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A note from the Editors...

Joan Claydon was kind enough to provide the editors with the newsletter archive her husband, Tony, had collated over the years. The earliest issue in this collection is 4 issue 3, from August 1977. Does anyone have any earlier editions or the first ever issue? As we continue the 50th anniversary of the newsletter this month we take a look at a couple of articles from August 1977. There is also a quiz from January 1996.

Thank you to Ted Coffin for his photo of the Northern Lights which graces this issue's cover.

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Parish Council News

Annual Assembly

The Annual Assembly was held on Wednesday 1st May and despite other attractions nearby at the same time it saw a healthy turnout of interested residents, who were able to hear how much the Parish Council has done over the last year. Bearing in mind that all your Councillors are volunteers who give up their time willingly and freely it was impressive to hear what has been achieved.

New Councillor

We also welcomed a new Parish Councillor – Garry Staunton. Garry has been a resident of the village for many years, living at The Street. He has taken on responsibility for Knoyle House Grounds and the Playground.

East Knoyle Parish Council will always be happy to hear from any residents who might wish to get involved as a Councillor. Just contact the Clerk.

Knoyle House Grounds and Playground

Due to the generosity of several donors we are able to start work on the maintenance and improvement programme needed. We have already had the Zip Wire professionally inspected and serviced, so one thing to tick of the RoSPA survey sheet! The big task next is the areas below the swings and slides, and we are having a rethink as to the best option to ensure what surface is required and ensure it meets safety requirements. The next couple of months should see work started by our wonderful group of volunteers. This might involve a couple of areas being closed off for a while – so please respect this as natural areas need time to bed in.

Donations - In order to ensure the future of the Playground anyone can donate to the Knoyle House Grounds Playground Appeal. You can now do this online (also see the EK Website) - https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/EastKnoyleParishCouncil

Alternatively, contact Ann White – 01747 830330, who 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.

'Memorials' at the Windmill

A while back we had to ask that people leaving 'memorials' at trees surrounding the Windmill also consider the impact on others visiting this area of common land, as well as the impact on the environment. It has been noticeable that there has been an increase in people leaving plastic containers and wrappings, even plastic flowers. These are unacceptable in this natural area and the Parish Council has authorised the removal of these.

Come and Meet Linda Nunn, Director of Cranbourne Chase National Landscape – 6pm Wednesday 17[™] July East Knoyle Village Hall

The presentation will focus on how & why the 'AONB' name has changed to Cranborne Chase National Landscape, the area it covers and the work of the team here ranging from planning issues, dark night skies and the Farming in Protected Landscapes programme. We will also explore the myriad of projects undertaken by our 'Chase & Chalke' Landscape Partnership Scheme since 2019. Planning the legacy from the Chase & Chalke to enable many of those wonderful projects to continue into the future across the whole National Landscape, is also a key focus for the team. Questions always welcome!

All residents welcome – come along and find out – we are in the Cranbourne Chase area, and you will be amazed at what there is!

Martin Brown. Clerk, East Knoyle Parish Council.



Cranborne Chase National Landscape

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 saw the retirement of Alan Knight on the day before his 80th birthday. He has been a stalwart supporter of the shop since its opening, and we'll miss his cheerful comments from behind the counter. The Orchard Park voucher will help Alan do 🌃 whatever Jan wants him to do in the garden

By the time you read this, I'm hoping that the new storage boxes will have been installed under the new porch. This will allow us to return to displaying our fresh produce outside. Villagers won't have to 'ask at the counter' for onions and potatoes, etc.

We have been fortunate to have the expertise of committee member Karen Macey to analyse the sales data on the shop till system and we discovered that, over the past year, we have been wasting too much of our fruit and vegetables. The orderers will be following an improved selection of seasonal items and stocking smaller quantities. Remember: We order every evening except Saturday, and the counter volunteers can take orders over the phone or in person throughout the day.

Wren's Shop

East Knoyle Community Shop

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

Opening Hours

Monday to Friday: 08:00 to 18:00

Saturday: 08:00 to 16:00

Sunday/Bank Holidays: 09:00 to 12:00 noon

Fresh bread, vegetables and meat delivered daily Newspapers every day Criossants and pastries baked in-store Local organic milk Coffee and Hot Drinks!

Meeting all your everyday needs and then offering you something extra - come and see if we can surprise you! facebook.com: WrensShopEastKnoyle

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Closed Weekends and Bank Holidays '

New display, Fresh Approach At Wren's



Good news! At last the new vegetable display unit is being installed outside the village shop. We will once again be able to display non-chilled fresh vegetables outside and relieve the pressure on our inside space.

We have also reviewed how we buy our fresh fruit & vegetables. This is with a view to giving better quality and value for money to our customers whilst also reducing waste and being more environmentally responsible in our purchasing. We will, of course, continue to supply the staple items of fruit and vegetables, but our aim is to be more seasonal with other items.

But Remember - you can always order & we will supply it if available.

(Place your order with us by 5.45pm and your order will arrive the next morning.)

Find us on: http://www.wrens-shop.co.uk Facebook.com: WrensShopEastKnoyle

Moviola

Our April film One Life was the last in this season and we are now taking a break for the summer. We've shown a great variety of films this year, some gritty, some frivolous but fun, and we'd like to thank all of you who supported us and came out to the Village Hall, at times in the dark and cold (once during a thunderstorm!), to enjoy our evenings of convivial chat, hot potatoes, ice creams and interesting cinematic experiences on the big screen.

I'd also like to thank the great team that make our Moviola evenings run so efficiently and in such good spirit: Ian Gurney, Belinda Stow, Torill Seger and John Scattergood. We should also mention our indomitable projectionist, Alan Sykes, who comes all the way from Castle Cary, and without whom.....



We shall be back at the end of September for more entertainment on your doorstep and look forward to seeing you then. Look out for our Autumn programme in the September issue of the Newsletter.

Sara Southerden



East Knoyle Village Hall



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

The new floor will be fitted from the 14th May – 18th May which is going to give the Hall a big lift adding to upgrading that has taken place already.

Just a reminder the Air Ambulance Clothing Bank is in the Village Hall car park, please make use of it, I know a good number of have done so already

We are delighted that Cat Stott has restarted looking after the garden and we look forward to it returning to its previous glory.

The Annual General Meeting took place on May 8th with the new Committee being elected. Chairman David Jenkins Vice Chairman Paul Egginton, Paul Naish, Alistair Campbell, John Scattergood, Helen Lever, David Pickering, Phil Lever, Lizzie Gascoyne.

The Officers are Jill Caudle Secretary, Paul Egginton Treasurer, Jill Hockham Lettings Secretary, Nicki Mitchell Caretaker.

The Treasurer reported the volume of lettings was substantially better since October but with the costs rising the one hour bookings are not profitable. As a result there will have to be a review of the way a one hour booking is charged, the Committee will review the charges at their next meeting as the current bookings will remain at the existing rate.

We look forward to supplying the Teas for the Flower and Veg Show at the beginning of August. For those that book their diary ahead Martin Brown has agreed to be Quizmaster for the next Quiz Night which will be on Saturday 23rd November 2024.

David Jenkins — Chairman EKVH

St Mary's Fabric Fund Trust invites you to

The Plaster Decoration of East Knoyle Church 'A strange and quaint performance'

Quotation from The Modern History of South Wiltshire, by Sir Richard Colt Hoare, 1822

A talk by Clare Tilbury and Louise Durning of Oxford Brookes University and Lincoln College Oxford

about the 17th-century plasterwork designed by Christopher Wren senior

at St Mary the Virgin, East Knoyle Saturday 15 June, 6-7.30pm

RSVP ekstmary@icloud.com For online booking and payment

Tickets £15 Drinks & canapés

Donations to support the maintenance of the church

Round and About



We are sorry to report the death at the end of April of Malcolm Green, who all his life farmed at the southern end of the village. He was an East Knoylian through and though, and a true countryman, good with cattle and involved with the Gillingham and Shaftesbury Show over many years. We send our condolences to Jo, to Michael and Sam, to Rachael and Anthony, all their children and to Eileen and her family.

A rather belated welcome goes to Aimee Richardson and Caolan Crawford who moved to Milton several months ago and are settling in well. They love being in the village!

Many congratulations to Tom Hoar, one of the several gifted artists we are lucky enough to have living in the village, who has just had a solo exhibition in a Pall Mall gallery. This time, the paintings were all evocative landscapes and seascapes painted during 'An African Odyssey' in 2023.

East Knoyle School Photo

In the last issue Iris Grix asked for some help in identifying the people in the below school photograph.

She would like to thank Mrs Sully for providing names along with Susie Hobbs for sharing the photograph and her invaluable help with names. Also those kind people who contacted her and assisted. It proved to be quite a team effort!

All rows Left to Right.

TOP ROW.

Mrs Sully, Alison Browning, Jeremy Dawson, Marcus Hall, Liza Gray, Nicholas Hide, Emma White, Mr Tanswell.

3rd ROW up.

Jonathan Grey, Joanne Hills, Colin Hobbs, Robin Hookins, Tracey Goodship, Alison Gray, Mark Burton.

2nd ROW up.

Janice Maidment, Anne-Marie Williams, Susan Hobbs, Theresa King, Hayley Coombs, Natasha Gallaway, Danuscia Warren-Jones.

1st ROW, i.e. Front Row.

Kevin Burton, Shane Goodship, Sammy Hacker, Jason Gray, Christopher Maidment, Jason Sartin.



Remember this?

Ever heard of 'the Pyramid of Learning'? It's a popular educational model for exploring how much we retain of anything we're trying to learn.

The usual estimates are that we retain 10% of what we read, 20% of what we hear, 30% of what we see, 50% of what we both see and hear, 70% of what we say and write, and 90% of what we do. As someone who has to produce at least one sermon every week that's more than a little depressing. All those carefully crafted words, and my listeners only keep 2 in 10 of them – it's good for my humility!

I certainly recognise the truth of it though. Years ago I started writing a



"COME AND SEE"
The Benefice of St Bartholomew

n. all I could say was 'Well I

very brief review of every book I read, because I realised that, 6 months on, all I could say was 'Well, I know I enjoyed it' or 'I wouldn't read that again.' Meanwhile, when my sons coaxed me back on to a bike last summer, for the first time in decades, I found I still knew perfectly well how to ride and returned home happily unscathed.

I recently, however, came across a quote which I will try very hard to remember and to put into practice – and perhaps now, by writing about it, the words will become fixed in my memory. Maya Angelou said: 'People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.'

That certainly rings true for me as I can instantly recall, and shudder at, occasions I've been cast down by someone who has embarrassed or shamed me; and can immediately smile as memories resurface of feeling encouraged or protected or enthused by someone.

It's a particularly important lesson to learn and retain for anyone who seeks to be a positive witness to a loving God. Clever words, however long I've sweated over choosing them, will rarely, ultimately, make a difference to anyone. The words have to be backed up with sincerity, attentiveness, and kindness, so that people can experience, can *feel that they are truly cared for and that they matter*.

Not everyone was called to be a teacher, fretting over how to help our students learn, but all of us have frightening power when it comes to how we can make others feel. May we use it wisely.

Revd Kate McFarlane

To find out the details of which services are taking place around the Benefice please visit http://www.benefice.neg.uk/events/month/

East Knoyle Art Show October 26/27 2024

A wonderful opportunity to view and purchase from a wide range of East Knoyle's creative community. A proportion of every sale is to be donated to the hall's fabric fund for further improvement of the facilities.

Put the date in your diary.

Children's section to be included for the first time.

Prices to suit all pockets.



Community Coffee Morning St Mary's, East Knoyle

10.30 - 12.00

4th Tuesday of every month



East Knoyle Rainfall March and April 2024

MARCH. We had 6.22" (158mm) of rain in March 2024. The 30-year average is 3.18" (80.71mm). So, in March this year, rainfall was about TWICE the 30-year January average.

APRIL. We had a 2.69" (68.2mm) of rain in April 2024, which is close to the 30-year average of 2.5" (63.45mm).

The mild and damp weather, and frequent southerly winds, in March and April this year have caused a peak in outbreaks of Schmallenberg disease, the virus that causes problems in sheep and cattle. It originates from the continent, and is spread by midges blown across the English Channel. It gets its name from the spread of the disease from Holland across to the channel to East Anglia, where it first appeared in the UK. However, infections in Dorset come from midges blown over the channel from France on southerly winds. Let's blame the French, as usual! But, looking on the bright side, clement weather at apple blossom time will probably give us a bumper apple year

Nat Page

East Knoyle Quiz from January 1996

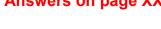
- 1. What was the date of the first publication of the newsletter?
- 2. What was the population of East Knoyle at the 1891 census/?
- 3. What was the date of the last Service held at the United Reform Church?



- 5. When was Knoyle House, home of the Seymour family, demolished?
- 6. Which of the Village public houses was an Ale House in 1871?
- 7. What is the height of the highest point in East Knoyle and where is it?
- 8. How many footpaths, bridleways and Rights of Ways lie with the Parish boundaries?
- 9. What is the name of the family who built Cloud's House?
- 10. On what date did the Chairman of the Parish Council signal the start of the By Pass by cutting the first turf at Leigh Lane?
- 11. What year did Lady Jane Seymour marry King Henry VIII?
- 12. For whom was Prospect House originally built and when?
- 13. In what year was the Village School closed?
- 14. How many bells are there in St Mary's Church?
- 15. What was the former name for Sandpits Lane?
- 16. Who gave the Village Hall to East Knoyle and in what year?
- 17. Name three Members of Parliament who at some time since 1945, have lived in the village.
- 18. When did the East Knoyle Charities of Robert Compton and Others, which provide assistance to Villagers in need, make their first recorded payment?
- 19. What was The Green previously called?

20. What year was the resident Village Policeman withdrawn?







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: **13th June. 11th July.**

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



Royal British Legion

The latest of our popular films/events of the year, an illustrated talk by John Webster of the Air Transport Auxiliary museum in aid of the Poppy Appeal held on the 20th March, was extremely well supported with over 60 people attending. Titled 'Grandma Flew Spitfires' it told the story of the civilian volunteers who ferried all categories of aircraft, from Lancasters to small RAF trainers, around the UK during WW2. Many



were women, several pilots had an arm missing so there were many interesting stories to be told. In all the evening raised just over £300 for the Poppy Appeal for which these events have become an invaluable addition to our fundraising portfolio.

EVENTS

It will be a busy summer for our Branch with a number of events and important commemorations being held.

The first, a short service of remembrance on the 6th June at the EK war memorial to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day, will be led by the Rev Kate McFarlane and commence at 1045. All are welcome.

As previously notified in the last newsletter, our current Branch Standard is to be retired after close to 100 years service. A joint laying up and dedication service for the old and new Standards is scheduled for the 28th June at St. Mary's, East Knoyle. More details to follow nearer the date.

A 'behind the scenes' visit to the Gartell Light railway will take place in early July and will include a short talk on its history, a tour of the engine sheds and a half hour ride around the railway.

Supporters of the Poppy Appeal will be pleased to hear that the annual 'Strawberry and Pimms Tea' is to be held on its traditional date - the day following the annual EK Flower and Vegetable show in August on the lawn of the village hall. Open to all this event is held as a thank you to the village for all their support of the work of the RBL during the year.

Later in the year, Sir John Blashford-Snell has agreed to give a talk at Semley village hall on the 27th September. In addition to the above, several other interesting events are in development and more information will follow in due course.

POPPY APPEAL

Since our last report, the total for the 2023/24 appeal has been boosted to £9,147.75.

MEMBERSHIP

I hope this report demonstrates once more that we are an active and sociable small Branch that strongly supports the work of the RBL and its Poppy Appeal. In the last few months we have been pleased to welcome four new members. If you wish to join - you can devote as much or as little of your time as circumstances permit, your membership alone will help sustain our work - please look at the RBL website (rbl.org.uk) or phone (0808 802 8080) and be sure to quote our Branch code - BR2581.

Next Branch meeting: Tuesday 4th June, 6.30pm, Fox and Hounds





IN SUPPORT OF KNOYLE HOUSE GROUNDS PLAYGROUND APPEAL

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Invite you to a GARDEN OPEN DAY



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 <u>Do you have something you could donate to our table?</u>

 Please, just bring it along
- * Raffle
- * Tea, Coffee, Cake, Sanowiches
- * East Knoyle Choir

SATURDAY 25th MAY 10am - 4pm
We are really looking forward to seeing you in the Garden



DONATIONS WANTED



At Clouds House, Art Therapy is a very important part of our therapeutic programme.

We are looking for donations of used magazines. National Geographic would be perfect, but absolutely any quality magazine, including newspaper supplements. Paper and Card (any colour, size etc), Collage materials, Beads, Paint, Clay Tools, Glitter, Glue, Old Postcards or Cards, Ribbon, Tissue Paper, or any art materials that you may no longer need.

There will be a large plastic box placed outside of Wren's shop for any magazines or materials that you would be happy to donate.

A big thank you in advance from both our clients and staff at Clouds House.

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WANTED!

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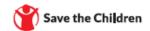
and

STYLISH CLOTHING

for

Save the Children Fun Fair On Sunday 2nd June.

Katie Page Liz Quantrell 01747 830278 01747 830898



Ringing Out the Bells to Mark a Call for Peace - June 6th 2024

With so much conflict in the world, Thursday 6th June provides the perfect opportunity for ringers up and down the country to make a joyful noise by ringing out for peace. Marking the 80th anniversary of D-Day, bells will not only ring to commemorate this auspicious day, which led to the end of war in Europe but also draw attention to the need for peace.

Tina Stoecklin President of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers recently said, "Bellringing marks our major life events, and each year I join many of my fellow bellringers in tolling for Remembrance. It is fitting that we also ring out for peace. I encourage bellringers all over the world to join me on 6th June, by ringing their bells at 6.30pm local time, when we can make a joyful noise together." The event has been given backing by the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, as well as the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and other groups.

In East Knoyle, we ring for the Church Service on the 2nd Sunday of the month and for major life events. Last year, we rang for the Coronation of King Charles III. We are planning to join this initiative and make a joyful noise on 6th June at 6.30pm.

If there are any bell ringers in the village who would like to join us, please come along. If you are interested in learning to ring the bells, come along to one of our Monday evening practises, which start at 7pm to see what it entails or speak to one of the team. There is always a warm welcome for old and new ringers.

Nicki Sturrock — Tower Captain

nicolasturrock@btinternet.co.uk Phone: 830143

East Knoyle Bells-August 1977

It may seem an odd wish, but one hopes that this report will be out of date by the time it is published. If it is, it will be a measure of our progress.

The Tower is now affiliated to the Salisbury Diocesan Guild of Ringers and Ken Turner has been appointed Tower Captain.

At the time of going to press, we have fifteen ringers of all shapes, sizes, ages and ability with only a marginal bias towards males, and all of them either resident in or Church attenders at Knoyle. In addition, we have four visiting ringers from Shaftesbury & Semley.

We carried out our first public performance on Easter Day and our second on Her Majesty's Jubilee. We have now gone back to the drawing board to train up the young entry before we attempt to ring regularly for the Sunday morning services.

Do our Monday evening practices drive you to turn up the volume on the box/radio or do you go outside to turn a critical ear and decide if we are better than last week? Yes, we may be a bit mad but isn't it a good thing to be mad about something these days? Best wishes to Mr Turner for a speedy recovery from his operation.

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East Knoyle Flower & Vegetable Show

At last we have some equable temperatures and dry conditions - just what we need to get busy in the garden, and the East Knoyle annual Show will be happy to receive the results on Saturday 3rd August in the Village Hall! We will have the usual wide spectrum of classes, not only flowers and vegetables, but also baked goods, both sweet and savoury, preserves, children's classes, and a photography competition.

The programme will be available nearer to the date of the Show. Note - any villagers with visiting grandchildren or relatives can encourage their participation!

Visitors are very much welcomed, and the tea tent in the garden is a major draw, along with an amazing raffle. If we are also blessed with good weather it will be the perfect joyous village occasion for us all to enjoy.

We hope to see you there.



The Village Hall 200 Club has held its third draw of the year on an afternoon promising better weather in May. The fortunate winner is

FERGUS WEBSTER

So, a splendid Spring for this worthy winner! Money raised by the 200 Club goes towards maintaining and improving the Hall; thus, everyone wins, and £1000 has been raised for the Village Hall this year! 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 July 1st.

Guided Walk of Underhill Wood Nature Reserve

Sunday, July 14th. Start: 14.00 & an approx. finish of 16.30.

Location: Underhill Wood Nature Reserve (UWNR), Underhill, East Knoyle, SP3 6BP.

Underhill Wood Nature Reserve and the young people who take part in the John Muir Conservation Award invite you to a guided walk of the reserve with afternoon tea.

We will look at habitats like the barn owl barn, the lake, the marsh, the beaver dam analogues, the woodland and conservation hedges. I will give a short preliminary talk before we start the walk - about what we have done and achieved at Underhill. We will finish with a cup of tea, some cake, and a chance to ask any questions.

If you wish to attend, please email me to book your place - it.underhill@btinternet.com

In case of deer ticks, please wear long trousers, shoes or boots and socks, so you can tuck your trouser bottoms in.

Thank you and we look forward to greeting you. Jonathan Thomson





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We would like to thank very warmly all those who have supported us in East Knoyle over the last year – your enthusiasm for books and reading is much appreciated.

Spring doesn't feel like it has landed but the calendar tells us that it's here. Lalage Snow for the last 10 years has been a war photographer and filmmaker in some of the worst modern conflicts and wrote a compelling book called War Gardens about everyday people taking solace in their gardens in the most extreme war zones. Now firmly settled in Dorset Lally has created a wonderful book called **My Family and Other Seedlings: A Year on a Dorset Allotment (RRP £22)**

MY FAMILY AND OTHER SEEDLINGS A Year on a Dorset Allofment LALACE SHOW

This is a heart-warming, wry and at times tearful account of Lally's travails as a mother and novice allotment holder, counterpointing horticultural progress with the perils of parenting.

Along the way she reflects on the drudgery of English rural domesticity after a professional life chasing war and adventure, the history of the allotment since Saxon times, and the wonderful moment when gardening becomes fun rather than just feeding a family.

Charles Spencer - A Very Private School £25

At eight years of age, Charles Spencer was sent away to one of England's most exclusive boarding schools.

In this courageous and beautifully written memoir, Spencer offers a clear-eyed, first-hand account of the strange secrets of the school, and the culture of cruelty and abuse he witnessed and experienced in his five years there as a pupil.

Drawing on the memories of many of his schoolboy contemporaries, as well as his own letters and diaries from the time, the book is his attempt to come to terms with the deep emotional scars inflicted upon him.

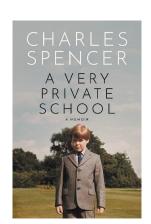
Spencer reflects on the misery, hopelessness and abandonment he felt aged eight, viscerally describing the intense pain of homesickness, the vicious brutality of a boys' school in the 1970s and the appalling inescapability of it all.

The book cracks the code of the unpoliced regime that ran the place and provides important insights into an antiquated boarding school system.

He gives vivid portraits of the teachers and other staff placed in loco parentis, their casual cruelties and toxic obsessions.

All these years later, Spencer's bafflement at their motivations to inflict such cruelty on young children is palpable.

As is his fury that, even if somehow he had spoken up, he'd never have been believed.



Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Councillor

I know that many residents are concerned about the speeds of vehicles along the A350 East Knoyle bypass, not just for road users (drivers, cyclists, walkers and riders) using the smaller roads on and off the A350, but also for the residents at The Turnpike who have to enter and exit from their properties into a 60mph limit where visibility is poor.

At the last Local Highways and Footways Improvement Group meeting on 8th May, it was agreed to fund a Speed Limit Assessment along the A350 from the Dorset border to the traffic lights at the junction of the B3089, Stagger Cross. Whether this results in any recommendations to change the speed limits remains to be seen, nor is this a quick process. If there are any recommendations for changes, a formal draft Road Traffic Order has to be advertised, objections considered and responded to before a cabinet member decision is made whether to proceed with implementing the Order.

Despite my repeated requests, I am not aware of any Police speed enforcement along the bypass, but will continue to press them. Motorcycle activity is a particular annoyance during the summer months on certain evenings and at weekends. If anyone sees a Police presence, please let me know. The Roads Policing Unit seems very keen to catch speeding drivers on the A303; it would be nice if they would venture slightly further south!

Women's Royal British Legion

The Women's Branch held the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 23rd at the Village Hall due to the adverse weather! Despite the rain and hail, the sun shone for the actual egg hunting, and all those that braved the elements to come along had a good time. Well done to SJ Harbord on winning the Easter Bonnet competition. (See photo). Thank you to the members who worked hard to make sure the Hunt was a success. And special thanks to Malcolm and Sara



James for their kind donation of Easter eggs, and also to the Village Shop for the mini eggs, and ofcourse to Helen for all her hard work and for supplying wonderful decorations.

The Branch held a meeting on Thursday 18 th April at the Village Hall when they enjoyed a talk from Neal's Yard. This was most enjoyable and informative, and we are hoping that they will visit us again next year with further tips and ideas.

On May 7th we visited Bowood Woodland Gardens. This garden highlights rhododendrons, bluebells and magnolias, and is open for only a few weeks of the year. The sun shone, and the size and beauty of the rhododendrons was breathtaking with the views from the Mausoleum well worth the walk. In true Women's Section style we ended the meeting with coffee and cakes from the 'hut'. Thank you Diana for organising the trip. I'm sure many of us will be returning next year...(See photo).

Our next meeting is at the Village Hall on June 10th, when the speaker will be Celia Burt, wife of Matthew Burt, designer and maker of furniture based in Hindon, and promises to be a very interesting afternoon.

Ladies are asked please to let Helen or Gill know if they wish to go on the trip to the Frome Chocolatier in July if they have not already done so, and it would also be helpful to have numbers for the Silk Worm trip in September.

Gill Staunton—Branch Secretary

Women's RBL From the Archives

Royal British Legion (Women)

The Annual Fete was held on Saturday June 25 in the Village Hall. This was well attended and the amount raised was £181.15.

N.B. New members would be very welcome and would find the monthly meetings most interesting. Contact either Mrs. Streets, Chairman (E.K.356) or Mrs. Jones, Secretary (E.K.405) Transport can be arranged.

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The Royal British Legion (Women's Section) Bingo Evening held on 9th November was most successful once again and raised a total of £372 for the Earl Haig Fund. The Organisers would like to thank most warmly all those who gave their support and made generous donations. Particular gratitude goes to Lever's Coaches for providing free transport and to Mr and Mrs Millichamp for running the Bingo

Knoyle Nature — Wasps

I was encouraged to write about wasps after finding the biggest empty nest I have ever seen in one of our attics. As you can see from the photo it is enormous. Wasps build their multi-chambered nest out of

chewed wood, preferably soft or partially decayed, and saliva, using their sharp mandibles and legs; it is thus a kind of papier mache and is very light. You can see in the photo that the layers of chewed wood are of different colours, reflecting the many types of wood used. The wasp colony can become hundreds strong, perhaps thousands in our case, eggs being laid by the Queen, and nurtured by sterile workers, like bees do, and they are omnivorous for most of the year, gaining a sweeter tooth later in summer, when they can be a nuisance on picnics. In late autumn the whole colony dies, leaving just a queen who finds somewhere to go dormant over winter, perhaps your curtain folds, or a nice spot in the lvy on a tree. Each gueen will start a new colony in the spring. Wasps are an ancient group of insects which first evolved about 200 million years ago in the Jurassic period, becoming very similar to modern wasps in the Cretaceous period, about 100 million years ago, (in contrast, man-like creatures evolved less than half a million years ago).



There are thousands of different wasp species, and most are solitary rather than colonial, and often semi-parasitic, an egg being laid in another insect whose body is then digested and absorbed by the wasp larva. Animals that are dangerous to others have often evolved to advertise the danger (what's the point of being eaten when you could warn the predator first?); warning colouration such as the yellow and black stripes on wasps is called aposematism, and quite a few species evolved to look like the dangerous one but are harmless. Hover Flies are a good example, looking a little like wasps. Common wasps will do you no harm unless you flap at them which can make them cross. Just admire them for the beautiful creatures they are.

David Pickering





Mrs McGregor's Gardening Tips—May & June 2024.

What with all the wet weather we've had to put up with over the past few months it seems like a miracle that anything in the garden is growing at all. But despite the rain, the cold, the wind, and the lack of sunshine, veggies are coming along and everything is leafing up nicely. Already some early climbing roses like Rosa banksia are flowering, and the Wistaria is very nearly out. Fruit trees have more blossom on them than I've seen for years – which promises a bumper crop later on this year... if the weather is kind!



However with the advent of warmer weather encouraging rapid growth everywhere, there are plenty of jobs waiting to be tackled:

MAY:

- Don't be fooled by the warm days there is still danger of frost so keep protecting young plants and place vulnerable seedlings under cover at night.
- Prune early spring-flowering shrubs once blossoms are over.
- Protect young, tender vegetables such as lettuce with a cloche, or make your own by cutting plastic water bottles in half.
- Keep a close eye on slug and snail activity, especially round your new plantings. Some people use crushed egg-shells to deter these pests. Bake the shells in a low oven (or in the bottom of the Aga) overnight first.
- Check your compost heap and if it's a bit stinky, give it a boost with an activator or some dry material such as torn up egg boxes or shredded newspaper.
- Use twiggy sticks such as hazel to construct plant supports for your tall garden flowers before they get too big and they should then grow up through the structure.

JUNE:

- Stay ahead of the weeds by regularly hoeing your borders and between rows in the veggie garden.
- Plant out courgettes, sweetcorn, runner, dwarf and French beans.
- Check regularly that newly planted vegetables and plants are getting enough water.
- Give your flowering and fruiting plants a weekly boost with a liquid fertilizer, especially hanging baskets, tomatoes and strawberries.
- Enjoy baby veggies such as carrots, lettuce and beetroot by thinning overcrowded rows.
- Check your roses for pests and remember to feed regularly with a specialist rose feed every three weeks is best.

RHS TIP OF THE MONTH

May through June is a good time for taking softwood cuttings from shrubs. Most shrubs will now be producing plenty of young fresh shoots and these are excellent for making softwood cuttings when the wood begins to ripen. Take about half a dozen shoots from any part of the shrub (try not to take any from a particularly noticeable spot!). Have a polythene bag handy to make sure the cuttings don't wilt. Cut shoots about 8-10cm (3 -4in) long from the plant, cutting just above a bud or leaf.

Trim the cuttings below a leaf joint with a sharp knife and remove the lower leaves. Dunk the cuttings in a fungicide solution and then dip the cut ends into hormone rooting solution. Place 5 or 6 cuttings per 12cm (5in) pot containing a 50/50 mix of compost and vermiculite. Cover with polythene or – better still – half a clear plastic water bottle inverted if you can find one that fits neatly over your pots. Place the pots in a shady part of the greenhouse or cold frame and the cuttings should root within 6 to 8 weeks. At this point you can pot them up to be grown on.

The East Knoyle Archives Group

Wednesday 24 July, 2024– 6-8 pm Archives Open Evening in the Village Hall

On display will be: large scrapbooks, printed material, photographs, newsletters, village events, newspaper cuttings, and more collected over the years and donated to the village. Topics include aerial and ground photographs of the construction of the A350. Please bring your own memories and help us add to our village history.

ALL WELCOME!

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 in the centre of the village. The group is fund raising to professionally preserve the more fragile material, primary sources, cassettes of interviews and more. We have designed a walking map of East Knoyle with two routes, a shorter one focusing on Wren, and a longer route passing places of historic interest. We aim to print these to sell to village visitors and begin our fund raising.

Email: ekarchives23@gmail.com

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

Meadowsweet Flowers

Exciting news! Meadowsweetflowers is now ON THE HILL, Veronica has new premises to work from, located at Throdmill Cottage, East Knoyle, SP3 6BL.

She will be working the same hours as before 10-1 Wednesday- Saturday or by appointment.

Veronica has a new exciting studio, where she creates her arrangements and sells her flowers, house plants cards etc and plenty of space to sell her plants from, currently lots of bedding plants, garden pots and vintage ware.

Do stop by for a look, just wander up the drive and you will see the studio and potting shed to the left.

Or otherwise call on 07956102178.









10 Questions to.....John Reading

We are so lucky to live in East Knoyle. Those Knoylers who live on the west side of the village, on the way to Gillingham – are particularly fortunate. I was reflecting on this as I drove down the lane to Moors Farm and looked back up to Windmill Hill. Sunny, spring day (Bees are loving it) - all is good in the world. This rural idyl possibly explains why the boy, young Reading, born to a diplomat and growing up in Esher, - was so determined to pursue a career in agriculture. John is the youngest of 4 Children and at 15 his father was posted to New Zealand, as Trade Commissioner at the embassy in Wellington. John went to secondary school at Saint Patrick's College Silverstream in Upper Hutt (near Wellington). Ironically (for our regular readers) - John had a place at Massey University Palmerston North - Murry Seator's alma mater! He did not take this up and after 5 years in NZ, the family moved back home and settled in Bourton, near Gillingham. John worked on farms in Dorset and for the Milk Marketing Board. At 22 he spent a year studying agriculture at Kingston Maurward College, Dorchester and a further two years at Cirencester, graduating in 1972. Interviewer noted that John was



now fully equipped to return to NZ and tell the Kiwis how to farm. John explained that, though he may have planned to return to NZ, this was not necessarily the case.... He had been lucky enough to meet June in 1968, on the hunting field and the couple married in 1973. John had to get a proper job...... John worked for a grain merchant in Devon, importing soya bean meal. In 1981 he set up his own business, based in Coombe Bissett, specialising in innovative animal feeds for dairy herds. He sold this business to Associated British Foods (ABF) in 2008 and continued to work for them, until he retired in 2016. John and June have two daughters, Tessa and Gillian and John keeps a heard of Red Poll beef cattle at Moors Farm. He insists on the Victorian term "Cow Keeper" and not "farmer". He has still found the time to be Church Warden at St Mary's (for the 2nd time of asking) and be Chairman of the South West Wiltshire Hunt for the last ten years. Time to put down the cup of tea, look John in the eye and ask 10 searching Questions:

- 1. What is your guilty pleasure? Chocolate
- 2. **What is your favourite book?** Throughout childhood thoroughly enjoyed Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's Sherlock Holmes stories
- 3. **What has been your favourite holiday?** Annual September childhood family holidays in Swanage with uncles, aunts and cousins
- 4. What is your favourite film? Dr Zhivago staring Omar Sharif, but more importantly, Julie Christie
- 5. What is your favourite sport? Cricket and Racing
- 6. **What was your first job?** Booking Assistant at NZ Steamship Company. Great pleasure booking passengers to and from UK and Polynesian Islanders returning to their islands who could only afford to travel as deck cargo in the summer
- 7. What in your opinion, is the biggest threat facing the world? People's inability to communicate
- 8. **What are your hopes for the coming year?** Politicians who want to do what is best for Britain and not just at each-others' throats
- 9. Who would be your top 3 dinner party guests (dead or alive)?
- Wilfred Thesiger
- Henry II
- Meghan, Duchess of Sussex
- 10. And finally, snog, marry, avoid (for clarification names are chosen by interviewer and sprung on interviewee you can feel the tension......):
- Clare Balding CBE Journalist, Author and amateur flat jockey Champion Lady Rider 1990 –
 MARRY
- Minnette Batters Recently retired President of the National Farmers' Union SNOG
- Rev. Paula Vennells Anglican priest and Chief Exec. Post Office Ltd (2012 2019) AVOID

John, thank you for allowing us to ask you 10 Questions and very much looking forward to the East Knoyle Fun Dog Show and Fete on Saturday 7th September – opposite the Village Hall.

East Knoyle Honey Bees - Notes from the Milton Apiary 19

It is mid-May and we are in the SWARMING SEASON.

Fortunately, your smug, local beekeeper (see picture without beard) and unlike last year – is now a disciple of LE Snelgrove, President of the BBKA 1956, and has carried out pre-emptive measures! All bees SWARM, at least annually. Beekeepers prevent this by "manipulations" that fool the superorganism into thinking that it has swarmed and set-up a new home ½ mile away. In reality, it has only moved a couple of feet to a new box. The queen reproduces by laying fertilised and unfertilised eggs (approx. 1,500 a day at this time of the year). Unfertilised eggs become male Drones, fertilised become daughter workers or the next generation of queens.



Colonies reproduce by SWARMING. The West Wilts Beekeeping Assoc reported this year, that queen cells being created in colonies in early April. Our first one was on 25thApril. Unless "manipulated", this starts a count down. 8 days later the queen cell will be sealed and the colony will SWARM on the next available sunny afternoon – as long as the conditions are right:

- There is congestion in the hive even if it is 40l in volume there will be crowding of adult bees
- * 90%+ cells in available brood nest contain brood in some stage. Unmanaged colonies may have become "Store-bound" too much chisel-hard ivy honey from last year. No room for the queen to lay
- Min 20,000 workers with a low mean age of < 8 days so that they will be of an age to produce wax and build their new home
- * Over-crowding reduces the ability of the colony to distribute Queen Substance the cocktail of pheromones that reassure the colony that they have an active queen. Queen Pheromone production reduces as the queen ages after ~ 2 years. By the time she is 4, it is very much reduced and the colony will SWARM or supersede her.
- * If there is resource abundance like last week and this. Strong pollen and nectar flow
- Strain of bee if you were to have Mellifera Carnica type bees (originally from The Balkans) and We don't. They allegedly, SWARM like mad

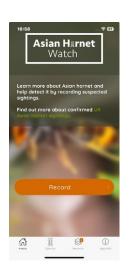
Prior to SWARMING (Day 3-5 of Queen Cell development), workers will stop feeding the queen, to starve her and slim her down. In preparation for the flight. The queen will stop laying. After Day 8 and on the day of the SWARM, the workers will fill their honey crops. Scout bees will return to the colony and do specialised waggle-

type directional dances. At around 2pm, the scout bees will pipe (vibrate their flight muscles against the comb) and do buz-runs through the increasingly excited colony. The queen's retinue may nip her and jostle her to persuade her to join the frenzy. And then whoosh – they are off. In a prime swarm 50-70% of the original colony (15-30,000) bees will fly 1-200m and hang from a branch for 2-3 days while their scouts look for a new home. On finding a new home. The SWARM will move to the new site and start building new comb. This new site could easily be in a disused chimney or in a roof void – as long as there is an optimum space of around 40l. It does beg the question that if you keep Wild (Free-Living) Bees and don't set up a series of bait hives – then what do you do to control the impact of SWARMS?

ASIAN HORNET - The National Bee Unit (NBU) report 9 credible sightings so far this year. They are in Kent, Sussex and (lorry-born) in Preston, Lancashire. I do hope that you have been able to download the ASIAN HORNET WATCH App. Any Questions, please give me a call.

Tom EK X 246

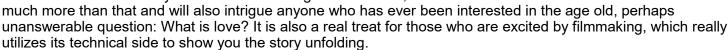




The Cinephile—Reviews of some recent films

The Taste of Things ***** (An exquisitely delicious piece of filmmaking about food and love.)

This film will appeal to anyone who has ever enjoyed cooking or been interested in how and why their food tastes as good as it does, but it satiates so



The acting, across the whole cast is beautiful. Juliette Binoche plays the chef and (we discover) lover of Benoit Magimel's gourmet landlord. The tension between each is tangible and it is not surprising that the actors were in a long-term romantic relationship in a 'previous' life.

It's a story about the merits of aspiring to achieve excellence in everything that you put your heart into. This is also apparent in the process of the filmmaking and French Vietnamese director Tran Ann Hung shows this through his courage in the craftsmanship. Much of the film is free of dialogue, satisfying the much drilled film school mantra to 'show-don't tell'. There is a wonderful scene near the beginning of the film where the camera dances around the characters while they meticulously cook for thirty engrossing minutes. It has the effect of amplifying the viewer's absorption into both picture and sound. A sensual experience itself.

As a love story it is refreshing in that it shows us realistic love, unlike the cinema norm, of young people at the height of romance or the drama of it's end, this is about the long run lovers like stones worn by the rain and the wind.

Back to Black**** (a decent film about the short life of Amy Winehouse)

Marisa Abela is excellent as Amy Winehouse, tricky when playing such a recent icon.

The rest of the cast are good too. It is perhaps surprising, given her background as a contemporary artist, that Sam Taylor Johnson's craftsmanship doesn't show more audacity. Perhaps it is because she came to narrative filmmaking later that the pedestrian approach to the craft reveals a lack of the confidence which comes with experience.

But it's a solid film and packed with Amy's wonderful music an unmistakable style and panache.

It is also worth remarking that writer, Mark Greenhalgh and director have chosen not to make demons of Amy's father or boyfriend, Blake which is refreshing and means that we are spared the 'bad taste in our mouth's' which Assif Kapidia's previous documentary left us with. This is a celebration, rather than a critique.

Civil War **** (In yer face picture of what might happen in The US if Trump is elected again.)

British writer Director Alex Garland, (The Beech, 28 Days Later, Ex Machina), is hardly known for a light-hearted approach and this major catastrophe movie is no exception.

It's the near future in USA. The country is at war with itself. The President is preparing a speech in a desperate attempt to save his country and his own skin. The statesmen has evaporated, he is a coward in fear for his life. Meanwhile in war torn New York we meet a group of heroic journalists who are reluctantly and recklessly preparing to risk everything and take a road trip through purgatory, to Washington to get one last interview with the President.

Unlike the American Western, or traditional war film there are no 'goodies' and 'baddies' here and no clear politics, it's just bloody war and no one get's out of that alive.

It's massive filmmaking, (the budget was \$50 mil and it's revenue has more than doubled that.) The central performances are very strong. Led by Kirsten Dunst, the tight knit group of journalists set off on their mission where, at one ghastly point, they come across a nasty militiaman from the rebel group, who stops them all at gun point. Holding his gun to the head of one of their colleagues who pleads: "I'm an American" it's a chilling cameo moment played by Kirsten Dunst real life partner.

Worryingly, it's hugely entertaining, but it is also a bone shattering, soul destroying, cautionary tale.

What was going on?

Let's take a look at what was going on in the village all the way back in January 1996

Forthcoming events in January 1996

- # Jan 24: East Knoyle's Past in Slides and Pictures
- # Jan 31: SWW Care at Home AGM,
 The Lecture Hall Mere
- * Feb 13: Royal British Legion (WS) Coffee Morning at Harlequin Cottage, Gauns Court
- * Mar 9: Forest Forge Theatre
 Company "Much Ado About
 Nothing"
- * Mar 12: Parish Council Meeting
- * Mar 23: World
 Wide Fund for
 Nature Wren's
 Group "Spring at
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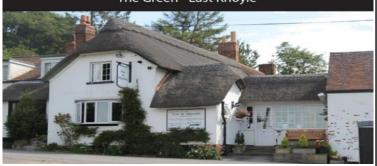
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