

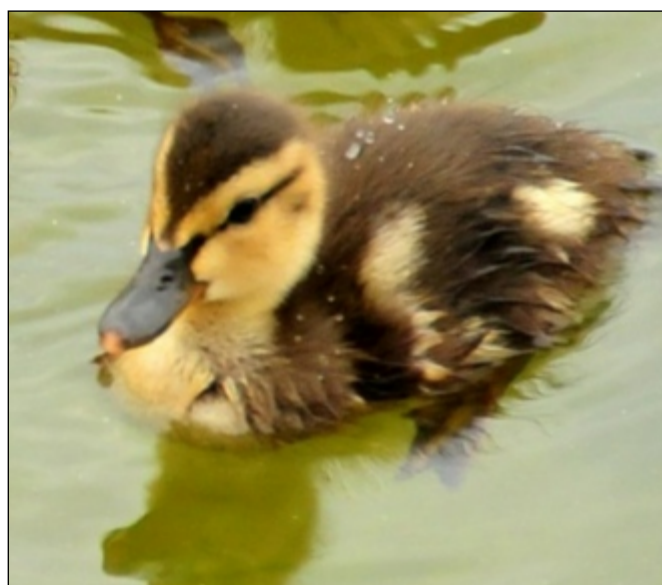


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## Signpost

### Your news... your ECN!

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Hello Everyone,

Cliché, perhaps, but Summer has arrived! - and I hope that this reaches you in as much glorious sunshine as it is being written.

There is so much going on in and around Eastington over the warmer months. You will find notices of all sorts of events scattered throughout this issue, but there is more to come - please do keep an eye on our events website - **[whatson.eastington.website](http://whatson.eastington.website)** (with or without 'www') - and make sure you do not miss out. We try to keep this up-to-date all the time as we find out about events - do not forget to let us know about yours (its free!)

We are so lucky to be close to the rivers and canals, and all the plants and wildlife that goes with them. But everything needs some loving care. If you have a little free time and would like to enjoy it outdoors with others then this is the issue for you - there are no less than three different opportunities to join with other volunteers to help look after our watery environment.

We hope you enjoy your ECN.

Mary, Tom and Jan.

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Please email your articles, stories, photos and events to [articles@ecn.me.uk](mailto:articles@ecn.me.uk)

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

*The views expressed in ECN are not necessarily those of the editors.*

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## Community

### Eastington Primary School

On Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019, Class 5 went on a trip to the Corinium Museum in Cirencester. As we are currently learning about the Romans, it was very interesting to explore the museum and find out more about them.



After arriving at the museum, we ventured off to our first workshop. The workshop consisted of four different activities. One of the activities was called "Roman tombstones" where you had to fill in a fact file about a Roman on a large piece of wood. We also learned about "Isotope Analysis" which is explained below.

After everybody had taken their turn, we decided to have a wander around the museum and find out some more interesting things about the Romans. We each had a question sheet and we had to look for specific artefacts from in and around the displays.

Next up was workshop two; again there were four different activities to participate in. One of them was called "Pottery pieces". The object of the game was to create what was once a Roman pot out of broken pieces. It was quite tricky. Another activity was where there were large magnetic boards and little magnetic mosaic shapes, and you could make up patterns that the Romans might have used thousands of years ago!

Once we had finished workshop two, we had lunch and a final explore of the museum. On leaving, we thanked the staff for our amazing time and travelled back to school for the end of the day.

To sum up, it was a very thought-provoking, interesting and brilliant day. I would fully recommend it to anyone currently studying the Romans who would like to learn some crazy, unbelievable facts about Roman life. We are now looking forward to our next trip- PGL!

#### **ISOTOPE ANALYSIS**

This is a means of finding out where people came from. When you pass away and your skeleton is eventually found, people can look through your teeth and bones and they can find out, from the minerals stuck in them, things like where you were born and where you are from because every place in the world has its own different minerals!



#### **Did you know?**

The Romans used to eat snails fattened on milk – lovely!

Alesha Phillips, year 6



## Eastington Playgroup

We were very busy last term looking at expressive arts and design, colour mixing and recycled construction. The children were encouraged to choose and explore materials to express themselves by using clay, paint, dancing and mark making resources.



### Mothers Day Afternoon Tea

We celebrated Mother's Day and all the children made an invitation and decorated their Mummy a special flower pot and chose bulbs to grow at home. Lots of Mum's then came along to celebrate this event with us and enjoyed cakes and squash being served by their little ones, followed by playing together and finally a story before the end of the afternoon.

### Dancing

The children enjoyed performing a dance sequence to parents who have been having dance lessons from a qualified dance teacher. The children were very excited to put on their little dance show to parents showing everyone what they have been learning over the sessions with Louise from Dance-Pointe.

### Preschool

Our Preschool sessions start at Eastington Primary School for the children that have been lucky to have a place in September this year. We are running six sessions this year to introduce children to their new surroundings and meet their teachers.

### Egg Hunt

We all had great fun at our Easter Egg hunt in the village which we organised along with Eastington Primary School. We made 'Mike' from Monsters Inc who was found along the route of the treasure hunt. A very big thank you to everyone who came on the day and support us!



### Registering new children

If you know someone who has a child that they might like to send to our Playgroup, as we are so busy and to avoid disappointment, we would advise parents to register their children with us as early as possible.

**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 are currently operating a waiting list and this will continue into the new academic year.

Playgroup offer full and half day sessions.

We accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers. We run 4 days a week, Mondays-Thursdays, term time only and our fees are currently £4.20 per hour.

If you would like more details please contact

Michelle, Administrator

07977 342 742 email [eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com](mailto:eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com)

## Parish Council



## Eastington Parish Council

Mrs J Shirley – Parish Clerk

[www.eastington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastington-pc.gov.uk)

[clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk) 01453 799616

### ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

**Welcome to the Annual Report 2018-19 on the activities of the Council.** You will find details of how the Council spent its money and how the Council funds this expenditure.

The Parish Council consists of 9 councillors who represent an electorate of approximately 1,360. Elections are held once in every four years, the next election will be May 2020 where it is currently proposed to increase our number to 10 councillors.

The Parish Council has a number of responsibilities in the village including: Burial ground, closed churchyard, play area, notice boards, bus shelters, and grass cutting of the parish owned open spaces.

The Parish Council employs 3 part-time staff to manage all Council matters; the Parish Clerk is employed 20 hours per week, the Planning Clerk employed for up to 10 hours per week as workload demands, and the Assistant Clerk is also employed for up to 10 hours per week as workload demands.

The Council meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Village Hall in Eastington. Agendas are displayed on the village notice board and also on the website – [www.eastington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastington-pc.gov.uk). The public are welcome to attend these meetings and raise questions during the 20 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

We keep residents updated on parish matters through our website [www.eastington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eastington-pc.gov.uk), the Eastington Community News and you can follow us on Twitter (@Eastington\_PC) or on Facebook (EastingtonPC).

#### Parish Councillors as at May 2019:

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#### Chairman's Report:

Our Clerk has been researching our archives and found the minutes of the very first meeting of our Council, it will be the 125<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of this event in December this year!!

We are asking for suggestions for a way to celebrate this milestone so any suggestions will be welcome.

Councillors have been busy this year endeavouring to deliver on your requests.

The main concern is parking in the village and at and around the school, the former is difficult due to the lack of suitable space to use as a car park. Some staff and customers are using the car park in Victoria Drive and using the footpath to the shops etc.

Our Getting Around group are working with the school to find solutions to their problems.

Planning: We are pleased to welcome our planning clerk; it is good to have expert advice as we continue to deal with Great Oldbury details. As you have probably noticed it is progressing very quickly and some houses are already occupied. Although I saw the plans before work started it still looks very large!!

We will be replanting the village gateway troughs soon and would be grateful for any offers of help with planting and watering during the season. We have also purchased two displays for the barriers on Alkerton road.

If you have anything you would like to discuss with the Council we meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Village Hall starting at 7.00pm.

We also meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month when required, to consider Planning applications, the notice board at the Co-op will give details of the Agenda for both meetings.

If you need to get in touch, please contact our Clerk

**Muriel Bullock - Chairman**

#### Grants & Donations

The Parish Council manages the Solar Grant Fund (from the Cambridge Solar Farm income) and a small grants and donations budget; we have been able to support the following groups and initiatives during the past year:

Eastington Primary School	£20
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	£200
Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity (loan)	£3000
<b>Solar Grant Funds:</b>	
Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity (M5 fencing)	£3000
Owen Harris Memorial Ground Charity (public toilets)	£2500

**Do you have a project in mind? Please see the Grants page on our website to see how the Council can help.**



## Parish Council

### Eastington Parish Council Receipts & Payments Account for the Year Ending 31st March 2019

	Year ended 31 March 2019	Year ended 31 March 2018
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>		
Precept	70,580.00	68,898.00
Local Council Tax Support Grant	0.00	0.00
VAT refund	7,321.95	18,489.81
Burials	3,440.00	4,585.00
Bank interest received	34.58	29.78
Rent and wayleave	27.38	37.38
Grants & Donations	7,235.86	62,393.40
Solar Grant Fund	6,466.32	6,269.83
	95,106.09	160,703.20
<b><u>Payments</u></b>		
VAT	1,379.43	16,902.36
Hall hire	339.50	321.25
Ground maintenance	9,127.50	9,390.00
Office expenditure/phone	1,257.02	1,338.37
Severn Trent Water	26.41	29.39
Audit & legal fees	655.00	610.00
Grants and donations	3,220.00	300.00
Subscriptions	1,066.13	768.97
Training	485.00	575.00
Loan repayments	5,522.96	5,522.96
Insurance	1,119.12	1,104.88
Payroll services	217.50	90.00
Staff costs	25,452.98	19,517.81
Expenses: Clerk and council	705.11	997.04
Election expenses	0.00	0.00
Graveyard Burial Ground repairs	949.28	3,655.80
Planning expenses	2,750.00	4,288.26
Repair projects	0.00	1,136.80
Professional representation fund	300.00	251.00
NDP/Parish plan	0.00	0.00
Footpaths and Highways	447.74	2,361.21
Village gateways	195.85	9,925.00
Other	185.18	524.25
Defibs	1,379.00	
Snakey Park (from grants)	5,497.50	58,673.20
Snakey Park maintenance	1,874.42	644.71
Ecology projects	0.00	800.00
Bus Shelter replacement	0.00	6,999.00
Solar Grant Fund	5,500.00	9,000.00
	69,652.63	155,727.26
<b><u>Balance Sheet as at 31st March 2019</u></b>		
Opening Balances	100,269.69	95,293.75
Excess Receipts/(Payments)	25,453.46	4,975.94
	<b>125,723.15</b>	<b>100,269.69</b>

#### **Budget 2019/20**

The Parish Council has requested the annual precept figure of £78,720 which is an increase on the 2018/19 figure of £70,580. However, due to the council tax base increasing there will be a zero-percentage increase on the parish part of your council tax bills. The Parish Council's budget for 2019/20 is £87,480 so we are using other income apart from council tax to fund activities and improvements to the village such as the new memorial garden.



## Environment



### Cotswold Canals Connected Canal and River Frome INNS Control



The Cotswold Canals Connected (CCC) project aims to link up the Stroudwater canal from Stonehouse to Saul Junction. Alongside restoration of the canal itself the project has the potential to make a significant contribution to biodiversity by providing new habitats, and by re-forming an important link between the River Severn in the west and the valleys of the Cotswold escarpment in the east.

A key part of the work will involve managing the existing species along the route.

#### What is INNS?

A non-native plant species is one living outside its native distributional range and which has arrived there through human activity (deliberate or accidental). Only a small proportion of non-native species have the potential to cause damage to the environment, the economy, our health and the way we live and these are known as Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS).

#### What is the project hoping to achieve?

The removal of INNS, and in particular Himalayan Balsam, along the canal and Lower Frome. This will increase the diversity and connectivity of native marginal vegetation, improving the habitat for our native plants and animals.

#### Why Himalayan Balsam in particular?



Photo: Amy Lewis

Once Himalayan balsam has taken a hold it forms dense strands, which crowd out native plants from growing. Furthermore, it has nectar rich flowers which tempt bees away from native wildflowers so these are less likely to be pollinated and produce seed. Many native riverside plants have strong roots that remain throughout winter, binding banks together and preventing erosion. In contrast, Himalayan Balsam dies off completely in winter leaving banks open to being worn away by water.

#### What can be done to help prevent the spread of Invasive Non-Native Species?

With cooperation from willing landowners, suitable resources and dedicated people a significant effort can be made to help protect our native plants and animals.

One of the most effective ways to control the spread of INNS is to pull young plants out by hand.



In June and July CCC will be running local volunteer work parties along the canal route to help control Himalayan Balsam.

If you would like to join the volunteer parties and spend some time in the sunshine (not guaranteed!) helping to look after and protect our rivers and canal, please contact the Canal Environment Manager:-

**[anna.tarbet@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk](mailto:anna.tarbet@gloucestershirewildlifetrust.co.uk)**

For more information about the project, current events and opportunities please visit our website at:

**[www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org](http://www.cotswoldcanalsconnected.org)**

**(And keep an eye out for events on [whatson@eastington.website](http://whatson@eastington.website))**

## Environment

### Restore the canal with us!

Drop-in volunteering on the first Sunday of each month from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Next few dates: 2nd June, 7th July, 4th August.

Meet outside Bond's Mill Gatehouse, Bond's Mill Business Estate, Bristol Road, Stonehouse, GL10 3RF. Park adjacent to the building.

These are informal volunteering sessions focusing on vegetation management and towpath repairs/construction in the Eastington/Stonehouse area. Just turn up, no experience is necessary. Spend anything from half an hour to the whole day. On the day, dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots or shoes, steel toe-capped if you have them. Bring a drink and something to eat.

Contact: Ian Moody    ian.moody@stroud.gov.uk    07902 207658

### Watch out for Giant Hogweed

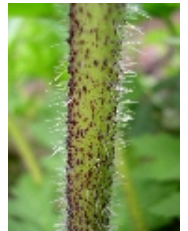


Giant hogweed (*Heracleum mantegazzianum*) is an invasive weed which is really dangerous. The early warm weather has provided perfect conditions for it to thrive, and specimens have been seen in Gloucestershire, mainly along the banks of waterways.

It looks a bit like cow parsley, but is much bigger - it can grow up to several meters tall, with flowers 80 cm across and red-spotted, hairy stems 3-8 cm thick.

The sap of this plant can get on to your skin if you just brush the leaves or stem. It prevents the skin from protecting itself from sunlight and this can quickly cause very serious burns and blisters.

If you see any stay well away and report to Environmental Health because it requires specialist treatment.



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## Environment



Stroud Valleys Project  
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### Frome River Restoration Project

(Aka The Paleo Channel)

The Severn Rivers Trust in partnership with six other organisations, are working towards increasing fish migration access across impassable barriers to migration and to improve the habitat beyond these barriers.

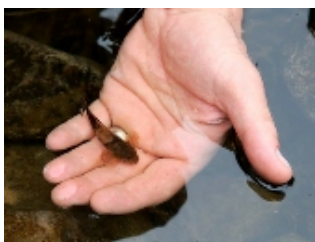
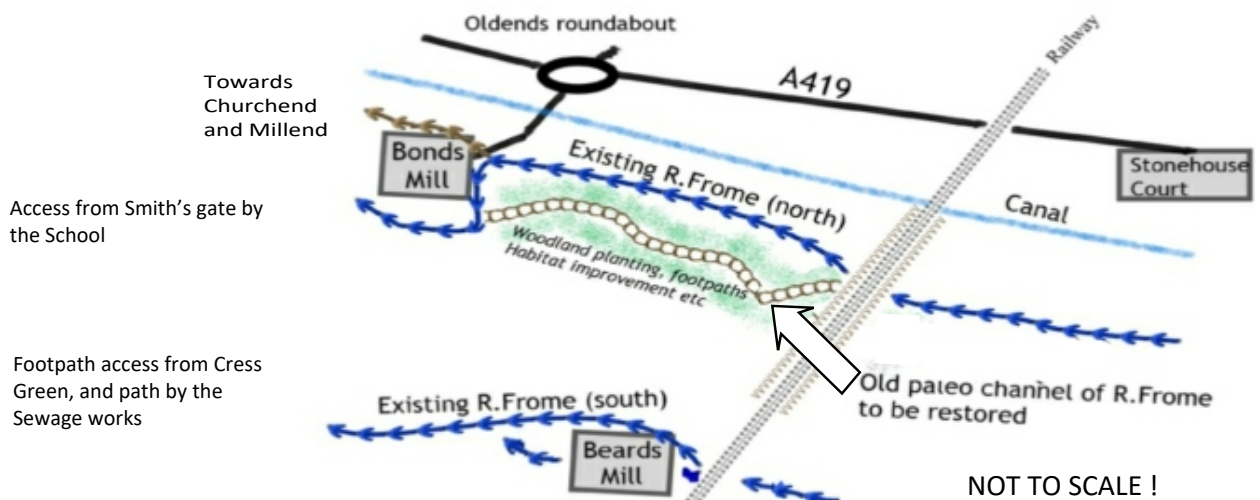
The River Frome is a critical watercourse for the endangered European eel. Historically salmon and sea trout used to migrate up through Stroud and they are still recorded downstream of Whitminster weir today. However, the movement of local and migratory fish up and downstream to feed, spawn and complete their lifecycles is currently restricted by the number of man-made structures. Otters are present in small numbers on the River Frome and would benefit from increased numbers of fish. This project aims to improve fish migration along the River Frome and to increase access to high quality habitat for fish.

There are also opportunities to extend and enhance river and floodplain habitats for the benefit of other wildlife such as and bats, water voles, otter, birds and amphibians. *(and people. Ed)*

This project will deliver the restoration of a 370m relic channel situated in the floodplain meadow upstream of Bond's Mill, Stonehouse and create a series of wetland pools. The restoration of the channel will provide good valuable eel, salmonid and coarse fish habitat; and will provide an additional 4km of accessible river habitat free from barriers. Furthermore, the restoration of the relic channel will also deliver a wealth of benefits for the environment and ecology alongside wider ranging benefits to the community and business.

Please bear with us whilst we undertake the construction works on site which are due to start Phase 2 of Works on Tuesday 28th May 2019 and are likely to take 2 weeks to complete. Please note we shall not be moving vehicles through Churchend. All transport will go via Eastington.

Facebook: Severn Rivers Trust      Twitter: @severnivers



#### Wildlife Volunteering

If you fancy getting involved with some local volunteering, either getting your feet wet with some hands-on conservation work, Riverfly monitoring, tree planting, planting of the banks, eel monitoring, reed counting and more then please get in touch.

Email: [admin@severnriverstrust.com](mailto:admin@severnriverstrust.com)

## Community

### First Dog-First-Aid Course a Success!

I'd like to say a big 'thank you' for all involved in the Dog First Aid Course which took place in Eastington Village Hall. Whether you sponsored, spread the word or took part, I am grateful for all your precious time and energy.



Twenty attendees took part in an intensive course which covered everything from knowing how to gauge normal vitals to handling emergencies such as heat stroke, choking, seizures or drowning.

Halfway through attendees tucked into a selection of refreshing drinks and homemade cakes. Towards the end we were visited by BBC Gloucestershire presenter Fay Hatchet whose chatty interview was aired on Saturday 18th May.

Whether a professional or a dog owner it was clear that we all share a passion about the welfare of all animals. For my part I feel more equipped to be able to follow correct procedures in a whole range of emergency situations. Not least, clients can rest assured that whenever on a dog walk, I will be carrying a pocket sized First Aid Kit!



For more information on Dog-First-Aid contact Laura Beardsley at [info@dog-first-aid.com](mailto:info@dog-first-aid.com)

Georgie

Woof! Professional Dog Walking Services



### Teddy Tunes

Come on down to The lovely village of Frampton on Severn for a giggle and a jiggle with your little ones!

Every Thursday 10am pronto during term time you'll find us singing away accompanied by my guitar, perhaps shaking a tambourine and enjoying homemade cake amongst other delights at the hatch with our lovely glam grans!

Make new friends and enjoy a fabulous morning's entertainment singing nursery rhymes and more modern tunes...bring your baby from any age with no upper limit...(82 is our record ... so far)!

Pay as you go £6 start any week no sign up no hidden fees or extras. Please do call me or message anytime for queries or questions or visit [www.teddytunes.co.uk](http://www.teddytunes.co.uk) for directions info and map. Find us on Facebook for vid clips of our class, recipes, photos and references and recommendations.

We welcome you! Vanessa Cousins [vanessa@teddytunes.co.uk](mailto:vanessa@teddytunes.co.uk)

## Community

### Ladies of Eastington

Ladies of Eastington is almost 2 Years Old!!!

In that time we have hosted Christmas fairs, collected donations for charities, numerous quizzes, clothes swap, floristry, Christmas crafts, crime prevention, cheese appreciation, wine tasting, dementia talk, visit to Tease salon, cake decorating, and holding an ACTUAL Olympic torch!

Most importantly though, we have made friends with people who we may otherwise just have nodded Hello to in the village. We are a friendship group that meets up at The King's Head at 7:30pm on the last Thursday of every month. We endeavour to make sure there is a friendly face to greet any newcomers. We share news, ideas, interests, and generally have an uplifting evening.



February's cheese night.



April's quiz night hosted by Sue and Kim.

Our next meet up is on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Come along and say "Hello!"

If you would like more information about our group, look for us on Facebook (Ladies of Eastington) or call Karina on 07929 175712 or Anna- Marie on 07581 010884.

### The Stanley Singers

and guest present 'Sublime to Ridiculous!'



A light hearted evening of all sorts of music - in aid of Teckels Animal Sanct

Kings Stanley Village Hall On **Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm**

Refreshments and Raffle . Tickets £5 available from members, Yewtree Stores and on the door.



**Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup> 11-am - 5pm**

**Open Day at Wild Hogs - the Hedgehog rescue centre .**

Tours of the hospital plus Stalls, Cakes, Refreshments, Raffle etc.

At The Old Bakery Cottage, The Street, Frampton-on-Severn

[www.wildhogshedhedgehogrescue.org.uk](http://www.wildhogshedhedgehogrescue.org.uk)

**\*\* Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August - Eastington Horse and Dog Show - see Back cover! \*\***

Animal lovers please note that we have had advance warning of **June fireworks at Eastington Park:-**  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June . Both for about 7 mins starting at dusk ( 10 - 10:30 ish).



## Community



Receive alerts by email of criminal activities in your local area.

[www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk](http://www.yourcommunityalerts.co.uk)

"Please be aware we have had reports of victims receiving phone calls from people claiming to be Police Officers who say they have arrested someone possessing a cloned bank card in the victim's name. The caller will then ask the victim to withdraw cash, or ask the victim to move their money to a 'safe account'. These calls are fraudulent. Neither the Police, nor your bank, will ever ask you to withdraw or move money, or to confirm your PIN number."

Victoria Brinton, Cyber Protect Officer (Police, DII Engagement Officer, Gloucestershire) May 2019

Note: there has also been report from 'Action Fraud' of FAKE TalkTalk emails talking about a refund. The emails state that the recipient's TalkTalk account is in credit and that they're owed a refund. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites.

Always check the full 'from' address of any unsolicited emails, (which may not be displayed automatically by your email program) and delete if it does not look right - if it was important they will get in touch with you again! Do not click on any links or attachments in emails you are not absolutely sure of and never respond to email messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

Be aware - Stay safe

**Neighbourhood Watch** is another excellent way to help protect yourself and the village from criminal activities, and to liaise with the police. We do not seem to have any 'official' NBHD watch schemes active in Eastington at the moment (although the Love Eastington Facebook page does help!) But if anyone is interested in getting an organised group going, there is loads of help and information at [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk). Anyone?

You can see their latest newsletter at this shorthand link [www.bit.ly/NBHDwatch](http://www.bit.ly/NBHDwatch)

### Jolly Joggers

Hello dear Jollies!

We are a group of friends meeting at 7pm every Monday at the Eastington Co-op during term time, welcoming people of all ages and abilities. Our group is totally free and open to all.

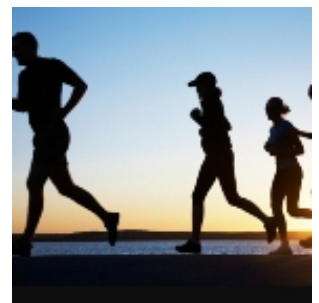
We originally set up Jollies as a 'complete beginners' forum offering company to members on our runs during the dark nights and friendly tips and hints on our Facebook page. We team up runners in pairs or larger groups depending on who turns up and their fitness requirements.

Everyone is friendly and you will be looked after in the group. I will stay with you until you feel more comfortable to run on ahead as your fitness grows (or you don't need me).

Come on out and join the Jollies! Kick start your fitness programme or just come out for a brisk walk and a laugh. We usually start with a 3.5 mile route to Bonds Mill and back. Now the lovely summer evenings are light and warm we will venture to pastures new literally!! Discover perhaps new routes...

Please do Phone me to let me know you're coming or just phone me to discuss your ideas and how we can help you get started!

Vanessa Cousins 07806 802540 / 01453 828557



## Events

### Eastington Egg Hunt

Another Great Egg Hunt and another lovely spring day in which to enjoy it.

The standard of art-work for this event just keeps going up and up - here are just a random few of the amazing Disney-themed creations on show, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did!

Thanks all involved - see below - you have helped raise a huge £2490 which will be shared between Eastington Primary School and Eastington play group.



Big Thanks to Lisa Hogg and her team for organising, to all the artists and hosts and helpers, and of course to all the kind sponsors:

ACElectrical Ltd, AL Groundworks, Blue 8 Security, Dale Haines Garden Mtce., First Base Recruitment, Fusion Electrical, JM Property Maintenance, Kopend Creations Florist, Langley Builders, Lily & Me Clothing, Lost&Found Creative Communications, MI Works Builders, Midas Communications, Mike Naylor Surveyors, Mother Goose Childcare, NewHorizons Martial Arts, Nimble e-learning, Oak Frame Carpentry Co, OmegaRecruitment, Raffles Forest School, Redrow Homes, Renishaw Manufacturing, Slimming World, St Michaels an All Angels PCC, Steve Mills Roofing, Tease Hair and Beauty, Teddy Tunes, The Kings Head House Hotel, The Old Badger Inn, Wavelength Recruitment, Wheatley Printers, and Williams Flooring.



## Groups

### 1st Eastington Brownies

Since Easter we have been concentrating on learning and applying new skills and getting out of doors;  
We've been pretend cycle riding:-



We've been stone painting whilst sat in the sun, it's very therapeutic we discovered, look out when you are out and about for the Eastington Rocks Join Brownies stones. All the ones in this photo are hidden in Eastington can you find one?

We've written a letter to Theresa May about plastic in the sea.

We've made a rap all about sun protection.

We've learnt how to look after our feet.

We've learnt how to "big-up" a brownie and make each other feel good.



We've learnt a new song about a penguin who came to tea and another one about the fate of the bumble bee when it got squashed!

Most of all we are looking forward to our Annual Friday night outing to Cattle Country next month.



Maude used her Easter holidays to complete her Baking Badge by illustrating a book with a cake!

Look out for us at The Duck Race, on 7th July, and come over and say hello to us.

We are always looking for new brownies to join us on a Wednesday evening

- please give us a call on 01453 825577.



## Groups

### Eastington Walking Group

*"Come and join the Walkie Talkies"*



**Fun Walks for Everyone**

**on the third Sunday of each month.**

**Normally meeting at 1pm at the Badger  
and walking for 5 miles or so over about 3 hours  
( including drinking time)**

Children welcome, also dogs with leads and poo bags

Please get in touch for confirmation / more info. **07806**

**802540 / 01453 828557**

**cousins.vanessa@gmail.com**



Find 'Eastington Community Walking Group' on facebook

**NEXT WALK :** Sunday June 23rd - meet 1 pm at Badger

or 1.30 at church car park in Minchinhampton

Lovely walk with stunning views incorporating The Bear and The Black Horse

### Eastington Yard Trail



The Spring Yard Trail on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April was blessed with good weather, and was another successful and highly social event for the village - getting people out 'n about and talking to one another - as well as discovering the odd 'treasure' and/or maybe making a few bob!

Many thanks the Katie-Anne Potter for organising once again (and getting Google maps under control!).

Looking forward to the Autumn one?



Organised, or what!



Cakes fresh from the oven - who could resist?

## Groups



### A Tale of 3 Paths – Coneygree Community Orchard

This is an on-going tale, because laying paths takes many work parties for our volunteers. This part of the tale alone includes 9 tons of stone and at least 25 people (from age 7 to 77) at various times.

Paths have to have a purpose, and each one here fulfils a real need.

#### 1. Paths to the Pond



We featured the efforts of the Junior Section in an earlier ECN. This has been extended now such that the Y-shaped path has 5 tons of stone from end-to-end and a set of shallow steps to the pond side (barrow-friendly and safer than grassy slopes).



All that's needed is a top dressing like the original path.

#### 2. New paths next door

This is a sneak-preview of the new memorial garden in the main burial ground. For ECO, it means we are properly linked from our lower gate to the old path and so to the church and school. This will benefit prams and wheelchairs as well as those ladies walking to weddings in stilettos.

The curving path leads into the Memorial Garden, being provided by the Parish Council, which will feature in the August/September ECN.



#### 3. Path to one of our new tables

**- Thank You to the Kings Head House Hotel for two circular picnic tables**

(pictured below is this one in Coneygree and the other will be installed in Brownings Orchard)



The one at Coneygree has been installed in the compass circle ('Kevin's mound') at the top of the orchard, using the same materials as the paths.

Eight barrows of soil removed and twelve barrows of stone later, the table was ready to be tested for robustness!

Feel free to sit there any time, it's your Community Orchard!





## Environment



### Chipmans Platt Roundabout and A419 road works



Works are progressing well on phase one of the A419 Highway Improvement Scheme at Chipmans Platt. We have been busy working at night to try and ensure we cause minimal disruption to the road network. If it looks quiet during the day, please be assured it is not because we're not working hard, it is because we're getting our beauty sleep ready for the following evening!

All works to date have been delivered in line with our programme of works.

#### Update as at end of May:-

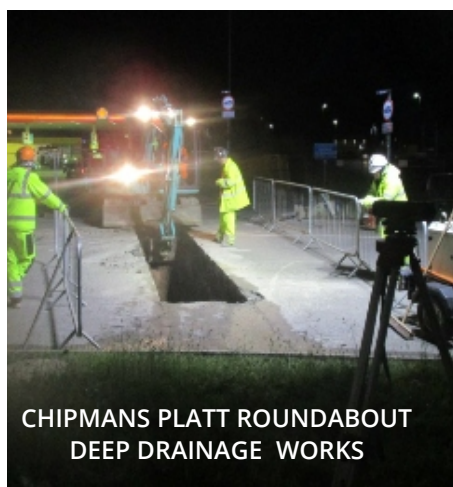
Night works have continued over the past fortnight to complete footpath and carriageway widening on the westbound and east bound verges at Chipmans Platt. You may have also noticed that we have been digging trenches on Spring Hill Road and Grove Lane. These trenches will house cabling for the new street lighting and BT. Works to install new Toucan crossing on the A419 eastbound and carriageway duct crossings continue.

We have also begun work directly on Chipmans Platt roundabout. This work has involved the excavation of a deep drainage trench and the installation of new drainage pipes to improve the drainage system within the local area. These works have been completed under our comprehensive environmental management plan to make sure that we preserve the conservation verges and natural habitat.

*- and the editor is pleased to note that the yellow ribbons have been respected! KER members tied these around some of the trees that were considered to be unnecessarily 'in the firing line'.  
Thank you Knight Brown for listening.*



SPRING HILL FOOTPATH  
AFTER SURFACING



CHIPMANS PLATT ROUNDABOUT  
DEEP DRAINAGE WORKS



MANHOLE BEING INSTALLED  
FOR IMPROVED DRAINAGE

**From June we will begin working during the day.** This will involve narrowing lanes so we can begin road widening works behind barriers. A 30mph speed limit restriction will be put in place to protect our workforce and to enable us to carry out the works safely.

Over the next month we will be continuing with the new carriageway widenings on the eastbound and westbound approaches of the A419. The footpath on the westbound approach will be closed whilst these works are undertaken. We will ensure that safe pedestrian diversions will be in place as necessary.

If you would like further information please contact us. Email: [talktous@knightsbrown.co.uk](mailto:talktous@knightsbrown.co.uk)

Public liaison office - 07818 432183 Site contact : 07775 903923

24 hour emergency contact - 07544 531851



## Groups

### Eastington Cricket Club

Eastington Cricket Club have resumed playing on Saturday afternoons at the Owen Harris Memorial Ground following the winter break.

Spectators are most welcome at home games which start at 1.30 pm and last about 5 hours.

In June there are home games on 1st and 15th; in July on 6th, 27th and Monday 29th.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Eastington CC played their second game of the season, beating Cam 3rds at Snakey Lane. Eastington batted first and scored a creditable 168 in 40 overs Roger Breeze 48 not out and Villager Brian Wright with 36. Cam came out to bat and were bowled out for 32 with the wickets being shared evenly amongst our bowlers. Highlight of the innings was a one handed catch from a viscous drive by the athletic Roger Beese.

On May 19th ECC played host to Stroud 3rds.

Eastington won the toss and batted. Opener Fred Burrage scored a steady 56 with some very tight bowling from Stroud. When Paul Hancock came to the crease 140 looked to be a possible score for Eastington, he unleashed a barrage of big hitting - his 69, including 8 fours and 3 sixes, took Eastington to 186 at the end of 40 overs. Stroud started very well with opener Cox scoring 50. At half way they were 84 for 2 then Paul Hancock took 3 wickets for 25 and Stroud collapsed to 131 all out.

Next game is away at Haresfield.

If you would like a game please contact Roger Beese on 01453 823128 or

Neil Campbell via Facebook Love Eastington or on 07912 632378

### Alkerton Rangers FC

Alkerton Rangers will be allowed to participate in the remaining part of the 2019/20 season in Stroud District League 4

**However to enable us to continue, we need new players to join our existing team**

This is a new start for the club this season and we will be under new management.

A date for the start of training will be posted in the near future, we will be looking forward to seeing both new and existing players attending.

Any new players looking to sign on for the club please contact one of the following,

Club Chairman Martin Elliott - 07557360901

Club Secretary Kevin Bond - 07729558562

This will be the 50th anniversary of the club,  
so we will be looking to celebrate this towards the end of the season.

## Community



### Could you visit an older person who has just come out of hospital?

If you have some time to spare and fancy trying something new that really makes a difference to older people in your area, then we would love to hear from you as we are looking to expand our existing team of volunteers, particularly in the Eastington area.

Age UK Gloucestershire's Out of Hospital Service supports older people in their own homes to regain confidence and get back on their feet following a spell in hospital.

We know that people can feel anxious and sometimes vulnerable and isolated whilst they are on the road to recovery, just knowing that someone is going to "pop-in" each week can be a real lifeline.



Your visit could be as simple as enjoying a cup of tea and a chat together, picking up a little bit of shopping, posting a letter or helping your client to access wider services in their area by providing information and sign posting. This role does NOT involve providing personal care.

Currently our team supports up to 50 older people across Gloucestershire each month and typically, each client is supported with an hourly visit once a week visit for a maximum of four weeks.

Our volunteers are a highly valued and essential part of the Out of Hospital Service and work alongside an established team of paid Community Support Co-ordinators. As a volunteer for Age UK Gloucestershire, you will quickly become part of a friendly, welcoming and professional team. You'll receive full training and ongoing support from us. All we ask is that you are aged 18 or over and are happy to be DBS checked.

For details on this and all our other volunteering opportunities, please contact Angela Jellyman at Age UK Gloucestershire on 01452 422660 or [volunteering@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk](mailto:volunteering@ageukgloucestershire.org.uk)



### Patient Participation Group

Two courses for you to consider:-

**Low carb and keto lifestyles for weight management and diabetes:** Dr Ian Lake from Frampton Surgery.

*The ketogenic diet is a very low-carb, high-fat diet that shares many similarities with the Atkins and other low-carb diets. Come along and find out more.*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.00pm at the Village Hall, Frampton on Severn. Free.

#### Strategies for Wellbeing and Self-care - 'Taster Session'

This one-and-a-half-hour session is designed to give you a taste of our **Wellbeing Programme**, teaching you the self-care tools and techniques you need to reduce stress, anxiety and pain, to aid sleep and to support a positive sense of wellbeing. The session will cover relaxation and breathing techniques, mind-body awareness techniques, mindfulness and meditation, self-care techniques and goal setting.

We're running the sessions on three different evenings this Autumn, so you can find the time to best suit you: Tuesday September 10<sup>th</sup> / October 15<sup>th</sup> / November 12<sup>th</sup> COST £7.50 (concessions available)

– we will be running three or six week courses after this, designed to meet your needs.

To book either course, please email [myppg@framptononsevern.com](mailto:myppg@framptononsevern.com) or call 07786 668369

## History

### The Reverend Ward – Eastington's motoring vicar

Over the years, Eastington has had its fair share of vicars that looked after the spiritual needs of the parishioners. Most carried out their duties unobtrusively and have disappeared quietly into the mists of time. However, there were exceptions. Perhaps one of the most notable was the Reverend George Thomas Altimus Ward, vicar of Eastington for 28 years. Alongside his ecclesiastical role he was also an avid pioneering motorist, something that he is still remembered for.

The Reverend Ward first arrived in Eastington in 1903, and was clearly a man of wide interests - his talents included music, printing, and mechanical engineering. Writing in 1953, Alfred Keys recalled him as a:

*'man of wide of superficial scholarship, an experienced traveller and man of the world, a brilliant conversationalist and after dinner speaker, who read the services, and especially the lessons, like a golden-voiced angel and preached with eloquence a little too reminiscent of our old Hyde Park corner'.*

During church services, he was well known for his 'clear superb voice'. In 1992, the late Fred Ireland remembered Reverend Ward as a short portly Irishman who, when out motoring, always wore a flat topped peaked naval type hat. He organised Sunday school classes and also lantern slide gatherings and concerts. However, these were never held on a Friday as the Reverend considered all Fridays to be as sacred as Good Friday.

Ward's interests extended well beyond the boundaries of Eastington. For example, he was heavily involved with the *Palestine Exploration Quarterly*, the journal of the Palestine Exploration Fund. This had been established in 1865 as a scholarly society dedicated to the scientific study of what was then generally referred to as the Holy Land. It aimed to provide academic information about the land of the Bible. Ward seems to have been involved for many years, both before and after the First World War.



But perhaps his greatest claim to fame was the fact that he owned the first car to be registered in Gloucestershire. Vehicle registrations first started to be allocated in December 1903, and the Reverend Ward's car was the aptly named AD 1, a French-built MORS.

In 1906, André Citroën was recorded as the director of MORS, and in 1908, he was chairman. When Citroën set up his own manufacturing company in 1919, MORS was gradually absorbed, later becoming part of what became known simply as Citroën. In 1925, Citroën bought MORS outright and closed it down, switching its factory over to the production of his own cars.

Reverend Ward's MORS was apparently grey in colour, and had headlights that only worked when the car was in motion. Ironically, it was to be an issue with lights that would land the good Reverend in court - the Gloucestershire Echo of 13 January 1908 reported that he had been summoned for being in charge of motor car with no rear light.

The MORS was subsequently replaced with a more modest soft-top Baby Austin (registration DF 1) built at Longbridge, and Eastington's quiet dusty roads finally lost its bit of Parisian chic. So, the MORS passed into the annals of history as indeed did the Reverend Ward, who left this Earth on the 19<sup>th</sup> of October 1932, aged 77. The village lost one of its more flamboyant characters, one who in motoring circles is still remembered as owning the first registered car in the county.

Steve Mills



## Church

### St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

After some consideration and thought as to how the clergy can more effectively engage with the parishes within the Stroudwater Team, it has been decided the clergy should be given more specific areas of responsibility. The solution is a system of clusters in the Team where each member of clergy has oversight of 5 parishes with a balance of churches with potential for growth and those which are more maintenance in nature. However the Stroudwater Team will continue to collaborate on overall vision, training, sharing of resources, support of clergy, parish share and administration.

**Team Rector: Revd Steve Harrison** for overall enquiries and for the parishes of Eastington, Leonard Stanley, Kings Stanley, Frocester, Selsley  
07466 858975 [rectorstroudwater@gmail.com](mailto:rectorstroudwater@gmail.com).

**Team Vicar: Revd Liz Palin** for the parishes of Arlingham, Framilode, Frampton, Fretherne, Saul  
01452 741147 [tv1stroudwater@gmail.com](mailto:tv1stroudwater@gmail.com).

**Team Vicar: Revd Dave Bishop** for the parishes of Stonehouse, Standish, Moreton Valence, Haresfield, Whitminster  
0453 822332 [tv2stroudwater@gmail.com](mailto:tv2stroudwater@gmail.com).

### Results from the Eastington Church Annual Meeting



Following our Annual Meeting at Eastington Church on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019, the following were elected: Mike Naylor (Churchwarden and Deanery Synod Representative), Jacky Naylor (Treasurer) and Chris Amys (PCC Secretary). One vacancy remains for Churchwarden. In addition, the following were elected/co-opted onto the PCC: Celia and Robin Harris, Barbara Hall, Jill Simmons, Beryl Frith and Angela Reader.

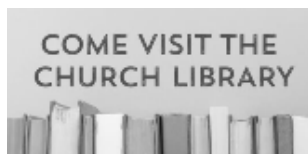
### Dave Bishop appointed as our new Team Vicar

We are pleased to report Dave Bishop has been appointed as our second Team Vicar in the Stroudwater Team. Dave joins our Team Rector and Vicar, Steve Harrison and Liz Palin. Dave comes to us from the Diocese of Derby. He is a very experienced priest and has done some creative work in connecting with the communities he has served with social media and relationship building. Dave is married to Sharon, who works at the Walsall School at Ruskin Mill, Nailsworth, and they have moved into the Rectory in Stonehouse.



This photo is Dave's selfie with Steve and Liz, together with the Bishop of Tewksbury and the Archdeacon of Gloucester at his licensing service at Leonard Stanley.

### Eastington Church Library



The library in our Parish Church continues to thrive and is well used. A comfortable well-lit area has been provided for those who wish to sit and browse. We have extended the facility to include audio books and jigsaw puzzles. We do have some regular borrowers and buyers who find this small library a real community asset and we always need to restock. We need your support to help assure the future of the library.

### The Filling Station

We are very pleased to let you know that we are establishing a new ministry in our Team and the Stroud area. It's called The Filling Station and is designed to be a place of refreshing and filling up for those who are looking for more than a Sunday morning service offers. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month at Standish Village Hall, (on the B4008 about 3m outside Stonehouse) starting at 7.30pm, with refreshments from 7.15pm.

The evening consists of a time of worship, a teaching from some great speakers and an opportunity to receive prayer ministry. We would love to see you there.



## Church

### St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

#### New Family Service!



Eastington Church has recently started a new style of informal and relaxed worship with our Rector Steve Harrison. This service differs from our usual approach to worship, but will have many of the essential ingredients that you would expect from a Church service, such as a time for prayer and reflection, as well as traditional and modern music. We will also share the communion during the service, and have the opportunity to meet friends after the service when refreshments will be served.

#### Upcoming Church Services

##### **Date Time Church Service**

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	11.15am	Eastington Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11.15am	Eastington Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11.15am	Eastington Family Service
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	11.15am	Eastington Holy Communion with Baptism
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<i>Stroudwater Team Service at Frampton-on-Severn at 10am</i>	
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.15am	Eastington Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.15am	Eastington Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	11.15am	Eastington Family Service
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	11.15am	Eastington Holy Communion



**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July @ 5.30pm**  
The Nestings, Nupend, GL10 3SP

**BBQ**  
Refreshments  
Swimming Pool

**Admission £1 Adults 50p Children**

Tickets available on the door and in advance from  
Robin and Celia Harris (01453 823433)

**All proceeds to Eastington Church Funds**  
Children must be accompanied by an adult




**The Cotswold Youth Singers**  
present

*A Few Of Their  
Favourite Things*

supported by  
**Whiteshill Community Choir**  
and  
guest soloist (baritone)  
**Chris Hall**

**Saturday 29 June 2019 at 7.30pm**  
**Eastington Church**

Tickets £8 (£5 concessions)  
Available on the door  
or from choir members

Refreshments & raffle

Tel: 01453 750251 for further information



## Church



### Eastington Methodist Church

Eastington Methodist Church Main Activities	
Baby & Toddlers Group	Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings ( <i>note: on Tuesdays we sometimes walk around areas of the village so may not be at the church</i> )	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 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays 11am
Other 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: <a href="http://www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk">www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk</a>	

# CAFÉ CHURCH

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

**Learn about bringing hope to the poor of Nicaragua in Central America**

**11am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Followed by a fellowship lunch**




There are a variety of Café Church sessions coming up in June and July. The first is on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 11am where a guest speaker from SIFT will tell us about their work in Nicaragua. This will be followed by a fellowship lunch.

The one on 16<sup>th</sup> June will be about Jesus going home – the Ascension. This is when Jesus, having been raised from the dead at Easter, leaves his disciples and returns to His Father in heaven.

Then on July 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be looking into Pentecost when the Holy Spirit came to empower Jesus' followers which in turn caused the church to develop and grow. The Holy Spirit is still here and unless you have encountered Him, you are missing out on what many would regard as one of life's greatest experiences.

On 21<sup>st</sup> July, we will be saying goodbye to our current minister, Reverend Graham Miles, who will be taking up a new ministry in Skegness in September. This will be his last Café Church service at Eastington and it will be followed by another fellowship lunch.

On the non-Café Church, the services are more "normal" (if there is such a thing) and provision can be made for separate activities for children and/or young people upon request. Such requests would be very welcome as it would be good to establish such a group on Sundays.

#### Youth Club

The youth group meets on Friday evenings between 7:00 – 9:00pm at EMC where a variety of activities and a tuck shop are available. Now that we are in the summer period, the group often spends some of the period at Snakey Lane to take advantage of the playground and other facilities there.

We are keen to attract an intake of new members as some of our longer standing members are now moving on after many years with us. As in previous years, we are allowing those in their final year of primary school to join now before they move to secondary school. Each session has a 75p sub and a drink is included.

We are committed to keep those attending safe and a number of rules help to keep this so. One of the more important ones is that once young people are logged in upon arrival, they need to stay until at least 8:50pm so that parents know where they are. We are happy to talk to parents thinking of allowing their children to come along – just pop in or feel free to give as a call.





## Church

### Eastington Methodist Church



At the start of the summer holidays we will be running a Messy Summer session at the church. This is an opportunity to engage in a range of fun activities. Cakes will be consumed and drinks provided.

As a church we have also started visiting some of the newly occupied houses at Great Oldbury to welcome the people now moving in. We intend to do this from time to time as more of the houses are completed.

So if you are reading this as a newcomer in Great Oldbury and we have not met you yet, expect a visit soon – but please don't wait; you (and any other readers) are most welcome to come to any of our events and activities or make contact with us

Ken Burgin 01453 827414

Eastington Methodist Church

[www.EastingtonMehodists.org.uk](http://www.EastingtonMehodists.org.uk)

### Eastington and Stonehouse Slimming World Groups

After fifteen and a half years I ran my last Slimming World groups on May the 8th.

I've enjoyed every minute of helping each and everyone of you who have walked through the Eastington Village Hall and Stonehouse Community Centre doors over that time.

The groups which I started from brand new with 37 members on night one at the village hall in Eastington at 7pm on Wednesday 19th November 2003 (so many years ago) will continue to welcome over 160 members under the care of another consultant over each of its now three groups.



I would like to say a huge Thankyou to my members for all the wonderful presents, cards and good luck wishes.

Remember to always believe in yourself and get to that Target you set as your dream weight.

Best wishes. Lorna xx

## Council

### District Councillors' Newsletter

The Forest Green Rovers Football Stadium application will go to the Development Control Committee (DCC) on 12th June, 6pm in the Council Chamber at Ebley Mill. We understand that the usual 3 minute rule for those that wish to address the Committee will be waived, but at the same time, repeated comments, either for or against the application, could be cut short.

There is a new Chair of DCC, Cllr Martin Baxendale, this will be just his second meeting as Chair, although he has been a Member of the Committee for several years.

At the SDC Annual General Meeting on 16th May, Cllr Gary Powell was re-elected Chair of Council, with Cllr Steve Robinson appointed Vice-Chair. Cllr Robinson replaces Cllr Jenny Miles in this position. All other Committee Chairs were re-appointed as before, except on DCC as mentioned above.

Andrew Cummings, currently Head of Finance, has been appointed Director of Resources, an interim appointment lasting for one year. The appointment will be reviewed early next year.

The Peer Review report has found that SDC performs well in many areas, with room for improvement in others.

The Waste and Recycling Service has been nominated for 3 awards in the South West of England. News of the results of these nominations will be made known later in the summer. SDC collection of Council Tax is rated at 15th in the whole of the country.

As ever, anyone wishing to contact the Ward Councillors for Eastington on SDC matters can contact,

Cllr.Stephen.Davies@stroud.gov.uk tel 07802 595307.

Or Cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk tel 07808 922918

#### DIARY DATES

- Canal Restoration Events - various in June - see [www.whatson.eastington.website](http://www.whatson.eastington.website)
- Charity Coffee Morning **Friday, 7th June 2019** 10:00-13:00 at the Kings Head in aid of Wiggly T's
- Comedy! **Saturday 22nd June** 7:30pm in the Village Hall - The Scratch Theatre Company
- Walkie Talkies **Sunday 23rd June** - 1 pm, meet at Badger
- The History of Aviation in Gloucestershire – Barry Simon **Friday 28th June 7:30** at Frampton Village Hall
- Fun Dog Show **Saturday 29th June** from 1:30pm at Oldends Lane Playing Fields - Teckels
- Cotswold Youth Singers **Saturday 29th June** 7:30 pm , at St Michaels Church
- Stanley Singers Summer Concert, **Sunday 30th June** 7.30pm, at Kings Stanley Village Hall
- BBQ party, **Saturday 6th July** 5:30 pm at Nupend in aid of St Michaels
- Duck Races **Sunday 7th July** 12-3pm at the School
- Sounds of the Cotswolds **Friday July 26th – Sunday July 28th** Music Festival at the Whitminster Inn
- Open Day at the Hedgehog rescue centre **Saturday August 10<sup>th</sup>** 11-am - 5pm (see page 10)
- Eastington Horse (and dog) Show **Saturday 31 August**

**see an up-to-date list of events at [www.whatson.eastington.website](http://www.whatson.eastington.website)**