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Dear Readers,

Hello again - hard to believe that autumn really is upon us now!

With this season comes many delights, not the least of which is the abundance of fruit - and especially apples. Do drop in on the Apple Day at OHMG and bag some juice! Before that you will have a chance to bag a bargain at the autumn Yard Trail - time to have a good de-clutter before Christmas starts to make its demands upon our energies and our storage space. And with that thought in mind, perhaps you or your group would like to enter in the Christmas tree festival?

There is plenty going on in and around Eastington for all ages - you might enjoy the Pamper Evening run by the Playgroup or, if you are a long-term resident, you might like to think about sharing some memories at the Reunion gathering, which has been a great success in the past.

As always, there are plenty of opportunities for you to become more involved with the community. Both the Village Hall and the Community Centre would welcome your help, or you might like to think about standing for election to the parish (or even district) council.

We hope you enjoy this edition of your ECN.

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Community



Parish Apple Day

Eastington Community Orchard Group will be holding the The 9th Parish Apple Day on

Saturday 26th October from 12 noon

at the OHMG Community centre

Come and watch or help as thousands of apples from our own orchards and from round about are magically transformed into glorious, golden juice
- that tastes exactly nothing like the stuff you buy in the shops.

Bring your own apples- take some juice home!

Watch out for the



sign outside OHMG !



Sunday 6th October 11am - 4pm

For info or to be put on the map please contact

Katieannprice1985@gmail.com 07786 989 368

Come and grab a bargain on your doorstep!

Trail maps will be available on-line, at the post office and both pubs.

Kindly sponsored by KK Car Automotive The Garage, Bath Road Leonard Stanley 07734 214 163
kkcarautomotive@gmail.com

Events

The 37th Eastington Autumn Flower and Veg Show



The overall attendance at this year's show was 26 entrants, the same as last year, but entries were up by 9. The judges said that they were very impressed with the quality of entries especially the flowers and vegetables.

Mr R Hughes was victorious in many of the categories taking home 5 trophies/cups/prize money including best in show and best allotment.

Mrs L Hughes (no relation) took home the majority of other trophies along with Mrs Jones (cooking) and Mr Broomhall for eco shield for fruit.

Children's classes were won by G Crompton and A Wroe between them.

Lots of other people did very well and we as a committee are very pleased with the amount of entries and support for this year's show and would like to thank you all.

We would also like to thank our kind sponsors: Ley Bistro Restaurant (01452 740077)



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Eastington Primary School

Our academic year 2019-2020 is well underway and in Class 3 we have been thinking about our new school values.

Through our daily assemblies and PSHE lessons, we have been talking about aiming high together to be:

- Kind – show respect and care
- Co-operative – work well together
- Resilient – keep trying
- Responsible – reflect and learn
- Ambitious – challenge yourself

Getting on with everybody in our school is highly valued and we have kindness at the heart of everything we do. We endeavour to look after ourselves, each other and the wider world. We also want everyone to be the best they can be.

Here are some of our thoughts:



"Being a good friend is important so that you can talk and play together."

Maisie, Rio, Jack and Rubie.

(Kind)

"Working together as a team and sharing ideas. Not wanting your own way all the time."

Rosa, Jessica and Harry T.

(Co-operative)



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"Sticking with a maths problem and finding another way to solve it."

Phoebe, Red, Phoenix and William.

(Resilient)



"Showing respect for the environment by putting litter in the bin and tidying up."

Laila-May, Harry C and Lottie.

(Responsible)

"Pushing yourself to do a bit more or something completely new."

Shay, Lola and Beatrice.

(Ambitious)



In the coming weeks and months we will all look forward to see how everyone is getting on with our values. In Class 3, we want to support each other to achieve them and make ourselves proud.

Events

Eastington Horse Show. Saturday August 31st



After much deliberation the show was rescheduled for the end of August to avoid Gatcombe and Pony Club Camps.

Other than a slight spell of rain the morning, the weather remained fine.

Generally, entries were up on last year, increased in many classes. The coloured sections seemed to be as popular as ever.

The Show Jumping reached a crescendo in the later classes with some very competitive jumping over the larger fences with challenging courses built by Andrew Bingham.

Barrie Yeates's magnificent Shires, always a great attraction were again among the prizes.

The Dog Show (an innovation) was run by Emma Reece and her daughter Sophie, it was well supported, and competitors appeared to be enjoying themselves. It was unfortunate the mower ran out of petrol Friday evening before completion!

So much work goes into getting this show on the road, with much input from the Pitcher family, Paula being such an efficient Secretary.

The Judges lunches were kindly donated and prepared by Amanda Downton and were very much enjoyed by Judges and their Stewards.

The Dressage did not have as many entries as last year, but the Judge had some quality tests to mark in this lovely setting.

Alan with his road and parking team had a long day, but the road layout seemed to work efficiently.

Across the board so many people generously gave their time, without whom it would not be possible to stage this show.

Thanks to Mr Dale Vince and Barrie Yeates and the many generous sponsors.

Eyes Peeled

Although, thankfully, this is a relatively incident free community most of the time, it is sad to report that there have been a number of reports of vandalism and theft lately, including the loss of one of our defibrillators from Westend (who on earth?.....)

So please be vigilant, and if you see anything suspicious do not hesitate to dial 101

Community



EASTINGTON PLAYGROUP PAMPER EVENING

FRIDAY 15th NOVEMBER
6.30PM - 9.30 PM

At the Owen Harris Memorial Ground,
Eastington

£3 entrance includes a glass of fizz

(tickets available at Eastington Post Office/playgroup or on the night)

Come along to experience a night of relaxing treatments
including:

Massage and mini manicures.

Other treatments are available

- and treat yourself at our shopping stalls.

(treatments payable on the night, cash only)

Councils



PARISH MATTERS

In the last edition of the ECN we reported that the **Memorial Garden** had been completed; however Council felt that the work looked unfinished so we have arranged for the contractor to return and finish the stone circle in the same stone finish as the pathway. We are also planning what to plant in the garden around the stone circle.

Lorry Watch update: A big thank you to our volunteers who took their places on 20th August to check for lorries that may be breaching the 7.5t weight limit. There were 2 observation sessions, one in the morning and one in the early evening. Three lorries were identified that may have been over the limit; the companies were contacted and confirmed the lorries were over the weight limit but were not delivering to the village. All three companies will remind their drivers not to breach the weight limit in the village. There is a copy of the full report given to Council within the September meeting pack on our website, or please contact the Parish Clerk if you would like to receive an emailed copy.

The Parish Council has approved some funds to have the full width of pavements reclaimed from encroaching **verges on Spring Hill and Bath Road**. We are working with Gloucestershire Highways to get this work done ASAP.

We have some ground works to do at **Snakey Park** to repair the ground around the more popular play items; it is good to see so many families enjoying the park. The mechanism on the aerial runway is wearing out so the parts will be replaced at the end of September.

Would you like to be a parish councillor (or district councillor)?

There will be elections in May 2020, and Eastington Parish Council will have 11 seats to fill. (This is an increase of 2 councillors owing to the rising population at Great Oldbury)

Stroud District Council is arranging a "Be a Councillor" event on 14th October at Ebley Mill, 5.30pm for prospective parish councillors and 6.30pm for district councillors. For more information please see back page, or contact Democratic Services at Stroud District Council telephone 01453 754321.

All minutes and reports are available on our website – www.eastington-pc.gov.uk or get in touch with the Clerk if you have any queries.

Julie Shirley Clerk to Eastington Parish Council Tel: 01453 799616



HOUNDS IN THE HOUSE SHOE **BOX APPEAL FOR TECKELS**

COULD YOU HELP BY DONATING CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR HOMELESS CATS AND DOGS? IF SO, PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS FROM NOW UNTIL 1ST DECEMBER 2019 TO THE KINGS HEAD HOUSE OR THE BADGER EASTINGTON.

TOYS, FOOD AND BEDDING ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

If you would like to help with this cause please contact
Laura or Liz on 01453 822 277



TECKELS
Rehoming and Boarding

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Stroud District Councillors' Newsletter

The Council has been coming back to life after the holiday period, meetings have been taking place, however the next full Council meeting is not until 17th October.

Interviews for three new Strategic Directors, to form a Management Team with the Chief Executive, Kathy O'Leary, will be taking place in early October, current members of staff have been able to apply for these positions, as well as applicants from outside the Authority.

The **Forest Green Rovers Stadium** re-submitted planning application. The earliest this is likely to go to the Development Control Committee is believed to be December. Highways have changed their minds on parking issues, and are likely to ask for controls on roads around the proposed site on match days.

There will be 2 new electric cars delivered to the **Neighbourhood Warden Service** in September, they will be white Nissan Leaf models, with the SDC logo on the front doors. This is the start of replacing the entire fleet of old and costly vehicles currently in use by the Service.

The plans for revamping the **Broadfield Sheltered Housing** site should be available to view online at the end of September. (**See below)

Works to construct the **Canal through Whitminster Roundabout** are due to start in October. This will involve, at times, contra-flow traffic management around the roadworks there. Human nature being what it is, drivers heading for Stroud from the A38, or indeed the M5 junction, and vice versa, may be looking for alternative access roads, such as through Eastington. The work is scheduled to last until September next year.

Anyone needing help or advice on District Council matters, please contact:-

Cllr John Jones, 07808922918, email cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk or

Cllr Stephen Davies, 07802595307, email cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk

*** Broadfield Road is a sheltered housing scheme owned by SDC. On part of the site there is an existing detached building which provides communal facilities for the site, including a former Scheme Manager's accommodation. The communal facilities are under-utilised and the scheme manager's accommodation is no longer required and has been empty for some time. It has been proposed to demolish the communal building and replace it with new affordable Independent Living bungalows specifically for older people. Existing tenants will receive some compensations for loss of facilities and are generally in favour - a final consultation will be undertaken with tenants prior to planning submission. Ed.*

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 November 12th, 7.30-9.00pm at Wisma Mulia, Frampton-on-Severn

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 Harriet on 07786 668369.

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.

Groups



As many of you know, Lorna ran her final Slimming World groups in the Summer, after fifteen and a half years of helping members reach their Target weight. But Eastington groups continue with Sue :.....

Sue is set to share her slimming secrets

A slimmer who transformed her life by losing stones is using her success to shape a whole new career helping other people to change their lives and achieve their weight loss dreams too.

Sue Hill joined her local Slimming World group in Eastington in 2014 and lost 4 stone in 19 months to reach her Target, and has been there ever since. Now, she has trained as a Consultant for Slimming World at their national training academy, and Eastington members are getting ready to welcome her as their new Consultant. Sue takes over the group on the 16th October.

Sue says:

“Obesity is becoming such a huge issue across the UK. When I first joined Slimming World as a member, I never dreamed that I would end up helping other people to lose weight but now I just can’t wait to get started. It’s a privilege for me to be able to pass on the experience, insight and understanding that helped me, so that I can give my members the support they need to get to Target.

“Support really is the most important thing. It all starts with feeling that you’re not alone. I couldn’t have lost the weight I have without the weekly help, encouragement and understanding of my own Consultant and group. Setting targets, sharing recipes and other ideas, and working together as a group to overcome challenges and celebrate success is so important to a successful journey. That’s why, at my Slimming World group, there’ll be tons of support, encouragement and fun.

“Like a lot of slimmers, I had struggled to lose weight so many times before, but when I came to Slimming World it was different. I never felt like I was on a diet. The eating plan encourages you to eat lots of tasty, filling foods, you are never hungry - and no foods are banned so there’s no deprivation.

I couldn’t believe I’d found a way to lose weight without starving myself.

“Slimming World isn’t just about changing what you eat. Becoming more active is important too. Our Body Magic programme takes the threat out of activity by showing people, many of whom have unpleasant memories of being forced to take part in activity at school, how they can build activity into their daily routine without having to take up traditional forms of exercise. Everything counts from walking to gardening to washing the car. I love walking, swimming and cycling to get my Body Magic!

“As a Consultant it’s my role to create that warm, supportive atmosphere and to get people sharing their ideas and experiences to help others - it’s going to be great fun! I can’t wait for my new groups to run now!’

Sue’s Slimming World group will be held at Eastington Village Hall every Wednesday at 5.00pm & 7.00pm from the 16th October.

For more information or to join Sue’s group either pop along or call her on **07590 667 307**

Or: For more information visit www.slimmingworld.co.uk or call 0344 897 8000.

Community

Alkerton and Woodchester FC

As reported in the June edition, Alkerton Rangers were allowed to remain in the Stroud and District Football League for 2019/20, with the hunt for new players then kicking-off. Sadly, as the new season approached numbers were still insufficient to raise a squad. Fortunately, Alkerton were not the only ones in that predicament...

After 114 years in existence, Woodchester FC had hit the same problem of dwindling player numbers. They approached us to propose an equal merger of the two clubs, with a meeting of both committees hastily arranged in the Kings Head. All the critical points were agreed smoothly and rapidly – using the OHMG as the home base, the new club to be named Alkerton and Woodchester, and a new committee formed from both management teams – with all actions then swiftly expedited to sort everything out with the League and the GFA.

With a full team for four pre-season friendlies and the first two league games, made up almost equally from the two original squads, we may still be looking for our first win but remain delighted to have kept both clubs alive – and ensure that Alkerton can still celebrate its fiftieth anniversary!

Any new players wishing to join please contact either of the Joint Managers
Steve “Doug” Lovell (07490 734047) or Martyn Lowe (07855 277662)



OHMG and Eastington Community Centre Trustees



Another year and another Annual General Meeting is a chance to find out and be involved in the activities of the Eastington Community Centre and Playing Fields. The building is 10 years old and the playing fields nearly 30 years old with the land donated by Shirley Harris in memory of Owen Harris from which the charity is named.

An AGM is to be held at the Community Centre on **Tuesday 22 October at 8pm** to report on the activities, approve annual accounts and elect trustees and a management committee.

There are vacancies for a trustees secretary, other trustees as well as further volunteers to help with running the building and field. We are an established team running and supervising operations, but can always seek more help.

The field is used for football, archery and cricket and the building for a playgroup in term time and many other activities in the evenings and weekends for the Eastington and wider community.

We look forward to welcoming you at our meeting, everyone is welcome.

John Morris (chair of trustees) Tel: **01453 822353** email: morris885@btinternet.com

History

A fishy trans-Atlantic connection

Stephen Mills

We all know who Billy Connolly is and I'm sure many of us are watching his latest 3-part series on ITV of his travels round America – 'Billy Connolly's Great American Trail'. The latest episode saw him in the fishing port of Gloucester, Massachusetts, where some of the discussion centred on the history of the town's fishing industry. Apparently it was not uncommon for Gloucester fishermen to sail to the north in search of cod, and one of the prime locations was in the seas off the coast of Newfoundland in Canada.

All very interesting, but what's it got to do with Eastington? Remarkably, one of our local landmarks played a very important but completely overlooked role in the Newfoundland fishing industry. The landmark in



Fromebridge Mill before its conversion to an inn

question was Fromebridge Mill, now well known to all of us as an inn and restaurant.

The mill has had a remarkably long and varied career stretching back to Domesday, when a small corn mill was recorded on the site. Over the centuries, it was rebuilt and converted to other uses on countless occasions.

At different times it was used for woollen cloth manufacture, as a malt mill, and for producing animal feedstuffs. However, the most interesting period in its history was when it was the home of the *Fromebridge Company*, set up in 1759 for the production of iron, copper and brass wire.

The Company also went on to manufacture pig and bar iron and became of national importance. For example, they were granted a number of patents for manufacturing stronger ships bolts and developing improvements in the process of iron founding.

When it came to wire, they became so important that when it was ordered from other manufacturers, it was often specified that it should be made to the 'Fromebridge Standard'.

In 1779, it was recorded that Fromebridge Mill was.....

.....one of the most complete works in the country for making iron and steel wire.

And where was one of the biggest markets for the wire they produced? It was used to produce countless fish hooks destined for the Newfoundland fisheries – so there's our link!



Newfoundland fishermen. It was a hard and dangerous way to make a living. Thousands lost their lives and it was written that "the history of the Gloucester fisheries has been written in tears"

History

A copy of a page from the Eastington Church Parish Magazine APRIL 1918,

kindly donated by Steve Paskey, found amongst the effects of his Great Aunt, Phyllis Shill

This was the time of the German Spring Offensive, in which half a million lives would be lost, towards the end of WW1, before the eventual Allied victory looked remotely likely Other pages mourn and try to make sense of the great losses and sacrifices; this is a glimpse into the frustrations of daily life just trying to carry on.

I hope you can read this reproduction - you can see the full mag. on the website at ecn.eastington.website/other-goodies

The Magazine.

Under ordinary circumstances it would be a pleasure to find the circulation of the *Parish Magazine* increasing, (as it has again for 1918,) but the drastic shortage of paper makes me a little anxious about the supply. I will do what I can to meet it.

School Managers' Meeting.

A meeting was held on Feb. 28th. Present, — The Rector, (Chairman), Messrs. E. Hooper, J.P., W. J. Smith, A. W. Keys, A. F. Daniels. Routine business was transacted, and finances examined.

School Endowment Trust.

The Trustees met on March 6th., and decided with regard to the usual Exhibitions for scholars.

One Way of Doing Things.

The replies in Parliament are about as misleading as War *Communiqués*. From what one reads of the work done by military authorities, one would think that they were the "best of all authorities." If, however, you examine into their ways a little more closely you will find that the stupidest of business men would not do the absurd things they do. I say nothing of how frequently the same account has been paid over and over again. I say nothing of the scandalous waste of the taxpayers' money on the Frampton-Procester railway. I say nothing of the crass, rank injustice of taking the little food left for parishioners. But in the name of decency and common intelligence I do protest against the latest folly, — the surreptitious inveigling of local farm and other labourers from their steady and necessary work, by offering them more than twice the wages they had. Have not the authorities had sufficient warning from their stupid efforts in the same direction in the early days of the war? Will they never learn? Or is it that they are too grossly ignorant? If the folly is pursued I hope the farmers and others will "down tools." It really seems the only way to bring such people to their senses. Since writing the above I have been informed that the Quedgeley gentlemen have offered £2. a week to a local man who was well content with his 25s. a week for necessary work in which he has served since his boy-hood. Can no check be put upon such criminal stupidity?

The Local Pensions Committee.

I am not a "man of affairs," if I was I should soon want to know something of the workings of the Local Pensions Committee, and the ways in which supplementary aid is given to applicants. A case has been referred to me recently from

Cheltenham, and I strongly recommended no aid to be given. Why? Because the applicant was in receipt of a pension for herself and some seven or eight children. To anyone who could not live and pay her baker, rent or other debts on so ample a sum as these numbers obtain, it would be unkindness to put more money in her possession for waste.

Normality.

Most of the soldiers billeted on the parish have been transferred to Frampton, and our village is again resuming its normal life. There are some results from the billeting that many will regret.

Abnormality

Since writing the previous paragraph a new batch of soldiers have been billeted on this parish, and, I regret to say, the parish is once more in a state of commotion and moral turmoil. The scenes on our public roads after dark are not a credit to either the men, the giddy, foolish young girls, or their parents. I sincerely hope that the county police will be vigilant in reporting any licensed house that supplies any man, not in a fit state, whether he be officer, sergeant or private. On Sunday, March 10th, we had some scenes that were not creditable. We have a number of officers here, and I strongly hold that one at least should personally patrol the roads from five to ten o'clock at night. They are not overburdened with military or other work, and they should be taught that soldiering, — whether for officer or private, — is no longer toy-work, but work returned for pay. The social side of soldiering is a taint of the past.

£3,400 GONE AS TRAY.

I have been told that sometime ago sugar was supplied by Mr. A., from Bristol. A. sent his bill to department C. C. wrote that it must go to D. D. wrote that it must go to E. Meanwhile C. sends A. a cheque for £1700. By next post D. sends £1700. Next post E. sends £1700. A. returns cheques to D. and E. Next post D. and E. re-forward cheques to A., saying he must keep them. They are still in A.'s safe. I wonder under what column these items will appear in Government ledgers?

HOW THE MILITARY MANAGE THINGS.

A short time ago a small article was bought. Officer — Is the price a fair one? Orderly — Yes. Then buy it. A bill for 7s. was sent to head quarters. Foolscaps followed. Purchaser L. reprimanded. Head quarters send a Valuer from Salisbury. Day, and railway expenses are lost. All are reprimanded, the 7s. article is revalued, and more is offered to the seller than he asked! That's the way to spend — other people's — money.

THANKS. — I desire to thank all who have returned me their Waf and Stray Collecting Boxes.

F. HOWELL. — We were all glad to see Fred Howell amongst us, and looking so well.

TOBACCO. — "I do not challenge the justice," [writes a correspondent,] "of your severe comment in the March Magazine upon our gross extravagances. But why omit the waste on tobacco?" Quite right; nor do I challenge the justice of your comment. I did not forget it, but I had not the figures by me at the time.

Community



We are looking for 3 permanent domestic staff

Classroom Cleaner

The successful candidate will have an active role in ensuring the classrooms and educational spaces are kept clean and tidy whilst maintaining a warm and homely environment and should be self-motivated with the ability to work flexibly within the Domestic Team.

Hours

Either

**39 weeks per annum Term Time Monday to Friday 7am - 9am
Holidays 21 days paid holiday during College Holiday periods**

Or

**39 weeks per annum Term Time Monday to Friday 5pm - 7pm
Holidays 21 days paid holiday during College Holiday periods**

Cleaner for Residential Houses

The successful candidate will have an active role in ensuring the residential houses are kept clean and tidy whilst maintaining a warm and homely environment and should be self-motivated with the ability to work flexibly within the Domestic Team.

Hours

Either

**39 weeks per annum Term Time Monday to Friday 9am - 2:30pm
Holidays -21 days paid holiday during College Holiday periods**

Or

**52 weeks per annum Monday to Friday 9am - 2:30pm
Holidays – 28 days**

Telephone 01453 837551 Email: jobs@novalis-trust.org.uk
William Morris College, Eastington, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 3SH, United Kingdom

Councils

Knights Brown - A419 Improvements



As part of our ongoing commitment to work closely with local community, our site team visited Eastington primary school in July, ahead of the school holidays. The team delivered a safety assembly telling the children about the dangers of construction sites to make sure they stayed safe over the Summer weeks. As part of the visit, the children were treated to a special guest appearance from Honor Goodsite, one of the Considerate Constructors mascots. She helped us to promote construction and engineering as a career - we hope to have inspired some future engineers!



Excavation work at Old Ends Lane to uncover existing services

To ensure our programme remains on schedule and to mitigate any delays, we have begun enabling works at Old Ends Lane. These preparatory works will allow us to ensure that work progresses efficiently with minimal delays. The enabling works at Old Ends Lane will be undertaken as day work and will continue until October. There will be a requirement to undertake some night works .

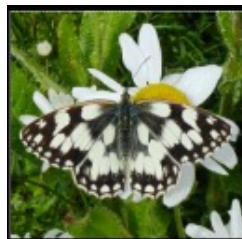
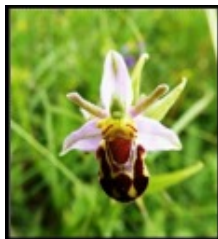


Installation of new kerb line at Old Ends Lane

Knights Brown and Gloucester County Council are committed to ensuring that the works undertaken as part of this scheme on the A419 have minimal impact on the local environment. We are proud to announce that our commitment to protecting the conservation verges found at Chipmans Platt has been cited as an example of best practice on the Considerate Constructors website.

<https://ccsbestpractice.org.uk/entries/conservation-road-verge-crv>

Chipman's Platt Roundabout – Eastington's biodiversity hotspot!



My heart sank when the contractors Knights Brown started work on the A419 at Chipman's Platt. Part of their work involved stripping topsoil off part of the roundabout and I feared that an area of interesting flora might be irreparably damaged. We know that our wildlife is under increasing pressure from human activity and every wildlife sanctuary, however tiny, is really very precious.

The good news is that the topsoil was replaced when the job was finished and the disturbed area is now re-greening nicely. In the Spring, we will see if the meadow flowers that support many butterflies, insects and other invertebrates re-grow. I'm hoping for, and expecting the best. So thank you, Knights Brown, for caring for our biodiversity hotspot.

Val Taylor

Groups



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.

Well by the time you read this we'll be into Autumn and maybe we'll be slightly less busy in the hospital. We've had the busiest summer ever, and by half way through August had treated as many hedgehogs as we did in the whole of 2018. So many of our patients this year have been orphaned or abandoned babies, often three or four in a litter – very time-consuming for our volunteers. We've had good success rates though, and have released many back into their original locality. Yet still they arrive – second litters now – so the hospital is still almost full to capacity. As the Autumn descends upon us, continue with leaving food and water down for the hedgehogs and please don't panic if you see one out and about in the cold weather, its much better to leave them out in the wild rather than them live in rescue, although we are more than happy for you to ring us to check. If we do have consecutive frosts however with the ground being continually hard and you see in particular small hedgehogs then please do give us a call.



We had a wonderfully successful Open Day in August. Strangely we didn't have great expectations as the weather forecast was pretty awful. However, we made arrangements to use the Village Hall rather than only our own driveway, and so many people braved the rain and wind to come and support us. Shortly after 11am when it opened, the hall was packed and people were queuing to get in. Despite the gazebo outside the hospital collapsing in the squally conditions, we calculated that about 250 people took the chance to have a guided tour inside, before returning to the hall for refreshment. As well as a good selection of cakes and the usual tombola and bric-a-brac, we had activities for children and some really lovely craftwork for sale. Many thanks to everyone who came along.



Groups

Route Seventy Severn at the Eastington Community Centre

Severn Vale Rotary organised a charity car run “Route Seventy Severn” which started and finished at the Eastington Community Centre on Sunday 15th September.

With almost 30 cars participating the car park was full of interesting classic cars ranging in age from 1928 to 2014. The cars set off in the morning for a tour of the Cotswolds and Severn Vale stopping for coffee at the Swan at Tytherington before returning to a Hog Roast lunch back at the Community Centre. A couple of steep ascents and descents had the drivers of some of the older cars holding their breath and the narrow lanes proved interesting for the 1959 Ford Galaxy!

Club President and Eastington resident Peter Bray said he was delighted with the success of the event which was held for the first time this year and will be repeated and expanded next year.

The money raised from the Car Run and the Club’s other fund raising activities throughout the year will help support Severn Vale’s nominated charities. This year these include Sue Ryder Leckhampton Court Hospice and the Vine Project. Sue Ryder is a well-known local Hospice which provides support for people who have a life limiting condition and their families. The Vine Project helps vulnerable children who have lost their parents through AIDS in a township in KwaZulu, Natal, by providing basic needs such as a secure and safe home as well as food vouchers, school uniforms and equipment needed to access education. The project is entirely run by volunteers who spend three months of a year at the Township. Every penny raised goes to help the children.

Severn Vale Rotary aims to have fun and help others through various social, community and fund raising events. The Club is growing in numbers and meets at the Whitminster Hotel for breakfast on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7.15 am. You are most welcome to come and meet us at one of our meetings - so get in touch! www.SevernValeRotary.org.uk



Eastington Walking Group



Photo: Val Taylor

The Walkie Talkies in the Toadsmoor (toes sore?) Valley
During the September walk around Bisley

Fun Walks for Everyone

Walks are generally about 5 miles
(3-ish hours)

Usually starting at the Badger and
ending at a pub somewhere!
Dogs with poo bags welcome

Next Walk is on Sunday October 20th

At NEW START TIME of 10:30 am

Contact Vanessa for details

01453 828557 / 07806 802540

Or watch the Badger Notice board

Community

EASTINGTON REUNION

*DID YOU COME LAST YEAR? - THEN PLEASE COME AGAIN
IF YOU DID NOT COME LAST YEAR THEN YOU MUST COME THIS YEAR!*

DID YOU GROW UP HERE IN THE 1930s 1940s 1950s 1960s ?

Then come to our reunion

ON OCTOBER 26th 2019

7.30

EASTINGTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

£5.00 Entrance - to include a few nibbles!

BRING YOUR PHOTOS and YOUR MEMORIES

All profits will be donated to charity

If you know of anyone that might be interested, please let them know

Any questions, please contact RITA LEACH (Pittman)

07749 777 743



Photo: Stroud News and Journal

Community

Eastington Village Hall Needs Your Help



Eastington Village Hall sits at the centre of our village, but it doesn't run itself. Down in the engine room there's a Village Hall Management Committee. Most have been on the committee for years, all are volunteers. The committee work to ensure the hall is safe, warm and compliant with regulations, sorting out any repairs that crop up.

The committee has been thinking about upgrading the hall for some time. Anyone with an interest in our village and improving village life would be very welcome. Someone with experience in facilities improvement would be a godsend!

Please don't think it would be an intrusion to put yourself forward for the committee- **it wouldn't be**. We meet a few times a year, and the meetings are seldom longer than 45 minutes.

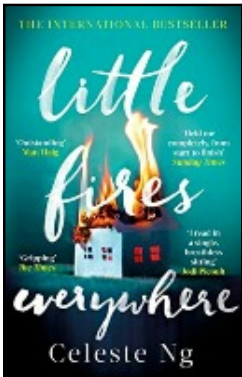
If you would like to be part of the team involved in improving and running the Hall please don't hold back. It's not difficult, and it's satisfying to be part of a team that keeps the hall open for business.

Please contact Muriel Bullock on **01453 826172** if you'd like to volunteer, or if you'd like to find out more.

Book Club

In September we launched our Book Club and what a success it was, we wanted to thank everyone who attended as we had such a great time. We look forward to seeing you all again on the **8th October, 7:30pm at The Kings Head House Hotel.**

Liz Hanks and Laura Wilkins



The next book:
Little Fires Everywhere
by Celeste Ng

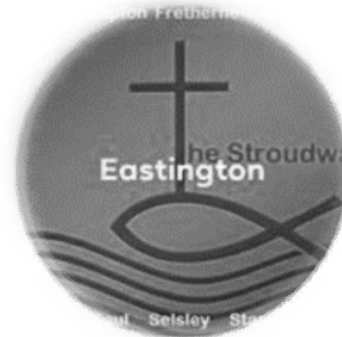


Church

St Michael and All Angels, Eastington

We worship every Sunday morning at 11.15am, with a lay-led Family Service on the 1st Sunday of the month, Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, and a Family Communion Service on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

In addition to our Sunday worship, you can follow us for news, events, prayers and reflections on our social media platforms by searching for "Eastington Church" and "Stroudwater Team" on Facebook and Twitter.



Contact details

Do you have any pastoral concerns? Are thinking of baptism? Would you like to get married in our church? Would you 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

Harvest Festival and Stroud Foodbank Collection

Harvest is a really special season where we celebrate all that we have been given. We have decided this year to make a food collection to the local foodbank in Stroud to help those in need through the coming winter when demand is its highest. Items which the Stroud Foodbank are in need of at the moment include the following:

- Small bags of sugar
- Tinned soup
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned meat meals
- Jam
- Chocolate spread
- Marmite
- Washing up liquid
- Soap powder
- Baby wipes
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush

If you are able to donate any of the above, please bring them to our Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October at 11.15am so that we can help those in our local community who are in need of a vital lifeline.



Sunday 6th October

Eastington Church

11.15am

This year we will be collecting for the Stroud District Foodbank. They have been in operation since 2011 and provide a vital lifeline for anyone in crisis across with food, toiletries and household supplies.



Church

All Souls Service and Remembrance Sunday

We come to the time of year when we remember with thanksgiving those whom we have known who are no longer with us, as well as confront issues of war and peace.

On Sunday 3rd November 2019 at 6pm, we will be holding our annual All Souls Service for the Departed at Eastington Church, during which we read out the names of those who have died during the past couple of years and the names of others who are requested to be included. We light candles and place them on the altar as a mark of thanksgiving and remembrance during the service. We will also be serving refreshments after the service. Everyone is welcome to come along and share in the service and make their own thanksgiving.

On Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45am, we will be holding our Remembrance Sunday Service at Eastington Church, during which we remember with thanksgiving those lives, especially those from our village, who have been taken away through war and conflict. There will be a 2 minute silence during the service and the laying of a wreath at the village's war memorial in the churchyard.

A Time to Remember

All Souls Service for the Departed

Sunday 3rd November 2019 at 6pm

Remembrance Sunday Service

Sunday 10th November 2019 at 10.45am

**St. Michael and All Angels' Church,
Eastington**



Eastington Christmas Tree Festival: 6th to 8th December 2019

We are delighted to welcome you all to participate in our spectacular Christmas Tree Festival, our 3rd Festival in 5 years. As in previous years, we are looking to fill the church with beautiful Christmas Trees, individually and creatively decorated by families, businesses and organisations in and around the local area. As part of the Festival, there will be a competition for the best Christmas Trees, as voted for by those visiting the Festival, with prizes awarded to the winners.

The Festival is being run to raise essential funds to assist with ongoing maintenance to the village's 600 year old historic church building, as well as ensuring pastoral care and support is available for those in need, together with enhancing the church for the local community.

We would be thrilled if you would be able to provide and decorate a Christmas Tree, which can be of any style, of any height up to a maximum of 2 metres, real or artificial, with any style of Christmas lights, although please no lighted candles. You can equally decorate your tree in any way you wish, i.e. something which represents your family or promotes your business or organisation.

If you are able to take part and ensure this year's event is even more popular than previous years, please complete and return the entry form.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact

Chris Amys on 01453 821656 or at chris.amys@hotmail.com.

Church



Entry Form

Name of exhibitor:

Address:

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Telephone:

Email:

Title of your Christmas Tree:

Approximate height of your Christmas Tree:

*Please return to Chris Amys at chris.amys@hotmail.com or at
Rose Villa, St Cyrils Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QG.*

Church



Eastington Methodist Church

| Eastington Methodist Church Main Activities | |
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| Baby & Toddlers Group | Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am |
| Prayer Meetings : <i>(Tuesdays are often held whilst prayer walking in the area)</i> | Tuesdays 8:15 – 9:00am Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am |
| Lunchtime Bible Study | Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm |
| Bible Study House group (except first Tuesdays) at The Pike Lock House | Tuesdays 7:30 – 9:30pm |
| Youth Club (11-18) | Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm |
| Café Church (all ages together) | Sunday Oct 13th & 20th, Nov 10th & 17th all at 11am |
| Other Services | The other Sundays 11am |
| For more information call Ken or Rebecca Burgin on 01453 827414 or visit: www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk | |

Messy AUTUMN Half Term

Family Craft Activities

Cakes Drinks

Story/ Video

COOKING

For all Ages!

A free invitation to join us on Wednesday 30th October 10:00 – 11:30am @ EMC

On Wednesday 30th October, which is in the Half Term holiday, we will be holding a Messy Autumn event at the church. Our new minister Rev. Phil Summers will be with us helping out and this would be a good opportunity to meet him if you have not done so already.

The **Bible Study groups** have started a series looking at David, arguably the most famous of the Old testament kings of Israel. David had a particularly close relationship with God and wrote many of the Psalms – he is mentioned over a thousand times in the Bible. He was not perfect and had flaws in his personality including committing adultery and murder – both of which he was pulled up for and for which there were consequences. However, his relationship with God was restored and his story shows us that whatever we might think about ourselves and our shortfalls, God is seeking our restoration. There is no Bible Study House Group on the first Tuesday of the month; we join our fellow Christians from the Church of England in attending the Filling Station meetings at Standish Village Hall at 7:30pm.

The **Youth Club** continues to meet on Friday evenings between 7:00 – 9:00pm at EMC. It is good to be able to report that we have had a recent influx of new attendees now that the new school year has started.

The two **Café Church** services each month have embarked on a new series looking at some of the stories in Genesis, the first book of the Bible although there will be breaks in this theme as we go into the Advent and Lent periods leading up to Christmas and Easter.

If you are new to the area or are perhaps considering trying out church either for the first time or after perhaps not attending regularly for many years, please do come and meet us. You can be assured of a warm welcome.

Groups

Eastington Baby and Toddler Group

Monday 10-11:30am

Eastington Methodist Hall

If you have pre-school children we would love to see you.

Each week around 11 mums, grandmas, dads, carers, and their babies and toddlers, meet. There are plenty of **toys** as well as **craft & cooking** activities, **singing**, and **Bible stories**. We have healthy **refreshments** too!

It's great fun!!

There will be a warm welcome when you come along.

We also run

Whitminster Tiny Tigers Baby and Toddler Group

Wednesdays 9:30-11:30am

Whitminster Village Hall

With a similar format.

This term, so far, we have made thumb/finger print key rings and apple print bunting.

For more info: Beck Burgin 07511 197 265 or rebecca.burgin@pikelock.com

Find us also on facebook @Eastington Methodists or @Whitminster Toddlers



EASTINGTON FARM SHOP

MIDDLEHALL FARM

Bath Road, Eastington, Stonehouse,
Gloucetershire, GL10 3AY

Wednesday 8am - 6pm
Thursday 8am - 6pm
Friday 8am - 6pm
Saturday 8am - 6pm
Sunday 9am - 1pm

**We look forward
to seeing you soon**



Jolly Joggers

Meet every Monday during term time
Outside the co-op 7pm sharp
Everyone welcome, all abilities.