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Happy New Year 2019!

New Years Resolutions

- Help with the village litter pick (page 2)
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Parish Council News

Towards the end of 2018 the Parish Council started to focus on a few issues that have been building in importance over the last few years. The condition of Knoyle House Grounds wall is an ongoing concern and the true condition of the wall is now easier to assess following some clearance work undertaken by a team of volunteers toward the end of the year. A structural survey is to be commissioned to help the Parish Council understand the true extent of the problem and what action might be necessary in future.

Parking outside the Fox and Hounds has been of concern to nearby residents for sometime and in the new year the PC will be looking into ways of improving the existing parking arrangements whilst at the same time protecting the grassed areas of common land from encroaching vehicles.

The resumption of active farming in the heart of the village has caused one or two issues for farmers and residents alike. The PC plans to work with all interested parties to find a harmonious way forward for all. Please keep an eye out for the February PC agenda for more on this.

At the December meeting the Parish Council voted to freeze its precept request for the next financial year.

Please note the date for the Annual Litter pick is Sat 23rd Feb at 10am. Please meet at the village shop, all welcome for this community event.

Finally, Happy new year to all from The Chairman of the Parish Council, Tim Hyde.

Kevin Stow
Clerk to the Council
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The annual East Knoyle Village Litter Pick

Sat 23rd Feb at 10am

(Last years litter pick took less than two hours to complete)

Please meet at the village shop to be organised into teams and receive yellow high viz jackets and some litter picking sticks {limited supplies so bring your own if you have them}

Last years event was a huge success with over 60 black sacks of rubbish collected from around the village roads. If you would like to be part of this community event please advise Kevin Stow 830431 or by email

kandbstow@hotmail.com



Traffic Survey Outcomes *(Ian Tait)*

Over the last few years, the Parish Council has received a number of comments about vehicles driving too fast on the roads around the village. There have been requests to have the 30 mph area extended and requests to have a 20 mph speed limit introduced. The council has been grappling with how to resolve these issues for quite a long time. In May 2018 the council set up a working group to review the state of traffic around the village. The group consisted of Ian Tait, Rob McCarthy, Paul Naish, Jill Hockham and Lynne Miskin. It was decided to limit the scope of the review to the roads to the West of the A350.

The group decided to get expert advice on what exactly was possible so Ian and Rob arranged to meet with Julie Watts, the Principle Engineer of the Wiltshire Council Transportation Team on 7 June 2018. Julie described the relatively complex system of how speed zones are allocated. The specific definitions of a minimum number of houses fronting on to 300m stretch of road, the records of the number of RTAs held on the Police database and a number of other criteria were discussed. Julie subsequently sent an example of a traffic report, commissioned for the village of Chilmark (costing around £2,500), and offered to instigate 4 or 5 metro counters around our village to determine the actual speeds of the vehicles.

The group duly met and toured the village to identify four suitable sites for metro counters. Wiltshire Council accepted the recommendations for sites 2-4 but amended site 1 by a few metres further into the Green. The locations are shown on the accompanying map. Site 1 for the Green, Site 2 for Milton, Site 3 for Upton and Site 4 for Underhill.

The Metro Counters were installed from 2 -12 October and the results showed that speeds are being kept low in most areas by the surrounding environment. The median speeds in all areas was less than 30 mph. There will always be vehicles that exceed the speed limit, even if there is a formal limit in place. It would appear however that in East Knoyle there aren't that many vehicles that routinely exceed 28 mph.

The Parish Council discussed the results at their December meeting and concluded that the exercise had been very useful and provided the council with real data on the speeds of vehicles around the village. The recommendation from the working group was that the commissioning of a full report at a cost of £2,500 was not required at this time as the evidence clearly showed that the average speed of vehicles around the village was less than 28 mph.



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The culmination of the year for our volunteers was the annual Volunteers Dinner. The event was held in the Village Hall on 7th December and was attended by 53 of our volunteers. The meal was provided by Claire's Caterers of Yeovil and everyone moved tables after each of the three courses to meet as many other volunteers as possible.



Our thanks go to all the volunteers who helped set up the hall in time for the dinner. The table decorations were excellent and the liquid refreshments flowed throughout the evening.

The dinner is funded entirely by the Shop and is to say thank you to the volunteers for their invaluable contributions on the till, in the shop or as openers and closers.

We urgently need more openers for the shop. If you are an early riser and could cover the 0730 – 0900 slot we'd like to hear from you please.

Sadly one of our longest serving volunteers resigned in November. My sincere thanks go to **Ann-Marie Dean** who has been training our new volunteers and ordering stock for many years and we will all miss her expertise. This means we need a new trainer please!

Ian Tait

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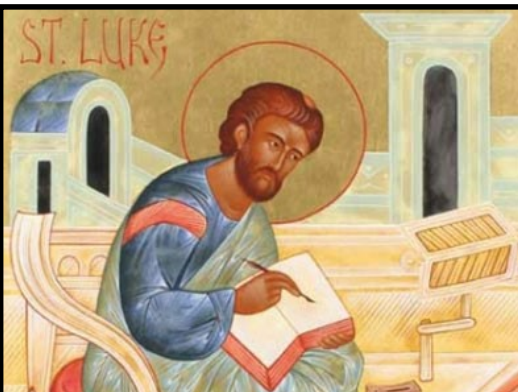
We extend a very warm to the Revd Kevin Martin as our Assistant Curate, who will be joining us for the next three years. Kevin, with his wife Liz and four children, hope to be moving into the Rectory at Donhead St Andrew in the New Year and many of us had the opportunity to meet him at our Service on Christmas Morning. We are delighted to have his support and wish him a happy and successful ministry with us.

Advent and Christmas are busy periods in the Church: the Revd June Lane led the Advent Praise Service on the 9th December; the Carol Service was held earlier than usual on the 16th, but was as popular as ever, with our Village Choir leading the singing in good voice and the Church had been gaily decorated by the enthusiastic team of flower arrangers. There were Nativity plays at local schools and also Crib Services elsewhere within the Benefice. A good number of parishioners and their visiting families attended St Marys for a joyful Service on Christmas morning.

Now we are in Epiphany and Plough Sunday will be celebrated at St Leonards, Semley at 7.00pm on the 27th January. This is a traditional celebration at the beginning of the agricultural year and is seen as a way of acknowledging farming and the vital work of farmers. In some rural areas it is common for local farmers to attend the Service with their tractors, but we are not expecting this custom to occur at Semley!

Most of the decorations are now stowed away for another year and sadly the bright lights around the Village no longer twinkle in the January gloom! As well as wishing everyone a very happy and fulfilling year in 2019, we also offer a warm welcome and our good wishes to the new Newsletter Editorial Team. Our sincere thanks also go to Martin Brown for his very professional Editorship during the past five years – a mammoth contribution to our Community.

Briony Hamilton



DISCOVERING THE GOSPEL OF St. LUKE

Following Fr Nicholas King's well-received visit to Tisbury last year, we are very pleased to welcome his return this year to talk about St. Luke's Gospel.

One of the country's leading scripture scholars, Fr King is an informative and engaging speaker whose insight brings the gospels to life and offers much food for thought.

All are welcome to this one hour talk at The Methodist Chapel, Tisbury High Street, SP3 6HF

Saturday 9th March (coffee before) 11.30am



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East Knoyle Village Hall

East Knoyle Village Hall has enjoyed a year of good use and as a result the running costs have been covered with a surplus being achieved due to the diligence of our Treasurer Roger Standingford and the Booking Secretary Nicki Sturrock. The outlook is good for 2019 with two weddings already booked.

The Masons who are represented by Phil Lever continue to be wonderful supporters of the Village Hall not only by booking the Hall but also making donations to the Hall for items that are needed and we are very grateful for that generous support.

The November Quiz night was sold out and the Quizmaster Andy, with Ann, Hutson organised the quiz, and with the scorer Jill Caudle made the evening run very smoothly providing a very entertaining event. One team set out to enjoy the evening and try to come last – achieving both results! Our huge thanks to Andy & Ann for their contribution to our quizzes and we shall miss their organisation as they have sadly decided to move back to be able to care for elderly parents.

To open the evening Nicki & Lizzie provided the evening's excellent food with their able helpers Roger and Ellis, all the contestants enjoyed the range of drinks from the bar. A big thank you to all who took part because it produced over £800 which is not used for running expenses but goes into the Village Hall fund for the refurbishments that will be undertaken.

In order to keep up the standards, refurbishment of the Ladies and Gents is being undertaken with the quotes for the work now being obtained. An updated quote has been received from Salisbury Cathedral Glass, who refurbished the windows in the Church, and we aim to start the process of repairing the Medieval Room's windows.

The Musical Quiz night is advertised elsewhere and we hope to have a full house as Kevin Stow puts together a tremendous evening for us to all enjoy.

Happy New Year

David Jenkins.

EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club has held its first draw of the new year, in Wren's Shop. The prize winners who will now be able to enjoy the start of 2019 are:

ERIC BRUNNER & IRENE WEINREB

£50.00

Thanks to them and to all subscribers, who are helping to maintain and to improve East Knoyle Village Hall. New supporters are cordially welcome to join at any time for only £12 a year. Just ring Sara and Neil Southerden on 830594 or leave a message in the Shop.



The next draw is on March 1st.



For Village Hall Bookings & Availability

Please contact Nicki Sturrock
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or telephone 01747 830143

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust present a talk entitled
A Wildlife Haven in Suburbia 2
at the Village Hall

Wednesday 13th February 2019
at 7.30 p.m.



Take another walk through Ian's Wildlife Garden, created on a 60s housing estate in Yate. This talk takes you deeper in his journey to create a wildlife haven for as many types of wildlife as possible with quite staggering results.

Refreshments are provided.

There is no admission charge but a £5 donation is suggested.

A Village Hall exhibition.

An art exhibition in aid of the Village Hall is planned for Saturday 23 and Sunday 24th February 2019 between 10am and 5pm. Around 20 artists resident in the village have agreed to exhibit. Exhibits include paintings, sculpture and stained glass by Royal Academy artists, other professional artists and those who enjoy art as a hobby. Village Hall funds will benefit from picture sales or commission on sales. There may be a small entrance fee, children free. This will be an opportunity to see the extent of creativity in our village.

John Scattergood.



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GARDENING TIPS

from Mrs McGregor

January can seem like a bleak month but just looking carefully around the garden there are already signs that Spring is on the way. Brave snowdrops are starting to flower, daffodils and other spring bulbs are poking their noses above the soil, and the buds of trees like Maple are plumping up.

Meanwhile, there are always jobs to be getting on with in the garden – here's my "to do" list for January/February:

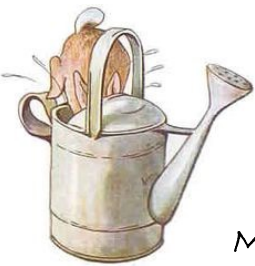
- * Dust and scrub your pots, trays and labels, ready for the growing season.
- * Clean and sharpen your tools and, if necessary, replace.
- * Check that the seeds you intend to sow are still viable and stored in a cool, dry, mouse-free container.
- * Keep on clearing winter debris from your beds and mulch them with leaf mould, bark or compost.
- * If you have a patch of perennial weeds, now is a good time to tackle it before the weeds begin to grow again.
- * Prune autumn-fruiting raspberries to soil level.
- * Cut back the stems of herbaceous perennials and then spread compost around the plants.
- * Plant garlic cloves.



A question from a Reader:

Q: Mrs McGregor, I am keen to do well in the East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show this summer – when should I start planning what to grow? Yours, Mrs. B

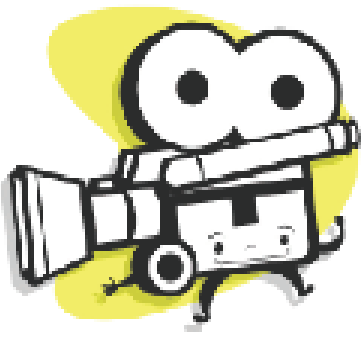
A: Dear Mrs B, right NOW is the perfect time to plan out your veggie garden and place your seed order. Draw up a simple seed sowing plan, work out where to plant which veg - and remember to leave space between rows for access. Rotate crops annually to inhibit pests and diseases. It will soon be time to start sowing onions, cabbages, parsnips, leeks, sweet peas and calendula so plan now to make sure you get a good head start on your competitors!



Mrs McGregor welcomes reader's gardening questions, please send them to the Editors: eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com and we will pass them on.



Flower & Vegetable Show will take place on Saturday 27th July from 2pm



MOVIOLA

Our debut film for 2019 on **Wednesday 30th January** has a distinguished pedigree: **The Children Act (12A)** is written by Ian McEwen, directed by Richard Eyre and stars Emma Thompson. Eminent High Court Judge (Emma Thompson) has a life-changing decision to make. Should she force a teen-aged boy to have a life-

saving blood transfusion despite his and his family’s religious convictions to the contrary? Meanwhile her marriage is undergoing enormous strain, largely as a result of the huge demands of her job. Emma Thompson is always very watchable, and she has the perfect foil in Stanley Tucci as her husband. Jason Watkins also gives excellent support as her clerk. Smart and entertaining. Would you agree with the decision made in the end?

On **Wednesday 27th February** we have **Puzzle**. This little-known film which deserved a wider distribution, stars Kelly MacDonald as an enigmatic character leading a very traditional life as a wife and mother when she, rather perplexingly, experiences an awakening of her spirit and self-confidence when she discovers she has a talent for jigsaw puzzle competitions. This acts as a springboard to new experiences and forces her to question how she is living her life. Kelly MacDonald is excellent, showing range and subtlety in the leading role and, although the action has none of the life and death dilemmas of *The Children Act*, it nonetheless confronts genuine issues of finding one’s true self and giving meaning to one’s life.

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



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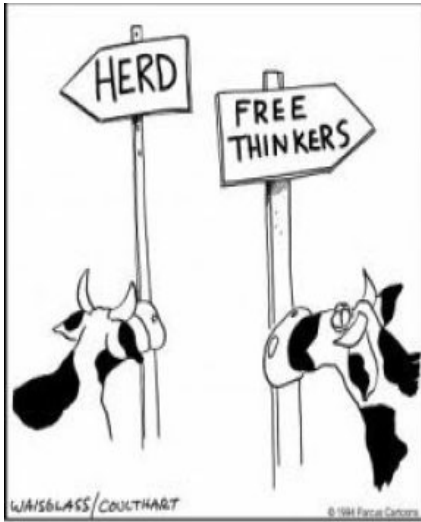
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Local Groups



The East Knoyle Free Thinkers Group (Kevin Stow)

In October 2018 The East Knoyle Free Thinkers Group reflected on 5 years of meeting together with an up date on five of the most popular topics. The topics were chosen by the group and were:

- ◆ Free Will - Does it exist?
- ◆ Brexit- Where are we now?{a moving feast if there ever was one}
- ◆ Global Warming- The Future
- ◆ Migration/Refugee Crisis- an update.
- ◆ What would it take for you to change your mind?

Group numbers have increased to the point where it has become necessary to stop advertising the events. For a meaningful inclusive discussion numbers need to remain under 20 per meeting and in addition to this the current meeting venue can only just accommodate this number.

If you are interested in joining the group at some point in the future then please let me know.

The East Knoyle Readers Group (Nellie Flexner)

The East Knoyle Readers Group meets ten times a year at the Fox and Hounds. Founded in response to the 2008 Parish Plan recommendations, it caters for people who love to read and want to get together to discuss books in detail. We currently have a good-sized group of ten members. Eight of our meetings focus on individual books, mostly novels. We talk about themes, plots and characters. We have also selected non-fiction titles such as Claire Tomalin's biography of Samuel Pepys and Atul Gawande's 'Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End'. We choose our books democratically: each of us submits two titles to produce a list on which we vote. Another annual meeting is usually devoted to a genre (eg classics, poetry or non-fiction) for which each of us chooses their own title and reports back. In January we'll be reading Ali Smith's 'Autumn'. Our February and March titles are Charles Dickens' 'Hard Times' and Muriel Spark's 'The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie'. One of the most surprising aspects is how often we disagree about the books we read, forcing us to investigate and support our views - and occasionally to abandon them.



Taking a trip down memory lane

From the photo album, and by kind permission, of Richard Hyde and Kitty Hiscock nee Hyde.



Door leading to stables at Knoyle House. George Maidment in foreground. Old school in distance pulled down in 1871 when the Education Act required that further school accommodation should be provided for East Knoyle.

Above: "Doors leading to stables at Knoyle House. George Maidment in foreground. Old school in distance pulled down in 1871 when the Education Act required that further school accommodation should be provided for East Knoyle."



Central Hall at Knoyle House. looking west.

Left: "Central Hall at Knoyle House, looking west."



Hindon Surgery News

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Our thanks to the editors of all the local newsletters for publishing our articles, and to our patients for reading the monthly advice and following it – it does help us provide effective, evidence-based and efficient care. We have been running these articles for about five years now – they were originally suggested by members of our Patient Representative Group as a

good way of letting people know about our services and give health advice or our view about health matters, and this advice was spot on.

2019 may see more changes nationally which could have an impact on your health care. Whatever happens we all need to take on more responsibility for our health and increasingly think about future planning. I do keep saying it but trying to keep active and eat healthily, giving up smoking, and drinking in moderation are all good ways to keep well. This is all the more important these days, particularly as waiting times for hospital care are increasing and the range of what the NHS will provide is reducing, often coming with conditions – e.g. if you need a joint replacement you won't be put on a waiting list if you are too heavy, smoke or have uncontrolled high blood pressure or diabetes, and GPs are not allowed to refer you until these things have been achieved.

On a more positive note, we hope that 2019 will see the submission of a bid to build a new surgery on a plot of development land in the village. This would be a modern surgery fit for the needs of the Hindon practice for many years to come, and would have room to accommodate ever more services, including community services, which we struggle to do within the space confines of the current surgery. This is a drawn-out process but if all goes well there may be a new building before we retire.

In May we will be joined by a new, female GP assistant who will work on two and a half days a week, with her husband starting a month later for one day a week. This will mean we can restructure what we do and have longer GP appointments and further extend our work with our elderly patients. Dr Andy Hall will continue to do three days most months so that the GP partners can take some leave.

We wish all our patients a healthy 2019 and hope your resolutions to prevent ill health through a healthy lifestyle will start well and continue all year.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely



Big **Thank You** to Tea@3

Vic, Diane and Doreen would like to thank Jenny, Sandra, Chris and helpers for a great Christmas party.



**DEADLINE FOR
March/April Newsletter
Sunday 10th March**

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



RBL Branch News

EAST KNOYLE POPPY APPEAL SMASHES ALL PREVIOUS RECORDS

On the 30th November a very successful 2018 ended when thirty five guests joined us in the village hall for our annual 'Poppy Appeal Thank You Event' when we endeavour to say thank you to all those who have, in some way, supported the Poppy Appeal throughout the year.



For all those gathered there Poppy Appeal Organiser, Ian Gurney, had some excellent news when he confirmed that the final audited total for the money raised in the year October 2017-September 2018 was our second best ever- £10,030.

This was followed by even better news when he went on to announce that since the launch of the 2018/19 appeal at the end of October and with 10 months of the appeal still to go, we had raised a 'record busting' £11,600. This is a truly amazing figure - not far short of those for towns such as Shaftesbury and Gillingham - for a community of our size and could not have been achieved without the support and commitment of so many people. Thank you everyone for your hard work and setting a benchmark of support that will be difficult to follow - but not impossible.



For the second consecutive year we were pleased to welcome as our guest speaker General Sir Jack Deverell, County President of RBL Wiltshire, who spoke of the strengths of the appeal and the strong support, nationally, for the work it does. However, he also highlighted the challenges that face so many small Branches who struggle with declining membership numbers.

This year it will be a hundred years since a group of ex-soldiers in East Knoyle formed 'A Post of Comrades of WW1' that was later to become part of 'The Old Comrades Association' and ultimately, in 1921, a Branch of the newly formed RBL.

As a small Branch with such a long history we recognise all too well those challenges regarding membership numbers and in the coming year we will endeavour not only to maintain our reputation as the 'Most Efficient Small Branch in Wiltshire' but also a growing one.

Diary Dates:

2nd February : County Conference in Trowbridge

4th February : Branch Meeting, 7.30pm, Fox and Hounds.

Ron Clark

Branch and Membership Secretary

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RBL Women's Section

The reconvened Royal British Legion Women's section had an enjoyable Christmas tea party at the home of Sonia Egerton. Quizzes were enjoyed by all which were followed by a delicious tea. Several members are hoping to attend a conference in Winchester at the end of the month. Any former members who have not re-joined yet would be welcomed by Venetia Wright, our Treasurer, Helen Lever our Chair and Gill Waterhouse our President.

Monica Snell

Knogle Knature Notes from The Yaffle

The winter solstice signalled the passing of the old year and birth of the new, and was followed on the 22nd by a Cold Moon or Moon before Yule as a December full moon is known in folklore. Mars has been visible on the southern horizon in the evenings and Venus, also known as the morning star, will still be visible in early January if you look to the eastern horizon ahead of sunrise.

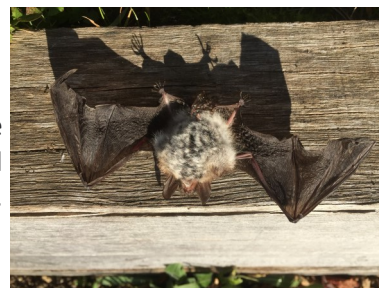
With the mild weather, some Hazel trees were already festooned with flowers before Christmas. The long creamy yellow catkins, or lambs tails, are the male flowers. Next time you pass a Hazel have a look for the tiny coral red female flowers, which look like miniscule sea anemone tentacles, known as styles, emerging from a green bud. Although monoecious (male and female flowers grow on the same tree), pollination will only occur from another tree.

Our fields, hedgerows and wooded margins are full of visiting flocks of Redwings and Fieldfares, with Starlings making a significant return after a decade of largely unexplained decline; there are flocks of Siskins too, which you'll see flying out of treetops, marginally smaller than our common Finch species. Remember in the colder weather that a bowl of unfrozen water is as important as bird food. Male and female Tawny owls have been busy establishing their territories since late autumn. The most familiar sound they make is actually the female's distinctive 'ke-wick', followed by the male's long quavering 'hoo, hoo, ooo', eggs may be laid as early as February.



You may well spot the bright orangey yellow fungus, pictured, on a woodland walk. It has a variety of country names: Yellow brain, Golden jelly, Yellow tremble, or Witches butter. Whilst edible, it's not prized gastronomically.

The second image is of a Natterer's bat which was found on the roadside. This medium sized bat is widely distributed and identified mainly by size, ear shape and its greyish white underside.



East Knogle Rainfall

November 110.75mm (4.36")
December 106mm (4.17")

In November I recorded rain on 16 different days.

The longest period without rainfall were two sets of 3 days. There were 10 Novembers with higher rainfall recorded in the last 24 years. This November was just below the average of the last 24 years of Novembers being 4.37" (111mm)

In December I recorded rain on 20 different days, with one period of 5 days and one of 4 days without rain. There were 8 Decembers with higher rainfall recorded in the last 24 years. This December was above the average of the last 24 years of Decembers being 3.80" (96.52mm).

December's rainfall brings last years total to 31.40" (797.60mm), thus completing 25 years of records with an average of 36.81" (934.97mm) rainfall. In the last 25 years there were only 5 drier years.
Robin Egerton

Knogle House Ground playground clearance

On the 8th December, a 12 strong team of East Knogle residents descended on the playground, pitchforks to hand, to start clearing along the back of the wall. With kind permission of Amy & Paul Collins, we were able to use the field to the back of the playground to build a bonfire with all the dead wood and overgrowth cleared.

Whilst a further clearance will be undertaken in the early Spring, the team did an amazing amount of work and totally cleared the front & back of the wall - far more than was expected in the designated 3 hours, and all the work was done just as the rain started to fall.



Photo courtesy of Laura Hoar

Round and About

January 2019

Success! It is great to report that the item in the last Newsletter about William Osborne, gent, has borne fruit. Very soon after publication Joan Claydon was contacted by a family in Milton who have a plaster inscription near their front door. A visit is being arranged in the better weather so that the current generation of Obornes can see where their ancestors lived.

We are sad to record the death of a long-time resident of East Knoyle, Christine Dewis, who died, aged 100, in a residential home near Salisbury in October. A number of friends attended her cremation in Romsey, where they were joined by Mick Chaplin, another former resident. Christine's daughter, Chiarina, has sent the words below, but we felt Christine deserved a fuller tribute.

Christine and her husband, John, retired to Knoyle in 1972 after a career with the W.H.O. all over the world. Once established at Mount Cottage, they began to play a very full part in village life, making the fabulous 'Queen's Beasts' for the Silver Jubilee in 1977. Christine was active in many spheres, including embroidery – she was instrumental in designing and executing both the Millennium Tapestry in the village hall and the Portrait of Salisbury Tapestry at the general hospital; another great interest was the World Wide Fund for Nature; drama and costume-making featured largely in her life too. After John's death, Christine surprised us all by determinedly learning to drive to enable her to continue living here. She only left the village when ill health made living alone impossible. This is what Christine wrote, in 2002, for inclusion in the Newsletter after her death: "It is my wish to thank all my friends in East Knoyle for the friendship they have given me since John and I arrived in East Knoyle on November 28th 1972. The fun and laughter we have had in our fundraising, the enormous help given at whatever project we were involved in. Thank you for everything, and I hope you will all continue to thrive in this beautiful village, and try to keep it as an area to be conserved. I have enjoyed my retirement here, and I know John did after our hectic, sometimes fraught, life abroad".

The death has occurred of Ted (Edward) Burton, erstwhile resident of the village and long-time farmer at Upper Leigh. We send condolences to his family. Before it closed, Ted and his wife were very active in the Congregational Church here.

Thank you to the PTA of Hindon School for bringing the school Christmas Fair to the village hall in early December. Until 1984 East Knoyle had its own school, St Mary's, which was then amalgamated with St John's school in Hindon, and the combined school is still supported by the church and village. The fair was a fun afternoon and well supported by current and former parents and many friends. East Knoyle has representatives on both the governing body and the PTA, and we wish them well.

Thank You!

Ruth Gregg, who opened her home, 'Erins', for the Crisis at Christmas coffee morning and 'new to you' sale, would like to thank all those who supported this very pleasant occasion. Many people came and enjoyed coffee, mince pies and a splendid raffle. Sales were brisk and the raffle was well supported. 'Thankyou' to you who came and to those who made generous donations, combining to raise a grand total of over £725. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Valentine's Day—14th February

*Let me not to the marriage of true minds
Admit impediments. Love is not love
Which alters when it alteration finds,
Or bends with the remover to remove:
O no! it is an ever-fixed mark
That looks on tempests and is never shaken;
It is the star to every wandering bark,
Whose worth's unknown, although his height be taken.*



Sonnet 116, Shakespeare (1564 - 1616)

If you are doing something special or have a story to tell we'd love to hear about it for our next issue. Maybe you'd like to review a restaurant you visited, tell us about your favourite song, your first dance or a favourite film ; or maybe you have an announcement you'd like to share?!

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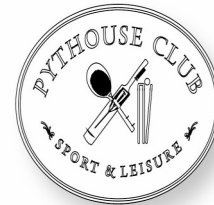
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