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East Knoyle reflects on a Summer of Fun!

In our last edition East Knoyle promised you two village events guaranteed to be great fun and super social occasions. We were not disappointed.

The Flower and Vegetable Show continues to 'grow' - both in the number of entries and in quality. And it is attracting entries from more young people of the village - discovering the fun of making and doing stuff we hear! Blessed with fine weather again the Village Hall team provided teas for the great turnout - only the scarecrows were missing!

And then we moved on to the Fete and BBQ - exceeding all expectations. Glorious weather, fantastic entertainments and a great mixture of tradition and new. Lovely food and a super turnout - with the tug of war becoming a new fixture?

One thing stands out in all of this - these were both superbly organised events. As a village we should recognise the hard work and huge efforts these teams of people put into the events - and it starts months before.

Great job - THANK YOU ALL

And now we can look forward to more.....aren't we lucky!

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St Mary's Church

Our thanks go to John and June Reading of Moors Farm for kindly letting us use their barn for the Benefice Lammis Service on 13 August. This was well attended on a warm and sunny morning and a most instructive and entertaining sermon, given by Jo Johnson, our Parish Administrator at the Rectory in Semley, was well received. Welcome refreshments were served after the service – always a Lammis service delight!!

The Ride and Stride event held annually to help raise funds for the Wiltshire Historic Churches Trust was recognised at our church and a few visitors signed onto the list left in the porch on 9 September. The WHCT have been helpful in the projects carried out in the church over the years and we are most grateful for their contributions. On that same day Belinda and Andrew Scott's daughter Lara was married in St Mary's, an occasion on which several of the visitors admired the unusual and very attractive floral wedding displays in the chancel. We wish Lara and her husband many happy years of wedded bliss.

Suzanne Sandford

(Note - Fete/BBQ report on page 13)

Parish Council News

After the August break the Parish Council resumed business by welcoming Tim Scott-Bolton to the team. Tim is a local artist based at Summerleaze and will be a valuable addition to the Council.

As a reminder to all residents, Parish Council meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and members of the public are always welcome. Many public attendees are interested in one item and it is not rude to leave after that item has been covered. Please bear this in mind if the idea of sitting through a two hour meeting puts you off coming along. At the meetings the PC discusses local planning applications and has regular reports from its representatives on the Village Hall Committee, Wrens Shop, Wiltshire highways liaison and Common Lands. We are also lucky to have regular visits and updates from Bridget Wayman our local representative at Wiltshire County Council.

Look out for tree work around the Windmill as the branches reaching over to the Windmill walls are removed. On this subject could all residents please keep an eye on their hedges especially if they border a road. Twice recently there have been incidents where larger vehicles cannot pass because of hedge growth into the road. If you own the hedge it is your responsibility to maintain it.

Footpath 16 - The Council was informed that the Dawsons, together with The Milton Farm Trust, have made an application to Sally Madgwick of Wiltshire Council, proposing a new diagonal route. The application has been accepted with the reference number 2017/15 and has been put out to public consultation until the middle of October. Until that time anyone can make their views known to her department.

At the conclusion of the September meeting there were resounding thanks for all of those involved in the organising and running of the Flower Show and Village BBQ. Both were a huge success and enjoyed by everyone.

Kevin Stow, Clerk to the Council.
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Village Social Events coming up soon - not to be missed!

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Venue: East Knoyle Village Hall, Church Lane, East Knoyle SP3 6AE

Cost: suggested donation £3

Refreshments: provided

Contact: derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org



A Musical Evening Saturday 7th October 7.30pm St Mary's Church

Our Annual Evening of Musical Entertainment this year features 'Songs from the Shows'

There will be performances by the children and one or two surprise turns!

All performers are from East Knoyle, so come along for a great evening and support your friends and neighbours.

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Over the summer months the volunteer team is boosted by local school children and students; we are proud to provide a safe place for young people to work and interact with our community. Also, we would like to thank Issy for her hard work in learning the Post Office routine and providing great cover for Janeen on her much-needed break in August.

There is much more to keeping Wren's Shop operational than serving behind the counter. We now have a volunteer who is making great headway on many of the myriad of maintenance and improvements required throughout the building. **We are now appealing for a group to help prepare the outside of the shop for winter, clearing leaves and gutters, and tidying up. Please sign up in the diary to help out Sunday 22 October from 2 pm.**


The shop committee is in the final stages of preparing an updated set of Volunteers' Training Sheets and Guidance Notes. Thank you to Ann-Marie Dean for undertaking the lion's share of this task. The revised set helps to share all that we have learnt with current and future volunteers. The committee wants to ensure that everyone working or shopping in Wren's Shop is safe and well-served.

We hope you all love our shop as much as we do and so ask you to support us in our bid to win a Rural Oscar – the Countryside Alliance has opened its nominations for rural business to be voted on. **Please search for Countryside Alliance and vote for Wren's Shop under the "Village Shop/Post Office" category.** Let's make the efforts of our volunteers and customers worth it.

Paul Egginton
Chair EKCSA

Lost Property

Many things lost in the village, the woods, roads and park are often handed into the Shop. Come in and ask or leave a note if they have lost something. We have jackets, glasses, dog leads etc. at present!



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RACING AT WINCANTON

JUMPING BACK ON THE CALENDAR



Friday 20th October – Season Opener
Sunday 29th October – 150 Year Celebration Day
Saturday 11th November – Badger Chase Day
Thursday 23rd November – Midweek Jumps
Thursday 7th December – Festive Raceday
Tuesday 26th December – Boxing Day

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HAPPY 150TH BIRTHDAY WINCANTON RACECOURSE

Wincanton Racecourse is celebrating 150 years of racing in Somerset this season and enjoyed its official birthday on Tuesday 1 August 2017, which we will continue to observe throughout the upcoming season. Founded in 1867, Wincanton Racecourse has been uniquely synonymous in the sporting and rural communities, coupled with great racing for one and a half centuries. Huw Williams, General Manager of Wincanton Racecourse, said: 'We are looking forward to celebrating and sharing the racecourse's rich history throughout the 2017/2018 season and we hope that all our race-goers enjoy learning more about this very special, rural racecourse.'

The 2017 / 2018 season starts on Friday, 20 October with a schedule that takes in 17 race days from October to May. Key fixtures include the prestigious Badger Chase Day (November), the ever-popular Boxing Day fixture, the thrilling Kingwell Hurdle (February); plus a stream of well attended Thursday fixtures throughout the season. The Season Opener on 20 October will celebrate all things racing with fabulous insights into Wincanton's first 150 years through the launch of our celebratory book 'WINCANTON RACECOURSE- THE FIRST 150 YEARS'. The book will be available to buy from the racecourse office throughout the season.

Advanced tickets start from £12 and are available to buy online at www.wincantonracecourse.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming you to our racecourse for a fantastic day out for all of the family!

Exclusive Competition for Local Residents



Officially marking the course's momentous birthday on Sunday 29th October, Wincanton will host its '150 Years of Racing Celebration Meeting'. You could be there!

Simply email (or post!) your name, address and phone number to the Editor – clearly marked '**Wincanton 150**'. We have a pair of Premier tickets to give away, kindly supplied by Wincanton Racecourse.

Deadline to receive entries is **Midnight Tuesday 10th October**. Entrants must be over 18 years old. Only one entry per household. Racecourse Admission terms apply. Good Luck!

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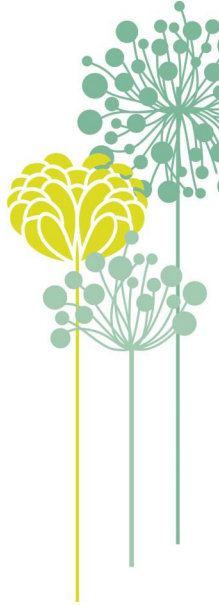
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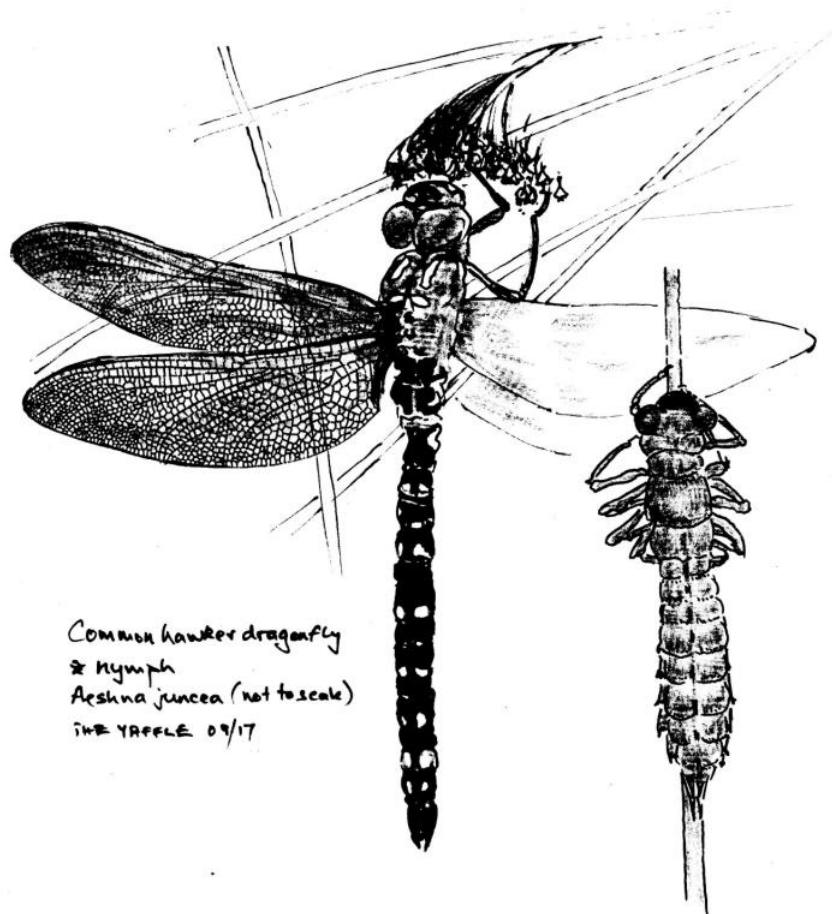
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Knogle Knature Notes

Known as a 'mast year', the proliferation of acorns and beechnuts is almost certainly due to an ideal combination of warm weather in spring that allowed wind blown pollen to fertilise the female trees. It's just a pity that our delightful native red squirrel does not benefit from the nutty feast, in our area at least.

Warm, still days are a good time to spot our larger dragonflies.



Common hawker dragonfly
* Nymph
Aeshna juncea (not to scale)
THE YAFFLE 09/17

These magnificent insects are a work of sheer physiological design genius, in both their life cycles of one to five years underwater and up to two months airborne.

Primeval alpha predators, they are survivors of our planet's carboniferous age some 300 million years ago. Able to fly at over 30 mph, moving all four wings independently, they, along with the humming bird, are the only other airborne

creature on earth that can fly backwards. They lay their eggs directly into water, which then hatch into nymphs.

Their extendable lower lip and pincer combination make them lethal hunters, using their abdomens to propel themselves after all manner of waterborne prey, including insects, tadpoles and even small fish. If you ever find the nymphal cast from which a dragonfly has hatched, low down on a reed stem in a pond, you'll have found the evidence of a metamorphic process every bit as scary as the hatching scenes in *Alien*. Go to www.dorsetdragonflies.org.uk for information on dragonflies in our area.

The butterfly hatch in the warm spell in August brought an abundance of Small Tortoiseshells, Red Admirals, Peacocks, also the Comma, Silver-washed Fritillary, Marbled White, Small Skipper and Small Copper. There's no finer late summer sight than watching two Speckled Woods spiralling endlessly in their mating dance on the woodland's edge.

See if you can spot the 'double double' star Epsilon Lyrae on clear September nights. Your guide is the exceptionally brilliant star Vega, in the Lyra (harp) constellation. If your feet are pointing south, you'll pick the brilliant Vega up directly overhead through a pair of binoculars, Epsilon Lyrae will appear left of Vega in the same field, as two pinpoints of light. This double star is even visible to the eye on a dark, clear night.

Let's save talk of nights drawing in and an autumnal feel in the air until the next issue and be thankful for any Indian summer days still to come.

The Yaffle

Editors Note - a big thank you to the 'Yaffle' - not just great articles but drawings too!



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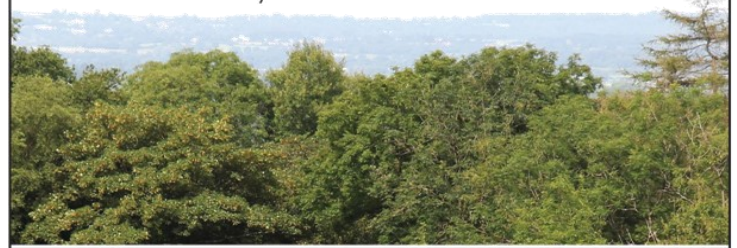
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Foot Notes - keeping East Knoyle on track!

Footpath 16

Readers should refer to the Parish Council News for an update on what is happening regarding this footpath. Documents and maps of the application (#2017/15) should be available on the Wiltshire Council website - go to Rights of Way Public Path

Orders Search or follow this link - http://php.wiltshire.gov.uk/row/ppo/ppo_search.php.

You will need to keep an eye out for the notices asking for comments from the public - evidently these will be posted on and around the footpath and will explain what is happening.

The contact at Wiltshire Council is Sally Madgwick, Acting Team Leader Definitive Map and Highway Records, Rights of Way and Countryside.

Tel. 01225 713392 or email - sally.madgwick@wiltshire.gov.uk

Wanted: Volunteer Tree Warden/s

The Common Lands and Rights of Way Committee are looking for one or two volunteers who are interested and knowledgeable about trees, to provide advice to members of this Parish, and to advise the Committee on any dangerous or diseased trees. The Tree Warden is welcome to become a member of the Common Lands and Rights of Way Committee that meets bi-monthly, but it is not necessary.

If you are interested and require further information please contact Tim Hyde or Maria Standingford by email mariaanna.standingford@gmail.com

Autumn Clearance of Knoyle House Ground, Playing Fields and Play Areas

Have you noticed that the play areas are getting very overgrown? The Rights of Way group would really appreciate your help in a grand autumn clear up.

Saturday 4 November - 10.00am until 12 noon.

If you could spare a few moments to come along and help we would be very grateful. Bring clippers, rakes, wheelbarrows, and wear strong gloves. All welcome, including children (Sorry - no dogs)

A Really Important Notice for Dog Owners



**NO DOGS
ALLOWED**

Dogs are not allowed in Knoyle House Ground Playing Fields and Play Areas.

Most of us will be aware that there is a sign as you enter the Play Area telling us that No Dogs are Allowed. There are a number of really sensible reasons for this, which most dog owners appreciate without having to be told.

However, this summer we have had a number of occasions when this rule has obviously been ignored, and unfortunately at least one dog has made a mess and the owner has not cleared it up. The result is very depressing - one resident took their small children to play and came across dog poo by the play equipment which they fortunately avoided. This was bad enough, but later on, down by the grass playing area, the children stood in more dog mess which then covered their shoes, the buggy and also got onto the parents hands while trying to sort the situation out. Apart from being so horrible, there are potentially serious health risks involved.

Can we ask residents to respect the no dogs allowed rule. Also, if you see visitors ignoring the rule (and they cannot miss the sign) please say something. Alternatively contact the Parish Clerk.

East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable



Poster winner - Ludo Lombardi
(Grandson of the Seymours)

The Flower and Vegetable Show took place for the third year running on Saturday 12 August and was deemed by all to be a resounding success! As were the teas provided by the Village Hall Team again!

Not only was the weather perfect on the day, but also entries were up on the last two years, with 77 villagers entering classes ranging from flower arrangements to novelty vegetables such as 'heaviest marrow'.

The children's classes were very well represented and congratulations are in order for every East Knoyle child who worked hard to draw a picture, make a vegetable animal or create a variety of imaginative objects and illustrations.

Well done to everyone who entered, nurturing their flowers and veggies to bring them to perfection in time for the show. Congratulations, too, to those who made so many delicious jams, jellies, cakes and breads. The judges were unanimous in stating that they thought the standard of entries was exceptionally high. The Show takes place next year on Saturday 11th August 2018, so here's hoping entries are up once again.

Prizes and Trophies - 2017

The Harry Seymour Cup	Best in Show. Most overall points in all show categories	Carilyn Campbell
The Adrian Lever Cup	Runner up for the most overall points in all show categories	Helen Lever
The Battle Trophy	Most points accumulated in the flower category	Helen Lever
The Anthony Claydon Memorial Cup	Most points in vegetable category	Martin Smith
The 100 Yards Cup	Most points accumulated in the vegetable novelty classes	Martin Smith
The Caroline Hyde Cup	Most points accumulated in the Home Produce category	Barbara Johnson
The Douglas Morris Cup	Best 5 stems of mixed perennials of different varieties in a vase	Christine Battle
The Simon Master Cup	Winner of the Roses classes	Michael Brooke
The Village Hall Shield	Most points accumulated overall in the aged 5-9 children's category	Xander Morant
The Garden Club Shield	Most points accumulated overall in the aged 10-14 children's category	Thomas Hyde
The Hunter Cup	For the photograph as voted by public vote	Louise Brown
The Scarecrow Shield	For the best scarecrow as voted by public vote.	Alan and Helen Lever
The Charlie Cumberlege Cup	For the exhibit judged to be the best jam or jelly	Dawn Mackain -Bremner



Flower Show Snapshots



Fete and BBQ Snapshots



Tug of War

As part of East Knoyle Fete and BBQ we had a Tug of War involving sections of the Village - these were Milton and Upton, Underhill and Holloway, The Green and The Street. These 4 teams numbered 8 strong (mixed men and women) and gave the crowd some great spectacles in tugging!!

After pulling the running order out of a hat it was The Street who beat Milton/Upton in the first round. Underhill/Holloway went on to beat The Green to set up a best of 3 with The Street in the final. There was a slight advantage with the slope so it came down to the 3rd tug on a flip of a coin which The Street won and elected the downhill side - Underhill/Holloway were just too strong however and pulled them nearly through the car park! Well done to all who came forward to compete and that includes the children afterwards. Very much enjoyed by all was the feeling after and since.

Tim Hyde





East Knoyle Village Fete and BBQ

Saturday 2 September

Moors Farm and Barn



A large turnout of locals and visitors were entertained with traditional stalls and entertainments, which this year were supplemented with a BBQ, archery, wellington boot throwing.

After weeks of strenuous work by the organiser Michael Butler (also our new churchwarden), who had managed to persuade many East Knoylians to give up their time to collect things for sale on the stalls and the tombola, arrange amusements for children, organise food and – to end it all – a Tug of War between all the hamlets.

Music was provided by the superb East Knoyle Choir and Mal Rogers with his great blend of country and folk fiddle music.

A fantastic village event – with the added bonus of £4096.87 being raised for the upkeep of St Mary's Church, a marvellous result and a tremendous help in these difficult times.

Many congratulations and thanks are due to all those who played a part in helping to make this such a happy and rewarding event. Special thanks to John and June for the use of the Moors Farm and the barn.

Suzanne Sandford

Editors note - we received several notes from the organisers wanting to thank everyone for their generous donations of prizes, cakes, gardening stuff.....too many to mention! THANKS TO ALL!



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RBL Branch News

POPPY APPEAL



With still a few weeks to go until the end of the 2016/17 Appeal on 30 September, the Branch total has risen to £6,607. So a big 'thank you' once again to all our volunteer Poppy Appeal collectors, local businesses and all those who made donations of various kinds or bought commemorative badges for your continued support, not only during the annual 'Poppy Appeal' fortnight every November but also throughout the year.

A special mention must be made of Roy Halsall who, since handing 'over the reins' as PAO in 2015, continues to make a significant contribution to the appeal during the summer months, mainly by selling Poppy merchandise at the re-enactment and historic events he attends with the 'Chevy'. To date in 2017 he has raised £1,588, which, by anyone's standards is a tremendous effort – almost 25% of this year's total.

Looking ahead, we are already beginning to make arrangements for the Poppy Appeal Fortnight that launches the 2017/18 Appeal on 28 October and ends on Armistice Day, 11 November.

House to house collections around East Knoyle will take place, poppy trays and collecting boxes will be positioned in the village and at locations throughout the wider area - including Pythouse, Semley and Motcombe - and we will also be making collections up at the Willoughby Hedge service station and the new Starbucks next door.

Our aim is to have enough house to house and Willoughby Hedge collectors without any one person doing too much - particularly up at Willoughby Hedge where we have 42 shifts to cover over three weekends. We have our usual loyal band of supporters of all ages to call on, but we need more. Therefore I ask anyone willing to give a couple hours of their time to volunteer as a collector and support the marvellous work of the RBL to please contact me (see below). Within reason, there is no lower or upper age limit and you do not have to be a serving, or have served, in the Armed Forces to volunteer.

Those of you who have volunteered before will be contacted nearer the time. If through an oversight you do not hear from me then please contact me as follows -

Ian Gurney, Poppy Appeal Organiser

T: 830818 / E: gurneyian@hotmail.com

STOP PRESS - We need to recruit a Poppy Appeal collector in West Knoyle - can anyone help?

Important Dates:

Next Branch Meetings - 2 October and 7 November

Poppy Appeal Fortnight 28 October – 11 November

Armistice Day – 11 November / Remembrance Sunday – 13 November

AGM and lunch – 20 November

Poppy Appeal Thank You – (TBC)

Ron Clark
Branch Secretary (830354)



Help solve a Mystery

Around about the time of the East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show, a cardboard box was left on the stage at the Village Hall. The box contains a large number of spectacles and spectacle cases. Can anyone shed any light on who left them there and for what purpose?

Please let the caretaker know - Paul Naish - on 01747 832335.



MOVIOLA

We begin our 10th season with **The Viceroy's House**, a film that many of you have asked to see. In this anniversary year of the Partition of India and Pakistan, it is all the more appropriate that we should be showing this film set in 1947 when Lord Louis Mountbatten, played by Hugh Bonneville, is sent to India as the last Viceroy to oversee the transition of British India to Independence. He is accompanied by his liberal-minded wife Edwina (Gillian Anderson) and 18-year-old daughter Pamela. Also in the film we have the treat of seeing Michael Gambon, who plays an unbending representative of the British Establishment. This is a visually stunning film, which tells an important story at a very human level, showing how political decisions impinge on individual personal lives. It will be on at the Village Hall on **Wednesday 27 September**.

Hidden Figures, our film on **Wednesday 25 October**, also goes back in history, but this time to the 1960s. It tells the hitherto unknown, true story of how a team of extremely brilliant African-American women served a vital role in the NASA space programme and have subsequently been 'forgotten'. Those who have seen it say it is a very uplifting and thought-provoking film that leaves you with a smile. The performances are uniformly engaging and although the treatment of these women is shocking to us, the story is told with wit and verve and a lightness of touch that makes it highly entertaining.

Baked potatoes will once more be on sale before the show. There is a bar with wine and soft drinks and lovely ice creams in the interval. How can you resist?

Tickets REMAIN at £5. We haven't once raised our prices in 10 years. You can buy them at Wren's Shop or on the door. If you would like to order a potato, please write it on your ticket stub.

Dates for your diary: **Wednesday 29 November: A Man Called Ove**
Wednesday 13 December: Their Finest

We very much look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden



East Knoyle Rainfall

Rainfall recorded

July 120mm (4.72")

August 54.5mm (2.15")

There were only 3 wetter July's in the last 23 years than this one, with its rainfall of 4.72" (120mm), and it was well above my July average of 2.40" (61mm).

Rainfall was recorded on 15 days and we did have two spells of six consecutive days without rain. We also had a 'long' weekend with rain from Thursday 20th to Sunday 23rd recorded, amounting to 1.85" (47mm).

August's rainfall of 2.15" (54.5mm) was well below my August average of 3.01" (76.4mm).

There were 13 days of measurable rain recorded, and there was one seven day break without rain, the other days were one or two day breaks. July and August's rain, bring the total for this year so far up to 20.98" (532.5mm) compared with 22.62" (574.1") at the same time last year.

Robin Egerton

From The Archives



In our last edition we asked if anyone could provide some help explaining and dating this old postcard.

We had the following response from Joan Claydon.

Knoyle Feast was held on the first Monday after the 19th September. This was believed to be the old date of the church's Patronal Festival.

The Hunt met at the Fox and Hounds, there was a public lunch after which the crowd followed a Brass Band to the Green.

Barny Sharp from Gillingham came with his donkey and cart to sell nuts and Roundabouts, swing boats etc. were set up on the Green. Parents kept their children out of school for the day as "attending Knoyle Feast was more important"!

This is all recorded on the Mural in the Hall, including the text on the framed explanation on the left of the stage. I can't really help with a date except to say by the clothes early 1900's. You will also see a reference to this in Tony Claydon's book, *The Nature of Knoyle* (thanks to Ron Clark for reminding us).

And did you know - there are 300 catalogued village photographs of old East Knoyle in the archives stored in the Village Hall?

The East Knoyle By-pass

21 years ago this year we had a completed bypass with an official opening. Many villagers walked the length of it before the traffic began to be able to use it.

Several of us, living on the existing A350 at the time decided we should have a celebratory party. Locals were asked to help provide refreshment and Terena and Bruno, who ran the Seymour Arms at that time allowed us to use their kitchen for heating food and keeping it hot. Josephine and Howard Hunt who farmed In Upton at Chapel Farm kindly provided and delivered bales for seating. Needless to say the liquid refreshment was provided by the Landlord.

Many hands made light work of putting up bunting and other decorations which helped all those who were present to enjoy a happy afternoon.

Looking at the size of lorries on the road these days we have to count ourselves very fortunate in obtaining the bypass when we did, as those giants of haulage would not be able to navigate the bends in the village. There was a lot of effort put into getting planning permission and overcoming various objections and things were certainly not straightforward, but it was all worth it in the end.

Monica Snell



The main committee members from left to right, Jean Butler, Monica Snell, Peter and Betty Waters, and Joy Hull



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Round and About

The weddings have taken place this month of two young people who spent their childhood in Knoyle, and whom many will remember, especially as their families remain here even though their own jobs take them far away. Lara Scott married Jack Colchester in St Mary's, and Tom Southerden married Jenny in a ceremony in East Anglia. Congratulations and every good wish goes to both couples.



Welcome to Hugo Scott (no relation!) and Emma Leveson-Gower who have come to live in Upton. Perhaps this marks the last change for a while in that hamlet which has seen so many moves in the last three years. Belatedly, we would like to say hello to Dominic, Alice, Sebastian and Lily-Rose Hall who moved to Corner Farm several months ago. They are right on the border with Sedgehill, but very happy to be part of the village. Also settling in are the Morants. It's great to have some young families and we hope all will soon feel that East Knoyle is home.

With sadness we record the deaths of several residents or people with strong connections with the village.

Frank Renshaw, husband of Jeannie, died on July 18th. He had lived in Milton for many years, and used to help Claire Wallis in her garden.

Felicity Roberston, whom shoppers in Shaftesbury may well have known from her time in the Cancer Research shop, died in August. Felicity was a resident of Underhill for many years and a great supporter of good causes. There will be a memorial service in St. Mary's at 3pm on Thursday 12th October.

The funeral was held in St Mary's of Peter Stratton, son-in-law of the late Ann and Michael Sparkes. The family have moved away, but retain a strong link with the Parish, where they were based for many, many years.

Lady Ann Page has died. Several years ago she came to live with her son and daughter-in-law at Upper Leigh, before she moved to St Denis Lodge in Shaftesbury. She will be missed very much.

Our condolences to the families and friends of all of these people in their loss and sadness.

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Local Health Trainer. There is an excellent health trainer (Danielle) based at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury. Many of our adult patients could benefit from free one-to-one support and you can self-refer by ringing 0300 003 4566.

Wiltshire IAPT (Improving Access to Psychological Services). This is a free service available to all adults in Wiltshire, dealing with common emotional and mental health difficulties, primarily those associated with anxiety and depression. This is a self-referral service – all you need to do is call 01722 820267.

'Flu Vaccinations. 'Flu season is nearly here. The only medical intervention that helps reduce the risk of catching 'flu and the severity of the illness is vaccination. It is available free at the surgery to children aged two to three, those at higher risk e.g. asthma (school age children can have it in school), adults who are 65+, younger adults who are carers or have heart disease, chronic chest, kidney or liver disease, those with neurological conditions (e.g. strokes and MS) or who are immunocompromised (on steroids or chemotherapy). Private jabs, if you're not in one of these groups, are available at community pharmacies. We are currently taking bookings for our 'flu clinics at Hindon on Saturday 23 September and Saturday 7 October.

Shingles jabs. These are free to those aged 70 and 78.

Please don't be shy to ask for something – if it isn't available we'll tell you, but with little time to cover so much a prompt from our patients is always welcome.

Don't miss the Health Fair at the Nadder Centre in September where you can learn about other services that lead to good health. More details are coming soon from the organisers.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

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The next draw is on November 1st.



Following the May Wiltshire Council elections, I was invited to join the Cabinet with the Highways, Transport and Waste portfolio. It has been a very busy few months getting to grips with and understanding the scope of each subject. There is still much to learn, but I want to alert you to a couple of consultations within my remit.

The first is on the Waste Management Strategy, which can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/rubbish-and-recycling>

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- Ready meal sleeves
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- Brown paper
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In your black box

- Drink cans
- Aerosols
- Kitchen foil and trays such as take-away food containers – clean
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The crux of the matter is that to keep costs down we need to reduce the amount that the Council collects and place more emphasis on reducing the waste we all produce, re-using more of it before it gets into the waste collection system.

But you may not agree with this. The consultation which ends on 14 November is where you can express your views and I would appreciate hearing them. You can also hear more about the waste strategy and waste data if you come along to the next South-West Wiltshire Area Board meeting at the Nadder Centre in Tisbury on 11 October at 6.30pm.



The other consultation which is about to start is on parking charges. This is probably not such a contentious issue in East Knoyle as it is in towns and Salisbury city centre. Parking charges contribute towards subsidising rural bus services which are uneconomic for the bus companies to run. Net parking income is about £5.1m. It costs the Council about £7.7m to support rural bus services and concessionary fares, so there is a funding gap of £2.6m. Increasing parking charges will help, but not entirely close that gap. Again, I would like to hear your views. I gather there will be a link for the parking consultation on the front page of the Wiltshire council website www.wiltshire.gov.uk

Personally, I think it is vital we continue to support rural bus services. About 75% of Wiltshire’s population lives in villages and many people do not have cars. If we are keen to continue to support older and young people who don’t drive to live in their village communities, bus services are often the only way they can get out and about.



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

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St. Mary's Games Evening
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Future date - 31st October

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Games Evening in East Knoyle

We are resuming our games evening on **Tuesday 26th September** at 7.30 to 9.30 after our Summer break Everybody is welcome to enjoy a game of pool, darts, cards, chess, scrabble and even bagatelle!

It is a very informal evening and it not only gives you a chance to hone up on old skills but to meet others from the area for a chat and a drink.

Bring along your own refreshments (beer/wine/soft drink) and we supply crisps and nuts etc. There is no admission charge or membership involved but there is a donation box available for charities.

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