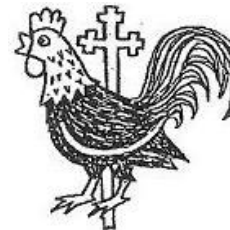


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East Coker Society News

BOOK NOW FOR THE WINTER FAYRE

Saturday 29 October 2016, 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 29th October 2016, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – EAST COKER HALL

Name of Organisation.....

Type of Stall.....

Contact Name.....

Telephone Number..... Email Address.....

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

VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – PLEASE USE IT

The Village Events Diary is 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 400 CLUB

Spring draw

£100 Mr & Mrs John Cooper; £50 Mr & Mrs Tony Ashley; £40 Mrs Penny Marpole; £30 Mr Peter Eastment; £20 Ms Caroline Leng; £15 Mrs Barbara Chatwin; £10 Mrs Sandra Snelling.

If anyone would like to join the 400 Club, the annual subs are £20. This is paid, if possible, by quarterly payments of £5 by Bankers Order. Please contact Mary Ashley 862263, Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472

Mike Weston

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EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings raised £240 for the ECPT in April; £200 for The Players in May and £250 for .Cystic Fibrosis in June.

The forthcoming events will be for:

- July – The Akamba Aid Classroom Project
- August – Guide Dogs
- September – Children's Cancer
- October – Riding for Disabled
- November – Children in Need

We would like to thank the Forrester's for allowing us to use their premises and also to thank all our lovely 'regulars' who support everything!

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313 Penny Marpole 863055

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER

The Branch held their annual Cheese & Wine evening on Friday 15 April at East Coker Hall. The evening was well attended by members and friends, and a short film was shown on the work of Royal British Legion Industries, who manufacture station signs and carry out general printing for industry. Most of us had no idea of the RBL involvement in this field. £379.00 was raised on the evening. We are so grateful for your support, which helps us continue our vital work for our veterans, service personnel and their families.

The Branch will be holding their 2016 Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning at West Coker Commemoration Hall on Saturday 22 October, 10.00am – 12noon. There will be the usual RBL, cake and produce stalls, plus our usual grand raffle. Please come along and enjoy a coffee, tea or soft drink with friends away from the hustle and bustle of Yeovil, knowing you are helping our traumatised veterans who are still suffering from injuries inflicted in conflicts going back many years.

The recent Invictus Games, headed by Prince Harry, has brought to public attention the care and support these men and women need. With your help we in our villages can continue to provide this support to those who are often too proud to ask.

The 2015 East Coker District Poppy Appeal is drawing to a close; to date our total is £7,901.25. Thank-you to all who gave so generously, also a big thank-you to our collectors, plus the three schools and other businesses who had collecting tins on their premises.

The dates for the 2016 appeal are from Saturday 29 October until Saturday 12 November. Remembrance Sunday is 13 November.

It is 100 years since the "Battle of the Somme", 1 July to 18 November 1916. The loss of life and injuries were horrendous.

The branch will not holding separate commemorations, however the Imperial War Museum has produced a film which is being distributed to local museums etc, one of which is Yeovil Community Heritage Access Centre (CHAC). I am in communication with CHAC with the intention of showing the film, plus a display at East or West Coker (or both) village halls in September. I will keep you informed as things develop.

Thank-you all for your continued support.

Chairman: David Holland 862782 d.holland632@btinternet.com

Secretary: Marilyn Smith 863944

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

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TIME TO SHARE

Programme through to September 2016

Monday 4 July	Garden Party at Lois Crisp's House
Monday 18 July	Garden Tips for Golden Oldies - Stan Shayler
Monday 1 August	Experiences in Nepal - Ian Williamson
Monday 15 August	Personal Experiences of Life - Gill Holt and others
Monday 5 September	An afternoon with the Ukulele Bobby's Girls
Monday 19 September	AGM

Meetings are 2.30pm in the East Coker Hall. Come and join us anytime for a cup of tea and a piece of cake!

Wi-Fi

We also run a Wi-Fi club in the Courtyard Cafe, courtesy of Alan and Sue. It is great fun, and we all learn a lot. From sending photos to families in faraway places, to ordering groceries on line! Or just come for a natter. Please come and join us for one of Alan's amazing coffees, or a piece of Sue's cake. 10.00am every Tuesday.

Sandra Snelling 862162, mobile 07717 723448, email sandra.snelling@googlemail.com

EAST COKER DISCUSSION GROUP

The Discussion Group is now its third year. There are currently just four people taking part and we would ideally like to have one or two more. 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 07890 375780 or email jcmfield@hotmail.com. We tend to meet towards the end of the month, on a Thursday, commencing at 11.00am (but we are reasonably flexible!). Topics discussed include "The state of democracy in Britain", "Is the Citizen's Wage feasible?", "Freedom of Speech", "How do we/our country/our world deal with ISIS?", "The EU Referendum", "Does brand UK exist?"

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. We have eclectic tastes, and have found ourselves reading (and enjoying!) books that we would, quite simply, not have chosen as individuals.

If you would like to know more, please contact either Jennie Warman on jennifer.warman@btinternet.com tel 421638 or Penny Marpole on penny.marpole@btinternet.com

SAVING EAST COKER – EAST COKER PRESERVATION TRUST

We have made it! With the success of the Wandering Supper last month and some very generous East Coker folk, we are now in a position to pay off all our debts. If you see me with a wider smile than usual, that's why!

The ECPT will be meeting this month to decide on our future involvement with the Keyford development and master planning. We also hope to help with the Neighbourhood Plan (see Parish Council note) as this is currently a most important area for the future of the Village/Parish.

There are no planned fund raising events for the remainder of the year so I will leave you in peace for a while. Our thanks must go to the Fund Raising Team of East Coker "girls" – Sarah Owen, Bronwyn Fysh, Sandi Wintersgill, Gloria Woodford, Di Miskin and Bridget Sugg. Without their continued support, time, wonderful ideas and smiling faces, we would not be in this position now.

Onward and Upwards, as they say.

Sandra Snelling t. 01935 862162 m. 07717 723448 e. sandra.snelling@googlemail.com

EAST COKER PLAYERS

It's that time of year again, 'Oh, yes it is!' When people from the village and the surrounding area come together for eleven weeks to rehearse and prepare for the Annual Pantomime. This year our production will be 'Snow White'. Performances will be on Friday 25 November at 7.30pm and Saturday 26 November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm.

Our first get-together will be on Monday 4 July in the Dampier Room at 7.00pm, to read through the script, followed by auditions on Monday 11 July in the Dampier Room at 7.00pm.

If you are interested in joining us this year, either on stage or behind the scenes, come along. Minimum age is eight years. East Coker Players is a member of Child Safe. All welcome.

At the end of May, we held a coffee morning and raised £200 towards our back stage sound system. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We would especially like to thank the Forrester's Arms for hosting the morning, Penny Marpole and Cherry Sowerbutts for their help, and members and friends for the lovely selection of cakes and draw prizes we were given.

For further information about the group or Pantomime, please contact Chairperson, Anne 862060 or Secretary, Hazel 429163.

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

East Coker Poetry Competition 2016

Everyone eats food. But can you write a recipe in poetic form? Following a vote at our May meeting, this is the challenge for our 2016 competition.

The recipe can be for any sort of food – a soup, a main course, a pudding, a cake, etc. The choice is yours but there must be enough information in the poem so that the recipe could actually be made - all ingredients, cooking times and temperatures if applicable.

Entries by email, if possible, to info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk by the 1 October 2016. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month, 7.30pm at the Helyar Arms, East Coker.

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

Thank you to all of you who supported our local Cream Tea delivery on 17 June. We delivered over 700 individual boxes to over 100 addresses in and around Yeovil making a profit of £3,200. We are now preparing for our national overnight delivery and have received over 6,000 orders which will be delivered all over the country, and we will be packing 4,000 of those in Yeovil.

Dates for your diaries

We are very pleased to have been chosen as the charity that will benefit from this year's 'Yeovil Super Saturday', which will take place on the 24 September – please keep an eye on the local press for further details. The date of our popular 'Diva Lunch' is this year to be held on Friday 14 October, again at The Haselbury Mill Tithe Barn.

Our website will be up and running shortly, please contact me for further details on 478409 or jane@donnelly81.fsnet.co.uk

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Members started the second quarter of the year with a talk by John Crabb during which he explained how he taken the accompanying superb photos of birds – the fine detail of avian features, particularly feathers, was amazing. His 'Heath Robinson' contraptions, built to assist in capturing the photos were of particular interest to some members. This was followed in May by an illustrated journey along the Jurassic coast, presented by Tony Burges, who covered geology as well as geography and history along the route. In June, David Chase of Midney Gardens explained how he had recycled various items dug up during the making of his garden – the bus, however, remains buried under the pond!

The programme for the next four months:

14 July	Talk by Martin Young
11 August	Herbs and aromatic Plants at Little Groves Nursery – talk by Becky Groves
8 September	Talk on Westonbirt Arboretum
13 October	The Azores

A guided tour of Cadhay, a beautiful Elizabethan Manor House which has been restored by furniture maker Rupert Thistlethwayte, was enjoyed on 21 June, followed by afternoon tea and a stroll around the gardens.

In August, Club members will enjoy a day at the Taunton Flower Show.

Meetings, trips and the annual holiday are all very well supported. New members and visitors are always welcome. We are a friendly lot – why not join us for an enjoyable, sociable evening? You do not need to be good at gardening; talks cover a wide variety of subjects. The annual subscription is £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 862447 or Stan Shayler 420291.

EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW AND WINE FESTIVAL

The Show will be held on Saturday, 20 August 2016. We welcome old and new exhibitors. The schedules will be out soon. Here are some of the new classes:

- Vegetables – any Root Vegetable. Dish of any Soft Fruit. Apples.
- Flowers – Patio Container. Collection of 4 different Annuals - 1 stem of each.
- Floral Art – The Queen's 90th Birthday. All Foliage – Arrangement in a basket.
- Arrangement in an item of footwear. Arrangement on a Candlestick.
- Homecraft – Cherry Genoa Cake. Four Sausage rolls.
- Children 5 years and under – a colourful flower picture made from shapes. A largest leaf.
- Children 6-9 years – a painted pebble; four decorated cupcakes; a Lego model; a decorated hard-boiled egg.
- Children 10-13 years – a painted flower pot; four decorated fairy cakes; a Lego figure in a shoe box lid; arrangement of flowers in a jam jar; design your own bug hotel on A4 paper.
- Photography classes – Water. Down the Garden. Caught in the Act. Ruins. Little and Large. Statues x 4.



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Halstock Shop & Hamish's Farm shop.

Find Pot Luck Plants on Facebook

EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

The new Wine Circle year has started, with new Chairman John Hollis installed for the next twelve months.

The programme is very interesting for the year and will be available to view on the Club's page on the Village website very soon.

Our first event is our lunchtime gathering on 24 July at 12.30pm. Previously, we've planned for an open-air venue, but having been let down by the weather last year we will be at the East Coker Hall. Tickets are £10 for a two-course meal, obtainable from Treasurer Chris Branson 863555 until 18 July.

- Wednesday 3 August will be a visit from the NT Gardener at Tintinhull House and visitors are very welcome (£3) Bring your own wine and a glass to sup while you listen!
- Wednesday 7 September will be a visit from Melbury Vale Vineyards and a taste of their wares.
- Wednesday 5 October is the postponed talk by Somerset Heritage Centre on Wills and Probate.
- Wednesday 2 November will be an interesting exploration of the merits of Chile v Argentina in wine tasting terms.

Do join us at any of our meetings – on the first Wednesday of the month at 8.00pm in the East Coker Hall.

Bring your own wine and a glass, and nibbles if you want, and share a very social evening.

John Hollis, Chairman 863002

THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME

This time last year we paid 29.95ppl (+ 5% VAT) for oil, then in January this year 21.95ppl. The price has risen steadily since January and today (19 June) the asking price is 30.00ppl, although as it is Sunday evening, I think that's some sort of offer. It looks as though we might be back to the old routine of filling up in the summer and topping up in January/February. Please note that isn't any sort of informed opinion, just nostalgia.

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 27 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

EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

The monthly Whist Drives will restart again in September. For any further information please contact secretary Ruby Rollo on 475010

Diary dates


Monday 11 July	Exercise with fun 2.00pm
Thursday 28 July	Owl Obsession 7.30pm
Monday 8 August	Exercise with fun 2.00pm
Thursday 25 August	Tai Chi 7.30pm



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Young People

EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We are fast approaching the end of the summer term and one of the busiest times in the school year.

Thankfully, all the national tests are out of the way and we have moved on to far more exciting things.

The children have taken part in a health and sport 'Enrichment Week' which was a huge success thanks to the hard work of the staff and volunteers. The children have been out and about in the village on walks and on bikes as part of their 'bikeability' training. They have been let loose on the school field with bows and arrows and on Sutton Bingham reservoir in canoes! The children have also been very lucky to have had first aid training from 'Lightning Training Solutions' who provided free workshops for everyone.

Our new Reception children have been to visit us on several occasions as part of their 'settling in' days, and our Year 6 pupils will be off on their visits to their chosen secondary schools soon. In addition to this, they are very busy preparing for their 'Leavers Show', which, from the little bits I have seen, suggests it is going to be highly memorable!

The East Coker PTFA held its annual Summer Fair recently, which despite the rain, hail, thunder and lightning was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many children enjoying the many events from the bouncy castle and football games to firing water pistols at some very brave Year 6 boys! In addition to this, there was a BBQ, Bar and Pimms tent, plant stalls, toys and book stalls, desserts that were to die for and a tombola for all ages! Thank you so much to the PTFA for all their hard work in organising such a wonderful event, to everyone who helped out and to those who braved the weather to join in all the fun.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful summer break.

Further information about the school can be found on our website www.eastcokerschool.co.uk

Jane Hesketh-Williams
Head Teacher



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EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

A person's time in scouting can be from as little as a couple of 'try out' sessions to a lifetime of involvement. Max Bugler, our Treasurer, falls into the lifetime category. This year, he has been awarded the Bar to the Silver Acorn, which is for outstanding service to the Scout Movement. Max has volunteered more than 60 years to East Coker, including running the Scout Troop, summer camps, dismantling and re-building our hut, monthly newspaper collections, jumble sales and looking after our money. Our congratulations and enormous thanks go to Max.

Ben and Alex, Young Leaders with our Cubs, and members of the Coker Crusaders Explorer Scout Unit, completed the Ten Tors competition on Dartmoor in May. This was a great achievement and took seven months of training and commitment. Eleanor unfortunately had to withdraw on medical advice.

The Coker Crusaders Explorers are the section after Scouts for 14.5 – 18 year olds. As a Unit, they are off to Romania in July to complete a humanitarian project at an orphanage. Ben, Alex and Kelsie will be joining this adventure.

This year, 2016, is the 100th year for the Cub section. Many extra activities have taken place with an extra-long camp (3 nights) in May, and more are planned to a Promise renewal in December. Bear Grylls, the Chief Scout, visited the camp, and some of our Cubs got to have a dance routine with him whilst Sam and Mathew escorted him around the activity zone.

The Scouts have won the District Camping Competition - Novice for the third year in a row; this year also winning the Cooking Competition.

Our planned extension gets forever closer – we now have planning approval, building regulations have been applied for and we await a structural survey date. We have sufficient money to build the outer shell and will apply for funds for the remainder. With a fair wind we hope to have new toilets from the winter.

Our numbers continue to be high, with all sections enjoying the better weather and being able to get out of the Hut.

We are currently seeking a new Executive Committee Secretary. We meet only four times a year, so if anyone feels they have some time to offer us please contact 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 30 July Saturday 27 August Saturday 24 September

David Webber

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the playgroup Annual Summer Fair. Despite the wet weather, 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 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 19 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 Years Entitlement is available in the funding period after their third birthday. We are open during term time at the following session times:

- Monday 9.00am – 12.00pm – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- Tuesday 9.00am – 12.00pm – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- Wednesday 9.00am – 12.00pm – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- Thursday 9.00am – 12.00pm – 1.00pm – 3.00pm
- Friday 9.00am – 12.00pm – 1.00pm – 3.00pm

Children staying for lunch need 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 also staff East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup, both playgroups 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 week day morning, afternoon sessions on Monday, 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 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 Stode on 07798 812540.

The Churches

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

Our new Rector, Rev. Colin Simpson, is settling in well with his family.

As part of the Coker Ridge Benefice, St Michael's, along with West Coker, Closworth, Sutton Bingham, East Chinnock, Pendomer and Hardington are enjoying opportunities to meet and worship together, and there is a wonderful Benefice Choir. When there is 5th Sunday in the month there is Benefice Service in one of the seven churches, giving everyone the opportunity to worship in the other churches.

Plans are now going ahead for the appointment of an assistant priest. And, of course, there are regular Weekly Services at St Michael's.

Our Children's worker, Ellie Farr, continues to work with children and families in East Coker, she has developed a thriving Sunday School which meets at 10.30am at East Coker Vicarage on the 1st Sunday of the month. Also Ellie runs an After School Club at East Coker School on Wednesdays, and holds regular Craft Workshops. Watch out for three awesome Craft and Games events, part of WONDER WEEK, on Monday 25, Wednesday 27 and Friday 29 July, from 10.00am – 3.00pm in East Coker Vicarage and gardens.

Although we no longer have a Parish Magazine, there is a monthly and weekly Coker Ridge Newsletter with details of all Services and events. If you would like to receive a copy of the Monthly Newsletter either via computer or paper copy, please contact me, Judith Shaw.

Future dates for your diaries

- St Michael's Pet Service, 10.45am Sunday 11 September (in the Church if wet). All animals welcome if accompanied by humans.
- Harvest Thanksgiving, 10.45am Sunday 9 October, followed by Harvest Lunch in East Coker Hall.

Details of contact phone and email below:

- Rev. Colin Simpson email rector42@icloud.com tel 862429 - Website www.cokerridge.org.uk
- Judith Shaw Church Warden email judith.shaw54@o2.co.uk tel 863218
- Ellie Farr Children's worker email eleonorfarr@outlook.com tel 07745216811

Judith Shaw, Churchwarden

ST MICHAEL'S SPRING FAIR & PLANT SALE, 14 May, The Vicarage Lawn

We would like to thank all those who helped, attended and donated plants, cakes and produce for the recent event. A total of £349.50 was raised.

Wendy & Mike Weston

EAST COKER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BURTON LANE

After nine years as Pastor of ECCF, Kevin will be stepping down from the role at the end of August.

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

Please Note On the last Sunday in July and August we will be holding our Sunday morning service at the East Coker Hall. Please come along for a 'Taster'. You will be very welcome.

Little Wheelers Mother and Toddler Group meeting at the East Coker Hall each Tuesday (during term time) from 10.30am - 12.00pm, £3.00 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.

We also run **Home Groups** on alternate Tuesday evenings for anyone who may be interested in discussing the Christian faith.

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.

Girls' Get-Together On a Thursday (not July and August), we hold a GG-T in the evening at the Chapel, generally consisting of a meal and a demonstration or talk (or both). These are generally very well attended with around 30-45 ladies of all ages attending.

If you have any queries about the Fellowship or about the Christian faith in general, please check out our website on www.eastcokerchapel.com

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

Village News

THANK YOU

Despite it being a wet and dismal day, the plant sale at Weavers Lodge, East Coker did remarkably well. We have so far raised £850 which will be going to St Margaret's Hospice. Donations for the raffle were fantastic and boosted our sales no end, and we are very grateful for all of them.

1st prize, a filled planter, won by Sarah Clarke
2nd prize, deluxe food hamper, won by Mr and Mrs. Stewart
3rd prize, basket of fruit, won by Glenis of Cross Cottages
and many others.

Ruth Holliday and Sue Adams helped enormously, and we couldn't have done it without them.

If you have any modular trays or medium sized pots, they are always welcome. Just leave near the greenhouses.

We hope to see you in 2017.

Christine and Glenn Seymour

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

A very big 'thank you' to everyone who saves their used stamps. 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.

EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Thank you for joining us to celebrate **The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebrations**. We didn't let the weather dampen our spirits. Thank you to all those involved who helped make this event happen.

New **signage** has been installed at the Triangle. The tree will be trimmed shortly so you can see it from all directions. The signage at Halves Lane will be refurbished soon. The SCC signposts have also been painted, and they have had cockerels installed at the post tops.

The **new Ranger**, Darren, has started. If you see anything that needs his attention, please contact Chairman B. Sugg, 863435 (no calls after 6.00pm, please).

Grant Aids are still available from the East Coker Parish Council for the benefit of East Coker Parishioners. If you have a parish group which would benefit, please email the Clerk for further details or download the application form from our website.

The **Fun Time weekly 2 hour activity sessions**, for ages 5 to 11 are proving to be a great success. The Parish Council will decide early in July if we will continue with them. If you have any comments regarding these sessions, please email the Clerk, thank you.

The **new picnic table** at the Pavilion and play area has been vandalised. We are in the process of having it fixed.

The **dog bins** with broken lids have been reported and will be fixed soon.

We have an issue in the Parish with **'fly tipping'**. If you see any rubbish that has been dumped illegally, please contact the Clerk.

Maintenance of the **Chapel** is ongoing. Further updates to follow.

The **Pavilion repairs** have now been completed. The guttering has been completed, and outside electric sockets have been installed. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to book the Pavilion.

The Parish Council holds a **monthly meeting**, every 2nd Wednesday, 7.00pm at the Pavilion. It is a public meeting to discuss planning and other issues affecting the Parish. You are all welcome to attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please contact the Clerk.

Yarlington - Maudsley Fields. The Parish Council has been informed that the repair work to the retaining wall will commence in the next three weeks. Extra sand bags will be used to retain the sand. The road may be closed for short periods due to materials being delivered. The Parish Council has asked Yarlington to keep the Nippy Bus service up-to-date of these closures.

Neighbourhood Plan

The current timetable for the Plan has been extended by a few months, due to difficulties in securing a date for a special meeting to formally approve it, but by the end of July we hope to have draft plans printed and placed at various public locations within the parish. This will be your opportunity to have a look at the Plan and make your comments. Due to summer holidays, we will allow eight weeks for this consultation event to allow for your response. More news on this in the coming weeks. Any queries, please contact Sandra Snelling, Chairman, ECNP, 862162

Email circulation list

If you would like to be kept up-to-date with regular news and events around the Parish, please email the Clerk. Your email address will not be made public and used by any other third party. Emails are not regular and are only sent when there is something to tell you.

Website

The new updated website will be up and running soon. More details to follow.

Councillors' contact details are on our website, www.eastcokerparish.com. The Parish Clerk can be reached on 864354 or email clerk@eastcokerparish.com.

HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS –SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 29 August. All collections one day later, including Friday pick-ups on Saturday 3 September.

'PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT' – Wind Instrument Ensembles in Pendomer Church

- Sunday 4 September – Octet: MOZART C minor Serenade KV388
- Sunday 6 November – Nonet: GOUNOD Petite Symphonie
- Sunday 4 December – DVORAK Serenade in D minor for Twelve Instruments

Performance 5.00pm – 5.30pm followed by Nibbles. But why not POP IN & LISTEN anytime to a bit of the rehearsal 11.30am – 4.30pm, then go off for a good walk and return for the performance.

FREE! Though any donation to Pendomer Church would be appreciated!

Further information from Anthea Lovelock info@Pendomer.org.uk 01935 891328



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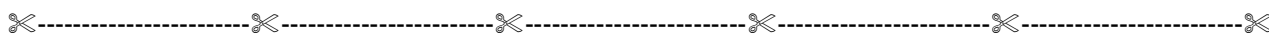
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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2016**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or email l.lindsay@eastcoker.com, by **Monday 12 September 2016 (please note this earlier than usual date)**.

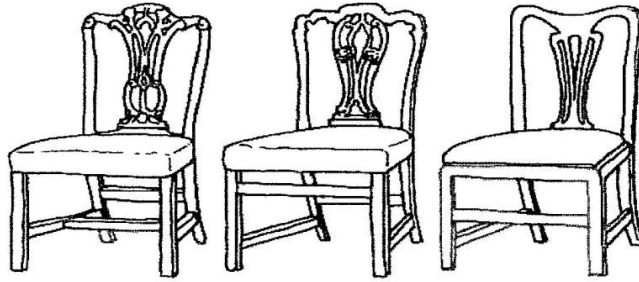


QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY

July 2016 – September 2016

Mon 11 July	The Player's – Auditions for Pantomime	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 11 July	W.I. – Exercise with fun	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 14 July	Gardening Club – Talk by Martin Young	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 18 July	Time to Share – Garden Tips	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 24 July	Wine Circle – Lunch	12.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 28 Jul	W.I. – Owl Obsession	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 29 Jul	Coffee Morning – Akamba Project	10.00am - 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 30 July	Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the school
Mon 1 Aug	Time to Share – Experience in Nepal	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 3 Aug	Wine Circle – NT Garden Tintinhull	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 8 Aug	W.I. – Exercise with fun	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 11 Aug	Gardening Club – Herbs & Aromatics	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 15 Aug	Time to Share – Gill Holt	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 20 Aug	Flower Show & Wine Festival	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 25 Aug	W.I. – Tai Chi	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 26 Aug	Coffee Morning – Guide Dogs	10.00am – 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 27 Aug	Scouts Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Sun 4 Sept	Octet – Mozart	5.00pm	Pendomer Church
Mon 5 Sept	Time to Share – Ukulele Bobby's Girl	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 7 Sept	Wine Circle – Melbury Vale Vineyards	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 8 Sept	Gardening Club – Westonbirt Arboretum	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 11 Sept	Pet Service	10.45am	St Michael's Church
Mon 12 Sept	Copy for the October Newsletter		
Mon 19 Sept	Time to Share – AGM	2,30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 24 Sept	Scouts Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Fri 30 Sept	Coffee Morning – Children's Cancer	10.00am - 12.00pm	The Forester's

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