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A note from the Editors.....

We currently have two defibs in the village, one outside the shop (pictured on the front cover) and one in Underhill.

Do we want more? Possibly one in Milton and one near the Fox and Hounds pub or The Green?

What do you think? Please get in touch with us at the newsletter email address or message Deb on 07713321530 before the end of June.

If there is a lot of support to get more defibs we will begin to seek funding.

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**THE EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE SHOP'S
20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND
PARISH BEACON LIGHTING**

SATURDAY 4TH JULY 2026

6PM – 10.30PM

AT THE WINDMILL

BAR

**FOOD FROM SECRET GARDEN
OUTDOOR CATERERS &
A TRADITIONAL VILLAGE BBQ**

LIVE MUSIC

**FANCY DRESS – COME AS YOUR
MUSIC HERO**

Parish Council News

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that its National Lottery bid for new equipment for Knoyle House Playground has been successful. Thanks to everyone who signed the Community Support Statement, it clearly helped. We are now working with RedLynch Leisure on an end of June installation plan so that the new equipment will be ready for summer. 5 new pieces of equipment have been secured, 3 focused on the under 10's, 2 metal coil springy's and a seesaw and 2 items, an outside table tennis table and a basketball stand, for older children.

The Parish Council held its Annual Meeting on Wednesday April 8th. The Meeting was well attended and provided the opportunity for Councillors to showcase works undertaken over the last 12 months and respond directly to Members of the Public's questions.

At the Parish Council's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday May 6th. The EKPC AGM formally elected its Chair and assigned roles and responsibilities within the Parish Council for the coming year.

Cllr Staunton was elected as Chair and roles and responsibilities were assigned as follows:
Finance: Cllrs Ian Tait and Eric Brunner, **Planning:** Cllr Hugo Middleton, **CLAROW:** Cllr Ann Ambrose, **Knoyle House Grounds and Playground:** Cllr Garry Staunton, **Wrens Shop and Post Office:** Cllr Ian Tait, **Highways:** Cllr Rob McCarthy, **Fire Beacon and logistics:** Cllr Leigh Williams. **EK Village Hall:** Cllr Deb Bateman.

Thanks to a team of volunteers the new accessible picnic table has been assembled and installed in Knoyle House Grounds. This table, funded by a grant from Cranborne Chase National Landscape provides full and easy access for wheelchairs and pushchairs alike. It is made of recycled plastic and will benefit from low maintenance for many years to come. Enjoy!

The Parish Council continues its investment in the maintenance of Knoyle House Grounds and Playground. The landmark Oak Tree works have now been completed thereby helping protect this 165 year old tree. Essential ground and scrub vegetation clearance works have been undertaken to protect the boundary wall from further damage. The Parish Council wishes to note that no pesticides were used during these works. A new grass-cutting contract has been awarded which includes 8 cuts between May and November with the football pitch benefitting from a lower cut. Knoyle House Grounds and Playground are a real Community Asset of which we can all be rightly proud.



The Parish Council has its own marquee that is available free of charge for Community events and a nominal fee of £400 for private hire which includes set-up and take-down.. The marquee is 6 metres by 12 metres and is a great addition to any outdoor event. Please contact the Parish Clerk for further information.

Peter Dean, Parish Clerk

Common Lands and Rights of Way

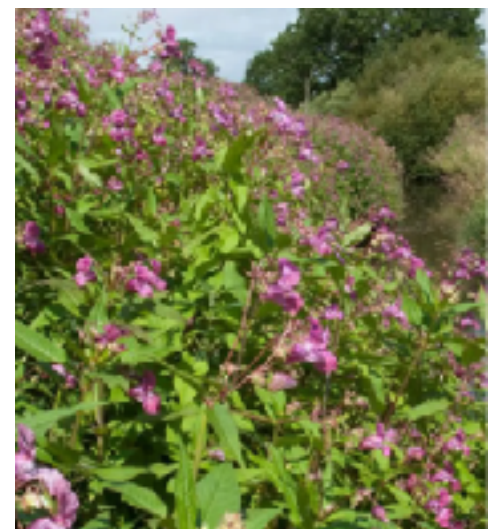
The PC were recently approached by Gillingham Town Council highlighting the spread of Himalayan Balsam from East Knoyle into Gillingham via the river Lodden.

This puts the riverbank and local biodiversity at risk. We have requested a specific What3words location to enable further investigation.

We'll try to manage the spread of HB by organising a June task force to help with pulling it up in our woodland. We will also be appealing to the wider village community to help. Alerts with dates/time will be shared on the Village WhatsApp group and on noticeboards nearer the time.

If you have HB on your property PLEASE take steps to eradicate it before it sets seed before the end of June, it's very easy to pull up. If we don't keep on top of this invasive plant we will continue to lose some of the precious native flora and fauna in our beautiful village.

Thank you, AA



Wren's Shop News



Shop opening July 2006

It is incredible to think that it's 20 years since our Village Shop came into being. It's even more incredible to think that it is still completely run by 50(ish) volunteers who work mostly in two hour blocks and is managed by a small committee.

So many people give up their time freely to help keep this fantastic village asset running smoothly whilst at the same time providing a great local shop and an incredibly friendly hub for village life.

To celebrate this occasion the Parish Council and the Shop Committee have come together to celebrate the event on Sat 4th July commencing at 6pm at the Windmill. The PC have commissioned a Beacon to be made by Ian Hamilton at Valley Forge, East Knoyle and the PC will be lighting the Beacon for the first time on 4th July. The Beacon will be used for future village celebrations.



Janeen & Terry Pratchett



Cllr Staunton, Ian Hamilton & the new beacon

Wrens Shop cont.

Before that a team from the Newsletter and the Shop have arranged for Dom and his Secret Garden outdoor caterers and a BBQ manned by Tim and Karalyn Hyde to provide food on the night. A bar manned by villagers will provide drinks and there will be live music to entertain us during the evening (see poster on page 3 for more details).

Celebrations at the Windmill have historically been memorable and very well attended and lets hope this event will be the same.

In other shop business, our first quarter trading was very encouraging. Our year on year revenues were 5% up on the previous year. In April 66 loyalty cards were redeemed, the highest monthly uptake of the scheme since it was started in Jan 2025. So far this year we have returned £2120 to customers in discounts.

Special thanks to Louise Brown for making our gift and greeting card section so attractive. The gift section has sold out quickly and we have had to restock following very good initial sales. We are constantly looking to add new products to our range and have recently added Tor Goats Cheese to our dairy section. It's selling out very quickly and apparently it's perfect with fresh Sourdough. Look out for Beavertown Neck Oil in the beer section. This hugely popular craft beer is a big seller nationally.

Finally, you may have noticed the "top shelf" wine offering has expanded recently. Tom Meade, who lives at The Green, is a recent arrival to the Village and is a wine Merchant with Farthinghoe Fine Wine Ltd. Tom has helped Carrie Ahern and the shop Committee choose some excellent new wines and they are well worth a try.

Thanks again for your support.

Kevin Stow

World Book Day in East Knoyle

On Saturday 7th of March the Parish Council organised a world book day event in the village hall. It was a fun morning with crafts for the children to do and every child could choose a book to take home with them.

We also had three amazing readers from the village Mj, David Webster and Ann Marie Dean who spoilt us with their captivating stories.

A huge thank you to all three... it was very enjoyable.

Big thank you to Lucy Cameron and Gill Stanton for helping with refreshments.

Also Ann Ambrose for getting books and craft materials together.

Thank you to our village shop for supplying the refreshments.

Looking forward to next year when we will be doing it all again.



Dogs (Protection of Livestock) (Amendment) Act 2025

In March there were changes to the law that protects livestock in England and Wales. It's illegal of course for dogs to attack livestock but now also, to worry, harass and chase them - even if there's no contact, as this can cause stress and aborted young.

Livestock refers to all the usual grazing animals: cattle, horses, sheep etc but now also llamas, alpacas and game birds kept in enclosures prior to release.

Police have increased powers to gather evidence and seize a dog where they believe aggressive behaviour could recur, and courts can now impose unlimited fines and costs.

This law doesn't cover stress to livestock from loud noises or fireworks or walkers being chased by frisky animals.

Dogs should be kept on leads or under close control around livestock, and it would be helpful to have signage when cattle and other animals are in fields crossed by public rights of way.

This is an important piece of legislation to protect livestock. Dogs have natural instincts and it's up to their owners to control them. For more information, check out defra.farming.blog.gov.uk.





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East Knogle Free Thinkers

At our last meeting we discussed the history, merits and method involved in the technique of critical thinking.

Defined as "the objective analysis and evaluation of an issue in order to form a judgement", it is something most people have little time for these days. More worryingly, trends in how people receive and evaluate news are becoming driven by social media, especially in younger people. Media ownership is concentrated in the hands of a small and increasingly less diverse group of owners, most of whom have agendas to follow. This makes Critical Thinking even more important.

At the meeting we discussed the history of Critical Thinking from the time of Socrates. We practiced the technique of Socratic questioning which attempts to separate facts from opinion. As an example "Make America Great Again" would prompt questions like "When did it start being great?", "When did it stop being great?", and "What were the factors that brought about each of these changes?".

The Lamb at Hindon provided an excellent meeting room and many of our group enjoyed a meal at the Lamb before hand.

The group is limited to 14 mostly by venue capacity, but if you would like to join the discussions please contact Kevin Stow at kandbstow@hotmail.com.

T@3

Are you a resident or ex-resident of East Knogle? If so, do come along to T@3 on the second Thursday of each month. To avoid wastage it is a real help to email tat3ek@icloud.com to indicate attendance. 24 hours' notice even better! Doors open at **2.45pm**, and we need to be out of the village hall **by 4.30pm**. Next dates: 9th April, 14th May.



East Knoyle Village Hall

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th April brought forward from May to meet the Constitution requirements. The Committee members for this year were elected at the Meeting. Following the AGM the Committee positions were elected.



David Jenkins Chairman

Paul Egginton Vice Chairman & Treasurer

Jill Caudle Secretary & PCC Rep

Deb Bateman Parish Council Rep

Helen Lever EK Charity Rep

Phil Lever Masons Rep

Paul Naish Choir Rep

John Scattergood Moviola Rep

Alistair Campbell Village Rep

Tim Hyde Village Rep

Officer: **Jill Hockham** Bookings Secretary

Football World Cup

There has been a request to have the England World Cup Group matches projected on the big screen in the Village Hall, the first game on June 17th v Croatia has a booking in the VH, but Kevin Stow is hosting a viewing at his house.

The next 2 matches: Tuesday June 23rd v Ghana in Boston viewing from 9.00 pm. BBC 1
Sat June 27th v Panama played in New Jersey from 10.00pm ITV 1

The knock out stage If England win Group L the match is Wed July 1st in Atlanta
If England are 2nd in Group L the match is Thurs 2nd July in Toronto

Please contact Kevin Stow (kandbstow@hotmail.com) to show your interest in watching these matches, there appear to be at least 14 football fans that have shown interest already.

David Jenkins

Life Saving First Aid Training Session – September

With the kind support of St John Ambulance we are once again offering the chance to attend a first aid awareness session in the Village Hall on **Wednesday 23 September**.

It lasts about 90 minutes and is very practical and 'hands on'.

We ran two of these sessions one evening in January 2025 and the feedback was 100% positive, saying that the sessions were highly engaging, fun, practical and above all, confidence building.

These sessions are only open to East Knoyle Residents.

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

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

email - ekfirstaid@gmail.com

BUILDING A NATION OF FIRST AIDERS

3 Ways to Save a Life
Wednesday 23 September

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

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

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

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

St John Ambulance
Salisbury & South Wiltshire

www.stjohn.org.uk

East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show 2026

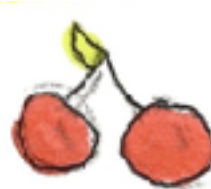


According to NASA, the sun will keep shining for another 5 billion years. Whilst, this year, places in the UK didn't see the sun for a record number of days, we always know that the sun will, eventually reappear! We thrive in the sun; we feel better when it's sunny; its warmth is comforting. Without it, our planet would not exist. Earth would just be another rock in the solar system. So, this year's theme for the Flower and Vegetable Show is "SUNSHINE". We have chosen it because the damp and wet winter and springtime seem to have dragged on and on. Sunshine is something to look forward to.

The Show will take place on the **8th August** which, fingers crossed, will be high summer, when the sun shines and it's warm or even hot. Sitting outside on a hot summer's day with a cup of tea and slice of homemade cake is quintessentially English. Please come and join us for what is, a gathering of EK inhabitants wanting to take part and enjoy what is now, a fixture of the Village calendar.



Some changes to note for 2026



The show will be familiar to most of you but this year we have introduced a few changes. In the past we inserted the show programme into this edition of the EK Newsletter, however, you will have noticed that this time, it's not included!

You will instead find copies of the Show programme in Wren's Shop and on the East Knoyle Village Website - www.east-knoyle.co.uk. In the programme are entry forms for those who want to take part and exhibit something in the wide variety of classes. This will save on the cost of printing more programmes than we actually need. You'll also notice that we are no longer taking entries on-line. Again, the cost of providing an on-line facility could not be justified by the numbers of entries that actually used it. Entry will therefore be by filling out the forms and, as per the instructions you'll find in the programme.

The Show Programme will be available from 1st June at the shop and online.



Round and About

Once again there have been a number of houses changing hands in our village and hamlets, and we hope the new residents will very soon feel as though they really belong here.

Rachel and James have recently purchased a home on Holloway. They are so excited to become part of the community and are very grateful for the welcome they've received so far. Words of encouragement as they tackle their renovation project are always appreciated if you're walking past.

A warm East Knoyle welcome goes to Alex, Grace, Olivia and Milo Penfold who have moved into the centre of our village. They wanted to be in the country and nearer to family and friends. An added bonus is being able to make good use of the playground.

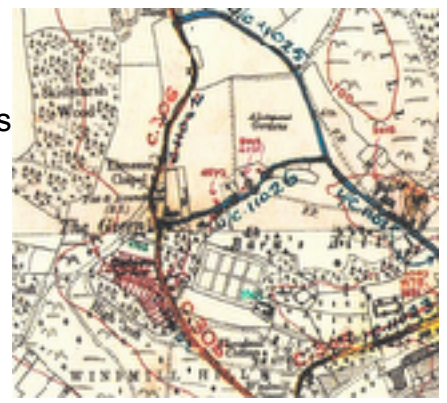
Equally warmly we also welcome Levi Nicholl who hails originally from South Africa and has moved in a little further down The Street. He and his daughter love the quiet of East Knoyle and hope to make it their long-term home. We look forward to meeting them at village events this summer.

The Street has, sadly, seen deaths this season as well as newcomers arriving, and we send our sympathy to Kate, Mary Pope's daughter. Mary, having been born in Brighton lived most of her life in St Albans, where she ran the family wool shop - hence her love of and skill with knitting. When that closed she started to work at a solicitor's office in St Albans, and quickly became their office manager. She loved working there, and she stayed until retirement. Mary re-met John, a local farmer from a family she knew in her childhood. They decided to retire and move to Dorset, settling happily in Sutton Waldron before moving to East Knoyle in 2006. Mary did many shifts in the shop in its early days while John, working on various engines and vehicles, had a small steam engine built for Mary which he called the Mary Rose. John died in 2013, leaving Mary with Rosie her beloved Westie puppy and most afternoons Mary and Rosie were to be seen taking a constitutional around the village. Mary was so happy in East Knoyle and her family really are so grateful to everyone for their kindness and support. They are placing her ashes in the extension churchyard and will still bring Rosie back to visit.

Also to be recorded is the death of Malcolm James, a resident of The Street for the last 10 years. He will be missed by his many friends and we ask Sara to accept our condolences.

Our sympathy goes to Rosina Elliot and her family on the death, after a long illness, of her husband Ian.

In St Mary's, on April 24th, family and friends gathered for the thanksgiving service for Tessa Simpson, a member of one of the longest established farming families in the village. Born at Culvert Cottage in Upton in July 1927, Theresa Hyde was brought up with her brother and two sisters at Milton Farm before marrying Alan and moving to London. She spent most of her adult life there, but she and her husband 'came home' when they retired to Tisbury. Later, they moved nearer to their daughters, Anne and Clair, in Nottinghamshire. As the circle of her life is closed with her funeral in the church where she was married, we send our sympathy to her brother and sister-in-law Richard and Janice, to her sister Kitty and to the wider Hyde family.



East Knoyle rainfall January and February 2026

It seems that my reports regularly alternate between prayers for more rain, and prayers for less rain.

"Jan-Feb 2026: a spectacularly wet January was followed by a wetter-than-average February."

Now, March and April have been too dry. We had total 2.11" (51.7mm) March-April 2026. One third of the 30-year average 6.57".

Not as bad as 2025, when we had half as much. Total 1.07" (27mm) in March-April 2025.

March 2026. We had 1.26" (32 mm) of rain in March 2026. The 30 year average is 3.63" (92.13 mm). So this March, rainfall was 34% of the 30 year average.

April 2026. We had total 0.85" (21.7 mm) in April 2026, compared to 30 year average of 2.94" (74.62 mm). So April rainfall was 29% of monthly average.

This follows the 2025 pattern. Wetter than average Jan-Feb, very dry March-April.

Here again is my reversed prayer: more rain please in May!

Nat Page





Iraq War

At midday on the 22nd May the 15th anniversary of the end of the Iraq War will be marked, nationally, by a ceremony at the National Memorial Arboretum to remember all those who lost their lives, or were seriously injured and are still living with the consequences, in the conflict.

An hour earlier, a short service of commemoration and remembrance will also take place at our village war memorial to mark the event and in particular, remember a young man from our village, Matthew Hull, who lost his life during the conflict just three days before his 26th birthday.

We are pleased to welcome LLM Jo Johnson who will lead the service together with representatives of Matthew's family and of his regiment who will lay wreaths. Additional guests include General Sir Jack Deverell, President of Wiltshire County RBL. Alex Drake of East Knoyle and a member of Shaftesbury Town Silver Band will play the Last Post and Reveille.

Immediately prior to service a church bell will be tolled courtesy of the East Knoyle bellringers. We do hope that there will be the usual large turnout to support this particularly poignant occasion, especially from all those who remember Matthew growing up in our small community.



Matthew Hull

Veterans Friendly Network



The RBL is a national partner in the Veterans Friendly Network which aims, amongst other objectives, to bring veterans together to improve well being and combat loneliness, an initiative in which our Branch is a willing participant. Andrea Kirby, Manager, and the care team at Hays House, have carried out a lot of work to establish the programme in this area and hopefully many veterans living locally will provide their support and come along to their next coffee morning on the 5th June at 10:00am - or on future occasions. If you would like to join us, please contact Hays House 01747 830282 or email andrea.kirkby@hayshouse.co.uk.

Events

On the 17th June, David Childs, the founder of the National Memorial Arboretum will be giving what should be a fascinating talk (details below) on how the memorial grew from a small former industrial site to its current state of 450 acres of beautiful countryside and woodland - a magnificent achievement on his part for which he received the CBE. The RBL has been the parent organisation of the arboretum since 2003 and recently the two charities merged to ensure the long term future of the project. As a result, from September it will become known as the RBL National Remembrance Gardens.

Visits

Visits to Bletchley Park, The DeHavilland Aviation Museum and the National Arboretum are currently work in progress.

Poppy Appeal

With our summer programme of activities in full swing, the total for the 25/26 Appeal continues to climb. At the end of April it stood at £12,446.70 and will continue to grow as the summer progresses. Remember, every little helps so if you have any unwanted currency of any denomination, old or new, you can donate them at the village shop where a tin is specially provided.

Future Dates:

1st June	Branch Meeting - 6.30pm, Benett Arms, Semley
5th June	Veterans Friendly Network - Coffee Morning, 10:00 Hays House.
17th June	Talk by David Childs, Founder of the National Memorial Arboretum 6.30pm, Semley Village Hall
6th July	Branch meeting, 6:30pm, Benett Arms, Semley
6th August	Talk by Charlotte Carty, 6:30pm, Semley Village Hall
9th August	Annual Strawberry and Pimms (tbc)

The Women's Branch of the Royal British Legion



held a very successful Easter Egg Hunt on March 31st. The weather held, and Easter Bonnets and eggs prevailed. Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make the day such a success, raising over £400 for the benevolent fund.

Thanks to the village shop for supplying the mini eggs, to Sara and Malcolm James for the Easter eggs as prizes, to Alan Entwistle for building a photo opportunity of being a rabbit, to Joan Claydon for allowing us to use her garden, and to all members and volunteers who gave their time to make it such an enjoyable afternoon.



There was a plethora of Easter Bonnets on parade, and judging for Rev. Kate McFarlane was a difficult job, and we thank her for undertaking the task...

The May meeting was held on 11th at St. Mary's Church and we were treated to a very interesting talk from Jan Knight on foliage in flower arranging, with a practical demonstration of a foliage only bouquet using foliage from her garden. We have all gone away inspired

Our next meeting will be a trip to Blandford Costume Museum, followed by

July's meeting at which our guest speaker will be Flora Rosevear showing us how she makes jewellery.

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

Moviola



It's already the end of our current Moviola season – doesn't time fly! We have had great support from you all with many enjoyable evenings in the Village Hall. Particular successes this year were *Mr Burton* in the autumn and *The Choral* just recently in April, with my personal highlight being *The Ballad of Wallis Island* just before Christmas.

The greatest step forward for us was the installation of an electronic screen and super projector, which has transformed the quality of the films we project and our preparations for the evening. No more lugging equipment through the kitchen and putting up the screen on the stage, and then at the end of the evening having to dismantle it all again. We are extremely grateful to the Village Hall committee for supporting us in this enterprise, and for making our film nights fit for purpose in our efforts to please our demanding clientele! We are also very grateful to Andy Minton for agreeing to project our films on Moviola evenings (as long as Spurs aren't playing of course).

All this would be impossible without the terrific group of people who choose the films and make the evenings run smoothly: Belinda, Torill, Ian and John. Neil and Kevin are willing hands to help gather up dishes, help in the bar, break up fights.... Thank you all.

We are taking a break for the summer, but intend to be back in September with a new programme of silver screen delights and delicious potatoes, when we look forward to welcoming you all once again to the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden

East Knoyle Village Hall 200 Club

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its THIRD draw of the year in Wren's Shop. Drawn at the start of another perfect sunny day, the winning number is 160; this month's winners are:

RICHARD and JANET LEE £50.00

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

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

The next draw is on July 1st, when we might hope that Summer continues as blissfully as Spring, with just the odd nocturnal shower of rain.



Recycling plastic plant pots in East Knoyle

The Wiltshire Council recycling webpage, on 21st April 2026, tells us that we cannot put plant pots in the blue bin. Yet England's 'Simpler Recycling' guidance (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/simpler-recycling-household-recycling-in-england>) is clear. All dry recyclable materials including plastic must be collected from all households from this very date. What's going on?



In short, we are British and exemptions apply. There are transitional arrangements for Wiltshire Council for some materials which are difficult to recycle until August 2027. Among these, the standard black plant pot, usually made of polypropylene, is a problem because the technology used at materials reprocessing and recycling centres cannot yet detect and sort all types of rigid plastic.

A trial of a future more complete household recycling service for Wiltshire was recently completed. 500 households in Chippenham were given an extra bin to use for recycling plastics and metal in August 2025. The purpose of the trial was to pilot an expanded system intended to increase the recycling rate, as specified by the Environment Act 2021. Recycling policy will change in 2027, but the county's lead officer (for Waste Transformation & Strategy) confirms that plant pots and trays will still not be collected from the kerbside.

Around 500 million plastic plant pots and trays are produced or sold every year in the UK <https://committees.parliament.uk/writtenevidence/102179/html/>. Thinking locally, there are several options available for greener disposal during the 2026 growing season. One, have a central collection point in the village to minimise <pot miles> – suggestions welcome for a location. Two, take the plant pots to a garden centre that accepts them (Plant World, Orchard Park and Lakeside do not). Three, take them to the Warminster household recycling centre (closed Wednesdays/Thursdays), where all types of rigid plastic pot and tray are collected for incineration or recycling, depending on the waste contractor and the market for oil-based plastics.

Eric Brunner and David Pickering
Warminster HH recycling centre
01985 211427

AI generated table				
Item type	Typical colour(s)	Common plastic material	Kerbside recycling	Notes
Plant pots (standard sunken pots)	Black	Polypropylene	✗ No	Black plastic often not detected by sorting scanners
Plant pots (coloured e.g. green/brown)	Green, brown, terracotta	Polypropylene / HDPE	✗ No	Still excluded as non-packaging
Thin plant trays (seed trays)	Black	PS (polystyrene) / Polypropylene	✗ No	Low recyclability, fragile plastic
Rigid plant trays (garden centre carry trays)	Black / Green	Polypropylene / HDPE	✗ No	Considered recyclable items
Clear propagation trays/lies	Clear	PET (sometimes)	✗ No	Even if PET, not accepted due to item type
Decorative pots (indoor/outdoor)	Various	Mixed plastic / composites	✗ No	Often multi-material → hard to recycle

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



It has been a very busy few months at school with lots of focused learning across the school in our core subjects, along with engaging and creative topic work. Woodpeckers class have been learning about Greek history and Greek Gods and will be inviting their parents into school for a Greek feast that they will prepare!

Owls Class have been delving into the wonderful world of Beatrix Potter, producing some amazing art work and stories, having made up their own animal characters. Our youngest learners in Robins class have been learning about recycling and the impact of waste and plastics on our planet; they have been making sure that our school is doing our bit and recycling or re-using as much as we can.

SATS Week In May our Year 6 pupils undertook their SATS tests, which take place in Primary Schools across the country and assess their skills and knowledge in English and Maths, in preparation for their move to Secondary School. We make SATS week as relaxed and stress free as possible for the children. A lovely Hindon School tradition is to provide them with a hearty cooked breakfast of their choice each day during SATS week. The school was filled with the aromas of cooked bacon and fresh Croissants which they thoroughly enjoyed. They all worked so hard preparing for their assessments and we are incredibly proud of them.



Preparing for Transitions We are a feeder school for Gillingham & Shaftesbury Secondary Schools, and our current Year 6 pupils will be leaving us in July to attend those school from September. Representatives from those schools will visit our Year 6 pupils at school in the coming weeks in order to get to know the children. We also support these pupils with specific transition wellbeing sessions with our Mental Health & Wellbeing Lead and ELSA Practitioner Mrs Johnson. The sessions provide a space for them to ask questions and share any worries as they prepare to leave us.

Of course its not only the Year 6 pupils that are preparing for change, as other children will be moving up to new year groups and into new classrooms in September. We support those transitions with 'bump up' days where the children get to spend time in their new space, getting to know the staff.

We will also be getting to know the new children that will be joining our school family in Reception in September; they will be coming into school for some settling in sessions with their parents in the summer months and we can't wait to get to know them.

Come for a personal tour

It is never too early to start thinking about Reception places for 2027, if you would like to look around our school, contact Amanda in the school office on 01747 820260 or admin@hindonce.wilts.sch.uk to book a personal tour of our lovely setting.



Wardour Catholic Primary School – School trips

Our Reception Class has enjoyed a wonderfully busy and enriching term, full of exciting opportunities to bring their learning to life beyond the classroom.

First of all, the children walked across the fields to a local farm, where they enjoyed feeding the lambs, watching cows and their calves grazing in the sunshine, and even groomed Mr Pickles the pony. The visit provided a fantastic hands-on experience and sparked lots of curiosity and conversation back at school.

The following week, the children travelled by bus to visit Salisbury Museum. They had a wonderful day exploring a range of fascinating artefacts and comparing objects from the past with those we use today. The children also enjoyed a picnic in the museum grounds, dressing up as children from a bygone era, and using their imaginations to create stories inspired by their experiences.

These memorable visits have greatly enriched the children's learning and confidence, and it has been lovely to make the most of the fantastic opportunities available within our local area.



Please and Thank You

This edition of the East Knoyle Newsletter will appear between 2 traditional agricultural festivals. In May we celebrate Rogation when we ask God's blessing on the growing crops. At Lammas, in July, we give thanks for the beginning of the harvest, blessing the first loaves the summer has produced. Both these occasions are marked by special barn services on local farms.

Most people in this country would not, however, have the faintest idea what Rogation or Lammas Sunday is. We have become so profoundly disconnected from the farming year, and from where our food comes from, and we have been able to take generous food supplies and wide availability for granted.

The word 'Rogation', which comes from the Latin 'to ask', is a word 'left over' from earlier times when it was understood that farming was essential to the life of any community; from centuries when people were all too aware of how easily a change in weather at the wrong stage in the growing season, never mind a disruptive war or outbreak of disease, could threaten famine rather than feast.

In our own increasingly uncertain era, perhaps we ought to reclaim this sense of our need both to ask and to give thanks, because by doing so we stop taking things for granted; we realise that we do not automatically have a right to whatever we want and acknowledge that all the power is not in our own hands. To 'ask' makes me recognise that I will not always receive. To 'give thanks' reminds me to appreciate how much I have.

It is especially important that we learn a new humility in terms of our treatment of our planet – not endlessly demanding more and more resources from our world, but treating the soil, air and water with the respect they deserve, and need, if life for us all is to be sustained. It is also vital that we stop expecting more and more from our farms and farmers, for less and less remuneration, taking for granted the crucial part they play in the life of our nation.

So Happy Rogation to you, and Happy Lammas in due course, as we celebrate nature's gifts, give thanks for the work of our farmers, and remind ourselves not to take for granted the good things upon which all our lives depend.



EK Chess Club

On 26th March the Chess club assembled to play out the Annual Speed Chess competition.

10 Competitors played a game against each other and against the clock in games timed to last no more than 20 mins.

Last year's winner Peter Miskin had tough competition from our new members from Hindon and Tisbury.

This year's event was staged at the Hindon Fellowship club. Our regular meeting place, The Lamb at Hindon, was unable to provide enough space for the competition, prompting this change.

When everyone had completed 9 games it was Dave le Curiot from Tisbury who took the title with 8 wins from 9 games. 4 other players hot on his heels.

The Mark Boyden Trophy was presented to Dave by Mark's brother David.

If you would like to join our Chess Group please contact Paul Naish for more information.



Knole Nature - Butterflies

Each year there is a stirring on April 1st.

On this day lepidopterists across the country emerge from their winter torpor to begin the annual process of gathering data on butterflies - walking weekly set routes in set ways to count each butterfly they see.

Why do this? For one, lepidopterists could be defined as “persons who are crazy about butterflies” so they can’t help themselves. Also, the data is very useful; butterflies sit in the middle of food chains and also have a short life – a yearly cycle of egg, caterpillar, chrysalis and adult. Their populations therefore respond quickly to changes in the broader ecology and indicate how that ecology is faring. Such is the quality and long history of the butterfly data gathered, it is included in the government’s ongoing attempts to build balanced economic measures beyond simple GDP.

So, what butterflies can be seen in East Knole during the year? Initially, only the small group of species that overwinter as adults (which are the familiar Peacock, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Brimstone, and now accepted to include Red Admiral). They shelter in crevices and amongst vegetation, relying on camouflaged underwings to avoid predation, waiting in torpor for temperatures to rise and warm them enough to move their exothermic little bodies. From April(ish) they are joined by the species that overwinter as chrysalis. Again responding to temperature, and possibly daylight, they emerge from chrysalis to spread and dry out their scaly wings for the first time. (Several whites: Orange-tip, Large White, Small White and Green-veined White, as well as lesser-known Holly Blues and, if you are lucky, luminous Green Hairstreaks perched on the gorse).

The species that overwintered as caterpillars have long resumed their relentless munching, and once they have eaten enough of their particular foodplant(s) to have reached their final instar they are ready to find a spot to their satisfaction, settle down, perhaps anchor themselves with a little silk, and gently do that miraculous and weird thing: transform into a chrysalis and later emerge as a glorious adult to join the other species on the wing. Some hungry caterpillars take longer to reach this stage but in early May you can encounter, amongst others, newly emerged Speckled Wood, Common Blue and bright Small Coppers darting around.

Some species overwinter as eggs, hatching in spring when their food plants’ leaves and buds unfurl. They’ll be pottering around as caterpillar eating-machines right now, but will delight us on the wing later in the summer. Amongst them are two of our largest: spectacular Silver-washed Fritillary feasting on violets down at ground level, and, although rare in this area, I am hoping we have magnificent Purple Emperors hidden up in the willow canopy.

If you yourself feel that stirring of interest in this wondrous world of butterflies then maybe start with Butterfly Conservation (www.butterfly-conservation.org), the friendly Dorset branch of which is running an identification class on 16 May (www.dorsetbutterflies.com). www.ukbutterflies.co.uk is

also an excellent online resource run by knowledgeable lepidopterists.

Jo Hurren



Peacock on larval foodplant (nettles).



Perching Green Hairstreak



Brimstone underwing looking like a leaf

New Vic @ Tisbury Events



May is upon us, and unbelievably, the end of our 26-26 season is approaching! As the sun and late evenings develop keep a little time for some culture with us. After seeing this month's jazz act at the Shaftesbury Fringe in 2025 we went back for their solo performances in café's and in the street the next day and asked them to come and play at for the NewVic as the finale of our jazz season. We're going to have a lot of fun, including some free wine and nibbles too as a thank you to all of you who are

Sunday May 24 th	Seventh Art production - Frida Kahlo	7.00pm
Friday May 29 th	Jazz. Afternoon in Paris	7.30pm

Sunday May 24th, **Seventh Art production - Frida Kahlo** 7pm
Run time: 91 mins

Frida Kahlo is a phenomenon. She is arguably the world's favourite female artist

Exhibition on Screen's award-winning film – first released during covid to a restricted audience – is back by popular demand with an exciting new addition from the curators of the blockbuster transatlantic exhibition from Tate Modern and MFA Houston 'Frida Kahlo: the Making of an Icon'. Back in the cinemas in May 2026, one month before the Tate exhibition opens, allowing audiences to watch both the film and see the show.

Friday May 29th, **Jazz Afternoon in Paris** 7.30pm

Prepare to be transported through the smoky jazz clubs of 1930s Paris and Hamburg to the grand cafés of Europe, New York, and South America.

Afternoon in Paris is on a mission to entertain!

Fronted by clarinet, bass clarinet and vocals in several European languages, their music stems from the forties swing of the Hot Club of France, but extends to encompass a miasma of styles from Latin to Klezmer, Bebop to Pop with some fab originals thrown in.

The result is a unique and joyful fusion of superbly delivered music.

Sit back and enjoy the show.

LICENSING ACT 2003	
APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE (Section 17 of the Act)	
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Postal address of premises:	The Fox and Hounds The Green SP3 9DQ
The application, if granted, is to enable the following licensable activities on the Premises Licence:	
Sale of Alcohol for and on Tastes, Monday to Sunday 0400-2400hrs	
A copy of the application may be inspected by visiting https://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/licences/permits-new/premises-exceptions or by emailing public.protection@wiltshire.gov.uk	
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Date of Notice:	13 th May 2020
End of Consultation:	16 th June 2020
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Cllr Bridget Wayman writes



Wiltshire Council's Highways Team have, in previous years, endeavoured to provide a multi year forward programme of carriageway surfacing schemes split over the 18 community areas. (We are in South West Wiltshire.)

Unfortunately, due to staffing resources and the rapidly changing network following the particularly wet winter period they are running behind and are some months away from being able to provide a multi year forward programme.

They have identified those schemes to be carried out in the 2026/27 financial year and there is virtually nothing in SWWiltshire.

However, they are seeking councillors input to help identify specific areas within each electoral division that require attention.

They are particularly focusing on the C-class and Unclassified road network, where deterioration is having a noticeable impact on the communities that rely on these routes. While they will not be resurfacing entire areas, the aim is to make targeted improvements that will deliver meaningful benefits to residents and road users.

Please note that all suggested areas will be assessed in line with Wiltshire Council's Asset Management Policy and considered within the constraints of a limited budget. This ensures that resources are allocated fairly and effectively across the county.

I represent a very large rural Division covering many parishes but I have written to every parish council asking for locations where repairs and improvements will make the greatest difference. Needless to say, my list is long and it is highly unlikely that all will be repaired this year. It does, however, include Touchorne Lane, part of Church Road, part of Salisbury Road and the bottom of Sheephouse Lane.

I am thoroughly frustrated by the lack of progress Wiltshire Council is making in negotiating with Dorset Council to allow Wiltshire residents to use the Shaftesbury HRC free of charge. The latest excuse is that the Dorset officer was called away suddenly for jury service, but no-one has bothered to pick up the mantle until I raised the issue yet again at a recent cabinet meeting. I fear there is no appetite to negotiate and that neither council's officers appreciate that we use Shaftesbury for so many other services and how much we contribute to Shaftesbury's economy. If the £30,000 estimated cost to Dorset is correct, it is a minute cost to Wiltshire in the grand scheme of things and Dorset should be grateful for any contribution. Perhaps we should all travel to Warminster HRC and do all our shopping there at the same time!

Finally, the draft Local Plan that had been submitted to the Planning Inspectors for examination has come to a sticky end. The Inspectors have told Wiltshire Council to withdraw it or they will reject it and we must go back and draw up a new plan based on the Government's projected housing numbers. In the meantime, this leaves the county in a precarious position open to developers advancing potential sites which the Council might not otherwise support. I sincerely hope that being part of the Cranborne Chase National Landscape will give us more protection from speculative development, but even that may be watered down. In the latest draft National Planning Policy Framework the Government is proposing to water down the 'great weight' afforded to protecting national landscapes to 'significant weight'. Quite what that means remains to be seen, but the Association of National Landscapes have raised their objections.

Other than that, my garden is dry and I'm hoping for a bit of rain.

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



East Knoyle Honey Bees - Notes from the East Knoyle Apiaries – 30

It is almost mid-May, we are having a slightly late, but beautiful spring. It can only mean one thing: Swarming Season! It is where beekeepers “bee keep” and not simply be “bee havers”. That said, it is only in the last 2-3 years (out of 20), that I have mastered what to do at this time of the year!

When she is in her stride, the queen lays 1,500 – 2,000 eggs a day, throughout late spring and to the summer equinox. When her laying rate gradually drops off. She fertilises 90% of her eggs from her life-time supply of sperm. 10% are unfertilised and become male drone (haploid) gametes with $\frac{1}{2}$ the number of chromosomes (16 pairs) compared to their sisters (32 pairs). Drones only really do one thing – see Drone Congregation Areas.....



The super-organism responds to increased daylight and the influx of pollen to start creating a type of queen cell, called Swarm Cells. See picture of queen cells hanging from the comb. In concert with spring, there is a feedback loop in the hive: Better conditions = more pollen and nectar, the queen lays more eggs and the more crowded, the colony becomes. The queen can't distribute her pheromones across the colony through her daughters sharing food (trophallaxis) and licking each other. The colony begins to think that it is “Not Queen Right” – beekeeper speak for saying she has hung up her crown. The colony then creates queen cups (starter queen cells) and the clock starts ticking.....

The queen lays a fertilised egg in the queen cup (daughter workers can place a sister egg in there – if you are with me?). Then epigenetics happens. Non-genetic influences on gene expression. In English, exactly the same egg (same maternal genes) as all the sister workers is laid in the queen cup – BUT – she is fed massive quantities of Royal Jelly (non-genetic influence), 4 x more nutrients and sugar content than worker jelly AND the queen larva is fed 1,500 X a day – compared to < 1,000 X for one of her worker sisters. She moults 4 X and at day 8 the queen cell (fully extended queen cup) is sealed.

This is when all hell breaks loose. Hence why we inspect every 7 days.

Winding back a bit. The colony know what they are doing. At day 4-5, the colony stop feeding the queen to slim her down for flying (in the swarm). She will stop or reduce her egg laying from day 5. The colony will also send out scout bees 1-2% of the worker population, 500 – 1,000 bees. Who will start looking for a future nest site. On or around day 8 – none of these timings are exact – the bees may start to cluster outside the hive and the queen cell is capped. If the weather is ok, workers will press their thoraxes onto other bees and vibrate their wing muscles, creating a piping sound with harmonies 400 – 2000 hz resembling an F1 car sound. I have never heard it! Other workers will run through the colony on buzzing runs. They intend to get as much as the colony as possible to warm-up their flight muscles to a flying temperature of 35 °C.

Then woosh! The mature queen will leave with 40-50% of the colony – 20-30,000 bees in an initial prime swarm. Despite all the scouting, the colony generally settle in a cluster within a km for 1-3 days to continue their reconnaissance. They are looking for a cavity in a tree, a chimney or gap in the eaves.

Swarming is the honeybee colony method of colony reproduction. It is rare in the animal kingdom that the matriarch, the mature queen and not her daughter princesses, leaves the safety of the nest. Princes don't really feature!

ASIAN HORNETS.

We had a credible sighting in Tisbury a couple of weeks ago – sadly no photograph. I hope you have downloaded the Asian Hornet Watch App and are steeling yourself to help combat this invasive species. In France, on average, one nest consumes 11.3kg of insects a year. It is not just a beekeepers' problem.



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Martin and Paul's Mighty Charity Hike for Macmillan Cancer Support



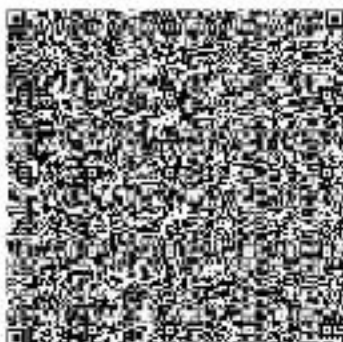
Paul Naish and Martin Brown are taking on the Jurassic Coast Mighty Hike on 4th July in support of Macmillan Cancer Support. They will be pushing their '70 plus year old' bodies to previously unknown levels of pain and endurance for 13½ miles. It's a torturous and hilly route with not a pub in sight!

Since committing to this challenge both Martin and Paul have heard many personal stories on just how important Macmillan Support is. £273 pays for a Macmillan nurse for 7 hours, helping people with cancer and their families to receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

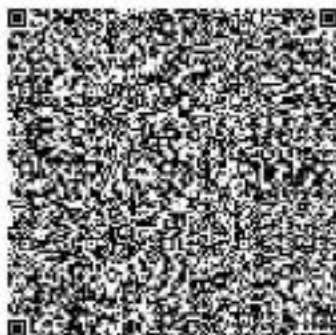
So we are asking for donations that will help ensure that no one has to face cancer without the care, compassion, and the expert support they deserve. Any donation large or small will make a difference. Thank you

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Knogle Place Open Garden

Lizie De La Moriniere & family will be opening the beautiful gardens of Knogle Place for the National Garden Scheme, which has been funding numerous nursing and health charities since 1927.

The Gardens will be open on Saturday 30th May between 2-5pm

Full details can be found here

<https://ngs.org.uk/gardens/knogle-place-sp3/>

We would love to welcome you to our gardens, and in doing so raise some money for some great causes. We will be selling tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits to support the church fabric fund and village hall. We would greatly appreciate any donations of homemade cakes and baked goods.

Please do contact us

on lizedelam@knogleplace.co.uk to let us know if you can help and what you'd like to bake. Vegan and Coeliac options are most welcome.

Doorstep knockers

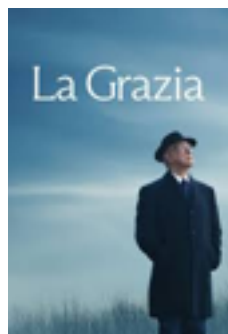
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Do you know of someone who would like to receive one of these? If so, simply email chris@ablecommunitycare.com or call them on 01603 764567.

The Cinephile

(Reviews of Some Recent Films)



La Grazia (The Pardon)**** (Paolo Sorrentino directs Toni Servillo playing an Italian president in his last days in office. But before he steps down he must make some last impossible decisions and resolve one nagging question.)

Rome, Italy, Mariano, the president of [Italy](#) takes life very seriously, as you would hope that a man entrusted with running his country would. There is no Johnsonesque buffoonery here or Churchillian whiskies in the bath. Mariano is a serious, earnest, compassionate, selfless and fastidious man, tormented by the weight of the decisions he faces in high office. His only indulgence; the occasional procrastinatory cigarette, appropriated from his personal protection officer. Even this he smokes diligently on his roof terrace while he muses over his dilemmas.

His only other idiosyncrasy is a tendency to put on his headphones and listen to loud techno music almost as if to will himself away from the philosophical, towards a more mathematical approach in resolving his constitutional decisions.

He must decide on whether to sign off a bill making euthanasia legal:

“If I don’t sign I’m a torturer, if I do sign I’m a murderer.”

He must also decide whether to give pardons to a woman who killed her abusive husband in his sleep and a man who killed his dementia patient wife.

Mariona is a former judge and widely respected by his country and his peers. But top office is a lonely place, particularly as he is a widower and he is haunted by the idea that his wife had an affair, forty years ago, with one of his old nemesis.

Other than his personal protection officer, he has only the company of his late wife’s best friend, his old classmate, Coco Valori, a lush old eccentric, with whom he has a touching familiarity, and his daughter, Dorotea, herself an esteemed lawyer.

Coco, refuses to break her deceased friends confidence. Does it matter? All those years ago, it’s water under the bridge, as we too will be. His daughter, meanwhile, hounds him around the palatial residence, willing him to resolve his remaining constitutional decisions, before it’s too late.

The subtext here is the tragic truth, that old age and retirement force us into a position where like it or not we are required to recognise our own mortality and by association, impotence. We are all bound to make mistakes, to struggle with decisions. In the end it’s perhaps the fact that we care that matters. Perhaps that is how one might receive the pardon.

La Grazia is a seriously stylish film as one might expect from the Italian cinematic repertoire. Like its main protagonist the film itself is well manicured, showing extreme attention to the craft. It is imbued with a wry humour, rooted in the ridiculousness of pomp and ceremony in the face of life and death. In contrast it worships the beauty of Rome and its lasting romantic architecture.

Sorrentino can sometimes miss the mark, getting overwhelmed by the themes and ideas he is trying to cram into his work, but when he’s good he’s very good and despite its weighty themes, this is a film to bathe in.



The Stranger **** (Stunning, disturbingly beautiful film in glorious Black and White, based on the Albert Camus book L’Etranger)

We are informed at the outset, by old newsreels that this is Algiers, the ‘glorious’ French colony where life is desirable in sunny climes. In this post-colonial age, it’s uncomfortable to watch. The white French look comfortable, while the Algerians do not.

Benjamin Voisin plays Meursault, a beautiful young Frenchman. He smokes and goes to work and doesn’t do much else. The look of the film is reminiscent of the films of the Nouvelle Vague, stylish, every frame beautifully considered, cool. Like Belmondo, Voisin’s Meursault is also confident and cool and it’s his coolness that is perhaps his undoing, he appears devoid of feelings.

One day he goes swimming in a pool and meets his girlfriend, Marie. They hang out. They go home. They have sex. He seems unmoved. “I wonder if I love you”, she says, “you seem strange, different”. But this is the very characteristic to which she appears to be attracted.

He works diligently, but also without interest, he turns down a promotion and the chance to move to Paris.

He dutifully attends his mother’s funeral, but is unmoved.

Meursault joins Marie and some friends to go to the beach one weekend. After a brief scuffle with some local Algerian lads he shoots and kills one of them, called Moussa. He is unfazed, like a child killing a cat.

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The Cinefile cont.

Director Francoise Ozon, is playing with 'cool' here, not least in homage to the New Wave styling of the film. Mearsualt is left cold by his experience of life, even in the face of death.

Despite the weighty theme of unconscious existential repression within the lead character and the discomfort in recalling a kind of apartheid Algiers, this is never the less an extremely beautiful and enjoyable film.

Sirat *** (A very unusual film with big shock value.)

A middle aged Man and his young son are wandering around a music festival looking for his daughter who has disappeared. The sound is critical to this film, so try and see it with a good system. It's compelling, but not for the faint hearted. originality.

The Drama ** (Charlie and Emma are madly in love and due to be married.)

The Drama in question here revolves around a single moment when, in a silly game, Emma reveals a shocking part of her past which leads to farcical chaos.)

The Bride ** (Gothic punk meets Frankenstein's Bride unlike in her role in Hamnet, Jessie Buckley cannot reach any emotional highs in this one.)

Peaky Blinders *** (Given how brilliantly the TV series was produced, not much changes for the big screen. Worth a watch, because Cillian Murphy is always mesmerising and there's a devilish role for the excellent Tim Roth. The violence is wearisome though.)

The Secret Service (TV) *** (Written by the journalist and ITN news reader Tome Bradby, this is an intriguing portrayal on the thin line between government and the secret service. Available on ITVX.)

May 2026



East Knoyle Fantasy Football League

Since August 2025, 33 Fantasy Football mangers have been locked in battle to secure the top spot in the EK Fantasy Football League, now in its 7th year. Last years winner Sian Coward is currently in 6th place just 9 points off the top spot.

This year looks like being the closest ever finish with 7 managers in contention. The lead has changed hands several times in the last few weeks after run away leader Matt Lake, let a seemingly unassailable early season lead slip away. Matt edged back into top spot this weekend and is in contention as the season draws to a close.

The Trophy will be presented to this years winner on the evening of 17th June when England play their first match in the 2026 World Cup. If you wish to join the League for the 2026/27 season please Email David Hockham at hockham.david@gmail.com before the new season starts in August.



BOTTLES NEEDED

As last year, Nick and I are running the bottle tombola at Katie Page's Fun Fair and Fun Dog Show on Sunday 31st May in aid of Save The Children.

Please could you drop off any bottle donations either in Wren Shop or at our house The Paddocks, The Street, East Knoyle SP3 6AJ.

With huge thanks
Nick and Venetia



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