



# The East Knoyle Newsletter

Vol: 44 Issue No 2

[www.east-knoyle.co.uk](http://www.east-knoyle.co.uk)

March/April 2018

## East Knoyle Flower & Vegetable Show 2018



**Diary  
date:  
Saturday  
11th  
August  
2018**

If you haven't already done so be sure to order your seeds and get planting **NOW**.

You could be celebrating a winning exhibit in our annual village show.



More information to follow in the next newsletter.

After the cold and snow of the last few days, isn't it nice to look forward to future events in the village that bring thoughts of warm sunny days, teas on the lawn outside the Village Hall and a great social event? Can it possibly be time to start thinking of the Flower and Vegetable Show - of course it is!

Once again this Newsletter is full of great events to attend in East Knoyle - most of which require a bit of participation and a few volunteers to happen. We are quite spoilt at the moment.

So come on East Knoylers! Throw off the 'cloak of invisibility'! Bin the excuse of 'I'm too busy'! There's so much you can do for the village as well as meeting new folk and having a bit of fun at the same time. And you need only commit as much time as you want to.....go on!

Also in this edition is some important news regarding some of our key services - namely changes at Hindon Surgery and the Post Office. Plus news from the PC.

Read on.....and have a great Easter!

## Inside this Edition

- ⊙ Win a Fantastic Ladies Citizen Watch - see page 5
- ⊙ East Knoyle has a new 'champion' - see page 6
- ⊙ Win Wren's Shop vouchers - see page 17
- ⊙ New Date for litter Pick - Sunday 25 March - see page 13

Editor: Martin Brown - Tel 01747 832290  
[eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com)

Printed by Gillingham Press Co Ltd - Unit 6 School Road - SP8 4QT - Telephone 01747 823234

## **St Mary's Church**

Freezing February is past – hooray! Thankfully it contains only twenty-eight days! At present our lovely church is not brightly decorated with flowers, as we have entered the reflective period of Lent, leading up to the celebration of Easter, with the appearance of floral decorations once again. The start of Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday on 25 March, when we will be processing from the Village Hall car park to the church, prior to the Service at 11.00 am. There will be additional services held in the benefice throughout the week and details are notified on the Church Notice Board. However, at St Mary's on 30 March there will be a Good Friday Liturgy at 2.00 pm, providing an opportunity for quiet reflection. The Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist Service on the 1 April will be at 11.00 am – a joyous occasion for the Church at large.

Following on from the service on 18 March, the Annual Parochial Church Council will meet in the Church at 10.30 am. Individual reports from the different sections involved with running the church, as well as the Treasurer's Report, will be presented and discussed. We will also be bidding farewell to Michael Butler who, as Church Warden, has done a splendid job in guiding us throughout the year and has organised with great success a series of major fund-raising events that greatly helped to keep St Mary's solvent. He now resides in far-off Shaftesbury, so he will be able to join in our Services from time to time, as well as keeping in touch with his many friends in the village.

The newly-formed roving choir leads the singing at the Sung Eucharist services throughout the benefice. For those who may be interested, the choir practices for an hour on Wednesday evenings and if you would like to join, Jill Caudle (830625) would be delighted to hear from you.

There will be a Choral Evensong to mark the retirement of the Rt Revd Dr Edward Condry, Bishop of Ramsbury, which is part of the Salisbury Diocese. The service will be held at St John's Church Devizes on Sunday the 15 April at 6.00 pm; anybody wishing to attend who needs transport should call me on 830350.

*Briony Hamilton*

## **Village Hall News**

The Village Hall has had regular use and Wiltshire Wildlife Trust have again booked because the hall has a wi-fi connection. Access to the internet is now part of daily life and the mobile signal is not very good in Holloway and Church Road so having wi-fi makes all the difference.

Secretary Nicki Sturrock has sent the details of the hall to two online websites, one for village hall venues for weddings and another for Wiltshire village halls; as much online presence as possible is needed as people of all ages search online for information. Maria kindly adds information on Facebook which adds to the Village Hall web viewing.

Kevin Stow's Musical Quiz Night was a full house with 11 teams each of 6 contestants. The much admired cottage pie was provided by Nicki and Lizzie, with the other Committee members running the bar, serving and clearing tables with Jan and Jenny doing the washing-up. It was quite a team!

The question master was much applauded for his great presentation, while Jill Caudle kept up-to-date scoring on the screen. Additional thanks to Andy for helping, and of course, The 'Pub Singer' (alias Alan Knight) for his round! The competition was close at the top with the bottom placed team never in doubt. The closing stages of the evening provided an opportunity for the singing talent of the audience to do their version of 'My Way', while Louise did well to accompany the various versions being sung!

The Village Hall will be making an application for an Area Community Grant and will need to show that fund raising has been undertaken. The Musical Quiz Night raised over £700 and will go into the fund-raising pot ready for the application. Thank you to everybody that took part with such gusto and a really big 'thank you' to Kevin for the time and knowledge that he put into setting the questions. The cry of 'when is the next one' could be heard ringing round East Knoyle!

*David Jenkins*

## Snow Different Now?



The Street in February 1978 - Michael Hull clearing the snow

In February 1978 East Knoyle was hit by a severe snow storm driven by gale force winds that led to drifts up to 20 feet high.

The village was completely cut off for over a week. According to the Village Scrapbook (Volume 4) several motorists were stranded and had to stay at the Seymour Arms for many days - "various kind people loaned them changes of underclothing!" Community spirit indeed!

The notes in the Scrapbook go on to describe how villagers struggled through the snow to get fresh milk from Park Farm (and other farms) - it was given away free as it could not be collected by the tankers and government

regulations meant it could not be sold. Bread was brought to the village by Michael Hull driving his tractor across the fields to the local bakery! Evidently local "VIPs" were airlifted out to "keep the Army and Olympic Games going".

1978 was an exceptional winter with so much snow. Fast forward 40 years to March 2018 and even though we did not get the same amount of snow we did still get some disruption! And stories of community spirit and action....for example, Wren's Shop and its hardy band of volunteers did us proud once again (perhaps inspiring the more occasional shoppers to use this valuable resource more regularly?). See page 8 for more from the Shop.

**Footnote** - Did you know that the Village Scrapbooks are available to everyone? They make fascinating reading on the 'old days' of East Knoyle. To access them contact Joan Claydon on 830 269.



The Green - March 2018



### CLUBHOUSE AVAILABLE FOR HIRE

Dinners • Weddings • Birthdays • Drinks Parties  
Parties for Children • Exhibitions • Wakes

A BEAUTIFUL SPACE IN A LOVELY SETTING WITH AMPLE PARKING & GOOD FACILITIES

~ The Clubhouse is available for hire by members and non-members - please tell your friends ~

TO FIND OUT MORE CONTACT THE EVENTS OFFICE

[events@pythouseclub.co.uk](mailto:events@pythouseclub.co.uk) | 01747

### Pythouse Tennis Club Memberships Available Now!

Social tennis 3 times per week in summer, every weekend through the winter • 4 courts available to members throughout the week • Professional coaching from LTA level 4 coach for individuals and groups

CLUBHOUSE WITH BAR AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS | SOCIAL FUNCTIONS | CLUB SUPPERS

FOR MORE ABOUT TENNIS CLUB MEMBERSHIP PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE

[www.pythouseclub.co.uk](http://www.pythouseclub.co.uk)

**Pythouse Club** was originally built by the Bennets, owners of magnificent Pythouse, for the use of visiting cricket teams. Over time evolving in to a place for local families to swim, play tennis, cricket and squash and enjoy the outdoors in quiet beautiful countryside.

The original Clubhouse fell into disrepair but it has been re-born, designed by architect Joshua Berry, and built to an exceptionally high standard by local craftsmen in selected natural materials. It offers an elegant club room, changing rooms and showers, wi-fi, and a counter-style kitchen for events.

The tennis club welcomes new members - either as full tennis-playing members, or as social members enjoying the use of the club house.

The club house is available for private hire.





## FOOT HEALTH PRACTITIONER

**Jana Twinney**

MCFHP MAFHP

### TREATING:

Long, thickened, ingrown or fungal nails,  
Callus, Corns, Cracked heels,  
Verrucae, Athlete's foot

Seymour Lodge, East Knoyle, SP3 6AJ  
Or home visits

jana.twinney@gmail.com

**07922 679 638**

Registered member of the British Association of  
Foot Health Professionals

## East Knoyle Newsletter needs a New Editor!



The current editor is retiring at the end of the year.

Might it be you? Or part of a team? 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.

**Don't let someone beat you to it!  
Contact Martin Now!**



Beauty room within Over The Top Hairdressers  
41, The High Street, Shaftesbury

Offering a full range of professional treatments, including environ facials, Jane Iredale make-up, manicure, pedicures, and semi permanent eyelashes.

**Contact Carol Curtis for more info on 07968 220510 or butterfliesbeauty@gmail.com**

## WORK WANTED

Hardworking and reliable student, looking for part time work around the village. Odd jobs such as: Dog Walking/Log Stacking/Lawn Mowing/Garden Tidying/Babysitting. Anything within reason considered. I can work some evenings, most weekends and holidays.

References available on request.

Please contact 07415808737



**Enjoy and benefit from a Therapeutic Massage.**

Aromatherapy massage is a natural treatment using essential oils chosen for the individual to maintain and improve health

**Aromatherapy massage, Indian Head massage**

**Swedish massage**

**Benefits include-**

1. Reduction of muscle pain and tension.
2. Release of endorphins (body's natural pain killers).
3. Relaxation and reduced anxiety.
4. Improved blood flow and lymphatic drainage.
5. Improved mobility.
6. Balancing the overall flow of natural energy.
7. Feeling of well being.

Prices from £25.00

**Qualified therapist in East Knoyle.**

**Ring Belinda Stow 07875404549 or**

**email: belindaestow@gmail.com**

Gift vouchers available ,ideal for friends and family.



## MEADOW SWEET FLOWERS

FLORAL DESIGN FOR ALL OCCASIONS

BY VERONICA PLATT

CALL 07956 102 178

EMAIL VERONICA@MEADOWSWEETFLOWERS.NET

THRODMILL COTTAGE, EAST KNOYLE



# Clocks go forwards on Sunday 25 March!

With this in mind, is it time for a new watch?

## Win this fantastic Ladies Citizen Watch



**Donated by G & B Griffin Jewellers of Warminster.**

G & B Griffin Jewellers offer a wonderful selection of the latest designs in jewellery, watches clocks and gifts, including many major brands. Their range includes fashion and fine through to branded, contemporary and pre-owned jewellery.

In addition they provide a comprehensive range of repairs to both watches and jewellery, including ring sizing, general repairs, polishing and cleaning service.

G & B Griffin Jewellers are an independently run third generation family business with over 130 years of Jewellery and Horological history behind them. They have been established in Warminster for over 40 years.

**How to win the watch?**

Simply contact the Editor at [eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com) or via Wren's Shop with your full name, address and phone number and you will be entered in the draw.

# CITIZEN

*Terms and Conditions*

*All entries must be received by midnight Thursday 22 March. Only one entry per household. All entrants must be over 16 years old and residents of East Knoyle.*

An advertisement for Griffins Jewellers. On the left, two watches are displayed: one with a rose gold metal link bracelet and a pink dial with a diamond-set bezel, and another with a grey leather strap and a pink dial featuring a butterfly design and a diamond-set bezel. The background is a light green patterned paper. The Griffins Jewellers logo is in a red script font. Below the logo, the text 'EXCITING & VIBRANT JEWELLERY & WATCHES' is written in a red serif font. At the bottom, the text 'Beautifully wrapped with our compliments' is written in a red script font. The bottom of the advertisement has a dark red background with the Griffins Jewellers logo and contact information in white.

*Griffins* JEWELLERS

EXCITING & VIBRANT  
JEWELLERY & WATCHES

*Beautifully wrapped with our compliments*

*Griffins* JEWELLERS

GRIFFINS JEWELLERS LTD  
THREE HORSESHOES WALK  
WARMINSTER, WILTS BA12 9BT  
TEL : 01985 212643

Comprehensive Jewellery & Watch Repair Service Available - (see website for details:)  
[WWW.GBGJEWELLERS.CO.UK](http://WWW.GBGJEWELLERS.CO.UK)



## Knole Knature Notes

Save for the coldest mornings, birdsong has returned to our gardens and there is much activity in preparation for the rituals of breeding and nest building or refurbishing. The parish woodlands provide the perfect habitat for a significant population of the mainly nocturnal Tawny owl. The female's sharper 'turr whit' answered by the male's longer, slightly deeper and repeated 'turr whoos'; their calls may also be heard at dawn and dusk.

We're also blessed with an abundance of the Green and Greater Spotted Woodpeckers. Recent research suggests that the pattern of their hammering contains an individual 'signature' which not only helps identify their whereabouts among family groups, but could also be significant during the mating season in determining the strength and fitness of individuals.



It is now official, the Parish has a **county champion hawthorn!** At 15.8m it is just shy of being a British champion, the record being 16m at Wetherby in Yorkshire. It will appear in the next newsletter of the Tree Register, see [www.treeregister.org](http://www.treeregister.org). A heady scent was first noticed In April last year while walking up Sandpit Hill, the sweet smell of the holly flower came to mind, but holly was not in flower then, so it remained a mystery. Then in early May, a snow-like covering of petals appeared in the middle of the lane three quarters of the way up the hill. On looking up, there was a tall hawthorn which had somehow managed to establish itself a niche in the canopy of surrounding beech, oak and ash.

It's all too easy in winter to miss the small flowering jewels on path edges and verges, like chickweed, with its verdant foliage and neat small five-petalled flowers. Look too for the bright blue flowers of speedwell along footpath and field edges. Snowdrops are surely the first harbingers of spring, in folklore representing hope and purity. As primroses bloom on sunny banks, the bluebell throng is bursting through the woodland floor, with the ubiquitous Lesser celandine already much in evidence. In March-April look out for the Wood Anemone, with its five to eight white petals. With many country names, including Windflower, Lady's Nightcap, Smell Fox, its roots spread at only two metres per century, so this plant can be an indicator of ancient woodland. Earliest blossom usually appears on the Cherry plum, followed by the blackthorn, or sloe, with leaves on both not appearing until later.

After years of decline, starlings appear to be making a return in numbers. Flocks of over-wintering redwings and fieldfares will be moving on soon, they particularly favour the hedgerow and sheltered pasture combination of which there is an abundance in East and West Knole and their hamlets.

### *The Yaffle*

A sustainable future for wildlife and people

## Wiltshire Wildlife Trust



### **East Knole Village Hall, Wednesday April 11th 7.30pm**

An illustrated talk by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust's Bill Blumsdom, where he will introduce you to some of his Arachnid Friends

**Cost:** suggested donation £3

**Refreshments:** provided

**Contact:** [derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org)



DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU  
CAN VIEW THE EAST KNOYLE  
NEWSLETTER IN GLORIOUS  
COLOUR ON THE VILLAGE'S  
NEW WEBSITE?

[HTTP://EAST-KNOYLE.CO.UK](http://east-knoyle.co.uk)

TO ADVERTISE OR USE OUR DISTRIBUTION  
NETWORK FOR FLYERS, ETC..  
CONTACT THE EDITOR AT  
[eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com)

## Wessex School Of Motoring



**Established 1970s**  
**Robin Jolliffe**  
**01747 830412**  
**Air conditioned car**

DSA. ADI. Pass Plus



### For Village Hall Bookings & Availability

Please contact Booking Clerk -  
Nicki Sturrock - [eastknoylevh@btinternet.com](mailto:eastknoylevh@btinternet.com)  
or telephone 01747 830143



### Valley Forge East Knoyle

Made to measure ironwork for home and  
garden.

*To discuss commissions and ideas or to  
arrange an appointment.*

Call 07870 155775 or 01985 841204

*Alternatively come and see Ian at the Old  
Garage*

## The Fox & Hounds

The Green - East Knoyle



### Traditional Country Pub with Magnificent View of The Blackmore Vale

**Locally Brewed Beers, Ales and Ciders**  
**Appetizing & Varied Menus**  
**Blackboard Specials**  
**Sunday Roasts**

**Families Welcome**  
**Outside Seating**

**Bookings Appreciated**  
**01747 830573**  
**[pub@foxandhounds-eastknoyle.co.uk](mailto:pub@foxandhounds-eastknoyle.co.uk)**



### Hindon CEVA Primary School

Head Teacher Mrs Jaqueline Gunter  
Fostering a lifelong love of learning  
within a Christian ethos

Outstanding Teaching - 4<sup>th</sup> in Wiltshire league tables

Enthusiastic, happy and motivated pupils

Small Class sizes - Idyllic rural setting - Outside learning

On-site private nursery - Healthy lunches cooked on-site

Curriculum enrichment and after school clubs

Serving the Knoyles, Sedgehill, Chicklade and Pertwood

Please view our website or call to arrange a visit: 01747 820260

## Tim Hyde Master Thatcher

Traditional Thatching in English Wheat Straw  
Water Reed and Long Straw  
Reports for Surveyors & Insurers

The Stables  
Milton Farm  
East Knoyle  
Salisbury  
SP3 6BG

Telephone: 01747 830718

Mobile: 07880 557436

Email: [tgrhyde@gmail.com](mailto:tgrhyde@gmail.com)

[www.timhydethatching.co.uk](http://www.timhydethatching.co.uk)







**Owned & Run by the Community of East Knoyle for the Community of East Knoyle**

Discounts on Pre Ordered Fresh Meat, Fruit , Vegetables & Pet Food  
Wines & Beers can be ordered for your Party or Function

**Open Monday to Saturday Inclusive 7.30 am to 6 pm**

**Sunday 9 am to 12.00 Noon**

**Bank Holidays - Papers as usual from 9 am to 12 noon**

**Telephone 01747 830735**

### **Wren's Shop to the Rescue**

During the snow of early March Wren's Shop once again came to the aid of the village. Demand was such that we had our best trading day ever as we provided essentials and winter treats for customers from the village and beyond. Previously our busiest day took place in the heavy snows of 2010, which clearly indicates the tremendous value of the shop in times of adversity. However, we can only guarantee being open on bad weather days if we are also supported by all the village throughout the rest of the year.

We very much appreciate the ongoing support of Longmans for milk and dairy and Prime Cuts for meat who have both been our suppliers since we opened. We hope we will be able to keep our shelves stocked in any wintry days ahead. This will only be possible through the tireless work of our volunteers. So please consider becoming not only a more regular shopper but, if possible, also a member of our amazing team.



With an eye to banishing the last of the winter snow we have launched our wonderful Easter Egg display along with an amazing Easter Raffle prize of a huge chocolate egg. Do come in and see what specialities we have for Mother's Day and Easter and buy your raffle tickets.

Wren's Shop has gained a reputation as the little shop that has everything and we are always proud when people find a product that some supermarket has failed to offer. We also love to provide an outlet for local companies and are delighted to have found a Dorset based dairy supplier: Crook and Churn, who are now supplying us with organic milk and cream among other things.

As a relatively small rural outlet one of our biggest challenges has always been finding companies prepared to deliver the basics: tea, toilet rolls, cleaners etc. In November, P&H, the distributor we had relied on for many years went out of business, which was disastrous for their 2,500 employees and very challenging for us and their other 90,000 plus customers in the UK. Unfortunately, Bookers' policies prevent them from delivering so there were lots of trips to Salisbury to keep the essentials in stock for Christmas. We are therefore pleased to announce that we have now secured Batley's, a firm which previously only supplied shops with a much greater turnover, as our new main wholesaler. This should ease pressure on the volunteers and help secure the long-term future of your shop.



*Paul Egginton*





## East Knoyle Post Office

For an amazing number of services! Including..

- Post (Royal Mail & ParcelForce) & stamps!
- Cash Withdrawals & other Personal Banking
- Bill payments
- Mobile Phone Top-ups
- Gift cards; MoneyGram; Health Lottery; Postal Orders
- Telephony; Broadband; Insurance & Savings
- Euros on Demand and all other currencies to pre-order

### Opening Times

**Monday to Thursday:**

**9am – 12 noon & 3pm-5pm**

**Friday:**

**9am – 2pm**

*(Closed weekends & Bank Holidays)*

## East Knoyle Post Office News

Many of you will have heard by now that we are selling our home in East Knoyle and moving away. As my husband will continue to work in Shaftesbury, we do not plan to move far away so it should be possible for me to continue to run the Post Office and help in the shop. However, it will mean changes.

The previous sub-Postmaster ran down the number of paid hours but with the support of the village we managed to slightly raise them to the point where the Post Office now funds 20 hours, i.e. about half an average working week.

Living so close to the shop has allowed me to be generous with my time and spread these hours over five days, but obviously this will not be feasible when we move. I love working here and am in discussion with the Post Office to see what the options are. It may mean that the Post Office will open for three longer days, perhaps closing for an hour at lunch.

As soon as I have a clearer picture, I will let everyone know.

*Janeen Evans*

East Knoyle Post Office

## New “Stay and Play” group at Hindon School

The Friends of Hindon School have started up a brand-new group for accompanied babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. The group will run at Hindon School on **Tuesdays** in term time from **9am until 11am**. Please come along to meet other families in the area and to join the fun! There are lots of toys and activities for the children, and coffee, tea and biscuits for the grown-ups. The sessions are free (a donation for refreshments is welcome). Children must be accompanied by their parent/guardian at all times. Please email [sallycobbald@gmail.com](mailto:sallycobbald@gmail.com) if you have any questions about the group.



## Do you remember?

In the last edition we asked if anyone knew what this was. Many thanks to Mrs Alexandra Gibbs who wrote in -



“The Black Horse was a drovers in, and beer was brewed there, so is this a commemorative two handled drinking cup, although I cannot tell it’s age”

# EAST KNOYLE COMMEMORATES



**Residents of East Knoyle, your talents, skills, ideas and support are needed to help commemorate a period in our history when ordinary people from villages such as ours were called upon to do extra-ordinary things.**

The centenary of the signing of the Armistice that brought to an end one of the greatest, if not greatest, conflicts the world has ever known falls on the 11<sup>th</sup> November, Remembrance Sunday.

The question asked is how, we as a community can come together to reflect and recognise the achievements and sacrifices of that generation.

Local groups already approached have been very positive (see below). The time has come to broaden the consultation to involve as many people in the village as possible.

So, the opportunity to 'do your bit' is here. Let's get started. Enlist now. Come forward to add your own ideas or offers of help for the proposed WW1 themed events below:

## Currently Being Planned

### The 1918 Trail

As part of this exciting commemoration project we are organising a walking trail around East Knoyle.



- ◆ Our starting point is the names on our war memorial. They were young men with a life in East Knoyle. Where did they live? We would like to pinpoint each house.
- ◆ The returning servicemen left a life here but did they return to the same occupation, or had everything changed? Did they live on a farm or work in one of the many businesses that once existed here?
- ◆ We are also interested in all the pre 1918 properties - who lived there and what did they do? Were they doing that essential war work - feeding us here, and on the battlefield, or keeping schools, hospitals and post offices operating?
- ◆ We particularly want to know about the important part the women played, taking on the jobs previously done by the men. Did we have Land girls in East Knoyle? Did any stay after the war?
- ◆ If you would like to be part of this project or have any information about your house and the 1918 occupants, please get in touch.
- ◆ Behind every name on a memorial, document or photograph is a real person with an East Knoyle story. Help us fill in the gaps to complete the picture.

**Can you help? Please contact - Elaine 830228 or Jan 830132**





## Review by the Entertainers of East Knoyle

Entertainers of East Knoyle (EEK) – would love to hear from any of you out there wishing to be part of our contribution to what we hope will be an entertaining way to commemorate the end of The Great War. We plan to put on a concert party style evening with songs, poems, drama, monologues and comedy scenes. We would welcome any ideas to bring our show to life in early November.

**So, if you would like to join in, either on stage or back stage, please contact Alan Knight 830132**

## Special performances by East Knoyle Choir

Contact Louise Brown - 832 290



## Special screening by Moviola

**"Women in WW1, a talk by Kate Adie, broadcaster and author (to be confirmed)**



## A special category at the Vegetable and Flower Show

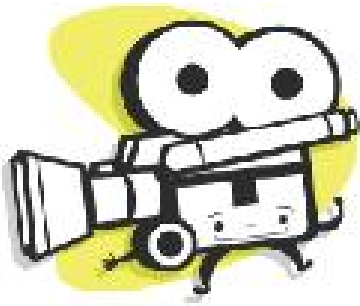
### Contacts for New Ideas or Enquiries

Mike Waterhouse (EK RBL) 830 251  
Ron Clark (EK RBL) 830 354  
Tim Hyde (EKPC) 830 718



The memorial was set up in the aftermath of the First World War, part of the great wave of commemoration across the country following the end of hostilities. Subscriptions were raised for a memorial scheme, which included £1000 donated by the Trustees of the Seymour Estate, and £450 by the public. In addition to paying for the costs of the war memorial, the funds were used to extend the village hall and improve its facilities. The memorial was designed by Herbert Maryon, then a teacher of handicrafts in the School of Art at University College, Reading, who had run machine working courses for munitions workers during the war. Maryon would later join the British Museum as a technical and conservation adviser, earning the CBE for his work on the Sutton Hoo treasure. The memorial was unveiled in a ceremony on 26 September 1920 by General Lord Rawlinson (1864-1925), who had commanded the British

Fourth Army at the Battle of the Somme, and was about to leave to take up the post of Commander in Chief, India. (Source - *Historic England website*)



## MOVIOLA

Our March production on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> has been described by Time Out as 'the funniest British film in years'.

It is **The Death of Stalin (15)**, written and directed by Armando Iannucci (*The Thick of It*, *Veep*). The film revolves

around the chaos following the death of one of the most notorious dictators in contemporary history. Armando Iannucci succeeds in turning this rather gruesome topic into a dark comedy with a spectacular cast including Simon Russell Beale (Beria), Michael Palin (Molotov) and Steve Buscemi (Khrushchev). If you like history and political satire featuring great performances, you will love this. However, it comes with a bit of a 'health warning' - if you find very strong language offensive, it may not be for you.

We are on more familiar ground on Wednesday 25 April when we are screening **Murder on the Orient Express (12a)**, based on the novel by Agatha Christie. It is directed by and stars Kenneth Branagh sporting the most astonishing moustache as Hercule Poirot. Also starring is Johnny Depp playing a very impressive 'baddie' (who, sadly, doesn't last long!). Daisy Ridley (Star Wars), A glittering cast including Michelle Pfeiffer, Derek Jacobi and, of course, Judi Dench play some of the suspects. The Orient Express train gets stuck in an avalanche. A murder is committed. Will our intrepid detective find out 'who dun it' before the train starts up again? The production is beautifully designed and elegantly executed. It's good, old-fashioned entertainment. Come and enjoy!



We shall be serving baked potatoes as usual with a choice of delicious fillings. There is a bar serving wine, soft drinks and snacks, with ice creams available in the interval.

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

After this very chilly winter you may be assured of a warm welcome in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden

## EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB



The Village Hall 200 Club has held its second draw of 2018, in Wrens Shop on a frozen Spring morning, with a week of ice forecast. However, for one shrewd investor, there is extra warmth provided by the 200 Club result. Savouring the glow of the now enlarged prize is:

**IONE ZATLOUKAL**

**£50**

Well done, Ione. 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.

**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 – so warm glows all round.**

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



## Parish Council News

The members of the Parish Council met on 13 Feb to discuss the business of the parish and were fortunate to be joined by Bridget Wayman, our District Councillor. Bridget is a frequent visitor to our meetings and keeps us informed of the burning issues of the day at county council level. The Wilts CC budget for next year is top of the agenda at the minute and it seems we can all expect a 5.99% increase to our Council Tax bills next year.

In the parish February is a quiet month, but we will be going out to tender for the work required to maintain the common lands and Knoyle House grounds play area. These costs take up a substantial part of the PC budget and are open to tender each year. If you would like more information on the tendering process or know of someone who would like to be considered for the work then please contact the clerk.

Lee Williams, the new farmer of the land to the right of Shaftesbury Rd heading south out of the village has asked that we remind dog walkers to keep their animals to the footpath and clear up after them. This is not unreasonable as there are some very unpleasant diseases such as neospora that can be transferred to livestock via domestic dog faeces and can result in cows aborting their unborn calves. Many thanks for your help with this.

I hope that the future of the Newsletter can be secured before much longer. Martin Brown's editorship comes to an end after the December issue. If you feel that you can lead or be part of a team willing to take on this venture, Martin is available to pass on all the information you will need.

Kevin Stow

Clerk to the Council. Tel: 830431 / [kandbstow@hotmail.com](mailto:kandbstow@hotmail.com)



### **Speeding on our village roads has been an issue for a long time.**

You may have noticed that Hindon have a SIDS (speed indicator device) system in their village and East Knoyle Parish Council is looking into the possibility of purchasing one for the village at a cost of £1500. This is the easy part. The difficulty will begin when we need a dedicated team of volunteers to take responsibility for the system and for moving it around the village to places where speeding is a concern.

**If you feel you would like to be part of this team then please come along to the Village Hall on Saturday 24 March at 11am to register your interest and hear more about the way the system works.**



It is hoped we will have a representative from Hindon PC attending our meeting and that they can share the Hindon experience of this potentially lifesaving scheme.

Please advise the Clerk if you intend to come along.

### **NEW DATE FOR LITTER PICK - SUNDAY 25 MARCH**

Wiltshire CC advised the postponement of the litter pick on 3 March due to inclement weather (so there is some sense at County Hall!).

So the annual East Knoyle Litter Pick will now take place on **Sunday 25 March** - meet at Wren's Shop at 10 am, but please let Kevin Stow know if you are likely to volunteer so he can kit you out with all the necessary stuff you will need.



## RBL Branch News

**EAST KNOYLE WINS AGAIN** - We are pleased to report that, for the second year running, our Branch was presented with the Stilwell Cup at the County Conference. Awarded annually to the 'Most Efficient Small Branch' in Wiltshire, the cup recognises a Branch's performance 'across the board', including: administration, fund raising, community involvement and representation of the RBL and its values. Long may it continue.

Our raised profile within the County was highlighted when

General Sir Jack Deverell, mentioned in his opening address to Conference that he had attended our 'Poppy Appeal Thank You Event' and was struck not only by the enthusiasm of our volunteer collectors but also the high standard of our refreshments.

I am pleased to say that we are not sitting on our 'Laurels' as 2018 will be a very busy, culminating in the launch of the 2018/19 Poppy Appeal and commemoration of the centenary of the Armistice that brought WW1 to an end.

On a national note, the RBL has won another campaign 'victory', this time regarding the re-instatement of National Insurance credits for the wives of service personnel living with their spouses whilst they are stationed overseas. Previously they were ineligible for NI credits during periods of overseas service, which resulted in a reduced state pension.

### Centenary of Armistice Day 2014

Since our last report there have been two consultation meetings with the Parish Council and local groups to discuss how the village can commemorate and reflect upon this important date in November. The consultation continues to widen and you can catch up on progress to date on the dedicated sponsored page elsewhere within the newsletter. Thanks are due to the Parish Council for funding the hire of meeting rooms at the village hall during the consultation/ planning process.



Mike Waterhouse receiving the Stilwell Cup from General Sir Jack Deverell. (and possibly pondering on another year of polishing!)



### Poppy Appeal 2017/18

The total banked to date now stands at £7,327.

### Changes to Branch Meetings Dates:

To avoid clashing with other events being held at The Fox and Hounds during the next two Bank Holiday periods, we have changed the traditional dates of the next two meetings as follows:

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April now moves forward to Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May now moves forward to Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Branch Secretary: Ron Clark  
T: 830354 E: rclark.csv@gmail.com





## **IMPORTANT NOTICE - DEADLINES FOR COPY**

**May/June Newsletter = Monday 16 April**

**These are earlier deadlines than usual - will all contributors and distributors make a note.**

(Newsletters are normally distributed around 10 days after the copy deadline)

### **EMILY STOREY WALKER PET CARE**

I am a responsible, friendly dog-lover based in East Knoyle and am available to:

**Walk Dogs** (£10 per hour for up to 2 dogs)  
**Half-an-hour 'Drop Ins'** (£5)

I am happy to work with other animals (horses, cats, chickens etc.), just contact me.

**Email:** [emilystoreywalker@gmail.com](mailto:emilystoreywalker@gmail.com)  
**Mobile:** 07725 721212

*Tony  
Layard*



### **Painting & Decorating**

*Interior and Exterior*

*Over 35 years experience*

*Evenings / weekends, no problem*

**Tel. 07941 759 297**



### **East Knoyle B&B**

**"The Village Spare Room"**

Seymour Lodge, The Street. 01747 830001  
[sleepinek@gmail.com](mailto:sleepinek@gmail.com) / [www.eastknoylebandb.co.uk](http://www.eastknoylebandb.co.uk)



# **Amber Heating Ltd**



### ***Traditional and Renewable heating specialists***

*All makes of Gas and Oil boilers serviced*

*Free central heating check with every boiler service*

*Boiler installations from £1150.00 plus vat*

*For a free quotation Contact -*

***Amber Heating Ltd***

***01747 830450***

***07795328319***

***Email: [info@amberheating.co.uk](mailto:info@amberheating.co.uk)***

***Wyndhams Corner, The Green, East Knoyle***



**Registered  
Business**



## Round and About

Parishioners who remember the Reverend Canon Anthony Johnson, rector of East Knoyle, Semley and Sedgemoor from 1985 until 1994 will be interested to hear that his widow, Anne, has remarried and moved from Tisbury to a village near Devizes. We wish her and Quentin every happiness.



A former resident of Lower Leigh, Commander James Child, has died. His funeral was at St Mary's. Before moving away he was a great supporter of the village as well as a member of the Parish Council. We send our condolences to his widow and family.

Former pupils of Mere Secondary School and Duchy Manor Middle School will be sorry to hear that both Mr Williams, Headmaster from 1965-1983, and Mr Leece, Deputy Head until 1989, have recently died. Their funerals, held in February in Milton-on-Stour and Salisbury respectively, were well attended including by ex-colleagues Mr Colebrook, Mrs Coward, Mrs Dawson, Miss Evans, Mr Hattam, Mr and Mrs Hillman, Mrs Howell, Mrs Jukes, Mr Light, Mrs Neale and Mr Skerrett, together with past pupils, past parents and governors.

Doug Pugsley celebrated a big birthday earlier this year and instead of presents suggested monetary donations may be sent to the Star's Appeal at Salisbury Hospital. A fantastic £175 has been given to the fund through Doug's thoughtfulness.

'Many Happy Returns' to Christine Dewis, a long-time resident of the Green. Christine now lives in a home nearer her daughter on the other side of Salisbury, where she has recently celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Christine was involved in very many village activities and designed and helped embroider the Millennium Tapestry which hangs in the village hall.

Goodbye and good luck to Meryl Hanson who has moved from her house on Hindon Road. She has been a friend and help to others during her time in the village.

The Coffin/Evans family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and condolences, and especially everyone who helped us celebrate Rex's life on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. So many people contributed with refreshments, lending crockery, making sandwiches but we would like to mention especially June Lane, who rose from her sickbed to lead the service so movingly, Briony Hamilton for assisting at every turn 'behind the scenes', Cilla Maine and her team for the beautiful flowers in the Church and Veronica for sourcing South African flowers and producing such a stunning display for the coffin. It meant a great deal to us that so many people attended the church, filling the pews and singing the hymns and we also appreciate the messages from those who were not able to join us. Finally, we would like to thank everyone who donated to the Alzheimers' Society in Rex's memory.

## ED KNIGHT'S LOGS

**YOUR LOCAL SUPPLIER  
BARN STORED SPLIT HARDWOOD LOGS  
FOUR LOAD SIZES AVAILABLE  
DELIVERED AT YOUR CONVENIENCE  
10, 12, 14 & 18 INCHES FROM STOCK.  
ANY LENGTH CAN BE CUT TO ORDER.**

**RING:- 07850 848858 ANYTIME,**

**LOG ON! WWW.ED-KNIGHTS-LOGS.CO.UK**

## Hindon Fencing and Sawmill Ltd

**[www.hindonfencingandsawmill.com](http://www.hindonfencingandsawmill.com)**

For all your Fencing and Milling requirements  
Using locally sourced timber.  
Prompt, efficient service carried out  
by locally based fencing experts.

Berwick Farm, Berwick St Leonard,  
Hindon. SP3 5SN

**For a free no obligation quotation call:  
07811209272 or 01747820510  
Email: [hindonfans@hotmail.com](mailto:hindonfans@hotmail.com)**





## Hindon Surgery News

Tel: 01747 820 222  
Email: [hindon.surgery@nhs.net](mailto:hindon.surgery@nhs.net)  
High Street, Hindon, SP3 6DJ  
[www.hindonsurgery.co.uk/](http://www.hindonsurgery.co.uk/)

### Doctor Changes

In the Christmas article I alluded to 2018 being a year of challenges and changes for the NHS in general, but also here in Hindon major changes are afoot.

Dr Julian Treadwell joined us in August 2014 doing one surgery a week, which soon increased to two full days. The rest of his time has been spent developing other aspects of his career, especially in academic general practice. He joined the University Department of General Practice as a graduate student at St Anne's College, Oxford studying for an MSc, and moved to Oxford last year. In the autumn he hopes to start a full-time doctorate. The long commute to Hindon has become untenable and sadly Julian will be leaving at the end of March 2018. He goes with our thanks and very good wishes as he advances up the ladder of academic general practice.

Dr Clare Doherty will be joining us in July 2018. She was a GP registrar in a local practice and is currently undertaking a Research Fellowship in Myanmar and will join us when she returns to Wiltshire. So between April and June Dr Hayes and I will be the only GPs. However we did this before Julian joined us, and will do so again. To make things a little more testing, I will be taking 24-hour retirement on my 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on 17 May 2018. I am not permitted to work on that day, and for the following four weeks I can only work a maximum of 16 hours a week. So I will do three morning surgeries on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Dr Hayes will cover the rest of the week. We are planning how to make this work efficiently, but we will probably avoid routine GP reviews of long term conditions during those weeks and run all the surgeries as book-on-the-day. That means you ring on the day you want to be seen and you will be seen that day but you won't be able to book ahead. This has worked very well for the week between Christmas and New Year. From mid-June I will go back to working the hours that I do currently, and I intend to do that for a few more years yet.

In July we will also have extra help from Dr Andy Hall. He is retiring as a GP partner in Fovant, but will do some locum work. He will cover our leave in July and then he will work a regular Tuesday to Thursday one week a month.

So a few challenges ahead, but rest assured that we will continue to run things as smoothly as possible. You can help by seeing a nurse about your long-term condition if we ask you to, and by following the national advice on thinking about alternatives to a GP appointment for minor conditions (getting information from the NHS Choices website and using the skills of the local community pharmacists).

*Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely*



### EastKnole Let's Buy Oil

Update March 2018

Several people have registered an interest in joining an East Knole based Oil Purchasing consortium. I have spoken to a variety of suppliers for details of discounts and minimum orders. The delivery time is likely to be 5 to 7 days from placing an order (depending on the supplier)

I will contact anyone interested in mid March with a view to placing a first order for delivery at the end of March/ beginning of April if there are sufficient numbers of purchasers. Thank you for all the support and information on where and how you are purchasing oil at the moment.

If you want to join this community initiative please email [johnlesleywebb@john-lewis.com](mailto:johnlesleywebb@john-lewis.com) for more information.

### COMPETITION - WIN A £15 WREN'S SHOP VOUCHER

Simply find the answers to these questions - you will find the answers on the 'new' East Knole website -

**[www.east-knoyle.co.uk](http://www.east-knoyle.co.uk)**

- 1 - Who was the original driving force behind the EK website?
  - 2 - How many people were recorded as living in EK at the last census?
  - 3 - How many elected members does EK Parish Council have?
  - 4 - In what year was Wrens Shop opened?
  - 5 - In what Benefice is St Marys Church?
  - 6 - Is the East Knole Newsletter on the website?
- Send your answers to the Newsletter editor to arrive by Thursday 5 April.

## CleanupWilts Campaign

Wiltshire is a beautiful county and we want it to stay that way!

The first stage of the CleanupWilts campaign targeted fly-tipping. If anyone sees someone fly-tipping, please try to take the registration number and if you have a phone take a photo, then report it to Wiltshire Council – on-line is best, or phone 0300 456 0105. If the Council can obtain enough evidence, it will prosecute or fine offenders.

The second phase has been recently launched to try to stop people littering, specifically targeting ‘food on the go’, and reinforcing the message that we are all responsible. Why do some people think it’s OK to lob their empty food packaging out of their cars? If we can change such behavior it would reduce littering and fly-tipping.

The Great British Spring Clean has just taken place (still going on due to the bad weather - editor) and I have no doubt that all the volunteers who give up their time to pick up litter must get extremely irritated when their good work is ‘trashed’ by the thoughtless. Wiltshire Council spends £2.5m a year collecting litter, a figure would be far higher were it not for the local community efforts. The council would far rather the £2.5m be spent on filling potholes and resurfacing roads.

Perhaps if people knew that it takes up to 80 years for a crisp packet to degrade and even paper cups take up to 40 years, they might think about not littering. Recycling a plastic bottle can save enough energy to power a 60w light bulb for 6 hours.

In our rural areas most of the litter can only come from being thrown out of car windows. Please don’t do this. Just take it home and put it in your bin or recycle it.



### East Knoyle Rainfall

#### Rainfall recorded

January 112.75 mm (4.44")

February 49.25 mm (1.94")

In January I recorded rainfall on 21 days and there was only one spell of four days and one spell of three days without rain plus three odd days.

The 4.44" (112.50 mm) of rain recorded was above the average of the last 24 years of 3.77" (95.76mm) and there were only eight wetter January's in the past 24 years.

February's rainfall of 1.94" (49.25mm) of rain recorded, was nearly an inch below my February average of 2.81" (71.37mm).

There were nine drier February's in the last 24 years. This February there were twelve days of measurable rain recorded, though some of them were very small, and some were in the a.m. hours of darkness. There was one nine day, one four day, one two day, and two one day spells without rain, in the month.

*Robin Egerton*

### Ben Stow - Update

East Knoyle's Ben Stow resumes his professional golf career in March after a whole year out of the game following knee reconstruction in spring 2017.

Ben is currently in Portugal getting ready for the European Challenge Tour season which kick off in Kenya(that's not Europe!), then China (nor is that!) and then Turkey (hmm... only just), before eventually hitting the shores of Europe with a tournament in Sicily. Ben only just missed out on a full European Tour card in 2016. East Knoyle wishes him the very best of luck in 2018.





# 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 - April 12th; 10th May**



**Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 23 January**  
**St. Mary's, 10.30am -12.00pm**  
Freshly brewed coffee and tea with biscuits in our lovely church  
A warm welcome awaits you!  
**Now held every 4th Tuesday of the month (not the last!)**

**Future dates - March 27th; April 24th**



**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 dates - March 27th; April 24th**

## A PASSAGE ACROSS INDIA



AN ILLUSTRATED TALK  
by **RUPERT GREY**

Lawyer, Traveller, Photographer

**HINTON HALL, TISBURY**  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2018  
6.00 for 6.30pm

Tickets available in advance from **Kate Good Shop**, Tisbury; from **East Knoyle Village Shop**; and from **Katie Page** ([katiepage@btconnect.com](mailto:katiepage@btconnect.com)). Tickets will also be available at the door on the evening.

**Adults: £10**  
**Children: £5**

Wine and soft drinks will be available at a paying bar



**Easter Egg Treasure Hunt and Easter Bonnet Competition.**  
**3 pm Tuesday, 10th April.**

Calling all Mums, Dads and children. After last year's successful afternoon at Clouds Lodge, home of the Hon. Diana Makgill, *The Friends of the British Legion* are looking for your support once more. There will be games for the children, soft drinks and ice cream, tea coffee and cakes for all. We look forward to seeing you at 3.00p.m. on Tuesday, 10th April.

## Quiz Night, East Knoyle Village Hall Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm

The Friends of Hindon School are also organising a Quiz night to be held in East Knoyle Village Hall on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 7.30pm (drinks from 7pm). Tickets are £10 per person which includes a fabulous Fish and Chip Supper and there can be up to 6 people per team. If you would like to join us please email [sallycobbald@gmail.com](mailto:sallycobbald@gmail.com) to arrange tickets.



**For Village Hall Bookings & Availability**  
Please contact

Nicki Sturrock -  
[eastknoylevh@btinternet.com](mailto:eastknoylevh@btinternet.com)  
or telephone 01747 830143

# Alexanders

## PRIVATE HIRE

1 - 8 PASSENGER VEHICLES



T: 01747 830723

M: 07810 294725 OR 07900 622124

E: alex@bhalexander.co.uk



FOR THAT EXTRA TOUCH OF CLASS

[www.bhalexander.co.uk](http://www.bhalexander.co.uk)

Brian and Shirley operate a Professional, Reliable & Friendly business providing a wide range of Local and Nationwide Services including Airport, Seaport, Station, Coach & Hospital transfers.



## Clay Pigeon Shooting

Gift vouchers for lessons and clay shooting fundays  
Norman Fuller APSI Shooting instructor  
at his private Shooting school at Sturminster Newton

Call Norman **07914 918395**

[www.AAshootingschool.com](http://www.AAshootingschool.com)



- All aspects of tree surgery
- Dismantling and felling
- Pruning
- Tree planting schemes from design to implementation
- Tree management and aftercare
- Hedgerow planting, aftercare and trimming
- Tree disorders and solutions
- Tree pest and disease analysis

Telephone **01747 850 253**

NPTC Certified • NC Hort (ARB) Tech Arbor A Qualified  
All work carried out to BS3998 standards  
[www.hawesarborists.co.uk](http://www.hawesarborists.co.uk)

## SAUL MITCHELL

### PAINTER & DECORATOR

**Maintaining the Past, Designing the Future**

Est. 2004

**Covering your local Area**

**All Aspects of Interior & Exterior Decorating**

**01747 830029 or 07787 927455**



## BURFITT & GARRETT

### BUILDING & DECORATING SERVICES

#### SPECIALISING IN

NEW BUILD, EXTENSIONS, DECORATING, MAINTENANCE  
& Interior Design & Design and Build Services

Photo copy service at our offices

5 Whitebridge Industrial Estate, Semley, Shaftesbury, SP7 9JT

Tel. 01747 830635

[www.burfittandgarrett.com](http://www.burfittandgarrett.com)

email: [build@burfittandgarrett.co.uk](mailto:build@burfittandgarrett.co.uk)

