting with planning officers and independent experts. This same working group also assists with reading and researching the applications associated with Great Oldbury (land West of Stonehouse) – to date we have had 33 applications to consider and comment on since the Outline consent was approved for 1350 houses.

As you can see, planning applications for the parish continues to be a huge area of work for the council and its volunteers.

Getting Around Group

We have a working group called “Getting Around” and their remit is anything that helps us to “get around” the parish better, whether it is highways related, or footpaths, or gritting the pavements in snowy weather; this working group regularly meets with our Gloucestershire Highways representative to progress matters that fall under County Council control (eg road safety).

It is through this group we were able to complete the village gateway project and the group organises twice yearly work parties to update the flowers in the planters. The group checks the grit bins and arranges for them to be topped up.

The Parish Council has a commitment to replace two stiles per year with kissing gates to improve access to our countryside footpaths, an initiative introduced by the Public Rights of Way Defenders.

Churchyard and Burial Ground Group

The Parish Council is responsible for the maintenance and health & safety of the closed churchyard at St Michael's & All Angels, and also for managing the burial ground across the road from the church. Our working group carries out regular visits to ensure the grounds are safe for the public, annual “hands-on” inspections of the headstones and tree surveys every 3 years.

We are proud to receive many compliments about the burial areas and hope that visitors will soon be able to enjoy the new memorial garden which we hope to complete this spring.

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Resources Committee

This small committee manages the assets of the Parish Council, including the employees, and meets when necessary (about twice a year). The committee oversees all the contracts issued by the Council such as the grass cutting and ensures we are receiving good service and value for money.

Budget 2019/20

The Parish Council has set its budget for the next financial year with a total expenditure of £87,480. The parish has a larger tax base than in previous years which means we can receive a higher precept (council tax) without a percentage increase on your council tax bill. The precept for 2019/20 will be £78,720 which works out as £119.86 for the year on a Band D property. We will make use of this unexpected increase to progress plans for improving the burial ground and installing a new bus shelter at Claypits.

Elections

Whilst the rest of Gloucestershire look forward to local council elections this coming May, Stroud District has a different schedule and our local elections will be in May 2020. **If anyone would like to know more about becoming a parish councillor please do get in touch with the Clerk (details below and on our website).**

Julie Shirley, Clerk to Eastington Parish Council Tel: 01453 799616

Housing Needs in the Parish

Just to let you know that there will be a Parish 'Housing Needs Survey' form delivered to every household in Eastington in March 2019.

This survey will help to inform us of the current and future housing needs of all our residents. It is important that as many households as possible take part, so that we can encourage the development that we really need whilst discouraging inappropriate development in the Parish.

Please look out for it with more information in the next ECN magazine, and respond as soon as you can. Thank You.

Defibrillators in the Parish

The 'Automatic External Defibrillators' are portable units that can be used to stabilise a heart rhythm in certain medical situations. We now have four defibrillators:

- Westend Suites – on the outside wall of the first business unit on the right
- Eastington Community Centre – left of the front door
- St Michael's Church – on the outside wall of the Lychgate inside the churchyard
- Old Badger Inn – on the front wall

All four are available 24 hours a day. No special training is needed to use the defibrillator. In the event of a medical emergency please call 999 as normal and the operator will direct you to the closest defibrillator and talk you through how to use it.

The defibrillators are checked monthly by the parish council and we have a contract with Community Heartbeat Trust to maintain the equipment.

The Parish Council is grateful to funds raised in the parish via Old Badger Inn, Westend Suites and Eastington Horse Show that has enabled us to purchase these defibrillators for the parish.

Councils

District Councillors' Newsletter

As ever it is planning that is the main theme of this month's article, but before I go onto that let me make a couple of non planning related points:

- As you read this Stroud District Council will be working on it's new budget and although there are continued pressures on Local Government finances, the financial situation is not as bad as originally feared after the Government opted not to make SDC pay £500,000 to the Government.
- Stroud District Council's recent 'Residents and Business Survey' again saw a high level of satisfaction with the services provided.
- The new Stroud District Council Chief Executive Kathy O'Leary has started, and as part of getting familiar with the District is planning to visit the Ward and attend the February Eastington Parish Council meeting on the 14th February.

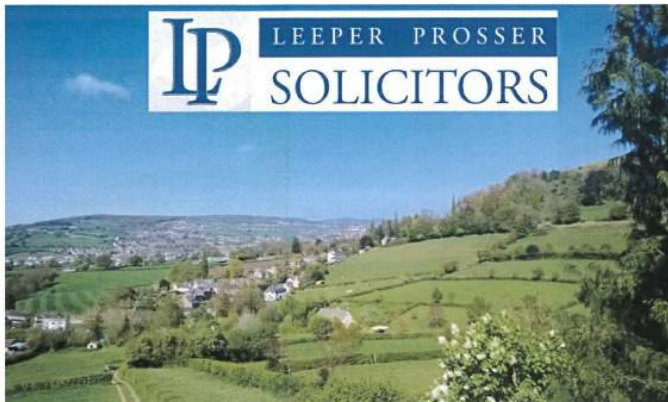
So over to planning:

- The Ecotricity Stadium Application was due to go to the Development Control Committee on the 12th February but this has been postponed as all the information and assurances required from Ecotricity have not been provided. It will come to a dedicated Development Control Committee but at the time of writing this had not been scheduled.
- By the time you read this the Consultation period on the Emerging Local Plan will have closed but this process will continue with an updated version that will then go to Council for approval.

As ever if you have any questions please contact

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John Jones at cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk. or 0780 8922918.



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Community



The children enjoyed participating in our nativity play 'The Greatest Day' for which we had been rehearsing many times beforehand and we managed to entertain everyone and enjoyed yet another amusing performance.

The children have enjoyed talking about Christmas, what they did in the holidays and who they spent Christmas with. We linked this to recognising special times and events for family and friends.

This term we are concentrating on developing children's knowledge of occupations and have Bristol Zoo coming to visit with some small and interesting animals.

Alongside this we have some lovely volunteers also coming in to look at a vet's job and the police force.

We will be looking at the celebrations of Chinese New Year – year of the pig and the children will be tasting some Chinese food, making Chinese lanterns and learning the about the story of the Chinese New Year.



Looking forward to the spring weather we are already planning what seeds to plant in our allotment to develop our knowledge of growth and decay.

Hopefully we will be lucky this year with the weather to enjoy our little patch of outdoor space where the children can explore and observe their natural world.

Finally, we can't forget Valentine's day when the children will be making a keepsake and we will be talking about love and emotions.



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.

If you would like more details please contact our administrator Michelle

07977 342 742 – email eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com or visit our website www.eastingtonplaygroup.co.uk

Community

Purple 4 Polio - Crocus planting at the School

World Polio Day was October 24th 2018. Stonehouse Rotarians gathered with support from the Eastington Community Orchard project to present a school assembly about 'Purple4Polio' and then to help the children plant about 3-4,000 purple crocus corms outside Eastington School and in the Orchard.

The children were very attentive and interested and asked lots of searching questions about Polio, Immunisation and Edward Jenner. We explained the significance of the colour purple to the campaign to rid the world of this awful disease and why the purple crocuses, as they brighten the world in February, will help remind us all of the extraordinary effort undertaken by Rotary with partners from all around the world.

The number of cases has gone from 350,000 a year in 1988 to only 22 so far this year and Rotary has already raised \$1.2 billion since 1985 to help achieve such amazing success. Stonehouse Rotary continues to play its part in fundraising and awareness raising in local schools and elsewhere to make sure we achieve that final victory and eliminate polio completely.

Then after the school assembly, ten groups of children in turn convened on the Churchend Green to plant the crocus corms. Rotary members removed grass turf in various patterns to allow pupils to place or scatter the corms. The turf was then relaid with a gleeful and enthusiastic student stomping proceeding to achieve necessary compaction.



We are looking forward to a blaze of purple later in February to follow the snowdrop mantle in the churchyard. Thanks are due to the support of the Parish Council, who are responsible for ground maintenance.

Charles Buckley and John Morris

Community

1st Eastington Brownies

We've had a busy few weeks at 1st Eastington Brownies.

Unfortunately our carol singing trip before Christmas was cancelled due to the Noro virus at the care home. We did meet for a Christmas craft evening in which the brownies re-cycled Aldi yogurt jars into beautiful Christmas tea-light holders and practiced gift wrapping skills. There was much chocolate consumed that night too!



We are concentrating on preparations for our Mama Mia Sleep-over, hopefully this will become a regular feature of our programme. We've had a beetle drive to know how to lay the table, we've taken an imaginary tube journey, where we counted stops on the Circle Line. This week we will be travelling to Sweden on a pretend aeroplane in time for our sleep over on 26th January!

We are continuing exploring the new programme and brownies are achieving the new Interest badges, it was really interesting for us all to look and hear about a much loved coin collection. We've had 2 girls achieve the much loved hostess badge before it is discontinued in September. The Leaders have also successfully achieved their new badges and demonstrated the different ways to achieve the new badges.

We still have spaces so if anyone is interested in joining 1st Eastington Brownies please contact :

Pauline Dobson, 01453 825577

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Just before Christmas, there was an urgent appeal from Teckels Animal Sanctuaries in Whitminster indicating that their future was at risk due to lack of funds.

Operating since 2003, Teckels is run by a small dedicated team of staff and volunteers. They aim to find the best possible homes for all the animals that arrive at the centre and to provide an environment where they are safe, well cared for and loved in the meantime. They are a charity, supported by the boarding side of the operation and public donation. They also have the contract with Stroud District to take in and attempt to rehome all the strays in the area. They care for a number of long-term 'residents' who have been with them for several years.

Financial problems were largely being caused by an increase in people wanting to surrender their pets and a decrease in people wanting to adopt. Teckels were also appealing for trustees with business skills and knowledge to help ensure their survival.

ECN is happy to report that we have had the following update on the situation:

"The appeal is doing well, but the donations have started to slow down now. We have hit the £67k mark on our Virgin money giving page which is fantastic, but there's still a way to go.

We have just appointed 4 new trustees to join our board. They have a wealth of skills and knowledge and will be key in ensuring our sustainability going forward and building our new business plan and fundraising strategy. We are still keen to appeal to anyone who may be able to assist us to get in touch, especially those who may be able to host their own fundraising events such as bake sales, sponsored walks etc.

We have had some great support from the local community and businesses, and can't thank people enough for their generosity." Sarah Fortey, Assistant Manager assistantmanager@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk

if you would like to help assure the future of Teckels and the many homeless animals

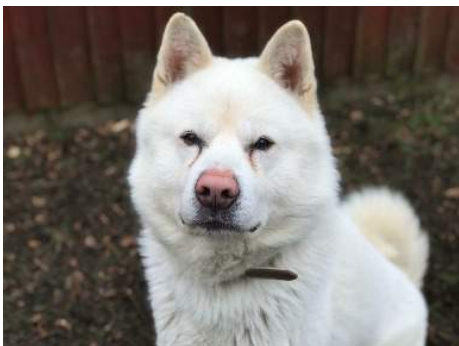
www.teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk

Please visit the website to find details of how to make a donation, or to become a member or to sponsor a place. Find out about their boarding and microchipping services. You might consider becoming a volunteer to help care for the animals, or you might consider sponsoring, fostering or even adopting a furry friend. Donations of food and bedding are also very welcome.

Email: Enquiries@teckelsanimalsanctuaries.co.uk Or just phone 01452 740300.

Or pop in: Teckels Animal Sanctuaries, Bristol Road, Whitminster, Gloucester, GL2 7LU

Some current residents looking for new homes:-



Polar- 4 year old Akita, very friendly and playful. Could possibly live with another dog and children.



Sparky- 13 year old lab cross. Older boy wanting a quiet retirement home



Willow- 8 year old staffie cross. Sweet girl needing a quiet but active home.

Councils

CONNECT

This new initiative aims to connect local people living in rural communities and help build new friendships and networks. The project is run by Guidepost and funded by the Gloucestershire County Councils' Thriving Communities Fund.

CONNECT is for and anyone seeking company and friendship, especially those who may feel isolated due to sickness or disability. Carers can participate with the person they care for or enjoy a respite break. At CONNECT you can make new friends over lunch together as well as learn new hobbies and skills through short courses and taster sessions. Have fun!

Meetings take place at **Whitminster Village Hall, every other Thursday from 10.30am – 2.30pm.**

For more information see our poster on the back cover, or please contact us:

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See also www.guideposts.org.uk/guideposts-connect



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The Herbert Protocol

If you are caring for someone with mental incapacity who might 'wander off' and become lost, you might need police services to help to find them. In such cases it is important to be able to give as much information as possible about the person and about places they might seek out. If you are already stressed, being quizzed on this sort of thing at the time may be difficult for you and may not give the best result.

The Herbert Protocol (named after George Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with dementia) is the simple idea of encouraging carers and family who may find themselves in this situation to keep a written version of all relevant information, along with photos etc, to hand at all times.

For maximum benefit, use the full Protocol form. You can find full details and download a copy of the form from the website <https://www.gloucestershire.police.uk/staying-safe/the-herbert-protocol> Or from www.met.police.uk/herbertprotocol (where there are some guidance notes too).

It could save a loved ones life.

Gloucestershire Constabulary - recruitment

We are currently recruiting for Police Constables in Gloucestershire.

We will also be holding a recruitment information event on **Thursday 7th February** at The Trust Centre in Conduit Street, Gloucester. This will start at 7pm and last approximately two hours.

See www.gloucestershire.police.uk/more-on-us/recruitment/ for more details of police careers.

School

Eastington Primary School

Class 2 have been learning how to write information texts. We were very lucky to have a visit from Mrs. Taylor and Debbie from Clockhouse Vets in Stroud. They brought a rescue dog Mack. Debbie let us listen to Mack's heartbeat and told us how to look after him. Mrs. Taylor also let us bandage some toy dogs and dress up as vets. We had a fantastic morning! Afterwards we used the information from their visit to write our own information booklets.



Here is a sample from one of our information booklets:



How to keep a dog safe:

You should never let a dog go out on it's own. It might cause an accident. You should put it on a lead.



Do dogs have sharp teeth?

Yes, that is correct, dogs have sharp teeth to chew and rip predators. They have sharp teeth to chew. If they didn't they would choke.



How long to dogs sleep?

If you have a small dog then probably 12 hours. If you have a big dog then 18 hours. The bed should be in a very quiet place and never in an area that can get too hot, such as a conservatory.

Community

Winter Progress at the Community Pond, Coneygree Community Orchard

The mild weather this winter has allowed significant progress at the Community Pond. The “before” photos shows ECO volunteers re-profiling the area around the pond (we love our big toys).



The “after” picture details what is still a work in progress but there’s water in the pond, a couple of willow sprigs planted and most of a set of steps built. The steps will allow barrows or even wheel-chairs to be bumped up and down whilst removing the likely hazard of a slippery slope.



The trees were planted by the after-school club of 7-to-10-year-old children under the guidance of Raffles Forest School who also made access to the area of the pond possible. If you look closely on the shed wall, they have also made a sign out of wood discs to say “Community Pond”.

The children have also made bird boxes and insect hotels.



Completing the linking of the pond to the main orchard path is also underway. The children tried their hands at path building and achieved 8 metres of path edging, weed-suppressant underlay (see some white underlay on the right) and base layer of roadstone. Later in the summer, all the paths will be finished off by ECO volunteers with a fine layer of 3mm dust, like the main orchard path, which is wearing well after 4 years of foot, paw and wheel traffic.

Tom Low ECO.

Community



Teddytunes

Every Thursday term time 10-11.30. One hour of musical fun with Vanessa and her guitar. Learn easy to sing action songs and nursery rhymes followed by social session with homemade cake and refreshments. Dancing with bubbles at the end.

Come on down to beautiful Frampton on Severn for some musical fun and frolics! Feel exhilarated and uplifted with the joy that singing with others will give you. Make new friends, enjoy a fabulous mornings entertainment!

Pay as you go, £6 a session, start any week, no sign up fee or hidden extras. We take you and your baby from any age (mine joined as newborns!)

Please do call me or message me anytime for queries or directions.

Bye for now! Vanessa

07806 802540 / 01453 828557



We have a very lively Facebook page please find us 'TeddyTunes'.

www.teddytunes.co.uk

vanessa@teddytunes.co.uk

Jolly Joggers

Come join the Jollies!

We are a group of friends meeting at least once a week welcoming people of all abilities. Our group is totally free and open to all.

Within the beginners we have 3 distinct groups...the brisk walkers, walking to jogging and fast jogging. We offer support and company on these dark nights and fun and laughter! Please phone Vanessa for more details or visit our lively Facebook page (search Jolly Joggers Eastington, and look out for circle of trainers that's us)!

Come on out and get started with your fitness program. All you need is hi viz jacket and a torch.

We welcome you! Vanessa 07806 802540 / 01453 828557 vanessa@teddytunes.co.uk



Eastington Walking Group



Walkie Talkies presents...
Fun Family Walks!

Meet on the third Sunday of each Month

1pm at The Old Badger

Dogs on leads are welcome - with poo bags

5-ish miles 3-ish hours

Please get in touch for more info.

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cousins.vanessa@gmail.com



Find 'Eastington Community Walking Group' on facebook

Community

Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Group

As we welcome the start of 2019 it's been wonderful to also see lots of new members joining our groups. It's been a wonderful start to the year with lots of support, sharing and fun as we all lose weight to find our healthier selves. Weight losses in the first three weeks of January have been fantastic, lots of weight loss awards achieved, what a wonderful start to the year.

2019 also sees Slimming World celebrate its 50th Golden Anniversary so everyone was given a lovely new golden member pack at the beginning of the month to start the celebrations off in style. There's lots more happening throughout the year too.



Chicken Tikka Curry

As this latest edition of the community news goes to print at group we will be starting our fantastic Free Food February month, concentrating on all the wonderful foods you can eat freely on the plan with no weighing or measuring to keep you feeling full and satisfied while you lose the weight brilliantly.

We're looking forward to sharing all our ideas for breakfasts, lunches, dinners and snacks as well as enjoying a food tasting evening together.



Body Magic is also encouraged. Body Magic is our activity awareness to help us work on our healthier lifestyles and the choice is yours. From gardening to dancing, housework to playing games with the children, swimming to the gym, Zumba to Pilates. It's been great to see members trying activities to see what they enjoy. For me it's walking with my dogs and family and we have so many wonderful walks right from our front doors here in Eastington.

We're also lucky enough to have lots of different activity groups we can go to here within our own village.

So wishing you all a fantastic 2019. New members are welcome every week so come along and join us.

Wednesdays 9.30am at Stonehouse Community Centre

Wednesdays 5pm or 7pm at Eastington Village Hall

Best wishes. Lorna **07974937830**



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Citizens Advice celebrates 60 years in Stroud!

Can you help us find 60 new donors?

Your local Citizens Advice is a charity which offers free, independent, impartial and confidential information, advice and support to the local community. As a charity it depends on the goodwill of its supporters which includes local councils, trusts and also many individuals.

We have just celebrated our sixtieth year of service to Stroud and District and are seeking to enrol 60 more long term financial supporters in order to ensure the continuation of our service in the future.

Can you help, please? If you would like to become one of our 60 new supporters please phone us on 0808 800 0510 and ask us to send you the necessary forms.

Energy Projects at Stroud and Cotswold Districts Citizens Advice - Keeping Warm This Winter

We are working to provide advice to people to help save money on gas and electricity bills and advise of any other help that may be available to them. We can do this by helping to find the best deal, check if they can get the Warm Home Discount of £140.00 a year, check they are on the most suitable tariff for them and discuss energy saving measures. Our advisers will help people through the switching process or show them where to find the information to help themselves.

We can also help with any other energy related issues like disputes over bills, complaints, energy efficiency and grants.

For a one to one energy appointment call your local Stroud advice line:

Stroud District freephone 0808 800 0510

<https://www.citizensadvice-stroudandcotswold.org.uk>



Frocester Womens' Institute



Saturday 16th March

At the Frocester Cricket Pavilion

GL10 3TW

Doors Open 10am Entry fee 20p

Lots of bargains!

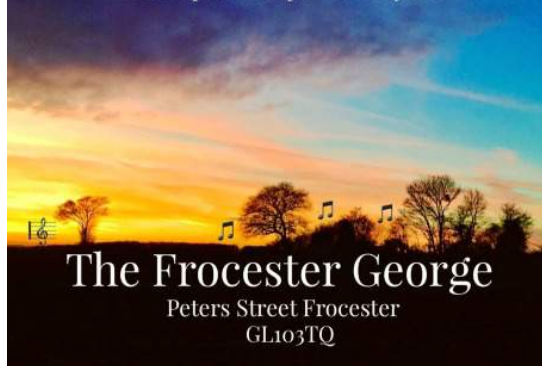


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£1 contribution includes refreshments.

Drinks are available at the bar.

Come and see for yourselves.

Community



Eastington Cricket Club

Eastington Cricket Club resume activities after the winter break on Sunday March 31st.

Nets have been arranged at Marling School Stroud, 11 am to 12 noon, on 3 successive Sundays: 31/3; 7/4 and 14/4.

Matches start with a friendly on 28th April v Commoners (A). League matches in the Stroud League are played on Saturday afternoons commencing 4th May.

Anyone interested in playing is invited to contact the captain,

Roger Beese (01453-823128/07884438417)

or the Secretary, Keith Dench (01453-764990).



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Community



It is that time of year again, as Christmas is over we must start thinking about Easter (I have already spotted Easter Eggs in the supermarket!)

Last years Easter Egg Hunt made a huge £2500 which was shared between Eastington Playgroup and Eastington Primary School. These funds had a significant impact on our learning environments, helping mend items and to provide new equipment.

We are now planning for the 2019 event which will take place on the **6th April** and we are looking for local businesses who would like to sponsor an Egg. Each egg will feature a unique design based around this year's theme of 'Disney Pixar'. The sponsor's logo will be displayed along with the egg and on the reverse of the map. A list of sponsors is also printed in Eastington Community News.

We are asking for a minimum donation of £25 per egg and the deadline for payments will be 6th March 2019.

We are also looking for people who would like to decorate eggs and also anyone who would be able to offer us a location to display our eggs on the day.

If you would like any more information or would like to help please contact

Lisa Hills, who is the contact for Eastington Primary, by email at eastingtonschoolpa@gmail.com

Or Jenny Winfield, the contact for Eastington Playgroup, by email at eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com



Help required in Westend / Nupend

Could anyone please spare a couple of hours to give the Westend / Nupend noticeboard a couple of coats of wood preservative? I have all the materials.

Please call me on **01453 825687** if you would like to help.

Many thanks, Edd.

Thistledown Café

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Open Weds to Sun for brunch & lunch – sourdough pizzas back in April!

Thistledown Café is located on our family farm overlooking Woodchester Park, with stunning views from our dining conservatory and open kitchen. Our food is prepared with a charcoal BBQ and wood-fired clay oven using local produce, foraged ingredients and free range meats. We serve vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options, such as vegan tapas nights, wood-fired sourdough and stock a range of locally-sourced alcohols.

We donate 5% of all hot drinks sales to charity for tree planting and habitat creation in the local area. We're open 9am - 4:30pm Weds to Sun and offer brunch 9:30am - 11:30am & lunch midday - 3pm. Our wood-fired pizza nights will start in April. Join our mailing list for details of events pizzas, storytelling sessions and foraging walks!

thistledown.org.uk 01453 860420 thistledown farm, tinkley lane, nympsfield, GL10 3UH

Church



Eastington Methodist Church

Eastington Methodist Church Main Activities	
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) Main Services (separate activities for children/young people available)	2 nd & 3 rd Sundays 11am The other Sundays 11am
For more information call Ken or Rebecca Burgin on 01453 827414 or visit : www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk	

Messy February Half Term

Wednesday 20th Feb

Story/
Video



Cakes
Drinks

Family
Craft
Activities

COOKING

10am – 11:30am

**Theme - Joseph, his coat,
his dreams**

www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk

We have a **Messy Church** on the Wednesday morning during the February Half Term week. The theme is the early life of Joseph – this is the story of his dreams (that annoyed his brothers), the coat of many colours and him being sold as a slave into Egypt (see Genesis 37).

This is the same story that inspired Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to write the popular musical *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* back in the 1970s.

There is plenty of material here for really good craft activities. As usual, there will be a group time together when we will look at the story and this will be followed by cakes and drinks. There is no charge; donations welcome.

We have a total of four **Café Church** sessions over February and March. These will follow the continuing theme of the life of Jesus. The first two cover Jesus – Power Over Death (Feb 10th & 17th) then Jesus – The Messiah (Mar 10th) and finally Jesus – His Glory Revealed (Mar 17th). These all start at 11am on these Sundays, are suitable for all ages and are followed by cake.

Older members of the community may be interested in **Hymn & Prayer** which takes place at the Broadfield common room on the fourth Wednesday each month at 2pm. There is a chance to sing some favourite hymns and pray together followed by some hot drinks and biscuits. The next two are on the 27th of both February and March.

The EMC AGM is on Tuesday 26th February at 2:45pm at the church to follow the Tuesday Lunchtime Bible Study. Anyone can attend and participate but should a vote be needed, only members can vote.

We are always keen to welcome new people so please feel tempted to come along to any of our events or to contact us if you want to find out more.

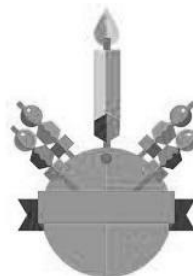
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St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

Christingle

Last year, we had one of our biggest Christingle services on Christmas Eve ever, with almost 250 people packing out our Church to celebrate the beginning of Christmas, during which Christingles were handed out to children. Thank you to everyone who came along. We are pleased to announce that £472 was raised on the night for the Children's Society.



Mothering Sunday



We would love to see you at our Mother's Day Service on Sunday 31st March at 11.15am, at which we celebrate all those who care for us. This includes mothers, family members, carers and all within our community who play a nurturing and nourishing role. During the Service, flowers will be given out to mums and to anyone who would like to receive a posy. The service is suitable for all ages, with refreshments being served afterwards in the Charlie Bullock Room.

If you would like to come along and receive a posy, please contact Jacky Naylor on 01453 828682 or at jacky@mikenaylorsurveyors.co.uk by Friday 29th March 2019.

Upcoming Services at Eastington Church

Sundays at 11:15 am :-

3 rd February	Morning Prayer
10 th February	Holy Communion
17 th February	Holy Communion with audio-visuals
24 th February	Holy Communion

3 rd March	Morning Prayer
10 th March	Holy Communion
17 th March	Holy Communion with audio-visuals
24 th March	Holy Communion
31 st March	Mother's Day Service

Eastington Church Annual Meeting



Our Annual Meeting will take place on Thursday 4th April 2019 at 7pm at Eastington Church. All parishioners are encouraged to attend to discuss and vote upon matters which will have a significant bearing upon the future of the Church within our village.

There will be two vacancies for Churchwardens and nine vacancies for the Church Council, including a Secretary and Treasurer. At present, we do not have anyone who is intending to stand as Churchwarden or Treasurer. **Therefore unless individuals are willing to come forward to stand as a Churchwarden or Treasurer, the Church faces an uncertain future.**

If you would like to offer whatever talents you possess to ensure our Church is conserved, maintained and enhanced for the enjoyment of present and future generations, please come along to our Annual Meeting at Eastington Church on Thursday 4th April 2019 7pm, or alternatively you are invited to have an informal discussion with our Rector Steve Harrison, who can be contacted on 07466 858975

Church

Eastington Church Electoral Roll

The Church Electoral Roll is a register of electors who are permitted to vote at our annual meeting, where elections take part for Churchwardens and the Church Council. It is also our membership list and acts as a way that we can communicate with our members.

This year, Eastington Church has to prepare a new electoral roll. Everyone who is currently on our electoral roll will be notified and invited to re-apply.

If you would like to be added to the Church's Electoral Roll please fill in the form below and return to the Church Electoral Officer: Chris Amys at Rose Villa, St Cyrils Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QG



APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT ON THE EASTINGTON CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Name:

Address:

Email & Telephone:

1: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A or B)		
1A	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am baptised, am a lay person, and am aged 16 or over
1B	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am baptised, am a lay person, and become 16* on _____ <i>*Those who become 16 in the next twelve months may complete the form and become eligible to be entered on the roll on their sixteenth birthday.</i>
2: I declare that (please tick only one box from options A, B or C)		
2A	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of the Church of England (or of a Church in communion with the Church of England) and am a resident in the parish.
2B	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member of the Church of England (or a Church in communion with the Church of England) and, not being resident in the parish, I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.
2C	<input type="checkbox"/>	I am a member in good standing of a Church (not in communion with the Church of England) which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and also declare myself to be a member of the Church of England and I have habitually attended public worship in the parish during the period of six months prior to enrolment.

I declare that the above answers are true and I apply for inclusion on the church electoral roll of the parish.

Signed:

Date:

Church

Eastington Choir

We are looking for an enthusiastic Choir Director to steer the development and enhance our Choir for the congregation and wider community.



The Choir are currently without a Director, but were meeting on a Wednesday evening, with approximately 10 singers attending each week. The Choir was been an integral part of Eastington Church for many years, with the group growing in confidence and repertoire during that time.

This role has great scope to take the Choir in a new direction, to review its purpose and identify ways to expand and advance in the future.

It is with great sadness that unless we are able to find a new Choir Director or attract any new members, the Choir will dissolve, which would be a great loss to our village.

If you are interested in getting involved with our Choir, to find out more about becoming our Choir Director, or if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact our Churchwarden

Mike Naylor 01453 828682 or at mike@mikenaylorsurveyors.co.uk.

The Bridleway (EEA33) and the West of Stonehouse development

During the installation of the haul road, the Bridleway crossing point had to be closed for a couple of days towards the end of January. Following this, the developers have given a re-assurance that they should be able to keep it open, now, by manually controlling the crossing point. The following is part of a statement by the developers to the GCC footpaths officer:-

'..... will have permanent access across the Bridleway on manned gates meaning any closures will be very short duration (5 - 10 mins a time). This is likely to be fairly frequent and on a daily basis though.

Please pass on to the planning officer that we will do whatever is required by them, regarding the Bridleway and access, to keep the surrounding residents from being inconvenienced.

Once established and for the remaining duration of the building work (to that parcel of land), anyone walking 'half way down the footpath' to find it closed would experience something more like a train crossing where hopefully they would be able to wait briefly after which they could proceed with their journey.

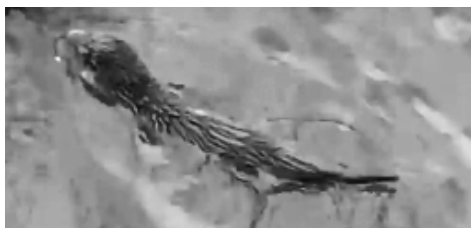
Naturally we will have this fact well signed along the footpath to help awareness this is the case.

This is my plan for managing the closure moving forwards'.

If you experience any further closures, please contact

Sarah Macaulay-Lowe

Gloucestershire County Council, Public Rights of Way Officer, Stroud District 07586 548245



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In the first instance please email Caroline Tosh at ctosh1@talktalk.net with your postal address for a job description, background information and details of how to apply.

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You need not be a member of the Society to attend and the cost is £3.50/per person, but entrance is cheaper for members and tea/coffee plus biscuits are provided for all!

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

Dates for your Diary – 2019 Talks

- 25th Jan: 1607, The Great Severn Estuary Flood - Rose Hewlett
- 22nd Feb: A Time of Change: Frampton on Severn in the Victorian period - Jean & David Speed
- 22nd March: The Lock Keeper, Distributionist & Nightwalker:
Ivor Gurney's friendship with F W Harvey in WWI & Framilode's connection - Tony Condor
- 26th April: The Severn: stories & songs by 2 'Severn Bores' - Bill Church & Dan Everett
- 17th May: Men behaving badly: Social & individual discontent in the Stroud Valley and beyond - Ian Mackintosh
- 28th June: The History of Aviation in Gloucestershire - Barry Simon
- Mid-Aug: Annual visit to be confirmed
- 27th Sept: Around the World in 80 images - Peter Berry
- 25th Oct: AGM & Bill Wood Memorial presentation.
- 22nd Nov: A monstrous commotion: The mysteries of Lock Ness - Gareth Williams
- 7th Dec: Annual Christmas Dinner

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