

East Coker Society Newsletter



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East Coker Society News

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL AND PRIVACY POLICY

East Coker Society has been issuing news for the Parish since its formation in 1975. In those days, it was a simple broadsheet. Nowadays, we have far more clubs and organisations to issue communications for, so our editions are very much longer.

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BOOK NOW FOR EAST COKER SOCIETY'S WINTER FAYRE Saturday 27 October 2018 – 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 & 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 27 October 2017, 2.00pm - 4.00pm – East Coker Hall

Name of organisation.....

Type of stall.....

Contact name.....

Telephone number.....LandlineMobile

Email address.....

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

Any additional information.....

Signed.....

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER 400 CLUB

Spring Draw

£100 Mrs Doreen Bates; £50 Mrs K McIver; £40 Mrs A Davidge; £30 Mrs J Fellows; £20 Ms V Von Preusson; £15 Mrs Edna Mitchell; £10 Ms S Hedges.

The 400 Club has been very pleased to send a cheque for £200 to St Margaret's Hospice.

Summer Draw

£100 Mr & Mrs John Cooper; £50 Rob Mead; £40 Mr R Bromley; £30 Mr & Mrs T Ashley; £20 Mrs Valerie Whittock; £15 Cdr. J White; £10 Mrs. M O'Neill.

The 400 club has been very pleased to pass a cheque for £200 to the East Coker Scout Troop towards the cost of sending four East Coker Scouts to the World Scout Jamboree to be held in the United States in 2019.

If anyone would like to join the Club, the annual subs are £20, paid preferably by a quarterly Standing Order, on 1 January, 1 April, 1 July and 1 October. Please contact Mary Ashley 862263, Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472.

Many thanks, Mike Weston

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

We held our Annual Cheese & Wine Evening in April. Thank-you to everyone who made it such a success, your generosity enabled us to raise £505 which will help the RBL to continue to provide the much needed support to the Armed Forces community; serving and ex-serving men, woman, their families and dependants.

During the evening, Poppy Appeal Awards were presented to 16 of our dedicated collectors who between them have been collecting for 310 years.

Special congratulations to Catherine Denny and Christine Mead, who were presented with 55 year bars to their 35 year brooch.

We have 42 collectors in the East Coker Poppy Appeal district area, which covers five villages. Between them, they have amassed 589 years of collecting – a big thank-you to them all.

We would welcome any new members to the team. Please consider joining us. Contact myself; Marilyn Smith 863944 or Wendy Weston 862472.

Dates for diaries

- Coffee Morning, Friday 27 July at the Forester's Arms, Holywell. 10.00am – Noon.
- The 2018 Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, Saturday 13 October at West Coker Memorial Hall 10.00am – 12 Noon.

Thank-you all for your continued support.

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

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 or telephone our Club Captain, George Dudden on 01935 864222.

D Farrant, Club Chairman

TIME TO SHARE

Sometimes it is good for us to see some new faces - please pop in on a Monday afternoon when we meet at the East Coker Hall.

We are tackling loneliness at the moment, and anybody who fancies a cuppa and a chat is always welcome. It is a fallacy that we are all over 90, though I often feel like it these days! We have some amazing speakers coming up soon, so watch this space and come and see us if you are passing.

July

- Monday 16 July Who Am I? – Facts about our members that we do not know about
- Monday 30 July Favourite Hymns with Alison

August

- Monday 13 August Avoiding Scams – Trudie from NatWest Bank

September

- Monday 3 September Late Lyricist Miranda Pender
- Monday 17 September AGM and Bring and Buy

October

- Monday 1 October WI – Fun and Games

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EAST COKER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – SATURDAY 18 AUGUST – 2.00pm

The Flower and Produce Show will be held at the East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker on Saturday 18 August. The Committee looks forward to another year of bumper entries – those of you who entered and/or came to last year's Show will recall that the Hall was a joy to see, with fabulous flowers, delicious looking cakes, bread and other culinary delights, superb vegetables, beautiful craftwork, floral art, fantastic entries by the children, photos, etc. To top this, there is the opportunity to partake of homemade cake and a cup of tea.

The WI celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and the East Coker Branch will have a display in the Dampier Room. There will, as usual, be a WI stall at which you can purchase cakes, fresh produce, etc.

There will be a raffle, tombola and auction of produce. Unfortunately, the Wine Festival had to be cancelled.

Please consider entering the Show this year. This is a village show, the wonderful judges perform their job in the spirit of a village event – they are not looking for, and do not expect, Chelsea exhibitors! The

Committee would again love to see the Hall brimming with entries. A lot of effort is put into planning and putting on the Flower and Produce Show by a few people – the reward for them is to see the Hall full of produce. Help will be available on the morning of the Show, particularly if you are entering for the first time. It would be nice to see more children enter the Show – there is plenty to choose from for the youngest under-fives up to those of 14 years of age.

Schedules are available from the Village Café (opposite the East Coker Primary School), Goose Slade Farm Shop, Options, and at the Mace shop on Sandhurst Road. Entry forms should be submitted by 1.00pm on Wednesday 15 August. There will be a box at the Village Café and at Goose Slade Farm Shop for the entry forms, or send to The Hon Secretary, East Coker Flower Show, 2 Darvole Cottages, East Coker BA22 9QJ.

The Hall opens at 8.30am for exhibitors. Judging takes place from 11.00am (during which time entry to the Hall is not permitted). Doors open to the public at 2.00pm - entry £1 and children free. Presentation of trophies is at 4.00pm.

Your support for the Show will ensure it continues for the enjoyment of the community. We look forward to welcoming you on 18 August.

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

At last, the weather improved, we enjoyed some sunshine, the soil warmed and we could get sowing and planting. Members enjoyed an excellent illustrated talk about Hestercombe by their Head Gardener, Claire Greenslade, followed by a visit to the gardens. In May, the concept of crevice gardening was covered by Paul Cumbleton – although I'm not sure how many of the audience thought that weeding with tweezers was quite up their street! In June, we had a packed hall (more and more chairs being put out – would we run out??) for the Birds of Prey display. Amongst some of the more unusual birds we were introduced to were Blu, the Kookaburra, and Rocco, the Pygmy Falcon. The children were invited to sit at the very front, and were very keen to answer Jason's questions!



Blu – the Kookaburra
(Photos courtesy of A Beardsley)



Rocco – the Pygmy Falcon

The programme for the next few months:

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| 9 August | Trug making by a miserable Trugger I think that's what the wife called me - Carl Sadler. |
| 13 September | Bach Flower Remedies for you, your Pets and your Plants – Judith Stewart. |
| 11 October | Brimsmore Gardens – Talk followed by discount shopping evening. 6.30pm at Brimsmore Garden Centre, Yeovil. |

Day trip Wednesday 25 July – Longstock Park Nursery, Stockbridge, followed by Heale Gardens, Salisbury. Non-members are welcome to join the day trips – please contact Stan Shayler for details.

The small committee does an excellent job of planning the programme, making every effort to ensure that the majority of 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 862447 or Stan Shayler 420291.

EAST COKER PLAYERS

At our June meeting, John and Irene taught us some Indian and line-dancing steps for our next Pantomime 'Calamity Dame'. Afterwards, we tried out Indian tribal war paint designs on our faces.

If you would like to join us this year, we will be having a script read through on Monday 2 July at 7.00pm and auditions on Monday 9 July at 7.00pm in the Dampier Room, East Coker Hall. Rehearsals will start Wednesday 5 September at 6.30pm.

Request from costume ladies, do you have any unwanted Cowboy/girl or Indian outfits, hats, headdresses or related items? Anything would be gratefully received. Items can be dropped off to the Dampier Room on Monday 2 July at 7.00pm. Thank you.

We are still looking for someone to produce our Spring 2019 and/or future Pantomimes. Anyone willing to give it a try would be fully supported by the knowledgeable production committee.

For further information, contact Anne - 862060 or Hazel - 429163

FILMFLIX – Films at East Coker Hall

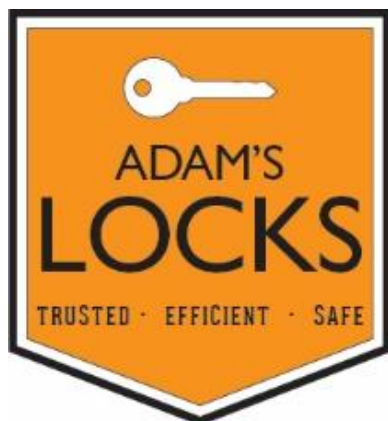


Following a successful season, during which audiences enjoyed '**Victoria and Abdul**', '**Paddington 2**' and '**The Greatest Showman**', there will be a well-earned break until the end of September for those people involved in organising the film nights. Film night is always the last Wednesday of each month.

Please try to support the film nights, which are put on for the benefit of the community. A lot of effort is put in by a few people and we need to at least break even for each screening.

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

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EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By the time the Newsletter is printed, we will have celebrated our 100th anniversary with a meal in the East Coker Hall at the end of June, with the canapés and desserts provided by members and the main course

being prepared and served by the ever popular Village Cafe. Also attending are representatives from other WI's in the vicinity and the Somerset Federation's Chair, Julia Statton, with the guest speaker Dr Francis Burroughes speaking on 'Can you sing Jerusalem?'.

We have a varied programme arranged for the rest of the year, including light-hearted talks about taking part in the BBC's Bargain Hunt and the Trials and Tribulations of Running a Small Farm, to serious and educational subjects on the Rotary Shelter Boxes, Avoiding Scams and Home Fire Safety.

The Fun and Games afternoons at the East Coker Hall continue to be popular, when once a month, anyone over the age of 50 can participate, for a nominal charge of £2.50 which will include tea/coffee and cake.

Also, to celebrate our centenary this year we will be displaying many books and projects that have been completed over many years, at the Flower Show in the Dampier Room.

Diary dates

Thursday 26 July	Talk on Bargain Hunt	East Coker Hall – 7.30pm
Monday 6 August	Fun and Games	East Coker Hall – 2pm
Thursday 30 August	Talk on Rotary Shelter Boxes	East Coker Hall – 7.30pm
Monday 10 September	Fun and Games	East Coker Hall – 2.00pm
Thursday 27 September	Open Evening - Running a small farm	East Coker Hall – 7.30pm
Monday 8 October	Fun and Games	East Coker Hall – 2.00pm

For any details, please ring our secretary, Ruby Rollo on 475010.

EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

East Coker Wine Circle holds meetings on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm at East Coker Hall.

Programme details

Sunday 22 July	BBQ Summer Event – 12.30pm
Wednesday 1 August	Behind the scenes of the National Trust
Friday 10 August	Skittles in the Royal Oak – 8.00pm
Wednesday 5 September	Wayford Vineyard Wine Tasting
Wednesday 3 October	History of Pop – The 60's decade
Wednesday 7 November	Godminster tasting – Cheese, Pickle and Alcohol
Wednesday 5 December	Bread and Mince Pies – competition

Looking forward to seeing you all, Brian Jennings

THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME – JULY 2018

A few days ago, I read a gardener complaining that the Beast from the East had affected some of their shrubs. If all it did to us was shrink the amount of oil in our tanks we can't really complain. I'm getting my electricity and hot water from the panels on my roof so the weather's definitely on my side now.

Just for the record, our Top-up in January ran to 46,700 litres in 56 drops at a price of 42.70ppl + 5% VAT. Last July's Fill-up was 65,280 ltrs in 69 drops at 33.25ppl + VAT. It does seem quite popular.

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 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 7:00pm on Wednesday 25 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 small, friendly, group who meet once a month on a Wednesday afternoon at Goose Slade Farm Tea Shop at 2.00pm. We pay £1.00 per month for books, which we get from the library, and £2.00 into a kitty for drinks, and when funds allow we have a free month. A lively discussion takes place on the merits or otherwise of the current book, and we mark them out of ten on content and enjoyment.

Recent Reads – The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro; Adrian Mole and the Weapons of Mass Destruction by Sue Townsend; The Inheritance of Loss by Kiran Desai.

If you would like to know more, please contact Penny Marpole on penny.marpole@btinternet.com

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EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

We continue to hold our Charity Coffee Mornings and are grateful to the Forester's for their continued support. Also a big thank-you to all our 'regulars' who support us whatever the Charity!

Friday 27 April was Apollo Swimming Club – £175

Friday 25 May was Yeovil Rotary Club's project, raising funds for a school in Nepal – £335

Friday 29 June was for Motor Neurone disease – £186

Friday 27 July will be Royal British Legion

Friday 31 August – Cystic Fibrosis

Friday 28 September – Polio Eradication

Friday 26 October – Children in Need

There are no Coffee Mornings in November and December.

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313 Penny Marpole 863055

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EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 31 July – You Can't Tell A (Poetry) Book By Its Cover

An Open Meeting to bring some poetry books or booklets and tell us how the cover design works for you – and why. And perhaps read a poem or two from the books.

Tuesday 28 August – Kim Squirrel - music

Bridport poet, Kim Squirrel comes to East Coker.

Tuesday, 25 September – The War Poets

100 years since the end of WW1.

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

For more information about the East Coker Poetry Group, contact David Cloke, Group Co-ordinator, 862623 email info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk.

Please check our website for the most up to date details of any meeting www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk.



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Young People

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Playgroup Annual Summer Fair. Over £700 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. ZooLab is booked to visit in June; their wildlife experiences provide hands-on opportunities for the children to learn more about the world they live in.

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 years. We accept 2 year old funding, 15-hour Universal Early Years Entitlement, Extended Entitlement 30-hour free childcare, Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers. For more information on support with childcare costs, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk the Childcare Choices website which makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

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 - 1.00-3.00

Children staying for lunch need to bring a packed lunch. Please enquire about extended opening hours 8.00am – 4.00pm.

Stop Press: East Coker Playgroup to offer Summer Holiday Sessions in July and August.

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. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup is a smaller group, and this can be a great benefit to the younger children. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup also run an integrated Toddler Session on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am for £1 per family. Thank-you's to everyone who supported our Family Fun Dog Show and Fair, with just over £650 raised. Our next fundraiser is:

**East Chinnock Under Fives Preschool invite you to a
Gruffalo Trail & Cream Teas
Sunday 8 July 2018 from 10.00am to 1.00pm
at The Recreation Ground, Weston Street, East Chinnock.
A ½ mile trail around East Chinnock, following the Gruffalo & his friends.
£1 per child, all children must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Contact Rose 07862298705 or find us on Facebook-East Chinnock Playgroup
Charity no: 1026644**

For more information and to put your child/children on the waiting list for either East Coker Playgroup or East Chinnock Under Fives, please contact Kay Strode on 07503751133 or email ecplaygroup@aol.com

EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

Our Group has never been stronger in numbers; each section (Beavers, Cubs and Scouts) is full, and it was great to see the Group parading through Yeovil Town Centre on St George's Day.



Our biggest challenge at the moment is to find new Cub leaders, to prevent our pack from closing. We need new leaders from September – if you know anyone who may be able to help us, please let us know.

We are now in the middle of the camping season – the Cubs and Scouts have already had their District Camps, the Scouts have another activity camp and then the Beavers spend a weekend at Huish Woods in July.

The Cubs were awarded 3rd overall in their camp competition (well done!) and enjoyed activities from tractor rides to paddle-boarding on the pond. 388 Cubs were in camp together at Hornblotton and had a brilliant weekend.

The Scouts came 1st in the Gate Competition, 2nd in the Camp Cooking Competition and 2nd in the Novice camping Competition. We had a Senior team, Novice team and a Troop camp and all had the chance to make pizzas and try archery and air-rifle shooting. This is the one weekend of the year when our stores are almost emptied as so much equipment is required.

The Beavers have spent a couple of weeks decorating their wooden spoons for the Gardening Club competition. They also walked to the Hospice raising £452, and had a visit from the local Police Community Liaison Officer.

Four of our Scouts (Bethan, Clare, Toby and Ruby) have been selected to be part of the 27 strong Somerset Unit at the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA in July 2019. They will be part of the UK Contingent with 45,000 scouts from around the world. They have already had two weekend camps learning camp hygiene, clearing litter from the beach as community service and getting to know each other.

In order to attend the WSJ, they each need to raise £3,995 to cover the cost and also to help scouts attend from other less wealthy countries. There have been, amongst other activities, bag packing at Iceland, selling cake at RNAS Yeovilton's Families Day and the Yeovil Marathon, car parking at Haselbury Plucknett and cooking at Holy Trinity School Fete. We would especially like to thank all those who came along to our recent Garden Party at Bassett Cottage. The event raised a superb £1,000 – huge thanks to everyone who came along and sampled the cake, bought plants, tried the tombola or guessed the weight of the rucksack! Many thanks also to those clubs and individuals who have made donations. Your support is invaluable.

Our next main event will be a Bonus Village Quiz on Saturday 10 November – please see the advertisement below and book your team in. Bethan, Clare, Toby, Ruby and their families really appreciate the support received so far from across the village.

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

Please contact Max Bugler 862186 if you wish anything collected in the week before the jumble sale.

Waste Paper Collections

The collection point is outside the school, opposite the Village Cafe on the last Saturday of each month from 8.30am to 10.30am. If possible, please flat-pack your newspapers and tie into bundles:

Saturday 28 July

Saturday 25 August

Saturday 29 September

David Webber, Group Scout Leader eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

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Bonus Village Quiz
Saturday 10th Nov 2018
East Coker Village Hall - 7pm for 7.30 start
in aid of East Coker Scouts World Scout Jamboree trip to West Virginia in 2019

Same format as the phenomenally successful Village Quiz!
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EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL



We are all making the most of the lovely weather we have had this term. We have been busy going on educational visits, attending many sports and school events and had quite a few visitors to the school.

We began our summer term with our Annual Music Concert. Children were invited to perform their musical instruments to their families, and the choir entertained everyone with songs from the musicals.

Our infant classes have the topic 'The Secret Garden' this term and they have been visiting Carymoor to find out about mini-beasts and recycling and had a visit from experts from Palmers Nursery and Garden Centre. They have also taken part in local walks, and are working hard in the mud kitchen!

Goldfinches and Magpies classes have been learning about 'The Wilderness' and they have had a visit from RNAS Yeovilton. A very inspiring officer spoke to them all about their escapades and adventures from around the world. The classes will be holding a travel shop for parents at the end of this term to share their learning.

Eagles, Kestrels and Nightingale classes have been 'Going Global' and they are immersed in the Fifa Football World Cup as part of their topic. The Year 5 pupils also went to visit Melbury House and Estate to find out about the different roles. In addition to this, Eagles also spent time in a replica shanty town based on those in Sierra Leone.

All of our junior classes took part in the Od Festival organised by Simon Dicker of OSR Projects in West Coker. They had a brilliant time visiting Coker Court looking at large inflatable art, taking part in a learning project emphasising working together and rivalry, as well as taking part in a printing workshop and watching a drama piece by Nick from Wassail Theatre in the church.

We have had visits from our local police officer and PCSO to talk about online safety for our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, focusing on the impact of posting messages on social media.

Children of East Coker School have taken part in so many sporting events, we now have a separate newsletter to report on what they are doing. The headlines for this term are that we entered two new

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competitions this year for rounders and tennis and have got into the finals at Millfield in July. We also won the Birchfield Netball tournament – first time since 2005!

In our last few weeks, we are looking forward to our Year 6 leavers show, KS1 and KS2 sports days, new class visits, house day and tea with the vicar for our Year 6 leavers.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mr Pittard, our Deputy Head who will be retiring at the end of the term. He has been with the school fourteen years, and has made tremendous contributions to the school in addition to providing so many sporting opportunities for all our young people. Although we will continue on with the sporting legacy he leaves behind, he will be greatly missed.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who has supported the school this term. You can see more of the things we get up to by visiting our website at www.eastcokerschool.co.uk

Jane Hesketh-Williams, Head Teacher

The Churches

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

What a glorious summer we are enjoying! It should set us up nicely for the rest of the year. As you will probably know, I stood down as Churchwarden at the last annual meeting and unfortunately there was no one who wanted to take on the role. St Michael's continues to run as before, and hopefully a new church warden will be forthcoming.

The good news is that the Benefice has appointed an Associate Priest, The Rev Caroline O'Neill. A welcoming service will be held for her on 21 August; please check in the church for the venue, which is still to be confirmed. We look forward to welcoming her to St Michael's in due course.

The advert for a new Benefice Children's Worker will soon be out – so if you know anyone who is interested do let them know.

The Service rota for St Michael's has been slightly modified:

1 st Sunday	11am - Sung Eucharist
2 nd Sunday	8am – Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	10am – Café Church 6pm – Evensong
4 th Sunday	11am - Sung Eucharist
Every Thursday	10am – Holy Communion

Currently, there is a Family Service on the 3rd Sunday, this is because Jacqueline Clough – who leads the Café Church – suffered a fall and is unable to lead the service for the time being. Monica has kindly been taking a Family Service on these Sundays.

Dates for your diary

I don't like to talk about the Autumn so early, but just to let you all know our Harvest Service is on 7 October at 11.00am and this will be followed by a Bring and Share Lunch in the church.

The day before, 6 October there will be a Messy Church at East Coker Hall. For more details, contact Emma Evans at emz.evans88@gmail.com

On 4 November at 4.00pm there will be an All Soul's Service at St Michael's.

Plans are being made for our Remembrance Day Service on 11 November at 10.45am.

We hope to have a new notice board for the Church to be placed in the Paddock – so keep a look-out for it.

Contact details:

Rev. Colin Simpson – rector42@icloud.com and tel 862429

Judith Shaw (Churchwarden) – judith.foxholes@gmail.com and tel 863218

EAST COKER CHAPEL, BURTON LANE, BA22 9LJ

We are a growing community of people from all walks of life who gather together regularly to worship God, learn how to better follow Him and to encourage each other in our lives as Christians. If you are looking for answers to some of life's big questions why not come along to one of our events and find out more.

Sunday Mornings at 11.00am, a time of worship, an inspirational and challenging short message, prayer and plenty of tea and biscuits. Held at the Chapel, Burton Lane **and then at the East Coker Hall from June onwards.**

Cafe church is church with breakfast! Held on the first Sunday of the month at East Coker Hall, 11.00am.

Prayer Gathering is held at the chapel on the last Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. A very informal get-together, usually over a cup of tea, discussing points for prayer before breaking off into smaller groups to pray.

Worship Night is usually held on the second and third Sundays of the month at the Chapel or Goose Slade Farm Tea Shop, 6.00pm. Please keep an eye on the 'what's-on' sheet for more information.

Home Groups – We currently have two home groups meeting fortnightly on Tuesdays 8.00pm at various venues.

Tea break is held at the chapel on the first Thursday of the month and is a drop-in event, a place to take a break and have a chat over a cup of tea, 2.00pm – 4.30pm.

Little Wheelers is a baby and toddler Group at the East Coker Hall held during term time from 10.30am - 12.00pm. Parents/Guardians remain responsible for their children throughout the session.

For any further details of events or general enquiries, please email ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk or take a look at our website www.eastcokerchapel.com You can also follow us on Facebook.

Village News

THE TRIANGLE

Summer bedding planted in early June once again came from SSDC's Nursery at Lufton: 'Lilac Paper' pelargoniums, 'Crested Pink' argyranthemums and 'Claudia' fuchsias. The three 'Bonica' roses planted last December have budded up and are doing well, having been fed with rose fertiliser and well-rotted horse manure. Lavenders continue to thrive in the poor soil of the Triangle which suits them well.

At the beginning of June, when Lufton Nursery has finished the scores of hanging baskets and planters which are delivered throughout the SSDC area and elsewhere, the public are invited to buy the surplus plants, either in small numbers or by the tray (usually holding 15 pots). I can vouch for the variety of the plants on offer and their quality – if they thrive under the tree they will survive anywhere. We should all be proud of Lufton's very small staff which consistently produces such wonderful displays that places other than South Somerset are happy to pay for their services.

Kathryn Sturtridge June 2018

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

Thank you to all of you who purchased one of our ever popular Cream Teas again this year – we hope you enjoyed them as much as we enjoy packing them! We delivered just over 800 boxes to business and homes in the Crewkerne, Sherborne, Martock and Yeovil area making a profit of just under £4,500.

We are now gearing up for our National deliveries, which for the first time since we started have totally sold out, which is wonderful, but as we are the only packing station this year we will be sending out 8,300 boxes on Wednesday 27 June going to businesses all over the country. A massive task, but one we are sure we can do with the help of some wonderful volunteers who are coming along to help us.

Our Diva Lunch is this year being held on Friday 12 October at The Tithe Barn at Haselbury Mill – the website is now closed as I only have a few tickets left, so if you are interested please contact me asap on 01935 478409.

Jane Donnelly



THANK YOU

A very big thank-you to all the people of East Coker who helped and supported us for the wedding of our daughter Jenny to Lee Sparks.

So many from the village were involved, from Bell-ringers to the Choir, and to a team of Ushers who stepped in at the last minute to help out. A great service was given by Colin Simpson, our Vicar. Friends and neighbours in the village came to give us a wave, supplied champagne, and put up bunting, and ribbons.

Staff from Crystal Courtyard, who used to be in the village, did an amazing job.

A special thanks to our village florist, Elaine Dugdale, who went above and beyond, giving a spectacular show of flowers, assisted by Vicky.

Thanking also Serena, the lovely Avon lady who made a special hamper, and then took it to Lanes Hotel for the newly-weds.

Penny Marpole and Judith Shaw gave me lots of support and advice and kept me sane, and not forgetting Peter and Ann who looked after our dogs, keeping naughty Nell under control (**just!**).

I cannot thank you all enough, for helping to make it such a lovely day that ran smoothly. I just hope I have not missed anyone out.

Pete and Maggie Wood

PLANT AND CAKE SALE – THANK YOU

Thank you so much to everybody who came up to support the sale, to all who generously baked delicious cakes, donated prizes and to everyone who helped with the various stalls, the raffle and the refreshments.

It was the first plant sale at Walnut Cottage, and a final count of £433 was raised for St. Margaret's Hospice.

Wonderful! See you again for more plants and cakes next year!

Kate Best

EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Somerset Village of the Year Vote for East Coker in the Somerset Village of the Year 2018 competition. www.somersetlive.co.uk/villageoftheyear. You can view our entry video on the Parish Council website www.eastcoker.parish.com.

Defibrillator A grant has been received from the British Heart Foundation, and the defibrillator will be installed soon. Training for all the Pavilion users will be organised, and notification will be via email and the noticeboards.

The Chapel The works to refurbish the Chapel, to make it a useable facility, are due to start soon and will be finished by October. It will still be expected that the Chapel will be a place of quiet reflection, but if you have any suggestions on how else it can be used, please contact the Clerk.

Neighbourhood Plan SSDC has now completed its consultation period and has had 29 responses, most of which were very positive. The documents, together with these responses, have been sent to the Independent Planning Inspector, who will now undertake her examination. This will take about 6 weeks, and involves a private unaccompanied visit to the Parish. The Inspector may have a number of questions seeking clarification on various matters, which she will wish to put to the Parish Council or the District Council (or any other interested party). Please refer to the Parish Council website for more information next month.

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, 863435 (no calls after 6pm please).

East Coker Photography Competition See below for details.

Loneliness Awareness – Getting involved in our community We have some positive feedback and are working with the Time to Share Club, who already have an effective buddy system involving members and many others who offer their time and help. Everyone has a story and something interesting to say - small talk can make such a difference! We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas how to get this support into the wider community.

It seems that having a phone call or a visit on a regular basis is more important than anything else, and it would be good to start here with a small team of volunteers. We need people who are good listeners and are willing to drive, chat and drink tea! Loneliness is an epidemic everywhere - many folk live long distances from their families, and life for many of us is so busy, it is hard to fit other people into it.

If you have transport and happy to drive people around for appointments, shopping or just out for an afternoon ride, please let us know. Volunteering is a great way to make the world a better place, improve health and wellbeing and make friendships - age is no barrier! If you are interested, please contact the Clerk.

Highways - Pot Holes Please report any pot holes to the Clerk. SSDC give a 6-8 week lead time for repair. If possible, could you please include a photo of the pothole and its location. Thank you.

Dog Waste Bins The waste in these bins goes to Landfill, along with other household rubbish, and is not recycled.

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

Village Traffic Speed and Signage The proposal to have a speed limit through the village has been accepted by Highways. We are now going through the consultation process with different organisations and hope to have the signage installed by the end of the year

Dog Fouling We have had numerous complaints regarding dog fouling at Stoney Lane - dog-walkers, can you please be considerate and pick up your dog's waste.

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

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 Parish Council news, please contact the Clerk. GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation) is followed, and you can opt out at any time.

Councillors' contact details are on our website, www.eastcokerparish.com.

The Parish Clerk, Gillian Macpherson, can be reached on 01935 864354 (Tuesday and Thursday, 10.00am – 3.00pm). Answerphone at all other times, email clerk@eastcokerparish.com.

EAST COKER PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

East Coker Parish Council is inviting submissions for its 2018 photography competition. We would like you to get creative with photography the theme this year is 'Life in East Coker'. Explore our Parish and take inspiration from our beautiful rural landscapes, or get personal with portraiture. It's OPEN to you.

The judges will select 12 photographs for Inclusion in the 2019 East Coker Parish Calendar. All selected will receive a free copy of 2019 East Coker Parish Calendar.

We have two age groups: under 16's; 16 and over.

Prizes

Under 16's – 1st Prize **£50 voucher** and a free copy of 2019 East Coker Parish Calendar
16 and over – 1st Prize **£50 voucher** and a free copy of 2019 East Coker Parish Calendar

Submission requirements:

- Name
- Number of Images submitted (maximum of 3)
- Image title
- Where the image was taken
- File size (less than 5mb we will ask for a higher file if selected for the calendar)

Send images to: councillorhenocq@fireandicecreative.com.

Submission deadline 1 September 2018 – email councillorhenocq@fireandicecreative.com

Judges Pauline Burr (SSDC Arts Officer), Chantelle Henocq (Graphic Designer/EC Councillor), Invited Judge TBC

Winning photographs will be selected by 13 September 2018.

Winning photographs and runners-up will feature in the East Coker Parish 2019 calendar. First place winners and runners-up will receive a free copy of the calendar.

Submissions Terms & Conditions:

1. All photographs must be taken within the boundary of the Parish of East Coker.
2. The competition is open to all and not restricted to residents of East Coker Parish.
3. No hard copies will be accepted. Please follow the submission requirements provided.
4. Entrants agree to the reproduction of any photograph submitted in East Coker Parish Council publications, website, social media or any other official use. Photographs will be credited.
5. No international entries.
6. Postage of the calendar to UK only.

More information and terms and conditions can be found on www.eastcokerparish.com.

LIBRARY

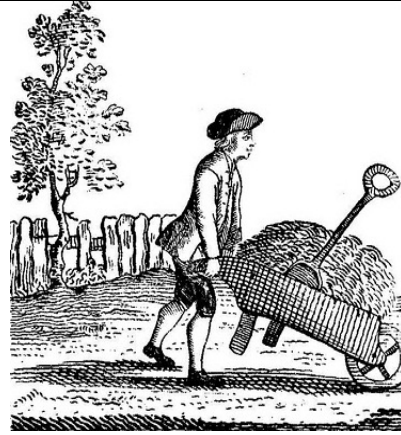
Below are the details of mobile library stops in East Coker at The Helyar Arms on a Tuesday, every four weeks, from 12.40pm – 12.55pm.

24 July

21 August

18 September

Rake's Progress



A garden tidying and maintenance service.

No job too small! Friendly and hardworking local service, based in East Coker.

Call Neil on 07581 538713 for a free, no obligation quote at a competitive price.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS – August Bank Holiday 2018

The Wednesday waste and recycling collections will be one day later on Thursday 30 August

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2018**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or email l.lindsay@eastcoker.com, by **Thursday, 20 September 2018 or before if possible**.

Mon 9 July	The Players – Auditions for the Pantomime	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 16 July	Time To Share – Who Am I?	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 22 July	Wine Circle – BBQ	12.30pm	
Wed 25 July	Gardening Club - Longstock Park Nursery		Visit
Thurs 26 July	WI – Behind the scenes of Bargain Hunt	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 27 July	RBL Coffee Morning	10.00am–12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 28 July	The Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am-10.30am	Near the school
Mon 30 July	Time To Share - Favourite Hymns	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 31 July	Poetry Group – Open Meeting	7.30pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 1 Aug	Wine Circle – Behind the scenes of National Trust	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 6 Aug	WI – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 9 Aug	Gardening Club – Trug Making	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 10 Aug	Wine Circle – Skittles, West Coker	8.00pm	West Coker
Mon 13 Aug	Time To Share – Avoiding Scams	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 18 Aug	Flower Show	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 25 Aug	The Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am -10.30am	Near the school
Tues 28 Aug	Poetry Group – Kim Squirrel	7.30pm	The Helyar Arms
Thurs 30 Aug	WI – Rotary Shelter Boxes	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 31 Aug	Coffee Morning – Cystic Fibrosis	10.00am–12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 1 Sept	Deadline for Submission for Photo Competition		
Mon 3 Sept	Time To Share – Miranda Pender	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 5 Sept	The Players – Rehearsals	6.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 5 Sept	Wine Circle – Wayford Vineyard		Visit
Mon 10 Sept	WI – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thur 13 Sept	Gardening Club – Bach Flowers	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 17 Sept	Time To Share – AGM and Bring & Buy	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thur 20 Sept	Copy for October Newsletter		
Tues 25 Sept	Poetry Group – The War Poets	7.30pm	The Helyar Arms
Thur 27 Sept	WI – Open Evening	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 28 Sept	Coffee Morning – Polio Eradication	10.00am–12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 29 Sept	The Scouts – Waste Paper Collection	8.30am-10.30am	Near the school
Mon 1 Oct	Time To Share – WI Fun & Games	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 3 Oct	Wine Circle – The History of Pop – The 60's	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 7 Oct	Harvest Festival – St Michael's Church	11.00am	St Michael's
Mon 8 Oct	WI – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall