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WREN'S SHOP CHRISTMAS LAUNCH 4.30pm SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

Celebrate our village life and Christmas with this year's seasonal launch and display of wonderful goodies at Wren's Shop.

On Saturday 25th November we are lucky to have both the village choir and Santa Claus coming to help the shop celebrate the start of the Christmas season.

Santa will be available to talk to you and the children and there will be a small gift for each child. The village choir will be carolling with a mix of classic and modern pieces. The tree and decorations will be up and Santa will count down to the lights being switched on.

Enjoy tasty treats and wonderful mulled wine all to help you get into the Christmas spirit and to meet other members of our community.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY 2018

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St Mary's Church

The Service of All Souls on the 29th October was a solemn and moving occasion which provided a welcome opportunity for members of our Community to unite in a common bond during which we shared a great sense of togetherness whilst remembering our loved ones who have passed on. After the Service we joined together for a coffee and cakes.

By the time this Newsletter is published, we will have had our Remembrance Service on the 12th November. We are still marking the centenary years of the First World War and recent programmes have reminded us of the dreadful devastation and loss of so many lives during that conflict. However we need to remember those who today are still risking all in the service of our Country, and some of those who have the misfortune to face the challenge of coping with serious life-changing injuries continue to need our support. After the Service, it is always a poignant moment when we gather together and lay wreaths around the Village War Memorial.

St Marys was delighted to host once again the annual Musical Evening on Saturday, 7th October and a large audience enjoyed a varied programme which reflected the rich musical talent within our Village. The Church is very grateful to have received a share of the donations from such a happy occasion.

Over the summer months you might have witnessed some brave souls dangling on ropes around the Church Tower! We are pleased to report that the necessary work to cure some weaknesses in the structure have now been completed and should ensure that the Tower will remain safe for another few hundred years. Cost for this work ran into several £0000's and, although we have been fortunate in receiving some financial support from Historic Church Charities, donations would still be welcome AT ANY TIME!

Work on the Churchyard and Cemetery continues and much has been achieved in recent months: however our annual Bank Raid in the Churchyard will be held once again in December and your assistance would be appreciated: mulled wine will be available to revive and reward participants! A date has yet to be decided and will be announced later.

A lovely unexpected surprise awaited me in the Church porch in October: two large cardboard boxes brimming with tinned and dried goods were left there for the Gillingham Food Bank. The boxes were passed on to us from Hindon School, after the children had donated food items at their Harvest Festival. The staff at the Food Bank were so very grateful and it is splendid to note that the children were made aware of those less fortunate than themselves and were encouraged to support those in need,

Briony Hamilton



Harvest Supper

It was lovely to see so many join together for our Village Harvest Supper in the Village Hall on Sunday 1st October. It was a sell-out event, the wine and conversation flowed and everyone seemed to enjoy the evening.

The stage was beautifully decorated by Jennie Hynd giving a thoughtful and yes an amusing view on the Harvest, a big thank you to her for all her hard work.

The flower arrangements on each table were absolutely lovely and thank you to Cilla Maine for making such a wonderful contribution to the evening. They were much appreciated.

Finally this evening would not happen without the generous cooks who provide the food - thank you to all of you.



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WIN A CHRISTMAS LUNCH FOR TWO AT PYTHOUSE KITCHEN GARDEN!

Exclusive offer for East Knoyle residents! Please email or post your name, phone number, postal and email address to the editor clearly marked 'PKG Christmas Lunch'. The winner will be chosen at random and invited to a special Christmas lunch at PKG. Deadline for entries is Midnight on Thursday 30th November, draw to take place on 1st December, entrants must be 18 or over, only one entry per household. Good Luck!

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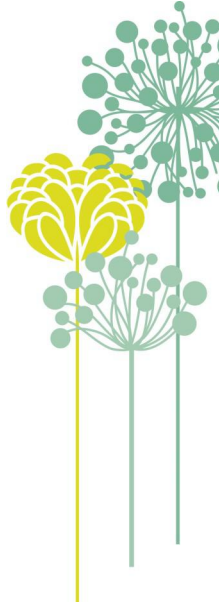
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new ventures for 2018

Knogle Knature Notes

Could anyone have missed the eerie effect created by ex-hurricane Ophelia on Monday October 16th, as it passed through on a NNE passage from the Azores? It skirted the Atlantic seaboard, gathering dust from the Western Sahara, then smoke from Portuguese wildfires. An apocalyptic haze shrouded SW Britain with the sun reduced to a benign orangey pink orb.

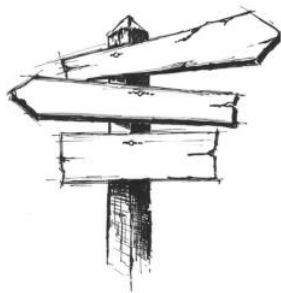
Autumn's off to a warm start, conditions are perfect for a bumper crop of fungi. With foraging based cuisine having become so fashionable, mushrooms and toadstools are perfect press material, delicious, yet potentially lethal! For real country folk, the location of the most prized fungi normally remains a well kept family secret. When living in the SW of France, we specifically didn't train our Cocker Spaniels to sniff out truffles, as a mark of respect for our French farmer neighbours, whose modest living was supplemented by the seasonal truffle bonus.

So, if in any doubt don't pick, though educate yourselves a little with looking at a website such as: <http://www.wildfooduk.com/mushroom-guides/>.

The Chanterelle, Wood blewitt, Hedgehog mushroom and Oyster mushroom to name but a few all occur in our woodlands amongst many more, maybe also the Morel, arguably the most delicious mushroom of all, with a rich, earthy, almost smoky flavour.

As autumn moves on, the first overwintering migrant birds start arriving. Redwings first in smaller flocks, to be then followed by much larger numbers. These Song thrush - sized birds are usually easier to identify by their cream eye stripe than the flash of under wing red. Chaffinches gather in groups, where you might also sight visiting Bramblings. The Parish is blessed with thriving populations of Wrens and our smallest native bird, the Goldcrest. With its vivid golden central head stripe offset against its beautifully multi-green coloured plumage, this leaf warbler can often be seen in pairs. The sweet chestnut, introduced to Britain by the Romans, is dropping its fruit, there are more mature trees in the Parish woodland than one might imagine. In late November, an expert from the Tree Register will let us know if the Hawthorn on Sandpit Hill is a record national height.

The Yaffle



Foot Notes - Keeping East Knogle on track!

Volunteers Wanted - Autumn Clear-up of Knogle House Playing fields and Playground areas - Saturday 25 November - 1000 to 1200

If you could spare a couple of hours (that's all!) to help clear these areas it would be fantastic! Bring clippers, rakes, wheelbarrows and wear strong gloves. All welcome, including children (sorry, no dogs)

Volunteer Tree Wardens

In the last Newsletter we advertised for volunteers for this role to assist the Rights of Way Committee and the Parish Council - and we got not one but three tree experts. A warm welcome to David Pickering, Simon Latham and Malcolm James



Footpath 16

The proposed diversion was discussed at the October Parish Council meeting and the PC voted not to support the proposed diversion of this footpath. Sally Madgwick of Wiltshire Council also informed the Newsletter on 30th October that - "*The EKNO16 file has received almost no attention since the end of the consultation period and remains under consideration by the Council. I'm afraid that other statutory duties take precedence and accordingly these cases cannot be progressed as rapidly as either the applicants or other interested parties wish.*" So, as mentioned before, keep an eye out for notices on or around the path explaining what happens next.....

Martin Brown



A Musical Evening in the Church

An audience that nearly filled the Church on Saturday 7th October enjoyed a very happy evening of musical gems in the annual Musical Evening organised by Louise Brown. As ever, we realised how many talented people of all ages there are in the village. The Community Choir followed a theme of West End musicals through their medley of pieces, with great musicality, enthusiasm and enjoyment – ‘Get me to the Church on time’ can rarely have been delivered with such gusto anywhere – but it’s probably

unfair to the overall achievement to single out particular choral items in their ever-widening repertoire. This year, as well as being the organising spirit for the whole evening and one of the piano soloists, Louise herself sang a very beautiful and moving ‘Don’t Cry for Me, Argentina’. Other soloists, vocal and instrumental, performed with great talent – and what a range of music: from haunting Irish instrumental ballads to Lou Reid, from Rudyard Kipling to Coldplay, something to delight everyone. Huge thanks



should go to Louise, of course, and to all the other performers, but we mustn’t forget also the polished master of ceremonies, the estimable bar tenders almost rushed off their feet at the interval, and the members of the choir who provided tasty snacks. All helped to raise funds for the Church and for Jessie’s Fund, the musical charity for children.

Report by ‘Pantaloon’, East Knoyle’s Theatre Critic

A Musical Appreciation



When Louise Brown arrived in East Knoyle back in 2010 we were trying to get our first panto for 20’ish years off the ground. We had a full production team, costume, set builders, etc but lacked the crucial element of musical director. Although she had never been involved in panto before Louise stepped forward, without hesitation, to complete the team. She got “stuck in,” rehearsing solos, acquiring the numerous song scores needed and giving great heart to the show. She proved to be a brilliant MD.

Since then, of course, she has been the driving force of our village’s musical output. She has led the choir, and taken raw voices and nurtured them, helping many of us to “find our voice.”

She has “unearthed”, encouraged and enabled a whole range of musical talent to flourish. The recent Musical Evening in the church was a marvellous credit to her skills. Piano players of all ages, solo singers, the choir, the family quartet, guitarists benefitted from her patient and thoughtful support. As for Louise herself, she sang a truly wonderful solo “Don’t Cry For Me Argentina.” A great climax to a special evening. East Knoyle is now undoubtedly a musical village thanks to Louise - Long may she reign!

Alan Knight



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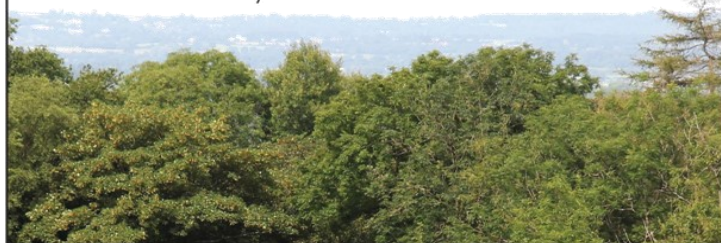
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East Knoyle Village Hall

The Village Hall has been used regularly and although Jazzercise has stopped their regular classes they have booked some extra dates.

On a Monday evening at 6.00 pm Dulcie Patten is doing a Pilates class which has a regular attendance. As she is a Sports and Trauma Physiotherapist as well as a Pilates teacher, it is great to be advised which parts of the body the exercises are using. All participants have felt the difference after the classes and there is room for more participants so come along and join in.



Coming up on November 18th is the Quiz Night and Andy Hutson is the Question Master once again. The team application forms have been circulated and Paul Naish has had 10 teams apply to date. We look forward to another entertaining evening.

Babs has kept the borders looking at their best throughout the year resulting in regular comments on how lovely the garden looks and it good to see the yew hedge is sprouting well after its dramatic trim.

The Village Hall Committee are progressing with plans to keep the Village Hall up to date as well as making improvements where possible. We look forward to EEK being able to put on another production.

In February Kevin Stowe is planning a Fun Musical Quiz Night. It will be for teams of six with the price including food and a drink.

The Facebook page is receiving regular 'likes' so we hope that turns into some extra bookings in the coming year

David Jenkins
Chair, East Knoyle Village Hall Committee.

FUN MUSICAL QUIZ

Presented by Kevin Stowe

Saturday 17 February 2018
Village Hall

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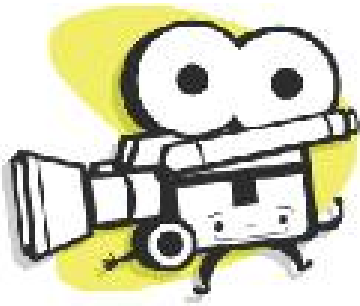
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MOVIOLA

Hold on to your hats, we're having a foreign film! As it's our 10th year running Moviola in the village, we thought we'd branch out and choose something a bit more unusual for our **November** film on **Wednesday 29th**.

A Man Called Ove is Swedish and stars Rolf Lassgord, who has played Wallander on TV in the past. The story comes from a best-selling novel and the film was nominated for an Oscar for Best Foreign Language film in 2017.

Ove is the quintessential Grumpy Old Man who spends his days enforcing the rules and upsetting his neighbours in the housing association block where he lives. His world is much disturbed by the arrival of a boisterous young family who move in next door and an unlikely friendship develops between them, allowing us to understand more of Ove's past. Darkness and humour are finely balanced in this heart-warming story. (And yes, there will be subtitles!)

On **Wednesday 13th December** our Christmas show will be **Their Finest** with Bill Nighy, Gemma Arterton, Jeremy Irons and a whole host of other celebrated British actors! During the London Blitz a determined young woman is elevated from the typing pool to write scripts for propaganda films designed to raise morale on the Home Front during those trying times. Her colleagues include an aging actor (Bill Nighy) who has difficulty accepting that his days as a leading man are over. This film is directed by Lone Scherfig, who made *An Education*, which was much enjoyed by our Moviola audience a few years ago. It is clever, funny and charming without losing sight of the serious circumstances that are the background to the film.

Baked potatoes – yes. Wine and soft drinks - yes.
Ice creams – naturally.

The tickets remain at £5 and can be bought at Wren's Shop or on the door. Please indicate on your ticket stub if you would like a potato. At the December show we will be offering you, our loyal audience, a free glass of mulled wine and a mince pie.

The films start at 7.30 and we very much look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden



EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its sixth draw of the year, over Wren's Shop Counter. As well as enjoying a particularly warm and pleasant November day, these contestants in the 200 Club have their winnings to celebrate:

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

The next draw is on January 1st.

HOT NEWS – there is going to be a change in 200 Club prizes from January onwards. There is going to be ONE prize only, but that prize will be for **£50!** We hope this will mean that 2018 will be an exciting year for all 200 Club participants.





'Tis the month before Christmas and all through Wren's store
 Special treats start appearing – first some and then more.
 The Saturday launch is a date to remember
 So write it down now – 25th of November

The tree will be lit, bright streamers be hung
 The choir will join us so carols are sung
 There'll be mulled wine and tastings – oh yes hot mince pies
 And for children who've been good – a special surprise

Santa will visit with presents galore
 So do come along at about half past four
 Just as it darkens, we'll light up the tree
 And invite all to start on a great shopping spree

'Tis the season of parties so should you require
 A whole box of goodies, then do please enquire
 What we can order and if the amounts
 Give options for offers and extra discounts

A very special thank you – indeed, give three cheers
 For our wonderful, giving and kind volunteers
 We hope they enjoy the dinner for all
 Friday 8th December is our fine village hall

We're keen for new members to join our rota,
 So please do consider upping our quota,
 The store is the core, the true village heart,
 And best when all villagers do take a part.

We hope you will like our updated display
 With easier access to a splendid array,
 Of cards, door wreaths, tempting chocolates and sweets
 Chutneys, pickles and jams – just so many treats.

Do also place orders for fresh veg and meat
 Turkeys, gammons and all that we so love to eat
 Don't forget about cheeses, and olives for starters
 Crispy crackers, juicy mandarins - and of course chipolatas.

We hope you love all you find at Wren's Shop,
 And when at long last, the time comes to stop,
 To drink and to feast and share in good cheer
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Laura Coffin



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Beautiful door Wreaths, Christmas and New Year cards, fantastic chocolate and biscuit tins for presents, wonderful jams, mustards and pickles etc. to tempt you and your family.

We are also introducing some changes to the shop floor layout to help ensure the displays for Christmas will be shown at their best. It is a bit of an experiment that we hope it will allow us to test future floor and shelf layouts to further improve your shopping experience at Wren's.

Looking forward to 2018 we have plans for further updates to the shop particularly outside with new veg displays along with finalising the changes inside the shop and store areas. Please get involved and volunteer. There are so many jobs inside (not just on the tills) and on the operational side of the business together we can make sure the future years are just as successful as the last 11.

We can offer whole case discounts on any stock items we sell, so if you're planning a drinks party why not get a great deal on your wines and soft drinks, or if you're need a lot of one item for the holiday season grab a bargain.

Finally on behalf of the all the shop's management committee we want to thank you for your ongoing support of our vital community shop and a wonderful Christmas and healthy and happy 2018.



Parish Council News

This item has been written two weeks before the November PC meeting and may not reflect the issues raised at that meeting.

The PC still has one vacancy to be filled following the uncontested election in May. If you think you would like to join the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk for more information.

Thanks to all of you who responded to the PC request for roadside hedge cutting. It became clear that many hedges were cut back soon after the request and this helps the safe passage of traffic around the village.

The hot topic for discussion at the October PC meeting was the proposed rerouting of footpath 16. Representations were heard from several interested parties and details of all of these have been forwarded to WCC rights of way department for consideration.

The PC is looking for a villager trained (with current certificates) in the handling and use of Chainsaws. Occasionally trees situated on common land fall close to or across roads and as the landowner, it is the Parish Council's responsibility to clear the tree. Currently enthusiastic, well meaning (probably untrained) chainsaw owners do the clearance work and their efforts are always appreciated. For obvious reasons it would be best if the PC had a fully qualified representative for this task and would ask anyone willing to take on this role to contact the Clerk. If a volunteer cannot be found then the PC may consider helping a volunteer with the cost of obtaining the appropriate training and certification.

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Council.
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East Knoyle Rainfall

Rainfall recorded

September 80.75mm (3.18")
October 56mm (2.21")

There were only five wetter September's in the last 23 years than this one, with its rainfall of 3.18" (80.75mm), and it was naturally above my September average of 2.33" (59.18mm).

Rainfall was recorded on 18 days, though 3 of them were only just recordable, and the longest spell without rain was only one spell of three consecutive days.

October's rainfall of 2.21" (56mm) was well below my October average of 4.22" (107mm). In fact there were only two October's with less rainfall in the last 23 years.

There were 12 days of measurable rain recorded, and there was one ten day break without rain, the other days were 2 four day breaks.

September and October's rain, bring the total for this year so far up to 26.17" (664.7mm) compared with 26.49" (672.8mm) at the same time last year

Robin Egerton

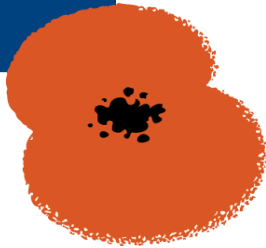
First past the Post!



The winners of the Wincanton tickets in our last edition were the Miskin family - "What a fabulous day we had at Wincanton races. Many thanks to the Newsletter and Wincanton Racecourse for the great prize. And we backed a couple of winners too!"

Correction

In the last edition, the article about the bypass opening and street party should have read 'Gill and Chris Grey who ran the Seymour Arms at that time' – not Terena and Bruno. Apologies for any confusion.



RBL Branch News

Poppy Appeal

At the time of writing the 2017 'Poppy Appeal Fortnight' is in full swing. All 'house to house' collections have been completed and the second weekend of collecting at the Willoughby Hedge service area has commenced. The new Starbucks has certainly increased 'footfall' and to take advantage of that we have added two midweek collection shifts to make the most of the opportunity. The amount raised at this midway point from all sources is £4,400.

Please note that the annual 'Thank You' to all our supporters will take place between 5.00 and 7.00pm in the Medieval Room at the village hall on Thursday the 30th November. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided and we hope that as many of our volunteers and supporters as possible will be able attend to help us recognise their great efforts. We really appreciate the time and commitment you have given.

Remembrance

Publishing deadlines dictate that by the time you read November's edition of the newsletter the short service on the 11th to mark Armistice Day and Remembrance Sunday the following day will have taken place. In preparation for the period of Remembrance our members have cleaned the East Knoyle war memorial, the Shaw-Stewart memorial on the A350 (which is slowly emerging from the trees) and renovations of the memorial at St Leonard's, Semley, have finally taken place – just four years on from the day we started the 'funding ball' rolling.

Social

Alarm clocks were set particularly early for the morning of the 1st November when a party of eight from East Knoyle travelled by mini-bus to Buckingham Palace to witness, by special invitation, the Changing of the Guard ceremony from within the Palace itself.

This privileged access was kindly arranged by Branch member Captain Nick Wright, Private Secretary to the Princess Royal, who, following the ceremony, took them on a short tour of Palace Rooms not usually open to the public. With thousands of tourists gathered outside to witness the event our group felt particularly special at being able to view the ceremony from 'the inside' and certainly made that early start to the day worthwhile.



This certainly was a 'day to remember' and these short paragraphs cannot do justice to this very special experience. Our thanks go to Nick Wright for making the day possible and Helen Lever for masterminding the travel arrangements and generally keeping order on the day. Another small – but perfectly formed - group from East Knoyle will have enjoyed a similar experience on the 8th November.

Diary Dates

AGM (preceded by lunch), Fox and Hounds, 12.30pm, 20th November.
Poppy Appeal 'Thank You Event', Village Hall, 5.00pm, 30th November
Branch Meeting, Fox and Hounds - 7.30pm, 4th December.

Ron Clark

Branch Secretary (830354)

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Round and About

Tony Bateman, of Milton, died suddenly in September. He and Joan first came to live in Upton, and then moved to their present home as few years later. Tony was a skilled gardener and seems to have passed on his expertise to other members of his family. His funeral in Salisbury was well attended by both friends and neighbours from the village and by former military colleagues. We send our sympathy to Joan, Deb, Richard and David.



Sharon Hall, daughter of Tommy and June, died in October. May people will remember her, and we send our condolences to her parents, to Amy and to her wider family.



Anyone going along Underhill recently will have seen that Hillside House has been sold. Michael and Jill Butler are moving to Shaftesbury, and with them go our good wishes and thanks for all they have done for the village over the last 35 years. Michael has been the 'prime mover' in all sorts of fundraising efforts for good causes, most notably the Open Gardens five years ago, the auction of promises for St Mary's, last year's Queen's Birthday Barn Dance and this year's village BBQ at Moors Farm. In all of these he would be first to say that Jill has provided enormous behind the scenes practical and moral support, without which they would not have been possible.

A warm East Knoyle welcome to Valerie Reilly, who is the first occupant of one of the new bungalows next to Park Houses. Valerie has spent the last twenty or so years in the area, most recently in Mere, and was delighted to come here to a new, eco-friendly home. We hope she will continue to be very happy in the village.

Beth Cox married Chris Reid from Glastonbury on 28th October at the Apollo Temple at Stourhead on a beautiful autumn day (see photo). Beth, a long time resident of Underhill, runs a successful beauty business in Shaftesbury. Congratulations and best wishes!

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Save the Children

Position vacant on SAVE THE CHILDREN Committee Shaftesbury Branch

Regretfully we bid farewell, for health reasons, to our secretary of 12 years, Lizzie Gascoyne, and wish her a full recovery.

We are looking for an immediate replacement for this rewarding and interesting position doing voluntary work on fund-raising events in the area, with a small and dedicated committee.

Planning meetings are every 6 – 8 weeks at Upper Leigh Farm, SP3 6AP.

If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

Katie Page: katiepage@btconnect.com, or tel. 01747 830278.

MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS WITH THE EAST KNOYLE CHOIR



The choir has started rehearsing for two Christmas events.

Perhaps you would like to join us?

On Saturday 25th November we will be singing a jolly, festive collection of songs at the Grand Christmas Opening of our own Wren's Shop.

On Sunday 17th December we will be singing at the Carol Service at St. Mary's Church.

We rehearse every Friday at 7.30 in the village hall. **Everyone is welcome - come along when you can**
Contact Louise 832290

What's Going on in Milton?

Just to update people about the major construction site that has appeared in Milton - I spoke with Wessex Water at the end of last week as to what exactly was being done with all the works at the bottom of Touchorne Lane.

Wessex have informed us that they are upgrading the whole site. Apparently this is one of their larger reservoirs with two "tanks" both of which are being replaced, one at a time in order to maintain supply.

The work will take between 12 and 20 weeks (apparently the last similar one they did took 17 weeks) and once complete everything in the field will be returned to exactly how it was.

Regards

Rob McCarthy (Parish Councillor)



Hindon Surgery News

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Avoiding Winter Admissions

An all too familiar news item at this time of year is how hospitals struggle to cope with increased emergency admissions in winter. The NHS measures admission rates for “care sensitive conditions” - illnesses that could have been avoided by better preventative or early care outside hospital - by monitoring GP practice areas. A low rate with little change by season is a marker of good care, and all the local small practices in South West Wiltshire achieve both. We deliver an accessible and comprehensive winter vaccination programme, and also react quickly when patients get ill by offering a ‘be seen on the day’ service. We try very hard to keep our patients well, but your actions as patients are also very important:

‘Flu vaccinations are free to high risk groups, carers and everyone over 65. This one simple, safe and quick intervention is the most effective way to reduce winter hospital admissions. All children from two to eight years old are now also vaccinated. ‘Flu can kill (a few thousand every year) and treatments are pretty ineffective, but vaccination does reduce the risk.

Keep warm – turn the heating on and wear warm clothing.

Avoid risks – simple things like not going out if it’s icy. Your practice may plan for episodes of poor weather by avoiding routine checks and relaxing prescription ordering restrictions.

Give permission to **share more of your summary care record** so that other NHS workers can see your important illnesses, medications and any care plans in addition to allergies. Forms are available from your practice to update the sharing permissions on your records.

Keep a **Green Cross tub** with your medical and contact details inside – this is a Lions Club initiative available from all surgeries. Many patients also discuss (with their family and doctor) what they want to happen if they become seriously unwell in the future and this can be documented to be kept on your medical record and also at home. If needed the surgery can provide a resuscitation and treatment escalation plan and advanced directives are available from the web. Your practice can agree a deterioration treatment plan for illnesses that need emergency medicines to hand like recurrent infections (chest, cellulitis, urine) or a long time conditions like COPD, epilepsy or diabetes. It is also important to make sure you have a Will in place.

Keeping healthy in mind and body is also important, and we are fortunate to have many local clubs and organisations and excellent local and community shops to help with this.

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The Council has 24 gritters ready to treat the primary network which makes up 25% of the county's roads, including primary A & B roads. If conditions become more severe then about 50% of the network is salted, and that includes lower class roads and main accesses to villages and hamlets.



Salt bins in the village should all be filled by now. If not, please report the empty bin on the Council's website, www.wiltshire.gov.uk using the 'Report Something' button or let the parish council know. The salt in the bins is for use on roads and pavements that are not treated by the council; please do not use it on private drives.

Many parish councils also salt other roads that the council does not treat.

Please remember that the majority of minor roads will receive no treatment, and because arrangements do not always go to plan, you should never assume a road has been salted.

There is no guarantee that roads will be completely clear of ice or snow and it takes time for salt to become effective after roads have been treated. Rain can wash salt off roads leaving them prone to re-icing and in severe cold weather with temperatures below -8C, salt will not be as effective.

"Dawn Frost" can occur on dry roads when early morning dew falls on cold road surfaces and freezes on impact.

So, please drive carefully at all times during cold weather!



DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE

Fire Service offers free fire safety checks

Free fire safety checks and smoke alarms are being offered by Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service.

As part of its ongoing focus on preventing fire-related incidents in the home, Dorset and Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service is providing one-to-one advice in the home, which incorporates fire safety and health and well-being. Wiltshire residents can arrange for a member of the Fire Service to visit them at their property and provide smoke alarms and safety advice as part of a Safe and Well visit.

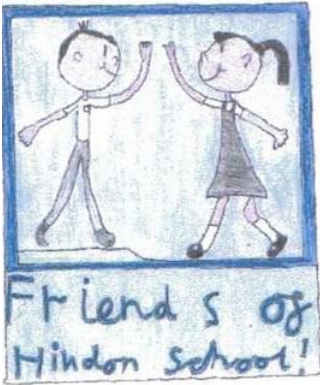
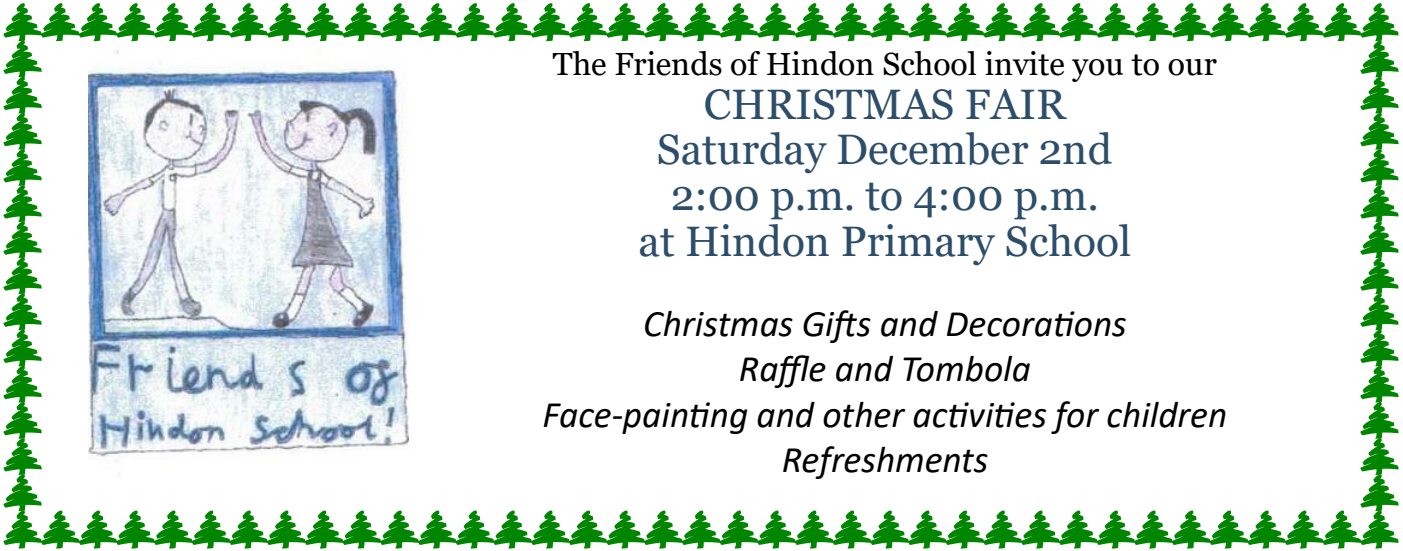
The visit will identify potential risks within the home and how to reduce or prevent these risks. It covers electrical safety, escape plans, cooking, smoking, personal safety and the immediate installation of smoke alarms, if needed, all free of charge.

If you live in a thatched property, or are over 65, or smoke, or have mobility or long-term health problems, or have children under 5, please call 0800 038 2323 or visit www.dwfire.org.uk to request a free Safe and Well visit. Specific information about thatched properties is also available.

We are running this feature again as a few residents have contacted the Newsletter to say what a fantastic service this is and how important it is - it could save lives.

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/>



The Friends of Hindon School invite you to our

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday December 2nd
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
at Hindon Primary School

Christmas Gifts and Decorations

Raffle and Tombola

Face-painting and other activities for children

Refreshments

News from EEK
The EEK Society is resting this winter and will be meeting next year to discuss future productions

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We meet every Friday evening from 7-9pm at the new Nadder Centre in Weaveland Road, Tisbury, SP3 6JH and welcome all players of a reasonable standard.

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For further information please phone Margaret Cluett on 01747 855097

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December 14th Christmas Tea Party, please note time 2.30 - 4pm.
Future date - Thurs 11th January

Coffee in the Church Cafe, Tuesday 28th November
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 - **Tues 19th December with Christmas nibbles, please note date**

St. Mary's Games Evening
Tues 28th November
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
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