



# The East Knoyle Newsletter

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## WREN'S SHOP CHRISTMAS LAUNCH 4.30 PM SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER



Please come and celebrate our village life and the launch of the Christmas Season for our Wren's Shop. On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November we are really lucky to have the village choir and Santa Claus coming to help the shop celebrate another festive season.

Santa will have a small gift for each child and be around to hear any requests ready for Christmas Day. The village choir will be carolling and there's an opportunity for everyone to join in whatever your singing abilities.

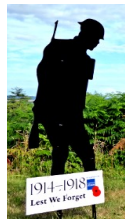
Enjoy tasty treats and hot mulled wine to help you get into the festive season and meet other members of our community.

**More news about the shop inside - see the centre pages.**

### Silent Soldier Stolen

The Silent Soldier 'guarding' the entrance to the village at Hindon Road, was stolen a couple of weeks ago. Words to describe this act fail.....

On a more uplifting note, the Village has done the Poppy Appeal proud again this year - see inside for more updates and reports on East Knoyle Commemorates.



ON BEHALF OF THE EDITORIAL TEAM - BOTH THE OLD AND THE NEW - WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH  
YOU ALL AN EARLY BUT VERY SINCERE

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

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## St Mary's Church

The clocks have gone back, so the days seem shorter, as well as considerably colder, and our thoughts are turning to Christmas celebrations. Advent is a time for reflection and we prepare for the lead-up to Christmas with a series of Services. We start off with **Advent Praise on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December**; then our popular **Carol Service which will be held on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**, with mince pies and mulled wine to speed us on our merry way. On **Christmas Day there is a Communion Service at 11.00 am**, so do join us on this joyous occasion. As a further reminder, the details are on the Church Notice Board. Talking of which, we are fortunate in having a new very smart A Frame mobile notice board, kindly made by David Pickering and John Scattergood, which will allow us to publicise individual events.

Looking back over recent activities, at the start of October we celebrated Harvest Festival with lovely hymns and spectacular floral displays which were a joy in their own right: Hindon School kindly added their donations to our own gifts, which were all presented to the Gillingham Food Bank and were very much appreciated. On the 28<sup>th</sup> October, a quiet but thoughtful Bereavement Service was held in St Mary's when many families had the opportunity to light candles and remember loved ones who had departed. Richard had chosen some poignant poems which were very suitable for this occasion.

The Remembrance Service has a special significance this year, as it falls on the eleventh day of the eleventh month exactly one hundred years ago when that all too tragic war finally ended. Its impact heralded great change within our Village.

We plan to hold our annual **"Bank Raid" on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December** to clear the undergrowth in the Churchyard and hope that some of you, to ease the burden, will be willing and able to join us. We will meet at 10.30 and coffee will be available.

### *Briony*

#### **BEYOND THE STUDIO**

Fortified by wine and delicious canapés, sixty East Knoylians settled down to a wonderful lecture by John Maine, who took us on a veritable tour of the world as he described with fluency, passion and good humour some of his many projects. Aided by some spectacular slides, John who had previously described himself as a sculptor primarily of stone, explained to a fascinated audience the creative processes which take him on a journey from initial ideas to a choice of appropriate stone; through to completion, and finally installation. His talent has been recognised internationally and his work may be found in China, Japan, Korea and elsewhere abroad - and in this country his exhibits are to be seen in places from Edinburgh down to the grounds of Salisbury Cathedral and the shoreline at Weston-Super-Mare.



More recently he has completed a memorial window and commemorative stone for the SAS in Hereford Cathedral and the dramatic effect of the strong stonework, topped by the complexity of the window above it has been widely admired. He was also chosen to design the stone to commemorate Stephen Hawking in Westminster Abbey and it is another fine testimony to the quality of his work.

Several questions from a very interested audience, followed by coffee and brownies, was a fitting conclusion to an excellent talk from a talented Artist and John was pleased to learn that £565 had been raised for St Mary's Church Funds.

## East Knoyle Resident is New Chairman for Cranborne Chase AONB

Knowing of my interest in natural history and the environment, Martin Brown contacted me early in the New Year to say that he'd heard that the Cranborne Chase AONB was looking to appoint a new Chairman, which I successfully applied for.

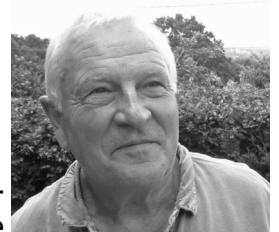


The CC AONB, within which the Parish of East Knoyle lies, is situated at the heart of some of our island's earliest recorded habitation by modern man, in a landscape shaped by our forebears over the millennia and blessed with outstandingly dark skies.

Given the critical interdependence between agriculture and the environment at a time of such significant challenge and change, real opportunity exists to establish practices and policies that will ensure that future generations are left with the legacy of flourishing biodiversity within a sustainable designated landscape. As an objective, this is an ethos shared between National Parks and their sister AONB organisations. The pledge from the Government is emphatic, "we must be the first generation to leave the environment in a better state than we found it".

An urgent national priority exists if we're to ensure the survivability of many of our native species, for the creation or re-connection of habitat via corridors that have become so fragmented over the last fifty years within our predominantly agricultural landscape.

I very much hope in my term as Chairman to provide impetus towards the creation of a 'Living Landscape Centre', with an observatory at its core. Planned to be a multi-functional centre, this will provide both academic and vocational study and practice in interpretation, learning and training to children and students of all ages and abilities, local residents, farmers and businesses alike.



+  
Nick Gosse

## So it's Goodbye from Me.....and Hello to Them!



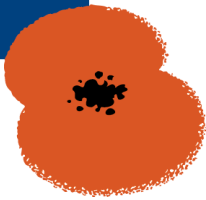
"Norman Stanley Fletcher....you will go to prison for 5 years!" so begins the intro to the TV series Porridge. Which coincidentally is how long your current editor has been 'editing'. Five years ago Dawn Small and I took the helm of the East Knoyle Newsletter. For two years we were the editing team - during which Dawn produced the excellent WW1 supplement (still available on the East Knoyle website). Then Dawn's work commitments meant her having to leave ..... and then there was one!

And now we have a new team taking over. Introducing Deb, Emma and Tracie who are very excited to be editing the newsletter from January 2019. Deb, most of you will know, has lived in the village forever, and is an active member of the Parish Council. Emma has lived in Upton for a couple of years; when not riding her horse through the village she is busy with a number of entrepreneurial ventures working from home (look out for the amazing greetings cards). Tracie, though new to the village, has a connection from years gone by and she has met a number of you at the fete, the karaoke, Moviola, the shop and the pub.

**Come along to The Fox and Hounds after 7.30 pm on Friday 14th December to meet them and to find out more about their plans for the newsletter; this is also an opportunity for me to celebrate my time as editor - we'd love to see you there.**

So it is with a mixture of sadness and joy that I leave the editor's office for the last time. There are so many people to thank - the contributors: the distributors, led by Alan and Jan and Sue and Terry, who, rain or shine, deliver the newsletter to your door. Thanks also to Gillingham Press for their help and support. And to the wonderful advertisers who have kept the Newsletter going - all our income has been generated from adverts. And of course to Louise - proof reader and encourager! Forgiveness goes to all those who rang up to complain (or thought I was the Council), or threaten us with legal action, or point out the odd spelling mistake!

It's been great! Missing it already!  
*Martin (Editor, Retired)*



## RBL Branch News

### Poppy Appeal 2017/18

It has been a tremendous year with a confirmed total of £10,030 banked through a fine combined community effort. In excess of £7,000 of that figure was raised during the period of Remembrance last November. Since then a variety of well supported events throughout the summer and Roy Halsall's efforts (£2,419 selling Poppy merchandise at events he attended with 'The Chevvy') have maintained that initial momentum. Well done everyone.

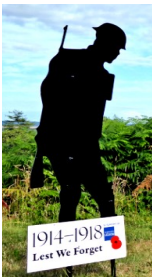
### Poppy Appeal 2018/19

This year's appeal was launched on the 26<sup>th</sup> October and, as we go to press midway through Remembrance fortnight, the 'house to house' and 'Willoughby Hedge' collections are in full swing.

This year there has been a great burst of activity with the staging of special events in the village to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice of 1918 with any profits kindly being donated to the appeal. Special thanks are due to all the hard-working organisers, sponsors and participating organisations. Between them, the RBL Band concert; the well-received talk by Kate Adie, the acclaimed production by EEK and the latest 'sell-out' showing of Moviola have raised a significant sum.

A final message for all our supporters is that the 'Poppy Appeal Thank You Event' will take place on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November in the village hall at 5.30pm and we are very pleased that our guest speaker will, once again, be General Sir Jack Deverell. We look forward to seeing you all there. Your valued support enables the RBL to fulfil its endeavour to honour those who gave their lives and care for the living when they need it most. Thank you.

### Silent Soldiers



We have a mix of good and bad news. The good news is that enough money was raised to purchase a second soldier for Semley. However, as many of you will have noticed, the East Knoyle 'recruit' based at the Hindon Road entrance to the village has been stolen - and is sorely missed. The theft has been reported but unfortunately this is just one of a number of mindless thefts or incidences of vandalism to commemorative installations that have taken place throughout the country.

### Branch Meetings

The final Branch meeting of 2018 will take place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30pm. Venue: The Fox and Hounds.

The Branch Lunch/AGM will take place on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November. Lunch commences at 12.45 followed promptly by the AGM at 1.30pm. Venue: The Fox and Hounds.+

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## East Knoyle's Famous Quiz Night Saturday 24th November in the Village Hall



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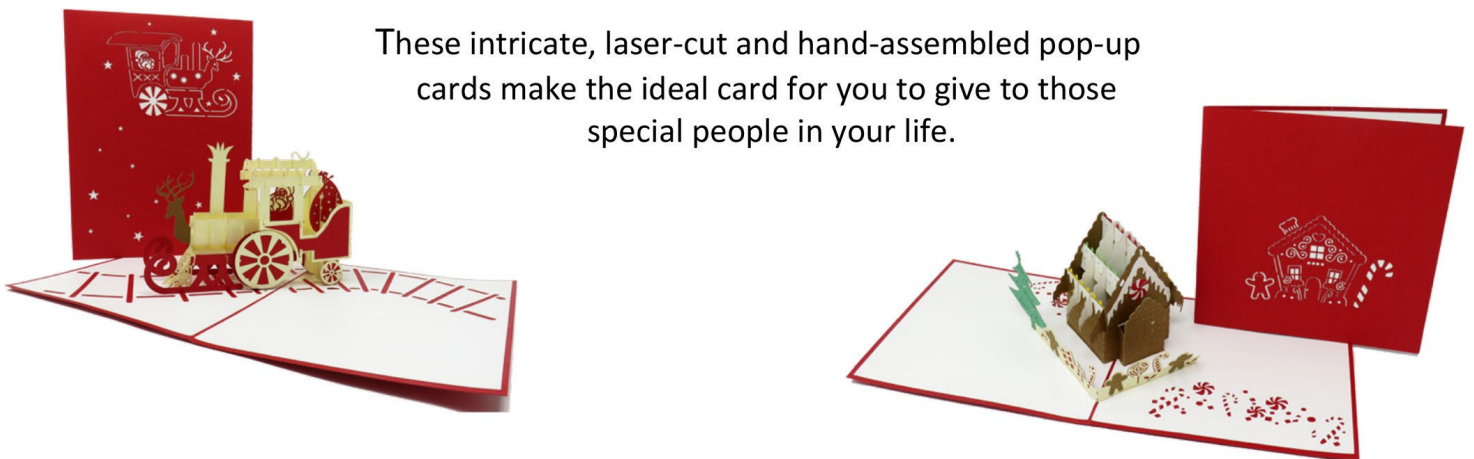
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## EAST KNOYLE COMMEMORATES

**THEY WENT WITH SONGS** (21<sup>st</sup> October): Although the audience was smaller than ideal the concert performed by Salisbury City Band of the British Legion of reflective music, soldier's songs and folk tunes of the WW1 era was very much enjoyed by those present. The village hall resounded to a programme that included 'In Flanders Fields' by Gavin Somerset, written specially for the centenary, 'Tunes from the Trenches' and a selection of marches. There was some 'hearty audience participation' to some well known songs that the band very much enjoyed and appreciated.



The event, kindly sponsored by Quinton Hull and Burfitt & Garrett, generated £95 for the Poppy Appeal.



**FIGHTING ON THE HOME FRONT** (30<sup>TH</sup> October): In front of a packed Village Hall Kate Adie's illustrated talk on the role of women during WW1 (based on her book of the same title) covered the work they did, the social attitudes of the time and much more.

The talk was followed by a lively question and answer session where Kate gave detailed answers to all the questions about both her talk and her own career. The evening ended with a book signing kindly arranged by Wayne Winstone of Winstone's Books.

One cannot not only admire Kate's professionalism but also her stamina for completing a day's filming on the beach at Lyme Regis; driving to East Knoyle to fulfil this engagement and then speaking for an hour and a half without even a glass of water as refreshment. Kate gave her time without charge or travel expenses, which meant that, combined with the income from such a large audience and some generous sponsors, a total of £773 was raised for the Poppy Appeal.

In addition to Kate Adie and our kind sponsors thanks are also due to our bar and technical teams, general assistants and a most enthusiastic audience for making the evening such a success in so many respects.

**EAST KNOYLE 'HISTORY TRAIL:** After months of research by the team a 'trail' of notices pinpointing the former homes of the men of East Knoyle who 'fell' during WW1 has been laid throughout the village. This has been a very impressive undertaking by all concerned, creating a real sense of the loss East Knoyle must have felt during this period. The additional value of the trail is that the knowledge gained is a resource for the village that will be available long after the period of Remembrance is over.

The team that deserves mentioning and our thanks are - Jan Knight, Nellie Flexner, Elaine Cadogan, Rob McCarthy, David and Jill Hockham, Alan Knight and Mike Hodgson.

### **Editor's Footnote**

*The East Knoyle Commemorates Programme was one of those events that when it was initially proposed sounded like a brilliant but slightly over ambitious idea, and one that would require a lot of hard work. It was and it did! But with plenty of enthusiasm, some cash from local sponsors to help support it, a few people to organise it and even more to actually do things, it all happened.*

*East Knoyle should be very proud of what it has achieved. Under the umbrella of the Royal British Legion and with the overall 'chairmanship' of Ron Clark a number of truly memorable and poignant events have taken place that commemorated all aspects of WW1 and how it would have impacted on East Knoyle. Well done and huge thanks to all involved.*

# EAST KNOYLE COMMEMORATES 11th November 2108



The Remembrance Day Service in St Mary's saw a full and standing room only congregation appreciate a moving service aided this year by readings from some of the young people of the village and songs from the East Knoyle Choir - 100 years to the hour when the Armistice brought WW1 to an end. This was followed by the procession to the Village War Memorial, as pictured here.



## Village Kitchen and Singalong

Following the service and the procession, those lucky enough to get tickets went to the final event of the programme. The Village Hall looked wonderful! Guests were served a lunch reflecting that in the war years communities were brought together by village kitchens to ensure everyone got a 'square meal' in those times of hardship, as well as providing entertainment with cheery songs. The Village Hall team provided fantastic food, Louise Brown the music and the guests the singing.



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### Winter pressures

After a glorious summer and autumn, the temperatures are falling. The most effective ways to stay healthy in the winter are to have a warm home and to have the annual 'flu jab. This year we have a few jabs left that protect against the four commonest strains (including the B strain that caused problems last winter).

We had hoped to have a new GP assistant this year, but unfortunately for us she wanted to pursue a career in tropical medicine after a spell working in Myanmar, and this wasn't possible from rural Wiltshire. So this winter it will be just the two GP partners, with occasional help from Dr Hall, and our nurses taking on more of the management of long term conditions. Next year we will be getting more help with new GP assistants joining us. More news on this in the coming months.

Much of the extra work in winter is from acute short term illnesses that do not need a prescribed medicine. The community pharmacies are excellent at giving advice and suggesting over the counter medicines (which all GPs have been told to reduce or stop prescribing) and they should be your first source of advice. If you need to be seen by a GP, they will tell you, and we can see you in one of our 'never-full' surgeries.

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Thank you to everyone who sponsored our daughter Rachel who ran the Oxford half-marathon recently in 1 hour 53 minutes and raised over £600 for Target Ovarian Cancer.

*Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely*

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## **Please come and join our annual celebrations:**

Because Santa will be there with his sack of presents  
Because you don't want to miss this unique opportunity  
Because the shop will be decorated for the festive season  
Because you'll meet all your friends and neighbours

## **The shop will be open throughout the season (except for Xmas Day!)**

Because you can order fresh vegetables and dairy  
Because you can order meat as well as turkeys  
Because you can review our cards and presents  
Because we'll help you select your sweets

## **We're keen for new members to join the Shop rota**

Because we need to maintain the tills every day  
Because you can come for as little or as long as you like  
Because you can work with the stock control and not the tills

## **We also need volunteers to open and close the Shop**

Because a volunteer opens or closes the shop and we need more  
Because the openers provide the hot rolls and croissants  
Because the closers secure the cash and lock up  
Because the shop is refreshed every day

## **The volunteers dinner is on 7th December**

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The Christmas door wreaths and cards will be on sale again as well as chocolate and biscuits tins for presents. All our jams, honey, marmalade and preservatives are all waiting for you in the shop. Don't forget our comprehensive range of pet foods and sustenance for the wild birds in your gardens.



Our new vegetable bins on the outside of the shop have attracted lots of customers and the range of items we can now display is a massive increase on before.



We also offer whole case discounts and a range of wines, beers and spirits for the season. If you need a bottle in a hurry, the shop is just round the corner.

On behalf of the shop's Management Committee we want to thank you for your continuing support of our fantastic village community shop and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a healthy and prosperous 2019.

*Ian Tait*

### Opening hours for the Xmas period

Christmas Eve	7:15 to 1:00 pm
Christmas Day	Closed
Boxing Day - Wed 26	9:00 am to 12 noon
Thursday 27 December	8:00 am to 5 pm
Friday 28 December	8:00 am to 5 pm
Saturday 29 December	8:00 am to 2:30 pm
Sunday 30 December	9:00 am to 12 noon
New Year's Eve	8:00 am to 1:00 pm
New Year's Day	9:00 am to 12 noon
Wednesday 2 January *	8:00 am to 6 pm

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## EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

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its sixth draw of  
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the clocks may have gone back, but as well  
as  
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## East Knoyle Rainfall

### Rainfall recorded

September 40.50 mm (1.59")  
October 47mm (1.85")

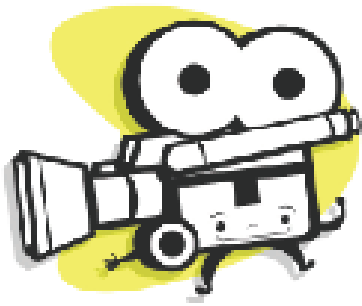


In September I recorded rain  
on 6 different days. There  
was one 8 day period, and two 7 day periods  
without rainfall. The 40.50 mm (1.59") of rain  
recorded was the 8th lowest September  
rainfall recorded in the last 24 years. The  
September average being 2.36" (59.94mm)

In October I recorded rain on 8 different  
days, leaving one 8-day period and two  
7-day periods, interspersed with a few odd  
days without rain. The 47mm (1.85") was the  
second lowest amount of August rain  
recorded over the last 24 years, making it  
well under the October average for the last  
24 years of 104.9mm (4.13"). The lowest  
October rainfall was in 2016 at 41.12mm  
(1.62"), and the highest October rainfall was  
in 2004 at 194.92mm (7.68").

Thank you,

Robin Egerton



### MOVIOLA

Our two films before Christmas both have a certain 'vintage feel' in that they are set in post-war 1950s Britain. On **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November** we are having **Phantom Thread (15)** which stars three times Oscar winner Daniel Day-Lewis in what he claims to be his last film and is set in the glamorous world of London haute couture fashion. D D-L plays a renowned dressmaker at the head of a distinctive and very successful fashion house, the 'House of Woodcock'. That wonderfully talented actress Lesley Manville, Oscar

nominated for this role, is his sister who acts as tough protector and gate-keeper to her sensitive, creative brother. All is well until he, a confirmed bachelor, encounters a determined young woman who disrupts his gilded existence and becomes his muse. Beautifully acted and designed and lovely frocks.....

On **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** we are taking another quizzical look back to the 1950s in **The Bookshop**. The setting is a small town in East Anglia, where a free-spirited widow (Emily Mortimer) decides to open a bookshop in the face of fierce opposition from local dignitaries who do not see the value or need for such an enterprise in their community. Supported by a reclusive book-lover (Bill Nighy), her personal resolve and determination is severely tested. This film is based on the widely-admired novel by Penelope Fitzgerald.

Baked potatoes, snacks and ice creams will be available as usual, with wine and soft drinks from the bar. If you would like to order a baked potato, please write it on your ticket stub. 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 starts at 7.30. We look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden

### Bus News!

Following the very successful launch of a door-to-door bus service from East Knoyle to Salisbury, we are pleased to announce a regular monthly service - on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For further information please contact Margaret Barton – 830680; or Ruth Gregg - 830304



### Tisbury Scout Group - Can you help?

Good news is often taken for granted. In 2012 Tisbury's long defunct Scout Group was restarted. Finding volunteers to be leaders is never easy. Nevertheless, we started with a small group (boys and girls) each of Beaver Scouts (age 6-8), and Cub Scouts (8+). Gradually leaders were recruited. Our dream was to start a Scout section (10+). This year that became a reality; all this, under the guidance of Robert and Jenny Cunliffe. So, the Scout Group now consists of 20 Beavers, 27 Cubs, and 15 Scouts - and growing. The Scout Group catchment area is from all the parishes round Tisbury.

However, success brings problems. The Cub section is going so well that Jenny Cunliffe really needs some regular assistants. And now both Beaver Scout leaders finding that the needs of their own growing children and change of work have meant that running the Beavers, which they had done so successfully, have had to resign. It would be dreadful if things collapsed for want of volunteers.

Back in 1970 I was only recruited under great pressure from a Scout leader friend who was at his wits end. I have always been grateful for his insistence. It made me friends wherever I have moved, got me doing things I'd never have done, and taken me to Portugal, France, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden all on Scouting activities. When I trained as a teacher it meant I had already lost all fears of coping with children.

If you want to know more, are 18+, perhaps want to talk about how you could help, contact me (Father Robert 01747 870228) or Robert and Jenny Cunliffe ([irobotcoronationcottages@mail.com](mailto:irobotcoronationcottages@mail.com)).

Fr Robert Miller

## EAST KNOYLE COMMEMORATES



### Keep the Home Fires Burning

Once again the Entertainers of East Knoyle presented a show of outstanding quality and, dare we say it, entertainment! The small cast of actors (but with some new faces) had to 'multi-role'. One moment involved in a sketch of sadness and poignancy, the next singing a cheery war time song, and then reciting a beautiful poem or story with eloquence and tenderness.

They set out to show all sides of the 'war to end all wars' and with a minimalistic set and using creative lighting and sound effects, transported the audience from battlefield to the home front effortlessly. The atmosphere generated by wonderful music and songs continually added to the audiences enjoyment (plus the shows raised c.£200 for the Poppy Appeal).

A well balanced and thought out show, created by the cast themselves. A triumph!

*B L Ze Bub (EKN Theatre Critic)*

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## Knogle Knature Knotes from *The Yaffle*

Summer ended with a wonderful hatch of small copper butterflies (pictured). The late warm spell brought more colour with swarms of Harlequin ladybirds, of two main colour variants, black with two red spots and orangey red with 18 black spots. This native Asian species was introduced in the USA in the late 80's and to the UK in 2004 as an aphid eater. It's biting habit does not endear it and one suspects, as is so often the case when man meddles with nature that its effect on our forty plus native species may not be entirely positive.

It has been recently quoted that the Wren population numbers 8.5 million birds in Great Britain. With its secretive, mouse like habits and a staccato chatter that belies its tiny form, the male bird will build several nests to show his intended. The successfully wooed female will then choose a nest and once installed, lay, incubate, hatch and raise her brood, whilst the male continues his building and wooing process with other females. Given the estimated numbers, this process is clearly successful, but a hard winter will decimate the population.

There was a crop of larger than average Sweet chestnuts this year, which fell quite early, so you had to be quick to pick any up ahead of the Roe deer and Squirrels. There's been a proliferation of toadstools too; can anyone identify the one pictured?



With some wonderfully clear skies, Saturn was to be seen to the left of the waxing moon on October 14<sup>th</sup>, with the red planet Mars close to the first quarter Moon on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The parish was then bathed in glorious light from the Hunters Moon on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

And so we head on from the autumn equinox to the shortest day, in a blaze of autumn colours and berry laden hedgerows. Your larders are hopefully full of bramble jelly from this year's prodigious blackberry crop, with sugared sloes marinating nicely in a bottle of gin.



### Come stargazing!

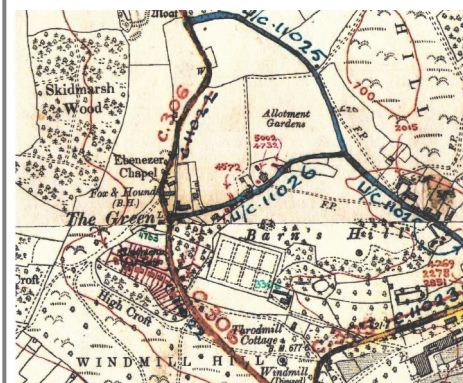
Cranborne Chase AONBeauty invite you to join them and Wessex Astronomical Society for an evening of stargazing (alternative astronomy-themed activity will be planned in case of poor visibility, so don't let bad weather put you off).

The evening starts at 7pm on Thursday 13 December, at the New Remembrance Hall, Charlton SP7 0PL. The cost for adults is £5, but there is no charge for children. Reserve your spaces on [info@cranbornechase.org.uk](mailto:info@cranbornechase.org.uk) or 01725 517417.

### Round and About

A warm welcome to Bill and Jo Willott who are moving into Laundry House in the near future. They bring with them a grown-up family and two Labradors.

The village was recently visited by Mr and Mrs Osborne who are looking for some help in tracing a house. Mr Osborne's ancestors lived in East Knogle, and one was buried in the nave of the church. "William Osborne, gent" died in 1697 aged 83, but his gravestone was moved in 1876 when the church was refloored, and now rests under the yew tree near to Church Cottage. His descendants believe the family lived in Milton, and that there is an inscription on or in the house saying 'William Osborne'. Has anybody noticed this name in or on a house? Perhaps this is in the plasterwork, or maybe over a fireplace or a door. By this stage, it may not even be visible in its entirety. If you do know anything, please contact Joan Claydon at Church Cottage.





# Christmas and New Year Waste and recycling collection changes



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## There will be no waste or recycling collections on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and on New Year's Day.

There will be catch up collections on Saturday 29 December, 5 January and 12 January.

Garden waste collections will be suspended from Monday 24 December for two weeks and restart on Tuesday 8 January. Collections will be one day later than normal during this week.

All collections, including garden waste, will return to normal from Monday 14 January 2019.

All household recycling centres will be closed from 1pm on 24 December and all day on 25 and 26 December and 1 January. The centres will be open as normal on all other days.

For information about your local recycling centre or how to recycle your Christmas tree, visit [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling)

Normal collection day	Revised household waste, black box, plastic and cardboard collection day	Revised garden waste collection day
Mon 24 December	No change	No collections
<b>Tue 25 December</b>	Thur 27 December	No collections
<b>Wed 26 December</b>	Fri 28 December	No collections
Thur 27 December	Sat 29 December	No collections
Fri 28 December	Mon 31 December	No collections
Mon 31 December	Wed 2 January	No collections
<b>Tue 1 January</b>	Thur 3 January	No collections
Wed 2 January	Fri 4 January	No collections
Thur 3 January	Sat 5 January	No collections
Fri 4 January	Mon 7 January	No collections
Mon 7 January	Tue 8 January	Tue 8 January
Tue 8 January	Wed 9 January	Wed 9 January
Wed 9 January	Thur 10 January	Thur 10 January
Thur 10 January	Fri 11 January	Fri 11 January
Fri 11 January	Sat 12 January	Sat 12 January
<b>Mon 14 January</b>	<b>Back to normal</b>	<b>Back to normal</b>

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**Saturday the 13th October** certainly was a night to remember for all those attending the inaugural Boogie Night & Karaoke with the fabulous DJ Bruno and Doc Da Hoc who together are Funkanoylia. This very special occasion was a fund raising event for the Village Hall.

The evening got underway with an amazing rendition of 500 Miles by our hosts, followed by some marvellous vocal performances from many villagers who appeared as their alter-images; Shania Twain (Louise Brown) Cilla Black (Jill Hockham) Roy Orbison (Paul Naish) Sonny & Cher (Roger Hague and friend) Abba (Gill Staunton and Val Morsman) and Steppenwolf (Kevin Stow sans shirt!) not to mention an unforgettable performance by Adele. There were many other notable performances, culminating with a final performance of Wonderwall by a new Village Super Group comprising of many, many people!

The evening was hailed a roaring success by all present and for those who missed the event.....watch this space; there may well be another one soon!

*Osmiroid Parker.*

## Parish Council News

Due to the early deadline required for this Newsletter the November Parish Council meeting has not taken place. Any important information will be included in the January edition.

### Annual Playground and Playing Field Clear Up

**Date – Saturday 8th December. Time - 11am-2pm.**

What it involves - some wall work, clearing the ground, ivy, nettles etc.

If people could bring their own fork and spade, loppers, etc & the odd wheelbarrow may be useful!

We could also do with a skip and a mini-digger.... if anyone could help!

Please contact Laura Hoar if you want to know more –  
laurahoar1@gmail.com

Kevin Stow

Clerk to the Council.

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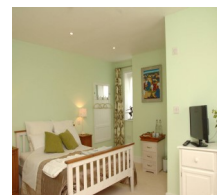


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Village Hall Bookings & Availability - Contact Nicki eastknoylevh@btinternet.com / or telephone 01747 830143



**T@3 Christmas Tea Party, 2.30-4pm 13th December, all welcome.** 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 - 10 Jan 2019**



**Coffee in the Church Cafe, 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 - 27th November, 18th December**  
Christmas nibbles, all welcome.



**St. Mary's Games Evening 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 - 27th November (no games December)**



## East Knoyle Music Quiz 2019

7pm on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March  
East Knoyle Village Hall

If you don't know your Frankie Vaughan from your Frankie goes to Hollywood it doesn't matter! This quiz will be for everyone and will cover a wide range of musical styles. From Classical to Pop and Musicals.

There will be something for everyone and the only thing guaranteed is that you will have fun. Teams of 6 please - £10 per person to enter. This will include food and one free drink.

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