

Your news... your ECN!

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Hello Everyone,

Well, the evenings are really drawing in now, and there can be little doubt that our side of the world is slowly turning that little bit further away from the sun. But with that comes the harvest - which, if the community orchard is anything to go by, has been a bumper one. Even in these days of freezers and supermarkets, there is real joy to be had in making jam, bottling fruit and otherwise storing up a little bit of that sunshine to enjoy and share with others in the darker months.

We may be getting a bit fed up with 'cosy evening in', but the prospect of doing so with crumpets, a blazing fire if you are lucky enough to still have a hearth, and big, cuddly jumpers does make it seem just a little more inviting.

One again ECN is bereft of the usual flurry of posters for up-coming events - but it is heartening to see that people are finding ways to keep up some of our traditional village happenings by doing things a bit differently. The virtual Flower and Veg show is one obvious example. Page 24 highlights yet another - this time with no internet required! Do join in the Eastington Halloween Window Trail - it is a bit of risk-free seasonal fun for everyone.

We hope you enjoy this issue.

Be kind to one-another, and stay safe!

Jan, Tom and Mary

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PARISH MATTERS

As I am writing this, the summer seems to have deserted us. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the sunshine while it was around – and I hope you are all staying safe as Covid-19 rears its ugly head again.

We are still having problems with litter in the Playpark and I become concerned when it is an older member of our community who is picking up litter left by younger people. If you see someone leaving litter, please ask them to take it home with them. A clean and tidy play area will help us keep the park safe and welcoming to all visitors.

Parish Council is still conducting meetings virtually. If you would like to join in these meetings please get in touch. It was good to welcome some of our new residents from Great Oldbury at our last meeting.

We are still trying to contact Highways on several issues but, as with most departments, many personnel are working from home. This leads to employees covering other areas of the county. We will, however, continue to press for repairs to be carried out.

There is another vacancy for a Parish Councillor. We will be advertising soon, in fact, the notice may already be on the notice board by the time you read this. Anyone interested in applying should contact the Clerk at clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk

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District Councillor Report – September 2020

Cllr Stephen Davies and Cllr John Jones

There is a Chinese Proverb “May you not live in interesting times” and at the moment we do seem to be living in interesting times. There is much talk of a new normal, but as soon as we figure what that is, it seems to change. As I write this we are facing increased restrictions aimed at curbing the spread of Covid 19. I hope that this is successful. To date we have been lucky in the Stroud area that infections levels have not been high and according to the new NHS Track and Trace App we are an area marked as at “Medium” risk. However we must not be complacent.

There is a comprehensive plan to deal with any future outbreak, which may be geographically based or specific to a location like a school or place of work. There is also an Economic Recovery being developed by both Stroud District Council and Gloucestershire County Council.

Locally I believe the County and District Council are working well, with most departments working effectively and addressing the inevitable backlog resulting from full lock down. This is particularly true of repairs to the Council’s Housing stock and planning applications.

One consequence of this return to more normal activity is that we can expect to see further progress with the building at Great Oldbury and the updated Local Plan is still being developed and is aimed to be completed early in 2021.

If you have any questions on this or anything else please get in touch with us, you can email either cllr.Stephen.davies@stroud.gov.uk or cllr.john.jones@stroud.gov.uk.

Poppy Appeal 2020

Covid-19 has affected our society in many ways, and the Poppy Appeal is not exempt. The Appeal will go ahead, steps have been taken to ensure all Poppy Appeal activity is safe and in alignment with both national and regional regulations. There will be new ways to support the Appeal, but sadly the traditional door to door and hand-held collections have been ruled out this year.

We sincerely thank our loyal band of collectors in Eastington for their help in previous years, and very much hope that they will be back out in force next year.

For more information, and to visit the online Poppy Shop, please go to the Appeals website www.britishlegion.org.uk

or Facebook: www.facebook.com/OfficialPoppyLegion

Thank you for your support, Kathryn and Mary Gribble



Events

The Eastington Autumn VIRTUAL Flower and Veg Show

Once again, we were not able to show off/admire all the wonderful veg and arrays of flowers that people have been growing - well not in the flesh anyway.

But Dale Haines came to the rescue again and arranged a virtual show for us - and he and the committee would like to thank all of you who took the time to photograph and enter your prize-winning produce.

... And everyone gets a prize! (A virtual one, of course!)



Best in Show went to

Lottie Norman (age 8)

whose sponge cake really took the biscuit!

Makes your mouth water just looking at it...

Roger Hughes and Shaun Ireland as usual provided virtuoso vitals, and Edward Baker's Runner bean ran to 14 inches. Mary Gribble laid a tasty looking table, too.



Fantastic florals were also on offer, like these from Dianne Davies, Chris Jones and Ann Pitcher.

A big smiley thanks to everyone who took part - and here's hoping the next one can be in the Village Hall :)

FIREWORKS - Early Warning PLEASE

Fireworks at home will be a popular choice for households this year due to COVID-19 and this is a plea for you to consider others when planning your display - especially if other than on Nov 5th.

The noises from loud fireworks are known to terrorise pet dogs and cats as well as horses, farm animals and wildlife. Around half of all dogs are thought to be affected, and three quarters of all horses. Terrorised animals may try to 'escape' and can seriously injure themselves or others. Our non-human companions have much more sensitive hearing than our own and apart from acute distress can suffer permanent hearing loss. Birds, including ducks and chickens, can be killed outright by the shock of loud explosions.

Pet and farm animal owners can take steps to mitigate the damage if they know when a display is to occur, so please give those around you plenty of warning, and if possible avoid the most extravagant explosions.

Here is an eloquent plea from Stephanie - one of our local farmers:

"We are in Nupend and breed pedigree dairy cows. We have calves, young cows (heifers) and the two bulls, Destroyer and Scooby. The majority of our animals are born on the farm and we calve all year round. Our farm backs onto the Great Oldbury estate just over the hedge at Stagholt where we have pregnant heifers grazing. We have previously, due to nearby fireworks, lost calves to miscarriage and broken legs (whilst trying to jump out of their pens). Also our dog bolted and was run over. I appreciate some of you are lucky enough to own pets that seem to suffer no adverse affects from fireworks, but the majority of us are not so lucky.



In the past year or so I have acquired a young horse (Vinnie) and two pet lawnmowers (aka the sheep Buggley and Anita Skeeta). And not forgetting Jedi Knight (Jed) the farm dog/pet - some of you will have bumped into us whilst out walking the footpaths on the farm.

My main worry is that I need to plan for the possible sedation of young Vinnie as fireworks aren't necessarily just let off on November the 5th. Oral sedation for a horse can take up to 40 minutes to kick in and costs around £10 a time (more than I earn in an hour). I don't really want to sedate him every night, keeping him locked in his stable with the lights on, radio playing

and me on standby for a week or more either side of Guy Fawkes night, as he usually lives outside (his choice), but then again I don't want him panicking and galloping through fences seriously injuring himself.

All I am asking is please enjoy your fireworks BUT be mindful of where we all live for the sake of the animals in the surrounding homes, farms and countryside. Kindly let myself and others know if you are planning on letting off fireworks outside of 5th November so we can take evasive action - please call, drop a little note through the door, and/or post on Facebook groups 'Love Eastington' and 'Great Oldbury, Stonehouse Community'

Life for us has changed immensely in the village since the development of Great Oldbury and I have enjoyed chatting to people I meet when on the farm or out riding Vinnie on the Bridleway, so do stop and say hello!



Events

Eastington Horse & Dog Show

Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 restrictions, we have been unable to hold this year's show.

The Committee would like to thank the Sponsors and all who have supported us in the past years and hope we will be up and running next year.

As you may know, the Show has been going for 80 plus years.

This photo below, was sent by Mrs Caroline Prentice, it is of a Prize Giving at one of the early Shows, as indicated by the ladies dress.

Eastington Horse & Dog Show Committee



Horses at Swallowcroft



It's lovely to see the horses in the fields behind Swallowcroft, but please do not try to feed them - even with pulled up grass.

Horses can very easily be made ill by eating the wrong thing - (and almost everything is the wrong thing!!)

- and please do not enter their field, horses are unpredictable and could cause an injury

Thank you, Jackie Newman

The Canal Vs the A38 at Whitminster roundabout - on TV!



As most of us are only too well aware, the scheme to restore the route of the Stroudwater Navigation Canal across the A38 (and eventually the Motorway) is now well advanced.



This part of the plan is being paid for out of a Highways special budget. It was in order to build the M5 and the A419 link road that the original stone arched bridge carrying the canal over the A38 was destroyed.

Hopes are high that money from the Lottery Heritage fund will be awarded next month to complete this whole phase and restore the 'missing mile'.

BBC Points West aired a special report from Steve Knibbs who visited the engineering works in September, and you can see the clip of the broadcast here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zH-XV8bTsJg>



Leonard Stanley Sharks U12s Football Team are looking for more players.

We play on Saturday mornings at 10am on Leonard Stanley playing field and also train on Thursday evenings at 6pm at Archway Indoor Sports Hall through the winter.

If you or your child in Y7 are interested in playing for a football team then please bear us in mind. (We play 9 a side and currently have a squad of 8 so it's going to be a tough season if we are not able to recruit a few more.!)

If you are not in this age group but would like to play, I can put you in touch with the relevant coach.

Contact Andy on 07718881030

More information and online registration can also be found at: www.leonardstanleyfc.co.uk

Andy Bonehill.

Community

Eastington Primary School

Our new academic year 2020-2021 is well underway and in Class 3 we have been so excited to be back at school.

Jasmine - "It feels like normal again."

George - "It's lovely to be back playing with my friends."

Freya - "I've enjoyed seeing all the teachers again and knowing all the children are happy and safe."

Owen and Cory - "We like being in our new bubble in Class 3."

Everyone is pleased to be learning together again and enjoying being with new and old friends.



Lottie -
"I love being reunited with my friends and making new ones."

Otto and Gabriel -
"We're both enjoying a new teacher."

Arlo -
"I feel safe at school doing my work."

Charlotte -
"I'm enjoying sharing and learning together especially Anglo-Saxons and Vikings."

Sophie -
"I like computing and working hard back at school."

Harry -
"I love P.E altogether as a class."



Community

Eastington Primary School

Jacob – "I'm enjoying French for the first time."

Barney – "Lunchtimes are great fun."

Theo – "I love playing with my friends at break time and lunchtime."



Sophie F – "Seeing everybody smiling makes me very happy."

Bea and Katie – "We're loving getting to know new friends in our bubble."

Addy – "I'm enjoying guided reading."



In Class 3 we have made a charter which has everyone's ideas about how to be happy, healthy and safe at school.



Henry – "I'm enjoying my new school and my new class."

Jack and Rupert – "We feel grown-up now we're in Class 3."

Groups



We are absolutely delighted to have welcomed all of our children back to playgroup this term. It's been great to see so many of the children whom attended with us before lockdown and meet some new friends who are starting out on their playgroup journey.

All children (and parents) have adapted really well to the new routines and measures put in place and seem to be enjoying the new look playgroup.

We have been very excited to be able to start using our newly refurbished allotment this term. The children have loved exploring the area and are helping to plant bulbs and plants ready for the spring.

We hope to grow many delicious vegetables to be able to enjoy these at snack time and in our cooking activities, and will be having many fragrant flowers and herbs to support children with additional needs and to encourage children to use all of their senses to explore the world around them.

We will be teaching the children about composting so that they can learn about growth and decay through composting their recyclables after lunch each day and have a fabulous area for our



mud kitchen where the children can develop their imaginations and interactions with others.



It's been wonderful watching the children digging in the soil and helping with the planting and their language really develops when they can talk about what they are feeling and observing first-hand. There are so many benefits to the children exploring outdoor environments and we are looking forward to seeing how time at the allotment will develop their understanding of the world around them.



If you have any questions or would like a registration form please contact Michelle our administrator.

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

www.eastingtonplaygroup.co.uk

Groups

Eastington Cricket Club

2020 has been a very difficult and different season to normal.

First of all the good news: We have retained the Stroud League Division 1 Champions Cup from last year as it is not relevant this year. It still sits proudly on the captain's piano!

We arranged 3 pre season net sessions in March and April. The first one was held with social distancing in place. The other 2 were cancelled due to covid-19.

In March the square was in an awful condition. It was sodden and most of the post 2019 season seeding work had not borne fruit. We had some time and when the weather improved and the square became dry enough in June so we worked on cutting, rolling, fertilising, seeding, watering when we had the dry spell and were in a position to provide pitches to play on should we be able to.

We have been involved in discussions with the OHMG committee concerning the height, frequency and method of grass cutting done by the Parish Council. Sometimes, last season, the ground was not fit to play cricket on.

However, due to the OHMG not being available due to the Covid situation, we were unable to play any games at home. Our new sightscreens, funded by the Co-Op Communities fund, are still waiting for their first outing.

From mid-March until mid-July there was an almost daily barrage of emails from, amongst others, SDCA, GCB, ECB and the Government laying out the latest news, how it affected sports in general, cricket in particular. Some advice didn't make sense, some conflicted with what had been sent before, some was just not relevant to a club of our size and standard, and some changed from day to day. Eventually, with the 1st game almost upon us and the last Covid team text ready to go out on the Thursday, we received another email from ECB with 33 things they had suddenly thought of! We picked the relevant bits out of that and we were away.

We were lucky to welcome several new players this season and we spread the captaincy amongst some of the younger players. Some older players kept well away following Government advice.

We had a pre-season friendly at Stinchcombe which we won convincingly with everyone getting a bat and all the bowlers having 4 overs or so. We were placed in the revised Stroud Premier League Group A with 5 other teams and played 7 games in total.

We will have an AGM in October; possibly the 22nd; probably over the internet, but the usual end of season dinner is most unlikely to happen.

Indoor nets will be arranged in March/April 2021 depending on the pandemic situation.

Pre season outdoor nets have been suggested. We don't have outdoor nets at our ground so if anyone can suggest a way of accomplishing this please let us know.

Keith Dench (Chairman/Hon. Secretary) 01453-764990;

Roger Beese (Captain/Fixture Sec.) 01453 823128/07884438417.



Community



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

ECLT Project One

Fullers Close NOW Available for bids on Homeseeker

Aster Homes began advertising 12 of the Fullers Close properties for rent, via the Homeseeker Plus lettings system. **The following are available for bidding until October 6th :**

1 x Three bed semi : 6 x Two bed semi : 2 x First Floor one bed Flat : 3 x One bed Bungalow

Only one of each type is shown for bidding so that Aster will have a single list for each type. For example, there will be a single list for the two-bed semis and the top 6 qualifying applicants, (i.e. Eastington connected and then ranked by Homeseeker rules within that) will be offered the 6 homes available.

Do not despair if you appear to be a long way down the list. Initial demand for these homes has been very high and Aster will have the task of sifting out those people who have applied but have no connection at all to Eastington. Although the advertisement clearly states that a local connection is required, dozens of people have applied anyway, illustrating the wider need for projects like ECLT in many more parishes.

Second advertisement round

This process will be repeated for the following three weeks, **7th October until 27th October** to offer the remaining 11 properties:

2 x Three bed semi : 5 x Two bed semi : 2 x Ground Floor one bed Flat : 2 x One bed Bungalow

ECLT has no part in the Homeseeker process, apart from having organised the priority criteria for local people through a legal agreement with Stroud DC and Aster Homes.

Please see our website at <https://eclt.eastington.website> for full details.

Building Continues

Fullers Close remains a hive of activity as the builders E.G.Carter take advantage of the Indian Summer weather. The hope remains that some of the homes will be ready before Xmas, weather and Covid-related complications permitting. We are grateful to Ken Bailey for these drone photos :



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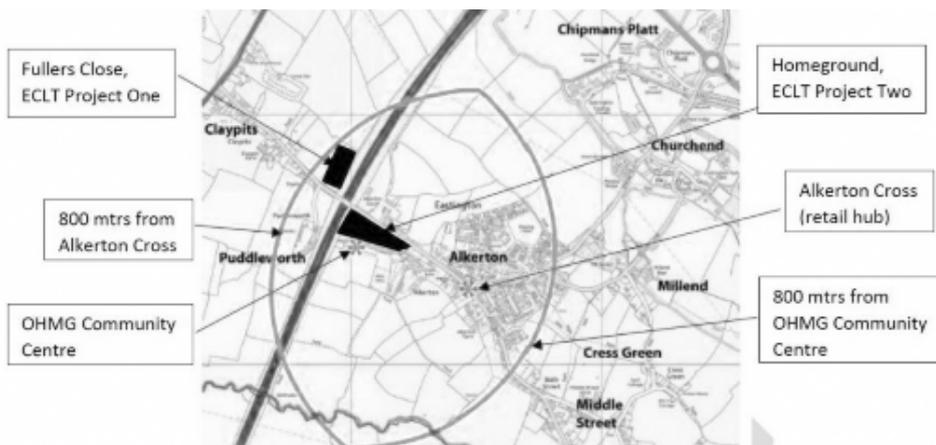
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ECLT Project Two
First draft for public consideration

Already, the high number of people applying for the affordable homes at Fullers Close in September 2020 shows that ECLT's plans for Project Two are more than justified. Because it takes 3 to 4 years to go from "bright idea" to "tenants in homes", ECLT started planning in late 2019 for about 30 affordable homes, to include 10 or 12 affordable shared ownership homes.

Progress on Project Two

Thanks to two local landowners making a field available at an affordable value, we now have a first draft layout for public consideration. The location is next to the OHMG Community Centre:



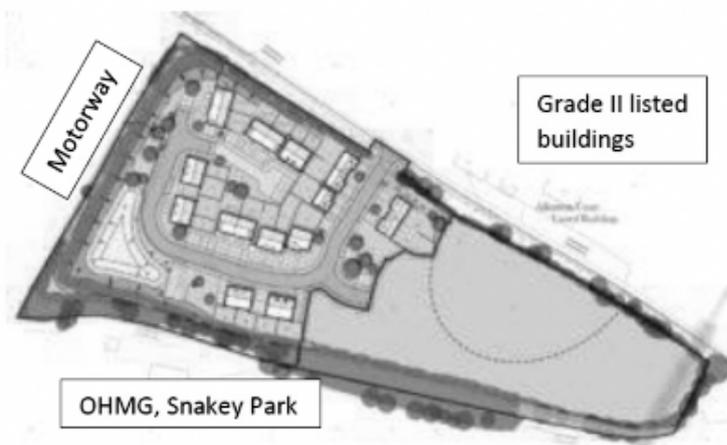
Normally, we would have Drop-in Displays at the village hall but this is not possible with Covid-19.

This will not be the final layout by any means but the first step in keeping everyone informed, stage by stage of the planning process.

Design considerations started by leaving an area of open land to respect the setting of the listed buildings (dotted arc).

Engineering detail includes an acoustic bund and fence, similar to that for Fullers Close. The site is very well placed for all utilities and has excellent highway visibility.

A footpath through to the OHMG and Snakey Park will benefit Claypits residents as well as the new tenants.



We welcome any comments or suggestions by letter to the Secretary at the address below, by e-mail to tom@eastingtonclt.ltd or by using the comment box on our website <https://eclt.eastington.website> where there is also more detail.

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Community

Eastington Community Centre and Owen Harris Memorial Ground



All on the Committee are hoping that everyone in our vibrant Community is well and that you are all coping with all the continual changes that we have to deal with due to the Covid 19 pandemic. Things seem to be changing by the day and as a multi-use site it gets very complicated but we are confident that we are managing it well for all our current and returning regular users.

In the last article we were pleased to have Playgroup back and have now welcomed two other users who are using the Centre regularly each week.

We plan to continue on the basis that there can be no occasional events such as parties, sorry about that, and have changed our priority to encourage regular exercise and evening classes. At the moment Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings are booked and recently we signed up a new club for a Friday lunch time which is fabulous. Available slots for new regular hirers are Friday evening and Saturday or Sunday, am or pm.

If anyone wishes to hire the Centre for a regular class please contact a member of the Management Committee, details below.

Out on the field Alkerton Rangers and the Taverners have resumed footie use. All players need to arrive and leave in kit as there is no changing room use at the moment but that hasn't deterred them and it's been super busy. Taverners are developing under 18's team and are always looking for new players so if you're interested please get in touch with Colin Taylor: 07954 137940.

Vandalism at OHMG

The Centre was newly built and completed 11 years ago in September 2009. Following this, vandalism was non-existent for a good number of years which was great. Unfortunately over the last 2 – 3 years there has been an upsurge in wanton damage which has resulted in some of the nicer features now being unavailable for general use. Last year the public toilet suffered £300 of damage so is now closed. The picnic bench at the rear of the Centre was completely destroyed a couple of months ago and just recently the memorial bench under the Oak tree has been damaged beyond repair.

It is particularly sad to see the memorial bench being removed as it was installed in memory of a loved one by a local resident and has been so well used by people of all ages over many years. On a sunny day it was the perfect place to sit in the shade, look at all the activity on the field and the fabulous surrounding views. We can only hope that those responsible will one day realise that they also now have nowhere to sit and rest after all that energy expended by destroying things!

We will continue to repair, improve and maintain this wonderful public area for the benefit of everyone in our Parish. Stay safe and please enjoy it.

Contacts are:

Gill Glover: Centre Manager: 01453 828782

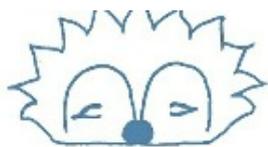
Mark Cousins: 01453 828557

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Although the weather is starting to feel more Autumnal, we are still getting reports of hedgehogs giving birth to litters.

Please be aware that there may be nests in compost bins, under sheds or decking and in areas of undergrowth. If you disturb a nest, please call us immediately.

If you are tidying up your garden please check for hedgehogs before using any machinery. Strimmers and mowers can cause injuries to hedgehogs.

Before you light any fires, please make sure that a hedgehog has not climbed inside. Building bonfires on the same day that you light them or moving all the material before lighting is a good way to ensure that hedgehogs will stay safe.

Please leave piles of leaves for hedgehogs to build winter nests or hibernacula. This will give them a safe warm place for the winter months.

As we come into Autumn and Winter we are often called when people find a hedgehog that they think is too small to hibernate. Hedgehogs need to be 450g to hibernate, but the Autumn months are the time that they put on lots of weight so we need to give them a chance to do this before we take them into rescue.

You can help by putting out dried or wet cat or dog food (any variety) and ensuring they have a good supply of fresh water. If you are concerned about a hedgehog, then please follow our advice on our website and give us a call on the phone number above.



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History

A famous but forgotten Eastingtonian

By Stephen Mills

For a sleepy little village, we have had our share of well known connections from farther afield. For example, Henry Hicks (Lord of the Manor and mill owner) built Eastington Park and was a close friend of Edward Jenner of smallpox fame, and the De Lyle Bush family were pals with the legendary cricketer W G Grace.

But some of our residents became notable in their own right, perhaps none more so than Edwin Budding. Born in Eastington, he went on to invent the lawn mower and adjustable spanner. (See page opposite)

However, there were others who have slipped into the mists of time, only to be remembered perhaps as a result of some strange twist of fate or odd coincidence. This is about one such Eastingtonian, a member of a privileged family that kept countless villagers employed for many decades. The patriarch was Charles Hooper, who ran the village cloth mills for much of the 19th century. He was followed by his son, Charles Henry Hooper, who carried on running the business. However, the present story is about one of his sons, **Charles** (a bit of a pattern emerging here...) **Alexander Hooper**, born in July 1869.

He lived with his parents, Charles Henry and Julia, at Eastington Lodge, along with the usual retinue of cooks and maids, before he was packed off in 1880 to Clifton College, where he stayed until 1888, before moving on to Cambridge University. In 1891, he was 22 and recorded on the Eastington census as a 'Cambridge Undergraduate'. But it wasn't for his academic career that he became famous, it was for his prowess on the rugby field, particularly during the 1890s.



The Cambridge XV
rugby team of 1890.

Charles Alexander Hooper
is sitting front left

Over the years, he played for a number of notable teams that included Clifton RFC, Gloucestershire, Cambridge University, and Middlesex Wanderers. It was when playing for the latter that he was selected to play for England.

He was also an original member of the fabled Barbarians, an invitational team set up in 1890 with the club mantra of:

Rugby football is a game for gentlemen in all classes, but never for a bad sportsman in any class.

Their aim was to avoid any discrimination as a result of class, race, creed or colour.

The only qualification to be a member was to be a good rugby player and a good sportsman

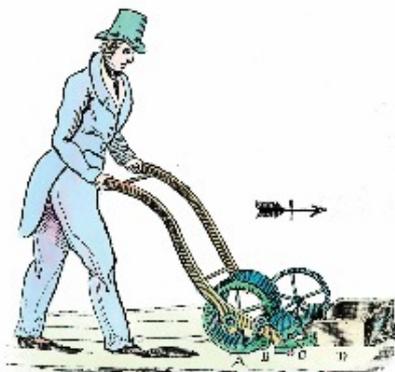
– which, clearly, Hooper was.

History

Edwin Budding and the Grass Shearing Machine

Edwin Budding was born in Eastington late in 1795, the illegitimate son of a farmer. He began to work for a carpenter, but moved into the iron foundries, and became a freelance engineer because he was good at solving engineering problems.

Between 1825 and 1830 he developed a pistol that was allegedly better than Sam Colt's revolver of 1835. In 1843 he improved the carding machine, with the help of George Lister. He also designed new types of spanner and lathe.



But his great triumph was the mowing machine, which he invented in 1830. According to legend, he was working at the time in Brimscombe Mill where a rotary cutter was used to trim the nap from woollen cloth.

His patent describes the invention as 'a new combination and application of machinery for the purpose of cropping and shearing the vegetable surface of lawns'.

The patent also says: 'Country gentlemen may find in using my machine themselves an amusing, useful and healthy exercise.' In one sense that was the power of Budding's idea, for it enabled ordinary people to cut their own grass; they did not have to pay men with scythes.

That's why so many people have lawns today.

More than a thousand were sold in the 1830's but alas Mr Budding died of a stroke in 1846, so he probably didn't reap the reward from his sharp idea.

His business partner, John Ferrabee, owned the Phoenix Iron Works just outside Stroud, and that is where the first machines were made.

A plaque marking his achievement has been put on a wall of the Stroud Brewery in Thrupp, which stands on the original workshop site.



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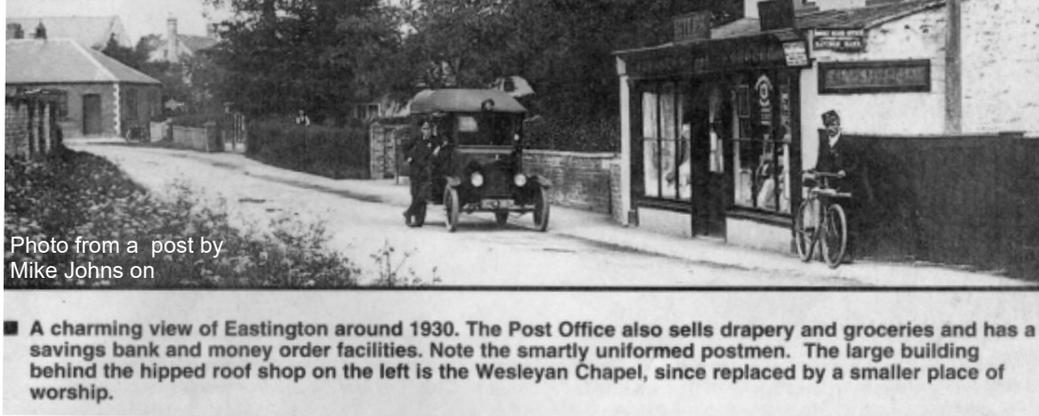


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■ A charming view of Eastington around 1930. The Post Office also sells drapery and groceries and has a savings bank and money order facilities. Note the smartly uniformed postmen. The large building behind the hipped roof shop on the left is the Wesleyan Chapel, since replaced by a smaller place of worship.

This shop will be remembered by many as 'Hunt's Shop', and later as the newsagents 'Eastington Mews'.



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- See ECN pages in colour
- See the Blue Pages indexed catalogue of our local trades and business advertisers
- See the Local History collection, with many super articles from Steve Mills
- See and search in back issues of ECN
- Find links to the Parish Council website and many local groups
- Find links to Facebook pages relevant to us
- And much more

Groups

Eastington Community Orchard Group

Due to the Covid situation, The ECO group will not be holding a public Apple Day this year. However, apples still grow - so we are processing as many as we can, in small groups, to ensure that there are some supplies of bottled sunshine for those who want them. They will be going on sale at the Farm Shop soon, and Christmas packs will be available later on.



Emma Levan - of Raffles Forest School fame - here loads up the club press with apples that have been shredded/crushed in the the scrapper.

The crushed apples are wrapped in a porous cloth which is moulded into a wooden frame (the parcel is called a 'cheese'). The frame is removed, and the cheeses are stacked in the press, layered with wooden separators to help the juice escape when the pressure is applied by turning the screw at the top.

The juice will later be heated to 85 degrees C before pouring into sterilised bottles and tightly capped. After a wash, polish and label, they come out like this, and will keep fresh for many months.



A New Bench for Brownings Orchard.

Some useable wood was reclaimed from renovations of the decking at OHMG community centre, which Tom could not bear to see go to waste, so he decided to make a picnic bench for Brownings orchard. This was really chunky wood and the result was HEAVY! – but the guys managed to transport it from Tom’s garage on the trailer and (with a ‘little’ help) plant it in Brownings Orchard for all to enjoy.



Church

Eastington Methodist Church



“Hope Springs Eternal”

As some of you will know, my mum has been ill with bone cancer as a secondary to breast cancer, over recent months and died, as a result on 17th August.

So why the title to this article? Why am I not overcome with sadness (although I do miss my mum)? Why, on 4th September, did we hold a celebration, rather than a funeral? Because mum had put her trust in Jesus, originally when she was 15 years old, but also, ever since then. She had heard the message that there is forgiveness of sin (sin – that turning our backs on God; not obeying Him in what we do, say or think; and going our own way, because we think we know better) through Jesus death on the cross, taking the punishment that should be ours. She acknowledged that she had sinned, and asked Jesus to forgive her and make her right with God, so that He would be her Father and she would be His child. And then she walked through life with Him, building that relationship with Him and knowing His help and guidance throughout life.

Now God not only promised that we would know life with Him in this life, when we put our trust in him, but that when this life ends Jesus would come and take us home to be with God forever.

Jesus once said: “Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” John 14:1-4

And in verse 6 He said “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

That’s why, even though I may be sad I won’t see mum here again on earth I know she is now with the Father, and with Jesus her saviour and Lord and I can rejoice.

With Jesus we can have confidence in this life, we can know Almighty God, the Sovereign Lord as Father, but we can also be sure that we will be with Him forever.

The modern hymn “IN CHRIST ALONE” sums this up very well and is well worth finding on Youtube if you are not familiar with it.

Do you have this confidence?

God bless, Beck Burgin

CHURCH IS BACK

We have now resumed our 11am Sunday services back in the church building after a period of about six months. In order to do this, we have had to make the place COVID-19 secure which involved writing Risk Assessments and Action Plans which, amongst other things, called for well spaced seating, masks to be worn, hand sanitisers, a suitable cleaning regime and lots of notices. It has been good to be able to get back together but sadly congregational singing is still not allowed under the current guidelines even though an in depth Bristol University study has reported that the risks of singing and talking are much the same and can be largely mitigated by not doing either loudly and staying a good distance apart.

If the rules get tightened and we are forced back to using Zoom, it won’t be the end of the world. On our last Zoom service, not only were we able to sing (in our own homes), we were able to get a live update from a couple working in Africa.



Church

Eastington Methodist Church

YOUTH CLUB

Youth club resumed outside some weeks ago subject to the weather being suitable and has been meeting at 6:00 – 7:30pm of Fridays at the OHMG field. Evenings are starting to get darker and the weather is becoming less conducive to meeting outside so the intention is to finish off the Risk Assessment and Action Plans necessary to enable the club to meet inside the church again. This will require careful planning so that suitable activities can be provided and numbers may have to be limited. A weekly email is being sent out to parents and young people to keep them informed and we are happy to add others to the list; just send an email to info@EastingtonMethodists.org.uk.

MOSSY MADNESS

Roz Wisniewski the Youth and Families worker for Eastington and Whitminster is setting up free family sessions for 5 to 11 year olds and their families. They will have an outdoor theme relating to the natural world and be subject to a maximum of 5 people taking part plus herself. These will be run in Brownings orchard, the local Snakey Park (OHMG) or in your own garden and run for approximately one to one and a half hours. They can take place after school or on a Saturday. There will be a range of activities from simple games, to crafts related to the outdoors, wildlife spotting and quiet contemplation of the outdoors. All COVID restrictions will be followed appropriate to outdoor activities.



To book your first session contact Roz on roz@EastingtonMethodists.org.uk or tel: 07761902249. The theme of the first session is Harvest. Roz looks forward to meeting you and your family soon.

Eastington and Whitminster Baby and Toddler Groups

First I must apologise to all our mums, dads and carers that I've been so quiet over the lockdown period. During that time my mum was very ill and later went home to be with Jesus, so I was fully employed with that.

I have missed seeing all of you, and have enjoyed bumping into various ones when I have been out and about. I am not a facebook user so you may have found it difficult to find information about what's been going on.

We had hoped to be able to resume toddlers in September. Unfortunately, having looked at the regulations regarding such groups there doesn't seem to be a way of meeting for the foreseeable future. It seems that children can mix in Ofsted regulated situations, but not otherwise, and then there's "the Rule of 6".

If any of you would like to get together for a coffee and chat, or just a chat outside (whilst regulations allow) do get in touch, my contact details are below, as are Roz's who started helping just before the lockdown.

Also, have a look at the the new Mossy Madness activity for children and families.

I look forward to seeing you in the coming days.

God bless

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Events

Halloween Trail

Sadly, this year, due to Covid there will no organised 'Trick or Treat' Halloween trail for the children - BUT that does not mean no trail!

Everyone can join in the Eastington Halloween Window Trail!

Just get crafty and adorn your window with something spooky. It is half term during the week leading up to Halloween, so get yourself and your children ready to make something to display before Wednesday 28th Oct . Families can then make their own trail around the village during the latter part of the week spotting the cunning creations - perhaps parents can pop a sweetie into their child's Trick or Treat bag for each one spotted (no duplicates!!)

There are lots of ideas to be found on the web - here are a few to get you going.....

Cut or paint a paper pumpkin:



Draw and cut out a a swirly ghost



Make a Paper plate sillhouette



Spiders web - fold a square of paper into a triangle, fold over twice more, keeping centre of paper at the bottom, then cut out as shown



Pompom spiders

Spooky spider template

