

East Coker Society Newsletter



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East Coker Society News

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in July 2024.

Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay at l.lindsay@eastcoker.com by **Saturday 22 June 2024** or sooner if possible.

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER WI

The local WI welcomes new members for monthly get-togethers to hear interesting speakers on a variety of different subjects, both educational and amusing. Meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 7.30 pm at East Coker Hall. The talk is given before refreshments and a gossip break, then a quick session of announcements of forthcoming events. We usually finish by 9.00pm.

A return to our fundraising efforts will be in the form of a Jumble Sale on Saturday 13 April.

A fun competition is held each month, usually having a connection to the speaker's subject. The money raised goes to a central WI fund to distribute to women in Third World countries to enable them to earn money for themselves and family.

Whist sessions are also arranged for anyone to attend during the winter months.

March is the month for our AGM when we do not have a speaker, but we use this as a social occasion. In April, we are having a talk on Chocolate Tasting accompanied by a short quiz, and in May a representative from the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance will be telling about their vital service.

Jumble Sale. Saturday 13 April at East Coker Hall. Doors open 2.00pm. Admission 50p (children free). Any contributions may be left at the door from 10.00am. There will be teas and cakes available. All newcomers are very welcome, and for any further information please contact the secretary, Pauline Gubbins tel 864430

Diary dates

Saturday 13 April	Jumble Sale	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 18 April	Whist drive	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 25 April	Chocolate Tasting & Quiz	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 16 May	Whist Drive	7.00pm	East Coker hall
Thursday 30 May	Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 27 June	Visit to Sheppy's Cider Farm		

Anyone wishing further information, please contact our secretary, Pauline 864439.

Joyce Pryor

EAST/WEST COKER BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Special Cheese and Wine Evening 12 April postponed

I'm sorry to have to announce the postponement of this event. The reason being one of the singers has suffered a family medical issue preventing them from performing on the night. I am working with them to reschedule the evening in the near future. In the meantime, all tickets remain valid, or full refunds given if you prefer.

Please call or text me on 07733 223806 if you have any queries.

Dave Giles

EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

East Coker Wine Circle meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm in East Coker Hall.

Diary dates

Wednesday 1 May	Black Cow Vodka (from milk) by Rachael Goring – 8.00pm
Wednesday 5 June	AGM and members' favourite Wines – tasting
July	Summer Event.

Look forward to seeing new and old members.

Sarah Rashley

EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL CHARITABLE TRUST

We are pleased to report that the installation of replacement main entrance doors was completed during February. This has resulted in noticeably improved insulation and easier access for users as they no longer have to manually unlock and lock the front entrance doors.

Many of you will be aware that the roof is no longer fit for purpose. As mentioned in the last copy of the East Coker Society Newsletter, options for the repair/replacement of the roof had been under investigation for several months. Investigations undertaken, involving considerable time and commitment by some committee members, have resulted in several quotations and options. A final decision will be taken by the Hall Trustees, following which we very much hope that work will commence later this year.

Grants have been, and are being, applied for. The anticipated cost of these works and improvements is circa £110,000. Any help towards raising funds for this project will be greatly appreciated, as will any donations towards the project. Your Village Hall is used by a variety of organisations and classes and for village events. We are extremely fortunate to have such a facility, which the trustees are keen to maintain and improve to as high a standard as possible.

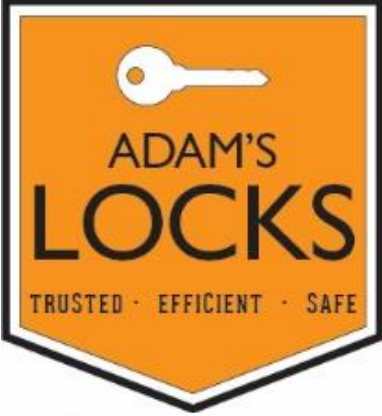
Film nights continue to be reasonably well supported, but increased audience numbers would be appreciated. Why not come along and try a night out at the "East Coker Film Night"? Easy parking, sociable people, tea or coffee and biscuits. We try to show a varied range of films but are somewhat restricted by what FilmFlix is able to supply. A small group helps to set up the Hall on the last Wednesday of the month, meeting at the Hall at 6.30pm, ready for the doors to open at 7.00pm. If you are able to assist in setting up it would be greatly appreciated. It is not onerous, and you would not need to help every month. Either turn up at the Hall for 6.30pm to help or contact Helen on 01935 862447. Details of the film for April can be found separately in this edition of the East Coker Newsletter. We then have a break, restarting the film nights in September.

The Hall is exceptionally well used by a wide range of groups, clubs and classes, and is run by a committee of trustees. To ensure that the Hall continues to be a valued community facility, the current trustees would welcome new committee members to assist in the running of it. You should be committed and be prepared to take on the responsibilities associated with acting as a trustee. If you are interested in helping to ensure that the Hall remains a community facility, please make contact via the website email address echbookings@btinternet.com.

We will be happy to discuss what is involved, as well as the responsibilities of acting as a trustee.

Details about the Hall, how to book it and to find out what is on, may be found via the Hall website <https://eastcokervillagehall.co.uk>.

Helen





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EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Still the rain comes down...! Thankfully, we have had a few better days, with some sunshine. However, the ground remains extremely wet – waterlogged in places – so not much gardening has taken place. We hope for better days come April onwards. The greenhouse has been cleared, seeds sown, dahlias potted up - gardeners are an, determined lot!

The club members have enjoyed talks on orchids, Lytes Cary gardens and the well-known gardener Gertrude Jekyll. We look forward to the following over the coming months:

Thursday 11 April – **Somerset – The Moorland Way** by Peter Triggs

Thursday 9 May - **Slightly Naughty Plants** by a speaker from The Gardens Group

Thursday 13 June – **Greece – North and South (or Spring and Autumn)** by Graham Salmon

On **Saturday 11 May** we will hold our **Spring plant sale at East Coker Hall from 10.00am.**

In July we will have our annual “garden party”.

At the March meeting, the narcissus ‘Golden Aura’ bulbs, distributed in October were judged. Geranium plug plants were available for growing on for the next club competition and will be judged in the summer.

*** Children’s sunflower plant competition



This year, the Gardening Club is sponsoring a sunflower plant competition for the **East Coker Flower and Produce Show**. We hope that this will encourage youngsters to enter the show. Seedling plants, free of charge, will be available at the Plant Sale on Saturday 11 May, from 10.00am. There will be a limited number of plants, which will be distributed on a first come, first served basis.

We try to provide a varied programme during the year. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members; whether or not you are interested in gardening or would just like to join a group of friendly, sociable people. **The Propagator**, a free newsletter containing Club news, notes of gardening events, tips, etc is distributed via email, with hard copies available at each

meeting for those not on email. During the growing season, there is a produce stall, stocked by members with plants and produce. Vouchers offering discounts on seeds, seed potatoes, young plants and seedlings are available during January and February, with offers on spring bulbs and over wintering onions and shallots come summer. Bulk order discounts are available to members during January with special order forms for sundry goods, such as compost.

Twice a year, there is a growing competition with plug plants being distributed in the spring and bulbs in the autumn for the competition. Day trips are arranged to places of interest.

We are a friendly lot – why not join us for an enjoyable, sociable evening? You do not need to be good at gardening; talks cover a wide variety of subjects. The annual subscription is currently £20, with subs of £2 per meeting. Visitors £5. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm in East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker unless otherwise indicated. For further information, please contact Helen Styles 01935 862447.

There is a page on the East Coker Hall website for the Gardening Club - if you have access to the web, please do go to <http://eastcokervillagehall.co.uk/> and look at the Gardening Club page.

In the meantime, if you would like to know more, please feel free to phone 01935 862447.

Helen

EAST COKER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – SATURDAY 17 AUGUST



Ready – steady – grow, bake, make – show!

As always, the East Coker Flower and Produce Show will be held on the third Saturday in August – which this year is the 17th – at East Coker Hall. This is an “Open” Show, which means that anyone can enter – you do not have to live in the parish of East Coker – all are welcome.

This Show is a local village show - it is not the Chelsea of this world, and we would very much like it to continue for many years to come. If you haven't exhibited before, are uncertain as to what to do, or just need a little encouragement, help is at hand – **please think about entering this year's**

show. Please also encourage youngsters to enter – they are the exhibitors of the future.

The Show Schedule has been finalised and gone for printing. A copy of this year's schedule is on the East Coker Hall website <https://eastcokervillagehall.co.uk>. Hard copies, once back from the printers, will be available from various places, including Goose Slade Farm Shop, the Café in East Coker, East Coker Hall, the Spa Shop on Sandhurst Road, and Forest Hill Stores.



This year there is **dwarf sunflower plant** competition for the children, which is being funded and organised by the East Coker Gardening Club, the seeds having been donated by The Gardens Group.

Age ranges are the same as for the other children's classes – 5 years and under; 6 to 9 years and 10 to 14 years of age. Seedling plants, free of charge, will be available on Saturday 11 May between 10.00am and 12.00pm at East Coker Hall when the Gardening Club will be holding its Annual Plant Sale. The children will be expected to grow the plant on and bring it to the Flower Show. The sunflower chosen for this competition (Little Dorrit) is a dwarf, flowering plant, so do not expect 6ft high plants with huge sunflower heads.

Even if you haven't entered before, please have a go. It is fun, rewarding and an excellent afternoon out. Help will be available on the day to show you where, and how, to place your entries.

We look forward to receiving your entries and to welcoming you to the show at East Coker Hall on Saturday 17 August.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, 01935 862447.

Helen

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 30 April – Dawn Gorman and Rosie Jackson

Dawn Gorman is Poetry Editor of Caduceus magazine, presents West Wilts Radio's The Poetry Place, and works with poetry as a mentor, workshop leader and in therapeutic contexts.

Dawn is widely published in journals and anthologies, including the prize-winning 'Aloneness is a Many-Headed Bird' (2020), a 'conversation in poetry' with Rosie Jackson, and the recent Poems in the Key of Hope, a 'deconstructed' anthology featuring poems printed on postcards, illustrated by Japanese artist Numata Kashu (Hedgehog, 2024).

Rosie Jackson is a poet and creative writing tutor living in Teignmouth, Devon.

Her latest collection is Love Leans over the Table (Two Rivers Press, 2023). Widely published, Rosie has won many awards, including Commended in the National Poetry Competition 2023 (out of 17,800 entries).

Other works include Aloneness is a Many-headed Bird (with Dawn Gorman, 2020), Two Girls and a Beehive: Poems about Stanley Spencer and Hilda Carline (with Graham Burchell, 2020)

Tuesday 28 May Desert Island Poems with Denis Lill

To celebrate our 20th anniversary in 2024, this will be a special 'Desert Island Poems' meeting. Our very first meeting was 'Desert Island Poems' and so it is fitting to mark this milestone with the very same format Sue McKerracher launched our poetry group within May 2004.

Actor Denis Lill is a New Zealander by birth and is well known for his television parts in 'The Royal' and 'Only Fools and Horses' as well as many other film and TV roles.

This should be a lively and fascinating insight into the world of stage and television drama interspersed with the poetry that has caught his attention in a long-acting career.

Contact David Cloke for more info about the group.

- email info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk:
- website www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk will carry details of meetings when they are confirmed.

Best wishes,
David Cloke

FILM NIGHTS 7.30PM AT EAST COKER HALL 2024

£7 a ticket. No need to book. Doors open at 7.00pm for tea and coffee.

Wednesday 24 April

Following on from our film 'One Life' in March, our last film for Spring 2024 will be in April.



'The Miracle Club' (2023).

This film has an impressive lineup of stars: Maggie Smith, Kathy Bates and Laura Linney.

It is set in 1967 Ireland, when 4 old friends travel from Dublin to Lourdes by bus. They all have their reasons to visit Lourdes, hoping for a miracle.

****Films resume in September 2024. Same place, same time.**

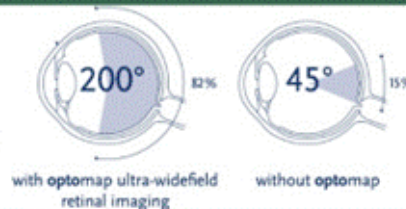
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EAST COKER SCOUTS

The Scouts had a wet and muddy backwoods camp in March. They cooked over an open fire and slept under a tarpaulin. Despite the conditions, they all had a great time. They are now preparing for the Fox Trophy hike competition in April and then the District Camping competition in May.



All our sections have an additional blanket badge to target this year. The Scouts have worked together to select their chosen activities and the backwoods camp ticked off the first ones. Both the Scouts and Cubs have kayaking sessions booked at Sutton Bingham.

On Tuesday evenings, Cubs have been working on their Chef, Book Reader, Athletics and Collector badges.

The Beavers continue with their active programme, including writing their names in Chinese characters and colouring dragons for Chinese New Year. Five Beavers will be moving up to Cubs after Easter.



International opportunities are highlights for anyone within scouting. Faye and Charlie were signed up for Roverway 2024 but due to being overbooked, they have had to withdraw. Somerset County Scouts has come up with an alternative adventure so Charlie and Faye will now be completing their Explorer Belt by travelling through Europe for two weeks this summer. They are booked into Kandersteg International Camp site in Switzerland in the middle of visiting Italy, Germany, and Holland.



We run East Coker Scout Group with a small team of leaders and supporters. If you have any time you feel you could offer us, please do get in touch – this may be anything from helping maintain the scout hut to joining a section each week.

We now have a 1st East Coker Scout Group Facebook page – find us, like us and see what we get up to.

Thank you for all your support.

David Webber, Group Scout Leader
eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

EAST COKER VILLAGE QUIZ

18th Annual East Coker Village Quiz

We had a wonderful mix of 18 teams in East Coker Hall all looking forward to the challenge of the quiz – if you can answer all the questions, it isn't really a quiz! The eight rounds of questions and three tabletop marathons covered topics from trees to musical transport, to the natural world and a spelling bee. At the fish & chip break, five teams were all within a few points at the top. A few jokers were still to be played and the teams continued to work through the marathons.



At the end, the winners by one point were The Cheese; ahead of Bassetts Allsorts and the Spanish Amigos.

The coveted crème eggs were taken home by Cokerridge.

Once again, we thank everyone who supported the event and who helped behind the scenes. You all make the

evening the success that it is. The quiz supports the scouts and goes towards replacing equipment – we have already purchased some new chairs.

For your diary, the next quiz will be:

Saturday March 22, 2025 – 19th Annual East Coker Village Quiz. The quiz will start at 7.00pm. More details to follow closer to the time.

The Quiz Gopher
eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

EAST COKER PLAYGROUP. FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK: EAST COKER PRESCHOOL

Easter eggs are eaten (nearly) and Playgroup is looking forward to a Summer Term of learning and developing with lots of fun. We are ready for some sunshine!

Our next fundraising event is our East Coker Summer Olympics!

Come and join us on Saturday 8 June 2024

from 11am-3pm at The Pavilion, Longfurlong Lane, East Coker.

There will be lots of games, races and activities, BBQ and refreshments, raffle, Olympic quiz.

Come and join us for a tiring or relaxing time!

You can fundraise for East Coker Preschool by using Easy Fundraising <https://www.easypfundraising.org.uk/>.

If you do online shopping, sign up, please choose East Coker Preschool as your cause, download the EasyFundraising app to your smartphone or download the browser extension and when you shop online check if going to a company website via EasyFundraising will generate a donation to our preschool when you spend. A lot of little pennies add up.

***** Saturday 16 November 2024 we are holding a Christmas Market in East Coker Hall.
Please get in touch to book a stall for this fundraising event.**

Children can join us from the age of 2 years. We accept 2-year-old funding, 15-hour Universal Early Years Entitlement, Extended Entitlement 30-hour free childcare, Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers. For more information on support with childcare costs, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk the Childcare Choices website which makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

We are open during term time at the following session times:

Monday	8.00-9.00	12.00-1.00	3.00-4.00
Tuesday	8.00-9.00	12.00-1.00	3.00-4.00
Wednesday	8.00-9.00	12.00-1.00	3.00-4.00
Thursday	8.00-9.00	12.00-1.00	3.00-4.00
Friday	8.00-9.00	12.00-1.00	3.00-4.00

Children staying for lunch need to bring a packed lunch.

Baby and Toddler Session @ East Coker Playgroup, Friday 9.30am-11.00am, £2/family. We have a playroom full of resources and outdoor space to facilitate playing and learning. Pop along and join us for play and chat.

To find out more information, please visit our Facebook page East Coker Preschool.

For more information and to register your child/children for East Coker Playgroup, please contact us 07503 751133 or email office.ecplaygroup@gmail.com.

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The Churches

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS' CHURCH

Despite still being without a full-time rector, St Michael's, along with neighbouring churches across the Coker Ridge Benefice, is very much open for business and continues to enjoy a busy programme. As well as lay worship assistants, we are lucky to have a number of retired clergy living locally who have been given permission to officiate by the Bishop. This allows us to keep our regular services going, to offer one off and special services and to give pastoral support to anyone in the Parish.

As I write this update, we are in the middle of Lent, looking forward to Easter in a couple of weeks. We saw in the season with a Eucharist on Ash Wednesday and have continued to prepare for Easter with a series of Lent study and prayer meetings. Palm Sunday will be celebrated with a united Benefice service held in Hardington and on Easter Sunday Holy Communion will be celebrated in St Michael's. This year, during Holy Week (the week leading up to Easter) we will have visited a number of parishioners who are no longer able to get to church and will celebrate Holy Communion with them in their homes.

*** St Michael's Church Charity Plant Sale and Open Morning – 15 June, 10.00am until 12noon

The popular St Michael's Church Plant Sale is returning. Come along and join us at St Michael's Church for a colourful morning on Saturday 15 June.

The morning will include table-top plant and produce sales, refreshments, a children's treasure hunt and tours of the tower. Bring along a picnic blanket and enjoy your refreshments and the magnificent rolling views from the churchyard.

Events, stalls and refreshments will run from 10am until 12noon. All proceeds will be donated to St Margaret's Hospice.

The Glebe field will be open for parking, and clearly signed.

Come along and explore a wonderful part of our village heritage, whether you are a person of faith or not. Everyone very welcome!

Donations of homegrown plants and produce gratefully received, with further information on where and when to donate nearer the time.

You are always welcome at St Michael's, whether for some time of quiet reflection, or to join us for a service. Information about services can be found online on the 'A Church Near You' website <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11025> on the notice boards in the church porch and in the paddock, or via the Benefice Newsletter which is emailed out on a weekly basis.

To get on that distribution, email the PCC Secretary, Christine Vince, on christinevince2@btinternet.com. We also post news and notices on Facebook – St Michael's Church has a page www.facebook.com/East.Coker.Church which you can like/follow to stay up to date.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please get in touch with our Churchwarden, Toffer Beattie, whose email is tofferb@gmail.com

For baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral care, contact the Benefice Coordinator, Barbs Hampshire, on 01935 864574 or officecokerridge@gmail.com (office hours Wednesday 9.30am – 4.00pm).

Toffer Beattie, Churchwarden

THE CHAPEL AT EAST COKER HALL

We want to give as many people as possible the opportunity to find out what it means to be a Christian. We are continuing to run the 321 course at our Cafe Church on the first Sunday of each month. It is an introduction to Christianity with videos and time for discussion. You can come and just listen or ask us difficult questions as you wish!

Cafe Church is always on the first Sunday of the month, where fresh coffee, croissants and bacon rolls are provided. The 321 course will run until July. You can sign up for free at 321course.com so if you miss a month in person, you can catch up in the comfort of your own home.

We meet at East Coker Hall, 11.00am on Sunday mornings. We are always happy to welcome anyone to join us, even if just to see what goes on! Our services are relaxed and informal and always followed by tea and coffee. We have a variety of talks, our own worship band, and a large number of children of all ages in the 'Kids Church'.

On Tuesday mornings in term-time, the Toddler Group runs from 10.30am – 12.00pm. This is aimed at mums, dads, grandparents, and child carers and incorporates a café area as well as plenty of play space and equipment.

Check out our website <https://www.eastcokerchapel.com/> for more information, and find us on Facebook for information about upcoming meetings and events. You can also contact us by email on ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk even if you are just curious about Christianity and perhaps want to meet with someone to learn more.

Tom Whitman

Village News

GOOSE SLADE FARM SHOP

Our Farm Shop is as usual full of delicious food as well as our well stocked meat fridges with our homemade burgers, sausages, steaks and joints from our home-produced animals. Our butchers are always happy to provide the cuts you would like.

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Tuesday 16 April

Tuesday 14 May

Tuesday 11 June

EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

New SID (speed indication device) in the village of East Coker

Following concerns from residents and many, many months of efforts to complete the plan, East Coker now has a Speed Indicator Device (SID) to remind road users to check their speed. Periodically it will be moved to one of four locations around the village and hopefully encourage all to consider if their speed is appropriate; it will be set to the speed limit, but this is not necessarily the safe speed. Regardless of whether it displays a speed and appropriate message, the unit records non-identifiable information regarding speed and time. This data could be used to review the existing speed limits, but it is hoped that this is not required. The locations of the SID will be Higher Burton, Halves Lane, Coker Marsh Road, and Yeovil Road. Unfortunately, we cannot cover all residential areas due to roadside restrictions.

Council Tax reduction for low income households

If you have to pay Council Tax and you are on a low income, you could get Council Tax Reduction. The rules depend on whether you are of working age, or you have reached the age for state pension. For further information please go to <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/benefits-and-payments/council-tax-reduction/>.

Spring is coming and so are the lambs

With spring upon us, can we please remind all dog owners to keep dogs on leads at all times if you are in, or close to, a field of sheep. Let's try and make it through the year with no disasters! Can we also remind you that when you are out and about enjoying our beautiful countryside, you stick to the footpaths and observe the country code.

100 club

There is still time to enter the 100 club, the proceeds of which will go towards the modernisation of the Pavilion at Long Furlong Lane. It is £10 per ticket, to be paid for by a monthly standing order, running for a minimum of 12 months. The prizes are 1st prize - £120, 2nd prize - £60, 3rd prize - £20, and already there have been 6 lucky prize winners.

So, if you are prepared to have a bit of a flutter, in the name of a good cause, please do visit <https://eastcokerparish.com/?s=100+club> or email Cllr Wintersgill sandi@eastcokerparish.com or the Clerk Clerk@eastcokerparish.com for further information.

New Councillors

The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome two new Councillors, Paul Costello and Jo Chauveau. We are very much looking forward to working with them.

Meeting reminder

Can we remind all Parishioners that our monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7.00pm in the Pavilion, Long Furlong Lane, and all are welcome to attend whether you would like to speak or simply listen to what your council are up to! Please drop the Clerk (Jude) a quick line on clerk@eastcokerparish.com should you wish to speak about any matters.

Fix My Street

This is a great app that allows you to report any issues such as potholes, highways issues, fly tipping, blocked footpaths and much, much, more. It is quick and simple to use, and notifications get sent to, and are actioned by, Somerset Council <https://www.fixmystreet.com/>.

Village Ranger

Our ranger currently visits the village every Tuesday. Please contact clerk@eastcokerparish.com if you see any jobs which need attention.

Recreation ground

Sadly, we are getting reports that dog mess is not being cleared up by owners at the recreation ground. Can we please remind everyone who uses the grounds that it is imperative that you pick up any presents your dog leaves on the fields. This will secure the continued use of this space for dog owners and keep it safe for other users.

Clerk@eastcokerparish.com

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

We will be delivering our Cream Teas again this year on Thursday 13 June. If you would like a delicious individual Cream Tea delivered to your home on that day including 2 scones, 2 pots of jam, clotted cream, strawberries and a teabag for £7.00 each please contact me at janedonnelly81@outlook.com.

Action Medical Research is a UK-wide charity funding vital research to help sick and disabled babies, children and young people. We have been funding medical breakthroughs since we began more than 70 years ago and have helped to beat polio, fight meningitis, prevent stillbirths and develop ultrasound scanning in pregnancy. More information at <https://action.org.uk/>.

Jane

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experimenting with new materials.
All in fun and friendship*

APRIL TERMS 2024 BEGIN:

SATURDAY CLASS 13TH - 10:00 - 12:00

TUESDAY CLASS 16TH - 13:05 - 15:05

WEDNESDAY CLASS 17TH - 13:30 - 15:30

£180 FOR A 10 WEEK COURSE

EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL

Book early to avoid disappointment. Places limited.
To book your place please contact Ellie Farr 07745216811 or at
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QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY January – April 2024

Thurs 11 Apr	Gardening Club – Somerset – Peter Triggs	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 12 Apr	RBL – Postponed Cheese & Wine Evening		
Sat 13 Apr	WI – Jumble Sale	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 16 April	Mobile Library	1.50 – 2.10pm	Helyar Arms
Thurs 18 April	WI – Whist Drive	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 24 April	Film Night – The Miracle Club`	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 25 April	WI – Chocolate Tasting & Quiz	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursdays	Social Badminton – Sally, Tel.01935824238	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 30 April	Poetry Group – Dan Gorman & Rosie Jackson	7.30pm	The Village Cafe
Wed 1 May	Wine Circle – Black Cow Vodka	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 9 May	Gardening Club – Slightly Naughty Plants	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 11 May	Gardening Club - Plant Sale	10.00am	East Coker Hall
Tues 14 May	Mobile Library	1.50 – 2.10pm	Helyar Arms
Thurs 16 May	WI – Whist Drive	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 28 May	Poetry Group – Desert Island Poems	7.30pm	The Village Cafe
Thurs 30 May	WI – Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 5 June	Wine Circle – AGM & Tasting	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 8 June	The Playgroup – Summer Olympics	11am – 3pm	The Pavilion
Tues 11 June	Mobile Library	1.50 – 2.10pm	Helyar Arms
Thurs 13 June	Gardening Club – Greece Graham Salmon	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 13 June	Action Medical Research – Cream Teas		
Sat 15 June	Charity Plant Sale	10.00am – 12noon	St Michael's Church
Thurs 27 June	WI – Visit Sheppy's Cider Farm		
July TBA	Wine Circle – Summer Event		
Sat 17 Aug	EC Flower & Produce Show		East Coker Hall
Sat 22 June	Copy for July Newsletter, or before if possible		
Art Classes – Spring Term (see flyer above)			
Beginning Saturday 13 April		10.00am – 12noon	East Coker Hall
Beginning Tuesday 16 April		1.05 pm – 3.05pm	East Coker Hall
Beginning Wednesday 17 April		1.30pm – 3.30pm	East Coker Hall