

# East Coker Society Newsletter



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## East Coker Society News

### BOOK NOW FOR EAST COKER SOCIETY'S WINTER FAYRE!

**Saturday 28 October 2017 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 contact Sarah Owen, tel 01935 862218 to ensure a space is available. The form below will then require completing in advance of the event. Send it with cash or a cheque (payable to East Coker Society) to Paddock Cottage, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9JP. This will ensure your reservation.

### WINTER FAYRE Saturday 28 October 2017, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – East Coker Hall

Name of Organisation.....

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Contact Name.....

Telephone Number.....Landline .....Mobile

Email Address.....

Size of table at £2 per foot..... I enclose £.....Cash/Cheque

Any additional information.....

Signed.....

## Village Clubs and Organisations

### EAST COKER HALL CHARITABLE TRUST

#### Committee Members

We are delighted to welcome Paul Edwards as our new Treasurer and look forward to working with him.

The Trust still needs a Health and Safety officer. We would be delighted to hear from anyone interested in helping to run this valued village amenity. If you would like to know more, please contact John Hollis, Chairman 863002 or Helen Styles, Secretary 862447.

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

Note for diaries – The Branch will be holding a **Coffee Morning, Saturday 7 October, 10.00am – Noon at West Coker Memorial Hall** to start our 2017 Poppy Appeal.

Our final figure for 2016 was £7,781.82. A big thank-you to all who gave so generously, thanks also to our dedicated house-to-house collectors. I ask again, **please** consider joining our team, you can even walk the dog when out collecting - I'll give you a special poppy for his or her collar.

Please contact myself, David Holland, Marilyn Smith, 863944 or Wendy Weston, 862472.

The Branch Annual Cheese & Wine evening held on 21 April was well attended; we were able to raise £428.00. Our guest speaker, Saul Mason gave an interesting presentation illustrating how the RBL works with Dementia UK to provide Admiral Nurses – a service that supports the carers of our beneficiaries who have dementia – sadly a disease that will possibly infect one in four of us or our loved ones. The focus of the service is to maintain independence and improve quality of life for carers and families, including providing any practical advice they need.

The RBL Admiral Nurse Team are based at Dunkirk Memorial House (DMH), Bishops Lydeard, TA4 3BJ, tel 01823 218443. The house also has a dementia unit. The Admiral Nurses can be located by email to [helpline@dementiauk.org](mailto:helpline@dementiauk.org) or by visiting [www.dementiauk.org](http://www.dementiauk.org) Sadly, one of our members (Tony Crosse) recently passed away at DMH. It was the family's wish that monies donated at his funeral (£478.50) be donated to DMH for their new minibus appeal.

The Branch will be making this amount up to £1,000, with monies raised at the Cheese & Wine Evening and the village Charity Coffee Morning held at The Forester's in May.

Thanks to those who attended these events. Your generosity ensures the RBL is able to continue to provide much needed support, not only to our dementia sufferers but the Armed Forces Community as a whole.

Thank-you all for your continued support

David Holland [d.holland632@btinternet.com](mailto:d.holland632@btinternet.com)

## FILMFLIX – Films at East Coker Hall

The films shown in April (**Sully**) and May (**I, Daniel Blake**) were both very well attended. Sadly, however, possibly due to the change of date, there was an audience of only 25 for the showing of **A United Kingdom**. Hopefully, when the films recommence in September - usually on the last Wednesday of the month - audience numbers will rise.

Look out for the posters on the village notice boards or contact us on one of the numbers given below for details of the programme for September, October and November, which should be available towards the end of July/beginning of August.

Showings commence at 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Entry £6 per person.

For further details, contact 01935 863002 or 01935 862447

## EAST COKER BOWLS CLUB

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

We are a friendly club and are looking for 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?

For more information, check out our website [www.eastcokershortmatbowlsclub.btck.co.uk](http://www.eastcokershortmatbowlsclub.btck.co.uk) or telephone our Club Captain George Dudden on 01935 864222.

D Farrant - Club Chairman

## THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME – JULY 2017

So it's the Midsummer Solstice in the middle of a record-breaking heat wave, and Lesley wants me to write about heating oil!

If you want it as cheap as possible, you shouldn't be wasting your time reading the Newsletter; you should be on the phone and the web keeping track of prices. If you don't worry about these things, just wait until your tank's almost empty and then rush to get some more, maybe the week before Christmas.

If, on the other hand, you've got more important things to do, but want to pay a reasonable price and save the tankers' fuel driving round the countryside, why not join our consortium? As a bonus, you'll be saving money for the old folks with small tanks who don't use very much and have to pay over the odds for less than 500 litres. It's surprising how prices fall when you ask the price for 1,000 litres and then for 55,000 litres in 60 drops. One of the drivers told me that he hates these bulk orders because he spends all his time out with his hose and doesn't get a chance to relax as he drives from village to village. I think that says it all.

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 [paulewards@waitrose.com](mailto:paulewards@waitrose.com) or 01935 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 7:00 pm on Wednesday 26 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 GARDENING CLUB

The Club members continue to enjoy a varied programme of talks and events, all of which have been well attended. In April, about 30 members climbed aboard the coach for the Annual Club Holiday, and headed to Eastbourne. A very enjoyable four days ensued, visiting several places and gardens of interest, shared with good company. The 2018 holiday, which will be based in Stafford, is already fully booked, with a waiting list!! An extremely enjoyable day, although very hot, was had by members on 21 June when they visited Ugbrooke House in Devon, with a stop-off at Trago Mills. On 4 August, members will spend the day at the Taunton Flower Show, where they will no doubt be inspired by the exhibits and plants, the coach no doubt looking like a nursery full of flowers on the return journey.

Judging of the petunia plug plants, distributed at the March meeting for members to grow on, will take place at the August meeting.

The programme for the next few months:

13 July	<b>Summer Event</b> (members only event)
10 August	<b>Bonsai</b> – John Trott
14 September	<b>Botanic Gardens from Arctic Circle to Tropics</b> – Mike Webber
12 October	<b>Gardens of the rich and famous</b> – David Moon
9 November	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>
14 December	<b>Christmas Party Quiz</b> – Mike Short

The small committee does an excellent job of planning the programme, making every effort to ensure that all members are able to benefit from most of the talks, events and trips.

Meetings, day 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 £15, 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

## BURTON BOOK CLUB

We are a friendly group who meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon at Goose Slade Farm Tea Shop. We pay a fee of £1.00 per month for books which we get from the library, and £2.00 into a kitty for drinks, and when funds allow have a free month. We have read books that we may not have chosen as individuals, and mark them on merit of enjoyment and content.

Our most recent reads have been *Girl on a Train* - Paula Hawkins, *Notes from a Small Island* - Bill Bryson *A Sense of an Ending* - Julian Barnes.

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

## EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Our meetings are held at the Helyar Arms, East Coker, and normally start at 7.30pm on the last Tuesday of the month.

**Tuesday 25 July**      Animals in Poetry

'Tyger Tyger, burning bright' wrote William Blake - and many other poets have also been inspired by animals. This is an Open Evening, but with a theme. If you can find, or write, any poetry connected with animals, then this is the time to bring out your wild side.....

So bring some poems or just come and listen.

For more information about the East Coker Poetry Group, contact David Cloke, Group Co-ordinator, 862623 email [info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk](mailto:info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk). Please check our website for the most up to date details of any meeting [www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk](http://www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk)

## TIME TO SHARE

Monday 3 July	Birthday Party – The Pavilion, Long Furlong Lane, 2.30pm
Monday 17 July	Quiz
Monday 31 July	Call My Bluff
Monday 14 August	Knit and Natter (Ladies) Board Games (Gents)
Monday 4 September	Getting to Know You – Better
Monday 18 September	AGM and Bring and Buy
Monday 2 October	Seated Exercise

Join Time to Share every other Monday in the East Coker Hall from 2.30pm – 4.00pm.

Sandra Snelling

## EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Recent events started with the March coffee morning, generating £369 for Cystic Fibrosis. In April, the event was very successful and a total of £523 was collected for the Children's Lifeline (Chernobyl), and in May £320 was raised for British Legion – Live On.

The forthcoming events will be for

- Yeovil Inner Wheel in aid of Motor Neurone Disease on Friday 28 July
- (Vacancy – Friday 25 August)
- St Margaret's Hospice on Friday 29 September
- Children in Need on Friday 27 October

In recent months, it has sometimes proven very difficult to find people who want to hold a coffee morning to raise funds for causes which they support. It would be a pity if, through a lack of support, we had to give up organising these events, which not only generate useful amounts for the nominated charities but also provide an occasion for a local get-together which is much enjoyed by many living in the area.

So please do give some thought to having a coffee morning for a charity which you feel you would like to support with a donation. Equally, ask your friends if they too would like to nominate a charity.

It is very straightforward to run one of these events, and it entails mostly providing a few cakes and prizes for the raffle. If you want more information, don't hesitate to contact us.

Please come along to the Forester's Arms, between 10.00am and 12.00pm, and give your continued support to all these deserving causes.

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

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313 Penny Marpole 863055

## EAST COKER PLAYERS

Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped with our May Mayhem production. It was lovely to see our younger members performing. Well done Honey, Lillia, Tyler, Hannah and Oscar. A good time was had by all, with some of the audience up and dancing to Double JR. We made £475, some of which we have used to purchase our own video camera. It will be used to look at members' performances during rehearsals, and to record a copy of our future productions.

It's nearly that time of year for Pantomime. Oh no its not! we hear you say. Well it is for us. We have chosen 'Aladdin' by Ben Crocker. Performances will be on 24 and 25 November 2017.

A read through of the script will be held on Monday 3 July 2017, and auditions will be on Monday 10 July 2017. Both start at 7.00pm in the Dampier Room. All welcome. Please come along, if you would like to join us this year. Minimum age is 8 years.

There are also plenty of jobs behind the scenes that we need help with, building or putting up scenery, putting up the stage extension, altering costumes, making props or just making the tea.

For further information, contact Anne Hartley 862060 or Hazel Giddings 429163 (Pantomime)



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## **EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE**

We all hope that you are enjoying the fine weather.

### **Programme**

Our August meeting is a Skittles Evening at Sonny's on Friday 11 August at 7.00pm.

Saturday 19 August, 2.00pm	Flower Show and Wine Festival
Wednesday 6 September, 8.00pm	Harry's Cider.
Wednesday 4 October, 8.00pm	Twine Works, West Coker.
Wednesday 1 November, 8.00pm	Mark Banham – wine tasting.

Look forward to see you all – have a great summer.

Sarah Rashley

## **EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW AND WINE FESTIVAL – Saturday 19 August 2017**

### **Tips for Entering**

Try to get the vegetables all the same size and colour if possible. 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 can be stood on sand on a plate, trim the top and tied with string or bands. Tomatoes must be displayed with calyces (the green flower bud case), they can be stood on sand on a plate. Beetroot must be plated. Gently wash potatoes, carrots, apples and dry. Wipe clean beetroot and tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and courgettes.

Cut flowers – you can use any vase and can put newspaper or oasis in the vase to hold the flowers in place. The flowers will be viewed from all sides.

A tip for the Wine Class is in the schedule.

Please try and enter and support the show. Please read the show rules.

The schedules are out now and in the Village Café and Goose Slade Farm Shop, plus other areas.

**You can enter online this year if it is easier, and entries may also be emailed to [eastcokerflowershow@hotmail.com](mailto:eastcokerflowershow@hotmail.com)**

Please can you encourage children to enter, as the classes were poorly supported last year. Prize money for the children, and also class 70 – 'Any Photo taken by a young person up to 16 years old (the Olive Sharman Award) plus £10.

Looking forward to seeing all of your hard work

Sarah Rashley, Secretary

## **THE COKER 400 CLUB SPRING DRAW**

£100 Cdr J. White; £50 Mr Michael Mead; £40 Ms C. Leng; £30 Mrs K. Sturtridge; £20 Mrs Sandra Snelling; £15 Mrs Ruth Waite; £10 Mrs B. Chatwin.

If anyone would like to join the 400 Club, then please contact Mary Ashley 862263, Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472.

The annual subs are £20 payable quarterly, if possible by bank standing order.

Mike Weston



**EAST COKER PLAYGROUP** – find us on [www.eastcokerpreschool.co.uk](http://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 activities and resources for the children to promote learning and development.

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. Children staying for lunch need to bring a packed lunch. We are open during term time at the following session times:

Monday	9:00-12:00	1:00-3:00
Tuesday	9:00-12:00	1:00-3:00
Wednesday	9:00-12:00	1:00-3:00
Thursday	9:00-12:00	1:00-3:00
Friday	9:00-12:00	1:00

If you are seeking childcare for your 2 year old, East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup accepts children from their 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. This began when East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup was threatened with closure due to staff shortages and has worked to the benefit of both groups, each maintaining their own committee and identity. 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 and an afternoon session on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, with optional lunch cover for children who like to bring a packed lunch.

Find us at [www.eastchinnockunder5spreschool.co.uk](http://www.eastchinnockunder5spreschool.co.uk)

**Stop Press:** East Coker Playgroup is to offer Summer Holiday Sessions in July and August. For more information and to put your child/children on the waiting list for either Playgroup, please contact Kay Strode on 07798 812540

### **EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL**

#### **Enrichment Week**

The children have been busy developing their creativity this term. Just after Easter, Darren Wakelam came into school and worked with the children to produce some wonderful birds which now hang from the beams in our library area. They represent our new class names. We held a very special music and art enrichment week recently during which one of our very artistic teaching assistants, a very talented Mrs Kearvell, took groups during the week to produce some fantastic bird banners which we can use during sports days.

We started the week with a visit from Gloria and a mass ensemble of Jamaican music, entertaining 265 children in the hall for most of the day. The children's behaviour was outstanding, and the singing they produced at the end was wonderful.

We had many additional adult helpers during the week to support with our art activities, which ranged from Monet painting, sewing, collage, clay work and sculpting with willow.

We ended our week with a very special Music Day, and children and classes performed to parents throughout the day. Photos are on the school website gallery! [www.eastcokerschool.co.uk](http://www.eastcokerschool.co.uk)

#### **Sports**

We have had lots of visiting coaches the past two terms and they have taught classes as well as run after-school clubs. This has included football coach Simon Lyons from the FA and a Somerset Cricket Board Coach, Richard Askew.

The children have represented the school in many events. They have taken part in Inter-schools fixtures, festivals and tournaments in the following sports: tennis, rounders, boys and girls cricket, cross-country, athletics, football and high fives netball.

Six pupils have represented the Yeovil District Cross Country Team in the Somerset Inter-district Meeting. The Yr 4 tennis team won their qualifying tournament and will now play in the South Somerset Finals. The Yr 5 & 6 boys and the girls cricket teams all had very successful Yeovil Area Tournaments and all qualified for the South Somerset Finals at Chard Cricket Club. The Yr 5 Boys came second and just narrowly failed to reach the county finals. The Yr 6 football team came runners-up in the Annual Birchfield Tournament, with the netballers achieving a creditable 4th at the same venue. Thirty Six children represented the school at the Area Athletics this month, with the school finishing 5th in the area.

**Still to come** - at the end of June, a number of pupils will have the opportunity to participate in an inter-schools swimming gala.

### **Our New Curriculum**

We are really looking forward to an exciting year next year as we are starting a new Curriculum from September. We will be introducing project-based learning experiences, and will have a special event or visitor at the start of the term to inspire the children's interests, and we will celebrate with a special end event to share with parents what the children have been learning that term. We will hold more special days in addition to the current Enrichment Week, with special days such as a 'Curiosity Day' and an 'Engineering Day' and provide more opportunities for parents to come in and see what their children have been learning.

### **THANK YOU MR PAYNE**

Mr Trevor Payne has kindly donated a brand new TV. This now means we can use it in the Willow Room to support with teaching phonics and interventions. Thank you so much!

And finally, thank you to everyone who has supported the school over the last year. Have a very good summer break.

Jane Hesketh-Williams  
Head Teacher



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## EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

Our extension is almost complete. Most importantly, the toilets are now working and in use - much to the appreciation of all the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The preparation room units (provided by Howdens) are being fitted. The last piece will be installing the hot water system. The finished effect has exceeded our expectations and the new space is amazing; it will change the manner in which we use the scout hut and allow us to deliver even better activities. We also have wi-fi now.

I will reiterate that this has only been possible due to the generosity of many people within the scout group, the village and £10,000 National Lottery Funding. This is just a start, and we will continue to seek funding for a new entrance, store, main heaters and replacement roof.

The Beavers have been for a walk around East Coker (Explore Activity badge), and been working on their Disability Awareness badge, and are currently making decorated flower pots for the East Coker Gardening Society competition. They will be camping at Huish Woods (near Taunton) over the weekend 8/9th July; this will include activities such as caving and zip wire.

The Cubs have just been to District Camp and came 2nd in the Themed Dress competition. The weekend was extremely hot and the leaders spent much of the time ensuring all the Cubs drank plenty of water, put on their sun cream and were wearing hats. The Cubs have been kayaking at Sutton Bingham and will be sailing in July. They've also completed their Cyclist badge.

The Scouts came 4th in the Fox Trophy (a two day hiking competition) and achieved 1st Class in the District Camping Competition. During the camp, they did air rifle shooting, archery and cooked pizzas. JAWS, a water based camp, is coming up, where the Scouts will do kayaking and rafting as well as caving. They have started walking all the footpaths in the Parish, a task agreed with the Parish Council, as part of their World Challenge Award.

We have a Group Rounders Night and BBQ on Friday 14 July.

We are really pleased to welcome some new parents onto our Executive Committee and look forward to their ideas on how we can continue to develop our facilities and equipment that enables us to deliver such a great programme of activities.

### Waste Paper Collection

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 29 July

26 August

30 September

28 October

David Webber, Group Scout Leader

## The Churches

### EAST COKER CHAPEL, BURTON LANE, BA22 9LJ

Our morning worship service (which incorporates 'kid's church') is held each Sunday morning at 11.00am. Led by our own worship band, we have mainly new songs and some traditional ones, usually with a guest speaker. It lasts for about an hour, and is always followed by coffee and biscuits. However, on the first Sunday of each month we hold our café/breakfast church at East Coker Hall from 11.00am onwards, come and enjoy church but not as you know it. Cafe church is an informal, relaxed café-style gathering where you can enjoy freshly-brewed coffee, tea, croissants, cereal and toast.

**Little Wheelers** baby and toddler group is held on Tuesday mornings at East Coker Hall at 10.30am, all mums, dads and grandparents welcome.

**Afternoon Tea Break** on the first Thursday of the month from 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Meet with friends old and new. [www.eastcokerchapel.com](http://www.eastcokerchapel.com)

We have currently two home groups running which meet fortnightly.

For further details of any of the above, please contact either Phil & Liz Dunning on 863735 or Joe Dunning on 07800 746454.

[www.eastcoker.com](http://www.eastcoker.com)

## ST MICHAEL' CHURCH

We are pleased to be having several weddings through the summer months', always a happy occasion and hopefully the weather will be kind.

A reminder that our Service rota at St Michael's is as follows:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	10.45am Sunday School 11am - Sung Eucharist
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	8am – Holy Communion 11am – Morning Prayer
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	10am – Café Church 6pm – Evensong
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	11am- Sung Eucharist

St Michael's is very pleased to welcome our new Children's Worker, Emma Evans. She is busy planning an After School Club at East Coker Primary School, a Holiday Club and Messy Church.

The After School Club will take place on Fridays from 3.30pm – 4.30pm in the Willow Room at East Coker School. The Holiday Club will take place on 14 & 15 August – the event is called 'Super Heroes'. The Messy Church is planned for December. If you would like more information about any of the above, please contact Emma by email: [allangelscwl@outlook.com](mailto:allangelscwl@outlook.com)

We continue with Café Church, an informal get-together, with an opportunity to enjoy coffee and croissants, time for talk, prayers and a hymn. Everyone is most welcome and Emma will be there each month with activities for children.

Ellie continues to lead Sunday School on the first Sunday of each month at 10.45am; always full of interesting and fun activities, please think about bringing your families along.

On Thursday 20 July, we will be welcoming the Year 6 pupils from East Coker School to a Leavers' Party in the church where Colin will present each of them with a booklet called 'It's Your Move', which is designed to help young people with the transition from Primary to Secondary School.

On Sunday 30 July, there is a Benefice Service at Pendomer, this begins at 10.00am. Always a lovely outside service, in beautiful surroundings.

In September, we will be holding our Annual Pet's Service. A chance to bring along your dogs, hamsters, guinea pigs and any other pets you may have on Sunday 17 September at 10.00am. Hopefully, this will be outside, weather permitting.

Advance notice of our Harvest Service, this will take place on Sunday 1 October at 11.00am. It will be followed by a Bring & Share Lunch in the church, an opportunity to enjoy good food and company.

### Contact details:

Rev. Colin Simpson – [rector42@icloud.com](mailto:rector42@icloud.com) and tel 862429

Judith Shaw (Churchwarden) – [judith.foxholes@gmail.com](mailto:judith.foxholes@gmail.com) and tel 863218

## ALL SAINTS' CLOSWORTH

Sunday 24 September – Harvest Evensong at 6.30pm. Come along and sing those special Harvest Hymns.

Monica 862834

## Village News

### REFUSE COLLECTIONS – August Bank Holiday

Collection of Recycling and Refuse (black bin) will be one day later than your normal day.

## THE TRIANGLE

Summer bedding was planted in mid-June: both pink and white trailing geraniums with a few Victoria Blue salvias all from the SSDC Nurseries at Lufton. Prior to this, five bags of compost were spread to replenish the soil which is depleted every year by the tree's root growth. Spring-flowering bulbs were dug up and dried off with a view to replanting them in the autumn.

Lavender cuttings over-wintered well and have grown into plump little bushes and, along with the magenta Lychnis at the front of the plot, are proving attractive to bees.

Thanks to Karen (who is doing duty as our Ranger at present) who staked the Queen Elizabeth rose and sprayed roadside weeds.

Kathryn Sturtridge

## EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

**Neighbourhood Plan** Thank you again for all your comments during our Regulation 14 Consultation in March. It's a long job as we had so many, but these have now been collated, reviewed and will be included in the next draft version of the Plan ready for presentation to the Parish Council and SSDC. The Plan will then be proof-read ready for an independent Health Check. South Somerset District Council will then review it too. This is a long process, but we hope to have some positive news for you by the next edition of the Newsletter in October. Watch this space!

**Postman 'John' retirement gift** If you would like to contribute to a leaving gift for the postman, John, who leaves after many years' service, in August, you can do so at the Village Café, and contributions can also be left, in a sealed envelope, at the Clerks address, 5 Long Furlong Lane.

**Annual Parishioner Evening** – Was a great success, with over 60 parishioners attending and excellent presentations and Q&A session. It was a great opportunity to meet the Parish Councillors, and a thoroughly enjoyable social event.

**Drain Clearance** The maintenance programme is continuing. Please contact the clerk if you note a blocked drain.

**Pot Holes** Please report any pot holes to the Clerk.

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

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** The Parish Council would welcome suggestions/ideas regarding the utilisation of the Chapel Cemetery.

If you see the Ranger, Karen, working in and around the Parish, a cuppa would be most welcome. If you see anything that needs her attention, please contact Chairman B Sugg, 01935 863435 (no calls after 6.00pm please).

The Parish Council hold 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.

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 or used by any other third party.

Councillors' contact details are on our website, [www.eastcokerparish.com](http://www.eastcokerparish.com).

The Parish Clerk, Gillian Macpherson, can be reached on 01935 864354 or email [clerk@eastcokerparish.com](mailto:clerk@eastcokerparish.com).

## LIBRARY

Below are the details of mobile library stops in East Coker at The Helyar Arms on a Tuesday, every four weeks from 12.40pm – 12.55pm.

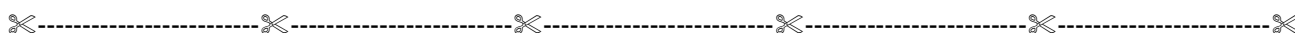
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## BONFIRES

It pays to plan before a bonfire: inform neighbours and check that hedgehogs have not taken up residence. Think of the direction of the wind, and don't allow damp material to smoulder. Late 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. Please be neighbourhood-friendly.

## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2017**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or email [l.lindsay@eastcoker.com](mailto:l.lindsay@eastcoker.com), by **Wednesday 20 September 2017**

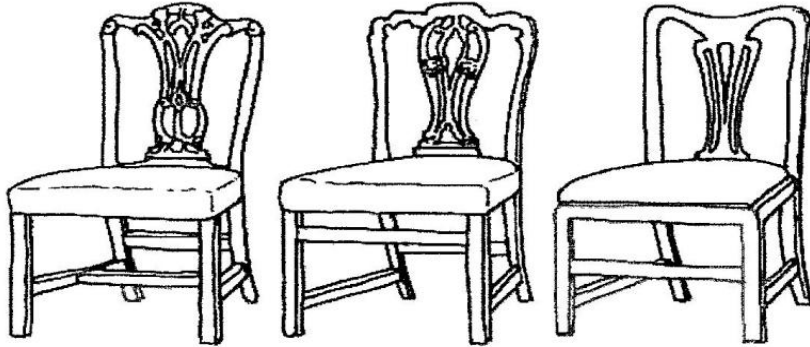


## QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY

July 2017 – October 2017

Sat 1 July	Cokerfest	5.00pm – 1.00am	Longlands Lane
Mon 3 July	Time To Share – Birthday Party	2.30pm	The Pavilion
Mon 3 July	The Players – Pantomime – read-through	7.00pm	Dampier Room
Mon 10 July	The Players – Pantomime Auditions	7.00pm	Dampier Room
Tues 11 July	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Thur 13 July	Gardening Club – Summer Event	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 17 July	Time To Share – Quiz	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 25 July	Poetry Group – Animals in Poetry	7.30pm	The Helyar Arms
Fri 28 July	Coffee Morning – MND	10.00am – 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 29 July	Scouts Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Tues 8 Aug	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Mon 31 July	Time to Share – Call My Bluff	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 10 Aug	Gardening Club – Bonsai	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 11 Aug	Wine Circle - Skittles	7.00pm	Sonny's
Mon 14 Aug	Time To Share – Knit & Natter & Games	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 19 Aug	Flower Show and Wine Festival	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 25 Aug	Vacancy for a Coffee Morning		
Sat 28 Aug	Scouts Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Mon 4 Sept	Time To Share – Getting to know you	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 5 Sept	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 6 Sept	Wine Circle – Harry's Cider	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thur 14 Sept	Gardening Club – Botanic Garden	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 17 Sept	St Michael's Church – Pet Service	10.00am	
Mon 18 Sept	Time To Share – AGM & Bring & Buy	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
<b>Wed 20 Sept</b>	<b>Copy for October Newsletter</b>		
Sun 24 Sept	Harvest Service – All Saints'	6.30pm	Closworth
Fri 29 Sept	Coffee Morning - St Margaret's Hospice	10.00am – 12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 30 Sept	Scouts Waste Paper Collection	8.30am – 10.30am	Near the School
Sun 1 Oct	St Michael's Church – Harvest Festival	11.00am	
Mon 2 Oct	Time To Share – Seated Exercise	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 3 Oct	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 4 Oct	Wine Circle – Twine Works	8.00pm	West Coker
Sat 7 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm	West Coker

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