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The East Knoyle Newsletter

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A note from the Editors...

Welcome to Issue 5 (of 6)– in our 50th Anniversary year.

We are hugely grateful to Alan Knight for marshalling the Newsletter Distribution, for many years, so expertly. Thanks Alan!!

As the nights are drawing in..... The East Knoyle Newsletter is the ideal companion to curl up with in front of the fire.....

Very many thanks to Bill Willmott and his team for a wonderful Flower & Veg Show and likewise, very many thanks to Jill Hockham and her team for a fantastic Fete and Dog Show. BIG Thankyou to Janine Marengi for taking the strain and some great pictures for the front page.

If any of you would like to contribute to the Christmas edition, (SHORT ARTICLES + pics) please do get in touch.....

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Cardiac arrests can happen to anyone.

Many of us will witness a cardiac arrest in our lifetime.

Be ready for that day with this free training course, to be held in East Knoyle.

On this short course (no more than 90 minutes) you will learn to recognise the signs of cardiac arrest, how and when to perform CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and how to use a defibrillator.

Are you interested?

The Parish Council will be organising this free training course, which can be run only on a weekday. We need to know the likely numbers in order to see how many sessions are required. The training is run by a professional first aid training organisation, sourced through the British Heart Foundation. Once we have determined the level of commitment we can organise the event, which we envisage as being 2 or 3 sessions spread over one day.

Please contact Martin Brown as soon as possible - clerkeastknoylepc@gmail.com to register your interest. (Please put CPR Training in the header)

What3words -- A possible life saver

There was recently an urgent health crisis about a mile outside the village. Emergency services were called, and two ambulances, two police cars, a fire engine and a helicopter from all over Wiltshire managed to locate the incident promptly, primarily due to the use of **what3words**. This is a free app which can be downloaded on to a smartphone and has divided the whole world into 3m squares. Each square has its own unique 3 word description and is being used increasingly by all sorts of people or organisations who live or work in rural and urban areas, including delivery drivers.

You might find the app helpful - in an emergency or for everyday use. **Just search- What3words**

Parish Council News

We would like to extend our thanks to David Pickering for all the work and advice he has put in as a Councillor. David stepped down a few weeks ago. His extensive knowledge of East Knoyle and its flora and fauna provided much needed expertise, as well as his passion and commitment to make East Knoyle a good place to live will be much missed.

The Parish Council always welcomes anyone who might be interested in joining the team of councillors – either now or in the future. Are you interested in the way the village can develop? Are you interested in helping improve East Knoyle? A councillor's role can be very varied and interesting – we welcome new skills and ideas and can guarantee you will learn new things. If you are interested, then contact the Clerk or a Councillor for an informal chat – or come along to a Parish Council meeting. First Wednesday of each month...

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.

Parish Council News continued.....

Knogle House Grounds

Most of you will be aware of the tremendous work the group of volunteers put in to improve the facilities and playground area at Knogle House Grounds. All the wooden play equipment (and the gates!) were cleaned, refurbished and treated, and mended where necessary. The metal items have also been checked and serviced and painted. The areas around the swings and slides have been underpinned with rubber matting and a new layer of playground quality woodchip has been laid. Only the 'tunnel' is left for any major work – this will happen soon. So huge thanks to the volunteers and to those who generously donated to the appeal. Because so much of the work has been done by the volunteers, we still have funds that are ring-fenced for the future maintenance and improvements that will always be necessary. A wonderful community effort – thank you all.

Falling Trees and Fly-tipping

If you come across a fallen tree or large branch blocking a road or see some rubbish fly-tipped the quickest way to get something done is to contact Wiltshire Council – using the MyWilts online service is very efficient based on recent experience. (You can also ring them). Contacting the Clerk first actually delays the process as he has to check where it is and then report it – via MyWilts! We have no 'hotline' to Wiltshire Council and do not have access to the required resources.

VACANCY FOR PARISH CLERK

Our current Clerk is retiring, so East Knogle Parish Council wishes to appoint a Parish Clerk. This is a part time position, currently taking 20 hours per month, working primarily from home, though attendance is required at the monthly Parish Council meetings.

Your responsibilities will include preparing meeting agendas and supporting papers, attending Council meetings and taking minutes, dealing with correspondence and keeping accurate financial records.

The applicant should have good computer, administrative and communications skills. A Windows laptop using Microsoft applications is provided for Council business. The retiring clerk will provide training and ongoing support.

Remuneration will be dependent on experience and is based on the NJC pay scale.

If you would like an informal discussion about this role, or to apply, please contact Martin (see contact details below)

Martin Brown. Clerk, East Knogle Parish Council. clerkeastknoglepc@gmail.com



GARGLER REQUIRED

Public gargling experience not required — VH Music Quiz Team are looking for someone in the village who can gargle a tune , In fact 5 tunes.

If you feel that you have previous experience or could master these skills—please contact me direct to discuss an audition for an event in February.

kandbstow@hotmail.com or 07811209272

Wren's Shop News

A Date For Your Diaries – Wren's Christmas Launch Evening

Yes, Wren's is already thinking about Christmas - the special Christmas goodies were ordered in July!!! The date of our Christmas Launch Evening will be **Saturday, 30th November starting at 4.30pm**. More details will be given in the November edition of this Newsletter.

Our Village Post Office

Did you know that for every transaction made at our post office we receive a fee. This applies to everything, including withdrawing cash and buying stamps. As a service to the community the shop can give you Cashback and can sell you stamps but only when the Post Office is closed to ensure that we receive the maximum fees possible.

You can also avoid long queues in Shaftesbury Post Office by doing your banking, paying bills, getting Euros on demand and ordering world-wide currency from Annie. See the full list of services in the advert below.

Finally - Following our AGM in July, this year's Management Committee members are Ted Coffin, Liz Quantrell, Valerie Robertson, Flora Rosevear, Sara Southerden, Kevin Stow, Nicki Sturrock, Ian Tait and Jonathan Turnbull. Ian Tait stood down as Chairman and we extend our thanks to him for his work in this role over the last 6 years. Thankfully, though, he is still a member of the Committee and is continuing to head up the Post Office. Two other people who, whilst not members of the Management Committee, give great support to us are Paul Egginton who is currently our bookkeeper and Lesley Webb who works behind the scenes to ensure that all the financial data entry is undertaken accurately and in a timely manner.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT



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For the Community**

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A Thank You from Clouds House

Our sincerest of thanks to all the villagers for their overwhelming response to our request for art material supplies which far exceeded our expectations, we are eternally grateful. We have found ourselves with so many magazines that our Facilities Team are concerned of a fire risk! We are thus pausing our request for donations of magazines for now.

All the donations we have received have been so valuable and are being put to good use by our clients during their art therapy sessions, a very important part of their therapeutic programme.

With my thanks and kind regards
Nikki

forward



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☎ 0300 330 0659

📍 Clouds House, East Knoyle, Salisbury, SP3 6BE

🌐 www.cloudshouse.org.uk



ALL ABOARD THE ART TRAIL BUS!

Are you a maker? If so, the Wylve Valley Art Trail is ready and waiting for you to hop on board!

Whether you're an established artist wanting to increase your presence in Wiltshire, or you're just starting out on your artistic journey and hoping to show your work for the first time, whatever it is – a painting, a pot, a piece of jewellery or fabric – the Wylve Valley Art Trail is for you. Are you a group of students, artists or stitch-and-bitchers, or a gallery showcasing local talent? The Trail is perfect for you too. With editorial coverage through physical and online media, plus over 30,000 brochures and a hefty social media presence, the Trail can bring your work to the forefront of the Wiltshire arts scene.

It's the largest and most popular Open Studios event in Wiltshire, taking place from 3rd till 11th May

East Knoyle Harvest Supper



Saturday 12th October 2024

6.30pm at East Knoyle Village Hall



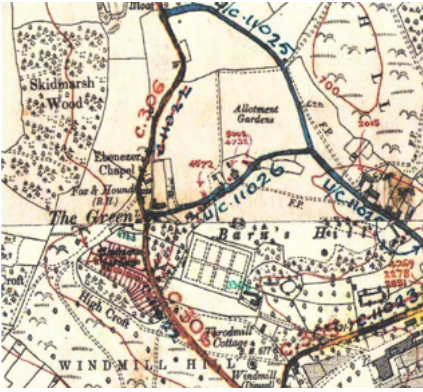
Home cooked meal including dessert (vegetarian main course available)

Ticket price: £10 (adults) £5 (under 16's)

Wine, beer and soft drinks will be available to purchase.

Tickets available from:
Wren's Shop or
Nikki Sturrock 01747 830143

Round and About



Once again, this has been quite a time of change for the hamlets making up East Knoyle.

Sadly we record the death of Connie Haydon, who had lived at Orchard House with her husband Nick, and continued there after his death. Many residents will remember seeing her striding out, usually wearing a hat and wielding two walking poles. As her health began to deteriorate she moved to a flat in London, where she died on July 23rd at the age of 77. Her ashes were interred here in East Knoyle a month later, where she is remembered fondly by her friends and neighbours.

Leading lights of the Flower and Vegetable Show are set to find pastures new. Christine and Ben Battle are moving from Wise House (formerly Slades) to Semley, where we are sure they will soon be an integral part of the village. Thankfully they are near enough to come back and see us all!

Bill and Jo Willmott have moved from Laundry House to a temporary home even closer to the centre of the East Knoyle. We wish them luck in finding permanent quarters soon, and hope that it will not be far away.

At the northern end of the village, we say goodbye and thank you to Ian, Dawn and Tim Small – again to temporary accommodation while they research the perfect spot. Dawn and Ian have played a full part in village life over the last 16 years, even while running their businesses in Shaftesbury and Salisbury. Ian brought his accounting skills to the job of finance officer for the Parish Council, and Dawn was a prime contributor to this Newsletter's commemorative booklet "East Knoyle & The Great War".

Now we can move on to the arrivals. First of all, "thank you" from Hayley and Aaron for the wonderful welcome of their newborn baby girl – they are touched by the warmth and kindness of everyone in the village.

Tom, Tilly and Freddie Meade have moved to The Green from London. They are very much enjoying finding the village so friendly and discovering all that the area has to offer - the footpaths, the shop and the pub...but not necessarily in that order! We hope they soon feel really at home.

Right in the centre, betwixt the shop and the church, a warm welcome goes to James Brewster who has swapped Somerset for Wiltshire. We are sure he won't regret the move.

Once again, the Round and About Team are aware of several people who have had to spend a number of weeks in hospital, and hope that they are now well on the way to a good recovery.

Lastly, a couple of interesting meetings: two members of the Brockway family, one from Australia and one from Winchester, called into the village recently to see where their forebears originated. They went to the shop and were, of course, then directed to visit Joan Claydon who was happy to share what she knew of the family's history. They were also able to come back to the fete and enjoyed looking through the archives on display and seeing Strongs Cottage, which had been the Brockway family home. At a mutual friend's birthday lunch in Malvern, Stephen and Sue Dawson came across Lynn and Liam Curran, formerly of Red House Farm who, now living near Stamford, send all good wishes to anyone who remembers them.



Activities

At the kind invitation of the Gartell family, on the 28th July Branch members and guests received a behind the scenes tour of the Gartell narrow gauge railway at Templecombe. Built from scratch - including the engines - by family members, friends and volunteers, the railway runs along part of the route of the old Somerset and Dorset joint railway. The comprehensive tour, held on a day when the railway is closed to the public, included the engine sheds, signal boxes, model railway and shop, culminating with a steam train ride with John Gartell himself at the controls of the engine. This was a fascinating morning and a visit on a normal 'running day' is to be recommended to enthusiasts and families alike. Visit their website newglr.weebly.com for dates and details.

Early August marked the last of our Summer events - the annual 'Strawberry and Pimms' tea. Held in conjunction with the EKWS on the lawn of EKVH, the primary function of this event is to provide the opportunity for the RBL to thank all the volunteers, donors - large and small - for their valued assistance during the year but, but importantly, is open to all in the village who wish to spend a convivial Sunday afternoon eating Strawberries and sipping Pimms. As with so many village activities, this event would be unable to take place without the efforts of a hard working band of volunteers and the generosity of those who donated a number of valuable raffle prizes, not forgetting, EKVH and EKPC for the use of their facilities. Thanks to everyone who made the afternoon possible.

And so we move to the Autumn quarter of our varied portfolio of events and the period of Remembrance in November. Dates to note are as follows:

On the 27th September, Col (R'td) John Blashford-Snell will give a talk entitled 'In the Steps of Stanley'. Venue Semley Village Hall. Tickets £8 in advance or £10 on the door. Light refreshments will be provided together with a cash bar.

Similarly, on the 31st October, local farmer and builder Andy Sturgess will give a talk at the same venue on how, over a twenty year period, he built a simulator in the cockpit of a Lancaster bomber which replicates the experience of flying on a WW2 bombing raid - including the 'Dambusters' mission. More details and tickets for both events from me or the SVH website.

A visit to the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford arranged by our Standard Bearer, Mark Gittins and again open to all, is scheduled for the morning of the 3rd October at the special price of £10 per head.

A party of Branch members will attend the matinee performance of the annual Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday 9th November. The annual Remembrance Sunday service at St. Mary's takes place on Sunday 10th November which in turn is followed by a short service at the EK war memorial on Monday the 11th November.



Poppy Appeal

The 2024/2025 Poppy Appeal ends on the 30th September. At the time of writing, with just two fund raising weeks to go, we are heading for another successful year with the total raised to date of £12,069.

The 2024/25 Appeal will be launched on the 24th October and once again Branch members and volunteers will commence two weeks of collections at Willoughby Hedge service area - the source of a large proportion of the money raised annually. Poppy Appeal Organiser, Ian Gurney, is aiming to increase the number of 'collecting slots' during the fortnight and hopes to welcome new volunteers to join his existing band of stalwarts. So if you have a couple of hours to spare over the fortnight and would like to help out please contact either Ian or myself.

A sealed bid auction of a £500 voucher donated by Brittany Ferries and kindly facilitated by Steve Lonsdale will also play an important part in the inaugural fortnight of the appeal. Details will be advertised from the 1st of October so all regular visitors to the continent are advised to keep their eyes 'peeled'. Bids must be received by noon on the 5th November.

Ron Clark

Branch Secretary (830354)



IN AID OF THE POPPY APPEAL

Do you have any odd coins or notes, old or foreign currency? Even Euros! Old watches (working or not). Small items of militaria or interest, including Jewellery.

Gold or silver scrap.

Please contact Roy Halsall 830499, or leave at the Village Shop Post Office.

All money made will go to the Poppy Appeal.



**WE ARE
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CANCER SUPPORT**

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We're Back

Join us for coffee at East Knoyle Village Hall

On Friday 27th September

10.30am to Noon

**Good prizes wanted for Raffle or Tombola.
Please phone Babs on**

01747 830242

RBL Women's Branch.

We sadly had to cancel our trip to the silkworm factory due to personal circumstances and low numbers, but we hope to do this another time.

However.....on Saturday 5th October at the Village Hall at 2pm we will be having our AGM. Hopefully we can get a good attendance....apologies please to myself or Helen.

This meeting will be immediately followed by the District AGM which we have been asked to host, and will include refreshments. This should be a well attended meeting and as one of the most successful Wiltshire branches a good attendance would be fantastic!

As we had a meeting scheduled for 14th October, it has been decided to continue with that as an informal get together (yes, tea and cake) to plan the Christmas Party ... Hopefully this event on December 9th will be as successful as it has been in previous years. If you cannot attend the planning meeting, perhaps you could let Helen or I know what you would be willing to do.

Thank you all.
Gill Staunton



East Knoyle Rainfall May and June 2024

East Knoyle rainfall July and August 2024

JULY was a rainy month. We had 4.15" (105.5mm) of rain in July 2024. The 30-year average for July is 2.28" (57.94mm). So, in July this year, rainfall was about 80% higher than the 30-year average.

AUGUST. We had a measly 1.75" (44.45mm) of rain in August 2024, most of which (1.22", 31mm) fell in just one day, 22 August. The 30-year average for August is 2.81" (71.37mm). So we had only had about 62% of expected rainfall in the month. Gardens and fields are dry but there has been just enough to keep grass growing

Nat for livestock, and the dry August has allowed farmers complete the harvest in good time.

Nat Page

T@3

On the **second Thursday** of each month about 30 people from all around the village gather in the village hall for tea, sandwiches, cake, laughter and chat...not forgetting the raffle. 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.

Please email t@3ek@icloud.com to indicate you are attending, which means we can organise enough chairs and cake!

The next few dates are: October 10th, November 14th, December 12th

Doors open at **2.45pm** , and we need to be out of the hall **by 4.30pm**.



EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its fifth draw of the year on 1st September. The winning number is 211. It's a warm day and it's a warm result for these shrewd investors, ready for the time as a glowing autumn appears:

ROY and LIZ HALSALL

£50

Thanks to Roy and Liz and to all subscribers. 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 November 1st.**



EAST KNOYLE CHOIR AT THE FRINGE

The Choir ventured out to the Shaftesbury Fringe once again to entertain the crowds at what is now the 3rd biggest fringe event in the UK (just behind the one in Scotland!)

The first venue was the Abbey Gardens. The Choir entertained a large and appreciative audience at this beautiful venue. The glorious sunshine was so different to last year's stormy conditions.

After a break they moved on to an inside venue— The Heritage Suite in Bell Street, where another big audience was awaiting them.

The songs sung were a variety of pop and folk songs, with the real crowd pleaser being 'Drop the Hammer'.

From the two venues a bucket collection raised a fantastic £165 which was shared between the Abbey Gardens and Jessie's Fund.

Louise and the Choir have now raised over £5000 for Jessie's Fund.



East Knoyle Village Hall

We have received some very encouraging comments about the new floor saying it has made such of a difference to the look and feel of the Village Hall.

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 you have done so to date.

Cat Stott is back looking after the garden and has plans to improve the look of the borders over the coming weeks.

All of us are aware that the cost of almost everything has increased. The Treasurer James Doherty has told the Committee that although the use of the Hall is much greater over the last year, the running costs are currently more than the rental income which has meant money from the fund raising has been used to keep the Village Hall afloat. The Committee has agreed that a price increase is essential and all current users will be contacted to let them know the new prices and when they come into force.

The Village Hall provided the teas at the Flower and Vegetable Show and a big thank you to the team that undertook making cakes and serving the teas. A total of £360 was taken on the day which will be a great help towards the running costs.

There is a separate feature for the Quiz Night taking place on Saturday 23rd November being guided by the Quiz Master Martin Brown with Jill Caudle keeping the scores. There are 11 tables of 6, with tickets at £17.50 each which include Lasagne & Salad served before the Quiz starts. Tickets are available from Paul Naish on 07879 625212. The tickets sell very quickly!

David Jenkins

Chairman Village Hall Committee

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ NIGHT

SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

TICKETS £17.50

Includes Lasagne & Salad served before the Quiz

Tickets on sale now from Paul Naish p.naish@sky.com

The Doors open at 6.45 pm

The Bar will be serving wine, beer & soft drinks

Cash or Card Payments can be used to pay at the Bar



Enjoy an evening of songs and music from
East Knoyle's talented performers.
Featuring a James Bond Medley

SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER @ 6.00PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH

FREE ADMISSION - CHARITY COLLECTION
BAR AND NIBBLES -donations please!

Please bring cash!



East Knoyle Spring Revue

With the nights already drawing in, it might feel like things are winding down, but like you're Spring bulbs you might be planting, some of us are planning something fun for the new year.

Planned for February/March 2025, we're looking to host an evening of entertainment in the village hall, including a specially written short comedy play. We're looking for volunteers to join the cast, so if you're at all interested and can spare time for rehearsals, please get in touch with John Tyson on be.free.kode@gmail.com

I haven't got a clue

Foreign Languages are not a strength of mine. My schoolgirl French is pitiful and my brief efforts at German have dwindled to a single, decidedly odd, phrase: 'Ich habe keine ahnung.' If your German is even worse than mine, this means 'I haven't got a clue' - perhaps not the most useful phrase if I ever wanted to ask directions or buy a drink!

Or perhaps it isn't so worthless a phrase.....

I recently listened to, and recommend, Rory Stewart's Radio 4 series 'The Long History of Ignorance'. Stewart, a writer, broadcaster and former politician, challenges the simplistic assumption that knowledge is good and ignorance is bad. Exploring the issue in terms of science, politics, personal relationships and belief systems, he argues that simply acquiring more knowledge will not solve every problem. Ignorance can even be positive. In trials for a new drug participants will deliberately be left ignorant of whether they have been given it. No parent would want their every thought to be instantly known by their child – if the screaming toddler, or moody teenager knew that their parent, however fleetingly, was wishing they'd never been born, that would be unspeakably damaging!

Stewart also explores the impossibility of knowing 'everything' about any complex situation, let alone being able to predict all possible outcomes of our actions. (Having found himself Minister for Africa, before setting foot on the continent, he was keenly aware of how ill-prepared politicians often are for making key decisions.) He also drew in religious thinkers, such as Rowan Williams, who spoke powerfully of how an awareness of the limits of our own understanding should be at the heart of any religious faith. What's the point in worshipping a God our human minds could fully 'comprehend'. It is our 'certainties' that cause hatred and sectarianism.

Stewart argues that what matters is to recognise just how ignorant we are - knowing we don't know everything is more important than anything else. A greater awareness of our ignorance could open us up to make better decisions and become better, wiser, people.

So I'm beginning to think that perhaps my one German phrase isn't so useless. 'I haven't got a clue' about so much in our world, but if realising that makes me more humble, less opinionated and a more attentive listener, then it might be a motto to live by.

Revd Kate McFarlane

(Please do make use of our Foodbank collection box by the door to St Mary's.)
To find out the details of which services are taking place around the Benefice please visit
www.benofbart.org.uk/events/month/



East Knoyle Art Show October 26/27th 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



AERIAL PHOTOS OF THE VILLAGE

For a change this article isn't about Nature itself, but about the structure of the village and which I think may be of interest. If you don't have a computer or iPad perhaps ask someone for help.

In the early 1950's someone must have pulled some strings and had 8 official aerial photos taken of a large part of the village centred on Knoyle Place. I imagine that it was the Fison family who lived there at the time and were influential and affluent. These photos are easily accessed online in the following steps.

1. Search: historicengland.org.uk
2. Press/click search the site. THIS IS IN TOP RIGHT CORNER
3. Scroll down to : 'aerial photo explorer' and press/click on it.
4. Scroll down to the map and enlarge it (ignore the honeycomb effect) until place names appear, then centre on East Knoyle. Carry on enlarging until a purple dot is visible, enlarge it and it will change to 8 separate purple markers- these are the 8 separate positions for the 8 photos .
5. Clicking/tapping on any marker will give you access (with a further tap) to the actual photograph. This can be enlarged with further double taps for exploration. I include one example here.

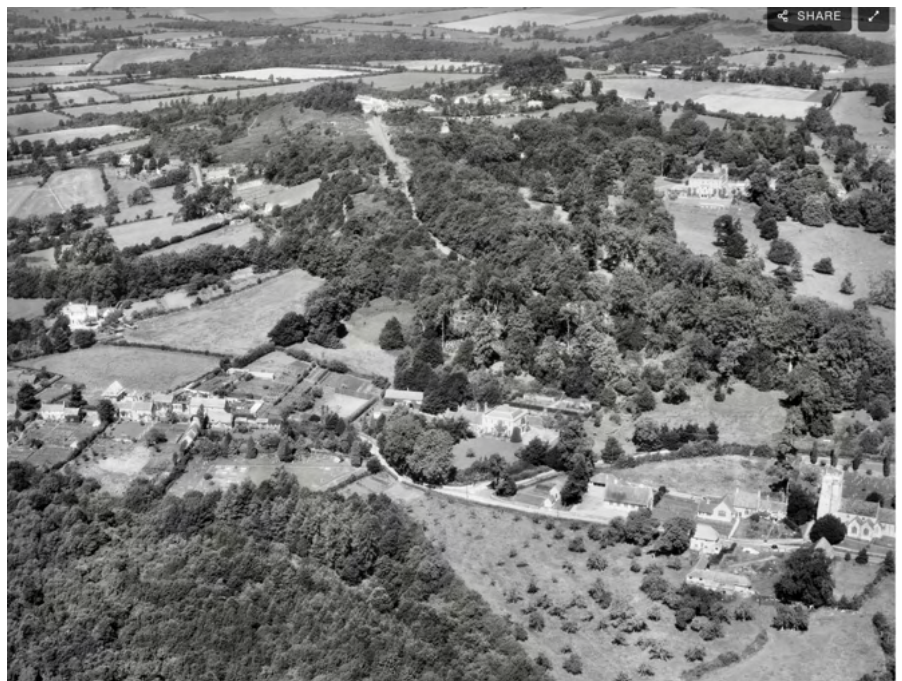
It is fascinating to see the changes in the village. Look out for the extensive areas devoted to growing vegetables (remember the war had only recently ended); look at the wonderful old orchard in the field opposite the village hall. Try to find the house in Holloway called Beeches which was in the process of being built for the retired village schoolmaster. Notice how small the houses

looked before the modern passion for extensions; they were then much more prepared to live in very crowded conditions- our house (Glebe Cottage) was

then two cottages for two families, and an earlier census showed each having 8 children. No wonder the school flourished down the road.

The same website has much else of local and indeed national interest : why not

have an exploration? David Pickering



Moviola

September, October 2024

It's September, so it must be Moviola time!

We're starting our Autumn season on Wednesday 25th September with a comedy to lift the spirits, which couldn't be more British, as it's set in Littlehampton, West Sussex! **WICKED LITTLE LETTERS** (15) is based on a stranger-than-fiction true story from the 1920s, starring Olivia Coleman, Jesse Buckley and Timothy Spall. The upright citizens of this small town, and particularly the deeply conservative Edith Swann (Olivia Coleman), start to receive anonymous letters full of absurd profanities. Rowdy Irish incomer Rose is accused of sending them and the ensuing trial causes an uproar. However, when stolid, investigative policewoman (yes, there were policewomen in the 1920s apparently) digs deeper, other realities come to light. This is a very light-hearted and entertaining film with excellent performances from a classy cast. You are unlikely to be offended by the 'language', as it is mostly so bizarre as to be laughable.

Completely differently, on Wednesday 23rd October we have **WILDING** (PG). This documentary is one for all gardeners, animal and countryside lovers. Isabella Tree and her husband Charlie have inherited a country estate (again in Sussex) where the soil is exhausted and very little grows. They decide to abandon the place to nature, and the film follows the reclamation of this space by birds, bugs, deer, pigs, cattle and a great variety of plant life. The cinematography is beautiful, and Isabella Tree presents serious ideas of nurturing the land. There are, however, also some lighter moments involving a horse called Duncan and some pigs who behave badly at a charity event. Many questions of the sustainability of such an enterprise are not necessarily fully answered, but this film has been very well-regarded and will certainly stimulate debate on the way home!

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.

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Connie died on 23rd July and who was buried on August 27 next to her husband Nick in the cemetery. This was family only service, but John and I were able to provide a village presence at the memorial service on September 4 at the lovely old church St Mary's Battersea in London . This was packed with her many friends and extended family, and was as positive an affirmation of Connie's life as these occasions can be. We heard about her rather grand early background in Philadelphia and the Hamptons, her equestrian interest, her later work at Sothebys, and a second marriage to Nick who predeceased her, and whom many will remember. We heard about her collecting and adventurous travels, including a three-month trip with Lady Eastwood to Brazil not long ago.

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East Knoyle Flower & Vegetable Show, August 2024



Another year, another great show - gardeners will always come up trumps it seems, even in such a tricky year of a cold, wet Spring and a very delayed Summer. The flowers, bakes and preserves were there in abundance, but it wasn't until the Saturday morning that any vegetables started to appear. There's been such a slow growth season and all praise to those vegetable growers for their efforts to find some great produce on the day.



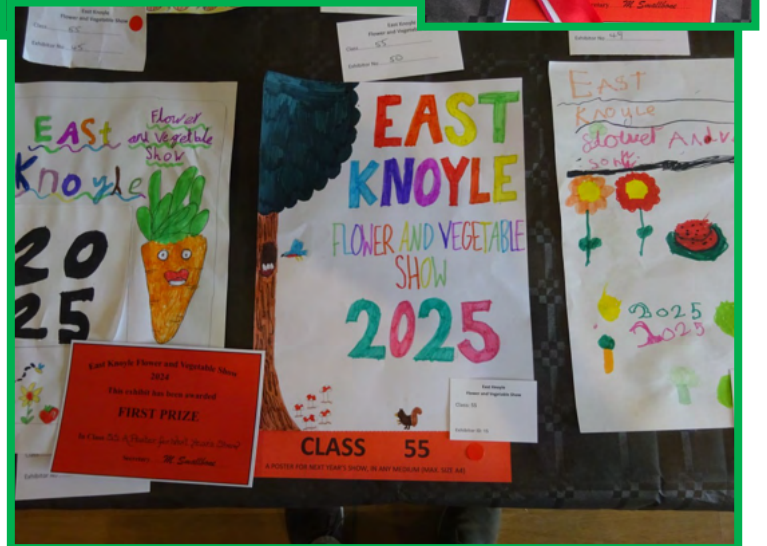
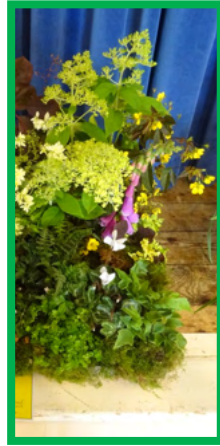
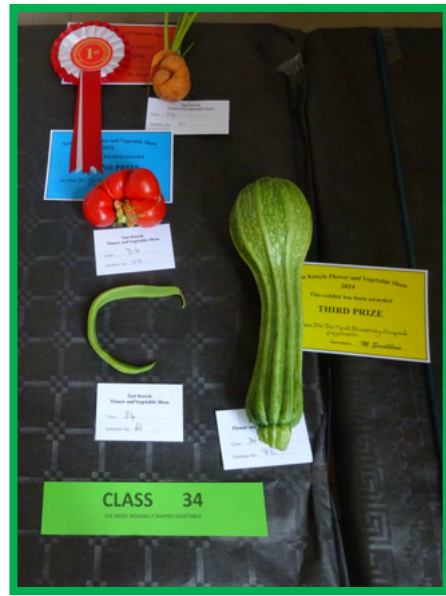
The Gentlemen's Challenge, Coffee & Walnut cake, was obviously one they enjoyed and they all looked succulent, as did the technical challenge of Black Forest Gateau, both classes very well supported. Our theme this year was woodland and trees, hence walnut and Black Forest and that theme was gloriously displayed in the flower arrangements.



Outside, on the lawn the tea tent was, as usual, very popular and thanks to the Village Hall team for tea and cakes. Enjoyed as the day culminated in the all important prize giving, raffle drawing and general bonhomie and thanks for a lovely day.

A special mention must be made of all the children who entered their classes with enthusiasm and skill, and congratulations to them all.





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September is when the publishing industry leans towards the C word and the bigger titles start filtering through. I am delighted to say we have secured some of those big name authors for some fascinating talks. Please join us if you can, all the events are in Sherborne and tickets are available from the shop or website.



As Chairman of the Conservative 1922 Committee, it is Lord Brady's hand that held the executioner's axe over five consecutive Conservative Prime Ministers' heads. Cameron. May. Johnson. Truss. Sunak.

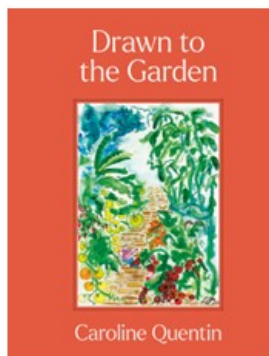
Five prime ministers, one explosive memoir lifts the lid on the leadership battles that have defined British politics for a decade and a half.

Talk and signing with Lord Graham Brady, Wednesday 9th Oct, 7pm at Cheap St Church, tickets £7



Andrew has worked on some of the most beautiful buildings in the country including Sherborne Abbey. Andrew will be talking about his new book ***Church Going: A Stonemason's Guide to the Churches of the British Isles***

Talk and signing with Andrew Ziminski, 31st October, 1pm, at Cheap St Church, tickets £2



Mixing heartwarming personal stories with gardening tips and delicious recipes, this beautiful book from actress Caroline Quentin is a love letter to the restorative magic of horticulture.

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Comedy icon Caroline Quentin in conversation with Valerie Singleton, 18th November, 7pm at The Sherborne, tickets £10

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East Knoyle Village Fete and Dog Show

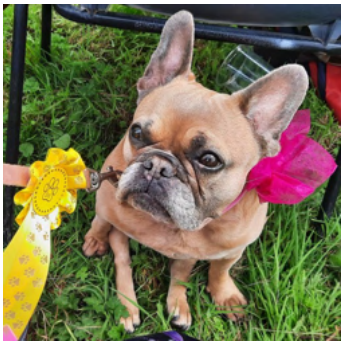
The Fete's absence for a few years had been determined by finding the right location. The Recreation Ground was rightly out of bounds to canines so the use of the paddock in front of the church door seemed a perfect venue. Many thanks to the Webster family and Leigh Williams for letting us hold it there. The weather forecast had long been saying there was no rain on the horizon but a day or two before this changed and it appeared it was to be wet at least until mid- afternoon. An executive decision was made to have all stalls and the bar under cover with only the BBQ, which had a gazebo and Dog Show subject to the rain. In the event by mid- morning the sun appeared and was gloriously warm by lunch time.

With the Parish Council very supportive of the idea and the Village Hall available it made a very inclusive and enjoyable sitting with the stalls handy and well attended, the tea service in the Mediaeval Room was perfect with an enormous array of cakes and scones. The Raffle and 'Name the Duck' continued throughout the proceedings and did remarkably well as did the BBQ and bar which were very well run and attended. As the time arrived for the Dog Show owners and pets made their way to the ring and with lots of classes to choose from had spirited support from the onlookers. All was generously sponsored and efficiently run in a lovely setting.

The tug of war even made its reappearance with mixed age teams which always brings a laugh to competitors and audience.

The weather and the wonderful spirit and camaraderie made this a special event for the village and all thanks go to all those involved and especially Jill for pulling it all together. The result was better than we could have expected and made the work more than worthwhile.





Thousands raised for Salisbury Hospice Charity at annual Hatch House Open Garden event

The annual Open Garden event at Hatch House, which took place on Saturday 31st August, saw an impressive turnout, with hundreds of attendees gathering to support Salisbury Hospice Charity.

The event, graciously hosted by Sir Henry and Lady Rumbold and organised by the dedicated Tisbury Fundraising Committee, was a resounding success. Through various activities the event raised over **£25,000**. This significant amount will contribute to the invaluable services provided Salisbury Hospice, which offers compassionate care and support to patients and their families in the local community.

A large crowd of visitors were delighted to explore a variety of marquees brimming with exquisite vintage and designer pre-loved clothing and complemented by an impressive array of accessories. The popular men's clothing marquee added to the excitement, making the gardens a treasure trove of fantastic finds. From stylish apparel to antiques, collectables, household items, children's toys, books and a raffle there was something to delight everyone. As visitors wandered through the scenic surroundings, they indulged in an assortment of treats, including cakes, teas, local bread, a delicious Compton McRae BBQ, Pimms and ice cream.

Salisbury Hospice Charity extends its heartfelt thanks to Sir Henry and Lady Rumbold for kindly welcoming us, once again, to the beautiful grounds of Hatch House. Special recognition goes to Lady Rumbold, her family, and her dedicated team of helpers for the countless hours spent organising the sale items, as well as to the Tisbury Fundraising Committee for their exceptional efforts in running the event. We also deeply appreciate the many volunteers whose hard work ensured everything went smoothly and are very grateful to everyone who donated items and attended the event.

Lady Rumbold, had the following to say:

"What a great result! What started as a little event with two ladies emptying their wardrobes and selling the contents to raise some money for charity has grown into a huge team effort which will make a difference to local people supported by Salisbury Hospice. It is such an uplifting experience which draws the community together for social benefit as well as the obvious financial one."

Tamsin Murley, Community Fundraiser for Salisbury Hospice Charity added:

"I am delighted to announce the incredible total raised and wish to express our huge gratitude to Sir Henry & Lady Rumbold and their family, together with our Tisbury Fundraising Committee and all the many volunteers who worked tirelessly over many weeks and without whom the Open Garden would not happen. The continued support shown by Sir Henry & Lady Rumbold and their family and friends is phenomenal and they are, without doubt, the heart and soul of this event."

For more information visit www.salisburyhospicecharity.org.uk.

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