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As the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness" peaks its pretty little nose around the corner and we wave goodbye to the quickly disappearing backend of the amazing summer we have had, the Editor's thoughts go to long evenings sitting in front of the fire. His glass of whiskey in one hand, his favourite assorted nuts in the other. The hound (Best in Show 2017) snoring contently at his feet....and the fact that we have.....

.....A New Editorial Team!

Lots more on this in the next edition, but it is great news that a team of very enthusiastic folk have stepped forward to ensure that the Newsletter will celebrate its 45th birthday next year.

And so much more to look forward to in the next few months - for the village and by the village! The fantastic events being put on to commemorate the end of WW1 (see page 4); the Coffee Morning for MacMillan Cancer Support on 28 September (page 19); and of course, the new event (see opposite) featuring the amazing sounds of Funkanoylia - and yourselves!
.....read on for more events and details.....

In this edition -

- Important news about the Post Office (page 3)
- All colour review of the Flower Show and Fete
- Full listings of all going on in our great village

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Parish Council News

After a break in August the PC members were back to work on 4th September at our monthly meeting.



As you will be aware Wessex Water were planning a mains replacement scheme for the length of The Street in East Knoyle. This work had been scheduled to commence on 5th November, but since then we have been informed that it has been deferred for this financial year but I will be back in touch when we have a proposed start date. It may be 2019/20. At the PC meeting back in July a Wessex Water representative Alan Marler gave information and answered questions from residents who had attended the meeting. If you were unable to attend that meeting and have concerns or queries then you can contact Larry Goodridge on 07990563726 or at this email address, Larry.Goodridge@wessexwater.co.uk.

The subject of parking congestion near the houses at The Green and on the Common Land outside the Fox and Hounds was raised and it was agreed that at the next PC meeting on October 9th the parking situation will be on the agenda. The PC would be interested to hear all residents' views on this at the meeting, or by email or letter before the date.

The Chairman, Tim Hyde, went on record to recognise the sterling work of outgoing Newsletter editor Martin Brown. Martin has produced some fantastic work over the last few years and his boots will be difficult to fill. A new editorial team is preparing to take over very soon and the PC and Chairman were pleased the short-term future of the Newsletter was no longer at risk and wished them the very best.

Kevin Stow
Clerk to the Council
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Important News!

Tisbus have launched a door-to-door bus service from East Knoyle to Salisbury, beginning on Tuesday 25th September. Pick-ups will start at 10.30 am. The return bus will leave Salisbury at 2.30 pm.



For further information please contact either Margaret Barton – 830680; or Ruth Gregg - 830304

Update on A350 / Turnpike resurfacing



Any of you who have driven down the A350 beside Turnpike will be aware that the new surface is very noisy. For the residents it must be a continuing nightmare. The Council appear to have used hot rolled asphalt, but according to our councillor Bridget Wayman, this is a temporary surface and they are researching the best finishing surface to use. In an email I asked her to confirm that they still plan to put a finishing surface beside Turnpike.

She responded: "We are looking at the new SMA (Stone Mastic Asphalt) that is being trialled in Scotland to see how it fares; it is 8 years old at present and coming to the end of its trials. So, as yet, no final surface has been decided on. I will continue to monitor progress on the decision."

Quiet proprietary surfaces have been used all round the country (including parts of the A303) for many years now. Stone Mastic Asphalt describes these quieter surfaces. We have to remain optimistic that the Council will recognise the significant noise caused by the bypass surface and the new surface at Turnpike and do something about it.

Forever hopeful
Andrew Scott



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The twelve members of the Management Committee of the shop meet every couple of months and we discuss how to improve the running of the shop. Our main topic at every meeting is how to get more volunteers to fill the till and non-till rota during the week and at weekends. There are also some very dedicated people who open every morning and close it every evening and on Sunday lunchtimes.

We urgently need more openers for the shop. If you are an early riser and could cover the 0715 – 0900 slot we'd like to hear from you please. If you'd prefer to be a closer and can spare 30 minutes at 6 pm in the evenings, we'd like to hear from you too.

Ann-Marie Dean will be running some new and refresher training on the Shop's system on Tuesday afternoons starting in October.

The Design Sub-Group of the committee has been hard at work rearranging the layout of the shop. They added 2.1 metres of additional shelving at the beginning of September and moved the sweets from in front of the tills to the side wall to meet the expected new legislation. There's more work to be done as we improve the ergonomics of the shop. We don't have all the answers, so I'm sure Paul and Janeen would welcome any sensible suggestions.

There are some new dates for your diaries—

14 October 2018 at 1300 or 1500 – Annual Stocktake.
We need teams of three working from 1300-1500 or 1500-1700. If you are willing to help, please let Ian know on 07818 412257

24 November 2018 at 1630 - Xmas Launch
7 December 2018 at 1900 – Volunteers Dinner

We have added some new products and are continuing to source produce as locally as possible. Try our Wren's Shop Arabica coffee, or the new range of Honey from Wincombe Valley.

Ian Tait

East Knoyle Post Office— Important News



In an earlier newsletter, I alerted readers that changes in my personal life would affect the spread of hours for the Post Office. During the

subsequent discussions with the Post Office Network Team, it emerged that I had been working more unpaid hours than they would allow. After some months, an agreement was reached for a change in November. However, as we were going to press the Post Office brought this date forward so I apologise for the lack of notice.

Current hours will continue until the end of September.

From Tuesday 2nd October the Post Office will be open from 9:20 to 17:00 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (3 days a week)

I am enclosing a small leaflet which you can keep in a 'handy place'.

Many post office functions can be covered by the shop with the Paystation facility, including bill payments, home shopping returns and mobile phone top-ups. However, this will mean extra training for volunteers so this will be a work in progress.

Although being the village Postmistress can be very demanding and stressful at times, I really love the opportunity it provides for meeting people and serving the community and hope that these changes work out for us all.

Janeen Evans



THEY WENT WITH SONGS (21st October)

Salisbury City Band of the British Legion presents a concert of reflective music, soldier's songs and folk tunes of the WW1 era. The programme includes 'In Flanders Fields' by Gavin Somerset, written specially for the centenary, 'Tunes from the Trenches' and a selection of well-known marches.

Venue: East Knoyle Village Hall at 3pm. (Light refreshments available)

Contact Ron Clark Tel: 830354



FIGHTING ON THE HOME FRONT (30TH October)

Author and journalist Kate Adie CBE, talks on the role of women in WW1 and answers questions regarding her own experiences as a television news correspondent.

Venue: East Knoyle Village Hall at 7pm (Bar available)

Contact Ron Clark Tel: 830354



KEEP THE HOME FIRES BURNING (2ND and 3RD November)

EEK! Presents a show that will move you to tears and laughter. With songs, sketches and poems set during WW1. Come along in period costume, prepare now! (Bar available)

Venue: East Knoyle Village Hall at 7.30pm

Contact Alan Knight 830132 or Louise Brown 832290

EAST KNOYLE 'HISTORY TRAIL'

A 'trail' pinpointing the former homes of the men of East Knoyle who 'fell' during WW1 will be available throughout the period of Remembrance.

Contact Jan 830132 and Elaine



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (11TH November)

Held this year 100 years, to the hour, since the Armistice that brought WW1 to an end came into force.

Venue: St Mary's, East Knoyle, followed by the laying of wreaths at the War Memorial

VILLAGE KITCHEN AND SINGALONG (11th November)

As a finale to 'East Knoyle Commemorates', immediately following the Remembrance Sunday services villagers are invited to join together for 'Soup and a Singalong' led by the East Knoyle Choir.

Venue: East Knoyle Village Hall at 12.15pm.

Contact Ron Clark Tel: 830354

Make a special note of these dates in your diaries. Details of availability and prices of tickets for all events will be advertised in the coming weeks.

Look out for posters, in Wren's Shop and on the EK website.

The 'East Knoyle Commemorates' pages are kindly sponsored by Tim Hyde, Master Thatcher

EAST KNOYLE COMMEMORATES – UPDATE OF EVENTS

East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show (11th August): A special Class in this year's show challenged bakers to reproduce a WW1 'Trench Cake' from an original 100 year-old recipe, as provided by the Government of the day. Fourteen brave bakers rose to the challenge and after much deliberation the judge awarded first prize to Barbara Johnson. Carilyn Campbell took second prize, Sonia Egerton won third. Congratulations to all those who took part.

'The War That Changed Everything' (25th August): Arranged by Jan Knight, a combined talk and exhibition of WW1 artefacts was held at the village hall. Jim Barber provided a comprehensive run down of all the facets of the war that changed society forever, while in the Medieval Room, West Knoyle's Havilland Vincent displayed an extensive collection of WW1 artefacts excavated from the Trenches. Over 40 people enjoyed an interesting and illuminating afternoon that raised £96 in aid of the Poppy Appeal. Thanks are due to Jan and all those who attended.



Winstone's wins Independent Bookshop Innovation Award

Winstone's trading as Hunting Raven Books in Frome and owned by long term East Knoyle resident Wayne Winstone (far left photo) has this week won a major national award created by the prestigious Pan Macmillan publisher.

Independent booksellers across the UK and Ireland were invited to submit a project that encourages new readers and supports the community. Winstone's successfully submitted a new and innovative project, which helps tackle loneliness in the community.

Through working with local charities and hosting events the bookseller aims to bring people together who have lost loved ones or feel isolated, through a love of books. Events will include book clubs, inspirational speakers, wine and cheese get togethers and guest appearances by community leaders working in this field.

Wayne commented - *"The Frome team have worked incredibly hard to put this project together and support vulnerable people in the community and we are so delighted to be recognised by this prestigious national award."*

EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

It's a golden end to the summer months for the holders of one lucky number in this September's 200 Club prize draw, held in Wren's Shop on a particularly sunny morning:

MR & MRS RON and SUSIE CLARK win £50

The next draw is on 1st NOVEMBER. If you don't already support the 200 Club, why not prepare for Bonfire Night with a bang?

New supporters of the Village Hall are cordially welcome to join the 200 Club for only £12 a year - just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594, or leave a message in the Shop.





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**Saturday 13 October
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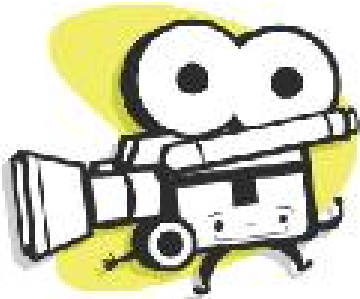
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A few more details pop pickers!

A list of the Karaoke songs available on the night will be on the East Knoyle website and in Wren's Shop, allowing you to pre-select your song and, if you want to, come along dressed as your 'star' (Competition for this!)

Come 'dressed to kill'!!!



MOVIOLA

The leaves are starting to turn golden and the blackberries are ripe for picking so it must be Moviola time again!

We are sticking to our usual dates of the last Wednesday in the month and will therefore begin on **Wednesday 26th September** with a not very well-known but small gem of a film called **Lean on Pete**. It is the story of a

troubled teenager who gets a summer job with a horse trainer and befriends a fading racehorse – the Lean on Pete of the title. This is not, however, a mushy story about 'a boy and his horse'. Charlie Plummer, who won the best young actor award at the Venice Film Festival 2017 for this role, is outstanding as the son of a single father who moves about frequently looking for work, thus depriving his son of the home life and stability he craves. The boy's search for a better life through his interaction with the horses and the other people he comes across at the rickety racing stables is set in the beautiful landscape around Portland Oregon. This film has been much praised, and we hope you'll come and enjoy it.

The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society is our next film on **Wednesday 31st October**. It stars Lily James and Jessica Brown Findlay, both late of Downton Abbey, with great old-school stars Tom Courtenay and Penelope Wilton as back-up, so we are in for a treat. Based on the best-selling book, this film begins with a correspondence between a young woman and members of the Society in Guernsey, who share their experiences of the Nazi occupation of their island during WW2. It is an affecting story of friendship, family and courage. This is a terrific British period drama, beautifully acted by a great cast and highlighting a little-remembered time in our collective history.

As our contribution to the commemoration of the end of WW1 in East Knoyle, any profits that are made at this screening will be donated to the British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Dates for your diary: **Wednesday 28th November Phantom Thread**
Wednesday 12th December The Bookshop

Tickets REMAIN at £5 and can be bought at Wren's Shop or on the door. There is a bar with wine, soft drinks, crisps and snacks and we are serving baked potatoes with a variety of fillings before the show. If you would like to order one, please write it on your ticket stub. We start serving at about 6.50. Gosh, it feels like we've never been away! Looking forward to seeing you at the Village Hall on September 26th.

Sara Southerden

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East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show Report



What do scarecrows, giant marrows and a 100 year-old recipe for 'Trench Cake' have in common? They were all part of our annual East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show which took place on Saturday 11 August. Despite the inclement weather everyone enjoyed another fun and competitive day, rounded off with delicious tea and cakes served on the lawn outside the Village Hall. Cups and trophies were presented by The Hon. Diana Makgill, Honorary President.

As part of our village celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, the show this year included themed classes such as a flower arrangement to represent this important milestone and in the baking section, an original WW1 recipe for Trench Cake. This was made without the benefit of eggs, these being in short supply during the war. Despite its somewhat daunting list of ingredients 14 brave bakers produced cakes, which were declared "quite delicious, if a little rock-cake-like".

Prizes and Trophies – 2018

The Harry Seymour Cup	Best In Show; most points accumulated in all show categories	Joan Bateman
The Adrian Lever Cup	Runner-up; second most points accumulated in all show categories	Carilyn Campbell
The Battle Trophy	Most points accumulated in the Flower classes	Martin Smith
The Anthony Claydon Memorial Cup	Best Exhibit in the Vegetable category	Jackie Gurney
The 100 Yards Cup	Best Exhibit in the Novelty Vegetable 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	Jackie Gurney
The Simon Master Cup	Winner of the Roses classes	Martin Smith
The Charlie Cumberlege Cup	For the best exhibit in the Jams and Jellies classes	Lizzie Gascoigne
The Village Hall Shield	Most points accumulated in the 5-9 year old children's category	Xander Morant
The Garden Club Shield	Most points accumulated in the 10-14 year old children's category	Maddison Topley
The Helen Lever Cup	Overall winner in the 3-4 year old class	Minnie Morsman
The Hunter Cup	Best photograph as judged by public vote	David Hockham
The Scarecrow Shield	Best scarecrow as judged by public vote	Jennie Hynd
£15 Poster Prize	For the best poster design by a child under 15 years old	Eleanor Grix

Additionally, in what has become quite a tradition around the village, scarecrows popped up all over East Knoyle in the days running up to the show, much to the bemusement of car drivers and visitors alike.

Some of the most enjoyable classes of the day were the children's entries; the judge was hard pressed to pick the winners from the numerous 'spider's webs on a plate', 'wizards' gardens' and dragon collages which had been so carefully crafted by our talented children.

Christine Battle



East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show



Photos by Roger Hague, Christine Battle and Roger Standingford

St Mary's Summer Fete



St Mary's Summer Fete Report

September got off to a flying start with a splendid Village turn-out for our Fete: the new venue at Knoyle House Ground provided a charming setting in our Village and, despite the challenge of a more limited area, many people rallied round to provide a good variety of stalls. The position of the barbecue near the entrance was particularly apt, as it was a great place to meet and greet friends, whilst enjoying the very tasty local food. The tea tent provided much needed refreshment throughout the afternoon and the choir sang some jolly songs which also added to the cheerful atmosphere. The playing field featured children's games which allowed them to test their skills in such challenges as "beat the goalkeeper" – with considerable success! - and other activities. Later, the highlight of the afternoon was the ever-popular knockout tug-of-war; the children's competition was decisively won by an enthusiastic and seriously overloaded under-sevens team!

We are delighted to report that the Fete raised £4000 profit for Church Funds, but most importantly the occasion also provided a welcome opportunity for our Community to come together and this gave particular pleasure to the organisers. The success was dependant on support from many hard-working volunteers – too many to name individually – but they all have our heart-felt thanks for contributing to a most successful occasion.

Briony Hamilton



Tug o' War 2018

As it turned out last year, the Tug o' War was fiercely contested again. Last year's winners, Underhill and Holloway were up first against a rough looking team from Milton and Upton - they looked very much as though they would take the magnificent Trophy again and prevailed in a swift time.

The next match between The Street and The Green saw The Green just taking it in a well tugged and even contest. This led to the final tug between The Green and Underhill and Holloway. This was a prolonged affair cheered on by all and after a great deal of puffing and blowing, a good deal of to'ing and fro'ing, The Green put in a huge effort and pulled it off!

A big thank you to Tom Hyde and Lorean for their help, the crowd (who jeered and cheered!) and teams who made it as good as last year.

*Tim Hyde
(Chief Judge -Tugger)*



Hindon Surgery News

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Preparing for winter

Having enjoyed a stunning period of hot weather it may seem strange to start thinking about ways to keep well this winter. However, despite more money promised for the NHS the only way our hospitals can cope will be by all of us doing all we can to prevent an emergency needing hospital care. There is a lot of evidence about how to do this which also translates into leading a longer and healthier life.

Non-smokers live 15 years longer and the duration of poor health at the end of life is half that of non-smokers. Obesity is the second most important cause of cancer after smoking and also causes diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure, heart disease and leg ulcers. Inactivity, eating red meat and drinking too much alcohol all adds to this dismal picture. However, the really good news is that all of this can be solved by each of us by changing what we do and there is a mass of help available through surgeries, chemists, health trainers and the internet.

You may wonder what extra the surgery can add. One is to provide screening tests like the five yearly NHS checks between ages 40 and 70; well-woman checks including cervical smears; mammography (the screening unit is coming to Wilton in April 2019); bowel screening (now extended to a flexible sigmoidoscopy when you get to 55) and abdominal aneurysm screening for men aged 65.

Another is to provide vaccinations and every year we recommend having a 'flu jab if you are 65 and over. Younger people in groups that increase the risk of hospital admission for 'flu – asthma, COPD, heart, kidney & liver disease, stroke, lowered immunity and pregnancy – will also be offered the vaccine. This year the vaccine will be against two strains of Influenza A and two of influenza B (including the strain that hospitalised our patients last year). We also provide the nasal 'flu drops for all children aged two and three, and 10–18 year olds in high risk groups.

In Hindon we will be running two Saturday morning clinics - on 22 September and 6 October - as well as additional sessions during the week including early evenings and our usual drop-in. Other surgeries will be running similar services.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely



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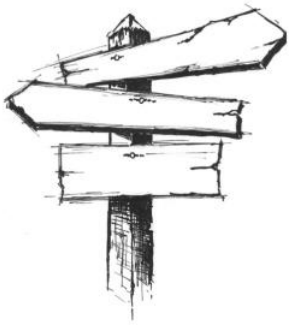
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Footnotes *(from the Editor)*

Walking with dogs on Public Rights of Way

Since dogs have been taken on highways since time immemorial, it's generally assumed that they can be considered a 'natural accompaniment' (a term used in a 19th century court case to describe things which might normally be taken by a walker) and that therefore dogs can be taken on public rights of way.

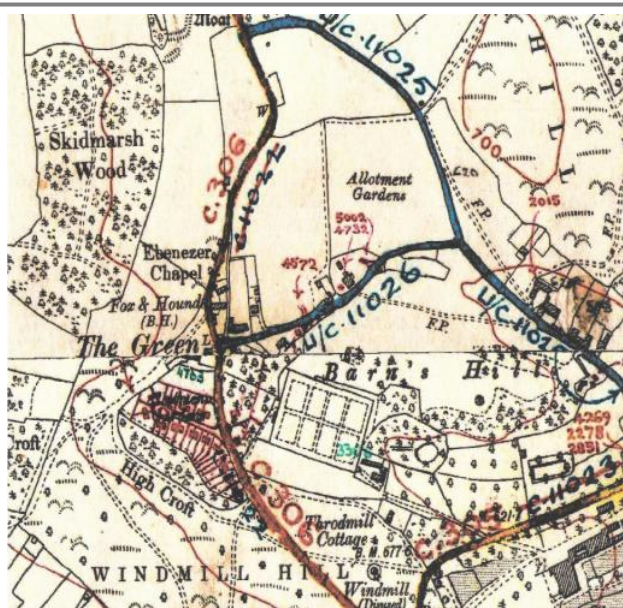
There's no law which says that a dog must be kept on a lead when using a public right of way, but local authorities can make orders under section 27 of the Road Traffic Act 1988 to make it a requirement on specific paths. Like its owner, a dog should remain on the line of the path – an act of trespass may be committed against the landowner if it wanders away from the official route.

Walkers with dogs should take particular care when crossing fields where animals are being grazed. Section 1 of the Dogs (Protection of Livestock) Act 1953 makes it an offence for a dog to be at large, 'that is to say not on a lead or otherwise under close control', in a field or enclosure containing sheep.

It's also an offence for dogs to attack or chase livestock and farmers are allowed to shoot dogs that are worrying, or are about to worry, farm animals. This is set out in section 9 of the Animals Act 1971, which also states that the farmer isn't liable to compensate the dog's owner in such circumstances.

Despite the fact that a dog is a 'natural accompaniment' to users of rights of way, the law doesn't require stiles to be 'dog friendly' as it's the dog's keeper who has the right of passage, not the dog. Stiles with 'dog latches' can however be provided and can often be seen in popular dog-walking areas.

From the ever useful website - www.ramblers.org.uk



Round and About

Several houses have changed hands recently and so we welcome new residents to Black Horse House, and Fallowfield Cottage in Milton. Other people are hoping to move and good wishes go to them for the sale of their houses in this slightly difficult climate.

Vanessa, Bruce, Rory and Freya are leaving Laundry House for pastures new. They have been a vital part of the centre of the village for more than ten years, helping in the shop and gaining fantastic reputations as face painters - much to the delight of children in this and neighbouring villages.

It's good to know that the RBL Women's Section has been re-formed with Helen Lever at the helm as chairman.

We are sorry to record the death of Sir Barry Wilson, a long-time resident of Hays Park and regular worshipper at St Mary's and at St Catherine's in Sedgemoor.

Mark Mansell, who died in August, came to East Knoyle with his family when he was fourteen. He left school at sixteen to begin his career as an electrician. Time would prove that his hidden depths and great intelligence would have enabled other paths to have been chosen, but he never regretted his choice, and the contribution he made, and the fulfilment of a very varied life. During those early years Mark organised several trips to Romania with friends in the building trades, having raised money to re-equip orphanage bathrooms. Mark was a very engaging character, inspiring affection and gratitude in those whose lives he touched. He would never refuse to mend an old lady's electric kettle, with no charge, even if it would have been vastly cheaper for him to send her a new one! He and his wife, Susan, who supported him in his many interests, including gardening, photography and the Cats Protection League, moved from Milton to Tisbury but kept in close touch with the village through work and friends. Mark's death will leave a huge hole in many people's lives, not least in this village.

You Did Remember!

In the last edition we carried the headline — **Remains of early Roman railway carriage found in East Knoyle!** We had several responses and yes, it was a railway carriage, but not Roman!

Michael Hull told the Newsletter that the carriage was used on Fonthill Estate (on Hawking Down) for members of the Women's Land Army to live in. After the War it was purchased by Mr Bill Gillam (who owned Cock Hat Cottage) to keep chickens in. Evidently it was moved from Fonthill to East Knoyle by lorry, then had to be winched into place (by Ted Hull). It seems that the chicken business did not work out, and after a year or so the carriage was sold to John Norris, who kept pigs in it!



Then it fell into disrepair.....as the photo scanned from the Village Scrap Books shows.

Thanks to all of you who responded—Joan Claydon (who keeps the Village Scrap Books), Michael Hull and Vic Snook for their input.

And don't forget East Knoylers—there is a wealth of history stored in the village—in the archives (stored in the Village Hall, and in the Scrap Books.

And we still need volunteers to set up and take over as 'curators' of these items—contact the Newsletter if you are interested.



East Knoyle Rainfall

Rainfall recorded

July 19.75 mm (0.77")
August 63.50mm (2.50")

In July I recorded rain on 5 different days and there was one day with a light shower though not enough rain to record. There was one 14-day period, and one 8-day period without rainfall.

The 19.75mm (0.77") of rain recorded was just above the lowest July rainfall recorded in the last 24 years; making it well below the July average.

In August I recorded rain on 7 different days, leaving one 9-day period and one 7-day period interspersed with a few odd days without rain.

The 63.50mm (2.50") was equal to the middle amount of August rain recorded over the last 24 years, making it a little under the average for the last 24 years of 67.82mm (2.67").

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RBL Branch News

Silent Soldiers

We are pleased to report that the 'ranks' of Silent Soldiers in our area continue to grow. Following on from our initiative to recruit three Silent Soldiers for East Knoyle we were able to assist in the purchase and installation of one soldier - with a second 'on the way' - in Semley. We have also advised private individuals on the purchase and installation of two for Sedgehill. These figures will continue to represent an evocative and sustainable symbol of community remembrance throughout the countryside for years to come.



Poppy Appeal 2017/18

Excitement mounts as, with just a few weeks to go to the end of the 'appeal year', the total raised to date has now reached an impressive £9,722.56, so we are tantalising close to breaking the £10,000 barrier that was last reached in 2014.



Since the last update Roy Halsall has continued his significant contribution via the sale of Poppy Appeal merchandise at the various heritage events he has attended with the 'Chevvy'. So far this summer, yes, this summer, he has raised a tremendous £1,818.60.

Other latest contributions received include £96 raised at the recent talk and exhibition, 'The War That Changed Everything', arranged by Jan Knight.

Grateful thanks are due to everyone in the village who has supported the fund in some way throughout the year: our donors, volunteer collectors, event organisers and local businesses. This, as in every year, has been a great communal effort of which we can all be proud.

Branch Meetings

Dates for the next two Branch meetings are the 1st October and 5th November at 7.30pm. Venue: The Fox and Hounds.

The Branch Lunch/AGM will take place on the 22nd November.

Lunch commences at 12.45 followed promptly by the AGM at 1.30pm.

Branch Secretary: Ron Clark

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RBL Women's Section

Several former members of the RBL Women's Section recently had a meeting at the home of The Hon. Diana Makgill. The County Chairman and Secretary were present to impart information on the possible re-forming of the Section. A discussion took place and a vote was taken and a motion passed.

The new Officers were voted in as follows - Helen Lever, Chairman; Monica Snell, secretary; Venetia Wright, treasurer; Gill Waterhouse was appointed President.

No plans for the future have so far been made, but the burning of the Standard has been avoided.

Monica Snell, secretary



For Village Hall Bookings & Availability

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eastknoylevh@btinternet.com
or telephone 01747 830143

Knogle Knature Notes from The Yaffle



The colourful Jersey Tiger mentioned in the May/June edition is a day flying moth of Red Admiral proportions. This tiger moth has pleasingly established itself strongly in the Southwest following its initial colonisation of the south Devon coast.

The photos show it with wings folded, then half open, exposing the vivid orange-red underwing.



During the warm weather slow worms were to be spotted basking in the garden, the exceptionally long example of 14" – 16" pictured, was probably a pregnant female.

The Chicken of the Woods mushroom is a bracket fungus, these favour tree stumps as their hosts. This perfectly formed and coloured specimen in the image was seen at the junction of the lane between Milton and The Green. This is an edible mushroom which apparently lends itself to being casseroled, but should never be harvested from a yew tree, as this renders it poisonous. Best advice is to always refer to an expert on the subject before planning a foraged dinner!



The population of one of our most agile falcons, the Hobby, is increasing, as a breeding species that migrates to winter in Africa south of the equator. With its slate blue plumage and black moustache on white cheeks, this bird can appear as a small Peregrine at distance with a short tail and scythe like wings. Should you be lucky enough to see it at close quarters, adult birds have a red undertail and 'trousers'. The epitome of aerial manoeuvrability, this bird takes its prey mainly on the wing, that might include swallows and dragonflies.

On August 26th, there was a full moon, known as a 'Sturgeon moon' so named apparently by native North American tribes of the Great Lakes region, for who it marked the point at which the sturgeon was at its most catchable, on a full moon. July and August have seen some wonderful night skies, the Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in which the Parish lies, is blessed with exceptionally dark sky.



Chasing Stars with Cranborne Chase AONB

Amanda Scott, Dark Sky Advisor, Cranborne Chase AONB

Did you know that, due to light pollution, over 90% of people in the UK cannot see the Milky Way galaxy? Here in Cranborne Chase Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, however, we are fortunate to have some of the highest quality night skies in the south of England. In order to recognise and preserve our beautiful starry skies for the future, the AONB is bidding to become a Dark Sky Reserve, a designation

given by the International Dark-Sky Association; we are working with local communities and others to achieve this prestigious award.

We need to demonstrate support, so we are encouraging people – residents and visitors - to sign our dark sky pledge, which you can find on the homepage of our Chasing Stars website: <http://www.chasingstars.org.uk/>. It only takes a minute or two, but will be a big help to the success of the bid.



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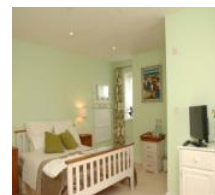
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What's On? Forthcoming Events in and around East Knoyle

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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 - October 11th, 8th November



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 - 25th September, 23rd October, 27th November



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 - September 25th, (October—no games evening); 27th November



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ILLUSTRATED TALK – “BEYOND THE STUDIO”

On 20th October at 7.00 pm John Maine RA will give an illustrated talk in the Village Hall about the recent development of his work. Although he does exhibit smaller scale sculpture both indoors and out, the principle body of his work is site specific, based in landscape and with architecture.

He has worked in many different parts of the world and will show examples from near and far, including his recent installation at Hereford Cathedral; and the Memorial stone for Stephen Hawking in Westminster Abbey.

We are fortunate that John, who is a very distinguished Royal Academician and a long-time member of our Village, will give us an insight into the origins of his work and the process of realising it.

There will be an opportunity for questions at the end, and before the talk there will be wine and canapés, with coffee and brownies to follow afterwards. Tickets will cost £15 and will be available from Wren's Shop, or Briony Hamilton (830350) and Lavinia Seymour (830262)

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