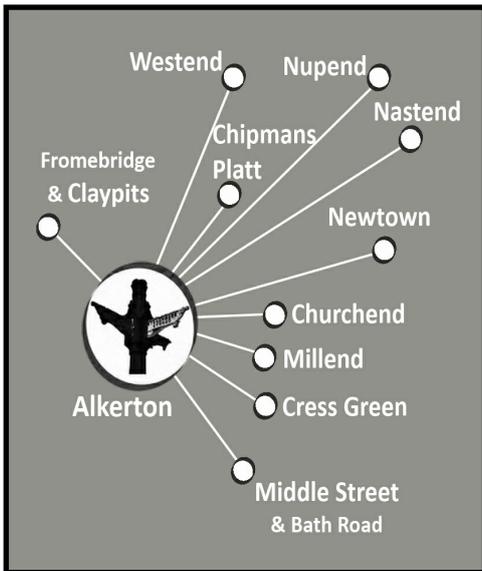




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February/March 2020



Signpost

Your news... your ECN!

Written by You, Produced by Tom & Jan Low and Mary Gribble.

Dear Readers,

I hope you all had a pleasant Christmas time and we wish you all a Very Happy New Year.

- and a Very Happy Birthday to Betty Barnfield, whose 100th birthday we help to celebrate on page 2!

On a sadder note, we have learned that Keith Plested passed away on 4th January. Keith was aged 96 and had lived in Nupend virtually all his life. He was a much loved and respected member of the community, having served as a magistrate and leader of the Parish Council in the past and was considered a real 'gentleman' by all those who knew him. Our sympathies go out to his family - especially to Julian, who cared for him for many years. Keith's life was celebrated in a beautiful thanksgiving service in St Michael's Church on Monday 20th January.

We have plenty of community life for you to enjoy in this edition - if you have something special to be proud of, or just to share, do let us know, we welcome all your stories and photos.

Jan, Mary and Tom



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Community

Happy Birthday Betty!



A birthday card from the Queen

Mrs Betty Barnfield (nee Betty Estrelle Everett) celebrated her 100th birthday on the 24th January 2020.

Betty must be one of, if not *the* longest standing resident of Eastington, having lived here since 1931 and still very much a part of the community. She has always been very involved with life in the village, and is ever ready to welcome visitors for a chat and a coffee - usually laced with a good nip of Bailey's. (Is this the secret to a long and happy life?)

Betty was a member of the Church Choir at St Michael's for nearly half a century, was a co-founder of the still popular Eastington Flower and Veg show and was a staunch member of the fondly remembered 'Bluebells'. She was also the secretary of the Eastington Tennis Club - does anyone remember this? There were two courts and a

club house on land that is now farmed by Andrew Cozens. In addition, she and her husband Bob both belonged to the Eastington Concert Party, giving plays and shows at the Village Hall. Betty and Bob met at Eastington village school, and Bob was church organist for many years.



It is a pity that some of those institutions are no longer there, but Betty is still a member of the WI and Church. She is also known to enjoy a quiz, often amazing younger folks with the depth of her knowledge on history and her detailed memories of the war years, and she is rightly proud of her 'war work' during those difficult times. Betty was a member of the WRVS and delivered Meals on Wheels locally for 34 years. She was also a dedicated member of the Eastington Branch of the Royal British Legion Women's Section and was its treasurer for 43 years.

Betty is a member of the Visually Impaired Club. She still enjoys crosswords, listening to music and 'talking books'.



Congratulations, Betty, you have certainly put your stamp on Eastington, and we wish you many more happy and fulfilling years to come.



Above, Betty is pictured celebrating with family (three children, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren) and friends in the Village Hall.

She particularly requested 'no presents', opting instead for donations to the RNIB.

History

Does Eastington have any Godcakes?

Stephen Mills

I know, you're probably wondering what on Earth is a Godcake?

I wondered the same thing after I heard the term in the recently televised revamped version of *Worzel Gummidge*. It was aired just before Christmas and starred Mackenzie Crook who also wrote and directed the two-part series.

It turns out that a Godcake is an old name for the triangle of grass at a road junction, created as the road splits to go left and right. The name seems to be quite ancient and has been used in various parts of the country at different times. There are some that have escaped modern road redevelopments and in a few places, Godcakes remain cherished local landmarks. Unsurprisingly, most survivors seem to be on small country roads, lanes and other backwaters.



**An example of a long-gone Godcake,
where Middle Street meets the Bath Road**



Cress Green Godcake, January 2020

There is at least one in Eastington – this is at the top of the hill at Cress Green. This was edged with kerbstones not many years ago and is now home to an electricity post and salt box, but before that, was simply a triangle of rough grass. Are there any more hidden around the village?

As an aside – there is a baked puff pastry that contains sweet mincemeat (sometimes laced with a drop of rum). These are triangular in shape and known as Coventry Godcakes, although they are also made in some other parts of the country, and apparently originated in Warwickshire. For some long forgotten reason, they are said to take their name from the grassy triangles at road junctions.

Godcakes were handed out at the beginning of the year or at Easter by godparents to godchildren. Apparently, when a godchild approached their godparent to request a blessing for the year ahead, they would be rewarded with a blessing and a cake!



Coventry Godcakes (courtesy of the Coventry Telegraph)

Groups



Changes of Leadership for ECO in 10th Anniversary Year

2018-2019 Annual General Meeting

Members reflected on a quiet year, with inclement weather tending to happen at inconvenient times. Funds are stable around the £1,000 mark but Coneygree Orchard Warden Kevin Dalby observed that, with 58 established trees, our call for major expenditure was much reduced.



The main activities at Coneygree are now in the hands of **Emma Levan** - and the children who joyfully attend Forest School every Monday.

Emma (pictured right, front) was voted onto the Committee to ensure we make the most of the children's participation.

Most of their projects are achieved through re-cycling old materials – no strain on budgets there!

Brownings Orchard Warden, Debbie Cunningham, led the committee in thanking John Morris for his unstinting efforts on the John Deere mower. John and David Aston were thanked for organising several barbeques, which increased the sociability of work parties.

The meeting was an opportunity to review progress in the decade – a history lesson for newer members and a trip down memory lane for the founder members.

Having set up ECO in 2010, Tom Low stepped down as Chair, to be replaced by Wendy Fabbro.

Wendy has been an enthusiastic worker since she and Jon came to the parish, as can be seen in this 2017 planting work party at Brownings Orchard (retiring Chair taking it easy, even then).

All other committee members were re-elected, ensuring a continuity for the hand-over of leadership.

A work party schedule for spring pruning will be circulated in early February



Community



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd. (ECLT)
Providing the affordable homes that Eastington needs

BBC Points West acknowledges ECLT on New Year’s Day

We were delighted to celebrate the start of work at Puddleworth Close with millions of people watching BBC News on 1st January. It was the “good news” story at the top of the Points West broadcast and featured the ECLT Trustees with their ceremonial Golden Spade, supposedly breaking the turf.

Of course the election had forced the postponement but we celebrated anyway, with representatives from the Parish Council, Stroud DC, Aster Homes, EG Carter and our main benefactor, Homes England.

For posterity, the ECLT Trustees all lending a hand here are (left to right):

Tom Morrison (Chair), Muriel Bullock (Vice Chair), Lynne Farnden (Treasurer), Tom Low (Secretary), Alan Brasier (Trustee), Martin Elliot (Trustee), Ed Davies and Georgie Brocklehurst (members).

Trustees absent from the photo are Alison Loverage, Paul Mannings, Sharon Wells and Cllr John Jones.



Celebrations continued with speeches of thanks and the cutting of Mark Chatterley’s ECLT-themed cake.

Co-operating are Stroud DC Leader Doina Cornell, Tom Morrison, ECLT chairman, and Jane Gallifent, Director of Aster Housing Association.



Progress has been to schedule despite the weather. The critical spine road was completed before Christmas (see top pic) and work on the acoustic fence is well advanced. The photo shows the fence posts standing in fast-drying cement with half the panels fixed on 15th January.

On the left centre of the picture, the outline of the footings dug for plots 21 and 22 can also be seen – completely flooded! Again, modern cement formulations were able to cope, drying fast after the water had been pumped out. Overall completion is still expected towards the end of 2020

A Registered Society under the Co-operative and Community Benefits Societies Act 2014, registration number 7425
 registered address: Hazel Cottage, Millend, Eastington, Stonehouse, Glos. GL10 3SF, www.eastingtonclt.uk, 01453 823425

Community

Eastington Primary School

Here in Class 2, we have been rather busy since the Christmas break. Our favourite thing so far this term has definitely been our art lessons! This term our unit is painting and we have been learning to paint using the pointillism technique, To help us do this, we have been looking at the artist Georges Seurat and having a go at it ourselves.

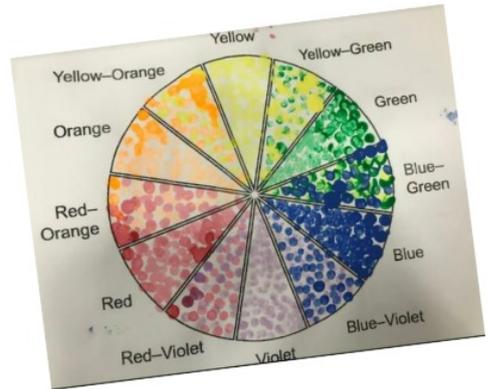


Have a look below at some of our work and have a read about what we have learnt and enjoyed.



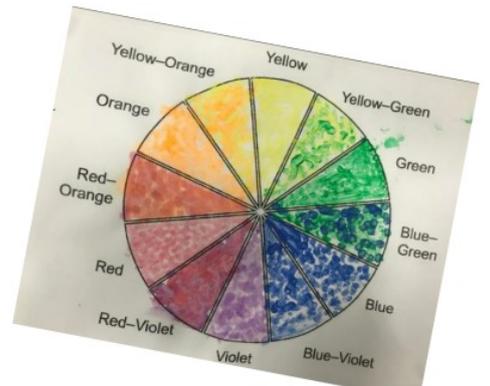
Pointillism is lots of dots and you can see each dot but they also blend together. You can make your own colour to use in your pointillism picture. It is really enjoyable and calming. Katie

It is lots of dots which are quite small. You have to leave gaps but they need to be very small. I liked making a whole picture using pointillism. We learnt all about Georges Seurat, who is a famous pointillism artist. Rupert



Pointillism is something an artist started a very long time ago - it is a very old way of painting. I really liked doing my own pointillism and making my own pictures with lots of dots. Sophia.

Pointillism is when you make a picture out of lots of little dots. We used paint at school but I had a go at home and used colouring pens. The colouring pens took a lot longer! Owen



Groups

Ladies of Eastington

Happy New Year 2020 from the Ladies Of Eastington.

We are a small and welcoming friendship group set up to provide support, conversation, laughter and a reason to get out of the house for an evening!

We meet up on the last Thursday of each month (during term times only) at The King's Head House from 7:30pm onwards.



At our November meeting we revived and created some new decorations for the Eastington Christmas Tree Festival.

Our tree was available for viewing during the Festival, along with the many other beautiful additions. Something we enjoy getting involved in every other year.

In December, we had a little Christmas get-together where we had an enjoyable evening of Christmas Music Bingo along with other activities.

Future meeting dates:

January: 30th - Mindfulness evening by the fabulous Liz Hanks

February: 27th - Games Night! Bring along your favourite board game, so we can all have a go. Even if its buckaroo!!

March: 26th - tba

Contact Kim on 07809 667930 or Karina on 07929 175712

Or join us on Facebook 'Ladies of Eastington' and see what we are about.



Eastington Spring Flower Show

Saturday March 28th

1pm - 3.00pm in the Village Hall



Yes! Spring really is coming - plan your entry now!

Schedules, rules and classes will be available from the eastington.website as soon as they are available, and from the Post Office.

**If you are the proud holder of a trophy from last year,
could you please return it to the Post Office as
soon as possible.**

Thank You.

Councils

Parish Matters



Firstly, on behalf of Eastington Parish Council, I would like to wish you all a happy, healthy New Year.

For your Councillors 2020 will be a busy year with planning issues and May's council elections on the horizon. Also, we are looking forward to our celebration of 125 years of EPC, which will be a part of the Annual Parish Meeting.

At the time of writing we are preparing to interview candidates for the post of Parish Clerk. I'm pleased to say we have three strong, well qualified applicants. We have been very fortunate that our very experienced Assistant Clerk, Anita Sach, has been able to support the parish during the vacancy period.

As parishioners will appreciate, planning matters have taken up a lot of council time. Many of you will be closely following the Ecotricity/FGR application. The current situation is that, with the support our MP and District Councillors, our request for the application to be called in to the Secretary of State for determination should be decided by the end of January.

Those of you who regularly walk through the burial ground will no doubt be pleased to see how colourful and tidy it is. Could we gently remind all dog owners that their animals should be on a lead when walking through the burial ground and church yard.

This May's parish council election will be for eleven councillors. Should you be interested in putting your name forward as a candidate, information will be publicised on the parish notice board (by the Co-op) nearer the time. In addition, I would be pleased to hear from you and answer any questions you might have.

Muriel Bullock

Chair of Eastington Parish Council

Tel: 01453 826172 / 07715 962309

A not-so-lost cottage – mystery solved!

Stephen Mills



Readers will recall the article about the two 'lost' cottages in the previous edition of the ECN. One was identified as the long-demolished Vernal Cottage at Millend. However, the other was a bit of a puzzle and would have remained so without the help of Derek Greenaway, the cottage's present owner.

It is actually the last cottage on the right hand side of the short lane that fronts the two rows of timber-framed cottages at Churchend. The wall shown in the left hand (old) photo is that of the former kitchen garden of Eastington Park. The gable end with the chimney showing above the wall was the Park gardener's shed.

Over the years, the cottage itself has been changed considerably, perhaps most notably, by the removal of the rendering to expose the oak frame. The tall chimney was added some time in the early 1940s, constructed using local Stonehouse bricks, and the roof tiles have been replaced by Welsh slates. Extra windows were added top and bottom, probably in the 1970s, although the front door remains in its original position. Since the original photo was taken, the cottage has undergone quite a transformation and it's no wonder why it was so difficult to identify. Many thanks to Derek for solving the mystery!



Councils



A419 Highway Improvements Newsletter January 2020

PROGRESS TO DATE

Chipmans Platt - The Chipmans Platt phase of works is nearing completion. The final stage will see us surfacing the footpaths and this will take place in early February. Once finalised we will also be able to open the new toucan crossing, providing further safety for pedestrians using the crossing.

Oldends Lane - Utility Service diversions by Severn Trent Water and Gigaclear are currently being done. Once this work is completed we will return to the area and we hope to be finished here by the end of February.

Horsetrough Roundabout - Work is progressing well here and we are currently waiting for BT to divert cables on the Eastbound side. Work on the Westbound approach is also making steady progress. We need to use the pavement at the moment so there is a safe alternative walkway in place here.

LOOK AHEAD PROGRAMME

Over the next month we will be working in the following areas:

- Surfacing works will begin at **Oldends Lane** mid-February for a week. The works will be carried out over night under traffic lights. Advanced notices will be issued at the start of February.
- Severn Trent Water diversion works at **Oldends Lane** will continue, completing end of January.
- Footpath surfacing at **Oldends Lane** will complete early February.
- Works at **Downtown and Horsetrough** will continue. Please follow the footpath diversions in this area for your safety.
- Works will start at **Downton Road junction** in February. Works will begin with the removal of trees and vegetation. We will give local residents near this site information on exactly when this work will start so look out for a letter from us.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Following our donation to the hamper scamper appeal in December we have received a lovely email thanking us for our support. The campaign delivered a total of 1,757 food hampers and around 2,000 gifts to vulnerable individuals and families struggling at Christmas.

You can see full details of the scheme at

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways/major-projects-list/a419-highway-improvements/>

Coffee (or Tea) and Conversation at the Badger



There is a group that meet at The Badger on a Tuesday afternoon for a couple of hours (3pm – 5pm) where they have a cuppa , cakes, quiz etc. Small group but friendly.

Why not join in? You will be made welcome.

Community



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

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to seeing you soon

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Community



Big Bingo Bonanza

Friday 7th February

Entry tickets are £2 per person.
On sale @ Eastington Playgroup
Entry includes one drink from the bar*.

*Additional drinks are cash only.

doors open at 7pm
Venue: Owen Harris Community Centre

Lots of Amazing prizes to be won

All proceeds to Eastington Playgroup




Longfield Severnside Supporters Group

invites you to our

Coffee Morning

Saturday April 4th

from 10 a.m. to 12 noon

at

Russell Cottage, The Green, Frampton on Severn, GL2 7EP

(by kind permission of Dot and John Newton)

**Severnside Singers
Cake stall
Bring and Buy stall
Plant stall
Raffle**

**Information from Anne Roberts 740498
Di Merrett 740400
Dot Newton 741899**

that Slimming World feeling!

A warm welcome awaits everyone at Eastington Slimming World Group every Wednesday 5pm and 7pm at the village hall

Contact Sue on 07590 667 307

- to get the Slimming World Feeling !



WEDDING + EVENT PHOTOGRAPHY

Instagram Facebook YouTube icons

fionacolephotography.com





Church

Eastington Christmas Tree festival 2019



The Stanley Singers gave a concert amid the trees



1ST PLACE

Eastington Primary School



2ND PLACE

Eastington Farm Shop



3RD PLACE

Suzie Morley-Worrall

Our Christmas Tree:
Merry Recycling
 This year, Eastington Primary's School Council team has managed to create an astonishing Christmas tree. It doesn't just look good; it is also the best friend that the environment could ever ask for! In our school, one of our school values is responsibility and we think that this tree represents our commitment to reducing rubbish around the school.



An ECO-Christmas!

These are the trees that you voted for as your favourites. The School tree was cleverly constructed from recycled materials, the farm shop tree was decorated with carrots, sprouts and slices of fruit, and Suzie's tree was inspired by the colours of a rainbow.

Church

Some more innovative trees.....



Mary Gribble
Macrame

Knotted intricately in cord (with possibly the odd un-christmas-y word!). In honour of the Poppy Appeal



A tree with real paper 'leaves' and recommendations for a good family read at Christmas.



Good enough to eat



This tree of helping hands was made by the children of Eastington Playgroup - the next generation of our community

Community

FRAMPTON VILLAGE SOCIETY TALKS

A warm welcome is extended to everyone to come to our series of illustrated talks held in Frampton on Severn which we hope will be of interest to local people. The talks are on Friday evenings starting at 7.30pm in our Village Hall and are organised by Frampton on Severn Village Society, which raises funds for various village projects.

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

Should you be interested in becoming a member, please contact Paul Brady on 01452 742184 or at: paulbradly@hotmail.com.

Last year's subjects included topics such as the Great Severn Estuary Flood, Frampton on Severn in the Victorian period, Social history of the Stroud Valleys, the Gloucester poet FW Harvey, some locally based songs and poems, photographic journeys and even the Lock Ness Monster.

This year's programme promises to be no less varied and entertaining:

Frampton on Severn Village Society 2020 programme of talks

- 24th January: The Downton's Story - Anne & Andy Downton recall this local success story from it's roots to the present day.
- 28th Feb: My year as Lord Mayor of Gloucester – Chris Witts.
- 27th March: From Elmore to Baghdad & Mogadishu
– James Littleton reflects on working in conflict countries.
- 24th April: History of Saul junction – Tony Condor.
- 22nd May: Tales of a Country Auctioneer - Philip Taubenheim. ***Bring your artefact for an opinion.***
- 3rd July: Sir Peter Scott, Life and Impact – Jackie Harris.
- 14th August: to Scott House, the purpose-built home which hosted the world of conservation.
- 25th September: A Year in the life of a Wildlife Photographer – Philip Muggeridge.
- 23rd October: AGM & Bill Wood Award.
- 27th November: James Clifford, Elizabethan Entrepreneur – Rose Hewlett.
- 5th December: Annual Christmas Dinner

<p>Frampton on Severn Village Hall Fundraising</p> <h2>JUMBLE SALE</h2> <p>AT THE VILLAGE HALL The Street, Frampton on Severn, GL2 7EA</p> <p><u>Saturday 14th March</u> <u>2.00pm</u></p>	<p>Hall open for contributions Friday 13th March 10am to 12 Saturday 14th March from 10am to 12 <u>NO ELECTRICAL ITEMS OR LARGE FURNITURE PLEASE</u></p> <p>Please contact Hazel Benn if you need earlier help with contributions tel. 740258 email. wheelerhazel@hotmail.co.uk</p>
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Groups

Do **you** fancy having fun and making
 new friends along  the way?
 We have camped, made fires,
 swum, surfed, paddled, hiked,
 cooked, climbed, abseiled, pioneered,
 zorb'd and loads of other exciting things as well.

Why not join us and see what YOU can do



Beavers (6yrs-8yrs) Wednesdays 6.00pm-7.00pm
Slimbridge WWT



Cubs (8yrs-10yrs) Wednesdays 6.30pm-8.00pm
Slimbridge WWT



Scouts (10yrs-14yrs) Tuesdays 7.30pm-9.00pm
Slimbridge Village Hall

Contact: join@slimbridgescoutgroup.org
01453 519465 / 07805 078391

Slimbridge Scout Group currently has places in Beavers, Cubs and Scouts sections if any young people in the village are interested!



JOIN THE FUN

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Call: 07790 925023
Email: nicola.stark@scouts.org.uk



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Frampton On Severn Cubs, Scouts and Beavers all meet at the Scout Hut Whitminster Lane



Meet Tuesday 7 - 8.30 pm contact severnside.scouts@gmail.com
Karen Hayes - 07773521376



Meet Monday 6.30 - 7.45 pm Leader Ron Hartell 01452 722444



Meet Thursday 6.00 - 7.00 pm contact severnsidebeaverscouts@yahoo.co.uk
Kim Jones - 07872107298

Groups

Get Fit - Have fun !

Jog - and/or walk away the winter blues



**Come join the
Jollyjoggers
Co-op Monday
6.30-7.30pm**

**Completely free
Phone to book your place
07806 802540**

Eastington Walking Group Aka the Walkie Talkies

Fun walks welcoming everyone !
- all ages and including dogs (with poo bags)

Walks are generally about 5 miles (3-ish hours) Usually starting at the Badger and ending at a pub somewhere!

We walk every 3rd Sunday of the month - here are the dates for 2020, but please check with me for details - 07806 802540 or find us on Facebook.

- Jan 19th
- Feb 16th
- Mar 15th
- Apr 19th
- May 17th
- Jun 21st
- Jul 19th
- Aug - no walk
- Sep 20th
- Oct 18th
- Nov 15th
- Dec 20th



Event



Entry Fees

	Pre 29 th March	Pre 16 th April	17 th to 19 th April
Family (2 Adults & 2 Children U18)	£15	£19	£24
Adult	£7	£10	£11
Child (Under 18)	£5	£7	£8

Family tickets from £15

A fun event to help families get active and help local good causes.

Make 2020 the year you get moving to walk, jog, run, wheel or push the accessible 1k, 2.5k or 5k routes.

Souvenir medal and goody bag for first 300 people who register

Children under the age of 11 must be accompanied at all times by a responsible adult. | Dogs on short lead welcome.

Sign up or volunteer, at: KingswayFamilyFunRun.org.uk



And thanks to the following for their support:
 Elmrep, Kingsway Runners, Tesco, Rotary Club of Severn Vale Trust Fund. Registered Charity Number: 1100046



Councils

News from your District Councillors.

Congratulations from both Stephen and John to Mrs Betty Barnfield, on the occasion of reaching the remarkable milestone of 100 years young. May she have many more Happy Birthdays.

On the District Council front, all four Strategic Directors that form the Senior Management Team, along with the Chief Executive, have been appointed. Three are already at work, the other one starts at SDC shortly. This team has been formed as a direct recommendation of the Peer Review, carried out early in 2019 by executive officers from other local councils.

Regarding the **Ecotricity/Forest Green Rovers** Stadium situation, as you know, the first application was refused by the Development Control Committee, (DCC) in June of last year. The applicants gave notice that they would appeal that decision. In the meantime, a revised application was put in, which went to DCC in December. This time, the Committee decided, on a majority decision (6/4), to go with the Officer recommendation, and Resolved To Grant Permission. A request has been made that this application be referred to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, so that the decision can be made by the Minister, probably after a public inquiry. We now wait for news of that request, and if successful, the outcome of the Minister's decision.

The appeal on the decision to refuse the first application has been withdrawn.

Empty SDC **sandbags** have been delivered to Cullimore's Depot at Netherhills by SDC Neighbourhood Wardens. They can be filled with sand there, which has to be paid for unfortunately, and taken home by anyone who fears they may be at risk of being flooded.

The works to the A38/A419 roundabout at Whitminster are, as expected, causing extra traffic on minor roads in both Eastington and Whitminster villages. Please can everyone take extra care in the areas of Claypits Road, Alkerton, Bath Road, Springhill, and Grove Lane, as well as on the roundabout itself. The works are likely to last for most of this year.

Cllr Stephen Davies can be contacted at Cllr.stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk 07802 595307

Cllr John Jones can be contacted at cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk 07808 922918

Do you need more support?

If you suffer - or care for someone - with a life-limiting illness, you can turn to the local charity **Longfield Community Hospice Care**.

Longfield offers a range of services to help people live well with their illness, enable them to die at home (if they choose) and support people who have been bereaved.

These services are all *free of charge* and include complementary therapy, counselling and bereavement support, day therapy, carers' services, positive caring courses, as well as a range of wellbeing workshops.

Please call 01453 886868 or take a look at www.longfield.org.uk

"A place of hope, help and laughter ..."

Groups

Wild Hogs Hedgehog Rescue

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



Dear hedgehog friends,

We had a very busy few months, with a surprise visit from the BBC Breakfast team! They came to visit our rescue and find out more about hedgehogs. We were able to raise awareness of hedgehogs and particularly the plight of smaller hedgehogs.



We are the first rescue in the UK to take part in a pilot scheme to use Citizen Science to help monitor hedgehogs released back into the wild. Our intelligent feeding stations will go out in Spring to see if we can find out more about the hedgehogs we have released.

Sadly, our rescue mascot Alfie passed away in November. A rescue dog himself, Alfie was a huge part of Wild Hogs and will be sadly missed. He came from our neighbouring rescue Teckels and we held a fundraiser for a whelping box and trees for the paddocks at Teckels.



We are very grateful for all the donations we have had lately. We have had many generous donations of money which will help us pay for medicines and veterinary bills, food and newspapers.

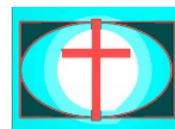
Thank you all for your support.

Come and find us at any of the events below:

Tuesday 18th February – Craft on the Wild Side, Frampton on Severn. Booking essential.

Thursday 20th February – Crafts and ‘Make a Hedgehog House’, Kingsway Community Centre.
Booking essential.

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Eastington Methodist Church

Eastington Methodist Church Main Activities	
Baby & Toddlers Group	Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings : <i>(Please make contact for times & locations)</i>	Tuesdays & Fridays
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
<p><i>For more information call Ken or Rebecca Burgin on 01453 827414 or visit: www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk</i></p>	

Café Church
Sunday 9th
February 11:00am

God's Provision
 Drinks & Cakes Provided
 Suitable for all ages

Café Church
Sunday 16th
February 11:00am

A Bride for Isaac
 Drinks & Cakes Provided
 Suitable for all ages

The two February Café Church sessions continue to follow some of the main stories to be found in Genesis, the first book in the Bible. The ones on March 8th and 15th will occur in Lent on the run up to Easter and their theme will be based on that.



Eastington Methodist Church

When the going gets tough!

Do you ever have problems? Are things ever difficult? What if the problems just keep coming?

When the going gets tough, to what or whom do you turn? How do you cope? What helps you get by?

As many of you will know I was diagnosed with cancer (follicular lymphoma) back towards the end of 2017. In early 2018 I underwent a course of chemotherapy (R CHOP). The cancer seemed to react pretty well to this, so I was put on a maintenance regime for up to 2 years with 8 weekly checks.

In June I had a CT scan which showed a very small anomaly, so was sent for a further CT 3 months later. This showed that my main tumour had grown from 2cm to 3.5cm. So a month later I was sent for a PET CT to see how active the tumour was. The results showed it to be highly active. This was back in November.

Since then I've had a biopsy on my lung, which only yielded a dead sample, so have been referred to the BRI for a biopsy on the main tumour. This was delayed from 10th January to the 24th.

This is not the only issue I and the family have faced in the time.

- other family members have had significant health issues.
- we have elderly relatives, who have been quite unwell at times.
- we've tried to help out others going through tough times.

So how have I coped? What has kept me going? Where have I drawn strength from. Obviously family and friends have been a massive help and support, especially those at the church. But the one I've found to be the most firm foundation and support is the Lord Jesus Christ. He has given me peace in the uncertainty. Joy in the waiting. Strength, so I've felt better in the last 10 days than for a very long time. When I've turned to Him in the ups and downs He's always been there.

God's word says...

God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. So we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea.

Psalm 46:1-2

Whatever happens, God is God. He is in control. We can trust Him. He loves us.

It also says...

O Jacob, how can you say the LORD does not see your troubles?

O Israel, how can you say God ignores your rights?
Have you never heard?

Have you never understood?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of all the earth.

He never grows weak or weary.

No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

He gives power to the weak
and strength to the powerless.

Even youths will become weak and tired,
and young men will fall in exhaustion.

But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength.

They will soar high on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary.

They will walk and not faint.

Knowing Him in the trials transforms them from times of hardship and heartache, to times to experience His presence even close, and from sorrow to rejoicing.

Why don't you come along to Eastington Methodist and find out more, or give me a call on 07511197265

Rebecca Burgin

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St Michael & All Angels, Eastington



Thank you to everyone who supported the Eastington Christmas Tree Festival between 1st and 3rd December 2019. It was a huge success with over 400 visitors, with over £800 raised for church funds.

Huge congratulations to Eastington Primary School for coming 1st with their Merry Recycling Christmas Tree, to Eastington Farm Shop for coming 2nd with their Have a Veggie Merry Christmas Tree and to Suzie Morley-Worrall for coming 3rd with her Rainbow Christmas Tree.

See photos on pages 12 and 13

Also a massive thank you also to everyone who came to the well-attended Christmas services at St Michael and All Angels Church, including our annual Christingle Service which raised £530 for the Children's Society. This money will be invaluable for the charity to ensure they will be there for vulnerable children and young people all over the country.

Finally, thank you to everyone who lovingly prepared and donated a Reverse Advent Calendar Hamper for the Stroud District Foodbank. We delivered a number of them, all of which helped to provide some extra Christmas cheer to families desperate for help over the holidays.

During the next couple of months, we have a number of exciting events and services taking place at St Michael & All Angels (further details below) and hope you will be able to get involved. If you would like to keep in touch and receive up to date news, you can follow us on social media by searching for "Eastington Church" and "Stroudwater Team" on Facebook and Twitter. You can also contact any of our clergy:

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

Mothering Sunday

We would love to see you at our Mothering Sunday Service on Sunday 22nd March at 11.15am at which we celebrate all those who care for us. This includes mothers, grand parents, family members, carers and all within our community who play a nurturing and nourishing role.

During the Service, flowers will be given out to mums and to anyone who would like to receive a posy. The service is suitable for all ages, with refreshments being served afterwards in the Charlie Bullock Room.

If you would like to come along and receive a posy, please contact Jacky Naylor on 01453 828682

or at jacky@mikenaylorsurveyors.co.uk by Friday 20th March.



Church

St Michael & All Angels

Flower Festival

We are pleased to announce that St Michael & All Angels will be hosting its first Flower Festival for over 15 years between Friday 26th June and Sunday 28th June.

The theme for the Flower Festival will be “British Summer Time” and will be a celebration of all things British during the summer.

Furthermore, the exhibition will be put together by professional and amateur florists from all walks of life, showcasing that anyone can put together a flower display.

The Flower Festival is being run to raise essential funds for ongoing maintenance repairs to the Church building, to ensure pastoral care is available for those in need, and to enhance the Church for the enjoyment of the local community for future generations.

We currently have approximately 20 florists who have kindly volunteered and we would be extremely interested to hear from anyone else who would like to get involved, so that we can pack the church with numerous displays.

Similarly if you would like to volunteer or sponsor the Flower Festival, please get in contact, as all help will be gratefully received.

Further details about opening times and admission prices will be announced in due course. There will be refreshments and a raffle throughout the weekend, as well as a number of ticketed flower arranging workshops by local florists.

For further details, please contact Festival Director Jessica Amys on 01453 821656 or at jessicaamys@hotmail.com.

Church Services Times

We worship at St Michael & All Angels every Sunday morning at 11.15am for a time of fellowship, prayer, thanksgiving and reflection, followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet friends.

Our service is lay-led on the 1st Sunday of the month, with communion celebrated by one of our priests on the 2nd, and 4th Sundays of the month.

On the 3rd Sunday of the month, we have our Family Communion Service. It is a new style of informal and relaxed worship with all the essential ingredients you would expect from a normal Church service, but with added benefit of using modern music and audio visual. This is an ideal service for those with young families and who have recently moved into the area.

Church Library

The library in our Parish Church continues to thrive and is well used. In addition to a wide variety of books for adults and children, we also have magazines, audio books and jigsaw puzzles. A comfortable well-lit area is available for those who wish to sit and browse. We have a number of regular borrowers and buyers who find this small library a real community asset. The library can be found at the back of the Church and is available to anyone who wishes to borrow and/or buy. The church is open daily from approximately 9am to 4pm.



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Public Notice

Ref: 2020-046370 **Church:** Eastington: St Michael & All Angels

Diocese: Gloucester **Archdeaconry:** GLOUCESTER

Form 4A (Rule 6.2) Public Notice (general form)

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Gloucester

Church of Eastington: St Michael & All Angels

In the parish of Eastington: St Michael & All Angels

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

To arrange a Confirmatory Faculty retrospectively to cover all of the internments from the date of the closure order 6th Day of August 1975

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at
Cleeve Cottage, Millend, Eastington, Stonehouse, GL10 3SF

Petitioners:

1. JACKY NAYLOR, TREASURER
2. MICHAEL NAYLOR, CHURCH WARDEN
- 3.

Date 25/01/2020

If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at

Veale Wasbrough Vizards LLP
Narrow Quay House, Narrow Quay, Bristol
DX 7831 Bristol

so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 24/02/2020. A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.

Eastington Community News - Blue Pages

We will soon be printing the new 'Blue Pages' for the year commencing in April.

Blue page adverts give you the opportunity to have a fixed advertisement in ECN for a whole year at very reduced rates compared to the normal 'single issue' prices.

If you already are a blue page advertiser we will be writing to you soon inviting you to renew your ad.

If you are not yet a blue page advertiser and would like more details of the scheme for the coming year, please contact Jan at advertising@eastington.website.