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The East Knoyle Newsletter

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A note from the Editors...

We continue our 50th volume of the newsletter with an issue that covers everything going on in the village from playground to bees to archives.

This issue's front cover photo is from Tom Powell.

Thank you Tom!



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Parish Council News

The current playground and facilities have been around since March 2011, when most of the equipment was installed. We all know that it has provided and continues to provide a great resource for residents, as well as attracting many visitors (who often use Wren's Shop as well).

However, we are now faced with an aging facility that requires some important work done to ensure that the playground remains a safe environment, and which meets the requirements of the annual RoSPA inspection and the ever-increasing requests of our insurers.



There are several one-off costs to ensure we continue to pass the RoSPA inspections. The largest of these is to upgrade the quality and levels of wood chip in the 'fall areas' around the slides and swings. Over time the original wood chip has become compacted and broken down and it needs replacing/upgrading. And guess what? It cannot be any old wood chip (of which we have plenty!) – it has to be a specific grade that actually meets a BS Standard, and which obviously costs a lot more. Why do we need it? Like so many things these days there are evolving Health and Safety requirements, which if not met can lead to closure, plus the ever-present liability issues.

We already have a team of volunteers in place to help with some of the work required – huge thanks to them. We now need funds to get the wood chip (estimated at around £2000) and other one-off costs in place. The Parish Council ensures that the grass and gardens are maintained throughout the year.

How to Donate

In order to ensure the future of the Playground anyone can donate to the Knoyle House Grounds Playground Appeal. In the first instance could you please contact the Appeal -

Ann White – 01747 830330

Ann will provide details of the simple methods of donating to the Appeal. All funds will be held in a ring-fenced deposit account by EKPC and will be used exclusively to maintain and improve Knoyle House Grounds and the playground.

Cranborne Chase National Landscape



**Cranborne
Chase
National
Landscape**

Make a note in your diary! Linda Nunn, the Director of Cranborne Chase National Landscape, will be at the **Village Hall 1st May 6pm**, to tell us about what is happening in the Cranborne Chase area. This year sees the rebranding of the area from AONB to National Landscape, as well as some changes in legislation made to enhance and protect the area. It will be a great opportunity to hear and find out more – especially as East Knoyle falls in the area.

The presentation will last up to an hour including a Q&A session. Look out for further details nearer the time on the Village Noticeboards.

East Knoyle Parishioners are also invited to stay for the **Parish Annual Assembly**. The purpose of this meeting is to give electors an opportunity to have a say on anything they consider valuable to the people of the Parish. In addition the Parish Council will provide a brief outline of activities over the past year and looking ahead to the forthcoming year.

EK Parish Assembly – Wednesday 1st May @ 7pm to 7.30pm

The monthly PC Meeting will then start at 7.30pm

Martin Brown. Clerk, East Knoyle Parish Council. clerkeastknoylepc@gmail.com

Did you know there is a East Knoyle village WhatsApp group?

The purpose of which is to relay important information quickly to those in the village, such as a tree blocking a road lost dogs or cats

Please message Deb Bateman on 07713 321 530 to be added.

Wren's Shop Notes from Ian Tait

This month has seen work start on the new porch to replace the old canopy. It has taken a year since we woke to find this:



After a sterling amount of work by Paul Egginton, we finally received planning permission to proceed and appointed Burfitt & Garrett to build a new porch. The finished product is below



The replacement vegetable bins are due to be installed after Easter and this phase of work will then be complete.

We marked another occasion this month with the departure of Georgie Masters to Tisbury. We marked Georgie's departure with a small presentation to thank her for 14 years of shop service.



Finally, remember to order your holiday foreign currency from the Post Office or buy a Travel Money Card to save carrying cash abroad.

Volunteers needed for the stocktake on 24 Mar 24 starting at 1300.

Contact shop@wrensshop.co.uk

Wren's Shop

East Knoyle Community Shop

Owned and run by the
Community of East Knoyle for the
Community of East Knoyle

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Closed Weekends and Bank Holidays *

Wren's Shop Price Comparison

A sub group of the shop management committee thought it would be good to give an idea of how much a basket of some products compares to Tesco. Whilst the shop is not trying to compete with Tesco, if you want to save time and petrol money the shop is a convenient option for replacing those essential items.

Tesco	Item	Wren's
£0.90	1 pints of semi-skimmed milk	£0.81
£2.95	AndreX Classic Toilet Rolls 4 pack	£2.99
£1.18	Cirio Tin of chopped tomatoes 400g	£1.19
£1.70	Heinz Cream of Tomato Soup 400g	£1.89
£1.70	Jacobs Cream Crackers 300g	£1.79
£0.85	Mars Bar 51g	£0.70
£1.80	McVittie's Digestive Biscuits 360g	£1.89
£1.50	Medium Free-Range eggs 6 pack	£1.20
£2.64	Pork Chops 250g	£2.05
£2.25	Caster Sugar 1kg	£2.25
£1.69	Unsalted butter 250g	£2.25
£3.50	Weetabix Cereal 24 Pack	£3.29
£3.29	Yorkshire Tea Bags 80s	£3.30
£25.95	Total	£25.60



Prices correct as of 10th March. Does not include ClubCard offers

Easter Items at Wren's



Easter goodies are now available at Wren's Shop.

From Lindt Bunnies, Cadbury Crème Eggs to Guylian Easter Eggs!

Pop into the shop to see the Easter Egg raffle



First Aid & Defibrillator Training

As you will all know, we are fortunate enough to have a defibrillator located in the phone box outside of Wren's Shop. However, it has been some time since our last training session on the proper use of the defibrillator. Therefore, the Parish Council is very grateful to the paramedic at Hindon Surgery who has kindly offered to provide us with some general first aid training alongside more specific training on the use of the defibrillator. The training will take place in the village hall.

Unfortunately, a firm date for the training session has not yet been agreed, but it will take place in the next few weeks. Therefore, if you are interested in coming along, **please look out for more detail on the village notice boards, website and WhatsApp group.**



East Knoyle Village Hall



For Village Hall Bookings & Availability -
eastknoylevillagehall@gmail.com

After the disappointment of the flooring the wonderful evening of the Music Quiz Night gave us all hope for the future. The evening was given an excellent start with the cottage pie cooked and served out by Lizzie Gascoyne with her team of helpers in the kitchen Jan Brickell and Jenny King, along with Ian Gurney and Charlie Marsden delivering the food to the tables. Kevin Stow manages to produce an amazing evening of entertainment which gives the evening quite a buzz. Another thank you

to Andy Burton who dealt with an electrical fault that gave a black out for the kitchen and Mens Loo!

The evening was rounded off with dancing in the isles – the floor has taken quite a few days to bring back the scratched tiles to near normal. It is a fund raising event and Jackie Gurney did a great job with the raffle with the evening raising over £1200 – thank you to all of you who took part, the funds will go towards the next project.

There is a Clothing Bank supplied by the Air Ambulance in the Village Hall car park please put any of your unwanted clothes in the clothing bank, there has not been quite the response the Air Ambulance had hoped, so please look out any clothes you wish to give away.

Once again Phil Lever and his Masonic team came to help tidy up the borders at the Village Hall as well as tidying the car park surround. Our thanks to them as well as Paul, Brian and John from the Village Hall for their time and effort to make the Village Hall surround look ready for the Spring.

Our condolences go to Cat Stott who was enjoying her involvement in looking after the gardens, but her husband lost his battle with cancer a short time ago and she looks forward to returning in due course.

The Committee has taken the decision to go ahead with the fitting of the new laminate floor in the Main Hall which will start on May 14th and take 3-4 days, we look forward to the improvement to the feel and look of the Hall.

There has been a steady increase in the use of the Village Hall with activities supported by people from East Knoyle, this makes such a difference to the Hall. Thank you to all of you that support these activities and please encourage your friends to take part with you.

The AGM of the Village Hall takes place on May and as it is open to all East Knoyle residents, we welcome all of you who wish to attend.

David Jenkins - Chairman Of East Knoyle Village Hall

East Knoyle Music Quiz

The annual Music Quiz was held on 17th Feb and was well received by a dozen teams of music buffs.

The event raised over £1,200 for Village Hall Funds and at the end of the evening there were new names on the winners trophy.

Ian and Nicola Severn, Sandra and Mathew Nixon joined Chris Kitisakkul and Marcus Dye, all neighbours from Underhill, edging out Chris and Bev Cox's family who had won last year. This year's event was notable for the high quality dancing and enthusiastic but not always tuneful Karaoke performances.

Kevin Stow



Round and About



With sadness we record the death of Pat Drake, who had lived in the village since her marriage to Dennis. Pat played a full part in the life of East Knoyle, helping with the teas at the church fete and, more latterly, doing a Monday afternoon shift in the shop; she also took a turn on the flower roster in St Mary's, where her funeral was held at the beginning of March. We send our condolences to Dennis, to Tony, Sue and Geoffrey and to her grandchildren.

Another funeral, but not in the village this time, was that of Stanley Wilson, widower of Christine who died in March 2023. Stanley and Christine, formerly of Glebe Cottage, were very active in the church here before they moved to Motcombe, helping with all sorts of activities. There are several houses which are currently being renovated, with the owners busy doing work before being free fully to take their places in the village, but there is one new resident on the Shaftesbury Road who definitely warrants a warm East Knoyle welcome. John Tyson joins us to the south of the village, where he moved in just before Christmas, coming back to the southwest from London. A longtime Dorset lad, he looks forward to tending his new Wiltshire garden, having got to know East Knoyle in younger days, dancing a Scottish jig and reel at our Village Hall.

Previous residents Patrick and Jane Offord and Daphne Agombar, all formerly of the Shaftesbury Road, have been in touch recently and send their good wishes to all who remember them.

Moviola

We have a really lovely film to start our Spring season on Wednesday 27th March. PAST LIVES (12A) by first-time director Celine Song, has been nominated for an Oscar for Best Picture and for Best Original Screenplay. This is extremely unusual for a film not made in Hollywood. The story is a simple one – Nora and Hae Sung, two deeply connected childhood friends in South Korea, are parted after Nora's family emigrate to Canada. Twenty years later Hae Sung visits Nora in her new country and they confront notions of love, destiny, of what might have been, the roads not taken. This is a beautifully understated and resonant film exploring the complex emotions that arise as two friends face the choices they have made in their lives.

We urge you to come and see it!

The Daily Telegraph: ***** The Guardian ***** The Times *****

On Wednesday 24th April we were hoping to have Napoleon, but unfortunately it is now unavailable as the director, Ridley Scott, has decided he won't allow a DVD release yet, if ever!

So, instead we are showing ONE LIFE, a terrific film starring the always excellent Anthony Hopkins. It is the true story of Nicholas Winton, who in the months leading up to the outbreak of WW2 rescued 669 Czechoslovakian children from the Nazis. With the help of his doughty mother (Helena Bonham Carter) and a small group of brave workers in Prague, he grapples urgently with British bureaucracy, lack of funds and huge transport problems to achieve his goal of bringing the children back to the UK.

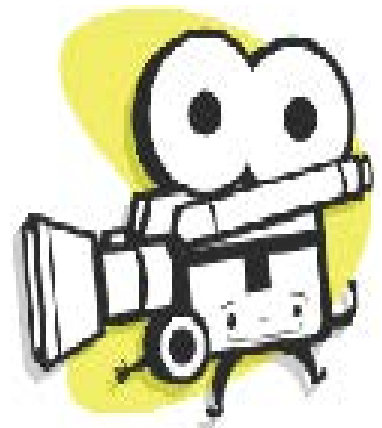
Fifty years later, still haunted by the fate of the children he wasn't able to help, he is invited to the BBC television show, 'That's Life', where he is introduced to some of those children, now adults, who he had rescued and brought to safety. This is a moving, powerful and uplifting story, demonstrating how determined and good people can work successfully to counteract evil.

We are serving potatoes as usual, with delicious fillings. There is a bar with wine, soft drinks, snacks and ice creams.

Tickets remain at the bargain price of £5. You can get them from Wren's Shop, on the door, or phone me on 01747 830594.

We start serving at 6.50 and the film starts at 7.30. Please remember to bring some cash.

We very much look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.



My Pedestrian Faith

I'd never got round to reading the novel *Life of Pi* by Yann Martel, until I had the opportunity to see the play at Bath in May and thought I should do my homework.

The strange scenario is that a young Indian boy, Pi, finds himself adrift in a lifeboat on the Pacific, all alone but for the company of a tiger. Before those dramatic circumstances, however, Pi has already delved into what it means to be human and to have faith. He's fascinated by the diverse religious traditions of his homeland. Brought up Hindu and retaining a deep love for its multiplicity and vibrancy, he is drawn to the faithfulness and devotion of a poor Muslim shopkeeper, while also stirred by the bible stories told him by a Christian priest, a 'man whose profession it was to love'. Rather than choosing between them, he wants to adopt all three, asking to be brought a prayer mat and to be baptised, much to the confusion of his parents.

I relished Pi's openness to the wisdom of different religions which, if more of us shared it, would help transform the state of our world; but I was particularly struck by his perspective on Christianity. Used to the 'shine and power and might' of the Hindu deities, he is bemused by Jesus 'who goes hungry, who suffers from thirst, who gets tired, who is sad....who has to put up with followers who don't get it and opponents who don't respect him – what kind of God is that?.....This is a God who walked, a pedestrian God.'

I am delighted to follow a pedestrian God! Firstly, it makes me feel that it's possible to 'keep up' – to walk with God, through daily life, to have God as a companion on your road. And a pedestrian God has time to notice the little things - we all know how much more we see if we take a stroll through the village, rather than zoom past on the A350! I'm also glad to put my faith in a God who has known hunger, thirst and sadness, because such a God can have true compassion when we feel all these things. Our little lives really do matter.

Pi remains baffled and questioning but, for me, his priest-friend's answer is perfect; 'What kind of God is that? What is there to inspire in this Son?' 'Love', said Father Martin.

Revd Kate McFarlane

To find out the details of which services are taking place around the Benefice please visit <http://www.benofbart.org.uk/events/month/>



'In Recovery'

A talk and discussion with

The Hon. David Bernstein

Chair of the Forward Trust,
which runs Clouds House.



A personal account of addiction and recovery.

Learn more about what addiction is and what can be done to support those addicted and their families. Members of Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon will also be present.

St Mary's Church, East Knoyle, SP3 6AE
7.00pm, Wednesday, 1st May

Community Coffee Morning St Mary's, East Knoyle

10.30 - 12.00

4th Tuesday of every month



East Knoyle Rainfall January and February 2024

JANUARY. We had 2.78" (70.7mm) of rain in January 2024. The 30-year average is 3.63" (92.13 mm). So, in January this year, rainfall was about 24% lower than the 30-year January average. While the first and last weeks of January were mild with rain-bearing Atlantic winds, the two middle weeks of the month were cold and dry with easterly winds. A welcome change from the wet December, a good to have some colder weather to hold back premature flowering of fruit trees and bushes, which if fooled by the weather into early blossom, are then vulnerable to frost damage.



FEBRUARY. The higher-than average wet weather we saw in December was back again in February. We had a 5.28" (134 mm) of rain in February 2024, compared to 30 year average of 2.94" (74.62 mm). So last month, rainfall was 80% above the 30-year December average. Incidentally, this was England's wettest and warmest February on record, since 1836. This was due to continuous mild, rain-bearing south westerly winds coming in from the Atlantic.

Nat Page

Local charities and fundraising

If you support or run a local charity and would like to raise awareness or publicise any events within the East Knoyle Newsletter please get in contact with the editors at eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com



Annual Litter Pick

This year's litter pick was the best attended yet. A total of 35 litter pickers turned up at 10am on Sat 24th Feb. Our numbers were swelled this year by a team from Clouds House, boosting our numbers to record highs.

Rev Kate MacFarlane joined the throng and after two hours we had collected nearly 70 bags of rubbish. A special note of thanks must go to Ian Gurney who one again made advance inroads into the litter during the preceding week. What a great team effort!



T@3

On the **second Thursday** of each month about 20 people from all round the village gather in the village hall for tea, sandwiches, cake, laughter and chat. We see quite a few familiar faces, but are always glad to welcome newcomers, whether new to East Knoyle, or simply new to T@3.

Look out for our posters on the noticeboards or put the following dates in your diary now: **11th April. 9th May, 13th June. 11th July.**

Doors open at 2.45 pm but not a moment before because we are still getting ready!



Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Councillor

Wiltshire Council

To reduce phosphates into the River Avon Special Area of Conservation (and this includes the Nadder, Wylye, & Ebbles tributaries) Wiltshire Council has received funding from Government for residents to 'Revamp Their Tank'. This is a 100% funded grant to replace your old septic tank if you are close to a watercourse. Please see this link [Biodiversity and development - Wiltshire Council](#). Council officers will screen all applications to determine eligibility.

At full Council on 22nd February, Wiltshire Council approved the budget for 2024/25 with an increase in Council Tax of 4.99%. The total budget is £486m, three quarters of the funding coming from Council Tax. For every £100, £38 is spent on vulnerable adults and £21 on vulnerable children, £9 on waste collection and disposal.

It is extremely fortunate that through prudent management the Council is well placed financially, but there are always risks and a tight grip needs to be kept on spending. However, an additional £10m has been allocated to spend on Highways over two years as the Council is well aware of the effects of the weather on our roads over the past couple of years and exacerbated more recently with the near constant and heavy rain. It will probably take much longer than two years for our roads to return to a decent state. An extra £1m has been allocated over three years for an additional gully tanker to add to the existing three. With over 80,000 gullies, it takes time to empty them all, but the additional tanker will help keep our roads clearer of standing water and prevent property flooding.

At full Council there was also a Motion put forward to Support Wiltshire Farmers and Food Producers and this was passed with much enthusiasm. Councillors expressed their support for the work farmers do in producing high quality meat, dairy, arable and other foods and with the work they do to enhance our environment.

Wiltshire and Swindon are producing a joint Nature Recovery Strategy. This is in the early stages of development and the Council is carrying out a survey to help discover your priorities for nature recovery. Please follow the link to the page on the Council's website where you will find a link to the survey at the bottom of the page. [Wiltshire and Swindon Local Nature Recovery Strategy - Wiltshire Council](#)

I know many residents attend the Hindon surgery. The proposed development in Hindon with 31 houses and a new surgery was approved by the planning committee back in April last year. Since then the developer has been in negotiation with the Council over the S106 Agreement, but that has now been sent off the rails by the introduction by the Council of new charges for phosphates. It is a complicated story, but means that the developer must either pay a large bill to the Council which could affect the viability of the scheme, or redesign the scheme for additional phosphate mitigation. I am very concerned that this could affect the delivery of the new, improved doctors surgery.





IN SUPPORT OF KNOYLE HOUSE GROUNDS PLAYGROUND APPEAL

MR & MRS GARRY STAUNTON
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HINDON ROAD, EAST KNOYLE

Invite you to a GARDEN OPEN DAY



COME AND ENJOY ____

- Beautiful Garden Plants for Sale
- Various Stalls (including a **Bring & Buy**)
*Do you have something you could donate to our table?
Please, just bring it along*
- Raffle
- Tea, Coffee, Cake, Sandwiches
- East Knoyle Choir

SATURDAY 25th MAY 10am - 4pm

We are really looking forward to seeing you in the Garden



OLD FONTHILL ABBEY GROUNDS

Bluebell woods and rhododendrons
Lakeside walks and Abbey views
Barbecue and homemade refreshments

SUNDAYS 5th & 19th MAY



10:30 - 4:30

SP3 6SP on the Hindon Newtown lane
(Must close in high winds)

Entry donation - suggest £10 per adult
Polite dogs welcome

In aid of Cure Parkinson's and local charities

50 Years of the East Knoyle Newsletter – 50th Birthday party

We are thinking about having a birthday party to celebrate this unbelievable milestone and doing something on the lines of the Coronation party around the Summer Solstice – Saturday 22nd June.



Pencil it into your diary – and if you have any ideas or want to help – email us on eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com

Many thanks
Karen, Deb and Tom



View from a muddy walk

Common Lands and Rights of Way (C.L.A.R.O.W)

Spring is upon us meaning we can now begin to put plans together for our working pairs/parties where needed. This will include clipping back foliage, removing light debris, fixing wobbly stiles and generally monitoring access to footpaths and bridleways in our village.

Management of the Windmill Green: Due to the extreme wet weather at the end of 2023, an autumn/winter final cut was not possible. Acknowledging a need to protect an area where a diverse range of species grow, I decided to seek advice from villager Jenny Bennet (BSc, MSc, CIEEM, PIEMA, Senior Ecologist at Defence Infrastructure Organisation) who says:

"The acid grassland on Windmill Hill is really quite rare and special in Wiltshire. It occurs very occasionally on outcrops of greensand, but most of this habitat has now been lost due to agricultural intensification of the wider countryside. It is characterised by a range of species that favour slightly acid nutrient-poor soils, including purple moor-grass, tormentil, heath bedstraw, heath milkwort and heath-grass, it is important not to use any fertiliser."

Following Jenny's advice, and discussion with our mowing contractor, we agreed on the most cost effective outcome for the long term management of this area. The plan is as follows:

1. 1st cut will be March/April of the whole area on a low blade setting
2. Following this 1st cut, a working party will be organised to rake off the cut grass from the (protected) area on the west slope (where the grass meets the bracken). This is to allow the species identified by Jenny to 'breathe' and hopefully thrive.
3. 2nd cut will be early July excluding the protected area which will be left.
4. 3rd cut will take place in October and will include the whole area and we will repeat the raking off of the cut grass.

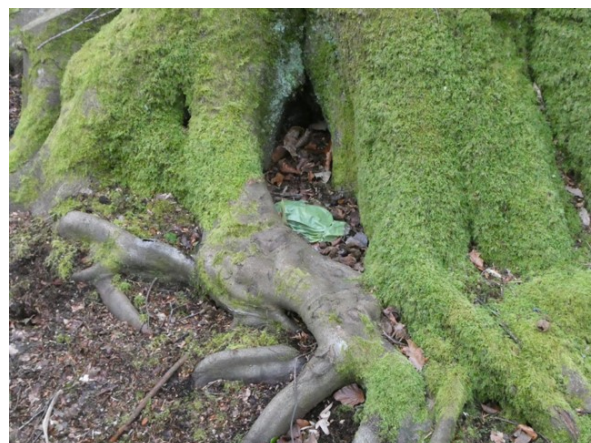


Himalayan Balsam: This was introduced as a garden plant in the 1800s but soon escaped and became widely naturalised in woodland and along riverbanks and ditches. It is fast-growing and spreads quickly, invading habitat at the expense of other, native flowers. It is particularly invasive in wet conditions, and the risk is that it would spread down the slope toward West Knoyle at the expense of the ancient woodland flora and county wildlife sites there. As the largest annual plant in the UK, it is best-managed by hand pulling. It is easily pulled up due to its short roots. I hope to arrange a small working party to do this so we can have a 'blitz' on this before it sets seed around July. If you notice HB going in your area - please let me know.

Poo Bags

A reminder to new (and established) residents not to discard poo bags around the place. There are several in the scrub adjacent to the metalled path from the street to the church and I cleared these two today up on the beech avenue heading towards the crossroads on Windmill Hill.

Any thought that someone may have intended to collect them later can be discounted as they have been there for at least a month



East Knoyle Flower & Vegetable Show

A reminder that 2024 show will take place on the 3rd August in the village hall. We hope that we can continue to provide an enjoyable, slightly competitive, all-inclusive occasion bringing together all the East Knoyle hamlets, Underhill, Upton, Milton, Holloway and The Green. The aim is not to make money - it is a non-profit event - but to celebrate village life. However, if funds allow, we can make donations around the village where a need is identified. For example, the new bench outside the shop was funded by the F&V show!

In previous years we have had a Scarecrow Challenge, but there has been a lack of interest. Is this because of the scattered nature of the village? Lack of ideas or inspiration? Whatever the reason, if ever there is interest or enthusiasm it may be that a simple workshop could be arranged to discuss, maybe demonstrate, some likely ideas, sufficiently far ahead of the Show to allow time for collection of clothes, stuffing etc. If anyone has any thoughts on this, the Committee would be pleased to receive them. Maybe be next year? Still waiting for weather to warm up at the time of writing, but gardening has always been a challenge!



View from the Village Hall

East Knoyle Village Hall 200 Club

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its second draw of the year in Wren's Shop. Drawn on a chilly, dry morning, with the suggestion of rain later (!), the winning number is 144, and this month's winners are:

ROY and LIZ HALSALL £50.00

Thanks to Roy and to Liz and to all subscribers, who are helping to maintain and to improve East Knoyle Village Hall.

New supporters are cordially welcome to join at any time for only £12 a year. Just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594 or leave a message in the Shop.

The next draw is on **May 1st**, when we might hope that Spring will definitely have arrived.





Save the Children.

The Shaftesbury Branch of Save the Children is looking for local supporters and volunteers to help plan and run its fundraising activities.

Most of you will already know that Save the Children carries out valuable work around the world, helping families and children caught up in natural disasters and conflict. Its aim is to ease their hardship and suffering by supplying shelter, food, clothing, medical aid etc - all financed by its worldwide fundraising efforts. Within the UK, at local level, most of the fundraising is carried out by Branch Teams up and down the country.

Our local Shaftesbury Branch covers local villages in the area, including East Knoyle and its adjacent hamlets. Indeed, most of our fundraising activities are based in the village, although we are seeking to extend further afield to attract more support from the Shaftesbury area as well. Over the last few years, we typically raise around £18,000 to £19,000 a year through our various fundraising activities. A typical year includes:

- ♦ Spring and Autumn talks on wide-ranging subjects, presented by local speakers.
- ♦ A Family Fun Day & Dog Show, including a fete, with various stalls, cakes/teas, tombola, B-B-Q, live music and other entertainment (late spring / early summer). This year's will be on Sunday 2nd June.
- ♦ An outdoor Evening Summer Play performed by a professional theatre company. People usually bring picnics, with refreshments available during the performance. This year's play on Friday 26th July is The Importance of Being Earnest, by Oscar Wilde.
- ♦ An Annual Dinner and auction, late November.
- ♦ In December, Christmas Jumper Week is hosted by the East Knoyle Community Shop.

The Branch Committee plans and organises all events, with additional volunteers helping in erecting marquees, setting up and running stalls at events, arranging publicity / printing, liaising with other stallholders and local businesses. The Committee meets every two months and we are hoping to attract some more support in this area to join us in organising our fundraising events

So, should you wish to be a volunteer or perhaps join our Branch Committee to help plan and organise our events, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with Katie Page, who is Chairman of the Shaftesbury Branch of Save the Children at: katiepage@copac.org.uk

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For further information please contact:

Dave on 07500 802525

East Knoyle Parish Census 2021

In keeping up to date with the latest breaking news I thought it would be interesting to give a summary of the 2021 census results for East Knoyle Parish.

More detailed results are available at the following links https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/sources/census_2021_pp or <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/>

On the 21st March 2021

- 662 usual residents in 317 households
2011: 681 residents in 330 households
- 51% females
- 47% aged 16 to 64 years old
- 40% aged 65 and over
- 63% said their religion was Christian
- 59% were married or in a registered civil partnership

Across the 317 households:

- 305 had at least one car
- 72% consisted of two or more people.

Of the people in employment:

- 25% worked in 'public administration, education'
- 20% in 'financial, real estate, professional and administrative activities'
- 15% in 'distribution, hotels and restaurants;
- 46% worked mainly at or from home



Karen Macey

Women's Royal British Legion

The Women's Branch held their annual Xmas tea in December, which as usual was a fun afternoon. The Jam Jar Challenge was jointly won by Helen Lever and Ian Gurney, and Monica Snell hosted a quiz that got us all thinking. Thanks go to all the ladies who provided a wonderful spread and especially to Helen who decorated the room so beautifully.



At the January meeting we were unable to publish the annual programme, as replies from potential speakers and trips were still awaited. However, the meeting was followed by a talk by Mr. Sampson, a retired chimney sweep, which was most entertaining.

The February meeting was not well attended, but a lot of groundwork was laid for the EASTER EGG HUNT. This will be held on SATURDAY 23rd MARCH. Venue weather dependent, but hopefully at Diana's this year. Please note the date, and as many hands make light work, please do let Helen or I know if you can help, either with setting up or attending and helping, or both! And don't forget your Easter Bonnet!

The April meeting will be held on THURSDAY 18th at the Village Hall, and the guest speaker will be talking about her work at Neal's Yard.

The trip to the gardens at Bowood House has been rescheduled to TUESDAY 7th MAY.

Finally, details of meetings in the village hall are available on the Village Website....

east-knoyle.co.uk/news-and-events/village-diary/

Gill Staunton—Branch Secretary

Knogle Nature — Bird Song

This article is to encourage listening to bird songs (and this time of year is perfect for it), and to recognise the different ones. If you are already knowledgeable just humour me. If not, this awareness brings a new dimension to life. I will confine these notes to a dozen or so common birds.

There are apps online that can identify a bird as you record it's song- I use Merlin, but there are several others. YouTube is good to check an individual bird song, but some are wrong, so be careful (e.g. one meant to be a mistle thrush is actually a song thrush).

Other good simple references are found by searching "bird song", then clicking on the [NHM website](#) (Natural history museum), or the [Wildlife Trusts site](#).

1. WOOD PIGEON, we all know this one because they sing "My big toe's bleeding, my big toe's bleeding, my big toe's bleeding, look.

2. COLLARED DOVE, has spread all over the country since arriving in the 1950's, and just has a three-tone song : coo coo cook, coo coo cook. A very elegant bird, once kept as a pet.

3. GREAT TIT, calls "teacher teacher" endlessly.

4. ROBIN, a rather plaintive song, and tame, so usually nearby and you can see the bird.

5. WREN, very loud for a small bird, and rather like a ratchet football rattle, or clockwork toy motor.

6. BLACKBIRD, by far the most melodious of common birds, often singing early and late in the day, perhaps high on a roof, many rich phrases, but not obviously repetitive.

7. SONG THRUSH, almost as tuneful as the blackbird, but keeps repeating its song "Philippe Philippe philippe". Quite a small bird.

8. MISTLE THRUSH, bigger and more elegant than the Song Thrush, very tuneful, and can be mistaken for a blackbird, but is a sadder, minor key song, with short phrases followed by a similar length silence, as if it were asking questions; the phrases aren't obviously repetitive. It sings usually high on a tree, often in bad weather, and is called the "storm-cock".

9. CHAFFINCH, quite often just sings "pink pink" but it has another song which sounds like "chippy chippy chippy choo"; it has been compared to a bowler running up to the wicket and releasing the ball.

10. BLACKCAP, much more common than we realise; it's a member of the Warbler family and it's song is a long, very melodic tumbling warble with a wide octave range some notes quite high. The higher parts of Wise Lane and Sandpit Hill, and the track from Milton to Wise Lane are good places to hear it. Many spend winter here, but like other Warblers others come to us from hundreds of miles south.

11. HEDGE SPARROW, also called the Hedge Accentor or Dunnock, a small brown bird which sings quietly on hedge tops, and seems to say "I'm only a little bird with a very little song". A good place to hear it is along the hedge opposite the old school on Church Road. Keep walking and it will keep singing.

12. STARLING, very familiar and a great imitator of other birds and indeed any mechanical sound. We had one in Milton that imitated the phone and caused a lot of wasted journeys. Quite often just "fizzes" on a rooftop. Can congregate in huge flocks (murmurations) on the wing or in roosts.

13. RAVEN, not really a song but a wonderful bird to recognise as it flies overhead making its "craack craack" call, usually they are in matched-for-life pairs and were once very rare in southern England.

14. GREENFINCH, has a rather noisy twittering, but every so often it makes a sound that is characteristic of Spring: a high wheezing "treeeeeeeeal" with a descending end.

15. CHIFFCHAFF, another warbler, and the easiest to recognise as it just tells you it's name all day long- as of course does the Cuckoo, and on thinking about it, the Jackdaws near the church which just shout "jack jack" to one another.

Blackcap



Mistle Thrush



phrases eg

Mrs McGregor's Gardening Tips—March & April 2024.

It's often said that March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb and I'm hoping this year will be no different because my goodness have we had enough rain, wind and even snow! Meanwhile the garden still needs attention, whatever the weather. Here's my list of things I plan to tackle in the next two months:



MARCH:

- ◇ I'll be sowing direct broad beans, peas, carrots, and the root veggies that don't mind the cold
- ◇ Indoors I'll be sowing leeks, spinach, chard and salad greens
- ◇ A watch needs to be kept for slugs, especially on soft new growth; I use a nematode control
- ◇ My potatoes are already chitting in a cool, dry, frost free place – my larder is perfect, but a porch or greenhouse works just as well
- ◇ My shallots and onion sets are going in towards the end of the month
- ◇ I'm cutting the old leaves off my hellebores and they do look a lot tidier!
- ◇ I try to find time to deadhead bulbs to improve next year's flowers (no need to tie up the stems and leaves)
- ◇ Putting plant supports in now so plants can grow up through them is always a good idea
- ◇ My pots and containers will get a new top-dressing of fresh compost
- ◇ Last but not least, I'm taking a long look at my roses now and getting them ready for the summer ahead by pruning back bush roses by a third to a half, and pruning my climbing roses too. First I take out the dead, diseased and dying branches, then prune any flowered side shoots back by two thirds. Then I tie in any new shoots to fill gaps. Him indoors usually comes out and holds the ladder for me at this point. Finally I give all my roses a jolly good feed with a specialised rose feed and continue to feed every three weeks during the flowering season.

APRIL:

- ◇ This is the time I like to overhaul and clean out the waterbutt ready for the hot summer ahead
- ◇ Raking out dead moss and then forking over my lawn now will help it green up and will also improve drainage
- ◇ I will also apply a lawn fertilizer at the same time
- ◇ My shrubs get a good feed at this time of year
- ◇ I usually plant out my autumn sown sweet pea seedlings in April, or sow them direct in their final flowering positions if I didn't get round to starting them last year
- ◇ I find it works out cheaper to plant up my hanging baskets with small plug-plants now, and keep them in the greenhouse while the plants grow on
- ◇ The potatoes I chitted last month can go out now, planted at about a trowel's depth after danger of frost is over
- ◇ I'll also sow direct winter cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and salad crops now
- ◇ My marrows, courgettes, squashes, runner beans, french beans and tomatoes are started indoors at the start of April

The East Knoyle Archives Group

The Group has been active since forming last year. The village hall committee is supporting the provision of more storage so all the archives can be stored together. The group is fund raising to professionally preserve the more fragile material, primary sources, cassettes of interviews and more. An exhibition, for the village, is planned for this year and a walking trail map is being created.

Do you know.....?

- * Why is our village called East Knoyle?

It is believed Knoyle is derived from the Saxon word "cnuigel" for knuckle, their description for the hill at the centre of the village.

- * Church Rails used to be the main road to Holloway?

A large manor hall (inc.the medieval room of the village hall), with farm buildings used to form the end of Church road. The building still opposite the village hall, is believed to have been for the deer park keeper.

- * Where are Wren's Steps?

Christopher Wren's father, when Rector, installed steps leading down from Church Rails through the churchyard, as a shortcut from his Rectory.

- * A French Impressionist painter lived in East Knoyle?

Lucien Pissarro, son of Camille Pissarro, lived in the village in 1916. He painted more than 30 views around the village.

- * The Romans built the road from Poole to Bath through East Knoyle?

The bypass excavations in 1995 exposed the foundations for the Roman road crossing towards Leigh lane.

We do not know, can you help us add to the Archives?

- * Martha's Lane – who was Martha and why is the lane called after her? Did she live along it?

With thanks to Anthony Claydon's excellent book, "The Nature of Knoyle, East Knoyle, the people and the place".

Email: ekarchives23@gmail.com

<http://www.east-knoyle.co.uk/organisations/village-clubs/>

East Knoyle School Photo

I was recently shown this picture and thought that it might be put in a newsletter so that people could contribute more names to the faces before I hand it over to the village scrapbooks collection. We think it was taken in 1979.

So far, after Mrs Sully and Mr Tanswell, I've been given Sammy Hacker as being in the centre of the front row with Shane Goodship next to him. (Not sure which side!) Anne Marie nee Williams and Susan Hobbs 2nd and 3rd left in the second row and Joanne Hills, Colin Hobbs, Robin ?, and Tracey Goodship 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th starting from the left in the third row up. Apologies for any mistakes.

Iris Grix

If you can contribute any names please email Iris at irisgrix@hotmail.com



10 Questions to.....Murray Seator

Back by public demand: Ten Questions. To re-cap, I know you want to know when the £17m of green renovations to John Wilsey's house will be finished? But the rules are quite simple: We ask the same 10 questions to every interviewee.

I met Murray for a chat, just before "Service", in his well-organised kitchen, at the Fox & Hounds. Born to two school teachers (father was the headmaster) on the west coast of South Island, New Zealand. At aged 13, the family moved to Whanganui on the west coast about ¼ way up North Island. (The top one for those of you – like me - who are struggling with your NZ geography). Looks like a delightful place on Google.



After secondary school, Murray studied Maths, Geography and Town Planning at Massey University Palmerston North (an hour drive away, inland). Thirsty for more knowledge, he studies for a Masters in Urban Economics and still found time to get to County (District) level tennis, brush-up his golf (3 Handicap) and get married to Pam. After 7 years of study, there was little employment in NZ – the towns had been planned (?), Murray and Pam went travelling. In 1979 they struck-out to Hampshire (Liphook) via Australia, Indonesia, Singapore, Malaysia and Thailand.

In 1983, after his first job (PSB) and 10 weeks training, Murray took-up his vacation in life; managing pubs and hotels. He started at the Opera Tavern in Drury Lane and then was promoted to the Dog & Trumpet, Carnaby Street. 1987 he returned to NZ with Pam and boys (Micheal and Edward) to run hotels. In 1994, "London calling" returned to run the Southern Cross (obviously) in Fulham and then "Live by the river", the Anglers in Walton on Thames. He finally alighted on the Fox and Hounds in 2005. Murray was widowed in 2007 and re-married to Liz, in 2012. Fortunately for us all, Murray acquired stepdaughters, Lara and Nathali. Liz tragically passed-away in 2014 and Murray has been running the Fox & Hounds, ever since. He plans to leave when his lease finished in Apr-25

1. What is your guilty pleasure? - Alcohol - good white wine
2. What is your favourite book? - Far from the Madding Crowd, Thomas Hardy
3. What has been your favourite holiday? - Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia - known locally as, "Beach of Passionate Love" – probably too much information.....!!
4. What is your favourite film? - The Godfather, Francis Ford Coppola
5. What is your favourite sport? – Rugby
6. What was your first job? – 1979, Production Manager at an Audio-Visual Production and Staging Company in Hampshire. Helped launch the 1980's must-have – Silkie Shampoo
7. What in your opinion, is the biggest threat facing the world? - Intolerance and Greed
8. What are your hopes for the coming year? - Retire and leave East Knoyle
9. Who would be your top 3 dinner party guests (dead or alive)?

Richard Telford: First Best Man. Jean Shrimpton: First woman Murray saw in a mini-skirt. Imran Khan: Captain of Pakistan Cricket 1982 – 1992 (Retired after captaining Pakistan's winning of the 1992 World Cup). Prime Minister of Pakistan 2018. Currently languishing in Adiala prison – Rawalpindi

10. And finally, snog, marry, avoid (for clarification – names are chosen by interviewer and sprung on interviewee – you can feel the tension.....):

Nigella Lawson – Cook and TV Personality - SNOG

Margot Henderson – NZ born and TimeOut: London's coolest female chef – AVOID

Monica Galetti – Samoan born NZ Chef and TV Personality – MARRY

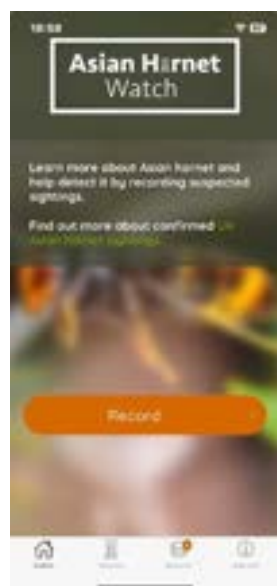
I tried to tease-out what the cunning kiwi would be up to next.... However, overtaken by the Service was swiftly (Ramsey-stilee) ushered out of the kitchen..... Thank you Murray, for answering 10 Questions and apologies for the CLASH references.

East Knoyle Honey Bees - Notes from the Milton Apiary 18

It is early March and things are OK in the apiary. In fact, I have split the apiary and now we have two. Andrew and Maggie Barlow have very kindly agreed to host an apiary, in the village at Vern Hill Farm, on the way out to Gillingham. I have put

two colonies there, one with very angry bees that I failed to re-queen last year. In the meantime, Andrew has been happily strimming near the hives, without any issues. As usual, it is probably me and not the bees!! I am quite excited about this location because – as you know it is all about the honey (=££££) Oh, and happy bees. Just to re-cap: My aim is to build-up colonies as quickly as possible from 20,000 bees in spring to around 60,000 in June, without causing over-crowding and subsequent swarming. The ideal is to maximise the number of foraging bees in time for the bramble flowers (and nectar flow). Bramble honey sets with large crystals (create a higher risk of fermentation / spoilage) but represents 60-70% of our local nectar flow. So, (1) we don't have a choice. And (2), the bramble mixes with Lime, hedgerow and garden flowers from across EK – to create our English Floral Honey – which I think tastes pretty good.

I said that the apiaries were OK – we went into winter with 9 colonies and it looks like we are going to come out with 7. This time of the year is pretty dangerous for the bees. The colonies are transiting from winter bees (little fatties that are just coming to the end of their 5-6 month lives shivering away to keep the colony warm), to summer bees. The last thing the winter bees do before they pop their clogs, is chisel out the last pollen stores to create brood food to feed to the new season's larvae. All worker bees spend 3 weeks as larva and pupa. They then spend 3 weeks as house bees doing important stuff (nursing / feeding / Air Conditioning / guarding etc) in the hive. Lastly, the summer bees spend 3 weeks as foraging bees – until they run out of puff and die on the wing. The knack the for the beekeeper is to prevent swarming and / or disease and create the maximum foraging force that coincides with a major nectar flow.



Why I am excited and with Verne Hill Farm. It is sheltered from the north and north east and has lots of interesting flora within 2.2 km (average honey bee foraging distance). Within range, I have seen rose bay willow herb, meadowsweet and there are a couple of Dutchy farms near-by – where I believe they are encouraging wild flowers (“Pass them on the left-hand side?”). Not to mention; chez Reading. The Verne Hill Farm bees are relatively well protected by Windmill Hill from the late spring Oil Seed Rape (OSR) to the north and north east of the village. The bees will hopefully prefer to forage further south and west and not carry nectar over Windmill (and possibly Haddon) hill. OSR nectar is good for all sorts of reasons. But Vern Hill allows us to try and isolate it: We will see what we get!

I hope you have downloaded the Asian Hornet Watch app (see pic) and are poised to record any dark hornets (with yellow legs) that you see flying around. I am waiting for the Non-Native Species Secretariat to confirm (Yes / No) from their DNA analysis, as to If we have over-wintered hornets in UK. You may see mated queens (Gynes) that have come up the A350, from the Continent. If they are here, they will be looking for sugar, generally

sugary secretions from trees. Like wasps, they will have hibernated as solitary females. In fact, Asian Hornet queens try and hibernate in twos and threes. Then like wasps, the queens create a small nest and are very vulnerable because they are both tending their young and looking for sugary carbohydrates, to give them energy to keep their young warm. These eggs take ~ 50 days to become worker hornets – so there is time! Hornets (Asian and our European) have lifecycles that are very similar to wasps. We can discuss this in the future, if we are unlucky to see any. There were ~18,250 sightings last year of which 150 were positive. If you suspect that you have a hornet. You must, download the app, take a photo record and / or get hold of me. Tom EK X 246



The Cinephile—Reviews of some recent films



The Zone Of Interest ***** (Jonathan Glazer, perhaps Britain's most original contemporary filmmaker delivers an extraordinarily important and deeply disturbing film.)

This film should win The Oscar, but it won't. (*Ed note: Hot off the press—It won Best International Feature Film at the Oscars*)

Loosely based on Martin Amis's book of the same title this film is a portrait of the commandant of Auschwitz and his family and their lives. Entertainment this is not. A stark warning that we must always guard against the normalization of evil, it most certainly is.

Glazer spent seven years developing this film and the work shows. It is a study in extraordinarily brave craftsmanship. Both cinematography and the use of sound are supremely original and the acting is of the highest standard. In particular look out for Sandra Huller (also in the recent *Anatomy of a Fall*) showing her diversity.

We are asked to watch a man, tasked with the management of one of history's infamous factories of horror, going about his daily family and professional life.

Just like anyone else.

Just like anyone else he says goodnight to his children; kisses his wife; is polite to his mother-in-law. Just like anyone else he wants to do the best he can at work, so that he can be proud of himself and keep providing for his family and enjoying the leisure time with them.

The catch is that work is just next door; just over the wall. So, Ever present. We are never taken over the wall with the commandant when he goes to work. Instead we are left (to our awkward discomfort) in the domestic setting with the family and their 'servants',

This is what is so intelligent about Glazer's choices. By NOT showing us, he leaves our imagination, (which is fuelled by so many images already seen since 1945), to go there and that is deeply disturbing.

There is another premise here, which is horrible to come to terms with. It is to do with the idea of 'othering'. Just as the Nazis tried to dehumanize the Jews through propaganda, proposing that they were something less than human, we will separate ourselves from those who commit heinous acts by thinking of them as monsters.

But this isn't a fairy tale. There are no monsters. We are all human.

The key achievement of all those involved in the making of this film is that it resonates. It lingers. It festers. It leaves us with one clear question: Given the tragedy that evil exists in humanity, to what extent will we allow ourselves to be complicit?

In leaving this lingering, festering question it suggests that the first step to being complicit, is to choose not to look. To look away.

Look and listen to this film. Please. It could not be more relevant to our times.

Poor Things***** (Absolute belter from bonkers Greek director Yorgos Lanthimos, this is total entertainment from a director at the top of his game. Winner of The Golden Lion at The Venice Film Festival.)

Developed from the Novel of the same name by Scottish writer, Alasdair Gray, the book won both the Whitbread and the Guardian fiction prize in 1992.

The story explores the idea of what might happen if you put the brain of a foetus into the body of a twenty eight year old woman. Controversial? Certainly. Hugely entertaining and refreshing? Absolutely.

The film-and this is the only thing that it has in common with *The Zone of Interest*-is a master-class in the craftsmanship of filmmaking.

The directing is breathtakingly uninhibited. All the actors are encouraged to go mad with their 'range' and do. Emma Stone should win the Oscar for this. They built the entire set in studios; the production design should also be recognized. The costume designers have been given a wonderful opportunity and rise perfectly to the challenge and the photography and sound design are equally outstanding.

This is big, bold, old fashioned cinema combined with modern techniques, producing electrifying results. Drop your inhibitions, perhaps have a glass of champagne before you go and watch this on a big screen with a cracking sound system.

Perfect Days***** (Lyrical German new wave director at the end of his career in philosophical mood).

Wim Wenders will be forever loved for giving us *Wings of Desire*, *Paris Texas* and *The Buena Vista Social Club*, amongst other gems in a prolific career. Here, in a portrait of a cleaner of public toilets in Tokyo, he uses a beautifully modest piece of filmmaking to discuss ideas about being happy with our lot. It's very moving.

Also highly recommended: All ****

All Of Us Strangers. The Holdovers. NT Live – Vanya

East Knoyle Royal British Legion

SUCCESS

I am pleased to open this latest report with news of success at the RBL Wiltshire County Conference held at the end of January. Firstly, the award for the most improved performance for recruitment was presented to our Chairman, Sir Nick Wright, by the County President, General Sir Jack Deverell who also presented a special award, for service to the Poppy Appeal and the RBL, to Roy Halsall. Frustratingly we just missed out on winning the award for the most improved performance on behalf of the Poppy Appeal by a 'whisker' - 7p to be precise.



EVENTS

The RBL year will be almost three months old when this report is published and with the anticipation of longer, and hopefully, sunnier days ahead plans for future Branch activities are gathering pace. The first of our popular films/events of the year, an illustrated talk by the Air Transport Auxiliary museum in aid of the Poppy Appeal, will have already taken place on the 20th March (full report in the next issue) with four others currently in development.

In addition to the days of national remembrance, the 80th anniversary of many notable battles from 1944 will also be commemorated, principally D-Day, Kohima and Operation Market Garden. Supporters of the Poppy Appeal will be pleased to hear that we will be working in close partnership with the EKWS, to hold the annual 'Strawberry and Pimm's Tea' on its traditional date - the day following the annual EK Flower and Vegetable show in August.

RETIREMENT BECKONS

Our Branch Standard has been at the head of our ceremonial affairs for over fifty years. Sadly, the wear and tear of those many years of sterling service are now evident. Its precise age is currently lost 'in the mists of time' - and it would be ungracious to share details of its deterioration - but the time has come for an honourable retirement rather than further refurbishment.

As hinted at above, our success at the County Conference was overshadowed by narrowly missing out on the award we most covet. However, subsequent events have demonstrated the regard in which our Branch is held within the County Office by the award of a grant to contribute towards the prompt purchase of a new Standard. In the words of the County Chairman, "...your Branch is well regarded and we see what great work you do year on year."

Once the Standard has been purchased the aim is to hold a combined 'Laying Up' and Dedication service for the respective Standards in time for ceremonials scheduled for June. Further details to follow.

POPPY APPEAL

The total for the 2023/24 appeal has progressed to £8,822.78.

Next Branch meeting: Tuesday 2nd April, 6.30pm, Fox and Hounds

Ron Clark—Branch Secretary (830354)





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