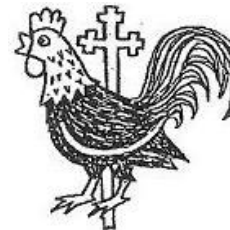


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East Coker Society News

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Sarah Owen

THE QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE – EXHIBITION OF PHOTOS

We had many visitors during the afternoon of the Village Fete to our exhibition of East Coker photos held in the Dampier Room, including an up-to-date digital display of 130 families living in our Parish. We are most grateful to all those who contributed material or took photos.

Sarah Owen

BOOK NOW FOR THE WINTER FAYRE

Saturday 10 November 2012, 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the East Coker Hall

Tables for the Winter Fayre are now available. The price is £2 a foot, for 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-foot tables. Setting up of tables will be from 1.00pm onwards.

Individuals or organisations who wish to reserve a table should please fill in the form below, and send it with either cash or a cheque (made payable to East Coker Society) by 12 October at the latest, to Sarah Owen, Paddock Cottage, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9JP (Tel: 01935 862218). This will ensure your stall is reserved.

WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2012, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL

Name of Organisation.....

Type of Stall.....

Contact Name and Telephone Number.....

Size of table at £2 per foot..... I enclose £.....Signed.....

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY 2012 – PLEASE USE IT!

The 2012 Diary is now at the Stores, East Coker, and can be found in the shop – please ask. **Please put forthcoming village events in the Diary to avoid dates clashing.** Thank you.

Village Clubs and Organisations

TIME TO SHARE

We have just finished our first six months' programme, which included an outing to Weston-Super-Mare in the rain. Even the donkeys were downhearted, but not Time to Share. What a stoical bunch they are.

Here are details for the next few months. We meet at the East Coker Hall from 2.30pm – 4.00p.m. Lots of homemade cake. Everyone welcome.

23 July Birthday party with entertainment.

6 August Swan Theatre and musical quiz with Beryl Snadden and Iris Jenkin (come along and join in the fun of that one!)

20 August Glimpses of old Yeovil 3 September Afternoon tea outing

17 September Old Tyme Music Hall 1 October A policeman's life

Contact: Sandra Snelling 862162 for more information.

EAST COKER 400 CLUB

Summer draw – £100 Mrs Eileen Horwood; £50 Mrs Mary Greenhill; £40 Mr John Cooper; £30 Mrs Alison Charles; £20 Mrs Pauline Gubbins; £15 Mr John Carter; £10 Mr Tony Mitchell.

The 400 Club has been pleased to send a cheque for £250 to St Margaret's Hospice for their funds. If we are to continue to make charitable donations of £100 each year we will need new members.

The annual subs are £20 (payable quarterly by banker's order) and if you would like to join then please contact, Gloria Mead 862364, Mary Ashley 862263 Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472). We hold four draws a year with prizes as above and the aim is to send £1000 each year to local charities or good causes.

EAST COKER ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Our Coffee Morning will be held in East Coker Village Hall on Saturday 6 October, 10.00am – 12noon.

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

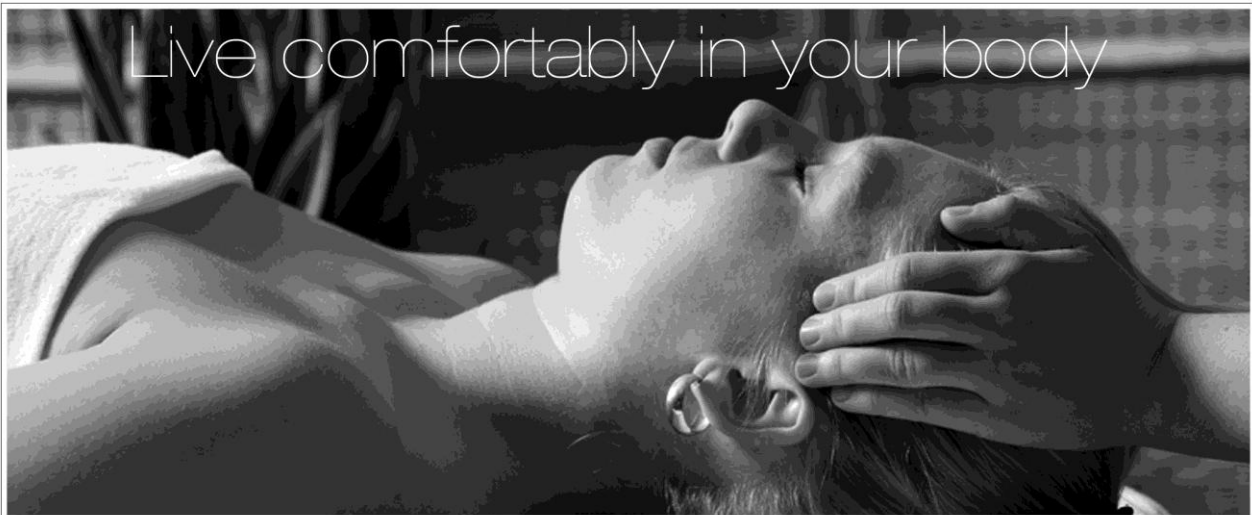
By the time you get this newsletter the Cream Teas will be over. We hope those of you in the village who ordered from us enjoyed them.

This year we delivered 350 by Parcelforce to areas where we don't have a committee and hope to expand this next year.

Many thanks for your support at the Jubilee Fête we made £567 profit from the teas and cakes which was a record.

This year is also the Diamond Jubilee of Action and to celebrate this we are holding a ladies 'Diamond Diva Lunch' on Friday 12 October at The Tithe Barn at The Haselbury Mill. There will be a two course lunch followed by entertainment, a fashion show, beauty treatments and stalls.

Tickets are £28 each. Further details from Jane Donnelly 478409 or Angie Mead 862972.



Are you suffering from joint and muscle stiffness, high blood pressure, headaches or postural and mobility issues, or are you feeling stressed and finding it difficult to cope with your life? Massage can help! As well as smoothing out the aches and pains and tensions it can also contribute to your general sense of well being and aliveness.

Why not take the opportunity to find out how that might feel?

I am a qualified massage practitioner and I live and work in East Coker. You will be treated with sensitivity and respect at all times within a homely and peaceful environment.

To have a chat and/or book an appointment call Rosie on 01935 862767 or 07733121819.

EAST COKER VILLAGE FETE MONDAY 4 JUNE 2012

Thank you all for your support for the Village Fête held over the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Weekend. You will probably remember that most of the week was a wash-out, but we were very blessed in having the best of the days with no rain and even a little sunshine.

Trevor Peacock kindly opened the Fête at short notice and I think it is fair to say that he particularly enjoyed the Sumo Wrestling where he managed to get the better of me on three occasions.

The live music of both The Jug Band and Julie Dunn was very well received, and it was great to have the Donkeys from Weymouth Beach providing rides throughout the day as well as Owls R Us sharing advice and insights.

Derek Marpole kindly organised the Classic Cars again this year, and we also had one or two new stalls. It was particularly good to see the East Coker Society with its display of Memorabilia in the Dampier Room and the Gardening Club well represented, as well as some of our firm favourites back once more. Action Medical Research handled the teas and refreshments, the WI with their cakes and preserves and the Fête really wouldn't be complete without Steve Roles and Thomas the Tank Engine. There are many more of you who deserve a 'thank you' for your time and effort in setting up, taking part and taking down, but I trust that you all had a good time and made some money for your various causes.

Particular thanks to everyone who took part in the Fancy Dress Competition. The entries were amazing.

We have struggled with organising the Scarecrow Competition, and if anyone would like to take this on we will be glad to assist them as we simply do not have the man-power to run it in conjunction with the Fête.

Our total income in excess of expenditure this year amounted to £453.62. Of this, we are making a gift of £30 to St John's Ambulance who provided the First Aid Cover, £30 to Crewkerne Lions, (Cecil Turner is a member of Crewkerne Lions who kindly provided the Tannoy System used on the field), £193.62 to Project Atlas and the balance of £200 to Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

In 2013 we will revert to the usual date for the Village Fête, that is, the first Saturday in July (6 July). Once again, thanks for your support – it wouldn't be the same without you!

Kevin Chapman, Pastor, East Coker Christian Fellowship, Burton Lane.
www.eastcoker.com

SAVE EAST COKER

At last SSDC has announced the timetable for publication of its proposed Local Plan and the associated period of public consultation. All who made representations during the previous consultation period will have been notified by email or letter that the Plan will be published on 28 June and this will mark the start of a six week consultation period ending on 10 August. The letter/email also gives details of how to view the proposed Plan and make representations to the Council.

In the six-week public consultation period it will be essential that as many people as possible make written, or online, representations to SSDC about the published version of South Somerset Local Plan 2006-2028 (previously called the Core Strategy). These will be sent by the Council to the Planning Inspector and so it is crucial that he/she sees the evidence and the strength of feeling which exist against the Council's plans. None of the 3,000 representations which have been made so far will be carried forward after the final version of the Plan is published so it is vital that everybody makes their comments by 10 August.

To give everyone an opportunity to understand the key threats posed by SSDC's Plan and how objections should be made to be most effective, East Coker Parish Council, East Coker Preservation Trust and the East Coker Society are organising an open evening at the **East Coker Hall on 16 July at 7.00pm to 9.00pm**. This will be a 'drop in' style evening so please come along and discuss how you can best make representations to the Council.

The Trust is retaining planning consultants to assist in the formulation of its representations to the Council and we will continue to take legal advice on the best approach for this task. Looking to the longer term we will continue to work with our legal advisers in preparation for a legal challenge which may be needed if the published Plan is not significantly different from the previous Draft Core Strategy. As you will be aware, planning experts' and barristers' fees can be very costly so it is essential that we do everything we can to support the fund-raising events which are planned for the coming months.

We have set up a fund raising committee headed by Gloria Woodford. This team is currently planning a programme for the coming months. The first two events on the Monday of the Jubilee weekend – the Tombola at the Village Fete and the raffle at the evening Picnic at the Rec – got the task off to a flying start and we raised a total of £1200.

Forthcoming events:

6 July – Ladies' buffet lunch at Tellis Farm (SOLD OUT).

11 August – Coffee morning, 6 Mill Close, 10.30am – 12 noon (contact Anne Hartley 862060).

8 September – Picnic at the Priory 6.30pm (contact Di Miskin 862854).

28 September – Coffee morning, Helyar Arms 10.30am.

Autumn – Auction of Promises, plus other events in preparation.

If you have any ideas for fund raising initiatives or would be willing to help with this crucial activity then please contact Gloria on 863633.

Many thanks to all of you who have pledged financial support for the legal challenge. We will keep you informed of progress on this front. We will still need to raise significant funds so if you wish to discuss pledges or donations to support the Trust's work, please contact the treasurer, Richard Vanderpump.

SSDC LOCAL PLAN TIMETABLE

28 June	Proposed Local Plan 2006-2028 published
28 June – 10 August	Public consultation on published plan – 6 weeks
November ??	Examination by HM Planning Inspector
Early 2013	HM Planning Inspector's report sent to SSDC
Spring 2013	Consideration of Planning Inspector's report and adoption by Council

ECPT contacts:

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Amelia Bennett 423894
Sandra Snelling 862162

Martyn Sowerbutts 863313
Peter Woodford 863633

Richard Vanderpump 864565
John Fysh 863963

EAST COKER PRESERVATION TRUST

To endeavour to raise a little more money for the Preservation Trust, Jane and Lesley are holding a '**POSH**' bric-a-brac stall, with your help, at the East Coker Society Winter Fayre on 10 November.

However, it will depend entirely on how many items we can collect, and this is where we would like to enlist your help! If you have a small item you would like to donate, we would be very grateful – it could be jewellery, china, linen, (small items), wood, silver, or even gold!! We would stress that we do not want jumble items, please.

Contact Jane Sperring on 862937 or Lesley Lindsay on 862868

EAST COKER READING GROUP

We have two groups meeting once a month. The evening group (currently 8 members) meets in individual members' homes for about two hours (usually) on the first Tuesday of each month. The daytime group (currently 5 members) meets for about one hour in the East Coker Tea Rooms on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (but meetings dates do vary to accommodate member's wishes).

As the Library now charges Reading Groups a monthly fee we, in turn, charge a fee of 50p to each member.

If you are interested in joining either group or wish to have more details of what we do please do contact Kevin Chapman on 07812726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk

EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW & WINE FESTIVAL

Saturday, 18 August, 2012 at 2.00pm at the East Coker Hall

Schedules are now available from Vicki at the village shop; we hope to see everyone there either entering a class or just to give support.

Photography Class Christmas Friendship This England Boats New-born
Two pairs of photographs each 'Inside and Out' (a group of four).

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

July to October

12 July – Somerset Land and Food – Linda Hull and Nicole Vosper

9 August – Club's Growing Competition and Show

11 September – Autumn Day Trip to Tyntesfield

13 September – Autumn Cuttings – Neil Lovesey, Picket Lane Nursery

11 October – Garden Design: Keep it Easy – Sally Leaney

Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm in the East Coker Hall, Halves Lane. Why not join us? Or come as a non-member (entry £3) to any topic that's of interest to you, you'll be most welcome.

For further information about the club please ring Kathryn Sturtridge on 862275.

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 31 July – Poems and Places

Tuesday 4 September – Robert Browning Bicentenary

Events are held in the Skittles Alley or Apple Loft Restaurant of the Helyar Arms at 7.30pm

For more information about the East Coker Poetry Group, contact David Cloke, Group Co-ordinator 862623, or Ian White 864206 email info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk Website: www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk

EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We have had an extremely interesting programme so far this year with plenty of 'hands on' experiences with quilling, short mat bowls and cookery tips. Last month we were introduced to kiln-fused glass jewellery. When the speaker had discovered this fascinating hobby she used it to raise thousands of pounds for charity. The Women's Institute joined The Players during the Jubilee Celebrations and produced their own version of Andy Pandy on the Friday and Saturday evenings. In early June we were taken on a tour of Bradford Abbas by the History Society and shown many places of interest off the beaten track. By the time this newsletter is read we shall have visited Cothelstone Manor, near Taunton, for a private tour and tea. In July we are having a talk on Bristol Blue Glass and in August a visit by a mobile potter who will actually bring his wheel to demonstrate how pots are thrown. In September we are holding an OPEN EVENING when members of Lawrence's Antique salerooms will be giving valuations on items brought that evening. Because of the anticipated popularity of this event it will begin at 7.00pm instead of the usual 7.30pm start. The autumn whist drives will recommence on Thursday 20 September. Any information required about the W.I. please contact secretary Ruby Rollo tel 475010.

Diary dates

Thursday 26 July	East Coker Hall, 7.30pm – Bristol blue glass
Thursday 30 August	East Coker Hall 7.30pm – Mobile potter
Thursday 20 September	East Coker Hall 7.30pm – Whist drive
Thursday 27 September	East Coker Hall 7.00pm – Antiques Road Show, Lawrence's valuations.

EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

East Coker Wine Circle continues their run of successes at major festivals with 19 trophies at the Wales & West Festival which attracted 1,600 entries from all over Britain.

Vince Wolny, who gained most points, was also judged to be Master Winemaker, while Mo Western gained two major trophies, including most points by a lady exhibitor. Husband Terry gained most points by a judge. East Coker Circle also won the group fancy dress competition.

The Circle gained 12 firsts, six seconds, six thirds, ten very highly commended, nine highly commended and four commended.

Fresh from their three months' cruise, entertaining aboard a Walt Disney liner, Fine Whines Jazz has agreed to play during the afternoon at the BBQ on the Vicarage Lawn on Sunday, 15 July. Tickets available from the Treasurer on 863555.

Following the success last year of more tastings and alcohol-related speakers, the circle has repeated the formula for the coming year. The new programme begins on 1 August with a commercial wine tasting by a Waitrose wine-buyer, followed by a tasting given by Laithwaites on 5 September. For the first of the general interest evenings, Somerset Museum will be presenting a 'Touch & Feel' evening on 26 September. A masterclass in bread making will be given by Oxford Bakery, Alweston, on 7 November. To complete the year, a 'Swirl, Sniff and Slurp' wine-tasting will be presented by members of the Wine Circle on 5 December when there will also be wine and bread competitions and a bread and cheese supper. A weekend trip is being planned and the now traditional theatre visit to the Octagon, to see 'Half a Sixpence' has been arranged for Wednesday 10 October.

The Wine Circle normally meets on the first Wednesday in the month at the East Coker Hall at 8.00pm unless otherwise publicised. New members and guests are always welcome and, for a £12 a year membership fee, you can be guaranteed a value for money programme. The Circle would also like to encourage non-members to enter the Wine Festival, held under the auspices of the East Coker Flower Show, on Saturday, 16 August.

For further information please telephone 862816 or visit our website: www.eastcokerwinecircle.co.uk

Diary dates:

Sunday 15 July	Summer Event, Vicarage Lawn, from 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 August	Waitrose wine tasting 8.00pm
Wednesday 5 September	Laithwaites wine tasting 8.00pm
Wednesday 26 September	Somerset Museum – 'Touch & Feel' 8.00pm
Wednesday 7 November	Bread-making masterclass 8.00pm
Friday 9 November	Annual Eating Out (guests welcome)
Wednesday 5 December	'Swirl, Sniff and Slurp' – members' wine presentation

EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings in April and May were very well supported and generated £550 and £280 for the Yeovil Hospital Special Care Baby Unit and Sutton Bingham Church respectively.

Following the June event for Yeovil Opportunity Group (Special Needs Pre-School) the next coffee mornings will be for:

- Sunflower Centre, St Margaret's Hospice in July
- Local cancer charity in August
- Save East Coker, ECP Trust in September

Please come along to the Helyar Arms on the last Friday of the month and give your support to these deserving local causes.

Many thanks to Matt and all the staff at the Helyar for the continued support they give to these popular village get-togethers.

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313 Penny Marpole 863055

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EAST COKER PLAYERS

The Players would like to thank everyone involved in the successful Diamond Jubilee Show. Two great social evenings with plenty of reminiscing, humour and singing. Thank you Anne for putting it all together.

We are pleased to announce that the Village Pantomime for this year will be Mother Goose.

Performance dates will be on Friday 30 November at 7.30pm and Saturday 1 December at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Preparations are well underway and auditions for main character parts will be held on Monday 16 July at 7.00pm in the Dampier Room.

First Rehearsal will be on Monday 3 September 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Dampier Room.

This year there are more characters and an active chorus, so we will need more cast members. If you think you would like to join us for this production (minimum age 8 years), we would love to hear from you. No acting or singing experience necessary. Come and have some fun during the autumn evenings.

If you do not think being on the stage is for you, there are plenty of things to do in preparation and back stage that you may enjoy. Yearly subscription Adults £5; Children £2.

Wardrobe Person/s – Urgently required. Ability to sew with a flexible and unconventional approach to needlework.

For further details or information contact Anne Hartley 862060 or Hazel Giddings 429163

THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME

Having a top-up in January/February and a fill-up in July/August is working well. This January's order ran to 23,500 litres in 32 drops, so we were topping-up on a grand scale. The price of heating oil in pence has been between the low 50s and low 60s since February 2011 and as I write this on 20 June it is dropping. It must be a good time to fill up and as usual the more of us join in, the better the price we should get. As I've said before, the scheme is a great benefit to those who order less than 1000ltrs. In January larger orders saved almost 2p per litre over quoted prices for 1000+ltrs and smaller orders (the majority) almost 4p over the price for less than 1000ltrs. So we all helped each other.

Before you ask, we just do the donkey-work; collecting the requirements, ringing round the suppliers and placing the order and you pay the supplier directly. Please note that with some suppliers the delivery note is also the request for payment and there may be a surcharge if you don't pay promptly. If you have already taken part and found it worthwhile, encourage your friends and neighbours to join in. The more we can order, the better the price.

To participate, or with any questions, contact me, preferably by email (pauleddwards@waitrose.com) or 864413. Email makes it much easier to circulate information and I do not divulge email addresses. I circulate an email reminder before co-ordinating each order.

Let me know your requirements by 7:00pm on Wednesday 18 July. Please do not ring and ask what the price will be. I will not know it until I have collated the requirements and rung the suppliers.

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LITTLE WHEELERS

This is a mother-and-toddler group meeting in the East Coker Hall on a Tuesday morning from 10.30am until 12.00 noon, during term time. We shall be commencing a new term on Tuesday 11 September and parents/guardians and toddlers are welcome to join with us. The cost is £2.50 per family per morning.

If you would like any further information please contact Janet Wonfor on 863647.

www.eastcoker.com

EAST COKER TEA-ROOMS

Ann, Marilyn, Penny and the students welcome regular and new customers to The Tearooms (near the School). We are open every day from 9.00am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday throughout the year for coffee and cakes, light lunches and tea and cakes, serving good home-cooked food. Cream teas are also available with prior notice.

We also have a 'Book swap' in the Tearooms, you may borrow a book, or just sit and read it with a cup of coffee and one of the delicious cakes!

We are closed Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

For more information, visit our website www.eastcokertearooms.co.uk Telephone 863351

EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

Autumn Jumble Sale – Saturday 20 October at East Coker Hall from 2.00pm.

REMEMBER WE WILL COLLECT. Contact Max Bugler 862186

Waste Paper Collections – The collection point is opposite the School on the last Saturday of each month from 8.30am to 10.30am. If possible please flat-pack your newspapers and tie into bundles.

Saturday 28 July

Saturday 25 August

Saturday 29 September

The Churches

ST. MICHAEL'S

Writing just after the Diamond Jubilee weekend, it's wonderful to look back on the village's celebrations with very warm memories: the 'Diamond Necklace for the Queen', the Village Fête, the Picnic in the Park were all delightful, happy events that brought the village together in a wonderful spirit of fun and celebration. At the church, our flower arrangers produced the most magnificent displays that were visually stunning, filled the church with the most beautiful fragrance and provided the perfect red, white and blue backdrop for our Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving when we were joined by the members of the Christian Fellowship and representatives of the Parish Council. A packed church, and the accompaniment of organ, trumpet and choir, made for uplifting singing and a heartfelt sense of unity. London may have had all the big set-pieces, but it was a joy to feel the village, festooned with flags and bunting, create a sense of festivity that enabled us all to express our gratitude and affection for the Queen on such an historic occasion. Closworth, too, had a wonderful bring-and-share supper, hastily re-sited to an atmospheric barn as rain forced a change of plan, but failed to dampen spirits. A big 'thank you' to everyone who worked so hard in so many different ways to make our celebrations such a pleasure to be part of.

The Rev'd Charles Hatton.

Services

Sunday 8 July	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 15 July	10.00am Sung Eucharist	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 22 July	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 29 July	10.30am Matins	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 5 August	10.30am Family Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 12 August	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 19 August	10.00am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 26 August	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 2 September	10.30am Pet Service	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 9 September	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 September	10.00am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 23 September	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 30 September	10.30am Mattins	6.00pm Evensong

10.00am United Benefice Service at Hardington Mandeville. All welcome

NB Harvest Supper at the East Coker Hall on Wednesday 3 October at 7.00pm

ALL SAINTS' CLOSWORTH

Services

Sunday 8 July	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 15 July	10.00am Family Service
Sunday 22 July	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 August	10.00am Family Service
Sunday 26 August	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 9 September	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 16 September	10.00am Family Service
Sunday 23 September	9.00am Holy Communion

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SUTTON BINGHAM

Services

Sunday 15 July	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 5 August	9.00am Holy communion
Sunday 19 August	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 2 September	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 September	11.30am Holy Communion

A coffee morning held in May raised £280 for the funds. Thank you to all who came, to Penny and Cherry and the staff at the Helyar Arms.

Churchwarden Heather Snook 474138

EAST COKER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BURTON LANE

Weekly Meetings – Sundays 11.00am. 2nd Sunday of the month is a Family Service. Other services as announced. **All** are welcome to **all** of our services.

Coffee Stop – The Hall is open every Wednesday from 11.00am until 1.00pm for coffee and tea. There are usually some 10-14 people present. Everyone is welcome to come along and it is simply meant to be a place where friends can get together for a chat. There is no charge for the refreshments.

We also run a **Home Group** for anyone who may be interested in discussing the Christian faith and there is a youth group meeting midweek for those between 18 and 30.

Kevin Chapman is available from Tuesday to Friday. He can be contacted on 07812726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk Please do feel free to contact him if you have any queries about the Christian faith or if you would like someone to pray with you or simply to talk to. Alternatively you may wish to look at our website on www.eastcokerchapel.co.uk

'Unto Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen' Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 20 and 21.

BIBLE MID-WEEK MEETINGS 2012 – A series on the life and ministry of Elijah

Wednesday 25 July – Tim Lewis, St John's, Yeovil – a love that labours – 1 Thess 2:1 – 3:13
Wednesday 15 August – Peter Bannister – a life that pleases – 1 Thess 4:1-12
Wednesday 19 September – Ian Lewis, St Bart's, Bath – a hope that endures – 1 Thess 4:13 18

These meetings will take place in the East Coker Hall at 7.00pm.

Do join us and bring your friends with you. Refreshments are served after each meeting.

For further details, please contact Edward Armitstead 862785 or Roy Hodder 862519

Village News

It's official! Sam has made the Olympics in Modern Pentathlon.

The event takes place on Saturday 11 August, and hopefully it will be shown on one of the Olympic Channels 301 or 302. The programme is as follows.

8.45am – fencing

1.20pm – swimming

3.20pm – riding

6.45pm – combined run/shoot – this is the most exciting one!

This is the second time Sam has made the Olympics. He came 10th in Beijing.

Best of luck from family, friends and all the village.

Annette and David Weale (very proud parents)

Sam's story

Sam Weale of Broadacres East Coker has again been selected for the Olympics in Modern Pentathlon. There are only two places available from Great Britain, and three competitors qualified. Sam is currently ranked 17th in the Olympic World rankings and has had to compete in many competitions all over the world this year to gain this qualification. It has been very tough, and there have been a few ups and downs along the way including faulty lazer targets last year in the European Championships, and a dodgy horse in the World Cup final in China recently, but he has battled on!

For those who don't know what Modern Pentathlon entails, I will give a quick résumé. The day starts with 2 and half hours of fencing. Half an hour later the warm up for the 200m swim begins. After the swim there is a short break for lunch and they are allocated a horse and have 20 minutes to get to know it and then have to jump 12 jumps in the riding arena of Olympic standard height! An hour later they are running 3000m with three stop-offs after each 1000m run to shoot 5 shots in the bullseye before they can run the next 1000m. It is a gruelling event, and what makes it even worse is they have to do the whole thing twice over as they have semi-finals and then a day's break and then the final. At least the Olympics event is a straight final, so is easier in that respect, but of course only the best 36 athletes in the world are there! It takes a lot of skill, endurance and dedication to do Modern Pentathlon but he loves it and has been his life for the last 14 years at least!

ANDY (PETER) ADAMS

Dorrie and family would like to thank everyone who came to Andy's funeral on 17 April, sent beautiful cards and who have been so kind and helpful during this difficult time.

He was special person and we will miss him very much. It is times like this that one appreciates being part of a village community.

GOOSEY FAYRE, SAVE THE DATE - SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

We will be holding our 4th Annual Goosey Fayre on Michaelmas Day this year, Saturday 29 September.

Come and enjoy a family day out with all the fun of the fair at Goosey Fayre. From 12.00pm onwards, BBQ; bar; cream teas; food tastings and much more. **Free entry.**

Goose Slade Farm Shop, East Coker. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 6.00pm. Morning coffee and cream teas available. Tel: 863735

T S ELIOT EVENT

To be held in the gardens of Naish Priory on the afternoon of Sunday 15 July, 2.00pm – 6.00pm in cooperation with the TSE Summer School, East Coker Poetry Society, East Coker Society and the EC Preservation Trust. For further information 863963

THANK YOU

After all the celebrations, I would like to express my thanks to all the organisers, especially for the special Jubilee celebrations, but also, for all the 'normal', 'everyday' events and meetings that go on in spite of the general apathy of us public! – All the committees of the clubs, circles, groups.

I know what it is like, as I have served on committees in the past and fully appreciate the hard work that everyone involved puts in and the frustration that the hoi polloi fail to respond. As one of the hoi polloi, I know that we sit back and just expect things to happen; we buy tickets at the last minute; fail to read the notices in the Newsletter; expect to be able to turn up on the night; or simply can't be bothered!

The organisers on the other hand work tirelessly with great passion to try to encourage us to take part and they must despair when we do not react.

To all the organisers and committees – THANK YOU.

Peter Cameron, East Cottage

THANK YOU – ST. MARGARET'S HOSPICE

Thank you so much to everyone who attended at Weavers Lodge, East Coker on Saturday 19 May 2012 for the plant sale in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice. We made a record £693 which far exceeded our hopes. The extremes in weather certainly challenged us to grow everything in time.

I would like to thank Ruth and Sarah for helping out on the day. Also to Ruth Holliday, Crystal Courtyard, Greensleeves Nursery at Odcombe, B and Q and The Gardens, Brimsmore for donating lovely raffle prizes, and to those who donated but couldn't come.

Looking forward to next year!

Christine and Glenn Seymour

GREAT BALLOON RACE! – SUNDAY 15 JULY

The race is in aid of the **Children of Fiji**. There will be a 'Mass Balloon Release' on Sunday 15 July at 3.00pm at Cattistock Playing Field.

There is a PRIZE of a Hot Air Balloon Ride for 2 people for the owner of the balloon which travels furthest.

Balloons can be purchased at £1 each from Jacqueline Clough 850256



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EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Kim Close, South Somerset District Council Area Development Manager, attended the March meeting to explain the work of her team – providing front desk services at Petters House and regeneration of areas of the town. They want to work with rural areas and the Parish Council are currently seeking their support to improve facilities within the Parish.

East Coker Cricket Club sought the re-instatement of their practice wicket which had been removed by Western Power Services to enable a new pole to be erected. Paul Morton, Chair of the Cricket Club, had calculated costings for the materials and Councillor Kath Wilson was successful in making a funding bid to the Wellbeing of Yeovil Association for these costs, with the Parish Council funding the contractors, who will be supported by members of the club. There has been a delay in getting started, as East Coker Cockerels Football Club asked the Parish Council to consider the provision of a 9 v 9 pitch to support a new youth initiative of the Football Association. Unfortunately, after much measuring and investigation that has not been possible and so the practice wicket will be developed during late June/early July.

The Parish Council have been investigating the potential provision of a dog-waste bin at the end of Burton Lane. When the logistics of emptying the container and suitable positioning have been overcome, it is hoped to add this extra facility.

More refurbishment has taken place with the Pavilion having wood replaced and completely re-painted. Also an exterior tap has been installed to help the sports clubs to access water for the pitches more easily. At the same time, internal taps were replaced as the old ones were sub-standard and not efficient.

A number of Parish Councillors and other members of the community spoke at both the Area South and Full Council meetings and parishioners have been kind enough to come to thank people for their efforts. The working group of the Parish Council dealing with the Local Plan (previously known as the Core Strategy) are currently investigating the involvement of a Planning Consultant to help in the response to the Planning Inspector. There has been some slippage in South Somerset District Council's production of the final version of the Local Plan, which will have a consultation period of 6 weeks from publication.

The Parish Council will be distributing an information sheet at that time giving 'top tips' for those people who wish to respond. As previous responses will not be taken into account, this will be very important for those wanting to take action.

Councillors Horsley and Griffin produced an excellent funding bid for County Councillor Cathy Bakewell to apply for a Minor Highway Improvement grant to improve the walkway from Tellis Cross to the school. We will know the outcome of the bid within the next couple of months. The same councillors have been working hard to analyse the data collected from the County Council's speed survey through the village. It is hoped that a report will soon be ready and shared appropriately with parishioners.

For several months, there has been ongoing communication between the Parish Council and County Highways to repair the verge broken away at Darvole. Whilst there has been no positive response as yet, we will continue to try to put pressure on to have this potentially dangerous hole repaired. However, Highways have agreed to repair the corner of road fallen away in Halves Lane by inserting a 'sleeve'.

After several months of planning, the Parish Council were delighted with the support that was given to the Queen's Jubilee 'Picnic in the Rec' on Monday 4 June. It was apparent that people were enjoying themselves in spite of falling temperatures as the evening progressed!! Much hard work was undertaken by many people under the leadership of Councillor Stan Shayler. We would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who played a part in making the event such a success.

The surplus money that was generated will be put into Parish Council funds and used to enhance life within the parish. The first spend will be to replace the well used picnic table and benches in the play area at the Pavilion.

Pictures of the event will soon be available on the East Coker Parish Council website www.eastcokerparish.com

Councillor Kath Wilson on behalf of East Coker Parish Council

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS – Bank Holiday Day Changes for 2012

Summer 27 August – 1 September – All collections one day later.

SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

The mobile library visiting times have changed and will be on a Tuesday every four weeks at the Helyar Arms, 2.30pm – 2.45pm. This is now the only stopping point in East Coker.

10 July 7 August 4 September 2 October

STAMPS FOR C.L.I.C. (Cancer & Leukaemia in Children)

A big bag of stamps has just been taken to the CLIC Shop in Yeovil, so thank you to the residents of East Coker who take them into Vicki at the Stores. They are then reused to make money for this charity, which funds vital research.

POLICE NEWSBEAT

From Your Local Safer Stronger Neighbourhoods Police Team

Just a short update from the Police this time, to advise that I, PC Jackie Poole, have now taken over as the Beat Manager for the area as of the 1 February 2012. I have been a beat manager for 3 years in Yeovil and myself and PCSO Tony Over have extended our beats to cover The Coker Ward.

We must make you all aware that we have had a number of burglaries in the Yeovil area, both houses and garages. Please ensure that you close and lock all doors and windows, and secure your garages. Do not leave valuable items in sheds as these are always difficult to secure.

Finally, we are also suffering from an increase in vehicle crime, and would always advise you not to leave any items such as handbags, credit cards, cash, mobile phones or sat-navs on view in your vehicle. Please don't make yourself a target!!

Anyone knowing any information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111

Contact details:

Telephone – Urgent calls “999”

Non-urgent calls – New number, now 101 and ask for either PCSO 8411 Tony Over or PC 3573 Jackie Poole

Email tony.over@avonandsomerset.police.uk

jackie.poole@avonandsomerset.police.uk

RAINFALL, EAST COKER

T S Eliot had me on toast in the month of May this year, when he wrote in 'Gerontion' (1920):

Here I am, an old man in a dry month
Being read to by a boy, waiting for rain.

Actually, most of us in East Coker had been waiting to be rained on in customary degree for most of 2010 and 2011 – two years in which the average rainfall was well short of the prior fifteen years (38ins 96.5cm), and scarcely thirty inches (76cm) fell. 2012 started with no more than four inches (10cm) in the first quarter, and then things began to buck up. April 2012 yielded rain on twenty of its days, and generously enough to provide a total of 7½ins (19cm) for the whole month. How the daffodils feasted, whilst the forest trees drank fulsomely.

May, however, did not follow its predecessor's copious example. It rained on only eight days, none of it heavy, and notching up only two inches (5cm) by 15 May, and no more in the second half of the month.

Fortunately, June was another matter, with several falls of heavy rain in the first twenty-one days and an exact total of 5½ins (14cm), (the month has another week from now to run while the Newsletter is printed). Suffice it, however, that the second quarter of the year has so far produced just over fourteen inches (35.5cm) of rain, and this level, if maintained for the rest of 2012, should return to at least the averages of 1996 – 2009. Keep your fingers crossed, the famous golfer Ron Smith being excused!

Clive Bingley

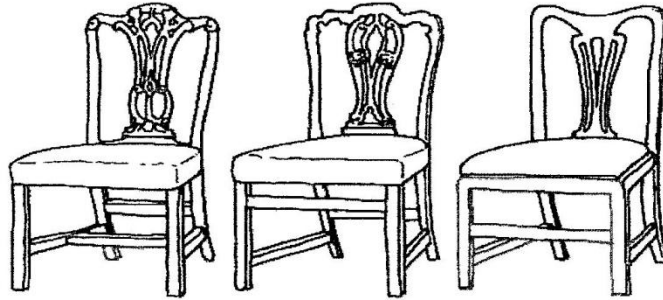
QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY: JULY 2012 - OCTOBER 2012

Mon 9 July	TTS – Lois Crisp's Garden Party		2.30pm
Tues 10 July	Library		2.30pm-2.45pm
Thurs 12 July	Gardening Club – Somerset Land & Food	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Sun 15 July	Summer BBQ Event – Vicarage Gardens		From 12.30pm
Sun 15 July	TS Eliot	Naish Priory	2.00pm -6.00pm
Mon 16 July	ECPT – Drop-in Meeting	East Coker Hall	7.00pm – 9.00pm
Mon 23 July	Time to Share – Birthday Party	East Coker Hall	2.30pm-4.00pm
Thurs 26 July	W.I. – Bristol Blue Glass	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 27 July	Coffee Morning – St Margaret's Hospice	Helyar Arms	10.30am – 12noon
Sat 28 July	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am-10.30am
Tues 31 July	Poetry Group – Poems and Places	Helyar Arms	7.30pm
Wed 1 Aug	Wine Circle – Wine-tasting	East Coker Hall	8.00pm
Mon 6 Aug	Time to Share – Swan Theatre		2.30pm-4.00pm
Tues 7 Aug	Library		2.30pm-2.45pm
Thurs 9 Aug	Gardening Club – Competition & Show	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Sat 11 Aug	ECPT – Coffee Morning	Mill Close	10.30am-12noon
Sat 18 Aug	Flower Show	East Coker Hall	2.00pm
Mon 20 Aug	Time to Share – Old Yeovil	East Coker Hall	2.30pm -4.00pm
Sat 25 Aug	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am-10.30am
Thurs 30 Aug	W.I. – Mobile Potter	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 31 Aug	Coffee Morning – Cancer Charity	Helyar Arms	10.30am – 12 noon
Mon 3 Sept	Time to Share – Afternoon Tea Outing		
Tues 4 Sept	Library		2.45pm
Tues 5 Sept	Poetry Group – Robert Browning	Helyar Arms	7.30pm
Wed 5 Sept	Wine Circle – Wine-tasting	East Coker Hall	8.00pm
Sun 8 Sept	Picnic at the Priory	Naish Priory	6.30pm
Tues 11 Sept	Gardening Club – Trip to Tyntesfield		
Thur 13 Sept	Gardening Club – Autumn Cuttings	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Mon 17 Sept	Time to Share – Old Tyme Music Hall	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thur 20 Sept	W.I. – Whist Drive	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Thur 20 Sept	Copy required for October Newsletter		
Wed 26 Sept	Wine Circle – Somerset Museum	East Coker Hall	8.00pm
Thur 27 Sept	W.I. – Lawrence's	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 28 Sept	Coffee Morning – ECPT	Helyar Arms	10.30am – 12 noon
Sat 29 Sept	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am-10.30am
Sat 29 Sept	Goosey Fair – Gooselade Farm Shop		From 12 noon
Mon 1 Oct	Time to Share – A Policeman's Life	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tues 2 Oct	Library		2.45pm
Wed 3 Oct	Harvest Supper	East Coker Hall	7.00pm
Sat 6 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	East Coker Hall	10.00am – 12 noon
Thurs 11 Oct	Gardening Club – Garden Design	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 12 Oct	Action Medical Research – Lunch	Haselbury Mill	

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in July 2012. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or e-mail l.lindsay@eastcoker.com or to The Stores, East Coker by **Thursday 23 September 2012**. Thank you.

KEN MARSH u p h o l s t e r y



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