

East Coker Society Newsletter



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East Coker Society News

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – PLEASE USE IT!

The 2014 Diary is now at the Village 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.

'DISCOVER EAST COKER' – WALKING PACK

A new 'Discover East Coker' pack which includes photographs, details about places of interest, a detailed map and five fully researched walks supplied in a plastic wallet is available for £2 from the following outlets:

East Coker Village Store	The Forester's Arms
East Coker Tea Rooms	The Helyar Arms
Goose Slade Farm Shop	The Yeovil Court Hotel
Butchers & Post Office, West Coker	Yeovil Tourist Information Centre
St Michael's Church Bookstall	Cartgate Tourist Information Centre

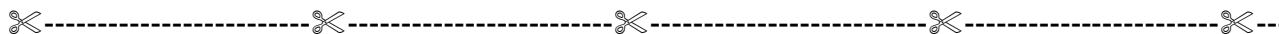
We hope residents and visitors will use this guide to explore our beautiful parish.

BOOK NOW FOR THE WINTER FAYRE

Saturday 25 October 2014 2.00pm – 4.00pm at East Coker Village Hall

Tables for the Winter Fayre are now available for individuals or organisations. 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.

If you wish to reserve a table, please initially contact Sarah Owen, tel: 01935 862218 and then complete the form below, and send it with either cash or cheque (made payable to East Coker Society) **by 30 September** to Paddock Cottage, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9JP. This will ensure your stall is reserved.



WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 25 OCTOBER 2014, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL

Name of Organisation.....

Type of Stall.....

Contact Name.....

Telephone Number.....email.....

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

BONFIRES

Please consider your neighbours before having a bonfire in the middle of the day. Also, think of the direction of the wind. Later in the afternoon allows washing to be dried, leaves to be raked and gardening to be done without having to retreat indoors from bonfire smoke and falling ash.

Village Clubs and Organisations

IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ – EAST COKER PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

We need your responses to the latest stage in the development of the Neighbourhood Plan, our document to guide the future of our Parish. At the end of the newsletter, please find a 2 page form which we would ask you to complete and return as indicated by 12 July.

TIME TO SHARE

Time to Share had a lovely sunny outing to Exmouth on 16 June, with a trip along the River Exe and a cream tea. We all had a wonderful time, and my nursing skills were not needed until we were on the way home!

Here is our fun programme for the next three months:

Monday 14 July – Birthday and Garden Party at Lois Crisp's house in Nash Lane

Monday 28 July – Amusing Tales of a Parliamentary Candidate

Monday 4 August – Irene's Secret Play

Monday 18 August – Take Note

Monday 15 September – Outing

Monday 1 September – AGM and Bring and Buy

Monday 29 September – Folk Songs in Somerset

Sandra Snelling 862162 Mobile 07717723448 email sandra.snelling@googlemail.com

EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

The event in March for Cystic Fibrosis raised £306, followed by £242 in April, for the School in a Bag appeal, and £250 for Inner Wheel supporting Mind in May.

The forthcoming events will be for

- Flying Colours (Yeovil Hospital) appeal on Friday 25 July
- Mind (South Somerset) on Friday 29 August
- East Coker Players on Friday 26 September

We now have a full calendar of events for this year but if you, or anyone you know, would like to hold a coffee morning for a charity in 2015 please contact Cherry or Penny.

Please come along to the Forester's Arms and give your continued support to all these deserving causes.

Many thanks to Charlotte, and all the staff at the Forester's, for the support they give to these popular village get-togethers.

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313

Penny Marpole 863055

EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW AND WINE FESTIVAL

The schedules are ready and available at the village shop. The show is on Saturday 16 August at 2.00pm. We are open for entries at 8.00am on the day to set up, and the judging will start at 11.00am. Some of the classes are Fruit and Vegetables; Flowers; Floral Art – with a change from sparkle to Seaside arrangement; Home-craft; Crafts; Photography – Insects, Door(s), Vegetables, Tower(s), Fun and a group of 4 photographs of Favourite Somerset Views, each (6in x 4in max); and the Children classes.

We look forward to seeing your entries so please give it a go.

The Flower Show Committee

www.eastcoker.com

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER

We held our Annual Cheese and Wine evening on Friday 25 April, at the East Coker Hall. During the evening, presentations were made to Poppy Collectors, Mrs A Charles and Mr and Mrs R Hodder, for 15 years selflessly collecting door to door for the Poppy Appeal.

The Committee would like to thank all members and friends and our usual group of helpers for their wonderful support on the evening, for the donations of raffle prizes. The sum raised was £307

Our speakers for the evening were David and Julie Webster, who gave a very poignant account of their experience, when their son Piers suffered a stroke while serving with the Royal Artillery in Basra. David shared the fears and anxieties of every parent who have a son or daughter serving on the front line. He could not speak highly enough of the support given to his son after the stroke and during his subsequent convalescence and recovery. The good news is that Piers is now serving with his regiment in a training capacity.

This illustrates the importance of your continued support to enable the Royal British Legion and other organisations to help Piers and his fellow service personnel. Thank you.

LIGHTS OUT One Million Candles to Remember - A Time for Reflection. 11.00pm Monday 4 August 2014

Lights Out is an invitation to homes in the UK to turn off their lights from 10.00pm until 11.00pm on this evening, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection to mark the 100th Anniversary of the date Great Britain entered the First World War.

At St Michael's, East Coker, it is intending to hold a Candle-lit vigil between 10.00pm and 11.00pm. During the vigil there will be readings of WW1 poems and letters, plus time to reflect.

You can bring your own candle or a special Centenary Candle, available at £4.00 each from M&S from 4 July. All profits from the sale of Centenary Candles will support serving members of the Armed Forces, veterans of all ages and their families. Please come and pay your respects to all those who sacrificed their lives during this conflict.

Remembering especially the twenty-two men from East Coker. **WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**

Please check Church and Village Notice Boards for further information, nearer the event. Other local churches will be holding their own acts of commemoration.

Note for diaries

Saturday 5 October 10.00am –12.00pm, at the East Coker Hall - Branch Coffee Morning in aid of the 2014 Poppy Appeal.

Chairman David Holland 862782; **Secretary** Marilyn Smith 863944; **Membership** Caroline Field 863271;

Treasurer Clifford Humphreys 862242.

Committee Russell Chatwin 414080; Wendy Weston 862472; Barbara McAulay 423871

EAST COKER READING GROUP

We are a group of (currently) eight people who meet once a month (usually on a Tuesday evening) to talk about the book we have been reading the previous month – unless the book was not very interesting, in which case we talk about anything that comes to mind!

As the Library charges Reading Groups a monthly fee we, in turn, charge a fee of £1.00 per month to each member. We are a very easy-going group – if you don't like the book, don't feel obliged to read it! The discussions are always interesting - even on the odd occasion when the book hardly gets a mention!

If you are considering joining the group or wish to have more details of the books we read and what we do, please do contact Kevin Chapman on 07812726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk

BURTON BOOK CLUB

Due to the success of the Reading Group we have now formally divided into two groups, reading different books. Burton Book Club (which also has 8 members) meets once a month (usually) on a Wednesday afternoon for one hour.

We currently meet over coffee/tea at Goose Slade Farm Tea Shop. Otherwise what is said about the East Coker Reading Group (above) holds good for the Burton Book Club and the same contact details apply.

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EAST COKER SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club meets every Tuesday evening 7.30pm - 9.30pm and Friday afternoons 2.30pm - 4.30pm in the East Coker Hall.

We are a friendly club and are looking for experienced and new players to join us. Tuition can be given to those wishing it, and bowls can be provided for your initial practice. Why not come and see for yourself. There is no age limit for adults.

We also have a junior section, and are looking for young players, minimum age 9 years up to 18.

For information regarding the junior section, please contact Mervyn Westlake 863227. For other information, call George Dudden 864222.

D Farrant – Club Chairman

EAST COKER 400 CLUB

Spring Draw

£100 John Snook; £50 Mr P Pritchard; £40 Mrs Heather Snook; £30 Mrs A Davidge; £20 Sarah Owen; £15 Mrs Olive Sharman; £10 Mr and Mrs M Mead.

The 400 Club have been very pleased to send a cheque for £200 to the East Coker Scout Troop who have had two of their Scouts selected to go to the World Jamboree in Japan next year, and this money will go towards travel costs for the two scouts.

If anyone would like to join the 400 Club, please contact Mike Weston on 862472.

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

East Coker Poetry Group meets on the last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm in the Helyar Arms (Apple Loft or skittle alley).

Our website - www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk

EAST COKER PLAYERS

At our recent successful Spring production, 'Passports Please', Anne Hartley, our chairperson, unveiled our new lighting system. On the Friday evening we invited representatives from the groups that kindly donated or gave grants to us. We would like to thank all those who made it possible to have the lights for the production, and all thought the new lighting made a big difference to how the show looked on the stage. We are looking forward to how we will use the system for the pantomime and future shows.


We still have a little way to go to reach our final fund-raising figure, and have arranged a Coffee Morning at the Forester's Arms on Friday 26 September at 10.00am. Arrangements are also being made for the Annual Christmas Bingo in December.

This year's Pantomime will be 'Cinderella' written by John Langdon, a long-standing member who has appeared in many of our productions. It will be directed by Ian White, who directed our spring 2013 plays.

Rehearsals commence Monday 1 September 2014, in the Dampier Room, at 7.00pm. Performances will be on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November 2014.


Wanted - Our wardrobe ladies are seeking any unwanted large pieces of material or trimmings you may have, to help with the costume for this production. If you can help, please contact us.

Anne Hartley 86206 Hazel Giddings 429163

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EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Members of the Gardening Club continued to enjoy informative talks on various subjects over the past few months. Ian Coates, an expert on Clivias, spoke about his trips to various parts of the world collecting these plants. In May, Steve Fox of SSDC gave us an insight into the work that goes into making Yeovil bloom so beautifully each year. Michael Keith-Lucas took us around South Africa at our June meeting, talking about the plants and habitats.

The Club had a plant stall at the St Michael's Spring Fair and Plant Sale, at Hope House on 17 May, resulting in a very generous £80 for St Michael's Church

Over the next few months we look forward to a variety of talks and trips:

10 July	Gertrude Jekyll	David Usher
August	Members only evening	
11 September	Autumn and Christmas Flowers for the Home	Angie Blackwell
9 October	Chelsea	David Hitchcock

Trips

On 9 May, members enjoyed a day at the Malvern Spring Show, returning home inspired by what they had seen, and with various purchases.

30 July – Holt Farm, Yeo Valley, Blagdon – conducted tour followed by lunch. Stop-off on the return journey at Dobbies Garden Centre at Shepton Mallet.

30 September – Sir Harold Hillier Gardens, Romsey

Gardening Club Holiday

The Club holiday in April this year was based at Stourport on Severn, and included visits to the Brockhampton Estate, Dudmaston, and Hanbury Hall. A guided coach tour around Stratford-upon-Avon was also enjoyed by members, followed by free time to wander around the town at leisure. Plans for the 2015 holiday are well under way, with several members already booked up.

Meetings, trips and the annual holiday are all very well supported. We are always happy to welcome new members and visitors. Why not join us for an enjoyable, sociable evening, and the chance to visit gardens and places of interest. The annual subscription is £10, with subs of £1 per meeting. Visitors £3. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm in the East Coker Hall. For further information, please contact Helen Styles 862447 or Stan Shayler 42029.

THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME

January 2014's top-up was very well subscribed - 25,500 litres between 46 people. The price of heating oil didn't rise last winter; in fact the price has been falling since April last year, but has just kicked up slightly to about 52.5p per litre for 1,000 litres. That's still a pretty good price; this time last year it was about 56p.

I shall be co-ordinating a fill-up towards the end of July. If you have already taken part and found it worthwhile, encourage your friends and neighbours to join in. There are now little cells in some parts of the village. The more we can order, the better the price. You also avoid the price penalty for ordering less than 1000 litres, by being part of the scheme.

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.

Please let me know your requirements by 7.00 pm on Wednesday 16 July. Please ask if you would like a summary of how the scheme operates.

Paul Edwards

SAVE EAST COKER

The Planning Inspector resumed his examination of SSDC's proposed local plan on 10 June. Over the four days the focus was on the Inspector's Issues and Questions regarding the Main Modifications which the council had proposed in response to his preliminary findings last summer. One whole day was set aside to discuss and debate the modifications to the proposed South Yeovil Sustainable Urban Extension (SYSUE) which proposes the development of the Keyford site which is now reduced to providing 800 new dwellings. Another day was spent on the examination of the newly proposed North East Yeovil Sustainable Urban Extension which would provide 765 dwellings at Up Mudford.

Robert McCracken QC, acting for East Coker Preservation Trust, presented forceful arguments to oppose the council's proposals, stating that the evidence showed clearly that SSDC is overstating the need for housing in South Somerset and that they have not taken account of the latest statistics and population forecasts from the Office for National Statistics. There was much debate around this challenge to the council's calculations which resulted in the Inspector tasking SSDC to produce a paper explaining the reasoning behind their calculations. He has given all participants in the debate the opportunity to submit additional statements in response to the council's document. The paper shows that, yet again, SSDC is trying to fudge the issue and we are hopeful that our written responses will be seen by the Inspector to expose the lack of soundness in the evidence on which the plan is based. Much midnight oil is being burned by our consultants, under the guidance of Robert McCracken, to formulate our statements and submit them to the Planning Inspector by the prescribed deadline. Our aim is still to achieve elimination of the SYSUE from the Plan, or at least a significant further reduction in the size of the Keyford development.

Following receipt of further statements, from us and other participants, in response to a range of papers requested by the Inspector and produced by SSDC during the hearings, he will consider all of the evidence and write to the council in mid-July with his initial findings regarding the Main Modifications. If he finds areas where the Plan is still unsound, he will ask SSDC to propose further modifications which will then have to be exposed to six weeks' public consultation, and possibly further examination by the Inspector. His final report could then be submitted for consideration by SSDC in October. If the report is favourable to the council then they could be putting it before a meeting of the Full Council to vote on its adoption at the end of this year, or early in 2015.

We have shown how professionally presented, robust arguments can affect the outcome of the council's machinations. We will continue to challenge SSDC – and its unrealistic aspirations – until the ink is dry on the Plan!

Retaining legal and technical experts to present our case is expensive but, judged by the results to date, it has been the right decision. To pay for this, it is obvious that we will need to continue our Fund Raising programme for some time yet.

Please see the programme of future fundraising events below and continue to give your support to help us sustain the fight.

ECPT contacts

Joe Coles 863146
Peter Woodford 863633

Martyn Sowerbutts 863313
John Fysh 863963

Richard Vanderpump 864565
Sandra Snelling 862162

Save East Coker – Fund Raising

Well, we have had an incredible three months, paying some of our debts and raising lots of money from some very special events.

Saturday 10 May the 1940's evening at Coker Court was amazing. Almost everybody dressed up and danced the night away to the D-Day Darlings, or to Jason Dobson's fantastic disco! What a DJ he has turned out to be. The fund raising girls made most of the food, and Joe and Tanya Coles handed over their lovely home to us for a couple of days. Thank you all. We made £2,500 for the fund. Graham Trott took lots of wonderful photos, and you can order these from the website www.saveeastcoker.co.uk - all proceeds to the campaign.

Sunday 8 June was a beautiful sunny day and Ann and John Cordwell made just under £600 by opening up their gorgeous garden and supplying us all with tea, coffee, wine and home-made cakes. Thank you again.

Saturday 14 June, Di Miskin had almost 100 of us 'Wandering' around East Coker visiting each other's houses to consume a 3-course meal, which began and ended yet again at Coker Court. What a fantastic night this turned out to be, and £2,800 was raised for the cause. Many thanks to Di for all her hard work, and to all of those who cooked for us.

The Village Fete takes place on **Saturday 5 July** and once again we are running The Tombola Stall. Please could you donate any spare bottles you have and deliver to me at 9 Long Furlong Lane. It does not have to be wine or alcohol. Thank you.

Sunday 7 September sees the return for the third time of the ever popular **Brunch** at the East Coker Hall. This is a great way to get together with everybody at the end of the summer and enjoy a fabulous breakfast with your friends and family.

Tickets available soon and details from me or any member of the fund-raising team.

Ideas for future fund-raising are always very welcome, especially if you are happy to run them yourself! Thank you for your support this year. It is much appreciated.
Sandra 862162

VINTAGE-STYLE CARDS

Local artist, photographer, and textile designer, Alison Finch, has produced a range of vintage-style cards of East Coker. 20% of sales will be donated to the ECPT.

These and others will be on sale at the fete on Saturday 5 July, along with notebooks and pictures. Contact originliart@btinternet.com Commissions welcome.



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EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

With new members gaining successes at outside wine festivals East Coker Wine Circle, organisers of the festival held under the auspices of the East Coker Flower Show on Saturday, 16 August, are hopeful of a bumper entry this year. There are 20 classes covering country wines, kit wines, liqueur and beer. It is an open festival and the Circle would like to encourage non members to enter. Entries will be accepted by David Pryor 01935 862816 who will provide the necessary bottle labels.

The first meeting of the new programme on Wednesday 6 August will be a commercial wine-tasting by Majestic Wines of Yeovil, who will present a selection of 'summer whites'. This is followed on Wednesday 1 September by the introduction of a cooking-with-wine demonstration. This will be given by the Chef of the Forester's Arms, East Coker, who is fast gaining a reputation for his high standards and intuitive cooking. This is an open meeting. Wednesday 1 October will see an internal wine event, while on Wednesday 5 November a talk will be given by Goose Slade Farm. Baytree Preserves will complete the 2014 part of the monthly programme on 3 December, when there will also be a bread-making competition and bread and cheese supper.

On Friday 15 August there will be a fun friendly skittles evening at the Forester's Arms with a supper. A highlight of the Circle's social programme will be the Quiz-Nic quiz night on Saturday 13 September, when teams from the village and other wine circles will be invited to take part. The now traditional theatre trip to the Yeovil Operatic Society's production will be on Thursday 9 October when the Society produces the musical, Jekyll & Hyde.

At the recent annual meeting, founder member David Pryor was presented with a pair of inscribed wine glasses, following his retirement from the committee after 34 years' service.

East Coker winemakers continue to keep the village on the map with successes at major wine festivals. The latest of these was the Wales and West, in June, when Vince Wolny claimed three major trophies, including the Master Winemaker trophy for most points. He also won four class trophies with his dry red, sweet red, medium dry rosé and medium dry herb-based wines. Chris Branson gained a trophy for his white dry table wine and Terry Western another for his fruit-based medium sweet. All exhibitors, including Barbara Nicol and Mo Western gained a number of class placings. In the Federation Circle Championship, East Coker were worthy runners-up.

The Circle meets at the village hall on the first Wednesday of each month from 8.00pm. Guests and new members are always welcome and further information may be obtained from the chairman, 01935 862060.

Diary dates

6 August	Majestic Wines 'Summer Whites'
15 August	Friendly skittles, Foresters Arms, 7.30pm
1 September	Cooking with wine demonstration

13 September	Quiz-Nic Quiz Night
1 October	Wine Drive
9 October	Jekyll & Hyde Octagon Theatre
5 November	Gooselade Farm Talk
3 December	Baytree Preserves, plus bread-making competition, bread and cheese supper

East Coker Wine Circle would like to invite everyone to a 'Quiz-Nic' Fun evening at the East Coker Hall on Saturday 13 September at 8.00pm.

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

By the time you read this, we should have delivered Cream Teas to those of you in the village who ordered them and we hope you enjoyed them. We expanded our overnight Parcelforce delivery this year with the hope of sending out 2,000 or so boxes, but to our amazement this turned out to be a huge success with us having to close the website down when the orders topped 4,500!! With the help of some wonderful volunteers, we packed and sent out 4,922 individual boxes to companies all over the country as far afield as Dundee, Aberdeen, Cornwall and Kent.

We have had some lovely feedback from the businesses, saying how much they enjoyed the boxes and can't wait for next year. We are still working on the final figures but we will certainly have made in excess of £20,000 profit. It has been a bit of a roller-coaster for us over the last few weeks, but that makes it all worthwhile.

When we have caught our breath, we will be turning our thoughts to our Diva Lunch, which will be held this year on Friday 10 October at The Haselbury Mill, Nr Crewkerne.

Tickets and further information available from myself Jane Donnelly 478409 or Angie Mead 862972.

EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

We are just commencing our new year having recently celebrated our 96th birthday with an outing to Dartmouth, and a trip up the River Dart to Totnes.

In July, there is a talk on health and fitness by Rachael Cozens, and in August we are having an Open Evening, when Atticus Bowering will be entertaining us with 'magic'. At this meeting, starting at 7.30pm, everyone is welcome for an entrance fee of £3, which will include tea/coffee and biscuits. In September, Dawn Warr will be telling us of her 'Life so Far'. The vital work of Street Pastors will be explained at the October meeting.

The monthly Whist Drives have stopped for the summer and will recommence on Thursday 18 September at the East Coker Hall at 7.30pm, when anyone will be welcome. We also organise trips to the Swan Theatre to see their productions.

For any further information please contact our secretary, Ruby Rollo tel. 475010

Diary dates

Thursday 31 July	Health and Fitness at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall
Thursday 28 August	Open Evening with Magic at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall
Thursday 18 September	Whist Drive at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall
Thursday 25 September	My life so far at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall
Thursday 16 October	Whist Drive at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall
Thursday 30 October	Street Pastors at 7.30pm at East Coker Hall

Young People

EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

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 26 July

Saturday 30 August

Saturday 27 September

Autumn Jumble Sale – Saturday 18 October at East Coker Hall from 2.00pm. **Remember we will collect.**

Contact Max Bugler 862186.

WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Our names are Eleanor and Sam and we have recently been selected for the 23rd World Scout Jamboree.

The World Scout Jamboree is the most prestigious scouting event. It takes place every four years; each time hosted by a different country. The 23rd Jamboree will take place in Japan in 2015. Over 30,000 young people will come together from 162 countries, including over 2,400 from the UK. We are lucky enough to be a part of this in the Somerset Unit.

The main Jamboree site is located in Kirara-Hama in the Yamaguchi Prefecture. This is on the main island of Japan, Honshu. Although there is a main Jamboree site, there are going to be lots of off-site visits as well including Yamaguchi City and Hiroshima.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and unfortunately it is not cheap. Due to the fact that it is in Japan it costs £2,995 each! To achieve this target we have lots of fundraising events planned for the next year which include:

- Skittles at the village fete
- It's a Canockout canoe event for Cubs and Scouts in July
- Charity Coffee Morning at the Foresters on the last Friday in January 2015
- Bag Packing
- Table top sale in September
- Possible Family Quiz in October
- An amazing talent show probably next January or February
- Raffle at the East Coker Players Pantomime
- And lots more.....

We have already staged a number of events including a tombola at the Scout Jumble Sale, cake sales, tuck shop at the Cubs' football tournament, face painting at East Coker School summer fair, a garden party, bag packing at Iceland and odd jobs, and have raised the grand sum of £3,776.05 towards our total. We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to all those who have supported our events by coming or by making donations.

If you would like to support our cause further then we would be extremely grateful for donations of cakes for garden parties, coffee mornings and sales. We also need raffle prizes or anything else you would like to offer.

Please Contact us at either sepbt@btinternet.com or eleanor@rawles.com

EAST COKER PLAYGROUP – find us on www.eastcokerpreschool.co.uk

Thank you to everyone who supported the Playgroup annual Summer Fair. Just over £600 was raised for Playgroup funds, which is fantastic. The money raised will enable the playgroup to buy telescopes, metal detectors, and a walking rope, and replace the sand and water trays which are worn out from the daily use.

There will be Summer Holiday Sessions available at the playgroup on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9.00am to 12.00pm. Summer Holiday Sessions will start Tuesday 22 July, please contact the telephone number below for further details.

The wealth of experience of our fully qualified staff offers quality childcare and education through play, exploring the wider environment and local community with project-based activities. Ofsted have consistently given the group excellent reports and commended us for the interaction and encouragement between staff and children, partnership with parents, teaching, management and the emphasis on fun.

Children can join us from the age of 2½ and Early Years Entitlement is available in the funding period after their third birthday. We are open during term time with sessions every weekday morning and afternoon sessions on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and optional lunch cover for children who like to bring a packed lunch.

If you are seeking childcare for your 2-year-old, East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup accepts children from their 2nd birthday to starting school. For the past few years, the staff at East Coker Playgroup and also at East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup feed into East Coker Primary School. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup is a smaller group, and this can be a great benefit to the younger children. The opening times are term-time with sessions every weekday morning and an afternoon session on Thursday, with optional lunch cover for children who like to bring a packed lunch. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup also runs an integrated Toddler Session on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am for £1 per family. To find out more information, please visit www.eastchinnockunder5spreschool.co.uk

Information about both playgroups can be found on their web sites and/or by contacting Kay Strode on 07798 812540.

Diary dates for East Coker Pre-school Playgroup

Winter Fair – Sunday 9 November 2014

EAST COKER COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL – PTFA

Diary dates

Big Band Event – Sunday 13 July

The Churches

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

The Annual Church Meeting in April saw us saying a very sincere 'thank you' to our retiring Church Wardens and Treasurer. Ian White and Penny Marpole stood down as Wardens, and Martin Wells as Treasurer, after many years of faithful service. We were delighted to welcome Judith Shaw as Church Warden and, in a new arrangement, she will be supported by two Deputy Wardens, John Burgess and Jacqueline Clough. Rob Boyden has become our Treasurer. The new team have already taken up their roles with enthusiasm and we are delighted to have such able people to replace their able predecessors.

St Michael's now has a flourishing wild flower garden in the churchyard due to the efforts of several people, not least Joyce and Kate Best.

Members of the church and friends gathered for a very enjoyable picnic on the Vicarage lawn to celebrate Pentecost. We did well to choose the one dry day between two wet ones!

For the last two years, we have invited the Year 6 leavers from East Coker Primary School to the Vicarage for a farewell 'tea party' in July. Each child receives a small book which is aimed at helping them cope with the transition to the new circumstances of secondary school.

Looking further ahead, our annual (and popular) Pets' Service takes place (outdoors in the churchyard, weather permitting) at 10.45am on 14 September - all pets (and their owners) welcome! And, in conjunction with the School, we will once again be promoting our annual Shoebox Appeal at our Harvest Festival on 5 October.

Our marvellous team of flower arrangers always decorate the church most beautifully for Harvest, and set the scene so well for the Service.

A reminder that, on the first Sunday of the month, we have a Sunday School during the 10.45am Service when the younger children gather with Ellie, their leader, who always prepares interesting and informative things for them to enjoy. Why not give it a try? No previous experience required! On the 2nd Sunday of the month our Service is geared to families.

Further information about St Michael's can be found at our website <http://www.eastcokerchurch.org.uk>

Details of all Services at the seven churches in the Coker Ridge Benefice (together with the monthly Newsletter and weekly Notice Sheet) are available online at <http://www.cokerridge.org.uk>

As summer approaches, I do hope the sun will shine on your plans, whether you'll be holidaying here or further afield.

The Rev'd Charles Hatton

Coker Ridge Benefice Service Plan. The service details for July to September 2014 will be found on the East Coker website.

EAST COKER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BURTON LANE

Weekly Meetings Sundays Services 11.00am. Other services as announced. **All** are welcome to **all** of our services.

Coffee Stop The Hall is open each Wednesday from 11.00am until 1.00pm for coffee and tea. There are usually some 10-14 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 **Home Groups** on alternate Tuesday evenings for anyone who may be interested in discussing the Christian faith, and there is a youth group meeting midweek for those aged between 18 and 30.

Little Wheelers Mother and Toddler Group meeting at the East Coker Hall each Tuesday (during term time) from 10.30am – 12.00pm. £2.50 per family to include coffee/tea and cake for the adults (with squash and biscuits for the children).

Kevin Chapman is available from Tuesday to Friday. He can be contacted on 07812726853 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk - Please do feel free to get in touch 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.com

'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.' John's Gospel, Chapter 1 verse 1 (NIV)

Village News

SAVE EAST COKER (HIGHER BURTON & BROADACRES) APPEAL

East Coker residents will probably be aware that in addition to the major campaign against the Yeovil Urban extension, there is another recent attempt to destroy the present rural character of our village which has emerged by way of a proposal to create an urban-style development to the west of Broadacres.

The planning application was submitted to SSDC Planning Department, and their Committee Report on the application was published on 23 May. The scheme involved a proposal for a 19/20 house development on a small Grade 1 field of approximately 1.25 acres and with a dangerous and inappropriate access through Broadacres and/or Longfurlong Lane.

The Area South committee meeting to approve this development was fixed for Wednesday 4 June, with the Planning Department recommending approval despite some 50 or so letters of objection from Broadacres and Higher Burton residents citing two previous refusals some years ago (for a lesser number of dwellings), potential flooding issues and potentially dangerous traffic congestion assuming extra traffic from some further 40/50 cars, not only in Broadacres and Longfurlong Lane but also in the other narrow village roads.

Opposition to the scheme from local residents was at such a level that despite a minimal timescale, some 20+ residents met on Monday 2 June to co-ordinate and plan representations to object firmly to the scheme. Thanks to the help of John Snelling, we were able to secure the services of a chartered town planner from Weymouth, Simon Williams, to represent our case. This led to the production of a powerful letter of objection covering all the main issues, which letter then had to be delivered by hand to all 20+ committee members on the Tuesday, so as to be in time for the Wednesday meeting at 2.00pm at Brympton Way.

Subsequently some 30 villagers were present at the hearing to support our case, which was impressive, given that many more folks were unable to attend due to work commitments, illness and the like. Simon Williams and a number of residents were present, ready to speak and to explain the objections further. At the meeting, one of the Coker Ward members took up our point regarding the dangerous and inappropriate access/egress to the site via Longfurlong Lane and suggested that the Area South Committee members carry out a site visit, on Thursday 19 June at 6.00pm.

This was agreed and the final decision was therefore deferred until Wednesday 2 July, at which meeting Simon Williams has again agreed to speak and represent the residents group. While this decision can be

regarded as a good sign, it is necessary to continue the good work, and your continued support would be appreciated in two major ways:

First, if you are able to attend in good numbers at the deferred hearing date on Wednesday 2 July at 2.00pm at Brympton Way that would send a powerful message to the committee members who ultimately will make the decision; this would also give an option to speak in support for up to 3 minutes.

Second, your financial support. At the preliminary hearing, the local residents felt that it was essential to engage professional support to make their case, given the complex and technical issues surrounding the current planning guidelines which appear to be in a state of flux, and also the question whether the District Council have a 5 year land-bank or not.

As a result of this decision it is likely that costs in the region of £2,000 will need to be covered to defend our case, and it would be appreciated if donations in support of our stand could be made, ideally before the end of July.

Clearly we cannot be prescriptive on the amounts to be given, and any donations would be welcome, but as an example if 40 households were to give £50 each that should cover the anticipated costs. In the unlikely event that the bill was over-subscribed, it would perhaps be appropriate to donate that sum to The East Coker Preservation Trust for their ongoing battle.

Any cheques should be made payable to the 'East Coker Action Group', or (if more convenient) bank transfers could be credited to that account at Lloyds, Yeovil Branch:

Sort Code 30-99-98 Account no 00850311

Please kindly send any cheques to either contact below:

Ken McIver, The Retreat
Higher Burton, East Coker
Yeovil BA22 9LU
Tel 862344

Caroline Field
1 Holywell, East Coker
Yeovil BA22 9NF
Tel 862233

SEWER PROBLEM

There have been a number of problems over recent years, with the sewer serving the eastern part of the village becoming blocked. This has led to sewage flowing 'above ground' into roadways and drives. The problems are being caused by unsuitable material (wet wipes, nappies etc.) being flushed down toilets.

Could residents take every care to avoid this happening, please?

John Cordwell

WANDERING SUPPER – 'THANK YOU'

A big 'thank you' to the people who organised the Wandering Supper, and to the hosts who welcomed us into their homes, providing good food, drink and company. Many people have commented on what a wonderful, enjoyable evening they had – and look forward to the next one!

So, to all those who helped to make the evening such a success – *Thank You!* – Hopefully we can look forward to a repeat event in 2015. Helen Styles

VILLAGE FETE SATURDAY 5 JULY 2014 – Classic Car Owners

If you would like to join the display at the Fete then please give me a call and join us at the East Coker Hall for 11.00am arrival.

Derek Marpole Tel 01935 863055 07966 237257 derek.marpole@btinternet.com

THANK YOU

Thank you to all those brave souls who came out on a very wet morning to our plant sale in aid of St. Margaret's Hospice, and for all the donations made. Although very wet we took a record amount of £662

on the day. We were still selling two weeks later as we seemed to have so much this year (that's retirement for you)!

My thanks go to Sue Lake and Sue Adams who helped on the day. The raffle was a huge success thanks largely to some wonderful prizes, from Maurice Buckland, Ruth Holliday, The Old School Gallery, Yetminster, and The Gardens Group.

The winners of the raffle were

1st prize, Filled Planter – Sue Lake of Yeovil
2nd prize, Basket of Fruit – April Shepstone of East Coker
3rd prize, Tea and Cake for Two At The Old School Gallery – Eve Dudden of East Coker
and many more prizes.

Christine and Glenn Seymour, Weavers Lodge.

SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

The mobile library route for East Coker is Tuesday, every four weeks, from 2.30pm - 2.50pm at the Helyar Arms, and 2.55pm - 3.10pm at Mill Close. Further information from Libraries Direct 08453459177 or www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

8 July

5 August

2 September

30 September

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY!

AN EXCITING AND NEW EVENT – EAST COKER'S VERY OWN MUSIC FESTIVAL.

Celebrate the end of summer in style with lots of fun and great music here in East Coker on **Saturday 30 August 2014** at Longlands, Longlands Lane, **from mid-day 'til late**. Food and drink available ALL day. Fully licensed.

Great live music from local bands – The Mangled Wurzels, Storm and many others like Purdy and Roachie.

Local food of all kinds and Somerset Brewhouse Ales. Full bar by the Royal Oak, Hardington.

Tickets – Pre-booking necessary and available at www.cokerfestivalofmusic.co.uk

- **Full price tickets £22.50 – limited *EARLYBIRD* tickets only £19.95!**
- **Children under 16 £20.00 – limited *EARLYBIRD* tickets only £16.95!**
- **Under 5's go free!**

For more information, **visit the website** or email us at info@cokefest.com

SOMERSET CHAMBER CHOIR

Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' at Wells Cathedral. Somerset Chamber Choir 30th Anniversary Concert.

Somerset Chamber Choir celebrates its 30th anniversary with a concert of Elgar's 'The Dream of Gerontius' and music by Parry (I was glad, Blest Pair of Sirens and Jerusalem) at Wells Cathedral on Saturday 26 July 2014 at 7.00pm.

They will be joined by the German Choir, Berliner Kantorei, a superb professional orchestra Southern Sinfonia, and three exciting young soloists, all conducted by Graham Caldbeck.

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EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

SSDC Local Plan

The Local Planning Inspector has completed his time at the SSDC inspecting the modified plan. There is further detail of the events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Neighbourhood Plan

We launched the Neighbourhood Plan in October 2013, delivered surveys to every household, analysed the data and then researched existing national and local policies and strategies together with gathering further information from parishioners and others working in the parish. All of this evidence has been compiled into twelve topic area documents and summarised in a final single document. All these documents are now available on the East Coker Parish Council website Neighbourhood Plan section www.eastcokerparish.com/neighbourhood-plan/

This is a very important opportunity for you to have a say in the planning for the future of the parish and is key to the process of consultation. As a result of your responses, we will confirm the key emerging themes which will guide the content of the final Neighbourhood Plan. **We have compiled a 2 page form at the end of this newsletter. Please complete and return either as hard copy to East Coker Primary School, the Village Store, Kath Wilson, 39A Wraxhill Road, Sarah Owen, Paddock Cottage or electronically to kath.wilson@sky.com by 12 July 2014.** We will also have a stall at the Village Fete on 5 July 2014, where we will be happy to discuss the process and content and you will be able to complete the response form there. For more information, please contact Councillor Kath Wilson, 475029 or kath.wilson@sky.com

Parish Ranger

We are grateful to our Parish Ranger for the work that he does in keeping our parish in good order. If you spot something that would benefit from his attention, please contact, **Councillor Bridget Sugg before 6.00pm on 863435; 0709 762 1106.**

Youth provision for East Coker

The youth project is running for a 6-week trial period finishing on Monday 30 June. The attendance is very good with the project being run on behalf of the Parish Council by 'Active Learning and Skills'. We intend to restart the programme in September, due to its success, and very much look forward to its becoming a corner-stone for youth activities within our parish. Details of the renewed programme will be published on the parish noticeboards.

The meetings happen from 7.00pm – 9.00pm on Monday evening at the Pavilion and children from 10-18 years are welcome to attend. The cost is £1 and activities include: outdoor games, cooking, life skills, air hockey etc. Please support this parish project and ensure its continued success.

For further information contact Councillor Rod Jones on rod@lightningtrainingsolutions.co.uk or 473575.

The Triangle

Summer bedding this year is Impatiens Papua New Guinea grown by the Horticulture Team at SSDC's Lufton Depot. This plant is one of a large family which includes the familiar Busy Lizzie and the not so welcome Himalayan Balsam, an invasive species found along rivers and other areas of damp ground.

The hebes, planted a couple of years ago, came from Lynash Nurseries, run by Ashley Wallis and his family at Boozer Pit, near Merriot, hebe specialists who have propagated and grown in-house over 150 varieties of this adaptable shrub, many rare and unusual. 'Hadspen Pink' the particular variety growing here also has a local connection as it is named after Hadspen House, the early home near Castle Cary of Penelope Hobhouse, famous garden writer and designer. For 14 years, until 1993, she was in charge of the NT gardens at Tintinhull before moving to Bettiscombe and creating a new garden there.

Input from Kathryn Sturtridge (our splendid parishioner who tends the flowerbed).

Planning Application

At the May meeting, many members of the public attended to voice their opinions on a planning application by Avalon Estates Ltd on land adjacent to Broadacres. Parish Councillors were in unanimous agreement with comments and objected to the planning application.

Election of officers

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, it was agreed that members would continue with their existing responsibilities, and accordingly Councillor Stan Shayler was voted as Chairman, Councillors Bennett and Sugg as Vice Chair.

Grant applications

Council made a grant to repair and refurbish tables for East Coker Flower Show Committee. For further details of administration of grant applications, please contact Parish Clerk on 01935 862062 or clerk@eastcokerpc1.wanadoo.co.uk

Councillor Kath Wilson on behalf of East Coker Parish Council.

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

A very big thank you to everyone who saves their used stamps and takes them into the village shop.

Please keep saving them as they are reused to make money for this charity, which funds vital research into childhood cancers.

WANTED!

Badminton players for social games on Monday evenings – 8.00pm - 9.45pm at East Coker Hall.

Ladies and Gents welcome - come along and join our friendly group!

We will be starting again in September.

For more information contact Leon Harwood 862921.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS BANK HOLIDAY DAY CHANGES FOR 2014

Summer Bank Holiday Monday 25 August – Friday 29 August

All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 30 August



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EAST COKER RAINFALL REPORT

Spring has provided a welcome relief after the deluges of winter.

April followed a similar pattern to March; with frequent showers and 15mm (over ½ inch) falling on the 7 April followed by 12 days without any rain. The settled fine weather finally gave way to an Atlantic weather system bringing 25mm (1 inch) of rain on the 20 April. Rainfall was intermittent between the 21st and 28th April with the last two days of the month without rain. The total was 103mm (4 inches) for the month, considerably less than the 184mm (7¼ inches) in February and 203mm (8½ inches) in January but still much higher than the long term average for April of 70mm (2¾ inches).

May saw less rainfall than April but it was more evenly spread over the month. There was a warm and dry period between the 11th and 19th May. Most of the month's rainfall occurred between 22nd and 25th of May over the Bank Holiday period, with 18mm on the 22nd and 16mm on the 25th. A further 10mm fell on the 30th of May adding to a total of 75mm (3 inches) and as with April slightly higher than the monthly May average.

At the time of writing this report June has seen extremes in precipitation. Starting dry but by 3 June thunderstorms drifted northward from the continent leaving 25mm (1 inch) in 12 hours. 2mm of patchy rain on the 7 June was followed by an extended three week spell of dry, sunny and increasingly warm weather that is forecast to end on the 26th/27th June as the Glastonbury festival gets underway.....

Ian Boswall

GOOSEY FAYRE – Saturday 27 September, 12.00pm onwards. Free Entry.

We will be holding our 6th Annual Goosey Fayre to celebrate Michaelmas on Saturday 27 September. Come and enjoy a family day out with all the fun of the fair at Goosey Fayre. From 12.00pm onwards.

Children's swing-boats; roundabout; pony rides; animal corner; craft tent.

BBQ; bar; cream teas; food tastings, including roast goose and much more.

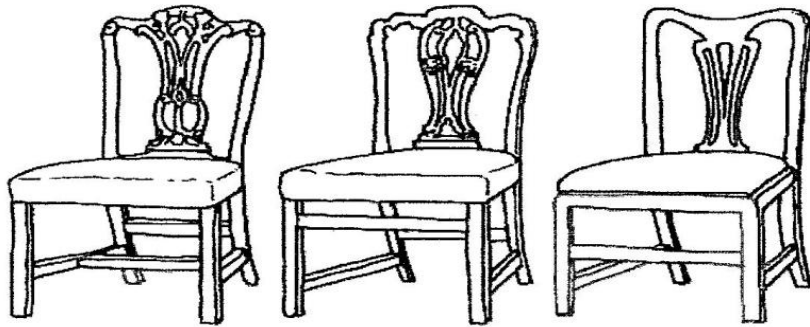
Goose Slade Farm Shop, East Coker. Open Tuesday – Saturday 10.00am – 6.00pm. Visit our Tea Shop for morning coffee and a pastry, light lunch, afternoon tea and cake and of course a delicious cream teas.

We look forward to serving you soon.

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2014**. 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 Tuesday 23 September 2014

QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY JULY 2014 – OCTOBER 2014

Sat 5 July	Village Fete	12.00pm - 4.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 13 July	East Coker CPS – PTA – Big Band		
Tues 8 July	Library		
Thur 10 July	Gardening Club – Gertrude Jekyll	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 14 July	Time To Share – Tea Party	2.0pm	Lois Crisp's
Fri 25 July	Coffee Morning – Flying Colours	10.00am - 12.00pm	Forester's Arms
Sat 26 July	Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am - 10.30am	Near the school
Mon 28 July	Time To Share – Amusing Tales	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 30 July	Gardening Club – Holt Farm		
Thur 31 July	W.I. – Health and Fitness	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 4 Aug	Time To Share – Irene's Secret Play	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 4 Aug	RBL – Lights Out	11.00pm	
Wed 6 Aug	Wine Circle – Majestic Wines	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 15 Aug	Wine Circle - Skittles	7.30pm	Forester's Arms
Sat 16 Aug	Flower Show and Wine Festival	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 18 Aug	Time To Share – Take Note	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thur 28 Aug	W.I. – Open Evening	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 29 Aug	Coffee Morning – Mind	10.00am - 12.00pm	Forester's Arms
Sat 30 Aug	Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am - 10.30am	Near the school
Sat 30 Aug	Music Festival	12.00pm - 'til late	Longlands
Mon 1 Sept	Wine Circle – Cooking Demonstration	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 1 Sept	Time To Share – AGM & Bring & Buy	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 1 Sept	The Players – Rehearsal	7.00pm	Dampier Room
Tue 2 Sept	Library		
Sun 7 Sept	Save East Coker – Brunch	9.00am - 1.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thur 11 Sept	Gardening Club – Flowers	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 13 Sept	Wine Circle – Quiz-Nic	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 14 Sept	Pet Service	10.45pm	St Michael's Church
Mon 15 Sept	Time To Share – Outing		
Thur 18 Sept	W.I. – Whist Drive	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tue 23 Sept	Copy for October Newsletter	12.00pm onwards	
Thur 25 Sept	W.I. – My Life So Far	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 26 Sept	Coffee Morning – The Players	10.00am - 12.00pm	Forester's Arms
Sat 27 Sept	Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am - 10.30am	Near the school
Sat 27 Sept	Goosey Fair		Goose Slade Farm
Mon 29 Sept	Time To Share – Folk Songs	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tue 30 Sept	Gardening – Romsey		
Tue 30 Sept	Library		
Wed 1 Oct	Wine Circle – Wine Drive	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 5 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	10.00am - 12.00pm	

East Coker Neighbourhood Plan (NP) – What should we include?

It is very important for you to have a say in the planning for the future of the parish and the Neighbourhood Plan is our way of doing this. It is only valuable if it reflects the wishes of the parishioners. Whilst we have to abide by the emerging Local Plan, we can have an influence on the detail of what happens, by writing policies and strategies.

In October 2013, we held a NP Launch event and completed a Parish NP survey. We used the information you gave us and did further research of national and local policies and strategies and carried out more research in the parish. From all of this work, we are now in a position to see what is important to you and therefore needs to be in the Neighbourhood Plan. We need your support in confirming and adding to these key emerging themes. What do you think?

Please mark 'include' or 'do not include' with a cross (X) and return as hard copy to East Coker Primary School, the Village Store, Kath Wilson 39A Wraxhill Road, Sarah Owen, Paddock Cottage or electronically to kath.wilson@sky.com by 11 July 2014. For help contact Cllr Kath Wilson, 01935 475029 or kath.wilson@sky.com

Should we include 'Design'? Policy and design guidance to cover design of new dwellings, development and changes to buildings within conservation areas and design of employment buildings (governing future changes or redevelopment). This could also cover a need for 'lifetime homes' / adaptable housing for all age ranges and family types, and live-work flexibility. Housing types could also be covered by such guidance. This could also consider parking and footpath requirements for new development and the inclusion of traffic calming measures.			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Heritage and historic environment'? Policy on how to protect our locally valued heritage assets and their setting.			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Housing'? Consider identifying overall minimum scale appropriate for the parish outside of the strategic allocation if it happens. Consider allocating development sites outside of those deemed to be strategic by SSDC. Explore setting a limit on the scale of development on any one site (outside of the strategic allocation if it happens).			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Employment Land'? Designate and protect Halves Lane area for employment uses (if not already to be identified in the emerging Local Plan). Consider whether an expansion site for business/employment use should be identified/reserved. Explore policies on change of use of farm buildings.			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Renewables'? Explore options for policy terms to set parameters for new renewable energy proposals, for example, through a design guide related to setting in the landscape etc. Explore this within the context of the extent to which permitted development rights for micro-installations on existing properties are currently allowed.			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Best use of land'? Policy to cover best use of land which could include a set of criteria using previously developed or brownfield first through to steering development away from land of particular value in terms of its designation etc. This could cover best and most versatile agricultural land as well as land within the setting of assets such as Scheduled Monuments, valued local landscape areas etc.			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
Should we include 'Protecting parish amenities of value'? Policy to seek to protect amenities and facilities of value eg the shop – a policy could be introduced to retain use for			

<p>retail and protect it through restriction on its change of use for a period of time if it becomes vacant. Other policies could be introduced to protect and enhance valued local amenities and other community assets.</p>			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<p>Should we include 'School'? Policy could be introduced which reflects the implications of any large scale development and / or cumulative impact of a number or scale of dwellings and the resulting need for any physical improvements or expansion to the school, including additional visitor parking.</p>			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<p>Should we include 'Young people and new facilities'? The plan could look to allocate a site or area within which a MUGA and / or skate park could be proposed. Alternatively, a policy could give support to proposals for such facilities after further discussion with young people and residents about potential proposals.</p>			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<p>Should we include 'Flood risk'? The plan could seek to introduce policies in relation to preventing and not exacerbating local flooding. This could include measures that could be encouraged to alter run-off from land, both natural and built.</p>			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<p>Should we include 'Infrastructure and facilities'? A policy could set out the plan's priorities in terms of infrastructure and facility provision relating to existing needs and also in relation to new development. This would also act as a 'pointer' to an approved list of infrastructure and facilities that Community Infrastructure Levy receipts could be used for.</p>			
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<i>Include</i>		<i>Do not include</i>	
<p><i>What else would you like to see included in the Neighbourhood Plan?</i></p>			

Thank you for taking the time to complete. Now please return to Village Stores, School, Kath Wilson or Sarah Owen by 11 July 2014