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The Future of the Newsletter

By the end of this year the current editor will have been producing the East Knoyle Newsletter for 5 years. How time flies!

But all good things must come to an end and the editor is stepping down to enable someone with new ideas and direction to take over the role. Could it be you?

The village is looking for a new editor/editorial team to take over the Newsletter. The only requirements for the job are - you'll need some spare time, some pc skills would help and lots of enthusiasm! You will have a great existing support team for distribution, plus technical help from Conor and Allan at Gillingham Press. The departing editor will certainly consider covering for a couple of editions in the future. Contact Martin if interested.

If nobody steps forward, the Newsletter, in its current format will cease publication at the end of 2018.

Thanks to all our advertisers for their continuing support, to our contributors and distributors, and to Brian Robins for proof reading. Happy New Year everyone!

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St Mary's Church

The New Year is now well on its way and most of the festive lights around the village have been carefully stowed away for another year, after making a welcome contribution to this merry season: but our lovely tree in St Mary's stays up until Candlemas. This Festival celebrates the Presentation of Jesus at the Temple, as well as the Purification of the blessed Virgin Mary, which falls on the 2nd February. Incidentally this marks the mid-point of Winter, halfway between the shortest day and the Spring Equinox; an encouraging thought for those, like me, who do not enjoy the winter months!

It was such a bonus to have the Choir in their cheery red scarves leading the singing at the Carol Service; it was enhanced by a particularly lovely lullaby composed by Louise Brown - a fitting touch to what was a really joyous occasion. Whilst the turkeys sizzled in many ovens, the Christmas Eucharist was enjoyed by families, and their visitors too, and the extensive floral arrangements and candles attracted many worthy compliments.

January 21st is Plough Sunday and there will be a special Service at St Leonards, Semley at 7.00 pm to pay tribute to our farming community: the Archdeacon of Sarum, The Venerable Alan Jeans, will give the address and the Service will be followed by mulled cider and nibbles.

A new Roving Choir for the Benefice is being formed from this January, which will sing at the 09.30 am Sung Eucharist Services in each of the Parishes, and perhaps at other major Festivals. Singers of all ages will be most welcome and there will be practices between 6.00 to 7.00 pm at Donhead St Mary Church every Wednesday during January. If interested in joining – even if you cannot commit your time every week or don't read music – please contact the Choir Director, Jill Caudle, on 01747 830625.

Finally, the Church Wardens would like to thank the many people who have helped our Church in so many ways over the past year. Vital support duties range widely and included church cleaning, polishing silver, flower arranging, coffee and mull brewing, churchyard maintenance, organ playing and sides man duties – not to mention the bell ringers and those who manage our finances, and the many who organise fund-raising events to keep us solvent! Thank you all so much for the myriad ways in which you have ensured that St Mary's remains at the heart of our village community. May 2018 be a rewarding and fulfilling year for all of you.

Briony



Everyone enjoying the Tea@3 Christmas party



East Knoyle Village Hall

A great turnout for the Quiz Night with question master Andy Hutson doing a wonderful job and somehow with the help of the scorer Jill Caudle engineering the scores to be quite close. A big thank you to all the organisers who contributed to the success of the evening; we look forward to the next one.

On 17 February Kevin Stow is presenting a Fun Musical Quiz. Paul Naish has tables booked already so contact him as soon as possible to ensure you get a table! See the front page advert.

Dulcie Patten was back in action on 8 January with her Pilates class. All those who would like to shape up during the dark winter evenings come along at 6.00 pm on a Monday.

Bookings are ticking over and the old website is no longer operating so enquiries will all be on the current website.

David Jenkins
Chair, East Knoyle Village Hall Committee

Pythouse Kitchen Garden - Prize Winners



Jan and Alan Knight, winners of the prize draw Christmas lunch at Pythouse Kitchen Garden, enjoyed the experience very much.

"The staff were intent on spoiling us and making it a special occasion. Our choice of the turkey dinner with all the trimmings was a real treat - a meal too good to enjoy it only once a year. It was the sort of meal that requires some training beforehand and a hammock after. Thank you Pythouse for your generous hospitality. We especially loved the in-house gin."



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Do you remember?

Once again, our roving relic supplier and local history man Tommy Hall has provided us (through his huge network of friends) with this edition's interesting look back at East Knoyle's past.

So what is the item in the photograph? And what does it celebrate?

Send your answers in to eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com

Might be a prize for the best one!



From the Archives

This postcard shows Milton and is dated 1911.

Has anything changed?

The parked car looks familiar! But the road looks in a lot better condition!

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Knogle Knature Notes

The New Year was heralded in by a brilliant 'supermoon', which rose at sunset and set at sunrise for the last two days of the old year and first few days of the new, bathing the winter landscape in its luminous glow. This year sees the rare occurrence of two full moons in the month, the light intensity being due to the perigee, the orbital point when the moon is closest to the earth. It is calculated that the moon appears 14% larger and 30% brighter than it does at its apogee, when it's furthest from our planet. The month will end with a blue moon, as in 'once in', on the 30th, the name given to the second full moon in a calendar month, suggesting rarity rather than colour.

Driving back on a misty, mild night before Christmas through the cathedral arch of tall trees that line Wise Lane, the car headlights picked up a large hatch of 'December moths'. This small moth survives winter through being able to expel excess water from its body, which contains a form of alcohol that acts as an anti-freeze. Once hatched, they do not feed, relying on the energy stored from their larval feeding to fuel their sole intent to find a mate in their preciously short life span.

What a great joy while in north-east Lincolnshire to see a skein of over twenty whooper swans pass over with their distinctive bugling call. These magnificent birds were likely en route from their Icelandic breeding grounds via Scotland to their favoured wintering spots in the Norfolk, Cambridgeshire marshes.

Locally, the parish appears to have a disproportionately large number of Jays and Magpies. As two of Britain's most colourful native birds, these two intelligent members of the crow family can wreak havoc with smaller birds as the preparation for nesting starts. No local sightings that The Yaffle has picked up on of the healthy numbers of hawfinches that have been seen in SE England this year. This, the largest of our finches, is clearly a size up from the greenfinch or chaffinch and unmistakable with its huge bill. Mainly seen at treetop height, this shy individual will visit bird tables, so do let the Newsletter know if you've spotted something unusual.

With the first snowdrops breaking through, keep your eyes open too for the winter aconite, or winter hellebore as it's sometimes known, with its six egg yolk coloured petals. This plant originates from southern Europe and whilst only officially recognised as a naturalised species in the 1800s, some believe it was originally introduced by the Romans. Carpets of dog's mercury will soon appear, taking advantage of the light reaching the woodland floor whilst the canopy is still bare.

The Yaffle



Dona Evans from Upton kindly sent in this photo of a female great crested newt. This little rare creature was sitting on her doorstep on late November evening 'sunning herself' in the warmth of the porch light!

The Yaffle adds -

Most encouraging to know that we have the largest of Britain's three newt species in the Parish !

At between 6" & 7", the size is the giveaway, male and female appear brownish black on land. The male has a striking, jagged crest along his back and bold iridescent stripe on the side of the tail in spring, early summer breeding season. Both the male and female have vivid orangey yellow bellies and leg backs with dark blotches, though the colour in the female extends to the end of its tail.

Widespread, but reduced in numbers where pond and wet-land systems have disappeared

It would be great to receive more readers wildlife photos and sightings!



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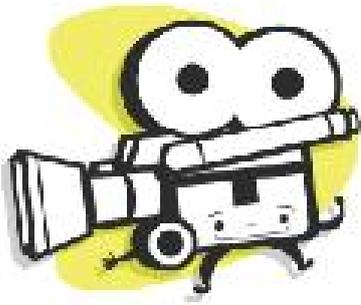
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MOVIOLA

Happy New Year to all film fans.

We have a very varied menu for your entertainment over the dark days of winter with something, we hope, to cater for all tastes. Our first film for 2018 is **Victoria and Abdul** on **Wednesday 31 January**. It stars Judi Dench (of

course!) reprising her role of Queen Victoria (in *Mrs Brown*), who, in later life when feeling rather low and depressed, strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young clerk called Abdul Karim, who has been brought over from India for her Jubilee. Based on a true story and directed by Stephen Frears (*Florence Foster Jenkins*) it is both funny and touching with excellent performances from Eddie Izzard playing an outraged Bertie, Prince of Wales, and sadly including the last performance by Tim Pigott-Smith, who plays Henry Ponsonby, the Head of the Royal Household, as well, of course, by the Dame herself. This film comes highly recommended by those who have seen it.

PLEASE don't be put off by the terrible title of our February film **The Big Sick** which we are showing on **Wednesday 28 February**. I was, and then I went to see it at a film viewing day, being hugely entertained. It is a very funny take on culture clashes and how love can conquer all! Kumail Nanjiani, a Chicago-based Pakistani comedian (who plays himself in the film) meets and falls in love with Emily, who then contracts a mysterious illness. Kumail finds himself forced to face her feisty parents, his family's expectations that he will marry a nice Pakistani girl of their choice, and his true feelings. Both the main actors are charming and apart from being very funny and moving at times, this film is unusual in that it was written by the real couple themselves (no spoilers here!) five years after the events we see. It contains some fairly strong language.

We shall be serving potatoes, wine, soft drinks and ice creams as usual. Please write your potato order on your ticket stub. Tickets remain at £5 and can be bought from Wren's Shop or on the door. We start serving at about 6.50 and the film starts at 7.30

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 28th March The Death of Stalin

Wednesday 25th April Murder on the Orient Express

We look forward to welcoming you to the Village Hall

Sara Southerden

EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its first draw of 2018, with the help of the Wrens Shop chairman to draw the numbers, on a cold afternoon. Getting the year off to a successful financial start, the winners were:

VENETIA and NICK WRIGHT

£50

These wise investors are the first to benefit from the new and increased prize! Thanks to them and to all those subscribers who have recently renewed their subscriptions. If you've forgotten, it's never too late to renew. New supporters are cordially welcome to join for only £12 a year - just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594, or leave a message in the Shop.

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Wren's Shop News

The Christmas and new year rush is over and we can settle down to securing the future of your village shop. Late November 2017 a massive change occurred in the UK wholesale market which drastically changes how Wren's Shop can operate.

Our major supplier; Palmer and Harvey has gone into liquidation. This company was responsible for delivering to the shop approximately 50% of our stock. There is unfortunately no other company that can step in and we will have a period of time during which we will work hard to keep the impact on your shopping to a minimum. Keep with us and if we don't have exactly the items you are looking for we should have an alternative. Janeen has been doing an amazing job keeping the stock supply as consistent as possible.

Once again, I want to thank everyone that has contributed to our village shop's success and continued operation in 2017. For those that could make it our volunteers' "thank you" dinner in December was a lovely and very tasty evening. It is the best way, we feel, to thank people for their volunteering time.

Please think about getting involved and helping either behind the scenes or behind the tills. We are also looking for new committee members to help steer the shop's future direction.

I also want to thank the village choir and our special guest; Santa for helping launch the Christmas season late November. Lots of people turned out to join in the singing and taste the lovely food and mulled wine made for the occasion.

Wren's Shop committee and volunteers wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

Paul Egginton

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Parish Council News

On behalf of the Chairman and PC members may I wish you all a very happy New Year.

A very well attended January PC meeting brought into focus the role of the PC and how important it is that we have a forum for discussing local issues that concern us.

The agenda for PC meetings is posted on notice boards and on the web site. They are held on the second Tuesday of each month (except August). Laura Hoar was co-opted onto the PC bringing its numbers back up to 11. We welcome her.



The issue of dog owners not clearing up after their animals has been given much press recently. The PC has purchased some 4in x 4in "clear it up" stickers and if you would like one to place near your home then please contact the Clerk who has a supply.

When your Council tax bill arrives you will see a slight increase to the amount allocated to the running of the Parish Council. The PC requested a 4.62% increase to its funding and this will translate into a £1.27 increase to your Council Tax bill if you are in band D.

Parking outside our prosperous village pub, the Fox and Hounds has always been at a premium. The area allotted seems to fill very quickly these days, so please remember that parking on common land anywhere in the village is an offence. This includes the grassed area bordering the parking area at the Fox and Hounds.

Finally the new East Knoyle web site has now fought its way to the top of the Google rankings thanks to some good work by Rob McCarthy. www.east-knoyle.co.uk will get you to the site.

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Council.
830431; kandbstow@hotmail.com

LITTER PICK - SATURDAY 3 MARCH AT 10 AM



The annual East Knoyle Litter Pick will take place on Saturday 3 March at 10 am. Could all interested in helping please confirm attendance with the Clerk to the Council, Kevin Stow 830431. kandbstow@hotmail.com

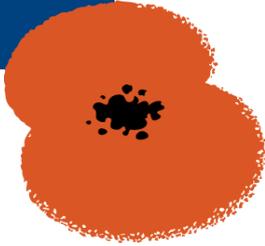
If we could meet at the Village Shop at 10am we can pose for a photo and then get on with clearing the litter from around our lanes.



Last year's litter pick (see photos) was very successful with more than 20 volunteers collecting 30+ bags of litter. Make new friends! Do something for our community! Feel Good!

I have a supply of hi-viz jackets, but if you have your own please bring it along.

Look forward to seeing you on 3rd March.



RBL Branch News

Our Branch had much to celebrate in 2017. It began in January when we were presented with the Stilwell Cup at the County Conference, awarded annually to the 'Most Efficient Small Branch' in Wiltshire. The summer months saw a number of very successful social events culminating in several visits to Buckingham Palace to view the Changing of the Guard ceremony from 'behind the scenes'.

In November Remembrance Day service was again well supported with another capacity congregation and the **Poppy Appeal** had a very successful two weeks of fundraising when over just fourteen days we collected £7,317,

which surpassed the total raised for the whole of the previous year.

Finally, since the last EKVN and continuing the positive note, at the end of November our annual Poppy Appeal 'Thank You Event', when we thank our volunteer collectors and supporters, was held in the village hall. The 'bumper attendance' matched the number of 'bumper raffle prizes' - which included two £50 vouchers - kindly donated by Branch members and supporters who also provided the buffet. Our guest speaker was the RBL County President, General Sir Jack Deverell (pictured right with Mike Waterhouse), who had some interesting thoughts on the future of the RBL, the strength of national support of the Poppy Appeal and themes to consider when considering how to mark the forthcoming centenary of the end of WW1 in November this year.



Centenary of Armistice Day 1918

In 2014, to mark the centenary of the outbreak of WW1, our Branch worked in partnership with the EKVN to publish a supplement to mark the contribution the village made to the war effort (still available to access via the village website). This was a comprehensive document, meticulously compiled by Dawn Small, which covered the whole period 1914-18.

As we enter 2018 our thoughts turn to how we should commemorate the centenary of the Armistice. To this end we are beginning a consultation period with local groups and individuals to discuss ways we should mark the end of one of the world's greatest conflicts. With so many creative talents within our village I am sure we can come up with an event/s to do the subject justice. So, if you have any thoughts, as a group or individual, we would love to hear from you to discuss your ideas. Please have your say by contacting either Mike Waterhouse or Ron Clark, details below.

At the time of writing we are about to attend the County Conference in Trowbridge. Let us hope that the year ahead is as successful, in all respects, as previous twelve months.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE - DEADLINES FOR COPY

March/April Newsletter = Thursday 1 March

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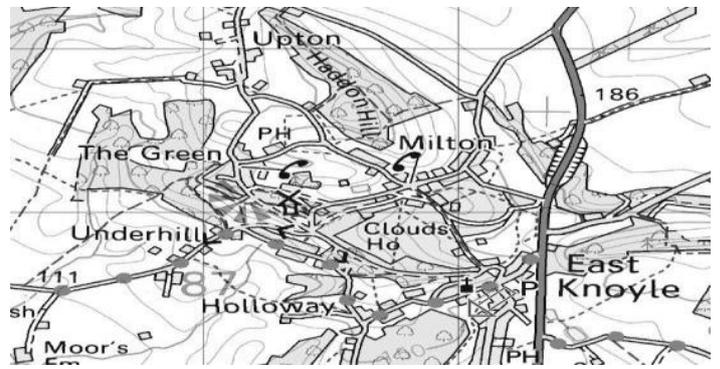


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Round and About

Congratulations from the village combine with good wishes from the Queen to Iris and Michael Hull on the occasion of their 65th Wedding Anniversary. The Hulls, who lived at Park Farm and brought up their family there before retiring to Milton, celebrated the Boxing Day anniversary with their family in Salisbury. They were delighted to receive the card from Her Majesty.



Claire and Robin Bray have moved into their home in Milton (not the house currently under construction!) and are looking forward to being part of the village. We hope they will be very happy here.

Welcome to Rosina, Ian and Lee Elliot who have moved into Park Houses

Those present at the Carol Service in St Mary's who heard Thomas Hyde sing so beautifully will not be surprised to learn that he has gained a place in the National Children's Choir of Great Britain and we say 'congratulations' and, just as importantly, 'enjoy it!'

Doug Pugsley and his family would like to thank all those who helped him before his knee operation, and who have continued to support him since his return home. Doug is about to celebrate a special birthday and we send our very best wishes for many happy returns of what we hope will be a most memorable day.

Condolences to the Coffin and Evans families following the death of Rex Coffin, who died aged 90 on January 7. The family first came to East Knoyle in 1975, living here full-time from 1983. Rex had been born in South Africa, leaving in 1949 to work for the British Civil Service in post and communications in both Northern and Southern Rhodesia, in Nyasaland and then in Zambia. In 1974 he left Africa for the United Arab Emirates, where he helped found the telecommunications service. On his return to England he set up the Shaftesbury Business Centre which had the first, and at that time only, fax machine within a 20-mile radius, providing electronic mail before anyone had heard of the internet. The centre of Rex's life was always his family, at first his parents, siblings and cousins, later his own wife and family. He always wanted to have them around him and the family are glad that he was able to live this way. He will be greatly missed.

Finally a note of thanks - many thanks to the energetic and helpful person/persons (unknown!) who so kindly cut back the creeping grass edges alongside the footpaths leading up to the church.

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Over half our patients have one or more long term condition(s) – things like asthma, high blood pressure, diabetes, arthritis and heart disease. General practice manages these with regular checks every six or twelve months. In Hindon most checks are done by a GP, although our nurses have been providing an award-winning diabetes service for many years, which the CQC rated as outstanding.

In 2018 we are extending the scope of specialist nurse management to respiratory conditions, and Sister Bernadette Watson will now be doing all the annual asthma checks. All patients with asthma know the date of their annual review – it is printed on the repeat prescription order sheets and medicine labels. Prior to your appointment we will ask you to fill in a questionnaire and this information will be added to your record by our admin staff. This means that Bernadette can use the 15 minute appointment to maximum effect - measuring your lung function, carbon monoxide levels (if you smoke), checking your inhaler technique (please bring these to the appointment) and making a care plan that may include information about useful websites. If this works well we will roll out a similar approach to other check-ups, including the NHS health checks, well-woman checks and conditions like COPD and high blood pressure.

The next years will see immense changes in the NHS, in general practice and in health care in Hindon, but we will ensure that whatever happens we will continue to provide your care in the way you all like. We would like to thank all our patients who are adopting a healthy lifestyle (especially not smoking), having screening tests (aorta scans, bowel screening tests, mammography and cervical smears where early detection of problems leads to simpler and less extensive and more successful care), being vaccinated against 'flu, pneumonia and shingles as well as all the childhood jabs, and coming for regular check-ups if you have a long term condition.

Our rates for all of these, in common with the other local practices, are amongst the best nationally. This then leads to the lowest emergency hospital admission rates as well.

We wish you all a happy and healthy 2018.

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I write with a plea for your help and generosity to keep our local youth service running.

Seeds4Success is a small charity operating in South West Wiltshire providing coordinated youth services making a difference to teenagers' lives.

It is run by Jaki Farrell, who is a fantastic communicator, energizer and motivator for young people. Jaki & her team provide open access youth evenings in Mere, Tisbury & Wilton and from there she interacts with them to provide targeted work, such as healthy living (including sports activities, healthy cooking & lifestyles), keeping young people in school when they may be about to be excluded, offering help to NEET (Not in Employment Education or Training) to get them EET.

Groups of young people carry out work across the area building and repairing footpaths, obtaining their strimming and chainsaw licences, amongst other things. They are involved in a conservation project in East Knoyle and many take part in National Citizen Service.

The work that is done by Jaki and her team is highly regarded by the South West Wiltshire Area Board, town and parish councils, walkers and ramblers.

Unfortunately, there is insufficient funding available for the day to day running of S4S. S4S needs your help and needs to raise £40,000 just to keep operating next year.

For example, it costs £12,000 a year to run the mini-bus that collects young people from the villages. This is a vital service as they can be very isolated.

If you could help fund this service, S4S would be extremely grateful. You can donate a lump sum, or set up a Direct Debit, anything from £10 per month up to!!

Please help.

Cheques payable to **Seeds4Success** and send to Mere Youth Centre, Recreation Ground, Queens Road, Mere, BA12 6EP, or contact me for bank details.

Thank you!

Cllr Bridget Wayman (01747 830406 or email bridget.wayman@wiltshire.gov.uk)
Youth Lead for the South West Wiltshire Area Board.



East Knoyle Rainfall

Rainfall recorded

November 78 mm (3.07")

December 93.5 mm (3.68")

In November I only recorded rainfall on 11 days and there were three spells of three days without rain.

The 3.07" (78mm) of rain recorded was below the average of the last 23 years of .42" (112.27mm) and there were eight drier November's in the last 23 years.

December's rainfall of 3.68" (93.5mm) of rain recorded was just below my December average of 3.80" (96.52). There were fifteen days of measurable rain recorded and they were spread evenly throughout the month.

In the last 23 years there were eleven drier December's.

December's rainfall brings last years total to 32.92" (836mm), thus completing 24 years of records with an average of 37.03" (940.56mm) rainfall. In the last 24 years there were only 7 drier years.

Robin Egerton

What's On? Forthcoming Events in and around East Knoyle

Check out the Village Diary on the new website - <http://east-knoyle.co.uk/news-and-events/village-diary/>



T@3 Held every second Thursday of each month in the Billiard Room, Village Hall 3-4pm. Delicious savouries and cakes with tea and coffee, plus a raffle. Donations if you wish. Taxi service available, kindly funded by the Parish Council. Call Sandra 830471, or Jennie 830460 for further information. See you there!

Future dates - February 8th, March 8th



Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 23 January

St. Mary's, 10.30am -12.00pm

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Future dates - Feb 27th, March 27th.



St. Mary's Games Evening

Tuesday 30 January

7.30 to 9.30 pm

Billiard Room, Village Hall

Bring your own refreshments, no admission fee, but a box for donations is available if you wish. We have a pool table, darts, chess, cards etc. Everyone welcome! For more information, call Alan on 830471

Future date - 27 February

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