

East Coker Society Newsletter



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East Coker Society News

VISIT TO SOMERSET HERITAGE CENTRE

Thursday 17 September 2015

We have made arrangements with the South West Heritage Trust for a private, guided tour of the Somerset Heritage Centre in Taunton at 10.30am on Thursday 17 September. They have recently completed the purchase of the Helyar and Walker-Heneage archive collections, which consist of over 2,500 items dating from the early 13th to the early 20th century and are of special significance to the history of East Coker.

The visit will include a behind-the-scenes tour of the archive service and the Museum stores, with a number of documents from the collection on display in the strongrooms. Places are limited to 30 people, so if you are interested in attending, please contact **Sarah Owen 862218** to secure a place.

BOOK NOW FOR THE WINTER FAYRE

Saturday 24 October 2015 2.00pm – 4.00pm at East Coker Hall

Tables for the Winter Fayre are now available for individuals or organisations. The price is only £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**. Then complete the form below, and send it with either cash or a cheque made payable to East Coker Society, to Paddock Cottage, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9JP. This will ensure your stall is reserved.

WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 24 October 2015, 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.....

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – PLEASE USE IT

The Village Events Diary will now be kept at the Courtyard Café. **Please put forthcoming village events in the Diary to avoid dates clashing.** Thank you.

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW AND WINE FESTIVAL

The show will be held at the East Coker Hall on Saturday, 15 August 2015. The schedules are now available at Sandhurst Road Pharmacy, Goose Slade Farm Shop, and the Courtyard Café, in the village. The entries need to be handed in to the Secretary or Courtyard Café as the village shop is now closed.

Tips for Entering the Show

- Carrots must have foliage trimmed back to 7.5cm (3") and tied with string or elastic bands.
- Peas and Beans to be displayed with some stalk attached.
- Onions - trim the top and tied with string and bands, the onions and tomatoes can be stood on sand on a plate. Beetroot must be plated.
- Tomatoes must be displayed with calyx (the green flower bud case).
- Gently wash Potatoes, Carrots, Apples and dry, wipe clean Beetroot, Tomatoes, Peppers, Cucumbers and Courgettes. Try to get the vegetables all the same size and colour if possible.
- Cut flowers, you can use any vase and can place newspaper or oasis in the vase to hold the flowers in place. The flowers will be viewed from all sides.

Please try and enter and support the show. Tips for the wine are in the show schedule.

Sarah Rashley

EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Recent events started with the March coffee morning generating £392 for Cystic Fibrosis. In April the event was very successful and a total of £835 was collected for the Teenage Cancer Trust, and in May £140 was raised for South Somerset MIND.

The forthcoming events will be for

- Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance on 31 July
- Guide Dogs for the Blind on 28 August
- Save East Coker Campaign on 25 September

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

Teenage Cancer Trust Coffee Morning

A very big thank you to everyone who so kindly supported the April Coffee Morning for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which gives such wonderful support to teenagers and young adults who sadly need it. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of all those who came along, gave prizes for the raffle, made cakes and gave donations on the day. We raised the grand sum of £768.15. After the coffee morning, we received donations from people who could not get to the Forester's on the day, and the total is now an amazing £850. Wow! We never expected to raise anything like this amount and we are so grateful to you all. Thank you again, wonderful kind-hearted villagers.

Mike and Wendy Weston

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 28 July 2015, 7.30pm – **Alun Lewis** – Juliet Lacey leads this celebration of the work of the Welsh WW2 poet.

£2 entrance, in the Apple Loft Restaurant of the Helyar Arms, East Coker. Anyone is welcome to come to our meetings.

TIME TO SHARE

Meetings

Monday 13 July – 40th Birthday Party at the Vicarage

Monday 27 July – Rescue Pets

Monday 10 August – Games with Irene

Monday 24 August – Life of an East Coker Canoeist

Monday 7 September – Afternoon Tea Outing

Monday 21 September – AGM - 40 years on

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



THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER

The Branch held their Annual Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 17 April 2015, at the East Coker Hall. During the evening, David Holland, our Chairman, was presented with a Certificate for his commitment as Poppy Appeal Organiser for the last five years, and his wife Jill was presented with roses.

The committee would like to thank all members and friends for their wonderful support on the evening, and for the donation of raffle prizes, and our usual group of helpers. The sum raised was £340 which will be used to support the RBL locally, namely RBL Somerset County Welfare Fund, Somerset Legion House at Weston-Super-Mare, and Dunkirk Memorial Home at Bishops Lydeard.

You may not be aware that the Legion has undergone its biggest transformation in its 93-year history, resulting in a complete change of how the charity delivers its frontline support services.

We have now opened 13 of our proposed 16 'Pop In' advice and information centres situated on major UK High Streets, including one in Yeovil, at Petters House, Petters Way, BA20 1AS. This has been open fortnightly from 13 February, from 10.00am – 1.00pm. Opening dates are July 3, 17 and 31 and August 24 and 28.

Everyone is welcome to visit but if you are aware of any serving or ex-Service personnel/dependant requiring assistance, please get them to 'Pop In' or telephone 0808 802 8080 or visit www.britishlegion.org.uk

To support our beneficiaries across the country, the Legion has recruited over 130 Information Volunteers and 500 Active Volunteer Caseworkers – many of whom are existing Legion members. The remaining three centres will open early next year.

Thank you all for your continued support helping the Legion with its vital work in providing assistance and support to our Service families and dependants. Please consider joining us, new members are always welcome.

Diary dates

- Saturday 17 October – RBL Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12.00pm at West Coker Memorial Hall.
Note change of venue this year.
- Saturday 24 October to Saturday 7 November 2015 – Poppy Appeal collecting dates.

Thank you all for your continued support. David Holland – Chairman 862782 d.holland632@btinternet.com

EAST COKER 400 CLUB

The result of the Coker 400 Club Spring draw is as follows: £100 Mrs Ruth Waite; £50 Mrs Penny Marpole; £40 Mr Peter Cameron; £30 Mrs R. Edgar; £20; Mr P Hobday; £15 Mr J Burgess; £10 Princess V Von Preusson.

Since the Club was formed, it has been able to give many donations (running into thousands of pounds) to village and other local good causes, but membership is now very low. **Unless new members join, it is probable that the Club will close at the end of this year.** Please, if anyone would like to join the 400 Club, contact either Mary Ashley 862263, Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472.

The annual subs are £20 payable quarterly, or annually, by Bank Standing Order or with cash or cheque.

Thank you. Mike Weston.

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EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meeting on the last Thursday of the month at the village hall at 7.30pm, we continue our theme of interesting and informative speakers. How many times do we have a bunch of flowers and just plonk them in a vase? In July, local florist, Elaine Dugdale, will be talking us through how to make a hand-tied posy. This will be followed in August by a talk on road safety, a subject that with the increasing traffic these days is becoming more essential. We are holding an Open Evening at the September meeting, when Mike Farley gives members and friends a light-hearted look into the life of Good King Hal.

For our birthday outing this year on a lovely sunny day, members visited Poole and the training centre for the RNLI. What a wonderful organisation, totally funded by voluntary donations.

Diary dates

Thursday 30 July	Hand--tied posy
Thursday 27 August	Road Safety
Thursday 17 September	Whist Drive
Thursday 24 September	Open Evening - Good King Hal
Thursday 29 October	Managing Dementia

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 READING GROUP

We are a group of 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 07812 726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk

WINE CIRCLE

The Wine Circle embarks on a new year, having just enjoyed a Members' Favourites Tasting at the AGM.

You are very welcome to join us! You don't have to be a wine-maker to join in. Bring whatever you enjoy drinking and a glass, like the rest of us, and have a sociable evening out.

The programme for the next year will be a blend of the usual and enjoyable tasting evenings, mixed with refreshingly new topics.

Our Annual Summer Event on Sunday 12 July, a barbecue style two-course meal (£10), will be held on the Vicarage Lawn at 12.30pm. Tickets from Chris Branson 863555 (bring a chair, cutlery and plates + drink)

Wednesday 5 August Majestic Wines present 'Summer Whites' – 8.00pm in the East Coker Hall.

Friday 21 August we have a friendly skittles evening with two-course buffet at the Forester's in Holywell (£10), starting at 7.30pm. (Chris 863555 to add your name)

Check our page on the East Coker Society Website for the full programme for 2015/16 www.eastcoker.com

We meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month for an 8.00pm start. Join in for any topic which catches your eye or join us for a tasting.

Dates for your diary

5 August	Tasting 'Summer White Wines' 8.00pm
21 August	Skittles Foresters 7.30pm
2 September	Wine Scandals 8.00pm
3 October	Quiz – Nic' Quiz with DIY picnic 7.30pm
7 October	Tasting 'Wines around the World' 8.00pm
4 November	Cookery demo with David - previously at the Forester's 8.00pm

Any questions or for more information, talk to Barrie or Anne Hartley 862060.

SAVE EAST COKER FUND RAISING UPDATE

Following the amazing results from the Wandering Supper and Garden Party at Longlands, we have been able to pay the final amounts due to the Barrister and Consultants. This is fantastic news and really amazing if you stop and think about it. What an achievement, and just goes to show what we can do when we are pushed into it!

Thank you to everybody who has supported the fund raising team over the past 4/5 years and to the team themselves, of course, Gloria Woodford (who got us together in the first place), Sarah Owen, Bronwyn Fysh, Sandi Wintersgill, Di Miskin, Bridget Sugg and me.

We have all worked very hard on your behalf, but also had lots of fun and made long lasting friendships.

There is still a task ahead of us though – to repay the generous loans which were made a couple of years ago when we wondered if we would be in a position to employ these important people to help us in our Campaign to Save East Coker from the Planners.

The promise, at the time, was to pay them back as soon as possible and we continue with our Fund Raising Campaign so we can achieve this. Here are the latest dates for your diary:

4 July – Tombola Stall at Village Fete

We would be most grateful for bottles and/or cans of drinks. We can collect or please deliver by Thursday 2 July to either Sarah Owen, Paddock Cottage 862218 or Sandra Snelling, 9 Long Furlong Lane 862162. Thank you

20 September – Open House at Chalfont House, courtesy of Martyn and Cherry Sowerbutts. 12 noon until 5.00pm. Lunch, teas, Pimms. Book Stall, Bring and Buy, Raffle. Enjoy a leisurely September afternoon with your East Coker friends and enjoy The View.

16 October – Auction of Promises, East Coker Hall, 7.30pm Promises needed please. Contact Sandi Wintersgill 864342 or Sandra Snelling 862162

I look forward to seeing you around, either at the Fete or during the East Coker summer.

Sandra



EAST COKER PLAYERS

We would like to thank everyone who supported and helped us at our May play production. We all enjoyed performing for you. We raised £426, which will help towards the cost of replacing the stage extension, which we hope to have in place for the November Pantomime.

Our Pantomime this year is 'Cleopatra', to be performed Friday 27 and Saturday 28 November 2015.

Pantomime script read-through will be held on Monday 6 July, and auditions on Monday 13 July in the Dampier Room, at 7.00pm. All welcome. Rehearsals commence September.

Do you need something to do during the autumn/winter evenings? We are currently looking for new people to join the cast or help behind the scenes. Do you know a dancer/s who may like to perform a dance in the pantomime? Let us know or come to the read-through.

The costume department are looking for any unwanted Egyptian costumes, and would like to borrow a pith helmet!

East Coker Players is a great place to build confidence in a safe and fun environment for young and old. Minimum aged 8 years. We are now registered with Somerset Child Safe.

For further information, contact Anne 862060 or Hazel 429163.

EAST COKER DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group is now 'up and running'. The purpose of the group is to share and explore ideas and beliefs. It is not to provide a platform for members to promote their own ideas and beliefs with the aim of persuading others of them. We hope to explore the political, cultural, moral, religious and practical issues which underpin particular ideas and beliefs, with the aim of equipping ourselves better to understand them. The Group is about exploring ideas, not debating them in an adversarial way. We intend the atmosphere to be supportive and 'unpressured'. Meetings are expected to last for about an hour, but with the option of continuing for a further half hour should enough members wish. Would anyone interested in becoming a member of the group please contact John Field on 07890375780 or email jcmfield@hotmail.com

Our next meeting is due to take place in early April but, usually, they are on a Thursday towards the end of the month, commencing at 11.00am (but we are reasonably flexible!).

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Formed in 1999, the Gardening Club has provided a diverse and interesting programme for its members every year since. Over the past three months, members have enjoyed a variety of talks covering subjects from Japanese gardens to wicked plants. A very successful trip to Toby Buckland's Garden Festival, was held at Powderham Castle, near Exeter although the weather was rather chilly. Members returned with numerous plants, all safely stowed away by the coach driver for the journey home.

The programme for the remainder of the year is:

9 July	University of Bristol Botanic Garden – talk by Joan Chapman from the UBBG
13 August	Growing into Moor Plants – talk by Gilly Hayward
10 September	Iceland – land of fire, ice and plants – talk by Annette Beardsley
8 October	NGS – a digital visual celebration of the variety and history of gardens – talk by David Moon

Trips

16 July	Conducted tour of the University of Bristol Botanic Gardens, Bristol
15 September	Conducted tour of Dean's Court, Wimborne

All trips depart from the East Coker Hall.

Club Holiday

A very successful four-day holiday in April, based at Frensham Ponds, Farnham in Buckinghamshire, was enjoyed by members. Highlights of the trip included Syon House, the Savill Gardens, and Clandon Park, the latter sadly severely damaged by a devastating fire about a week after we visited. Cornwall is the destination for the 2016 holiday.

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? You do not need to be good at gardening; talks cover a wide variety of subjects. The annual subscription is £12, 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, Halves Lane, East Coker. For further information, please contact Helen Styles (01935 862447) or Stan Shayler (01935 420291).

THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME – JULY 2015

I've just picked this summer's first sweet peas and now I have to turn my attention to next winter's heating oil. Talk about 'From the sublime to the gorbimey'. Anyway, back to the usual stuff.

In January 44 people topped up with a total of 33,000 litres of oil at an astonishing price of 31.75p per litre. That was about 3ppl below the quoted price. It has risen by about 2ppl since then at 35.88ppl today (18 June), but that's actually 20ppl less than it was this time last year. So it's a good time to fill up.

Before you ask, I just do the donkey-work; collating 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 and quicker 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 22 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.

Do It Now – The More We Buy, The More We Save!

Paul Edwards

BURTON BOOK CLUB

We are a group of ten people who meet once a month, usually on a Wednesday afternoon, for one hour. We currently meet over coffee/tea at Goose Slade Farm Tea Shop. In addition to the £1 per month fee for books, we also put £2 into a 'kitty' to pay for drinks and, when funds allow, have a 'free' month.

Otherwise, what is said about the East Coker Reading Group elsewhere in the Newsletter holds good for the Burton Book Club, and the same contact details apply: Kevin Chapman on 07812726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk

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EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

Sam and Eleanor's trip to the World Scout Jamboree in Japan is nearly here - they have received their UK Contingent uniforms including sun hats, travel bags and water bottles. It is assumed that it will be very hot when they arrive. They have also had lessons on living with a Japanese family, culture and language.

We held our annual Parents' Evening in June, when the Beavers gave us examples of their activities, the Cubs held a mock TV interview about scouting and the Scouts told us of their success in winning the East Somerset District Novice camping competition. During the evening, Silver Chief Scouts Awards were presented to three cubs, Theo, Seb and William, and Ben would have received his Gold Award except that the District Leader, who was meant to present it, was unable to attend.

Both the Cubs and Beavers are looking forward to their District camps in July; there is a very Roman theme to the Cub's campsite, with them making swords, belts and roman columns.

Last year, the two jumble sales and monthly waste paper collections raised over £2,500 for us. This money all goes to keeping our membership fees low, buying equipment and basic maintenance of the scout hut. Many thanks to everyone that supports us.

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 25 July

Saturday 29 August

Saturday 26 September

Please contact Max Bugler 862186 if you wish anything collected.

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Playgroup Annual Summer Fair. Over £800 was raised for Playgroup funds, which is fantastic. The money raised will be used to provide extra-curricular fun activities for the children and will go towards the cost of the new garden the Playgroup is developing to further enhance the outdoor provision.

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 21 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 encouragements 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 Year's Entitlement is available in the funding period after their third birthday. We are open during term time with sessions every week day 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 has also worked at East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup, with both playgroups feeding 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 week day morning, afternoon sessions on Wednesday and Thursday, with daily 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 11am 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.

BONFIRES & BBQ's

Please consider your neighbours before having a bonfire in the middle of the day during the summer months. Also, think of the direction of the wind. Later in the afternoon allows enjoying sitting in the sun, washing to be dried, and gardening to be done without having to retreat indoors from bonfire smoke and falling ash. The same also applies to BBQ's, which everyone enjoys during the hot weather.

The Churches

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Sadly, this will be my last contribution to the Newsletter before I retire in July. My final Service takes place in the East Coker Hall at 10.45am on Sunday, 19 July and we hope to have a chance to say our goodbyes to as many as possible. While Alison and I are excited by what lies ahead, we both know it will be a big wrench when it comes time to leave. From the moment we arrived in June four years ago, people in the village have made us very welcome, and we have enjoyed being part of church and community life here enormously. We shall take with us with the fondest memories of East Coker.

During the interval before my successor is appointed and takes up the post, the best means of getting in touch on church matters will be our Church Warden, Judith Shaw (tel 863218) who, I know, will do all she can to be of help.

Ellie Farr is launching a number of new initiatives to develop our range of activities for children. On 12 July (and on the 2nd Sunday of each month), we're introducing a **Church Cafe** (9.30 - 10.30am), a chance to meet for a coffee and croissant in church before the Service starts, with games and crafts and drinks for children. Do come and join us.

From Monday 10 August to Friday 14 August, from 10.00am – 12.00pm each day, our **Summer Club** takes place in the East Coker Hall. There will be arts, crafts, games and snacks – a chance for 5-11 year old children to share the beauty and mystery of faith together. £4 per child per day or £15 for the week. Tel 07745 216811 to book a place.

Please note there will be no Sunday School on the first Sunday of August, as families are often away.

Looking further ahead, our popular Pet Service takes place at 10.45am on 13 September. All pet owners welcome, too!

As always, 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 www.cokerridge.org.uk.

With every blessing,

The Rev'd Charles Hatton

Further information about St Michael's can be found at our website www.eastcokerchurch.org.uk

EAST COKER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BURTON LANE

Weekly Meetings Sunday 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. We have recently run a 'Christianity Explored' course. If anyone is interested in attending such a course, we would be glad to run another.

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). There are also regular Craft activities. Parents and guardians are responsible for their child's welfare.

If you have any queries about the Fellowship or about the Christian faith in general, please have a word with Kevin Chapman. He can be contacted on 07812726853 or 422594 or email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk

Alternatively you may wish to look at our website on www.eastcokerchapel.com

'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.' Philippians, Chapter 4 verse 13

Village News

GOOSE SLADE FARM SHOP – GOOSEY FAYRE, SATURDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 12.00pm – 4.00pm

We're looking forward to welcoming everyone to our annual Goosey Fayre again with many of our regular attractions and a few new ones. We will be launching some new products in September, so meet the new producers and enjoy their samples in the food marquee. Visit our busy fund-raising craft tent, with new stalls this year.

Lots of activities for the children, with plenty of animals, machinery and tractors to look at. There will be live music, bar, cream teas and BBQ, serving our ever popular goose and plum sausages and burgers

Farm Shop – the BBQ season is here and we're ready with a wide selection of meats to tempt you this summer. Drop in to see what's in the display fridges each week, or if you have something in particular you would like, ask one of our butchers and we'll do our best to supply.

Tea Shop – We have extended our outdoor seating area ready for the summer, with either the grazing geese or young heifers added to the view! Enjoy coffee, cakes and cream teas, or take a look at our updated light lunch menu (also on our website www.thegoosefarm.co.uk).

Summer bedding and perennials currently in stock are supplied by Kate Best of Pot Luck Plants, East Coker.

Follow us on Facebook and keep up to date with what's new.

We look forward to serving you soon, Phil, Liz, Lindsey, Joe & Charlotte, tel 863735



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EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Neighbourhood Plan

As you all know, this Plan is vital for the future of the Parish, and we desperately need a co-ordinator to help the Steering Committee produce the draft plan and then the actual plan for submission to the SSDC. If you are interested in being part of this team and supporting the Neighbourhood Plan, please contact Sandra Snelling 862162 as soon as possible. You do not have to be a member of the Parish Council.

Is there any job that our Ranger can undertake within the Parish? Please contact Bridget Sugg on 863435.

Parish Council

A newly formed Parish Council met for the first time in May, and Bridget Sugg was elected as Chair. We also have a new Clerk, Gillian Macpherson. We have quite a few new members of Council, and contact details will be on the website soon. The minutes are also published, along with the forthcoming agenda. Meetings are held at the Pavilion every second Wednesday of the month, and are open to the public with a public question time. The next meeting is 8 July 2015.

Your Parish Council makes decisions on matters effecting/happening in the East Coker Parish, and your input is invaluable and very welcome. We currently have a vacancy on Council, if you are interested please contact the Clerk. Each councillor has been given a Role and Responsibility.

The Council

Chair, Bridget Sugg – Overseer of all roles, plus Village Ranger/Lengthsman.

Vice-Chair, Justin (Binny) Bennett – Keyford.

Gillian Macpherson – Clerk/Proper Officer (864354 dedicated land line).

James New – Equalities and Disabilities/Rights of Way/Footpaths/East Coker Hall Representative.

David Mead – Pavilion Sports Grounds/Village Ranger.

Hazel Clarke – Alms Houses.

Michael Mead – Cemetery/Pavilion Sports Grounds.

Chantelle Henocq – Website/Pavilion Sports Grounds/Risk Assessment of Playground/Rights of Way and Footpaths.

Paula Hodge – Scout Hut /Primary School contact.

Rod Jones – Youth Activities/First Aid/End of Year Audit review.

Murray Shepstone – Cemetery/Chapel.

Donna Goddard – Keyford/Playground furniture.

Sandra Snelling – Newsletters, communication and Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

All the Council will look at Parish planning applications. Please feel free to contact any of the Councillors if you have any queries or matters you would like raised or dealt with.

Updated information on the Keyford planning application and the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the East Coker Parish Council website www.eastcokerparish.com

Don't forget that the Pavilion is available to hire out for private parties and events. Contact Gill on 864354

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The Triangle

Summer flowers this year are Pelargonium 'White Blizzard' and Scaevola 'Blue Fan', both grown by SSDC's nurseries. Pelargoniums were introduced to England in 1631 by John Tradescant, gardener to the royal household. Its name comes from the Greek *pelargos* (stork) as it was thought the seed head looked like a stork's beak.

Scaevola means left-handed in Latin, as the flowers are shaped as if they are cut in half; common names include fan-flower, half-flower and, in Hawaiian, 'naupaka'. According to legend, a woman tore the flower in half after a quarrel with her lover. The gods, angered, turned all naupaka flowers into half-flowers, and the two lovers remained separated while the man was destined to search in vain for another whole flower.

Kathryn Sturtridge

SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

The mobile library route for East Coker is Tuesday, every four weeks from 1.00pm – 1.20pm at the Helyar Arms, 1.30pm – 1.45pm pm at Mill Close and 1.50pm – 2.05pm at Meadow View.

Further information from Libraries Direct 08453459177 or www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries

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

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who saves their used stamps, a huge bagful has just been received by the charity.

The Courtyard Café will now accept them, so please save all your stamps for this worthy cause as they are reused to make money for this charity, which funds vital research into childhood cancers.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS – Summer Bank Holiday

All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 5 September.

NEWS FROM COURTYARD CAFÉ

By popular demand we have increased the size of our slices of cake by 50% - ooooh! But even better the price is only up 10% - aaaah!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our Thursday Roast Lunches. As I write this, the temperature is over 30 degrees and a bit warm for roasts. So the plan is to take a break and restart in the Autumn.

Just a quick reminder, we are selling eggs, milk and the Western Gazette. You can also place an order for bread to be included in our daily delivery.

Our crafty ladies are still at it on every first Saturday of the month, so be sure to come down and get creative with lots of help, ideas and all the kit you need. It's great fun and, best of all, you can make a mess in our place, not yours!

IT matters. The Time to Share computer sessions are still very popular on Tuesday mornings. If your problems are of a more technical nature, Andy Goddard will be on hand to advise and help on Wednesday mornings from 9.30am to 11.30am in return for a small donation to the Round Table Children's Wish Charity.

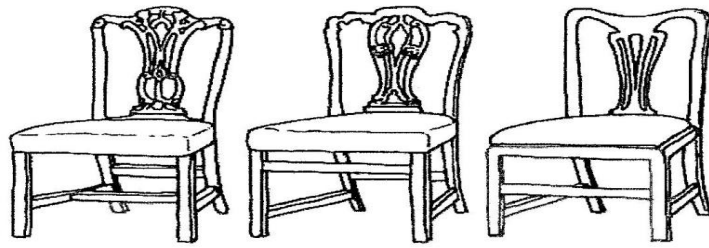
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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2015**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or e-mail l.lindsay@eastcoker.com, by Monday 21 September 2015.

KEN MARSH

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QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY

July 2015 – September 2015

Thurs 9 July	Gardening Club - UBBG	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 13 July	Time to Share - 40 th Birthday celebrations	2.30pm	The Vicarage
Tues 14 July	Library		
Thurs 16 July	UBBG – Conducted Tour		
Sat 25 July	Scouts – Waste Paper	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Mon 27 July	Time to Share – Rescue Pets		East Coker Hall
Tues 28 July	Poetry Group – Alun Lewis	7.30pm	The Helyar Arms
Thurs 30 July	W.I. – Hand-tied Poesy	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 31 July	Coffee Morning – Air Ambulance	10.00am - 12.00pm	The Forester's
Wed 5 Aug	Wine Circle – Tasting	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 10 Aug	Time to Share – Games	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 11 Aug	Library		
Thurs 13 Aug	Gardening Club – Moor Plants	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 15 Aug	Flower Show and Wine Festival	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 21 Aug	Wine Circle – Skittles	7.30pm	The Forester's
Mon 24 Aug	Time to Share – The E.C. Canoeist	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 27 Aug	W.I. – Road Safety	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 28 Aug	Coffee Morning – Guide Dogs	10.00am - 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 29 Aug	Scouts – Waste Paper	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Wed 2 Sept	Wine Circle – Wine Scandals	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 7 Sept	Time to Share – Outing for Tea		
Tues 8 Sept	Library		
Thur 10 Sept	Gardening Club – Iceland	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tue 15 Sept	Gardening Club – Trip to Dean Court		Wimborne
Thur 17 Sept	Trip to the Heritage Centre, Taunton	10.30am	Taunton
Thur 17 Sept	W.I. – Whist Drive	7.30am	East Coker Hall
Sun 20 Sept	Save East Coker – Open House	12.00pm – 5.00pm	Chalfont House
Mon 21 Sept	Time to Share – AGM – 40 years on	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 21 Sept	Copy for October Newsletter		
Thur 24 Sept	W.I. – Open Evening	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 25 Sept	Coffee Morning – Save East Coker	10.00am – 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 26 Sept	Goose Slade Farm Shop - Goosey Fair	12.00pm – 4.00pm	
Sat 26 Sept	Scouts – Waste Paper	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School