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Dear Readers,

Hello again, and welcome to your late summer edition of ECN.

Once again the Ecotricity/FGR stadium seems to be the hot topic, with more twists and turns in the story than our new Book Club's first novel!

Please see pages 3 and 19 and make sure to let Stroud District Planners know your views, however you feel about it.

As ever, we are showcasing plenty of opportunities for you to get out and enjoy the sunshine; this time with a whole selection of walking activities for you to choose from.

We have two big shows coming up - the Frampton Fair and our own Horse and Dog show. We appreciate how very much volunteer effort goes into all these shows, for us to enjoy. Our Summer Fete and Duck Races - run by the volunteers of the Eastington School Parents Association - was a huge success, giving us a great afternoon's entertainment and raising a massive amount for the School funds. If you would like to volunteer your services to the community please see page 2, Snakey Park could use a hand!

Tom, Jan and Mary.

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PARISH MATTERS



Housing Needs

Thank you to everyone that completed the Housing Needs Survey distributed a few months ago. Gloucestershire Rural Community Council is analysing the responses and putting into a report for us. We hope to be able to publish the highlights of the report in the next edition.

Boundary review

The Community Governance Review that was undertaken earlier this year was put to Stroud District Council for a decision on 18th July and it was decided with effect May 2020 Eastington Parish Council would increase to 11 councillors (an addition of 2 new councillors) and there would be a slight boundary alteration at Oldends Industrial Estate (to sit wholly in Stonehouse parish). It was also agreed that there would be another Community Governance Review in 2022 specifically for Eastington to manage the area of Great Oldbury (by which time there will be a growing community living there).

Ecotricity Stadium

There has been much in the news about the Ecotricity sports stadium plans that was refused by Stroud District Council on 12th June. The Parish Council thank all that have been involved in reading the planning application and helping to lobby for improvements. It has been an incredibly time-consuming business for the past 3 years and we are about to start again with considering new plans from Ecotricity. We have just received the new plans (ref S.19/1418/OUT) which are available on the Stroud District Council planning website. The application is identical to the previously refused application except for the introduction of an all-weather pitch.

Memorial Garden and Burial Ground

The main work for the new memorial garden at the burial ground has been completed and we now have the sensory border to plant up. There are two new benches to be installed and then the area will be available for all enjoy a moment of quiet reflection.

The Government has introduced a Children's Funeral Fund with effect 23rd July 2019; this means that families will not pay for burial fees for children under the age of 18 years. It is likely that our fee structure will remain unchanged but the Parish Council will apply directly to the Fund to cover the fees if there are any due. We are discussing with local funeral directors how they will approach this new legislation but imagine it will work in the same way for them too.

Snakey Park



The Parish Council has formed a new "Snakey Park Working Group" to complement the activities of the Friends of Snakey Park. The Friends group have done amazing work at the play and skate park over the years and the park is more popular than ever. We rely on volunteers to help empty the bins and to check that play equipment is working and safe. Please do get in touch if you would like to help.

All minutes and reports are available on our website

www.eastington-pc.gov.uk

or get in touch with the Clerk with any queries.

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

Councils

District Councillors Newsletter

Ecotricity Update : The Good, the Bad and the Ugly.

The Good News (from our perspective) is that the proposal for the Forest Green Rovers Stadium proposed by Ecotricity was rejected.

We believe that this proposal is generally unpopular in Eastington, but if you are a supporter of this we would be interested to know. It was rejected for a range of reasons including it not being in the local plan, lack of Community benefit to Eastington and lack of commitment to the specific design, which is one of the reasons that the Stroud District Council Planners proposed approval in the first place.

The Bad News (from our perspective) is that the proposal has been resubmitted and the resubmission accepted. At the time of writing this was not on the Stroud District Website but should be by now and it will be interesting to see what changes have been made (**see below). For us there has to be some local benefit, a strong commitment to the design and a solution to the noise impact on William Morris House which is not just "Close the windows."

The Ugly is some of the disinformation that has been distributed since the vote, including that John and Stephen voted against it, which we did not - because we are not on the Development and Control Committee. Also it was reported that there had been some difficulty in listing reasons for objecting, this is not true, the reasons were listed from the beginning by Eastington Parish Council, and re-enforced by both of us at the DCC meeting.

What was very heartening was the number of people who attended the meeting in person to object to this proposal and that they behaved impeccably.

A battle has been won but the war is yet to be won.

If you have views related to this or we can help you in any way please contact Stephen Davies on 07802 595 307 cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk or John Jones on 07808 922918 cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk.

Update on the update:

The 'new' Application for the Ecotricity Stadium has now been made available on the SDC website - ref no S.19/1418/OUT. It is standing by all its previous statements on environmental impact etc and offers no new information nor hope for William Morris College.

It does try to address two of the objections by promising to 'commit' to the actual proposed stadium design and travel arrangements and by providing some possible community benefit potential in the shape of one all weather pitch that other clubs could use - maybe. That's it.

It is the editor's opinion that it is a waste of tax payers money and every one's time to consider this as a new application in the face of such small changes compared to the scale of the development and scope of the reasons for refusal - but that is Planning for you!

Please see PAGE 19 for more information, and what you need to do now if you have a view on this matter

Events

Duck Races



Eastington Duck races took place on 7th July, this annual event feature 200 rubber ducks racing down the river along with all the more traditional features of a village fete.

This year we were lucky to be joined by two brilliant contrasting bands; a steel band, 'Steel Attraction' and a rock band, 'Boxcar Mavericks'. The music fitted the mood of the event perfectly and really made the day special.



Visitors were also entertained by displays of country dancing, singing and street dancing performed by the children of Eastington Primary School.

There were plenty of stalls to ensure everyone had lots of fun, including competitive activities like Welly Wanging and the assault course and traditional games like Hook-a-Duck. We also had very popular attractions like the Donut Game and the Human Fruit Machine. Our brilliant school volunteers, without whom the event simply couldn't happen, manned every stall.

Catering was provided by our excellent BBQ team led

by Rob along side a very professional bar ran by the brilliant BJ and with Chris providing teas, ice creams and a very popular veggie option.

We are also grateful to our local policing team and HM Coastguard who provided lots of useful information along with brilliant photo opportunities.

The event is organised by the Eastington School Parents Association, which exists to provide additional opportunities for the children of Eastington School, both by running events that they will remember as a key part of their childhood and by providing funding for the school.

Duck Races raised £2,457 this year which added to the income from other events and fund raising efforts means we have raised £8,900, which is an amazing achievement, great thanks go out to all involved.



Community

Eastington Primary School Class 1

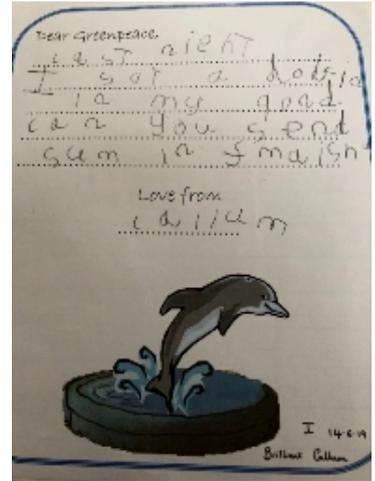
Class 1 have been busy thinking about how we can care for our environment as part of our topic on 'Glorious Gloucestershire'.

We studied the story 'Dear Greenpeace' by Simon James.

In the story Emily believes she has found a whale in her pond and so writes to Greenpeace to ask advice about how she can look after him.

The reception children imagined they had found a dolphin in their pond and wrote their own letters to Greenpeace.

The year 1 children wrote to the World Wildlife Fund to ask for information about an animal of their choosing and we have adopted a pod of bottlenose dolphins.



The Year 1s have also thought about how they can help insects to thrive around the school, in their design and technology lessons. They drew their own designs for a 'Bug Hotel' and used their ideas to make one, as a group. They thoroughly enjoyed their time in Mr Dougan's beautiful garden, painting, sawing and



hammering to assemble their hotel. We would like to say a big thank you to Mr Dougan for all his help, supplying the materials and helping the children with their construction. The finished hotel is fantastic and has pride of place in our outdoor area.



Community

Autumn Term Newsletter

We have had a fantastic summer term with the children, enjoying lots of outdoor activities including having fun in the paddling pools and eating ice lollies to keep cool.

The children participated in a mini sports day, joining in with running, jumping, football and team games – we played hungry hippos where the children laying on skate boards and were pushed forwards by the adults, attempting to capture balls in a basket for their team. This was a great game!



We were sad to see another group of children leave us to move to school in September, they have attended pre school sessions at their allocated schools to help prepare them for their next step in their education. 'Magic Marie' visited us for the party on the last day of term and then parents came to watch the children perform their leavers song, this year it was linked to the film 'The Greatest Showman' – lots of tears were shed and it was a lovely moment to remember.

We wish them all good luck for September!

We look forward to welcoming lots of new children in September, we anticipate a very busy year ahead and are operating a waiting list, therefore if you have a child and live in the village, please make sure that you contact us as soon as possible to reserve a space to avoid disappointment.

It is never too early to book a space.



Finally

Playgroup is planning to hold another fabulous Bingo evening and we will advertise this on both the 'Love Eastington' and our own facebook page.

Keep checking for details!!

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 operating a waiting list for children to start in September.

We operate 4 days a week offering full and half day sessions.

We also accept government nursery vouchers and other types of employer supported childcare vouchers.

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

email eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com

or visit our website www.eastingtonplaygroup.wordpress.com

Groups

1st Eastington Brownies

Eastington Brownies have had a busy Summer Term. We took park in the District outing to Cattle Country, on the Friday evening when the thunder and lightening caused the power to go down for 10 minutes. It was great fun as we had to stay in the barn with the big slide the whole time!

We enjoyed our time at the Duck Race with our new Eastington Cheese Rolling game complete with ducks on a duck pond in honour of the races. The Brownies were amazing bringing in lots of customers. We went through several Baby Bel cheeses because of the heat - let's hope the real cheese that is rolled lasts a bit longer! The limited edition Build a Bear was popular, and was won by Katie and her son Eddie who looked happy to have him in the photo we saw. The bear's name was Tally.



We all undertook the Switzerland Challenge to raise money for a Gloucestershire guiding trip to Our Chalet in August. I didn't think we would manage to learn Edelweiss in a round, with 6 different actions, but we did and there was a great deal of giggling by girls and leaders alike when we Raced the Kipper with the help of the wind (see photo).

In a Skills Builder this term we learnt about how to read an OS map and how grids work. The other group made their own sextants and tried to measure a spot on the wall.

We are ready to go outdoors!



The highlight for me was going to award the first two Brownie Gold Awards to Ava and Ella at 1st Elmore Guides. They didn't know I was coming so it was a surprise for them, and I was so proud to see how they had grown and fitted right into the Guide unit. They have some exciting opportunities ahead of them.



For our final meeting of the year we met at Stratford Park. We needed to 'climb the Faraway Tree' for our challenge Badge and the bandstand was the ideal place - we did a bit of dancing at the top of the tree. We did the whole meeting backwards which was certainly entertaining and I discovered some of our brownies really can hit a rounder very well indeed; forward or backwards. We made worry dolls and ate doughnuts and fairy cakes with pink fairy dust that blew away in the wind. The real lemonade, though, was a bit tart for some of the girls.



We welcome Florence, who made her Promise this term, and was our last brownie to complete the hostess badge (with a gorgeous, handmade decorated invitation). This popular badge has now been withdrawn to make way for our exciting new badges!

Brownies starts again on Wednesday 11th September, please contact Brown Owl on 01453 825577 if you would like to join us.

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The Walkie Talkies - Eastington Walking Group

Please come and join us for a lovely walk through the Toadsmoor Valley to The Bear at Bisley and back.

Meet at 1pm sharp at The Badger Eastington on **Sunday 15th September**.

Lifts from the Badger will be available - please get in touch to book your place or for more info.

07806 802540

Vanessa x



Jolly Joggers

Beginners starting Sept 9th
every Monday 6.30-7.30
Meeting outside Co-op Eastington



Completely free
Phone to book your place
07806 802540

Fancy a Game?

Eastington Cricket Club:

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 Ranger FC

Seeking new players!

Contact Club Chairman Martin Elliott – 07557360901

Or Club Secretary Kevin Bond – 07729558562

Cotswold Rangers Youth FC (boys and girls 4-under 12)

Contact Ian Neville club Chairman 07791 063761

Or email ianneville01@gmail.com

Archery - Have a Go!

The Bowmen of Minchinhampton will be holding two Have-A-Go sessions at OHMG (Community Centre grounds) on **Sunday mornings 11th and 18th August from 10.00am until 12.00 midday**.



Everyone over the age of eight is welcome. (For safety reasons we do not teach under eight years old). Again for safety, we ask all visitors to wear shoes with closed toes.

The sessions are free and visitors shoot under the tuition of Archery GB registered coaches and experienced archers.

If you have not tried archery before, this is an ideal way – literally – to Have-A-Go!

Peter Munday, Secretary, Bowmen of Minchinhampton

Environment



Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue

Old Bakery Cottage, The Street, Frampton on Severn,
Gloucestershire GL2 7EA 01452 740684 or 07949 976717
Registered Charity 1168800

Hello from Wild Hogs.

We're having such a busy summer in the hospital. Such a lot of our admissions this year are orphaned or abandoned babies, often three or four in a litter and weighing as little as 30 or 40 grams. They take a lot of caring for, having to be hand fed on puppy formula every couple of hours to start with, before they learn to lap and can progress to a sloppy formula and smooth cat food mix, and eventually on to adult cat food only.

If you do disturb a nest in your garden, the mum's reaction may be to run away, but please just put things back as they were and with any luck she'll come back. You can contact Wild Hogs for

advice. This little baby came in in July after her nest was

disturbed – the mother did come back and took all her siblings, but sadly forgot this one. She's in our Intensive Care unit and we're hopeful for her.

If you use facebook you can see lots of other hoglet photos and keep up to date on our activities.

Many of our admissions have met with other accidents in gardens, particularly in summer. Strimmers cause horrific injuries, and netting of every type can so easily get tangled round wildlife. The animals panic, and in their struggle injure themselves, sometimes fatally.



It's important to consider the wild animals we share our living spaces

with – a bit more care and tidiness can save lives. So can a few shallow bowls of water, topped up regularly.

The Wild Hogs volunteers have also been very busy attending a range of summer events. In July, amongst other things, we were lucky enough to talk Hedgehogs with Steve Backshall, be part of Stroud Festival of Nature and also part of Vale Wildlife's Open Day. Closer to home, we've got our own Open Day coming up on 10th August, where we open for hospital tours, which gives the opportunity to see some of current patients. In September we'll be at Frampton Country Fair and would love to see you there also.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Open Windows

Dear Residents,

Just a polite reminder as this warmer weather continues.....

I would like to remind you that, as night draws in, please ensure that you close windows that are at ground level as an opportunist may try to enter your premises. If you feel you need to have the window open for fresh air, please try and keep it on a lock so that air can get in but the window can not be prised open. Prevention is better than cure.

Look after yourselves ,

Kind regards, Jayne **PCSO Jayne Fellowes 9108 Stroud Police Station**

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Coneygree Community Orchard – Paths Completed by Knight's Brown Community Assistance Team

A big thank you to Knight's Brown, the contractors on the roundabout upgrade project, who provided free materials and workforce to finish off our two paths (featured in last ECN edition). This was provided under their Considerate Contractor programme and they kindly completed the work that would have taken many more ECO volunteer work parties.

This shows the picnic circle, with the lighter area being roadstone, delivered and compacted by Knight's Brown. (ECO had previously laid out the area and put down the first layer of roadstone.)

The foreman on the right is raking the top dressing, which was in turn compacted to provide the top surface.

The circle and the two paths are now red, contrasting the main path laid by ECO five years ago.



Job done to the clients' satisfaction!

Knight's Brown site managers are thanked by ECO chairman and the children of Raffles Forest School. The children had been helping with the paths down to their pond area, earlier this year, so deserve a share of the credit.

All ready for the summer months – feel free to use your community facility.

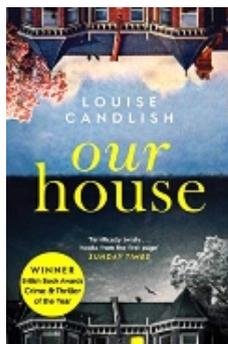
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NEW! Book Club

Laura and Liz who work at the Kings Head House Hotel are starting up a book club!

On the **2nd Tuesday of each month** with the location being in The Kings Head House Hotel.

Books and genres will be a joint choice or put to a vote. The first book is 'Our House' by Louise Candlish and the first meeting is on **Tuesday 10th September at 7:00** but if you're not up for reading this book, no worries come along and help decide the next one! The more the merrier.



Our House: The Sunday Times bestseller everyone's talking about

Winner of Crime&Thriller Book of the Year at the British Book Awards

'Terrifically twisty ... hooks from the first page' The Sunday Times

'A masterfully plotted, compulsive page-turner' The Guardian

'Whip-smart, knowing and brilliantly plotted' India Knight

'A corker' Evening Standard

'Wonderfully plotted' JANE GARVEY, Woman's Hour

On a bright morning in the London suburbs, a family moves into the house they've just bought on Trinity Avenue. Nothing strange about that. Except it's your house. And you didn't sell it.....



News Update

ECLT has now been granted full planning permission by Stroud District Council to build 23 homes in Claypits that will be offered entirely for affordable rent. The Council's decision came in June after several years of preparation and consultation.

The development, provisionally called Puddleworth Close, will be undertaken by our housing association partner, Aster Group. The main contractor will be local – E.G Carter & Co. Limited of Gloucester.

We hope to bring you news of the start on site in the next edition of ECN.

Anyone wishing to apply for these homes, when they become available next year, **must register with Homeseeker Plus**, indicating your local connection

Please see more details of local connection rules and a link to Homeseeker Plus on our website

- you can use this shortlink to go directly to the right page: bit.ly/ecclthomes

Tom Low ECLT Secretary

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www.eastingtonclt.uk

History

Lights in the sky at Cress Green

We've talked about the impact of the Second World War on Eastington in several previous articles, but given the recent events recalling the 75th anniversary of D-Day, it seemed timely to look at a very local but largely forgotten piece of military history that survives within the village.

This takes the form of a decaying brick building of modest size at Cress Green. It's largely overgrown and only visible from a few public footpaths. Most people are unaware that it even exists, let alone what it was originally used for. And what was that? ...

It was built during the Second World War as a searchlight position, one of a number dotted around the area. These were used in conjunction with anti-aircraft guns set up mainly to protect the Hoffmann ball bearing works at Stonehouse and the Sperry Gyroscope plant at Bonds Mill, both of which were engaged in important war work at the time. There were also other engineering works in the area, as well as an Admiralty store in Stanley Mill at Ryeford.

In some of the surrounding villages, the arrival of a searchlight was a great source of excitement. However, their appearance was not always welcomed as particularly in and around major cities, local residents sometimes feared that their presence made them more of a target for bombers.



Effective operation of searchlights was important, as hitting an enemy aircraft was often incredibly difficult. In 1940, it took an average of 20,000 rounds of ammunition to bring down a single enemy aircraft! It seems that the first searchlights were set up around Stroud in June 1940 under the control of the 46th Anti-Aircraft (AA) Brigade. Later in the year saw the formation of the new 9th AA Division responsible for the anti-aircraft defence of South Wales and the Severn Vale. AA battalions became part of the Royal Artillery in August 1940, with 349 Searchlight Battery stationed at Stonehouse.

As well as providing light during air raids, they were also sometimes used as homing beacons for aircraft returning to RAF bases at Colerne and Moreton-in-Marsh.

The Cress Green building

Like many buildings of the period, in response to the threat from the German air force, the Cress Green building was doubtless thrown up as quickly and cheaply as possible. It would have been built either by the Royal Engineers or a civilian contractor. The latter was a common arrangement used for erecting pill boxes and other military structures. Given the urgent circumstances, it's perhaps not surprising that there are no records or early photographs of the site.

Its construction was similar to that of many other military buildings of the period, and was based around a series of precast concrete trusses. These could be set up rapidly and provided support for both the walls and roof. The spaces between the trusses were infilled with a single skin of brick and any doors and windows deemed necessary. As a result of a shortage of building materials, every effort was made to use simple, readily available materials such as brick and concrete, and similar techniques were to be found in military buildings ranging from stores to lookout posts, hospitals, and even prisoner of war camps.

The inside of the Cress Green building was split into several small rooms, each of which presumably had a specific function such as communications with other searchlight and gun batteries – all would have been linked so that they could work in harmony during an air raid. Searchlights usually worked with at least two others - this allowed them to form a cone of light that illuminated enemy aircraft, allowing more time for the anti-aircraft guns to focus on them. There was another searchlight at the top end of Nupend that doubtless worked in unison with the Cress Green light.

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Buildings such as these were only expected to have a limited lifetime, but it's remarkable just how long some have survived. Some are still useable although others such as the Cress Green building have long fallen into ruin.



The war ends

In retrospect, the work of searchlight batteries seems to have been a relatively unglamorous and now largely forgotten part of home defence. As one former soldier commented "I suppose pointing a big torch at the enemy isn't the stuff of heroic drama. At least the guns teamed with them got to fight back".

Sylvia Bliss recalls that a contingent of the Yorkshire Regiment was stationed at Cress Green, billeted in the tin Nissan hut that formerly stood next to the brick building. No doubt that was cold and damp, but at least one soldier seems to have found somewhere warmer to spend his off-duty hours as he married a local girl (Dorothy Douglas) before whisking her off to Yorkshire!

Remarkably, many years ago I had the opportunity to talk to an old soldier who had spent time at the Cress Green facility during the war. He had been driven down from Yorkshire for what I assume was to be a last look at where he had once been stationed. He mentioned that for a time, a Bofors gun was also positioned at Cress Green. The Bofors gun was a mobile 40 mm anti-aircraft gun, one of the most popular medium-weight anti-aircraft guns deployed during World War II. However, it's not clear how long it was located there.

Apparently the soldiers didn't have much to do for most of the time and boredom was a real problem - it seems to have been quite a treat to occasionally trek across the fields to visit the 'bright lights' of Stonehouse!

At the end of the war, the military departed, handing over the buildings to Mr Keyes, who farmed the land at the time. The Nissan hut appears to have survived up to the 1970s, although the decaying shell of the searchlight station is still quietly mouldering at the edge of the field overlooking Stonehouse and beyond, a silent reminder of those troubled times.



Events

Hounds in the House! 21st September 2019 2-4pm



The Kings Head House would like to welcome you and your dogs to our annual fun day in our garden.

This is in aid of raising money for Teckels our local animal rescue and rehoming centre.

Teckels is a charitable organisation, based in Whitminster:-

'We run a rescue and rehoming centre as well as providing excellent boarding services for cats and dogs. We are highly trained in animal welfare and passionate about what we do. Animal welfare is at the heart of everything we do.'

STALLS : DOG GROOMING : GAMES : RAFFLE : DOG COMPETITIONS
COMPETITIONS WILL BE JUDGED BY THE CHILDREN OF EASTINGTON



WELLBEING 'TASTER' - Strategies for wellbeing and self-care.

This one-and-a-half-hour session is designed to give you a taste of our Wellbeing programme - which teaches the self-care tools and techniques you need to reduce stress, anxiety and pain, to aid sleep and to support a positive outlook on life. The 'Taster' will cover a wellbeing 'map' of your life, along with relaxation and breathing techniques.

Wednesday September 11th / Tuesday October 15th / Tuesday November 12th

COST £7.50 (concessions available)

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

To book, please email myppg@framptononsevern.com or call 07786 668369.

Low carb and keto lifestyles for weight management and diabetes:

- What it is and how to do it - With 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 20th Sept. at 7 pm at the Village Hall, Frampton on Severn . **There is no charge for this session.**

To book, please email myppg@framptononsevern.com or call 01453 741988.

If you are the sole carer for a relative, you may be eligible for benefits you are not currently claiming. Check it out at www.gov.uk/carers-allowance

or download a full Age UK guide using this shortlink: bit.ly/ageuk-carers

You can also get help at Frampton Surgery – just ask at reception

The **Patient Participation Group (PPG)** is a group of patients working with Frampton's GP surgery to help improve services. We want to understand your needs, priorities and issues, so we can work together to deliver the highest quality of health care locally. **Please email feedback to myppg@framptononsevern.com.**

Events

Stonehouse Walking Festival



The first Stonehouse Walking Festival takes place from **Friday 13th to Sunday 22nd September 2019.**

The programme ranges from challenging walks of several miles, with some steep inclines resulting in lovely views, to a half hour flat walk suitable for people in wheelchairs and others with mobility problems. There are walks past a weir, viaduct and ancient woodland, hilltop views and even a dusk nature walk and a tree walk. Booking is only needed for the local history walks which showcase our rich historic heritage.

All walks are free and are led by experienced walk leaders.

To find out more go to **www.stonehousewalks.co.uk** (Full Brochure now available!)

facebook @stonehousewalkingfestival, **email** stonehousewalkfest@gmail.com or **phone** 01453 802343.

Summary of walks planned 13 - 22nd September

- please download full brochure from this shortlink: bit.ly/stonehousewalks

			Miles	Grade	
Fri 13 th	6pm	Festival Launch - 'To vineyards & Beyond'. Rail, canal, Cotswold Way, with 'Woodchester Valley Wines' toast	2	E	1 hr.
Sat 14 th	10am	The Stanleys via Cotswold Way & canal. Priory ruins, church and good valley views	7	M	4hrs.
Sat 14 th	10.30am	'Family Fun Walk' Round Town's Green Spaces Includes Fun On Play Equipment, Picnic **APT	2	E	2 hrs.
Sat 14 th	2pm	'The Ocean in Stonehouse' - History Walk. Views from top of St.Cyr's church tower, story of Stonehouse Court & the Ocean. BOOKING REQUIRED Tel: 01453 820343	2	E	2 hrs.
Sun 15 th	10am	To 'Selsley Common' for sensational views from Selsley Common. historical features, picnic & coffee stops	7	MH	All day
Mon 16 th	10am	'Ebley via canal & footpaths'. Jacobean Mansion. Coffee at 'Kitsch café'	5	E	3.5 hrs
Tues 17 th	10.15am	'Stonehouse Health Walk' along the local Canal. 2 separate groups; gentle / more leisurely ***CMMC	2	E	45 mins
Tues 17 th	2pm	'The Trees of Stonehouse' Walk with tree expert. Interesting specimens, impact of trees on the environment	3	EM	3 hrs
Wed 18 th	10am	'Standish & Rural Hamlets' Picturesque hamlets. Fields with stiles, railway crossings. May do slight detour for refreshments at 'Beacon & Railway' at Haresfield.	6	M	3.5 hr
Thur 19 th	10.30am	'Accessible, Gentle Walk with Fair Shares'. 2 routes Suitable for those in wheelchairs or with mobility difficulties	.5	E	
Thur 19 th	10am	'Eastington, Orchard & Viaduct' Waterfall, viaducts, Beards Mill.	4.5	E	2.5 hr
Fri 20 th	6pm	'Flat but Fast' Canal walk. Walking along the edge of the railway line to join the Cotswold Way then down to the canal at Ryeford road returning through St. Cyr's Churchyard.	2	fast	1hr.
Sat 21 st	10am	'Cotswold Way & Standish Woods' Vineyards.. Some inclines & quite a few stiles. View from Haresfield Beacon	7	MH	4hr
Sa .21 st	11am	'History Highlights' around town centre - Photo displays from Stonehouse History Group archives. SPACE IS LIMITED. BOOKING REQUIRED Tel: 01453 802343	2	E	2 hr
Sun 22 nd	2pm	'The Trees of Stonehouse' walk with tree expert. Interesting specimens, impact of trees on the environment	3	EM	3 hrs.
Sun.22 nd	6.30pm	'Dusk Nature Walk' on Doverow Hill - Wildlife, trees & flowers, brief history BOOKING REQUIRED 01453 820343	2	EM	1 hr

All these walks start at the Car Park in Stonehouse by Hurns Homeware EXCEPT the two marked:

**APT starts at 'All Pulling Together', 1 Park Parade GL10 2DB

***CMMC starts at Stonehouse Community Centre, Laburnham Walk

Community

Dog Poo

It is hard to believe that in this day and age we are still hearing about dog mess being left on the pavements and foot paths.

Surely EVERYONE knows by now that apart from being unpleasant, this represents a genuine health hazard to children and to other animals. It can cause diseases like ringworm in children and can lead to cows aborting their calves if ingested.

PLEASE ALWAYS CARRRY A POO BAG (OR TWO) AND ALWAYS PICK UP AFTER YOUR DOG.

- and having bagged your poo, put it into ANY bin or take it home; do not leave it hanging around!

- and please do not let dogs roam unattended.

There are always times when you get 'caught out', it must have happened to most of us at one time or another - but please do not just walk away - ask another dog walker if they have a spare bag, or at the very least, if you really have no alternative, use a stick to flick it into the gutter or DEEP into the hedgerow.

Do not be the only one left in the village who is causing a nuisance!

Eastington Park - Fireworks due in August:

FRIDAY 2nd August 2019 - Firing Time: 10 pm - Duration: 5 minutes

SATURDAY 24th August 2019 - Firing Time: 10.15pm - Duration: 7 minutes

FRIDAY 30th August 2019 - Firing Time: 9.15pm - Duration: 7 minutes



Ring any Bells?

I think this is the old 'Eastington Mews' shop in Alkerton Road.

It is an old photo that I found on a facebook group called

'The Golden Days of The Great British Independent Shopkeeper' - a group which now seems to have 'shut up shop' as it were, so I can get no more information.

Anyone know anything about it?

New No. 61 Bus Timetable from August 4th 2019

61 - Dursley & Stonehouse to Stroud & Bussage

Apparently Stagecoach are 'excited' to announce that they have begun changing the No. 61 bus route to serve the new Great Oldbury West of Stonehouse development. Our service, the say, will offer the new residents an hourly link to and from Dursley, Stonehouse and Stroud.

Unfortunately for most of the rest of us residents in Eastington, the extended route means that we will now have to be at the bust stop four minutes earlier to get to Stroud at the same time, and there are no improvements to the service. Not too much for us to get 'excited' about.

The route between Ebley and Stroud is also altered to serve Paganhill for SGS College and Tesco - see extract from the new time table below, or check on-line for full details

<https://ticon-maps-stagecoachbus.s3.amazonaws.com/Timetables/West/Stroud/2019/61.pdf>

For enquiries, Email west.enquiries@stagecoachbus.com or call 01452 418630

Note: 1) Extract only - the bus runs from Woodmancote to Bussage - see website for full details

2) No service on Sundays or Bank Holidays, of course!

3) The shaded areas are alternatives for schooldays - and the boxed areas do not run on Saturday.

Dursley Bus Station	0606	0717	0727	0836	se minutes past each hour	36	Until	1336	1336	1436	1541	1641	1756		
Lower Cam Jubilee Tree	0613	0725	0735	0843		43		1343	1343	1443	1548	1648	1803		
Eastington Cross	0623	0736	0746	0853		53		1353	1353	1453	1558	1658	1813		
Great Oldbury Grove Lane	0627	0740	0750	0857		57		1357	1357	1457	1602	1702	1817	1917	
Stonehouse SKF Works	0631	0745	0755	0825		0901		01	1401	1401	1501	1607	1707	1821	1921
Stonehouse Medical Centre	0638	0752	0802	0832		0908		08	1408	1408	1508	1614	1714	1828	1928
Ebley Chapel Lane	0645	0800	0810	0840		0915		15	1415	1415	1517	1622	1722	1835	1935
Paganhill Church	0649	0808	0818	0848		0920		20	1420	1420	1524	1629	1729	1840	1940
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Paganhill Church	0619	0629	0729	0759	0829	0937		37		1437	1544	1549	1649	1749	1847
Ebley Chapel Lane	0624	0634	0736	0806	0836	0942		42		1442	1551	1556	1656	1756	1852
Stonehouse Globe Inn	0631	0641	0743	0815	0845	0949		49		1449	1600	1605	1705	1805	1859
Stonehouse SKF Works	0637	0647	0751	0823	0853	0955		55		1455	1608	1613	1713	1813	1905
Great Oldbury Grove Lane	0641	0651	0757	0859	0959			59		1459	1613	1618	1719	1819	1909
Eastington Cross	0645	0655	0801	0903	1003			03		1503	1617	1622	1723	1823	
Lower Cam Jubilee Tree	0653	0703	0811	0913	1013			13		1513	1627	1632	1733	1833	
Dursley Sainsburys	0702	0712	0822	0922	1022			22		1522	1636*	1641*	1742	1842	



Eastington Horse and Dog Show
Saturday 31st August

See back cover for more details!

Community

Eastington Farm Shop



We visited our new Farm Shop on Saturday afternoon, and were firstly taken aback at the lovely surroundings. It is a little bit further out than our previous farm shop - right on the boundary of Eastington along the Bath Road (turn left by the Eastington sign) - but has a proper little car park for those who find it just a bit too much of a walk. It is set among the fields with picnic areas laid out, little calves and chickens to commune with and a glorious field of sunflowers just opposite.

The shop itself is attractive, light and airy, with a huge array of tempting goodies. Have to say that by the time we got there, quite late, there was not a lot of actual fruit and veg left - mostly sold out, (including the farm honey hmph!). We did secure some huge tomatoes, though, some peppers, a variety of courgettes and there was a nice selection of root veg too.

However, there were plenty of other items to attract coins from our purse, including some direct cow-to-pot ice cream from Elmore, Godsell's cheeses, local meat, a selection of fresh flowers, lots of dry and potted goods and some very nice pottery from Nympsfield - oh yes, and eggs straight from the hens.



We also bought Broccoli Crisps (delicious!) - not local, but produced by a farm collective organisation dedicated to reducing food waste.

Needless to say, the only bags on show were of paper or jute.

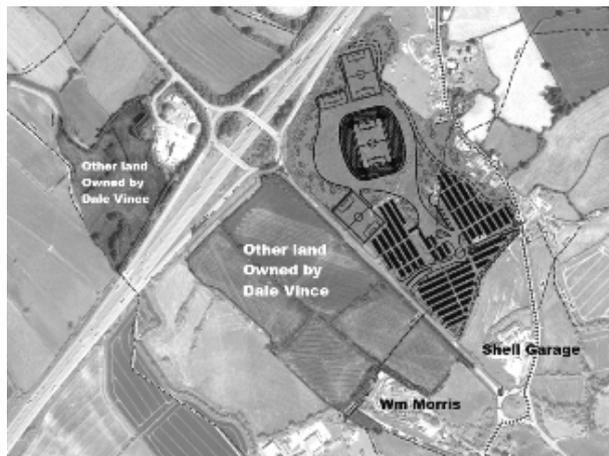
We had missed the cakes, apparently, but there is a nice little corner where you can sit and have a coffee.

All in all a great start for a very promising village asset. Well done, Hannah and Ed!

It is only open Thurs/Fri/Sat 8am - 6pm for the moment, but we would certainly recommend a visit (early!)

Jan and Tom

Ecotricity / FGR Football Stadium Planning Application



As most of you probably know by now, the proposal to build a 5,000 seater football stadium (as shown above) came to the Stroud Planning Committee for decision on Wednesday 12th June. The Planning Officers had resolved to recommend (but not 'strongly' recommend) that the Councillors should approve this application. However, the elected Councillors on the Development Control Committee, after a long evening of debate, voted to refuse the application.

The grounds for refusal were, in the end, pretty clear and far reaching; basically they were concerned that it was contrary to the Local Plan and that the various impacts (heritage, landscape, residential amenity and economic impact on Nailsworth) did not outweigh the benefit. You can read the full statement on line using this shortlink: bit.ly/SDrefusal.

However, Dale Vince has elected to re-submit the application with a couple of very minor changes. You can see this on-line with it's new reference of S.19/1418/OUT. Technically this is a brand new application, but all the applicant's previous documents have been re-submitted and still stand. The only amendments are:

- 1) One of the practice pitches is to be made an all weather pitch. This would allow more intensive use and so it could be made available for other clubs to use. Presumably, this is supposed to provide the missing community 'benefit', although there are no details as to availability specified.
- 2) There is an agreement to 'sign up' to sticking to the agreed stadium design and to providing the promised subsidised match day buses etc. before the next hearing.

Neither of these small concessions appear to address the main objections, above, and there is no mention of noise reduction for William Morris College.

However, because this is now a new application, all our comments do NOT automatically still stand!

If you wish to comment, support or object you need to do so all over again
for it to be fully taken into account.

- You can write to the Planning Offices c/o Ebley Mill, Stroud, GL5 4UB
 - or you can email planning@stroud.gov.uk.
 - You can also post objections online; the system can be a bit creaky (and short links tend not to work) but go to Stroud.gov.uk, select 'planning and buildings', 'search planning applications', and enter the ref S.19/1418/OUT. You will need to register your name and address before you can comment
- It IS a faff but it IS worth it - this is a very important decision for Eastington!**

For background, see the Keep Eastington Rural website at ker.eastington.website
And find 'Keep Eastington Rural' on facebook

Church

St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

Please join us for our Sunday morning worship service at 11.15am for a time of fellowship, prayer, thanksgiving and reflection, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet friends.

Our service is led by our congregation on the 1st Sunday of the month, with communion celebrated by one of our priests on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays of the month. Everyone is welcome to attend.



Eastington Church is on Facebook and Twitter



Follow us on Facebook and Twitter by searching for “Eastington Church” for the latest news, updates, prayers, reflections and events from our church and from across the Stroudwater Team.

Eastington Christmas Tree Festival 2019

We are delighted to announce that the church will be hosting its 3rd Christmas Tree Festival between Friday 6th December 2019 and Sunday 8th December 2019!

Everyone is invited to take part including families, community groups and local businesses. Christmas trees may be real or artificial, with or without lights, and any size up to 2 metres.

We invite contributors to name and decorate their trees on a theme. This could be a Christmas carol or a theme relevant to your family, group or organisation. Visitors will be able to vote for their favourite Christmas tree, with prizes awarded to the most popular Christmas trees.

If you would like to get involved as a contributor and/or a volunteer, please contact Chris Amys on 01453 821656 or 07867 482586 or at chris.amys@hotmail.com.



Summer BBQ

In July, Celia and Robin Harris kindly hosted a Summer BBQ at their house in Nupend. It was a lovely afternoon (even the sun made an appearance) and raised £130 for church funds.



Church

St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

Success for Eastington Bell Ringers

In June, the Stroud Branch of Church Bell Ringers held its annual Striking Competition, which this year was held at Frampton Church.

A total of 8 teams participated with Rachel Bagley aged 13 from Tewkesbury being Chief Judge (supported by her parents Roger and Ruth Bagley).

In a pleasant surprise following an enjoyable afternoon of ringing, followed by food, drink and skittles at The Anchor in Epney, Rachel announced that the joint team of Eastington and Horsley were the winners! As a result, Eastington will be in possession of the Tom Price Memorial Trophy for the next 6 months. Pictured opposite are Eastington Bell Ringers Chris Amys and Pam May together with Horsley Bell Ringer Stan Burrage.

If you are interested in finding out more about Church Bell Ringing, come along to one of our practice nights at Eastington Church, Mondays between 7.30pm-9pm, where you will receive an extremely warm welcome from our friendly team of ringers.



Contact details



Do you have any pastoral concerns?

Are thinking of baptism for your family?

Would you like to get married in our church?

Would like to receive home communion or a home visit?

For any queries, please do not hesitate to contact any of our clergy who would be more than willing to offer their help, support and guidance.

Team Rector: Revd Steve Harrison: 07466 858975 rectorstroudwater@gmail.com

Team Vicar: Revd Liz Palin: 01452 741147 tv1stroudwater@gmail.com

Team Vicar: Revd Dave Bishop: 01453 822332 tv2stroudwater@gmail.com

Gloucestershire Outdoor Group

Gloucestershire Outdoor Group is a friendly and welcoming local walking group which offers walks, weekends away, cycling and a wide range of other social activities. Our members are generally of working age.

Our programme of events includes Thursday walks, Sunday walks and weekends to Youth Hostels, cottages, bunkhouses and camping in the Summer months.

New members are very welcome. Visit our website www.glosoutdoor.co.uk or find us on Facebook!

Church



Eastington Methodist Church

Baby & Toddlers Group (<i>Expected to run throughout the summer except on 26th August</i>)	Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings : (<i>Make contact if interested in attending in August; Tuesdays are often held whilst prayer walking in the area</i>)	Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am
Lunchtime Bible Study (<i>not in August</i>)	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm
Bible Study House group at The Pike Lock House (<i>not in August</i>)	Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30pm
Youth Club (11-18) (<i>expected to run throughout the summer except on August 23rd</i>)	Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm
Café Church (all ages together)	Sunday Aug 11 th , Sept 8 th & 15 th all at 11am
Other Services (separate activities for children/young people available)	The other Sundays 11am
<i>For more information call Ken or Rebecca Burgin on 01453 827414 or visit: www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk</i>	

By the time you read this, we will have said goodbye, farewell and God bless to our Minister the Reverend Graham Miles. We have greatly appreciated his ministry with us and he is now moving to a group of churches in the Skegness area.



Our new minister is the Reverend Phil Summers who is already the minister of the Methodist churches at Dursley, Cam and Wootton-under-Edge. This is not the first time that we have been grouped with these churches – EMC seems to get shuffled from group to group surprisingly frequently. Phil starts with us in September and it is likely that his first service with us in this new capacity will be on Sunday 22nd September.

Phil has been a minister for 27 years and is known for his story telling and other performing arts skills. We expect that he will prove really good at doing the interactive talky bit at future Messy events and become a welcome additional participant in our Into the Book sessions where we act out Bible stories in Eastington and Whitminster primary schools.

At the end of August, Liz will be relinquishing her part time paid post as Youth & Family Worker. She has been a key part of our toddler groups, the youth club, Messy Events and much more for six years now. She expects to maintain quite a lot of involvement in a voluntary capacity and we will be looking for a replacement once we have prayed and discussed the most appropriate specification for her successor.

The **Youth Club** meets on Friday evenings between 7:00 – 9:00pm at EMC and is expected to run through the summer holidays with the probable exception of Friday 23rd August. Usually we plan a couple of youth outings during the summer holidays but patchy numbers have meant that we have not done so yet. We remain very keen to build up the numbers again and anyone in the 11-18 age bracket is very welcome to come along to meet us and see if they like what they find.

Some of our other activities take a break over summer or are more limited. We only have one **Café Church** service in August on the 11th with more conventional services on the other Sundays.

There are expected to be informal **Drop-In-Café** sessions at the church from 10am – 11:30am on 31st July and 14th August; both Wednesdays. Toys and crafts will be available for kids.

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Events

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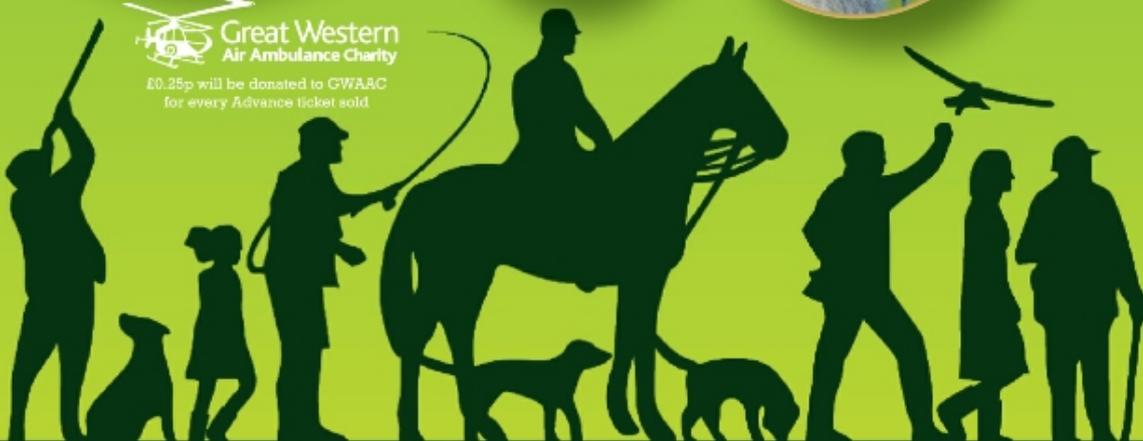
Sunday 8th September 2019

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