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The East Knoyle Newsletter

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A note from the Editors.....

Despite the footie result, we hope everyone is loving the long hot summer.

We must thank The Shop and Moviola for their generous support.

We try and self-fund the Newsletter through advertising.

These generous gifts help keep our heads above the waterline, so to speak.

They make all the difference and are most appreciated.

The Newsletter is packed full of fun from the new table tennis table to The Village Shop's

20th Anniversary party.

Not to be outdone, there is a wonderful write-up (P 11) on the 25th Anniversary of the Save the Children Fun Day

For those of you who still have to sponsor Martin and Paul's Mighty Hike.

They both survived this herculean effort.....

You are able to donate to Macmillan Cancer Support on page 21.

We hope you enjoy this edition. My favourite article is David Pickering's missive on Glow Worms!

Thank you again, to all our advertisers and the Shop and Moviola – for helping us publish the Village Newsletter.

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This month's cover photo: Rodney Wayman
(worldwidewayman.co.uk)

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Parish Council News

Ready for the summer holidays! The new KHG playground equipment has now been delivered and installed.

A huge thank you to the National Lottery without whose funding this upgrade to the playground would not have been possible. The basketball court is already proving extremely popular. Further hedge trimming and removal of overhanging branches by the table tennis table will occur in the coming weeks which will complete this year's planned works programme.

The new fire beacon was lit for the first time during the July 4th Wrens Shop celebrations. It made a very impressive spectacle. Whilst it has a permanent concrete base the beacon itself will be securely stored offsite when not required.

The Parish Council is now on summer recess. The next Parish Council meeting will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 3rd September in the Village Hall. Members of the Public are always welcome to attend.

Peter Dean
Parish Clerk



Table tennis table and
new netball basket in far background



Common Lands and Rights of Way

Himalayan Balsam: Considerable progress has been made following two pulling sessions in June and a final effort early July, we are immensely grateful to all who took part.

FP/BW: These always remain a continual challenge particularly this time of year when foliage is flourishing. If you're regular walkers please consider taking secateurs with you to help keep the paths open.

FP 40: Thanks to Leigh Williams for the huge improvements made to this FP making it more accessible.

Windmill Common: Reducing the mowing of this area has allowed the many species of beautiful grasses to thrive. This in turn provides the desperately needed habitat for Moths, Butterflies, Grasshoppers, Lizards, and Grass snakes to name a few. Inventory's of these grasses have previously been carried out by the Wiltshire Botanical Society and local qualified recorders (Jenny Bennet and David Pickering). We plan to continue with this process using the earlier inventory as a baseline for our records going forward.

Future mowing will concentrate solely on the verges and the natural paths that lead to the benches and cross the common

In September the whole area will be cut courtesy of Leigh Williams who will also include a hard cutback of the Gorse that's creeping forward.

Hilly Ground: Plans to reclaim the wonderful but diminishing view at Hilly Ground will be high on the CLAROW agenda in the autumn.

If you are new to the village and would like a small map of our local FP and BW, or would like to be involved with our group, please contact

Ann 07746752510



Village Shop's 20 Year Anniversary Celebration And Parish Beacon Lighting

It was great to see more than 250 people come out to share the beautiful evening sunshine and celebrate the arrival of the new village beacon and the 20th Anniversary Party of our village shop.



The crowd enjoyed food from Secret Garden and a fantastic BBQ. The Windmill was opened to the public by Julia and Rob Torok and this was an unexpected bonus on the night. Tom Meade of Fotheringhoe Fine Wines was joined by Carrie Ahern the shop wine buyer, to provide wine tasting to party goers. Thanks to Tom for this generous gesture.



There were some fantastic fancy dress efforts on the night, among many I spotted were, Barry Gibb, Stevie Nicks, Robert Plant and Dolly Parton in the crowd.



Photo credits:

- Lucy Cameron
- Jill Caudle
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- Annie Vos
- Rodney Wayman



Music was provided by versatile solo artist Tom Corneill who gave some fantastic renditions of well known contemporary music.



This was followed by East Knoyler's Pete and Emily Simmons and their new band Wretched Hive. Playing only their second gig they rocked out while the Beacon blazed in the background. A memorable spectacle.

Oiling the wheels of all this revelry was the fantastic bar staff who worked tirelessly during the evening to keep up with the demands of thirsty party goers.

The Shop came into being 20 years ago after work by the Parish Council to address concerns about the effects on the village of losing The School, Post Office, Shop and Garage over a period of years.

This was a huge effort and the amount of work required to bring this about cannot be under estimated. The construction project won awards for the builder, Burfitt and Garrett and the whole project was funded by generous donations from Villagers and a DEFRA grant of £97k.

Today the shop provides a hub for village life with more than 60 volunteers involved in its running and administration.

Turnover for the last financial year reached an all time (non covid) high and revenue growth is positive and above inflation.



Thanks to all who came along to join in the celebrations and be part of this memorable evening. Finally, thanks you to all of you who gave your time and effort to make this event happen. It's the selfless generosity of villagers that makes these events and indeed, our Village Shop possible.

Kevin Stow



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A303 Overnight Road Closures 20th July to September 18 2026

National Highways are undertaking resurfacing on the A303 eastbound and westbound carriageway near Wylfe. This will maintain and improve safety for everyone using the road, and reduce the need for any unplanned closures.

Until 12 August, works will take place **Monday to Friday between 21:00 and 06:00**.

From **13 August onwards**, the working pattern will change to **Saturday to Wednesday, 21:00 to 06:00**, to help reduce overlap with other planned network activities on the A303.

The road will be open as usual during the day and the Bank Holiday weekend.

To carry out the work, the A303 eastbound and westbound will be closed between Chicklade and Wylfe. Diversions will be in place: Westbound traffic via A36 and A350. Eastbound traffic will be diverted via A350, A36 and A303.

T@3

Are you a resident or ex-resident of East Knoyle? If so, do come along to T@3 on the second Thursday of each month. To avoid wastage it is a real help to email tat3ek@icloud.com to indicate attendance. 24 hours' notice even better! Doors open at **2.45pm**, and we need to be out of the village hall **by 4.30pm**. Next dates: 13th August, 10th September, 8th October.



New wine selection at Wrens

On 10th June Tom Meade from Fotheringhoe Fine Wines hosted a wine tasting event for shop volunteers in the Village Hall.

The assembled connoisseurs tried 12 different wines from our suppliers with a view to getting to know the products better and reporting back to the shop's wine buyer Carrie Ahern.

The results were tabulated and have been fed back to the volunteers. This exercise will be useful for volunteers who can use this experience and information that flows from it to help customers choose their wine in future.

Many thanks to Tom for providing the wines and to Carrie and the rest of the volunteers for making this a very interesting evening.

For your interest the top rated wine of the evening was Chateau le Pey, Medoc, from Bordeaux. It received rave reviews and sells in the shop for £15.30.

If you would like to join our shop volunteer rota please contact Flora Rosevear by email at florarosevear@gmail.com



12th September - All at Sea



All at Sea Songs of Sailors at Work, Rest and War

Saturday 12th September at 7.30 p.m.
East Knoyle Village Hall
Tickets £10 to include nibbles from Paul Naish
Bar available
P.naish@sky.com 01747 832335

Sing alongs and shanties. Tall tales and humour from the Cruising Troubadour, Terry Bishop

Last year, my good friend, Terry Bishop, presented a show in the Village Hall called "Stuff and Nonsense" which raised nearly £1,000 helping with the purchase of our new drop down screen in the hall.

Terry is a professional cruise ship entertainer and he has very kindly offered to venture south to East Knoyle once more from his home in Derbyshire to perform a brand new show called "All At Sea". His services are entirely free and all monies will go towards boosting Village Hall funds. It would be great if we could fill the hall once again. A fun evening is assured. Paul Naish

East Knoyle Village Hall

We look forward to providing the teas for the Flower and Veg Show on August 8th, as usual a card reader will be available as well as cash.

The garden has been maintained by Tanya Farnaby and she has been able to start putting her mark on the planting and keeping the garden looking good. Mark Howell continues to keep the grass up to scratch, although the recent warm weather is turning the grass brown.



Terry Bishop, a friend of Paul Naish, has kindly offered to give another performance to help raise funds for the Village Hall. The event will take place on 15th September, and tickets cost £10.00 each. The bar will be open throughout the evening. If you enjoyed Terry's last performance, please book your tickets through Paul Naish on 01747 832335 or at p.naish@sky.com. It promises to be another very enjoyable evening.

The next Quiz Night will take place on Saturday 21 November. Once you have put your team together, please contact Paul Naish to book your place, as he is managing ticket sales. Tickets remain £12.50 per person and include a Ploughman's supper, as provided at the Music Quiz Night. The bar will be open, and both card and cash payments will be accepted.

Some maintenance must be undertaken not only on the roof of the Medieval Room but also on its main internal wall, which requires a lime plaster. In order to make the required planning application we need a Bat Survey which requires the surveyor to camp out on 3 nights over a number of weeks to check the movement of the bats. The work will require the Medieval Room to be closed while the work is done, as soon as we have a date in place we shall let everyone know.

There is one allotment place available please contact the Secretary Jill Caudle 01747 830625 for more details.

Life Saving First Aid Training Session – September

With the kind support of St John Ambulance we are once again offering the chance to attend a first aid awareness session in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 23 September**. It lasts about 90 minutes and is very practical and 'hands on'.

A couple of people have mentioned that they came to the last training we held back in January 25 and could they have a shorter 'refresher course'. Unfortunately no! If you haven't used the techniques it is a potentially dangerous case of 'if you don't use it, you lose it'. It will still be hugely beneficial (and fun) second time round. You could save a life for an investment of just 90 minutes.

There is no charge as the Parish Council is supporting the event. However, donations to St John Ambulance are encouraged.

To register your interest or to find out more please contact Martin Brown –

email - ekfirstaid@gmail.com



3 Ways to Save a Life
Wednesday 23 September

Would you be confident to help if someone you love needed life-saving first aid?

Want to find out about recognizing and treating heart attacks, cardiac arrest, choking and bleeding, doing CPR and using a defibrillator?

Come along to a free first aid awareness session delivered by your local St John Ambulance volunteers, at **East Knoyle Village Hall** on **Wednesday 23 September**, evening start time to be confirmed.

To sign up, contact Martin Brown at ekfirstaid@gmail.com

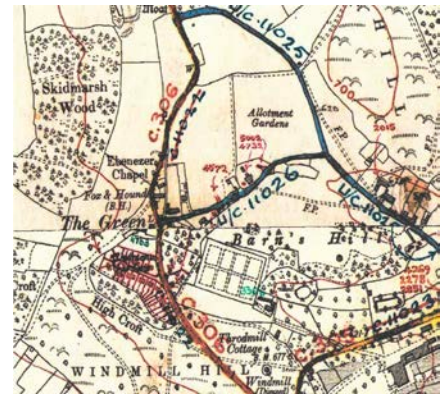
St John Ambulance
Salisbury & South Wiltshire

www.sja.org.uk

Round and About

It is really nice to be able to start this with some good news so...

Congratulations to Katie Lake on completing the Edinburgh Marathon in May. This was her first marathon, but she might, just possibly, reconsider 'the never again' idea! Her family were there to watch, cheer and encourage and welcome her over the finishing line. The hours (and miles!) of preparation paid off.

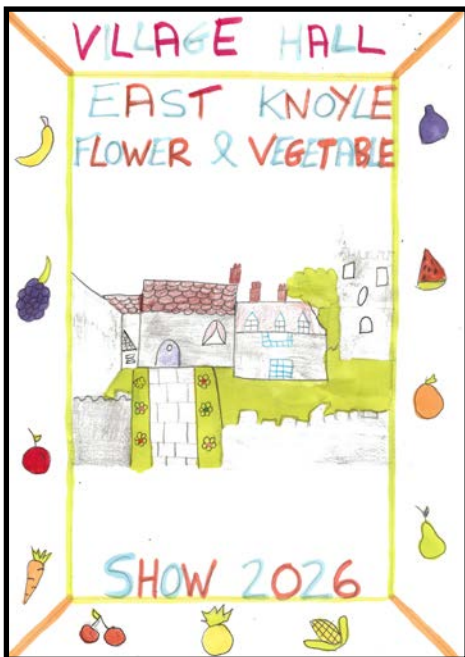


Two weddings were celebrated in St Mary's on consecutive Saturdays in June...and both were for couples from the village, almost a case of one from each end! Hayley and Howard live up towards the northern end and Izzie and George along The Street. We wish both couples great happiness for their future lives together.

The R&A team are aware of several houses on the cusp of changing hands, but only know of two new residents, George and Gabi who have recently moved to Milton. For George, it's simply a matter of coming over the hill from the next door parish, so we hope they'll settle in quickly and find time, despite setting up an IT company, to take part in East Knoyle life.

We are sad to record the death, on May 25th, of Janet Dollar who lived on The Green. Janet and Edgar arrived here about 30 years ago, just before they retired. Many long-term residents will remember Janet standing in for Carl Robinson - and Pam – in the Post Office, when it was next door to Wren House. When Edgar retired, they set out to fulfil a long-term ambition to walk the South West Coast Path – which they achieved. Never one to make a fuss, Janet fought a brave battle against her illness and will be so much missed by Edgar, by their children and by her friends on the Green and at T@3.

East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show 2026



Despite the record breaking and somewhat difficult weather, we will soon be holding the annual East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show in the Village hall on **Saturday the 8th of August!**

The theme is “**SUNSHINE**” of which we have had plenty. Maybe a bit too much!

The show Programme is still available in the village shop for you to look through and decide which vegetable, flower, baking, jam making classes you could compete in. There are also some great classes for the children as well. There will be a raffle, children's lucky dip and the usual fabulous array of cakes and tea. Timings and the process for entering are also given in the programme Which is also available on the village website – www.east-knoyle.co.uk

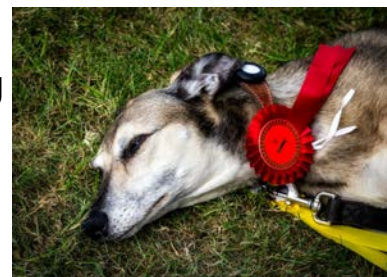
A local, but well-known celebrity, has kindly agreed to help with the giving out of prizes and will be happy to be sharing in your selfies.

So, please come and join us in another village event that helps us to make East Knoyle such a great place to live.



The 25th anniversary of the Annual Fun Day and Fun Dog Show in aid of SAVE THE CHILDREN

The sun shone, the marquees buzzed with activity and countless varieties of our 4-legged friends were assembled for the 25th anniversary of our annual



Save the Children Fun Day and Fun Dog Show at Upper Leigh Farm on Sunday 31st May.



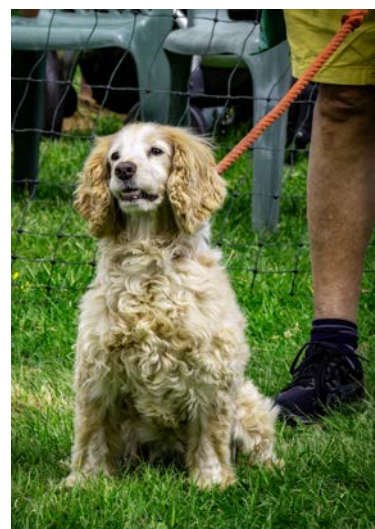
It was a beautiful, warm and sunny day and well-attended by visitors from far and wide whose generosity at the gate raised over £1,000 alone. Huge thanks to all the supporters who contributed so much not only in all the preparations, time and help on the day but also to the independent stallholders who transformed the walled garden into a leafy bazaar of eclectic delights. The Dog show and the magnificent team who organised it brought the day to a

happy finale with many a rosette laden collar seen trotting off home to a well-deserved rest.



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of the day and because of your support we made just over £5,000 which is a record.

Katie Page



Royal British Legion



Events: Looking forward, August will be a particularly busy month - even by the standards of our active Branch. Our schedule commences with a Branch meeting on Monday 3rd. Thursday 6th heralds the third in a series of talks by one of our most popular speakers, Charlotte Carty, at Semley Village Hall.

This is followed the next morning by another of our Veterans Friendly Network coffee mornings at Hays House, then on Sunday 9th, we hold our annual 'Strawberry and Pimms Tea' on the lawn of the village hall.



Charlotte Carty

From Headhunters, Conversion to Christianity and Invaluable Allies: Those of you who attended Charlotte Carty's previous two talks will be well aware that she is an entertaining and informative speaker. Those talks covered the battle of Kohima then the path to eventual victory and VJ Day the following year.



On this occasion she will focus specifically on the fiercely independent local indigenous tribe, the Nagas, and their path from headhunters (which along with jungle craft is no doubt a useful skill when fighting the Japanese) to invaluable allies of the Indian Army in WW2. Charlotte is a trustee of the Naga Educational Trust and every year, she and a band of hardy walkers re-enact the epic 39 hour march that her grandfather and men of the Assam regiment made to reinforce Kohima in that desperate

battle. Tickets are £8 when booked in advance and £10 on the door. Doors open at 6.00pm, complimentary light bites and a cash bar are available.

The Strawberry and Pimms Tea: This is our annual event at which we thank the volunteers and supporters of the Poppy Appeal and our Branch in general who are so vital to the success of our fund raising throughout the year. Whilst bowls of Strawberries and Cream continue to be the foundation of the event, this year the EKWS are expanding the menu with the addition of home made scones. Our experienced 'Pimmsmeisters' ensure both quality control and flow in the drinks department. Admission is free, all are welcome and we hope to greet you at 2.00pm on Sunday 9th on the lawn of the village hall.



Veterans Friendly Network The coffee mornings at Hay's House are going well and other organisations, such as Battle Buddies, are becoming involved. It is an interesting hour or so and as is always the case, you never realise what varied and interesting stories people have to tell until you take the opportunity to sit down and have a conversation. Perhaps somebody will say the same about us at some point. They are held at 10.00am on the first Friday of every month and, as with all our activities, non-members are most welcome to come along - the more coffee and cake the merrier.

Looking Back: Over the past month we have enjoyed a fascinating talk by David Childs, the founder of the National Memorial Arboretum and were represented at the annual Fovant Badges Drumhead service. After gaining inspiration from the Arlington National Cemetery whilst on holiday in the USA, over the course of twenty years or so he has been the driving force behind the transformation of an unwanted industrial site into 450 acres of tranquil parkland. A man certainly worth listening to, and, in 2027 we will have another opportunity to do just that as David kindly has agreed to return when the Tudor battleship Mary Rose will be the subject of what we are sure will be another well presented and informative talk.

On the 5th July, both the Branch and the EKWS were well represented at the annual Fovant Badges Drumhead service. A special mention here for our Standard Bearer, Mark Gittins, who, in full uniform and with temperatures in the high '20s', was required to parade our Standard for almost an hour. That heavy uniform will be a 'godsend' come November though.



Poppy Appeal: Amazingly there are just two months to go before the close of the 2025/26 appeal. The total raised to date stands at £14,314.31 and there is every chance that we can break the '£15,000 barrier' by the end of September. Fingers remain firmly crossed.

New Member: Finally, we are pleased to welcome a new member, Roger Pearce, who along with Jane and dog Rufus moved into Leigh Lane earlier this year. New members are so important in sustaining village organisations and clubs and we are sure he will enjoy being part of this active and sociable Branch. Members are welcome to participate in the Branch as much as their other commitments allow - just being a member is a valuable contribution in itself. If you are interested in joining us and require more details than just contact me on the number below.

Ron Clark

Branch Secretary (830354)



The Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion

The Branch had a trip out to the Blandford Costume Museum in May. It was most interesting with fashion on display from several decades, plus replica Tudor dresses. For those of you with children, they do run events during the summer holidays with a dressing up area, and most

importantly, a little coffee shop.

Some of our members attended the Fovant Badges Dedication Service, held every year to remember those who created the badges prior to going to war. Thank you to those who attended.

Our July meeting will have taken place by the time this is printed, and we will again be assisting with the Strawberry and Pimms Event in August.

The branch welcomes new members. Please contact Helen Lever (helen08lever@hotmail.com) or Gill Staunton for further information (gill.staunton@btinternet.com), or pop along to a meeting....

East Knoyle rainfall May and June 2026

"The drought continues, grass is not growing, fields are turning brown. We have a tough summer ahead." This is what I wrote for May-June report in 2025.

Things are not quite so bad this year, but the very high temperatures and almost non-stop merciless sunshine in second half of June (and now in July) have badly desiccated plants, farmers' grassland and the soil. East Knoyle unfortunately missed the heavy thunderstorms that were circling around in late June. Are we in the rain shadow of Shaftesbury?



MAY. We had 1.11" (28.2mm) of rain in May 2026. (This was under half the 30 year average, 2.54". But better than the 0.58" (15mm) in May 2025.

JUNE. We had 2.27" (57.7mm), in line with the 29 year average of 2.31" (58.7 mm). Compare this with June 2025 when we had total 1.56" (39.7mm).

While the Jet Stream is to the north of the UK, we can expect little rain. We probably will get no relief for another 10 days: see images of the Jet Stream below for 12 July and predicted for 22 July. Let's hope. Just in time for Rain or Shine garden theatre at Upper Leigh Farm on 24th!

St Mary's and St John's Hindon Primary School



Our summer term has been very busy, filled with curriculum enrichment trips, events and lots of learning. As we approach the end of the academic year and prepare to break up for the summer holidays, we are as ever very proud of our children and their many achievements. We also look forward to meeting a lovely new intake of Reception children and parents who will be joining us in September.

Fonthill Cricket Tournament

Fonthill Cricket Club played host to the much-anticipated annual Kwik Cricket tournament which local schools take part in. Kwik Cricket is an inclusive game where the emphasis is on participation and building skills and is designed as a simplified version of the game for children up to the age of eleven.

Our team played so well, with determination and positivity and showed fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork. We are thrilled to say that they came in second place, they represented us so well and we are immensely proud of them. They were rewarded with a cooling ice lolly at the end of the day. Thank you to Fonthill Cricket Club for organising and hosting the event.



Salisbury Cathedral Leavers Service

Our children spent the morning exploring the Cathedral and reflecting on their time at primary school. They took part in a lovely service and proudly carried our school banner during the service.

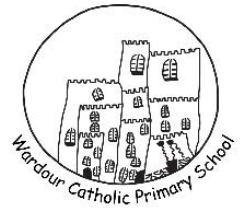


Fonthill Estate Countryside Classroom Day

Our Year 4,5 & 6 children spent the day on the Fonthill Estate earlier this month learning about land management, lambing, arable crops, wildlife conservation, game management and a host of other interesting topics.

As per last year we were unlucky with the weather with heavy rain in the morning, but with waterproofs and wellies on, the children enjoyed a fantastic day learning how the estate is farmed and managed. A huge thank you to Lord Margadale and the Fonthill Estate team for organising such a brilliant day!





Bags packed and full of excitement, we set off by coach to Tile Barn in Brockenhurst for our three-day residential adventure. After arriving, we settled into our dormitories in the bunkhouse, unpacked our bags and explored our home for the next few days. Following lunch, we got straight into our first activities, enjoying Orienteering and Archery. After a delicious Italian dinner, we made the most of the sunshine by playing rounders and football with another local school.

After an early start and a hearty full English breakfast, we were ready for another action-packed day. The morning included Climbing and Night Lines, before an afternoon walk through the New Forest, with a chance to paddle in the river and cool off.

In the evening, we gathered around the campfire for singing, dancing and lots of laughter.

Our final morning featured the Vertical Gym and water rockets before we enjoyed lunch and boarded the coach back to Wardour. We returned with wonderful memories, new skills and plenty of tired smiles after a fantastic residential experience.



East Knoyle Fantasy Football League (EKFL 2026 / 2027)

When the new Premier League season kicks off on 21st August we will be ready to go. The EKFFL attracted 35 managers last year, a record. There were 10 Women managers and the winner of the league was only decided on the very last day of the season when 6 managers were all in contention. This year we will host a Fantasy Football Pre Season Managers Training Camp at the Fox and Hounds at 6pm in 14th August. At this meeting we will present the trophies to Stephen Lansley and Issy Good who were the top Men's and Women's managers. This meeting will also be used to explain any new rules and to help any new managers to get up to speed with how the League works. If you would like to join the League this year please contact Dave Hockham by email at hockham.david@gmail.com. Dave will give you the code to join the League. If you're not sure what's involved but want to learn more, then attending the Training Camp on 14th Aug will be a very useful fact finding mission. Kevin Stow kandbstow@hotmail.com

Iraq War remembered

The nation marked 15 years since the end of Iraq War (Operation TELIC) on Friday 22nd May. In East Knoyle, our RBL and members of The Household Cavalry, honoured one of our own, Matty Hull.

Matty was killed by the Americans in “Friendly Fire” on 28th March 2003 in the same campaign. 23 years ago.



Photo L-R:

Sir Nick Wright, Charlie Mackintosh, Tom Kenyon, Gen. Sir Jack Deverel, Steven Few, Jules Speers, Quinton Hull, Rob Gibbs, Joy Hull, Alex McEwen, Bill Wilmott, Will McCarter.

RBL Standard Bearers are Helen Lever and Mark Gittins

Community Coffee Morning
St Mary's, East Knoyle
10.30 - 12.00



All Welcome

It's almost become a cliché to put 'All Welcome' when organising a community event. In the context of an uneasy political atmosphere, with many divisive voices stirring up fear, I wonder if we really think about what it means to say that, and whether our invitations are always as genuine as we might like them to be. I am fairly certain that all of us will be able to think of people we would not immediately feel ready to welcome!

It was against the bitter backdrop of the appalling divisions of apartheid in South Africa that Archbishop Desmond Tutu explored the theme of welcome. He said: 'We are made for goodness. We are made for love. We are made for friendliness. We are made for togetherness. We are made for all of the beautiful things that you and I know. We are made to tell the world that there are no outsiders. All are welcome: black, white, red, yellow, rich, poor, educated, not educated, male, female, gay, straight, all, all, all. We all belong to this family, this human family, God's family.'

For me this is fundamental to my Christianity; we all, all, all belong to our human family. We all, all, all are part of God's family. The offer of welcome, the offer of family and friendship should be our defining characteristic.

I recently came across a poem by the Palestinian-American poet, which also explored this idea inspiringly:

Red Brocade By Naomi Shihab Nye

The Arabs used to say,
When a stranger appears at your door,
feed him for three days
before asking who he is,
where he's come from,
where he's headed.
That way, he'll have strength
enough to answer.
Or, by then you'll be
such good friends

So I will continue to put 'All Welcome' on any posters I create for church events, but I'll also try to make it a reality in every encounter – judging less, assuming less, generalising less, but being open to unexpected gifts of friendship, wherever they may be found.

Revd Kate McFarlane



Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust

Repairs are needed to St Mary's East Knoyle and it is hoped that Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust will contribute to the cost.

The Trust's annual fundraising walks across Wiltshire will be on September 12th with a number of people walking from Charlton to Semley (lunch stop) and on to Sedgehill. All on footpaths and with clever arrangements to get back to cars.

Last year's walk from Wardour to Charlton was greatly enjoyed by all who took part and raised over £1,000. Walk, sponsor or both.

Call Hugo for more details 07808299192



Knogle Nature - Glow-Worms

We have all heard of Fire Flies, but fewer may have heard of Glow-worms. Still fewer will know that they live in the village.

Glow-worms are the female form of a special beetle, and are only partially developed from the immature larval form: they have no proper wings and move by crawling. What they can do is to emit a ghostly greeny-yellow light which is done to attract the winged male beetles for mating.

The chemistry of this process is interesting and involves a substance called luciferin and an enzyme luciferinase, which acts on the former to emit light but very little heat (termed cold light). Energy is of course needed and this is provided by the usual cell energy source: ATP



The glow -worm light is surprisingly bright: I have picked one up and placed it on a book, and could easily read the print. You can see glow-worms yards away. They need a warm humid summer evening and climb up grass stalks where they are easily spotted. Just after dusk is the best time to see them. I have seen them on Milton Green (the one with the red telephone box in the middle), along Church Rails, and in the long grass opposite the Old School on Church Road. The need for uncut grass is another reason to leave verges in a natural state.

The glow-worms and adult males only live a day or two, but the larvae live several years.

Eggs are laid in damp soil and hatch into tiny larvae which follow the slime trails of snails and slugs, attach themselves, and bite into their soft parts, injecting enzymes that begin the digestion of the flesh which they suck up. Snails need calcium for their shells, so glow-worms need to be in soil areas with at least some calcium. We're lucky to see them here because there isn't much in soils in the main part of the village.

David Pickering

Cllr Bridget Wayman writes



Since my last report, I have been pressing Wiltshire Council's Leader to get on with negotiating with Dorset Council to allow Wiltshire residents to use Shaftesbury HRC free of charge. Apparently (at last), a meeting has been held but I am not to be told of the outcome until 2nd September when I will have a meeting with the Leader and the Director of Environment. Quite why they can't just tell me now, I do not know. It is the most ridiculous farce I have come across. I fully expect 'the computer says no' answer and from what I can gather the £200,000 a year figure is still be asked for by Dorset and Wiltshire's negotiating skills are zero.

On another matter, the government has issued the Planning Committees and the National Scheme of Delegation of Planning Functions.

From 31st October, what are known as Schedule 1 applications (householder development, minor commercial development, minor residential development, and so on) will all be delegated to officers for a decision.

For Schedule 2 applications (anything that is not householder, minor commercial or minor residential), there is a presumption that decisions are delegated to officers unless the nominated officer and nominated member agree the application should be referred to a planning committee. If the officer and member disagree, the officer's decision prevails.

The government's reasoning is that Committees should focus on the key proposals that matter to an area, enabling other, often more minor and technical decisions to be made by planning officers, yet it is often those so-called minor and technical details that matter to residents and where planning committees can attach important conditions to a planning approval.

As it is up to individual local planning authorities to put in place their own arrangements for how the consideration of cases for referral will operate in practice, I have a Motion to full Council on 21st July asking for publication of Wiltshire's scheme as soon as possible and that it should be referred to a Scrutiny Committee for comment and amendment. I have also included in my Motion that the Council should write to the government opposing this scheme of delegation as it is another reduction in local democracy. Officers do not always get it right and planning committees make a very valuable contribution in remedying errors and omissions.

Even the Director of Policy at the Town and Country Planning Association is opposed to the Scheme. He commented, "All this leaves communities and councillors as bystanders in the development of their own neighbourhoods" and "central government needs to start thinking differently if it wants to avoid the bitter resistance of communities who have no trust in the planning system".

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Maybe the hot weather is making me grumpier than usual.....

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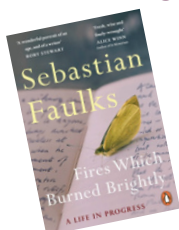
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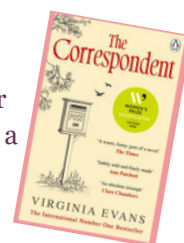


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Virginia Evans – The Correspondent

An epistolary novel with the letters written by Sybil Van Antwerp who is seventy-three, slowly losing her sight and always writing to someone. A novel that is melancholic without being sentimental, an ode to a dying art form, and proof that your life is never too organised to make a change. Winner of the 2026 Women's Prize for Fiction and perfect for fans of Anne Tyler and Elizabeth Strout.



Joanna Miller – The Eights

Engaging, warm and intelligent, this debut about the first women students at Oxford – four pioneering heroines whose friendship is the beating heart of the book – is a delight. Meticulously researched and impeccably crafted it's rooted strongly in time and place and beautifully captures the power of friendship and love in the wake of extraordinary loss. An inspiring and atmospheric read.

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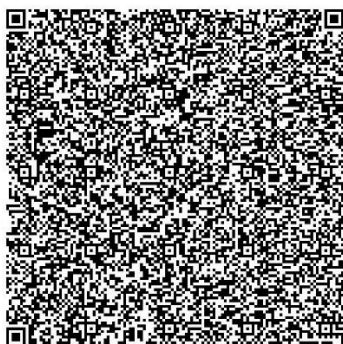
A fantastic atmosphere was generated throughout the day by fellow entrants and volunteers keeping you on track and ensuring you keep motivated – even when faced with the 'mountain' climb at 10 miles.

And through the generosity of friends, family and of course, East Knoyle residents, Martin and Paul have, at the time of writing this, raised £1980 for MacMillan Cancer Support. Thank you all.

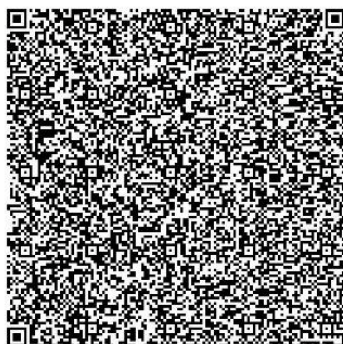
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However, during this time we have come to know our lovely neighbours, enjoyed the wonderful surrounding countryside, and taken part in village activities. We are now looking forward to simply enjoying life here.

Diane and Jim Barber



On 9th June, Ruth was on good form as she celebrated her 95th birthday!

Thank you.
Janine Marengi



East Knoyle Village Hall 200 Club

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its FOURTH draw of the year in Wren's Shop. Drawn on another blisteringly hot, sunny day, the winning number is 163; this month's winner is:

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