



# The East Knoyle Newsletter

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## East Knoyle's New Website Goes Live!

The new East Knoyle website is now officially up and running.

The site has a new domain name <http://east-knoyle.co.uk>

The old domain name (<http://www.eastknoyle.org.uk>) currently listed on Google will eventually disappear and you will need to replace this with the new one in your bookmarks.

The site is still being developed so editor Bruce Jones wants to hear from you if you have ideas for content.

There will be a photo gallery of the village (Wizard of Oz photos already available!) plus news and updates on things like the defibrillator project and others - as it happens! Have a look now.

For enquiries please contact Bruce via [bruce@east-knoyle.co.uk](mailto:bruce@east-knoyle.co.uk).

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## Parish Council News

The current PC will disband in May as the local Council Elections get underway. In another part of the newsletter the Editor has given information on how you might go about being elected to the Council if you wish to become more involved in village life. On behalf of the Chairman I would like to thank the existing councillors for their work over the last few years. Council business can sometimes be difficult and sensitive, especially around emotive planning issues, but these are always handled professionally by the current Council members. PC meetings are always fun to attend and we have our current Chairman Tim Hyde to thank for this. Tim brings his amiable level-headed approach to business and is well supported by Vice-Chairman Neil Southerden.

The PC is about to put out to tender for the work needed to maintain our woodland, common lands and Knoyle House playground. If you would like to tender for any of this work please ask the Clerk for details of the work involved. In early March work got underway to improve the view from the Windmill across the Vale and Leo Tandoh Tree Services will be undertaking the work. This year Leo will be purchasing some of the timber from the PC, but after the work is complete residents can collect felled timber for their own use. Many thanks to Ian Gurney for his enthusiastic clearance work in the woods around Underhill and The Green. Ian is part of the Common Land's sub committee and has cleared many paths and bridleways that were becoming difficult to negotiate.

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Council.

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Limetree Cottage, Underhill, tel: 830431

## PC Highways Report

There has been a succession of repairs and resurfacing carried out over recent weeks as follows

- ◆ Church Road between The Shop and Church
- ◆ Church Road outside Cemetery
- ◆ East of The Green between Swainscombe and The Green Farmhouse
- ◆ Touchorne Lane – Jet patched between Haddon House and Manor Farmhouse
- ◆ Touchorne Lane resurfaced at the Wise Lane junction.
- ◆ Wise Lane – Potholes repaired approaching Clouds Crossroads
- ◆ New Road/Touchorne Lane Junction
- ◆ New Road outside The Homestead
- ◆ Sutton Bottom
- ◆ Shaftesbury Road
- ◆ Millbrook Lane (across the A350)

Just to give you an idea of timescale all the above have taken between 6 and 10 months to get the work completed after being reported.

In addition, numerous signposts have been repaired and replaced and we finally have two brand new bollards on the A350 at the Hindon Road crossing installed.

There is a programme of repainting some of the worn white lines at many junctions around the village and further afield some of which have already been carried out and I think that in general the state of the roads across the Parish is significantly better now that it was 12 months ago, which reflects the effort that is now being put in to bring our highways up to scratch by the PC.

We have a monthly visit from our Parish Steward (Fred Winter) who carries out a lot of repairs that don't require a Highways team. Fred is given jobs in advance by me each month and this new service is now working very well. He tends to do more of the smaller jobs but the advantage is that I have direct access to him and now meet with him on each visit to us to make best use of his time with us.

Everything Highways related throughout the Parish continues to be monitored regularly including the extremities with priority always given to those areas that are in poorest repair or cause a safety issue with the PC being updated on progress at each of our monthly meetings. Wise Lane through The Green to Upton is one of the current priorities along with Upton itself and Underhill as these are currently the worse sections of road in the Village. East of The Green has just been repaired and pressure will continue to be applied to Highways to get these outstanding service requests completed

Rob McCarthy (Parish Councillor – Highways)

# Parish and Unitary Council Elections 4 May 2017

Every four years we get the chance to vote for local councils – both Parish (East Knoyle) and County (Nadder and East Knoyle).

This year there are vacancies on our Parish Council.



## Do you want to be a Parish Councillor?

- Have a say in Village life
- Do something for our community
- Get involved in projects within the Village
- Use your skills and knowledge to benefit the community and help others
- Areas you could get involved in – Common Lands and Footpaths, Finance, the Village Hall, Planning and Highways, Village website, and many more.....

To be able to stand as a candidate at a parish council election you must –

- be at least 18 years old
- be a British citizen, an eligible Commonwealth citizen or a citizen of any member state of the European Union, and meet at least one of the four qualifications below
  - a. You are, and will continue to be, registered as a local government elector for the parish in which you wish to stand from the day of your nomination onwards
  - b. You have occupied as owner or tenant any land or other premises in the parish area during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of the election
  - c. Your main or only place of work during the 12 months prior to the day of your nomination and the day of the election has been in the parish area
  - d. You have lived in the parish area or within three miles of it during the whole of the 12 months before the day of your nomination and the day of the election

For further information on any of the above and to put yourself forward for a parish councillor role please contact

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Parish Council.

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### Windmill View

I would like to say a hearty thank you to all those who turned out on a rather chilly Sunday 26 February. We cleared a great deal of Birch and Gorse to help keep the Windmill view open - we all agreed the 2 hours were well spent! Special thanks to Jill Hockham for providing delicious coffee at just the right time! I will organise some more time to wrestle with more underbrush in the coming year.

Tim Hyde



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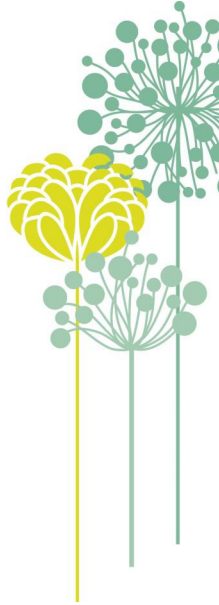
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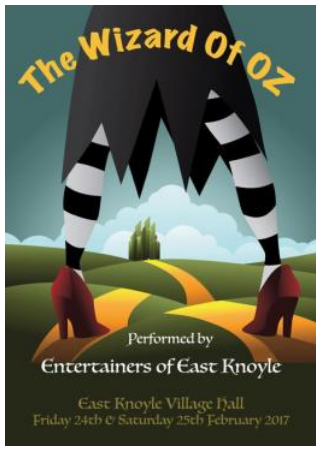
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## The Wizard of Oz

Once again EEK did what it says on the tin, the Entertainers of East Knoyle's production of 'The Wizard of Oz' on Friday and Saturday, 24 and 25 February roared with life and fun. With scarcely a straw out of place the whole company delighted full houses. There was a kind of happy witchcraft over the whole Village Hall.



Under the inventive and imaginative direction of Tarn Winstone and wholeheartedly supported by the music of Louise Brown and Wayne Winstone, the cast of genuinely talented performers kept the audiences howling with laughter, singing along and joining in in best pantomime style (Oh yes, they did!).

Issy Pritchard was an honest, warm and touching Dorothy who sang well and captured the hearts of the audience. Her companions on her journey to Oz, the brainless Scarecrow (Mark Boyden), the heartless Tin Woman (Janeen Evans) and the cowardly Lion (Ian Small) were funny and inventive. The Wicked Witch (Mary-Jane Pritchard) was horribly, greenly evil and the Good Witch (Cassia Evans) glitteringly good. Riff Raff, (Michael Staunton) the comic servant with the all-important water pistol, saved the day and won his dream in the end. There was charming and funny support from the rest of the cast of lesser characters, Queen, guardsman, gatekeeper and all-purpose Munchkins, not forgetting the farmhand who set the story in motion.



All the Behind the Scenes Team are to be highly praised for giving us such an effective and colourful production. Lighting, scenery, makeup, props and costume were universally excellent and showed what effort and ability had gone into the play.

Aren't we lucky to live in a village with such talented and dedicated performers to keep us entertained?

*'Pantaloons', East Knoyle's Theatre Critic*





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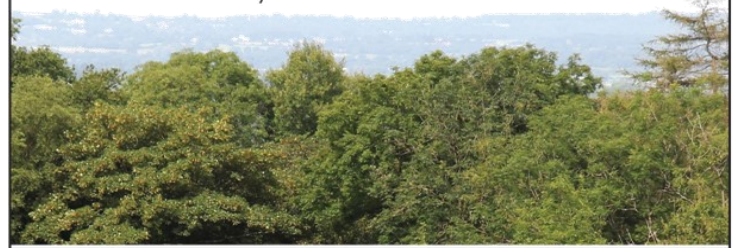
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### Aches and pains

All of us will experience musculoskeletal aches and pains at some point. Sadly these become more common as we age and things start to wear out.

There is a lot we can do to reduce these symptoms. Many of you have your favourite action plans – special family remedies and expert help from osteopaths, chiropractors or physiotherapists with exercises tailored to your own needs. We are very lucky to have many excellent local practitioners, as well as access to the Council's Health Trainer scheme and the new Nadder Centre in Tisbury.

Arthritis Research UK is an excellent charity with masses of information on their website ([www.arthritisresearchuk.org](http://www.arthritisresearchuk.org)). They have just produced a new series of information and exercise sheets that you can download.

The message is that exercise is safe and has many benefits. It eases stiffness and improves flexibility. It prevents loss of muscle strength. It releases endorphins which makes you feel good and act as natural pain killers (without the side effects of pills which tend to stop working if used too long). It helps manage body weight and reduces the strain on your joints. As we get older all of these benefits also reduce the risk of falling and breaking bones, and weight loss reduces the risk of cancer, diabetes, heart attacks, strokes and high blood pressure.

We should all aim to do 30 minutes of exercise five times a week – enough to feel you have done something, stretched out your muscles and increased your heart rate. You don't need any fancy equipment but often doing this with others helps with motivation. You could walk with a friend, join a sports club or go to the gym or swimming pool. Your surgery can refer you to the council Active Health scheme, may have some leaflets for local walks (Hindon) and the details for you to self-refer to the Health Trainer.

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Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

## Do you Remember?



This photograph taken outside the Fox and Hounds dates back to 1955.

Do you recognise anyone?

What was the event?

Are there some interesting stories any of our readers can tell us about this photo or the people in it?

We would love to start including the history of East Knoyle more often in the Newsletter, so please contact us with photos and anecdotes please.

Photograph kindly supplied by Tommy Hall



## Village Hall News

The bookings continue to keep the Village Hall well used and of course great use of it has been made by EEK for their wonderful Panto production.



The car park hedge has finally been tamed. The task force was led by Mark Howell, while a great support team from the Masonic Lodge with Bob Maidment arriving with a 20 ton skip and Phil Lever had organised for an agricultural telehandler, driven by Roy, to fill the skip with the hedge cuttings.

The car park is now several feet wider and the car reversing bleepers will not be sounding so regularly.

The Village Hall Committee wish to thank the Masonic Lodge for its very generous supply of the equipment and manpower, which made the clearing of the hedge such a success. Mark Howell was his usual bundle of energy with his hedge trimmer and chain saw.

David Jenkins.

## EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its second draw of 2017, in Wrens Shop on a bleak early Spring morning with Storm Doris just getting into her stride. This month's shrewd investors were:

**Fergus Webster                    £25**  
**Julyan & Diana Gordon   £15**

New supporters are cordially welcome to join for only £12 a year - just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594, or collect a membership form from the Shop.

AND good news all round – this year the 200 Club will be able to give a cheque for £1200 to the Village Hall Committee to help the Hall, thanks to you, the subscribers to the 200 Club.

**The next draw is on May 1st.**



## East Knoyle Rainfall Rainfall recorded

January 76mm (2.99")  
February 46.5mm (1.83")

In previous Januarys the average rainfall was 3.81", so this Januarys' was just under an inch less than average. I recorded rainfall on 12 days in January, and there was a period of 9 consecutive days without recordable rainfall.

In previous Februarys the average rainfall was 3.02", so this Februarys' was only 60% of the average for the last 23 Februarys. Similarly I only recorded rainfall on 12 days in February, and there was one period of 5 days and one period of 4 consecutive days without recordable rainfall.

Robin Egerton

**Days Gone By.....** " *The Missionary Meeting which was to be held on March the 15<sup>th</sup> was unavoidably stopped by a heavy fall of snow which covered the ground to a depth of 13 inches. This was a great disappointment to many who intended to be present*".

Extract from the East Knoyle Parish Magazine, April 1887. Source: *Wiltshire Footsteps*, [www.wiltshire-footsteps.co.uk/east-knoyle](http://www.wiltshire-footsteps.co.uk/east-knoyle)



## Save the Children

Thank you to all those who have contributed to our most successful fund-raising year, so far, for Save the Children, Shaftesbury Branch. Our overall total for 2016 was £11,000 of which £2,185 came from our annual dinner in November at The Fox and Hounds. Your support and enthusiasm for all the events we organise is enormously appreciated by the committee and if more information is needed please don't hesitate to contact me or our Treasurer, Martin Snell.

Moreover, as we have a vacancy on the Committee at the moment, if anyone felt like joining us to help with the talks, fairs, plays, small sales that we try and organise, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Katie Page (Chairman Shaftesbury Branch Save the Children)

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### Litter Pick

A total of 20 hardy villagers assisted with the annual village litter pick this year, carried out in windy, overcast conditions. You may have seen litter pickers out and about in the week leading up to Saturday's event and these were good citizens who were not available on Saturday 25th but who still wanted to do their part. In total 37 black bin liners worth of litter were collected together, with 4 tyres and a few odd items like an umbrella and a shovel. This year we arranged to meet the Hindon litter pickers on neutral ground half way down Sheephouse lane.

Hindon and East Knoyle picking together

The main problem areas continue to be the main exit and entry roads to the village, and the stretch of the B3089 from the traffic lights on the A350 to Willoughby Hedge. Most internal village roads are quite clear of litter and this is thanks to the many residents who regularly collect litter whilst out walking. Anyone who still has a hi-viz jacket or litter picker can leave them at the shop for Kevin to collect. Many thanks to all involved, keep an eye out for next year's event!

Kevin Stow



Above - What a load of old rubbish!



Team East Knoyle Litter Pickers 2017



A few residents have passed on their concerns about people driving too fast through the village and hamlets. Children playing and cycling are especially at risk, as are walkers (and their dogs) and horse riders. Please think of others. Slowing down only adds a few seconds to your journey – and speak to visiting friends, delivery drivers, etc. It might just save a life or avoid a serious accident.

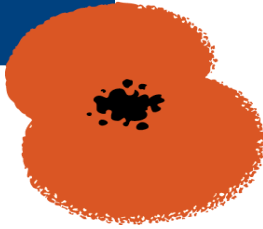
### East Knoyle Choir



Have you been thinking about joining us? Well now is the perfect time as we embark on a new programme of songs. Each week we rehearse in a relaxed atmosphere with the emphasis on singing for fun.

Friday Night is Choir Night - 7.30 to 8.30 in the Village Hall. Come along when you can - no regular commitment necessary.

Contact Louise - 832290



## RBL Branch News

The year has started well with several pieces of positive news. On 14 January the Chairman, Branch Secretary and Standard Bearer represented the Branch at the RBL Wiltshire County Conference in Trowbridge, at which they were delighted to receive the Stillwell Cup for being adjudged the most 'Efficient Small Branch in Wiltshire'. After being 'runner up' or 'highly commended' for many years it was great to finally achieve the coveted 'Number 1' spot against ever growing and stronger competition from other Branches.

The title of 'Most Efficient Branch' is, in a way, a bit of a misnomer as you are judged on performance across many categories of activity. These include: Administration; Remembrance; Community Engagement; Fundraising and Publicity, to which everyone in the Branch - and those in the village who support the Poppy Appeal - makes a valuable contribution. So 'well done all'.



All in all there was a positive air about the conference, with National Chairman Terry Whittles outlining the RBL national strategy for the next five years and revisiting successful campaigns and welfare provision over the past year. Details of the new strategy are far ranging and will be available in full later this month. Recent campaign successes include the 'Mesothelioma Campaign' supporting service men that have contracted the disease (a Cancer linked to Asbestos) through their service in tanks or ship's boiler rooms. Previously, their State Benefits were capped at just £30,000 compared to £130,000 for civilians. Following representation by the RBL they are now entitled to claim a lump sum of £140,000 - a perfect example of why the RBL is needed and should be supported.

Another piece of good news was in regard to the war memorial in St. Leonard's churchyard in Semley. Our Branch has been working since December 2013 to have repairs to the memorial carried out by 'signposting' available funding streams and, with help from the late Jan Oliver, providing historical information to support a funding application submitted in 2016 by Sedgehill and Semley Parish Council. Finally the news has come through that the funds have been approved, subject to certain conditions, which will cover the cost of replacing the damaged base stones and highlighting the names of the 'Fallen'.

Future social events currently under consideration include a visit to the Submarine Museum in Gosport and the Maltings in Warminster. As always, guests and non-members are very welcome. Give me a call on the number below if you are interested in attending.



**Poppy Appeal:** At the end of December the total for the 2016/17 Appeal stood at £4,694 and has now reached £4,755.

**Coming Up:** The next two Branch meetings will be at 7.30pm on Monday 3 April and 8 May. Venue: Fox and Hounds.

Ron Clark,  
Branch Secretary, (830354)



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Over the last couple of months, Wren's has once again proved invaluable as a centre for the community, providing a site for selling pantomime tickets, gathering together for the litter-pick and signing petitions to Save Our Beds at Westminster Hospital in Shaftesbury. The shop and post office regularly provide key services at no profit: prescription collection, mobile, and electricity top-ups. As well as making life easier this also saves the wider environment, cutting down on car trips for these services.

We are also here all those special occasions – Mothering Sunday on 26 March and Easter, with our very special selection of speciality chocolates. Remember that flowers can be ordered from Janeen at the Post Office to be sent within the village or anywhere in the world.

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## St Mary's Church

As I write this report I am preparing pancakes for Shrove Tuesday! The following day, Ash Wednesday, is the start of the Church's reflective period of Lent, leading up to Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday, then the glorious celebrations of Easter Day. The topic for the Lent Study this year is 'Receiving Christ'. There are meetings in East Knoyle on Tuesday afternoons, starting on 7 March and further information is available from Jo on 830174 in the Benefice Office.

There are Services throughout the Benefice each day during Holy Week, culminating in the solemnity of the **Good Friday Service in St Mary's at 2.00 pm on 14 April**. On Saturday Cilla will be leading her team of flower arrangers in decorating our Church with a wonderful floral display, in preparation for our celebration of **Easter Sunday, when the Parish Communion Service will be held at 11.00 on 16 April**.

This month we are saying a special thank you to Suzanne and Chris Sandford, who will be standing down as Church Warden and Treasurer respectively at the APCM on 19 March after a combined total of thirty years of complete dedication and service to St Mary's Church. Suzanne has been a most energetic and efficient Church Warden, and will be remembered for her commitment and attention to detail; she regularly did more than her fair share of the many tasks involved and ensured the smooth running of the Church and services. Chris has looked after our finances most assiduously, managing to keep us solvent during these challenging times. His involvement during the major programme of restructuring and refurbishment of many parts of the Church building was considerable; his advice and guidance during some critical phases, although not very visible, was absolutely essential. The contribution made by both will be sorely missed.

Briony Hamilton

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## Round and About

We send our good wishes to Rob and Rosemary Wylie who have moved from Beechwood. We hope they will soon find a new home nearer to Salisbury and be very happy there. In their place have come Richard Smallbone and Maxine Murray, who we warmly welcome to the village.

James Ruel and Sophia Wilson-Weaver have moved into Godsview in Underhill and we very much hope they will enjoy living in East Knoyle.

With great regret we record the deaths of two long-standing residents of the village. Mrs Joan Bagg died on the 17 February in Hayes House. She had just celebrated her 95th birthday there, having left her home in Milton a few months ago. Many people will remember seeing her on her moped, safely wrapped in her white helmet, as she travelled about the area. We send our sincere condolences to her daughter, Jennie, her grandchildren Jason and Louisa, and her great-granddaughter Imogen.

Mrs Sylvia Chamberlayne had lived at The Green for many years. In the past she and her husband ran a farm in the village, but it closed a while ago. She is remembered for her skill and style as a horsewoman and also for walking the lanes with her Saluki dog. She was a great supporter of the village shop.

## Knole Knature Notes

Snowdrops herald the welcome journey towards the spring solstice. Look out for the cup-shaped yellow six-petalled flower of the winter aconite. on the woodland floor, a relative of the buttercup whose flowers arrive first. Last season's profusion of old man's beard, or travellers joy, our vigorous native clematis, still festoon the trees and bushes of our hedgerows, whilst the hart's tongue fern has lent the banks of our sandy parish lanes a heartening daub of evergreen, through these longest days of winter.

We're moving into the season where rooks are 'building' or 'clamouring', 'downs' or 'dusks' of hares are boxing and starlings appear again in 'murmurations'. Let's hope that the lapwing, peewit, pyewipe or green plover returns too in 'deserts', as we remember from days of yore before intensive land usage wreaked such havoc, so we can still celebrate those wonderful group names and collective nouns passed down from our forefathers that described the incredible diversity of our natural heritage.

*The Yaffle*

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

## MOVIOLA



Spring is in the air and we are off to the Antipodes for our next show on **Wednesday 29 March**. Based on the best-selling novel, **The Light between Oceans** is set on a wind-swept island off the coast of Australia. (It was actually filmed in New Zealand). In the aftermath of the First World War a lighthouse keeper and his wife find a baby in a drifting rowing boat and decide to bring it up as their own child. The repercussions of this decision make for a very dramatic and poignant story, with excellent performances by the three stars: Michael Fassbinder, Alicia Vikander and Rachel Weisz.

On **Wednesday 26 April** we have the much-praised **A United Kingdom** starring Rosamund Pike and David Oyelowo. Based on a true story and taking place in the late 1940s, Oyelowo plays Seretse Khama, heir to the throne of Bechuanaland (now Botswana), who, while a student in London falls in love with and marries Ruth Williams, a white English woman. He takes her back to his homeland, much to the dismay of the governments of both nations. This is a film about love and race that succeeds in being largely unsentimental and astute in its portrayal of the differing tensions created by the situation.

As usual we are doing baked potatoes. If you would like one, please write your order on your ticket stub, preferably by the end of the Monday of the week of the film if possible. There is a bar with wine, soft drinks and snacks and lovely ice creams in the interval.

The tickets remain at £5 and can be bought at Wren's Shop or on the door. We start serving at about 6.50 and the film starts at 7.30.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden



### T@3 Thursday 9 March -

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 date, please note, Thursday 6 April**



### Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 28 March

St. Mary's, 10.30am -12.00pm

Freshly brewed coffee and tea with biscuits in our lovely church

A warm welcome awaits you!

**Future date - Tuesday 25 April**

### St. Mary's Games Evening

Tuesday 28 March 7.45pm

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 18301471

**Future date, Tuesday 25 April .**



## Flower and Vegetable Show 2017

A date for your diary - Saturday 12 August



Classes will be very similar to last year's with a few minor changes. The show schedule containing the classes, rules, guidelines and entry forms will be distributed with the May Newsletter – as well as being posted on the new East Knoyle website.



And.....we will be running the Scarecrow Competition again and looking for a lot more amazing entries – start thinking now!

## STOP PRESS - EAST KNOYLE FETE

We can confirm that there will be a Fete this year after last year's gap when we ran the Barn Dance instead. Roger Hague has kindly agreed to run it, advised by Jill Hockham and hopefully helped by a happy gang of warriors.

Dates (late summer/early autumn) and venue still undecided but these will be published as soon as they are known. Volunteers and new ideas essential!

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