



# The East Knoyle Newsletter

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As the nights draw in and our scenery becomes aflame with reds and oranges, we have much to reflect on from the summer and much to look forward to in the coming months.

This issue is packed with news from our regular contributors (thank you), some fantastic photographs depicting events, the village through the ages and pets in strange outfits; a new recipe from Nicki and a children's page with Alice's cartoon.

Turn to page 23 for a heart warming letter from a stranded couple.

This newsletter is written by the village, for the village and we welcome new ideas, articles and news items.

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The Parish Council met on 10th September after a summer recess {no proroguing in East Knoyle} and were delighted to welcome Dan Brickell to the team. Dan and his wife Briony have two children Tobias and Agatha who attend Semley School and Dan is head of Finance at Neal's Yard Remedies in Gillingham.

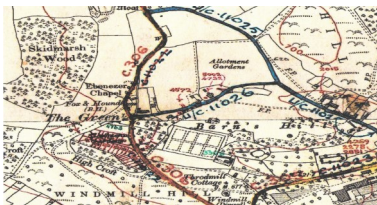
The PC still has one place to fill in order to take us back to our full quota of Councillors. If you would like to be considered for co-option or just find out more about what is involved, please contact the Clerk, Kevin Stow.

The Wessex Water mains replacement scheme along the length of The Street will get underway in October 2019 and you will have another chance to hear from the Wessex Water Team at the PC meeting on the 1st October.

Richard Mullins will be present to go over time scale, where the work will start together with day to day implications for those living close by. The PC meeting will be at 7.30pm in the village hall on Tuesday 1st October.

The Neighbourhood Watch Team at the Green have drawn the attention of the PC to occasional overnight parking at the viewpoint in front of the Windmill. Overnight parking on Common Land is against the law and the PC will be fixing some signage on the back of the benches to remind "overnighters" of this.

Look out for new baby swings in the Knoyle House play ground at the beginning of October. Thanks to generous donations from Moviola, The Veg and Flower Show organisers, PCC and a top up from the Parish Council the hard work put in by Bob Bourne means the new equipment will swing into operation very soon. The old swings will be removed and replaced with a picnic bench in due course.



## Round and About

It is good to have Malcolm and Jo Green, who have lived on the outskirts of the village for many years, rather closer to the centre. We hope they will be happy in their new home.

We have a couple of 'goodbyes' to say this month, to Julian and Anne Adams and family who have moved to Shaftesbury. Julian helped in the shop, and they were both instrumental in transforming the Milton telephone box into somewhere children could wait for the school bus. Also, good bye to Val Johnson who lived on the Shaftesbury Road for some years and has now moved away following the death of her husband.

With regret we record the death of Peter Mitchell, formerly of Mitchell Motors in Chicklade, and lately of Underhill. We send condolences to his family.

## National Volunteer Award for Chair of Shaftesbury Branch of Save The Children

It was Much Ado About Something when Shakespeare's well known play 'Much Ado About Nothing' was performed by the Rain or Shine Theatre Company at Upper Leigh Farm, East Knoyle recently. Lady Katie Page was awarded a Silver Volunteering Award in recognition of her extraordinary twenty years of service for Save The Children. The Chair of the Shaftesbury Branch is a tireless campaigner and fundraiser for the charity. Seen here on the right, receiving the award from Dania Shaw the Community Fundraising Manager for the South West region, Katie was astounded by her nomination and success. Known for her energy and commitment; her genuine interest in and concern for others; the twinkle in her eye and her heart of gold, she is a worthy winner of the national award. Congratulations Katie!





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### Five-minute interview with Val Morsman, Shop Volunteer.

Q. How long have you lived in the village?

A. I have lived here for three years now and started volunteering after 18 months.

Q. How did you find the training?

A. The training was friendly and helpful and reassuring. Plenty to learn but there is always someone there to help you.

Q. Did you have any previous retail experience?

A. No none at all and I was a bit anxious about using the tills but there is always help on hand.

Q. Do you do a regular shift?

A. Yes, 4 till 6 one day a week, this suits me best although I have filled in when there is a shortage of volunteers.

Q. What do you enjoy about working in the shop?

A. I enjoy chatting with customers and volunteers and meeting new people. Its also a great opportunity to look at the notice boards and keep up with local events most of which you can buy tickets for in the shop.

Q. Have you got to know people because of your volunteering?

A. Yes, the shop is the hub of the village. I live in the centre of the village and have met people from all of the other hamlets as a result of my volunteering.

Q. What is the best thing about the shop?

A. The opening hours are fantastic for a local shop and its comforting to know that it's just up the road and well stocked. I also like the fact that I can buy my fruit and veg without plastic packaging.

## Wrens Shop Notes by Ian Tait

I'm sure everyone knows that the shop was robbed on Saturday 3 August. The thief made off with all the cash from the tills but was apprehended by Wiltshire Police very soon after. This was a very frightening experience for the shop volunteer who was at the till at the time, but he bravely followed his training and handed over the money. Thankfully no-one was hurt and we have further tightened up our security procedures.

The annual shop Xmas Tree Lights ceremony will take place on Saturday 30 November starting at 4:30 pm. Small children will be welcome at Santa's gift grotto, the Village Choir will be singing seasonal carols and complementary warm mince pies, mulled wine and non-alcoholic drinks will be available as usual. Please put the date in your diaries.

Sally Swain has decided that the time has come for her to stop closing the shop on dark Wednesday evenings so we are looking for a volunteer to take on this simple function between 5:45 and 6:30 pm on Wednesdays before the end of October. Contact the shop if you can help please.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you to Kevin Stow and Val Morsman who have produced the second of our series of interviews with current volunteers. The aim is to highlight the social benefits of volunteering in our shop and encourage new people to join in.

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& Bank Holidays**



We have had our growing skills tested in this year of unpredictable conditions, but the Show on 27th July was testament to the ability of gardeners to prevail. On a beautiful summer day the sunshine moved indoors with wonderful flowers and stunning arrangements; the vegetable gardeners produced their bounty against the odds, and the home produce was impressive, especially the Men's Challenge Victoria Sponge. Victoria was the theme, and thanks were given to Anne Grainger, a great-great granddaughter of Queen Victoria, who presented the cups. Many thanks too, to the hard working judges, giving up their time; the tea makers; Simon Godfrey for taking the photographs, Tim Hyde for the marquee, and all the generous sponsors and donors.

## East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show 2019



Particular mention should be made of the children's entries - it is lovely to see their clever and imaginative efforts. Also, this year the photography section was superbly supported and commented on by the judge - he really had his work cut out. The popular and amusing scarecrow competition had high quality entries although slightly fewer than last year. Altogether it was a highly successful and enjoyable village event, which makes it possible to contribute to a new children's swing in the playground, and this is now on order. In horticulture there is no rest, and the Committee will soon be working on next year's show.

Many thanks team, Val

## East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show 2019



**A Musical Evening**  
**Saturday 26 October**  
**7.30pm**  
**St Mary's Church**

Our Evening of Musical Entertainment features as always performers from East Knoyle, including our musical youngsters and one or two surprise turns!

So come along for a great evening and support your friends and neighbours.

**Free Admission** (charity collection)

**Interval Refreshments**

Contact - Louise Brown (832290)

**East Knoyle Village Choir & Musical Evening**

The Village Choir has been running for more than 7 years now, starting up in 2012 in preparation for the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. Most of the original singers are still with us, turning up in fine voice each Friday evening. We are always happy to welcome new members and there are no auditions or requirements to read music. You just need to be an East Knoyle and love singing!

Our main aim is to just have fun singing, but we are also pleased to raise money for our musical charity for sick children, 'Jessie's Fund'. This year the choir have performed at the Shaftesbury Fringe Festival for the fourth consecutive year and our regular slot at the Village Fete. We also sing at the Carol Service and for particular occasions such as the Remembrance Day Celebrations last year.

**The Musical Evening at St. Mary's Church in October** is always well supported, with all the performers from East Knoyle. It always seems to produce an 'unexpected turn'! So please join us. There is still time to put yourself forward too – contact Louise on 832290 or Rachel on 832335

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# East Knoyle Flower and Vegetable Show

## CUP & TROPHY WINNERS – 2019



The Harry Seymour Cup (Best in Show) **Jennie Hynd**

The Adrian Lever Cup (Runner-up Best in Show) **Carilyn Campbell**

The Battle Trophy (Most points accumulated in the Flower Classes) **Helen Lever**

The Anthony Claydon Memorial Cup (Most Outstanding in Vegetable Classes) **Jennie Hynd** peas

The 100 Yards Cup (Most Extraordinary Exhibit in the Novelty Classes) **Ellis Butcher**—his tomato

The Caroline Hyde Cup (Most points accumulated in Home Produce Classes) **Barbara Johnson**

The Douglas Morris Cup (Best 5 stems of mixed perennials) **Paul Egginton**

The Simon Master Cup (Winner of the Roses Classes) **Alex Taylor**

The Charlie Cumberlege Cup (Best jam or jelly) **Carilyn Campbell** (Strawberry & Vanilla jam)

The Helen Lever Cup (Overall winner in the 3-4 year old Class) **Minnie Morsman**

The Village Hall Shield (Most points overall in the 5-9 year old Classes) **Theo Wilson**

The Garden Club Shield (Most points overall in the 10-14 year old Classes) **Maddison Topley**

The Hunter Cup (Best Photograph as chosen by public vote) **Monica Snell** (Swan and Cygnets)

The Scarecrow Shield (Best Scarecrow as chosen by public vote) **Nicola Sturrock** (titled 'Ooops!')

Poster Competition Cash Prize **Xander Morant**

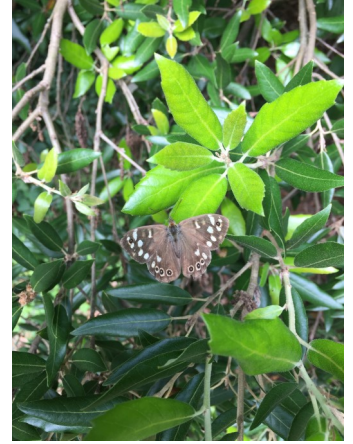
## Knogle Knature Notes from The Yaffle

Save for the cooing and cavorting of wood pigeons, the dawn chorus falls almost silent in August as the annual moult is underway. Energies are now directed into growing a healthy new feather covering for winter, with many birds moving to the field margins and hedges where food and cover is plentiful at this vulnerable time.

The woodland having taken on the darker green hue of late summer, is now on the turn. The Beech trees are heavy with nuts and the voracious Grey squirrel population has been having a field day as they strip the Hazel trees of their still ripening fruit. The Sweet chestnut, introduced by the Romans 2,000 years ago, shed their catkins in late July as the prickly green nut cases ripen above. Sweet chestnut porridge was a campaign staple of the Roman army and is known in Corsica as 'the bread tree', where the flour from its nuts is highly prized.

It seems to have been a good year for Dragon flies, with the beautifully coloured Azure hawkler in evidence, and if you're lucky you might spot our largest dragonfly, the Emperor, which favours ponds and still water. This, together with the slender-bodied red and blue Damselflies and the chunkier-bodied fast flying Darters and Chasers, provide a myriad of fast-moving colour to delight the eye.

The warmer weather gave us prolific hatches of butterflies, which included a glimpse of one of our largest native butterflies, the Purple Emperor, making powerful flight up into its favoured habitat in the woodland canopy. Lower down, the Speckled wood pictured, may be seen in dancing pairs spiralling on woodland margins, along with the Comma which hatches in two broods between June and October. Its caterpillar favours nettles and is one of the most colourful, being black with an orangey-red lattice pattern down its sides and bristling yellow and white spines in pairs along its back.



Mushrooms and toadstools are sprouting everywhere on the woodland floor. These are both names for fungi; toadstool tending to be used for non-edible or poisonous varieties. What more elegant example than the Artists bracket fungus pictured, often found at the base of beech trees and so named as it is possible to etch an illustration on its hard-top surface, which will appear as dark lines.

The Swifts left us for Africa in August. They pair for life and are not actually related to Swallows and House Martins. The latter will leave in September and October, and may still have broods in the nest as late as September.

### Thank you

Many thanks to Malcom James for the informative article about tree, hedge and woodland management in the July/August issue.

### East Knogle Rainfall Robin Egerton

July 40.50mm (1.59")

August 60.75mm (2.39")



In July I recorded rain on 9 different days. There was one 6-day spell without rain right at the start of the month, and a couple of 4-day spells without rain, otherwise just a few single days.

The July average rainfall for the last 25 years is 65.80mm (2.59"), so this July was 1" below average, and there were only 6 drier July's in the last 25 years.

In August I recorded rain on 16 different days, and there were two periods of 5 consecutive days of rain recorded. Most of the rain was in the middle of the month. There was one period of 5 days without rain at the start of August and a 6 day one at the end.

The August average rainfall is 75mm (2.95"), thus this August is below average, though there were 12 drier August's over the last 25 years.



## St Mary's Church

Someone was overheard in church recently saying "it's so boring between Trinity Sunday and Harvest, nothing special going on".

Not really. We have just celebrated the Patronal Festival of our church, when we remember the Virgin Mary. This year we were fortunate to have with us the Venerable Alan Jeans, who is the Archdeacon of Sarum and therefore of 'our patch'. Alan lives in Bemerton just west of Salisbury, in a house built in the garden of what had been George Herbert's Rectory. Alan preached the sermon and the service was taken by our curate, Kevin Martin.

The Church Café was well attended on in August – the next one will be on September 24<sup>th</sup>, between 10.30 and noon, do come along and join us.

There are now several families with young children in the village, and this is an opportunity to bring to their attention two things which have been started with them in mind. On the first Thursday of each month there is a Baby and Toddler Group in the carpeted area of the church, from 10-11.30, and in Semley on the last Saturday (September 28<sup>th</sup>) between 11am and 1pm there is Messy Church in Semley Village Hall, with activities and a light lunch. For more info on either of these do ring 830174, or email [admin@benofbart.org.uk](mailto:admin@benofbart.org.uk). (The group of parishes to which East Knoyle and Semley both belong is called the Benefice of St Bartholomew).

Finally, we are in the Season of Mists and Mellow Fruitfulness, which means Harvest Festival is coming up! In East Knoyle there will be Harvest Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, followed by refreshments. Do come, you will be very welcome.



### **MOVIOLA** Sara Southerden

The grass is covered in windfall apples and there are daffodil bulbs in the Garden Centre; it must be September and the new season of Moviola!

We've got a great programme lined up for you this autumn with a variety of films, which we very much hope you will enjoy.

We're starting on **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September** with **Colette**. Based on the real, early life of the hugely successful French writer of the title, it stars Keira Knightley, Dominic West, (in cracking form!) and Fiona Shaw. As a very young woman in late 19<sup>th</sup> century Paris, Colette is pushed by her charming, powerful and supremely egotistical husband, Willy, to write novels under his name. Gradually she fights to have her own voice heard and takes control of her life, flouting convention in every respect on the way. It's an entertaining and uplifting story.

Our film on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October** is **The White Crow**, telling the story of the star ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev and his defection from Russia to the West in 1961. Ralph Fiennes, who also directs the film, plays Nureyev's tutor and mentor at the Kirov Ballet. Nureyev is played and danced by Oleg Ivenko, who conveys with great empathy the conflicting emotions felt by the dancer as he makes the momentous decision to leave his previous life behind him. This is not just a film for lovers of ballet, but for anyone who will appreciate the human dilemma at the heart of Nureyev's story.

We will be serving our delicious baked potatoes before the film, as is now the custom. If you would like one, please write your order on your ticket stub. **Tickets remain at the bargain price of £5.** There is a bar selling wine, soft drinks, snacks and, of course, ice creams.

If you are new to the village or haven't been to Moviola before, why not give it a try. It is a very enjoyable evening watching a good film (we hope!) on the big screen among friends and neighbours.

Tickets are on sale in Wren's Shop and at 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.

Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – **Red Joan**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – **Rocketman**

# East Knoyle Village Hall

*From plot to pot! Another of Nicki's infamous soup recipes.*

## *Cauliflower & Vintage Cheddar Soup*

*As summer turns to autumn and there is a chill in the air, we all turn to comfort food. There is nothing quite like a plate of cauliflower cheese but then there is also nothing quite like a hearty bowl of hot soup! So, this recipe combines the two!*

*It can be easily adapted to suit your tastes as well as the contents of your fridge. Choose your own Cheddar, add your own seasonings (perhaps a dash of Worcestershire sauce, some nutmeg?) and there you have it, your own secret recipe finished with fresh shavings of your preferred Cheddar!*

*Serves 4*

*Cooking Time: 30 minutes*

*25g (1oz) butter  
1 small onion, finely chopped  
1 medium potato, diced  
1 medium cauliflower (approx. 300g (10 ½ oz) of florets)  
500ml (1pt) vegetable stock  
150ml (5 fl.oz) milk  
100g (3 ½ oz) of vintage cheddar, grated  
Salt and freshly ground pepper*



*Melt the butter in a pan, then add the onion and potato and cook gently without colouring for 5 minutes*

*Add the cauliflower florets and stock, bring to the boil, cover and then simmer for 30 minutes until the vegetables are tender. Blend until smooth*

*Return the soup to the pan reheat gently, add the milk and cheddar cheese, stirring continuously until the cheese has melted - do not allow it to boil!*



**Come and join Babs again at the Village Hall on Friday 27th September 10:30am to 12:00 noon.**

**Good prizes wanted for the Raffle and Tombola  
Phone Babs on 01747 830242**

## **EAST KNOYLE VILLAGE HALL 200 CLUB**

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

**FERGUS WEBSTER £50**

**The next draw is on NOVEMBER 1st. 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 for us in the Shop.



**For Village Hall Bookings & Availability**  
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## GARDENING TIPS

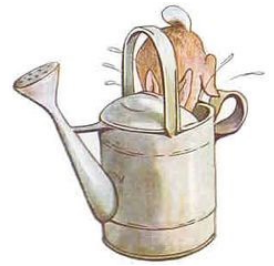
from Mrs McGregor

It seems like only the other day I was complaining that everything in the garden was so late this year – now Autumn is well on its way and most flowers and veg are already starting to go over. Is it just me or do the seasons appear to be flying by faster and faster each year?

Meanwhile there is still a great deal to do in the garden, with so much to cut back, clear up and prepare for the colder months. Here is my “to do” list for the next couple of months:

### September

- Start to cut back herbaceous perennials, then lift, divide and replant any that have grown too large
- Collect and sow seed from perennials and hardy annuals
- Dig up any remaining potatoes before the slugs get to them
- If you have a garden pond, spread a net over it before leaf fall gets underway
- Dig up Gladioli corms, dry them off, then store in a frost-free shed or garage
- Wash off greenhouse shading and clean out cold frames ready for use this autumn/winter
- Sow leafy veg such as spring cabbages and spinach, as well as winter salads, broad beans and peas for earlier harvests next spring
- Plant onions, shallots and garlic
- Sow a green manure such as alfalfa over any earth that is going to be left bare over the winter
- Pick fruit such as plums etc. as soon as they ripen to minimise the risk from annoying wasps



### October

- Trim hedges so they are tidy for the winter
- Plant bulbs for a colourful spring show
- Keep your lawn leaf-free; collect the leaves and store them in a leaf pen to turn them into useful leaf mould (to make a simple leaf pen, bend a piece of 3' or 4' chicken wire into a circle with stakes to hold it firm, then throw in the leaves)
- October is a good time for clearing up; greenhouses, ponds, gutters and water butts all need cleaning, and wooden garden furniture should be put away or covered up
- Divide established rhubarb crowns to create new plants
- Prune back climbing and rambling roses by roughly one third
- Plant out spring cabbages
- Make sure all half-hardy and tender plants are safely under glass before the first frosts strike
- Plant winter bedding such as pansies
- Keep an eye on tomato plants in the greenhouse and remove any faded or discoloured leaves to prevent disease

A question from a reader:

Dear Mrs McGregor, I love my Geraniums and Pelargoniums and over-winter them in the greenhouse, but I can't ever get them to look as good in subsequent years as when I bought them. Have you any suggestions? Yours, Mrs L

Dear Mrs L, Tender perennials such as Pelargoniums often do better if grown from new cuttings each year. Now is a good time to take cuttings, which you can plant in pots or a seed tray using a sandy loam-based compost with good drainage. If you don't have a greenhouse, use a light windowsill to grow them on.

# Taking a trip down memory lane



*Salem Road 1954*



Visitors to the 'Fox and Hounds,' in the Wiltshire village of East Knoyle, are familiar with the assortment of pets belonging to Mr. Tom Hall, the licensee, and his wife. A wild rabbit and a squirrel sit on the bar counter and a pig and eleven goslings wander in and out of the house at will. The latest addition to the family is a fawn, which was found by Mr. Hall after it had been abandoned by its mother when two days old. He reared it on the bottle (milk, not beer!) and now, five weeks old, it is perfectly at home. Seen in our picture with 'Bambi' is Mr. Hall and his granddaughter, Nicola Jane who lends a hand to feed the pets.





## Hindon Surgery News

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### How do we monitor our services?

GPs spend under half of their working time involved in face to face or telephone patient care. What are we doing when not doing this? Some will be indirect patient care like reading or writing letters, contacting hospitals or members of our ever

increasing multidisciplinary team, looking at and acting on pathology results, reviewing prescription requests and checking & responding to emails.

We also spend a great deal of time working with our surgery team to ensure the care we provide you is safe, effective, caring and responsive to your needs. We do this in a variety of ways:

Audits of our services like the recent infection control review where we check what we are doing against a national good practice checklist and scored 98%. We can only achieve 100% when we remove the carpets from one consulting room (or move to a new building). We also audit a large number of clinical areas relating to safe care and our use of medicines.

We check fridge temperatures every day and have a strict cold chain protocol so that vaccines are kept at the right temperature until used. We check everything that has an expiry date so we never have out of date items; drugs are obvious but all our equipment and single use items including specimen bottles have expiry dates as well. We also reflect on all our referrals emergency admissions, deaths and new cancer or other significant diagnoses and learn from these.

We regularly conduct risk assessments from staffing levels to health & safety and do what we can to reduce risks. Some we can change (given time) like employing more GPs and some we are dependent on others – car parking, the slope into the building and confidentiality at the front desk only soluble with a new building that depends on Wiltshire CCG.

We also ask your views by encouraging you to comment on our care, fill out the Friends and Family test or IPSOS MORI surveys if sent to you, doing our own surveys for some clinics or services (NHS checks, carers' clinics) and accepting anyone who wants to become a member of our patient participation group.

To round all this off everything we do is monitored and sometimes inspected by other parts of the NHS. We are peer reviewed by our colleagues in the Primary Care Network, we have just had our dispensary services inspected and our audit used as an example of how to do this, we are all appraised annually and the Care Quality Commission give a holistic overview, and when last inspected rated us as outstanding. All of this takes time and is why your GPs work late into the evenings and at weekends but this all helps run the safe and effective practice our patients rate highly and that we will continue to do so.

### 'flu clinics...and more

**'FLU** It's that time of year again where 'flu season is fast approaching. It is the most common of the winter illnesses and can be deadly. Fortunately there are effective vaccines to prevent or reduce the severity of the infection. These are free to all patients over 65, and also to younger patients who are at increased risk due to diabetes, heart, kidney liver and neurological disease (strokes and MS), obesity or are pregnant. We also encourage all carers and workers in health and social care to protect themselves.

This year there is a vaccination for over 65s, a slight different one for everyone else, plus the usual nasal drops for children. We vaccinate 2 and 3 year old and all the others are done at school.

We hope to vaccinate most of our patients in early October, with two Saturday morning clinics on 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October and dedicated clinics every weekday during that two week period. We will also vaccinate opportunistically if you are seeing us for another reason, provided you are not unwell on that day. Please ring the surgery or book online for your jab.

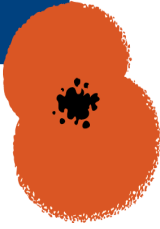
**Carers' Award** We are delighted to have been awarded our second Platinum Award from Carer Support Wiltshire. Tisbury Surgery also won a Platinum Award and we congratulate them and also Dr Lawrence Carter for his Fellowship of the Royal College of General Practitioners.

**New website** By the time you read this, our new website will be up and running. It is a format that several surgeries in our network are adopting, it is much clearer and easier to use, and has a facility whereby you can ask a nurse or a GP a (non-urgent) question. Visit us on [www.hindonsurgery.co.uk](http://www.hindonsurgery.co.uk).

**New GPs** Fiona and Gareth Dawe have settled in well and many of you will have met them already. We are now able to offer longer pre-booked appointments, and it gives us the time away from direct patient contact to run the practice and meet the many challenges facing primary care. Dr Hayes and I are very much still here and any rumours of our impending retirement are incorrect!

Dr Patrick Craig-McFeely

**Social Events**



Blessed by good summer weather the 'Strawberry and Pimms' tea held on the lawn of the village hall on July 28<sup>th</sup> proved a great success with in excess of 70 residents of the village enjoying the afternoon. Arranged in order to thank the organisations and individuals of the village who contributed so much to the success of the commemorative events held last year it was heartening to see so many guests enjoying our hospitality and making the afternoon 'go with a swing'.



Following a raffle of some generous prizes and the spirited auction of a Louis Vuitton handbag kindly donated by Chrissie Johnson, £285.80 was raised for the Poppy Appeal. In addition to organisers Mike Waterhouse and Ian Gurney, thanks are due to Robin and Ann Young who did sterling work assisting with the serving and washing up, also, Paul and Rachel Naish for their work on the raffle and not forgetting all those who contributed the raffle and auction prizes.

**Poppy Appeal Update**

The appeal surges on. Fuelled by Roy Halsall's efforts (£820 in August) and boosted by other donations the total for 2019/20 has increased from £13,150 to £14,500. These are amazing figures and all credit to Roy for, so far, raising £2,377 over the past summer months and keeping the momentum going.

**Autumn Schedule:**

Our Branch is now gearing itself up for the busiest and important part of the RBL year. Dates to note are:

- Next Branch meeting: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October
- Poppy Appeal: Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> November
- Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Armistice Day: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November
- AGM: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November
- PA Thank You Event: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Ron Clark, Branch Secretary (830354)



**The East Knoyle Free Thinkers Group**

We met in July to discuss humour. What makes us laugh, what can we not laugh at and how humour has changed over the years.

In a lively discussion we looked at sit com 'Til death us do part and Benny Hill and asked why we don't see comedy like this on the TV anymore when other comedy of the same period is regularly repeated e.g. Dad's Army.

At our meeting in September we will be taking a good look at the work of Charities. In the news regularly for the wrong reasons, we will be taking a good overview of the good work that Charities do and ask if the bad publicity is justified. With several group members either employees or former employees of Charities this meeting should be a well-informed discussion researched by Jan Knight and Roger Hague.

To contact EK Free Thinkers e mail Kevin Stow at [kandbstow@hotmail.com](mailto:kandbstow@hotmail.com)

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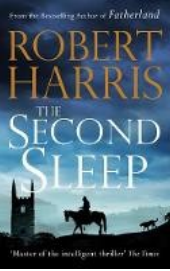
Christmas is looming and to lessen the anxiety we thought we would highlight some fantastic fiction titles out this autumn which could be perfect gift solutions.

**Robert Harris** author of *Fatherland* has written a brilliant new novel which though set in the past has definite echoes of today's political climate, Robert is a master storyteller at the height of his powers.

A new **Tracy Chevalier** is always a publishing event and set in Winchester her latest novel doesn't disappoint. Winstone's have an edition which is an exclusive to independent booksellers with additional content.

**Margaret Atwood's** sequel to the *Handmaid's Tale* is the publishing event of the year which reviewers are falling over themselves to praise. *Testaments* is also shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. For the lucky few we have a number of free tote bags given away with each purchase.

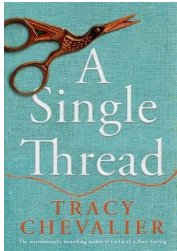
### Robert Harris *Second Sleep* £20 hbck



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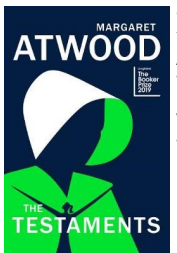
### Tracy Chevalier *A Single Thread* £14.99

This is the new book from the Dorchester based author of *Girl With A Pearl Earring* and it's every bit as good as that book.

It is 1932, and the losses of the First World War are still keenly felt. Violet Speedwell, mourning for both her fiancé and her brother and regarded by society as a 'surplus woman' unlikely to marry, resolves to escape her suffocating mother and strike out alone.

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Alex Clark *Guardian*, "Atwood's task in returning to the world of her best-known work was a big one, but the result is a success that more than justifies her Booker prize short listing,"

**We would welcome book reviews and recommendations from any of our readers. Please email in a word document to the Editors: [eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:eastknoylenewsletter@gmail.com)**

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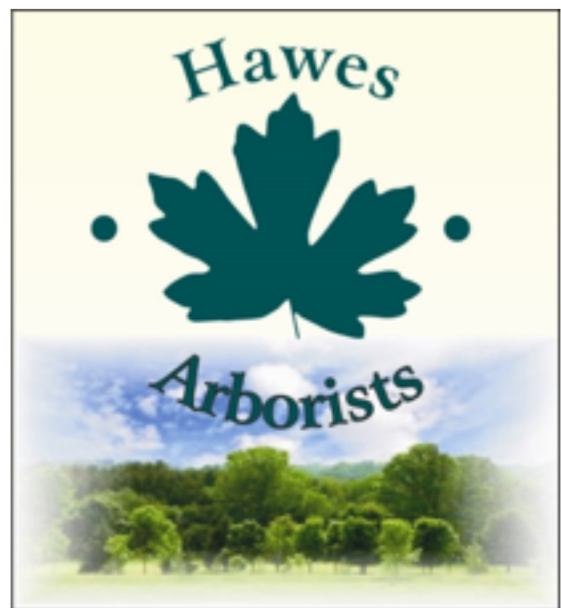
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# Children's Autumn fun



## Autumn Word Search Puzzle



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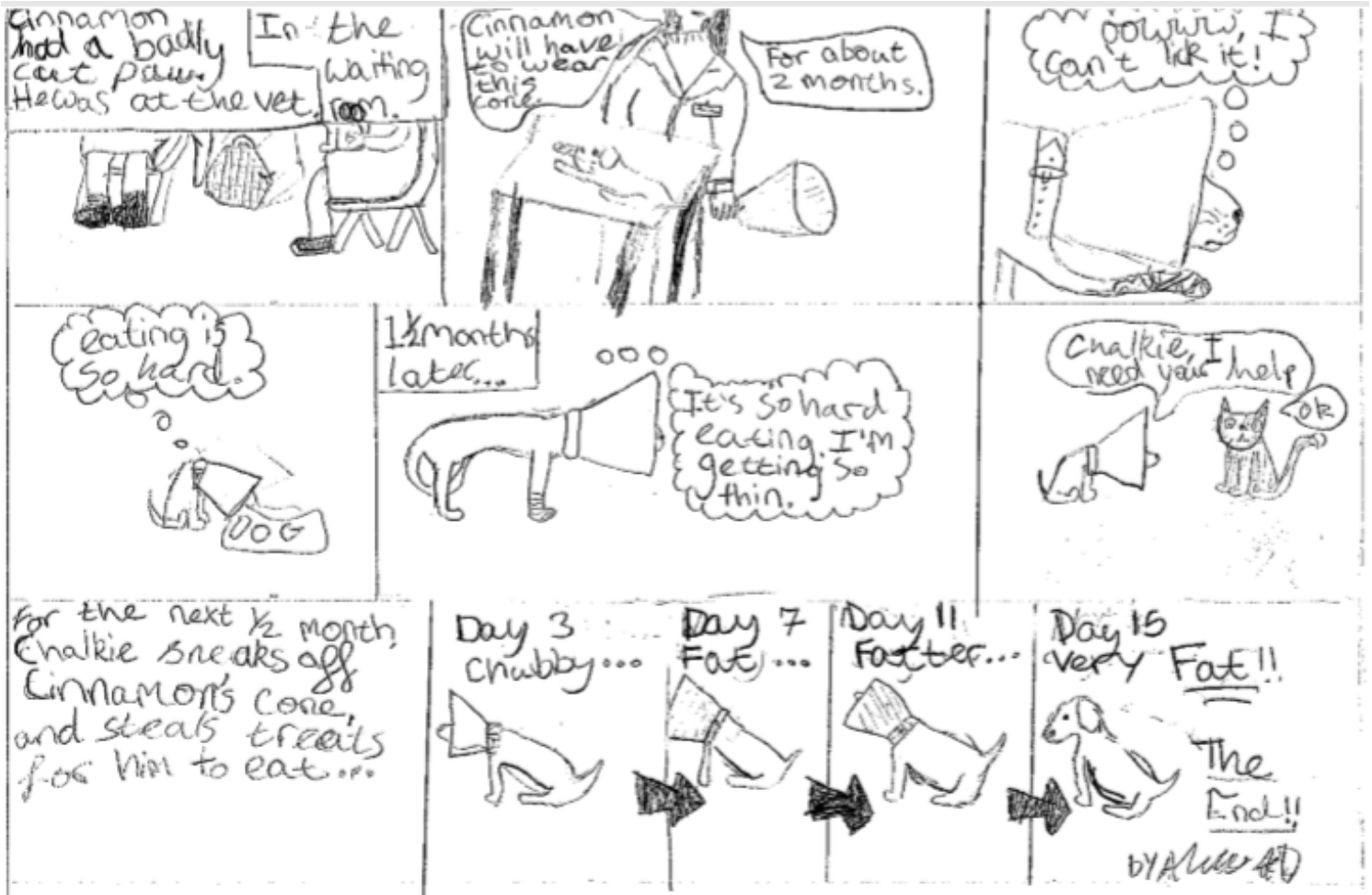


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## **The Music Makers of London Concert St. John's Church Tisbury**

A musical date for your diaries is an upcoming concert called 'Sun, Moon and Stars' on **19<sup>th</sup> October 2019** at St. John's Church Tisbury. It will be performed by the Music Makers of London, who are a mixed voice chamber choir specialising in a cappella (unaccompanied) music. As a charity with the remit of extending an understanding of music, the Music Makers have undertaken a number of projects with different communities, including invitations to work with trainee conductors at the Royal Academy of Music, funding a young choral scholar to sing with the choir each year, and sponsoring three composition competitions to support the new music-making. Some of these have been very inventive; in one case singing a new piece in Cornish! It also enjoys working with community choirs, performing in many locations over the past five years.

The concert programme is on the theme of 'Sun, Moon and Stars', which includes music by Grieg, Parry and Saint-Saens through to some more recent songs. How many pieces can you think of that feature the sun, moon or stars? Perhaps start with 'Moon River' and you can see the terrific scope for this concert.

Tickets can be bought in advance online at <https://stjohntisbury.eventbrite.com> or at the Music Makers website <https://www.musicmakersoflondon.org.uk/music>, where you can also listen to some of their previous recordings.



Dear All

We had the misfortune of breaking down in our old 1968 Mercedes 250SL on Monday 29th July. After phoning the RAC & waiting for two and a half hours, we limped along to your delightful village looking for refreshments. Wow! Wren's shop is a little marvel & the two shifts volunteers (yes two - the RAC took six hours to recover us!) we met were so friendly and helpful it was almost a delight to be broken down!

Our special thanks must also go to a lovely lady who was sat eating an ice-cream with her son outside Wren's who offered to drive my husband to Shaftesbury to buy some transmission fluid (in an attempt to get our car going), she also very kindly recharged my phone. We didn't get her or her son's name but her kindness was very, very much appreciated, so hopefully you will get to read this lovely lady, Thank you very much once again!

What a super friendly village you have, it brings a warm glow to know there are still some truly nice people about. Thank you all very much indeed.

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

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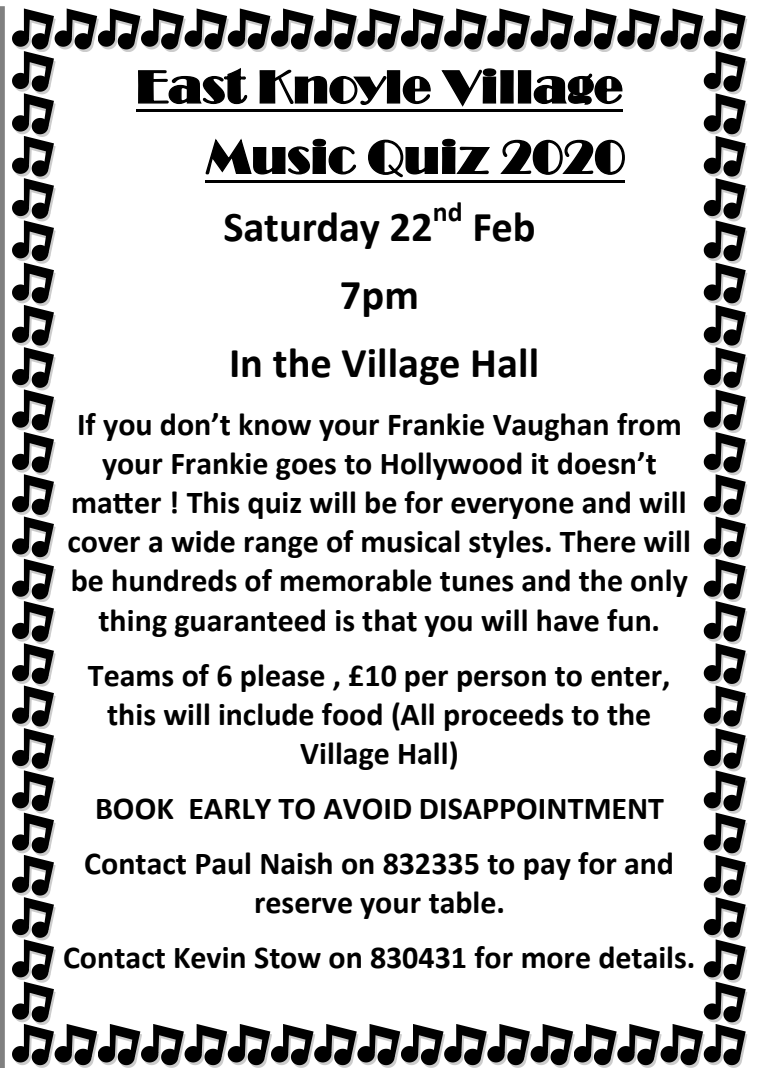
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**Future dates - 24th September, 29th October**

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