



# The East Knoyle Newsletter

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Many thanks for your feedback on our first issue and for your kind words of encouragement. We are always looking for new content and are delighted to publish Alice's cartoon, which we hope will become a regular feature (take a look on page 9).

We are hoping to start a fitness feature in time for the summer—any other ideas please get in touch:

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## A competition for the children

### Win an Easter egg

This mischievous bunny rabbit has hopped all over our newsletter—how many can you find? Send your answer (with your parent's permission) to the Editors at: [eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com) by Friday 19th April. We will put all the correct entries into a hat and the winner will be drawn by a volunteer at the village shop.



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## Parish Council News

The 2019 Parish Assembly will be held on April 9th at 7.30 in the Village Hall.



Together with all the usual reports from Parish Council Officers we are fortunate to have a representative from Action on Addiction based at Clouds House. Action on Addiction are the largest employer in the village and do excellent work in helping people fight their addictions. At the Parish Assembly we hope to hear about the work of the organisation, their methods and practices. This is a great opportunity to learn more about their important work in the relaxed atmosphere of the village Hall.

The maintenance contracts for Knoyle House Grounds and the other Common Lands are about to be renewed and if anyone would like to tender for, or know anything about any of these works then please contact the Clerk for more information.

With Spring in the air its worth remembering that WCC provide an excellent fortnightly garden waste collection service {Green Bin } Please remember that the Common Lands in the Village are for the enjoyment of everyone and are not to be used for the dumping of garden waste. Please do the right thing with your garden waste.

Tim Hyde, Chairman, East Knoyle Parish Council.

Clerk to the Council, Kevin Stow [kandbstow@hotmail.com](mailto:kandbstow@hotmail.com)

### The Annual East Knoyle Village Litter Pick

The 2019 Village Litter Pick took place in glorious sunshine on the 23rd Feb. In total over 20 people took part in the clear up this year and the results were astonishing.

16 tyres, more than 75 bags of litter and an assortment of other debris including the front of a Peugeot 306. If any one has lost the front of their vehicle please contact



WCC who now have the item.

**Special mention must again go to Ian Gurney** who made the work of the volunteers on the day so much easier by picking up more than 50 bags of litter himself in advance of the 23rd Feb event. Thank you Ian.

Once again the roads with most litter were the main routes into and out of the village with village lanes generally very clear. This is mostly due to regular walkers who pick up litter unheralded on a weekly basis. Many thanks to you , you know who you are.



### The Music Quiz

On March 2nd the Village Hall reverberated to the sounds of its second music quiz. After last year's raucous evening it was no surprise that the tables for the evening sold out three weeks before quiz day.

Last year's winners, team name "Milton Fluids", were off to a cracking start with a squeaky clean 20 out of 20 in the first round. This clean break set the tone for the evening and the other 10 teams were playing catch up there after. The test of music covered well known song intros and included rounds on Classical/ Opera, Musicals, World music, Rock, Funk/Disco R and B. Alan Knight treated us to a pre-interval "drunken club singer" recital and the last round featured songs with foot stomping tunes and singalong choruses. At one point the quiz master {Kevin Stow} was booed for ending a song too soon for the singing quiz goers.

In the end **Milton Fluids** - John Scattergood, David Pickering, Rob McCarthy, Geraldine Hurl and Mat and Kate Lake came out top with a 1 point winning margin, just pipping team "Lypsinc" - Brian Williamson, Paul Egginton, Mike and Cindy Fletcher, Jane and David Willis.

The evening raised over £900 toward Village Hall Funds and next years event is scheduled for Feb 2020.



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## Wrens Shop Notes by Ian Tait

I'm delighted to record that the shop rota management team of Liz Quantrell, Torill Seger, Nellie Flexner and of course Jackie Gurney are now in position to share the rota management. Liz Quantrell has also taken up the challenge of delivering new and refresher training for our volunteers.

Our drive to recruit new openers has been successful and I'd like to welcome Julian Adams and Paul Naish to the small band of volunteer shop openers.

The next challenge for us is to expand the number volunteers who can order stock. We have a number of people who order items to replenish the shelves each week. Janeen looks ahead to cover special events like Easter and Xmas and does the bulk of the ordering from our main supplier, but the day to day ordering of meat and vegetables is done at around 5-6 pm from Sunday to Friday. If you are interested in this vital task and can spare half an hour any evening to review the meat and vegetables, please contact the shop.

The Annual General Meeting of the Shop Shareholders will be held on Wednesday 5th June in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Shareholders are reminded that their £5 subscriptions are due before the AGM. Refreshments will be provided

Ann-Marie Dean has been a volunteer from when the shop first opened. To celebrate her last day at the end of February, Anne-Marie was presented with a farewell bouquet to mark her fantastic contribution to our shop.



## Post Office East Knoyle Post Office

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**Note: Closed Monday, Friday, Weekends  
& Bank Holidays**



# Amazing Art Exhibition

23rd & 24th February

(photos courtesy of Paul Naish)



It has been several decades since the last exhibition and this one surpassed all expectations. The work of over 20 village artists was on display, helped greatly by the generous provision of stands leant by Tim Scott Bolton, who also exhibited. A welcome feature of the show was the mix of nationally renowned artists with other amateur local artists. The show was very well attended on both the weekend days, and people came from far and wide. Many visitors showed amazement at the general standard and wonderful mix of techniques; the 'St Ives' of South Wiltshire was suggested! We had stained glass work, sculpture, both professional and amateur, and painting and drawing of many styles. Amongst them were drawings by Ellis Butcher, a local Thatcher, who had only started in the last few months, and who sold all he exhibited, as did some other artists, all proceeds going to Hall funds. Generous commissions given by the professional artists also much helped the fund-raising, as did the days of work put in by Nicki Sturrock in providing home-made cakes, tea and coffee and Lizzie Gascoyne for much work behind the scenes. Our village is a very special place.



## St Mary's Church

Ash Wednesday was celebrated on 6<sup>th</sup> March and heralds the start of Lent: this is a period of forty days' reflection prior to the Easter celebration of the risen Christ. The name of Ash Wednesday comes from the ash collected from burning the previous year's palms and is used by the Priest to place the sign of the cross on the foreheads of members of the congregation, as a sign of repentance and contemplation of their transgressions. During this period, Lent courses are run at two venues: Coopers Ground at 2.30pm on each Tuesday from 12<sup>th</sup> March to 16<sup>th</sup> April and at the Donhead St Andrew Rectory at 7.00 pm on each Wednesday from 13<sup>th</sup> March to 17<sup>th</sup> April. The times and venues of the Lent lunches organised during this period are posted on the Church Notice Board. The start of Holy Week commences with Palm Sunday on 14<sup>th</sup> April and there will be additional Services held throughout the Benefice during the week: details are also on the Church Notice Board. However, at St Mary's on the 19<sup>th</sup> April there will be a Good Friday Liturgy at 2.00 pm, which provides an opportunity for quiet reflection. The Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist on the 21<sup>st</sup> April will be at 11.00 am – a joyous occasion for the Church at large.



On the 1<sup>st</sup> March, the Revd June Laine conducted an informal Service for the Womens' World Day of Prayer, which was organised by the women of Slovenia: the theme this year was to highlight the conditions of many women who are adversely affected by exclusion, loneliness, poverty and alcoholic abuse in their homes. It is good to be reminded sometimes of how fortunate we are in our rural community and to be aware of the need to support those who are affected so badly in many countries abroad.

The Annual Parochial Church Council met after the 09.30 Service on Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> March and individual reports from the Rector, Treasurer and different sections involved in running the Church were presented and discussed. Our teams of volunteer cleaners do a splendid job on a weekly basis: however an annual spring clean provides a much needed extra dose of "TLC". The date has yet to be decided but hopefully will be before Easter: if you can spare an hour to take part, it would lessen the workload and be much appreciated. Please contact the co-ordinator, Jill Waterhouse, on 830251 for more details.

Finally, we were delighted to witness the Baptism on the 10<sup>th</sup> March of Hugh Edwin Shortman, the great grandson of Mrs Betty Lampard who lived in Holloway for many years prior to moving to a Care Home in Gillingham. Hugh's family live in East Melbury.



**Round and About** A couple of welcomes, firstly to Richard, Imogen and their son George (just turned 2 years old!) who have recently moved to The Green; and secondly to Ade and Tracie who have now moved into Old Penny Cottage.

### **She's a winner**

**Niki Thompson-Phillips** won two Gold and two Silver medals in the South Western Tai Kwon-Do Championship in Weston-Super-Mare in January.

We are all very proud of her.

### **Volunteer Drivers needed for Tisbury and District Link Scheme**

**Can you help** our friendly team of drivers ?

We use our own cars to take local people to medical appointments

**We need more drivers in the East Knogle area in particular.**

Our service is very highly valued in our area where there is a lack of public transport.

**There is no fixed commitment.**

**Please call Link on 07484 284670 if you might be interested.**



### **East Knogle Rainfall**

January 39mm (1.54")  
February 54mm (2.13")

In January I recorded rain on 9 different days.

The longest period without rainfall was 11 days.

There were only 3 January's with lower rainfall recorded in the last 25 years.

This January was well below the average of the last 25 years of January's being (96.54mm) 3.80".

In February I recorded rain on 10 different days, which included 10mm of melted snow in my gauge on 1st February; with one period of 16 days without rain.

There were 10 February's with lower rainfall recorded in the last 25 years.

This February was naturally below the average of the last 25 years of February's being (74.47mm) 2.93".

The Met Office report that this February recorded the warmest day since records began, I don't know whether this includes East Knogle, but it did seem surprisingly warm on a few days.

Robin Egerton



# East Knoyle Village Hall

The two very successful activities held in the Hall have raised almost £3000 for the Village Hall refurbishments, a wonderful tribute to the organisers of the two events. The details of the events are written about separately in the Newsletter.

While the quotes are coming in for the refurbishments of the Mens & Ladies we have given the go-ahead to Salisbury Cathedral Glass for the repair of the windows in the main hall and the medieval room. Roger and Marie's hard work in making grant applications has resulted in us being able to do the very necessary repairs to the windows. They are in the process of searching for suitable grants for the further work that we wish to do.

It is great to see the Hall being used as much as it is but the Treasurer has pointed out that the running expenses are in excess of the rental income and the excellent fund raising events that take place ensure the Hall has a surplus at the end of the year. So a big thank you to the organisers for these events and all of you who take part.

There is an advert for the position of Caretaker and Cleaner as Paul Naish is standing down after his excellent period of office.

David Jenkins

Chairman.



## EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB

The Village Hall 200 Club held its second draw of the year in Wren's Shop. Thanks to the unbiased hand of the Village Hall caretaker who drew the winning ticket, this month's winners are

**CHRIS & SUZANNE SANDFORD £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 May 1st.

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or telephone 01747 830143



# MACMILLAN NURSES

## OPEN GARDEN IN AID OF MACMILLAN NURSES

Gill and Garry Staunton will be opening their garden at Seymour Cottage, Hindon Road on **Sunday June 2nd** from 2pm to 5pm. There is no charge, and all donations will be going to Macmillan nurses.

Refreshments will be available.



## CHALLENGE YOURSELF FOR WILTSHIRE AIR AMBULANCE

Registered charity number: 1144097



If you, or someone you know, would like to take on new or exciting challenges in 2019, then Wiltshire Air Ambulance has a choice of events. Our bumper events calendar includes an abseil, skydive and a Snowdon challenge. As well as a personal challenge, by taking part you will be helping us to keep saving lives.

If an abseil appeals to you, experience the thrill of a controlled descent down Avon Gorge, Bristol, on Sunday 14 April.

You can explore the stunning landscape of Snowdonia National Park by tackling our triple challenge of cycling, climbing and kayaking on Saturday 8 June.

If you want to see Wiltshire from a great height take part in our skydive at Old Sarum Airfield, near Salisbury, on 2 June. Jumping in tandem with a professional instructor from either 10,000 or 15,000 feet, you can see the sights of Salisbury Cathedral and Stonehenge.

We are a charity and rely on donations to keep saving lives. It costs £3.75 million a year to keep the air ambulance flying and we are not funded directly by the Government and receive no National Lottery grants.

For more information about our events go to our website [www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/](http://www.wiltshireairambulance.co.uk/events/) or call the charity team on 01225 300536.

## Zen Yoga Fundraiser for the Village Hall

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## Wildlife on the Kennet & Avon Canal



**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019 7.30pm  
East Knoyle Village Hall**

**Cost:** suggested donation £5

**Refreshments:** provided

**Contact:** [derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org](mailto:derekg@wiltshirewildlife.org)  
SW Wilts Local Support Group

Laura Mullholland has been working as an ecologist for the Canal & River Trust for 5 years. Come along to hear her explain how the charity cares for many of Britain's waterways and listen to her tell some of the stories about the wildlife encountered along the way.



## GARDENING TIPS

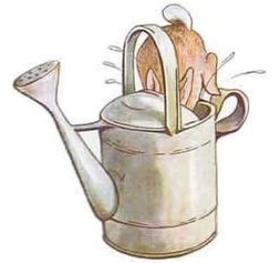
from Mrs McGregor

There were times last winter when I thought the garden would never wake up again, but suddenly the days just don't seem long enough for all the jobs that need doing. Everything is sprouting at once - including the weeds.

On my list of jobs both in the flower garden and in the veggie patch this spring:

### MARCH:

- Sow direct broad beans, peas, carrots, and root veggies that don't mind the cold
- Sow leeks, spinach, chard and salad greens indoors
- Watch for slugs, especially on soft new growth, and use a nematode control
- Chit potatoes in a cool, dry, frost free place (about 50F) eg. a porch or greenhouse
- Plant shallots and onion sets
- Cut old leaves off hellebores
- Deadhead bulbs to improve next year's flowers (no need to tie up the stems and leaves)
- Put plant supports in now so your plants can grow up through them
- Top dress pots and containers with fresh compost
- Hoe and mulch weeds to keep them under control early



### APRIL:

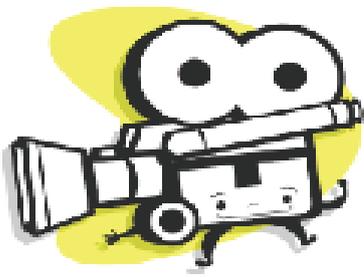
- Repair and overhaul/clean your waterbutt ready for the hot summer ahead
- Help your lawn green up by raking out dead moss and then fork over to improve drainage
- Apply a lawn fertilizer
- Feed shrubs
- Plant out your autumn sown sweet pea seedlings or sow direct in their final flowering position
- Plant up hanging baskets and keep them in the greenhouse while the plants grow on
- Mulch fruit trees with well rotted manure
- Plant potatoes at about a trowel's depth after danger of frost is over
- Sow direct winter cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower and salad crops
- Start marrows, courgettes, squashes, runner beans, french beans and tomatoes indoors

### A question from a Reader:

Q: Dear Mrs McGregor, I entered my roses in the East Knoyle Flower Show last year but the results were rather disappointing – have you any tips to help me improve? Yours, Miss M.

A: Dear Miss M, there are plenty of things you can be doing right now to help improve your roses. In March you should prune back your bush roses by one third to a half. Prune climbing roses at the same time but first take out any dead, diseased or dying branches. Then prune any flowered side shoots back by two thirds. Finally tie in any new shoots needed to fill gaps. If you mulched your roses over the winter, now you can feed them with a specialised rose fertilizer, and continue to do so every three weeks throughout the growing season. Keep an eye out for pests, particularly aphids, which – in a mild spring - may infest young leaves almost as soon as they appear. Finally a word about watering. Roses hate their roots sitting in water, so over-watering can be as bad as allowing your roses to dry out completely. Keep at it and your roses should be blooming marvellous this year!

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



## MOVIOLA

Our film on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March** is **The Wife (15)** starring Glenn Close, who was nominated for an Oscar for her performance, Jonathan Pryce and Christian Slater. Joan is the perfect, devoted wife married to an eminent and charismatic writer. Having spent forty years sacrificing her own talent and ambition to support him, it is during their trip to Stockholm, where he is to receive the Nobel Prize for Literature, that things begin to unravel and the truth of their life together becomes apparent. Glenn Close's performance is laden with subtle suppression of resentment and rage as she is faced with the charade of playing the supportive, adoring wife. Christian Slater is the journalist who makes her confront some uncomfortable realities. Glenn Close's real-life daughter, Annie Stark, plays the young Joan.

Our **April** screening on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>** is a little bit 'edgy' as they say. **The More You Ignore Me (15)** is based on Jo Brand's novel and is a comedy drama focusing on an unconventional family in 1980s rural England. It tackles the difficult topic of mental illness within a family with grace, compassion and insight. As we know, Jo Brand spent many years as a psychiatric nurse before going into comedy, and the film is based on her extensive knowledge of this area of health care. It is an ensemble piece with a great cast of British actors, Sheridan Smith, Mark Addy, Sally Phillips, Sheila Hancock (friends of Jo Brand no doubt!) We hope you will give this film a chance, as it is rather different from the usual Moviola offering. (Contains swearing.)

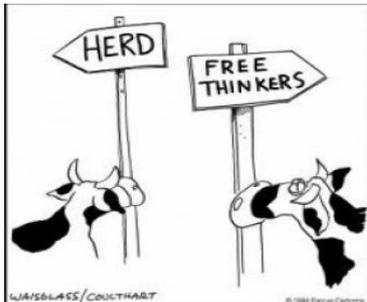
Baked potatoes, snacks and ice creams will be available as usual, with wine and soft drinks from the bar. If you would like to order a baked potato, please write it on your ticket stub. **Tickets remain at £5** and can be bought in Wren's Shop or on the door. We start serving at about 6.50 and the film starts at 7.30.

We look forward to seeing you in the Village Hall.

Sara Southerden



# Local Groups



## The East Knoyle Free Thinkers Group (Kevin Stow)

East Knoyle Free Thinkers group will meet on 30th March and at this meeting we will be assessing just how accurate our view of the world really is. Using data from World Health Organisation and the United Nations we will look at global birth rates, population growth and health trends in order to achieve a better global perspective. We will also look at how our views are currently formed and where our information comes from. In April we will be hearing from Mike Bridger a local representative of the Republic Party. This group has 33,000 members nationwide. Finland, Iceland,

France, Ireland and Singapore are all flourishing nations and are all Republics. Are we missing out on something?

At present the Free Thinkers group is full but if you would like to join in the future please contact Kevin Stow to register your interest. [kandbstow@hotmail.com](mailto:kandbstow@hotmail.com)

It is with great shock and a heavy heart that we need to inform you that our beloved friend and active member of many of the local groups, Mark Boyden, lost his battle with cancer on 13th March 2019. There will be an obituary in the next issue.

## CHESS

Did you know that it is estimated that over 600 million people worldwide play chess regularly? In the UK the figure is 12%, 15% in the USA, 23% in Germany, 43% in Russia and an amazing 70% in India. So what's the attraction? There are over 318 billion different possible positions after four moves each. So you can be guaranteed that each game is different and it's a great mental workout. But the most



likely reason is, that win or lose, it is just such good fun. So why not come along to the Fox and Hounds on a Thursday evening around 7.30 p.m. and have a game. The Chess Club meet on a very informal basis. There is a chess ladder for the more competitive among us but more often than not, games are played just for the enjoyment and the conversation that flows before, during and after each game. If you would like to learn, or you have played a little in the past and need a refresher, come along. Our regular players will do their best to ensure you enjoy a good game. For more information or questions, please contact me, Paul Naish, on 01747 832335 or

[p.naish@sky.com](mailto:p.naish@sky.com)

## IT'S GOLD FOR DAVID DADE-MCTIGUE

Local East Knoyle resident, David Dade-McTigue was invited to attend the annual Goldsmiths Craft and Design award ceremony at Goldsmiths Hall in London on Monday 25th February. He was shortlisted for the Boodles fine jewellery award. He went on to win gold in the 'Design section 3D finished pieces - Precious jewellery in gold/platinum/palladium' and received a second gold in one of the 'Special Patron Awards - The Brown and Newirth award'. His work is currently being displayed in the exhibition rooms at Goldsmiths Hall and at the Goldsmiths centre and will be at Olympia later in the year.



He is currently training his son Liam in his family run shop at 16a Bell St, Shaftesbury, SP78AE. All work is carried out on the premises where alongside his bespoke designs he creates commissions, remodelling, restorations and repairs. You can view his award winning pieces on his website [davidmctigue.com](http://davidmctigue.com) or contact him on 01747 851383.

# Taking a trip down memory lane

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



Knoyte church in course of repair

John photographed by Rachel Leighton



Knoyte House with view. 1576



Knoyte House street entrance and Haslems shop



## Hindon Surgery News

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### Test Results

In Hindon we do several thousand tests every year to investigate and monitor your illnesses. Hospitals will also be doing lots of tests. We need your help to ensure all this testing is done safely which means you need to be involved in the process. Please don't assume that if a test has been done someone will contact you with the result and if you hear nothing it will be normal.

Results generally take about 2 days to come back from the hospital. Please make sure you either book a follow up appointment when you book the test or, if no appointment is needed, make sure you call the surgery to check on the result. Our staff will only give you test results and instructions from the GP, once they have seen the result and filed it into your notes.

If there is an abnormality the GP will check to see if you have made an appointment and will ask a receptionist to call anyone not about to be seen to advise of a prescription that may be needed. This is a safety net in case you haven't already been in touch, but we would hope you would initiate the contact.

If you have a test requested by a hospital clinician, they will not copy the result to the GP. The clinician ordering the test is clinically responsible for informing the patient of the result and should be competent to interpret the test – many of those done in hospitals cannot be safely interpreted by your GP even if we were sent them. If they tell you to "ask your GP", challenge them. It is their duty to inform you themselves.

Other ways you can help us with your care include ringing us soon after you have been discharged from hospital to let us know how you are getting on, and keeping an eye on your prescription repeats if you have a long term condition to book your reviews with a nurse or GP.

Many thanks for helping us to provide you with safe and effective care.

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely



**Foot Health Practitioner**  
**Jana Twinney**  
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## DEADLINE FOR May/June Newsletter Friday 10th May

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

## RBL Branch News

Following a very successful 2018 our Branch had been eagerly looking forward to the RBL Wiltshire County Conference scheduled for mid February in the hope that, for the third consecutive year, we will have achieved the accolade of the 'The Most Efficient Small Branch in Wiltshire'. However, the few days of snow we experienced at that time caused the postponement of the conference until mid April so we will have to be patient for a little longer, concentrate on getting fit for the annual round of Easter Egg hunts and planning our schedule of summer social events.

For the first event, on the 17th April, we have secured the services of a very experienced speaker, John Inman, who will give a talk on the raid on Saint Nazaire.

“On the night of 27th March 1942, a single, elderly destroyer accompanied by an unlikely flotilla of small wooden boats sailed up the mouth of the Loire to the heavily defended port of Saint Nazaire. The vessels were crammed with over 600 sailors and commandos, as well as improbable quantities of high explosive. The raid has been described as audacious by some, foolhardy by others. It may well have been both; it was certainly very well planned and executed with enormous courage, flair and determination.....”.



The talk will be preceded by a lunch, venue will be the Fox and Hounds and is open to all. More details to follow. Other events in the pipeline include guided tours of the Rifles Museum and Arundell's House in Salisbury on a date to be confirmed.

POPPY APPEAL: The total for 2018/19 continues to creep upwards and now stands at £11,726.25. Roy Halsall has confirmed that he will be once more attending a full round of summer events with 'The Chevvy' and hopes to make a significant contribution to the total in the months ahead.

### DIARY DATES:

1st April Branch Meeting, 7.30pm, at the Fox and Hounds.

13th April County Conference

Ron Clark  
Branch and Membership Secretary  
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## RBL Women's Section

### Easter Egg Treasure Hunt

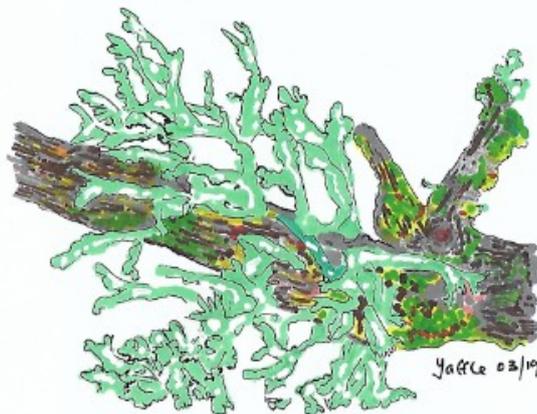
There is to be an Easter Egg Treasure Hunt at Clouds Lodge unless the weather is unkind in which case it will be in the Village Hall. Over the years we have had very good support from parents and children and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. There will be teas, ice creams, Easter Bonnet Competition, raffle and of course, Easter Eggs. The date for your diaries is **16th April at 3.00 p.m.**

Monica Snell



## Knogle Knature Notes from The Yaffle

The first blossom you're likely to have seen in hedgerows is that of the Myrabalan or Cherry plum, with its delicate small white flowers. This native of the Balkans was introduced into hedging, but there is also a red-leaved variety with a pink blossom that you'll find in gardens. All varieties bear small red or yellow fruits which make delicious compote, jam or chutney. The Blackthorn or Sloe bear early flowers ahead of their leaves too; there's a magnificent stand on Le Neuborg Way in Gillingham which were already in flower in mid-February. The Goat or 'pussy willow' with its yellowish pollen and nectar laden catkins are out too, though mis-timed seasonal hedge cutting foreshortens the important role this plant plays in our all-important hedgerows.



Oakmoss Lichen

The early warm spell brought out a large hatch of Brimstone butterflies, their lilting, citrine flight adding a colourful zest to the spring backdrop of Celandines, Primroses and early Daffodils.

The Upper Greensand strata of the Parish, with its local stone buildings, walls and generous covering of natural woodland, provide the perfect habitat for mosses, lichens and fungi. Lichens are not a single organism, but a mutually beneficial and stable association between a fungus and an algae and/or cyanobacteria. Lichen requires carbon as a food source, which is provided by the algae or cyanobacteria, which are photosynthetic. Lichen colonies may live for thousands of years. There are estimated to be 1,700 species in the UK. The Oakmoss or Stag lichen with its 'oriental' fragrance was used in 16<sup>th</sup> Century perfumery. It was also used as a fixative base and, with its acid extracts, was used to treat external wounds and infections. Baskets of Oakmoss were found in ancient Egyptian tombs as a part of the goods to be taken on into the afterlife.

Following the dawn chorus on milder mornings, you'll hear the territorial signature drumming of woodpeckers, through which females can read much of a male bird's prowess. Whilst mainly nocturnal, Tawny owls are vociferous throughout the day at this time of year as they conduct sitting and feeding changes on the nest. There have been particularly large flocks of Chaffinches evident in our woodlands over the winter, if you were lucky you might have spotted the odd Brambling amongst them.

Living as we do in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, the dramatic and worrying decline of all insect species worldwide is perhaps not obvious to us. Leaving a 'wild' area in your garden, however small, will provide a breeding haven for our local insects.

### East Knogle



**Flower & Vegetable Show will take place on**

**Saturday 27th July from 2pm**

Are you, and your family, getting ready to plan your exhibits for the Show? The date to aim for is Saturday 27th July, and the venue is the Village Hall. It is almost time to clear, hoe and sow your patch as Spring cannot be far away. Have you considered entering the scarecrow competition? Or the photography section? They are both easy and fun to do and satisfying to join in a village event. All details will be available in due course and in the meantime, good growing and planning.

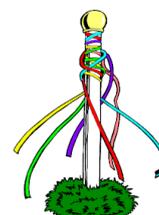


### Ansty May Day festival

Wednesday, May 1 at 5.30pm.

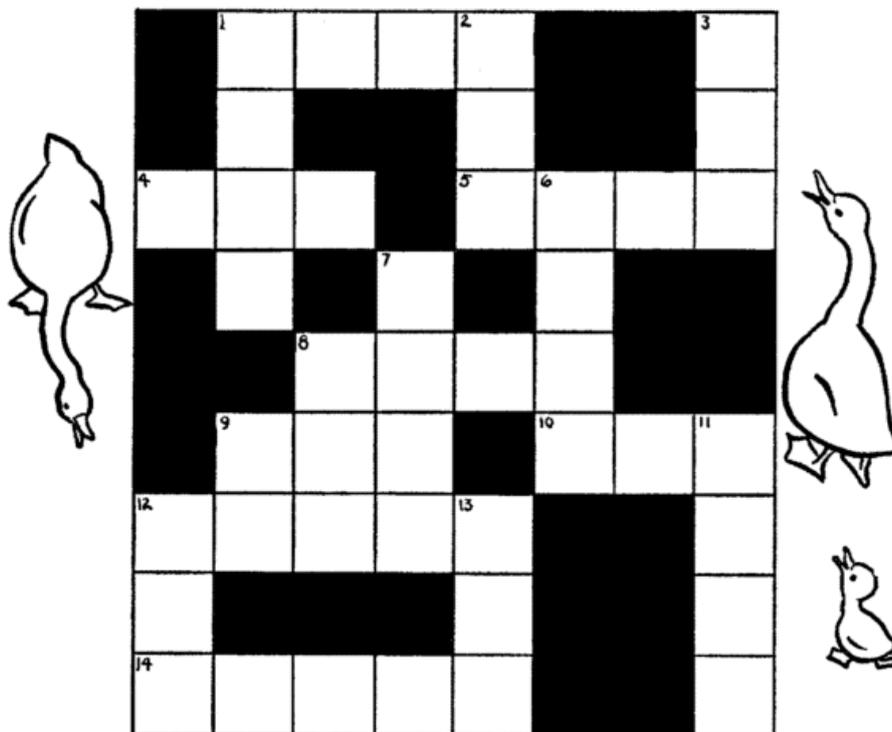
High Street, Ansty

This year it has been decided that we shall be crowning a May King instead of a May Queen and there will be music, food, dancing, refreshments, a bar and home produce for sale.





## A FARM CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### Across:

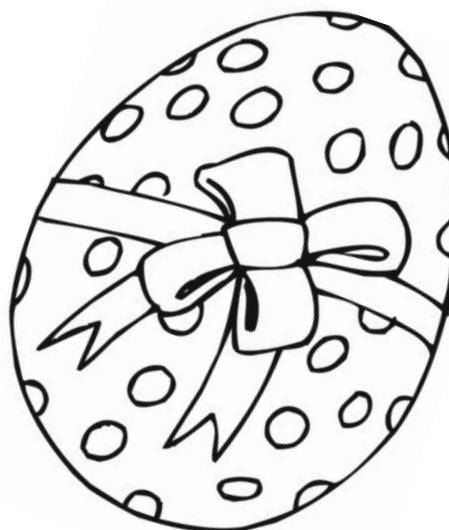
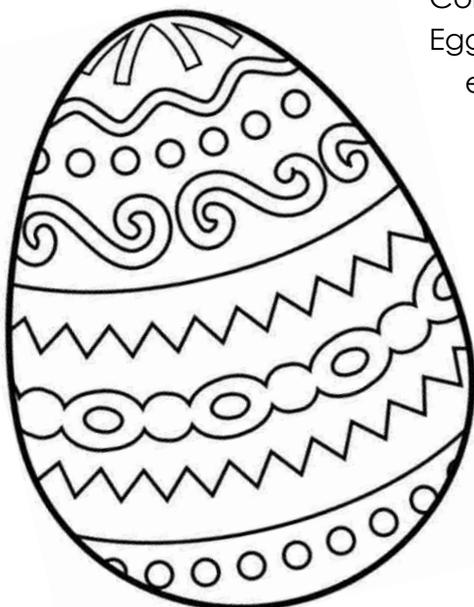
1. Yield of a planted field
4. A kind of tree, like oak
5. This machine digs up fields
8. A place where animals and crops are raised
9. Opposite of stand
10. Sack to carry feed in
12. An animal to ride on
14. A long-necked bird which honks

### Down:

1. A baby horse
2. A baby dog
3. An animal that gives milk
6. A baby sheep
7. Animals that chase mice
8. A kind of evergreen tree
9. Word that rhymes with go
11. Animal with horns
12. Another word for pig
13. What we see with

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Across: 1. crop, 4. elm, 5. plow, 8. farm, 9. sit, 10. bog, 12. horse, 14. goose  
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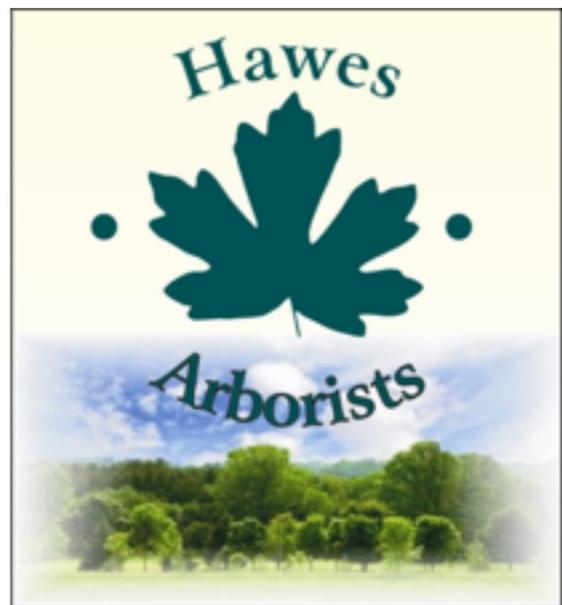
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