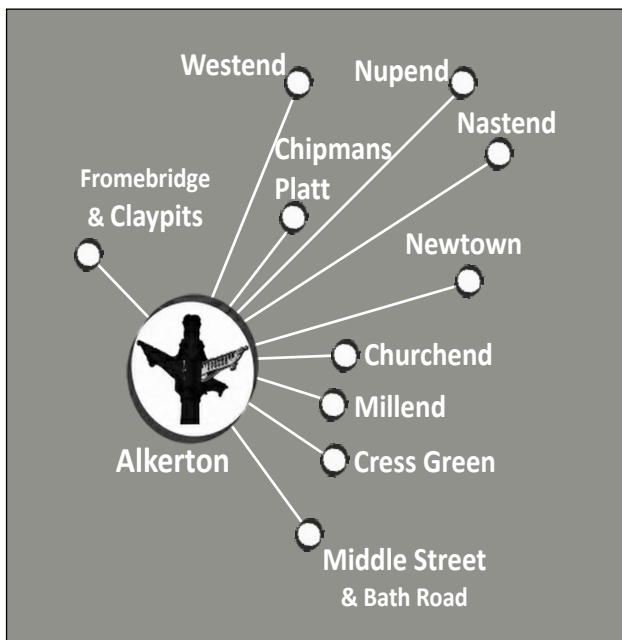


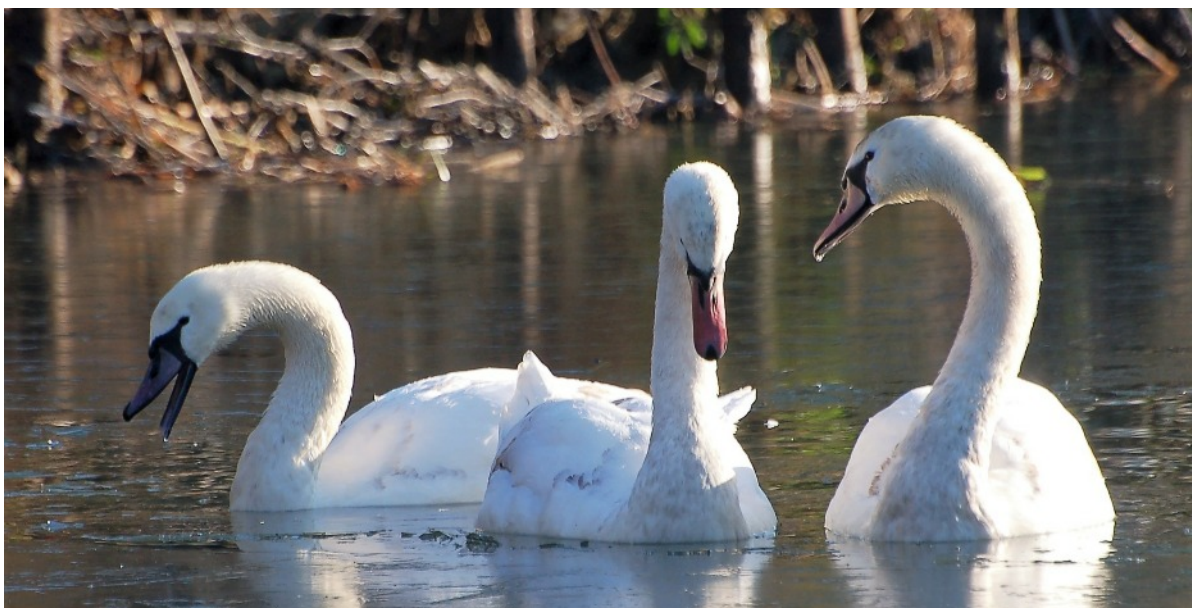


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Signpost

Your news... your ECN!

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



Hello Everyone - and a Very Happy New Year to you.

New Year Resolutions? Dry-anuary? Veganuary? Hmm it can all get a bit pressurised. I think the trick must be to make sure that any 'New You' decisions you make really do suit your own life and personality.

Class 3 in our school seem to have it cracked. Their resolutions are based on the values of:

"kindness at the heart of everything we do
... look after ourselves, each other and the wider world
... be the best we can be".

No arguing with any of that - but if these sound a bit high-minded and vague, just note how straightforwardly the children have translated them into all the simple day-to-day things that they do and love doing. Worth thinking about!

But whether you are trying for a new you for 2022 or are happy enough with the old one, we hope you enjoy this edition of your ECN.

Jan, Tom and Mary

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19th Feb, Art Show at Woodruffs Stroud, from 7pm

Half term craft activities - Friday 25th February, Saul Memorial Hall. Booking essential, please email emilyatwildhogs@gmail.com for more details

Jumble sale - Saturday 26th February 10:30am - 12pm Saul Memorial Hall

Deadline for next issue : Thursday 24th March (For delivery around 1st April 2022)

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See it in colour : visit the Eastington Hub at <https://eastington.website>

Community

Advent window trail



A glimpse of some of the creative window displays that people made for the Advent Window Trail which was organised by Rebecca Hussey,



Trail maps were sold at the Badger and a total of £219.92 was raised and donated to the school PA.



Thanks to all who took part - and to everyone who helped to light up Eastington, banishing some of those long-dark-evening blues.

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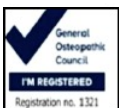
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Councils



Parish Matters

For Eastington Parish Council the start of 2022 is already a busy time – with some long awaited, key projects about to commence. The earliest of these schemes is to remedy the **flooding on Spring Hill**. The pre-phase one work took place before Christmas and Phase One work, involving pipe laying, will begin on 24th January. Phase Two is still at the planning stage, however, we have been assured that this will be undertaken early in the next financial year.

The second pressing project we have highlighted is to improve the **safety of residents Bath Road**. The issues identified by the residents living in this part of the parish are two-fold – the speed of traffic and pedestrian safety. For the beginning of February, the Parish Council has ordered a Highways Department traffic survey along Bath Road and Claypits. This survey is a prelude to the introduction of Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) along this route through the village. In addition to this, and following a site visit, Highways have promised to significantly widen Bath Road's pedestrian footpath/pavement.

A third planned undertaking is to renovate the much-used **path through the burial ground**. The intention is for the path to be widened and to match the quality of the footpath through the orchard. Councillors have met already with contractors and we hope to soon receive their tenders. Notices will be posted when work is due to start.

Parishioners who enjoy walking the parish's many footpaths will be pleased to learn that we are now able to return to our intention of installing two kissing gates annually. The process has begun to replace two stiles in **Nupend with kissing gates** - and we are currently awaiting landowner permission.

The installation of **defibrillators** is much in the news. We currently have four in the parish – outside the church, outside Old Badger, at OHMG, by John Staytes and one at Westend Suites. A sixth defibrillator is about to be installed outside The Travel Lodge. All the defibs are registered.

Last but not least, we have to bid farewell to a highly valued member of the 'team'. For the last few years **Karen Hayes** has been the part-time Planning Clerk to the Parish Council. During that time, her knowledge and hard work have been invaluable. Recently Karen has taken on a new professional role, which means that we will sadly lose her services. We would like to thank her for all her support for the Parish, and wish her every success in the future.

EPC would like to wish you all a happy, healthy 2022.

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Please note that the defib at the Church is suffering from a dying battery.

A new one has been ordered, and will be fitted as soon as possible

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NURSING CARE HOME

Groups



Wishing everyone a happy new year!

We were so happy to be able to invite parents in just before Christmas to be a part of our festive Christmas sing along, where the children performed songs and actions to some of our favourite songs beautifully. It was great to be able to celebrate Christmas with parents again.

We are proud to announce that we have been able to maintain our 5* food hygiene award. This is awarded by Stroud Council after a spontaneous spot check of our kitchen and questioning of staff regarding Covid safety procedures. Well done to all staff.



This term we are focusing on developing our fine motor skills. We are using tweezers to move objects, using a hole punch with paper, threading and peeling masking tape off a table. Developing children's fine motor skills is imperative before we start teaching them to hold a pencil to develop the muscles in their little hands. Activities such as these ensure that children are developmentally ready to hold a pencil in preparation for the next stage of learning.

We have also been retelling the story of Goldilocks and the three bears; looking at size, discussing emotions, talking about stranger danger and linking this to e-safety and of course eating porridge and adding our favourite toppings!!

We have limited spaces left for this academic year, so please get in touch.



It is never too early to register your child with us.

Sessions for September 2022 are already filling up, so please contact us on 07977342742 or email us at eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com to arrange a visit or for a registration form.

Community

Eastington Primary School

2022 is now well under way and Class 3 have been thinking about new year resolutions linked to our school values.

Through our regular 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 resolutions associated with **kindness**:

"Listening to my friends and playing with them, also cheering them up." Mila.

"Being kind to my friends when they need help in the playground." Olivia.

Be co-operative:

"Working together to improve my stamina at running." Teddy.

"Working with my team to improve my goalkeeping skills." Callum.

"Work hard in my group to get better at my times tables." Braxton.



Community



Be ambitious:

"To improve playing the piano and get better with both hands." Thea and Emily.

"To improve my dribbling, shooting and passing the ball with football." Evan.

"To improve my handwriting so my sentences are really good." Cammari.

Be responsible:

"To improve swimming on my front and try really hard." Alice.

"To improve my joining to make my handwriting so much better." Foley.

"To get better at times tables and mental maths." Charlotte.

"To improve my driving skills and take responsibility on my X-box." Leo.



Be resilient:

"To improve my reading and writing even when it gets tricky." Tess.

"To stick at and improve my ukulele playing." Sakura.

"To tackle better at rugby even if it takes a long time." Cory.

"Do what it takes to score a try!" Sam.



In the coming weeks and months we will all look forward to see how everyone is getting on with their new year resolutions.

In Class 3, we want to support each other to achieve them and make ourselves proud.

Community

The new railway bridge at the Ocean

Preparations had been going on for months; the towpath had been closed, and the massive concrete sections had been delivered on site. Eventually the time came and the huge, huge crane began to lift the sections into place.....



It was all very exciting, and small crowds gathered daily to watch the show. There was a forest of cameras and long lenses - although much of the time they were disarmed, distracted and totally focused on one member of the resident team - a kingfisher had taken up post on an old part of the wall and was enjoying the bounty of an increased fish-to-water ratio in the dammed off canal. He was there every day of the operation, totally unfazed by all the goings on - and is now rather fat!

On behalf of the Cotswold Canals Connected Partnership, Network Rail 's skilled team of 150 people worked around the clock from 10pm on Friday 24 December to 4am on Saturday 1st January .

The bridge was completed on time, and (Covid problems apart) trains are now running normally. A fantastic achievement.

A system of pumps and pipes will keep the water moving until the canal is slowly refilled early next year. The towpath remains closed until March 2022



Eastington Cricket Club

None of our players were selected for the Ashes tour in Australia so all will be fit and raring to go when we arrange nets in the spring ready for the new season in the Stroud and District Premier League.

Anyone interested in playing or volunteering can find out more via these contacts:

Telephone: Secretary and Chairman: Keith Dench 01453-764990.

Fixture Secretary: Roger Beese (new number) 01452-812487.

Captain: Paul Hancock 01452-720960.

Official's email contacts are on the ECB's Play-Cricket website under Eastington C.C.

Facebook: @EastingtonCricketClub Twitter: @EastingtonCC

Event

ART SHOW

Woodruffs Cafe Stroud
Saturday 19th Feb 2022
7pm - 10pm

Live jazz
Cheese & wine
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History

A Victorian village tragedy

Stephen Mills

Readers might recall that in the last edition of the ECN, we talked about how Charles Hooper's company exhibited woolen cloth made in his Eastington mills at major events around the world. You might also recall a comment that in the late 1860s, on a personal level, things were not good, but we'll come to that in a moment.

Hooper was born in 1810, and from the 1840s onwards, took over the running of the village's cloth mills. He was a very astute businessman and at a time when many other mills in the Stroud valleys were closing, he managed to steer his business through these troubled waters. Eventually, the business began to struggle in the face of competition from elsewhere, particularly from mills in the north of England, although the impression given was that the company was managing to weather the impending storm. But by the mid-1860s, things had presumably deteriorated, although the company's future seemed secure. However, for Hooper himself, things were not going so well. It appears that he was not in the best of health, although we don't know precisely what was wrong with him.

But to start at the beginning. I recently came across some interesting information about Hooper in an unexpected place. Several years ago, Marion Hearfield of Stroud Local History Society posted online a transcript of a diary kept between 1869 and 1876 by Alfred Luke Randell. His father was Geoffrey Randell who had moved to Stroud to take up the post of High Bailiff of Stroud County Court. Whilst reading through the diary, I came across an entry that I wasn't expecting - on the 15th September 1869:

"Mr. Hooper, mill-owner, of Eastington, cut his throat".

I felt that this must have been an error – there seems to be no mention of such an event in any of the local sources of information, and it's the sort of shocking news that sticks in peoples' minds for successive generations. I had never come across anything to suggest that Charles Hooper was so troubled. However, I did some more searching, and although I failed to find any mention in our area, I did eventually locate two short articles from Welsh newspapers of the time confirming that this had, in fact, been the case.

The *Cardiff and Merthyr Guardian Glamorgan Monmouth and Brecon Gazette* of the 25th September 1869 reported the following:

Death of Mr. Charles Hooper. The inhabitants of the whole of the Borough of Stroud will receive with grief and dismay the news of the death of Mr. Charles Hooper, of Eastington Mills. It took place on Wednesday the 15th inst. at Llansannor, near Cowbridge, the residence of his son. Mr. Hooper had been for a long time seriously ill, and many times his death had been almost daily expected, but it would seem that at last it was the work of his own hands under the influence of temporary derangement.

He destroyed himself by cutting his throat while at the family breakfast table, having for a few days previous been labouring under the delusion that his affairs were not prosperous. There needs no proof of mental aberration to those among whom he has lived a life of unostentatious piety and benevolence, and among whom he has been known as a kind master, a tender father, and an eminently consistent yet humble Christian.

A second article was carried by the *Cardiff Times* on the 18th of September:

History

Cardiff Times, 18th of September 1869 :

SUICIDE OF A MANUFACTURER.—Intelligence reached Cardiff on Wednesday evening of the suicide of Mr. Charles Hooper (of the firm of Messrs. C. Hooper and Co., Eastington Woollen Mills, Gloucester.) The deceased gentleman was residing at a farm at Llansamlet, near this town, and had been depressed for some days past, being under the delusion that matters were going wrong in his business. On Wednesday morning he committed suicide at the breakfast table by cutting his throat.

Charles Hooper had been a great patron of Eastington; he promoted and encouraged education, established an infant school in 1856, supported the church (even paying for much of its expansion and restoration in 1851), introduced controls to regulate beer houses, and was a staunch supporter of the Temperance Movement, making his end so out-of-character and unexpected.

With his passing, his oldest son, Charles Henry took over the reins of the business – he was 32 at the time. Charles senior had clearly been under the impression that his business was failing, but ironically, under the control of several successive family generations, it was one of the few local cloth producing companies that managed to survive. The company only finally closed its doors in 1934, now housed in Bonds Mill, Stonehouse. Charles Henry's sons (Henry Robert and Charles Alexander) remained involved with the business, which was being managed by William J Miller Smith at the time of closure. Like their father and grandfather before them, both were also involved with the management of the Stroudwater Navigation

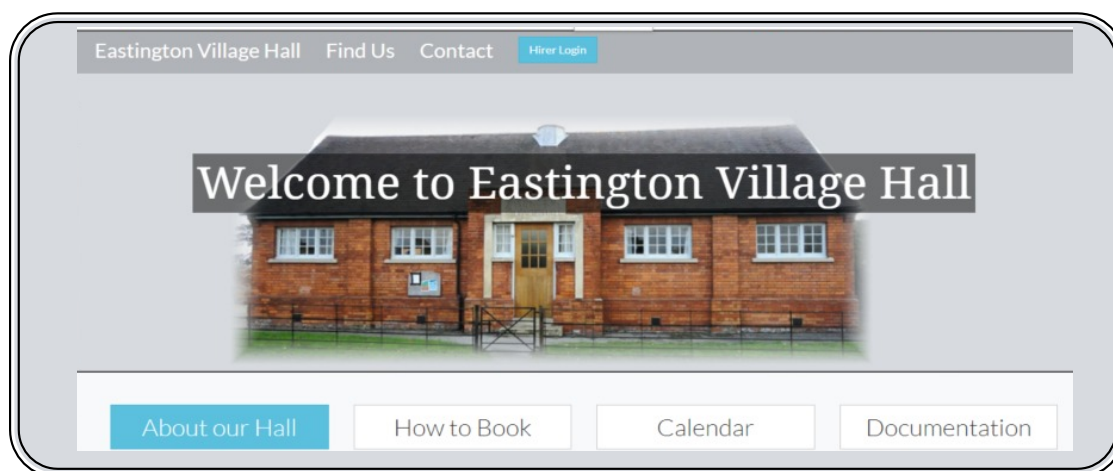


Bonds Mill, the last bastion of the Hooper empire. Fittingly, there is still a Hooper suite of offices at mill.

So, there ends a most curious affair, one that seems to be largely unknown. It almost seems as if Charles Hooper's untimely end was swept under the carpet, possibly to maintain his reputation built up over many years in Eastington for his business skills and assorted good works. Or, it may simply be that as his suicide happened in South Wales, it was largely missed by the local newspapers, although it does seem odd that there was no mention at the time. Perhaps the Hooper family managed to suppress the details of Charles' end, merely making it known that he had passed away? After all this time, I guess we shall never know for sure. Whatever the truth, the sad events in South Wales brought to a close the life of a man who had had a significant influence on the daily lives of many Eastington residents.

Community

Visit us on our NEW website! <https://evh.eastington.website>



As we look forward to an easing of the Covid restrictions, the Village Hall committee has taken the plunge and decided to launch the Eastington Village Hall website. If you would like to book the hall, you can visit the website and check the availability. You will be able to make a provisional booking :-

directly on the website,

or by emailing evh@eastington.website

or calling 01453 826172 or 07715 962309

You'll be able to make your booking "public" if you wish to the community to be able to see your event on the website calendar and have access to your contact details. Your booking can also be "private" of course.

There are many active groups regularly taking place at the hall - if you might like to join in just check the calendar for dates and contact details!

Huge thanks go to Queenie Jones, who looked after the village hall bookings for so many years. Queenie has now retired from taking the bookings, but is still an active member of the Village Hall Committee.

Mary Gribble, on behalf of the Village Hall Committee



Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd. (ECLT)

Notice of Annual General Meeting for 2020 – 2021

Village Hall 17th February 2022 from 7.00pm

The agenda will be e-mailed to all Members and will be available on ECLT website from 1st February 2022. Whilst this is a formal event for Members, public attendance is welcomed and people can join ECLT on the night for the lifetime fee of £1.00.

There will be a display of large-scale plans and street scenes for Project Two, as now undergoing the planning process at Stroud DC, number S.21/3014/FUL.

Tom Low, Secretary, ECLT

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Groups



Hedgehog admissions **please phone:** 07949 976717 General enquiries wildhogsoffice@gmail.com

We are now in the winter months and people often expect hedgehogs to be hibernating. Our changing climate and warmer wetter winters mean that often this isn't the case with some hedgehogs remaining active. Even when in hibernation, hedgehogs will often rouse and seek out water and occasionally food, so please put out fresh water for wildlife. If you still have hedgehogs visiting, please put out cat food for them as there will be very little natural food available for them.

Hedgehog houses provide a place to shelter and hibernate and can easily be made from bricks and a piece of wood to keep the rain off.



As a rescue, we follow the best practice for wildlife rehabilitation and recent changes mean that we are now able to release throughout the winter if conditions are suitable. Research has shown that winter released hedgehogs have the same survival chances as wild hedgehogs and being in any captivity can cause damaging stress so we now send them home whenever we can.

Dates for the diary:

Half term craft activities - Friday 25th February, Saul Memorial Hall. Booking essential, please email emilyatwildhogs@gmail.com for more details

Half term jumble sale - Saturday 26th February 10:30am - 12pm Saul Memorial Hall.

Donations for jumble sale can be dropped off to Saul Memorial Hall on 25th February 10am - 2pm or the morning of the sale.

Open days 10th July and 4th September 2022.

Please see our facebook page for more information - <https://www.facebook.com/Hodgehegs>

Beware - Dognappers are still around...

It is sad to report (from a post on Eastington Community FB page) that a local lady was attacked recently in Seven Waters, Leonard Stanley, as someone tried to take her dog. She was punched in the face and dragged to the floor because she wouldn't let him go.

She described the man as having "a small frame, bit of an accent, clean shaven and was walking a brown staffie with a chain lead!! He was wearing a black jacket and wellies and a green khaki hat."

Please be careful everyone !

A new offence of "taking a dog unlawfully" will soon become part of the Animal Welfare(Kept Animals) Bill which is currently well on its way through parliament. This will allow for prison sentences of up to 5 years for those convicted. It is hoped that this will help to deter such activity - much on the rise since the start of lockdowns - as current sentencing does not reflect the seriousness or human cost of this crime.

Community



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

ECLT Project TWO

Planning Application for 31 Affordable Homes

Next to OHMG Community Centre and Snakey Park

ECLT has applied for planning permission to build the 31 affordable homes, as displayed at the Village Hall Public Drop-ins last July. These will be delivered in partnership with Two Rivers Housing Association, who are already managing 11 affordable homes in Swallowcroft. 10 of the 31 homes will be for Affordable Shared Ownership and 21 for Affordable Rent.



The location is right next to the parish facilities of Snakey Park, the allotments, OHMG playing fields and the Community Centre.

As with the 23 affordable homes completed in 2020 at Fullers Close, all homes will be prioritised for people with a local connection to Eastington, either existing residents or folks with families who are residents. For more details of eligibility, please see our website or contact the secretary, Tom Low, 823425.

There will be public displays of the plans at the Village Hall during February and March, when a banner will be displayed outside the Hall with dates and times. Dates will also be posted on Love Eastington and full plans can be seen on the Stroud DC website under S.21/3014/FUL.

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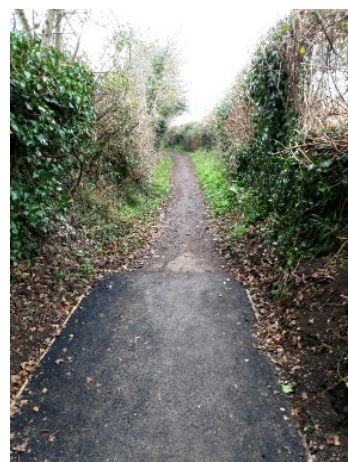
Millend - Cress Green Footpath upgrade



Photo: Andy French
(The construction team leader)



Photo from Cllr. Housden's post



The footpath between Cress Green and Millend has had a serious upgrade - well, at least half of it has! The new path will be a great benefit to anyone trying to walk along there with prams, pushchairs etc - particularly during coming and going to the school every day. But the disappointment comes just over half way to Millend as the new path stops and the old path, such as it is, remains; mud, cracks, pot-holes and all. This will negate most of the benefit as far as anyone not well-shod is concerned.

Our County Councillor, Nicholas Housden, has posted on 'Eastington Community' to say that it was he who had raised the job with Highways and was pleased to see it 'completed'. I have written to ask why the new surface stops so unexpectedly and when/if the remainder will be improved.

Note that the Highways department of Gloucester County Council is responsible for all our road and traffic issues as well as footpaths. Our County Councillor is a good point of contact for any such issues you might want to raise. Email: Nicholas.housden@gloucestershire.gov.uk

Frampton surgery update (extract)

Advanced Nurse Practitioners. Two Advanced Nurse Practitioners working with local surgeries this year to help with urgent, on the day demand. If you ring this year requiring an urgent, same day consultation, you may well speak to an Advanced Nurse Practitioner.

Appointment lengths for routine appointments. A gentle reminder that routine GP appointments are 10 minutes long. If you know you wish to discuss a couple of matters and are likely to need longer than this, please ask reception to book you a double - or multiple - appointment(s).

Smear Tests. It is important to attend for a smear if you are called. Smear tests are generally recommended every 3 years for women aged 25- 49 and every 5 years for women aged 50-64.

Visit <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/cervical-screening> for more information.

Healthy Lifestyles Gloucestershire. It is worth starting the New Year thinking about your health and how you could improve it. Healthy Lifestyles Gloucestershire" is available on the NHS to offer personal support those trying to make lifestyle changes for the benefit of their health and wellbeing.

Patients can self-refer online at <https://www.hslglos.org/referral/> or by phoning [0800 122 3788](tel:08001223788).

Claire Farragher, Strategy Manager Frampton & Stonehouse Practice Group

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My PPG The Patient Participation Group (PPG) is a group of patients working with Frampton's GP surgery to help improve services. If you have any feedback please email myppg@framptononsevern.com.

Church

News from St Michael and All Angels Church, Eastington



The Christingle service was able to go ahead at short notice this year, although run slightly differently to keep everyone safe. We had an amazing 134 children and their families take part in this lovely candle lit service which was a great success. Equally the midnight service was well attended and it was nice to see some new and younger faces!

Going forward we have now received our five yearly architects report on the condition of the Church and although we are well aware of the roof which is in urgent need of replacing, other repairs were identified which need to be carried out soon. There are also some maintenance issues which are not too onerous and can easily be undertaken on a volunteer basis - such as removal of ivy from the walls and painting ironwork.

We hope to get a band of volunteers to help with this so if you can spare a couple of hours to help, please contact the Churchwarden Mike Naylor 01453 828682. Home-made cakes and coffee/tea will be on hand!

From Rector Steve January 2022

It's amazing how quickly things we have built anticipation for disappear in the rear-view mirror of our lives. When I think of the long planning towards Christmas, all the fun of meals and family and events, and here we are looking towards Easter. Before we move on from Christmas, thank you to all those who helped with and supported the Christmas events and services at St Michaels around Christmas. It was amazing to celebrate with you and welcome you to those events.

We are busy planning towards Lent and Easter. One of the valuable facets of the life of the church is the rhythm of the calendar we follow, and it's interesting how so many life events which are common to all of us are recognized and honoured in the church year. We are looking forward to lots of weddings and baptisms, and its always an honour to accompany families through the difficult times of mourning and funerals.

The year ahead will bring many twists and turns and through all those we wish you a blessed and successful 2022.

Please keep an eye on the Eastington or St Michaels Facebook pages for detailed updates on Lent events and Easter services. The second and fourth Sundays of the month at 11:15 we gather for worship.

Revs Steve Harrison and Dave Bishop

Church

News from St Michael and All Angels Church, Eastington

Do you like to sing?



St. Michael and All Angels Church is hoping to re-establish a small choir to help boost the singing of hymns and psalms at (mostly) Sunday services which are held on the 2nd and 4th Sunday in the month.

We will also need a choir leader/pianist/organist.

This group will consist of sociable, community minded people, who will enjoy singing beautiful and challenging music to edify the congregation, and lift the ambience of the Church, oh yes, and who can sing a bit !

If this is of interest to you please contact us on the number given below

Barbara PCC Eastington Church 01453 824321

Thank you for sharing the light of Christingle

Dear Mrs Naylor,

Thank you so much for your Christingle celebration this year and this amazing donation of **£136.82** to The Children's Society.

It's thanks to the money raised in churches and congregations like **St Michael & All Angels Church Eastington** that we are able to transform the hopes and happiness of thousands of children in this country who face abuse, exploitation and neglect and bring the full light of Christingle into their lives. Please extend our thanks to everyone who contributed towards this.

We know that organising a Christingle is always a challenge and this year our supporters have gone to extraordinary lengths to help us celebrate and raise money. We can't thank you enough for all the hard work you have all put in to ensure the Christingle tradition continues. It means the world to us. You can feedback on this year's Christingle experience by visiting www.christingle.org/survey

The impact we can have on a young person's life is all driven by you – our volunteers, supporters and campaigners. When you attend a Christingle and support The Children's Society you are helping us to fight for the hope that is within all children.

Last year more than 6,000 celebrations raised almost £1.2 million to light up the lives of children and young people. Every penny raised at your Christingle makes a life changing difference. You can read more about the impact your support has here - childrenssociety.org.uk/impact

Thank you once again for helping to make sure that children in this country can look forward to a hope filled, brighter future.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Moran
Head of Supporter Relations



Church



Stroudwater Team of Churches - Services

FEBRUARY 2022							
PARISH	6 FEB		13 FEB		20 FEB		27 FEB
		LEADER		LEADER		LEADER	LEADER
FROCESTER			18:00 (C)	SH			8:30 (C) SH
KINGSST	11:15 (C)	SH	8:30 (C)	RB	11:15 (C)	SH	
LEONARDST			9:30 (C)	SH			9:30 (C) SH
SELSLEY	11:15 (C)	LP	10:30 (N/C)		8:30 (C)	DB	15:00 (N/C)
FRAMPTON	9:30(C)	SH			9:30 (C)	LP	18:00 (N/C)
FRETHERNE							11:15 (C) LP
ARLINGHAM	8:00 (C)	SH			8:00 (C)	LP	
FRAMILODE			11:15 (C)	SH	11:15 (C)	VL	11:15 (N/C)
MORETON V	9:30 (C)	LP	9:30 (N/C)		8:00 (C)	SH	
SAUL			8:00 (C)	DB			9:30 (C) LP
WHITMINSTER	9:30 (C)	CG					
EASTINGTON			11:15 (C)	LP			11:15 (C) DB
STONEHOUSE	9:30 (N/C)	DB	9:30 (C)	DB	9:30 (N/C)		9:30 (C) DB
STANDISH			15:00 (C)	DB			
HARESFIELD	11:15 (C)	DB	11:15 (N/C)		11:15 (N/C)		18:00 (C) SH
Zoom 18:00		DB		LP		SH	LP

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Mid-week services: 10:00 at Leonard Stanley: weeks 1 and 3 (C); weeks 2 and 4 (N/C)
10:00 at Standish: weeks 1 and 3 (C); weeks 2 and 4 (N/C)

MARCH 2022							
PARISH	6 March		13 March		20 March		27 March – Mothering Sunday
		LEADER		LEADER		LEADER	LEADER
FROCESTER			18:00 (C)	SH			8:30 (C) SH
KINGSST	11:15 (C)	LP	8:30 (C)	RB	11:15 (C)	SH	
LEONARDST	18:00 (N/C)	SH	9:30 (C)	SH			9:30 (C) DB
SELSLEY	11:15 (C)	SH	10:30 (N/C)		8:30 (C)	SH	15:00 (N/C)
FRAMPTON	9:30(C)	LP			9:30 (C)	LP	18:00 (N/C) LP
FRETHERNE							11:15 (C) LP
ARLINGHAM	8:00 (C)	SH			8:00 (C)	LP	
FRAMILODE			11:15 (C)	LP	11:15 (C)	DB	11:15 (N/C)
MORETON V	9:30 (C)	SH	9:30 (N/C)		8:00 (C)	DB	
SAUL			8:00 (C)	LP			9:30 (C) LP
WHITMINSTER	9:30 (C)	DB					
EASTINGTON			11:15 (C)	DB			11:15 (C) SH
STONEHOUSE	9:30 (N/C)		9:30 (C)	DB	9:30 (N/C)		9:30 (C) SH
STANDISH			15:00 (C)	DB			
HARESFIELD	11:15 (C)	DB	11:15 (N/C)	SH	11:15 (N/C)		18:00 (C) DB
Zoom 18:00		DB		LP		SH	SH

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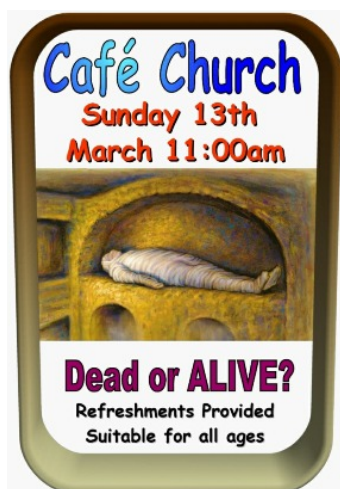
Eastington Methodist Church



Our Café Church services have been looking into the life and times of Joseph (the coat of many colours one) and this Old Testament story draws to its end in February as Joseph eventually dies having been used by God to save the lives of not just those in Egypt but also many in the surrounding nations including his family. This family went on to grow into a nation and were God's own special people.

In our March Café Church we will be looking at the raising of Lazarus from the dead. It is a story of despair that turns into joy as well as a witness to the love and power of God shown through Jesus. This is a New Testament story which takes place not long before Jesus is arrested, tried and executed only to rise from the dead himself a few days later.

These services start with hot and cold drinks and finish with cakes. Everyone is welcome and there is something for all age groups to engage with.



The other Sunday services are usually taken by a visiting preacher or our own minister and all start at 11am. We are always happy to welcome new people; no need to dress up, come as you are – perfection is definitely not a requirement – Jesus did not come for the perfect!

Youth Club – we expect youth club to be running every Friday throughout February and March. New members are welcome and we would also be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to help us run the youth club. The youth club has been running for over 20 years now and we must be reaching a time now when some of the earliest members must have children of youth club age themselves.

Eastington Methodist Church Main Activities (please check the website for details)

Baby & Toddler Group	Mondays 10:00 – 11:30am
Prayer Meetings using Zoom:	Tuesdays & Fridays 8:30 – 9:00am
Lunchtime Bible Study (includes a light lunch)	Tuesdays 1:00 – 2:30pm
Bible Study House group using Zoom	Tuesdays 7:30 – 8:45pm
Youth Club (11-18)	Fridays 7:00 – 9:00pm
Sundays at 11am:	Café Church (all ages together) Sunday Feb 13th, Mar 13th
	Morning Services (refreshments afterwards) The other Sundays 11am

If you'd like to know more; or you'd just like someone to talk to; or if we can help in any way; give us a call.

Ken & Beck Burgin 01453 827414 or 07511197265 or email: info@EastingtonMethodists.org.uk

www.EastingtonMethodists.org.uk

Groups



ROTARY in the SEVERN VALE

As with a number of groups and organisations, in keeping with Government guidelines and social distancing, Severn Vale Rotary have been able to continue meeting for our fortnightly breakfasts at The Whitminster Inn. We've had great pleasure in welcoming a new member, Helen Wuscher and the privilege of hosting two particularly interesting speakers.

Vicki Young who gave an informative talk on the work of the local hospice, Longfield, their Hospice at Home service and the support for families as well as the patients themselves. She took the opportunity to say how much they valued £15,000 we've raised for them via Frampton Open Gardens in recent years. We also had the pleasure of hearing from Julie who spoke on the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind. Julie was accompanied by her husband Stuart and her five year old Labrador/Retriever and gave a personal account of starting to lose her sight when only seven years old. This led to the loss of all friends in her formative years and was lucky to be referred for a guide dog, since when her life changed for good. She went on to describe the working life of a dog and the trials and tribulations of their training.

At our own celebratory Christmas Breakfast we exchanged humorous token gifts and enjoyed three light hearted festive readings. We also agreed a donation to Hamper Scampers, a Cheltenham based charity supporting individuals and families on the brink of homelessness and struggling to afford food and heating alongside the expectations of the festive season.

Before leaving the subject of Christmas, we would like to thank you for your support of this year's Carol Float. Whilst COVID meant changes on how it was operated, you were very understanding, greeted us warmly and supported generously in our raising funds for local initiatives. Thank you. We all hope you had a good Christmas with family and friends.

Local 'hands on' projects include involvement with the Longfield Christmas Tree collection/ recycling and are pleased to played our part and in helping the collection of 2,700 trees for the Hospice. Meetings have been arranged with The Spring Centre, Wm Morris and Wick Court to consider how we might help them with practical projects. In fact, the newly appointed manager at Wick Court, Stevie Edge-McKie, will be speaking at a breakfast meeting shortly to update on us on the work of Farms for City Children and their hopes for the future.

Not losing sight of the enjoyment of good company socially, as well as working together in support of local initiatives, a visit to Llanthony Secunda Priory was much enjoyed. While a chilly evening, it was interesting to hear about its history and see for ourselves the progress of the restoration.

For information on events and breakfast meetings, please visit www.severnvalerotary.org.uk or contact keith.rog@hotmail.com

With very best wishes from all members of Severnvalle Rotary for a happy and peaceful 2022.

Do you enjoy the canal ?



- Do you enjoy walking the canal towpath?
- Are you interested in how canal locks work?
- Would you like to do something for the community and the environment?
- Do you have 2 hours spare every 2 weeks (on a day and a time to suit you) ?

Perhaps you might consider becoming a volunteer on the canal as a **Lengths person or Lock keeper** with Stroud Valley Canal Company. All we seek is enthusiasm as you would be fully kitted out and trained.

If you are interested, phone
Les Richards on 07867 907080 for a chat.
(SVCC Lengths persons and Lock keepers Coordinator)

The Stroud Valleys Canal Company is the registered charity set up to look after the western section of the Cotswold Canals. It controls most of the canal from a point about 1km east of Saul Junction through the Eastington/Stonehouse/Stroud areas up to and including Brimscombe Port.

There are many other ways to help maintain the canal, and to help with the restoration projects. Many different skills are needed in all areas, including labouring & landscape maintenance, bricklaying, structural construction, machinery maintenance & operation, project management, team leaders, planning, legal, health & safety, financial and professional engineering advice and general admin - and pretty much anything else. And you can meet new people and have a good time too!

Give the Cotswold Canal Trust Admin Team a call to find out more 01453 752 568.

New volunteers are always welcome

NB Lots more info on our website including a very nice guide to the canal that you can download.

<https://www.stroudvalleyscanal.co.uk>


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In years past you would have received your State Retirement Pension automatically. You may not be aware but this is no longer the case, so **you will have to claim it to receive it!** At Citizens Advice we have been contacted by an increasing number of people who did not realise this.

You should get a letter from **the Pension Service** no later than 2 months before your 66th birthday (which is the current State Pension Age) telling you what to do to claim your pension. If you do not receive this letter you can still make a claim in the 4 months up to reaching your state pension age.

It is important to claim your State Pension as soon as you can, as there may be delays in payment if you leave claiming it too close to your 66th birthday.

How to claim

The quickest way to get your State Pension is to apply online at www.gov.uk/get-state-pension but if you don't have access to the internet you can request a form by calling **the Pension Service on 0800 731 7898**.

You can check your State Pension age online at www.gov.uk/state-pension-age

Get a forecast of how much money you might get at www.gov.uk/check-state-pension

Further information on the State Pension is available at www.gov.uk/new-state-pension or see our website – www.citizensadvice.org.uk.

If you need any help to claim your State Pension or experience problems with claiming, contact one of our friendly advisers at **Stroud and Cotswold Citizens Advice**.

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**To everyone who has had all the jabs
for which they are eligible**

Vaccination is the only real weapon we have in this war. You are protecting yourself AND you are helping to stop Covid in its tracks.

We are winning, but have not won yet - if you have not had all the jabs you are able to, please think about doing so. You will protect yourself and perhaps become one more refuge denied to the virus - it really is a numbers game.

Find available drop-in centres here:-

<https://covid19.glos.nhs.uk/vaccinations/#link-dropin>

Self-test at home

To further help stop the virus from spreading, please test yourself before going into crowded situations, just to make sure you are not carrying any virus around.

The latest tests are very easy and comfortable to do. You should be able to collect supplies at the chemist, but if not you can place an order on-line and some will be posted to you.

www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

Look after yourself

Restrictions will eased (hopefully) as more eligible people become fully vaccinated and the numbers of infections are further driven down - but the restrictions did help too. So remember to look after yourself still as they are lifted - Maintain good hand hygiene, seek good ventilation, avoid unnecessary close contact with strangers... you know the drill! Be kind too yourself.