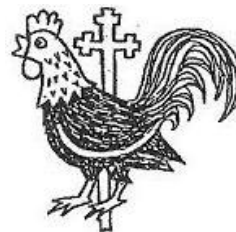


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East Coker Society News

EAST COKER SOCIETY EVENTS

We are sorry to report that there will not be an East Coker Society Winter Fayre this year. We would like to thank all our regular supporters – stall holders, helpers and all those who attend every year. Hopefully, we will get back on course in 2020.

It has been some years since we last held an exhibition of documents, photographs and memorabilia of East Coker which attracted much interest from residents, friends, families and visitors. This winter, we plan to hold another similar event.

If you have any suitable items that you are prepared to loan for an exhibition in the East Coker Hall, please contact Sarah Owen on 01935 862218.

Sarah Owen, Secretary

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER 400 CLUB

Mrs Angela Rees £100; Peter Cameron £50; Bridget Mead-Sugg £40; Mr R Tower £30;

Mrs Hebe Bowles £20; Mrs K McIver £15; Mrs A Davidge £10

If anyone wishes to join the 400 Club, the annual subs are £20, please contact either Mary Ashley 862263 or Mike Weston 862472

EAST COKER PLAYERS

For our June meeting, our new producer Jon did a 'getting to know us' workshop with games. Lots of laughter was had and everyone had a fun time.

We meet next for our Robin Hood and the Babes in the Wood Pantomime read-through on Monday 1 July, followed by auditions on Monday 8 July. Both meetings will be held in the Dampier Room, East Coker Hall at 7.00pm.

We look forward to welcoming anyone interested in joining us this year.

Rehearsals start Thursday 5 September 2019.

For further details please contact us.

Chairman Anne Hartley 862060 or Hazel Giddings 429163

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

Our Branch membership is now ninety-eight, making us no longer eligible to receive the Colin McKenzie Cup for Branch Efficiency. To ensure the Branch continues, we need to retain our membership. People's understanding of the RBL has been "we all wear collars & ties" supporting veterans from WW2. We are shaking off that image, providing support to all veterans and their dependants old and young. Some have never been engaged in any conflicts but suffer from PTSD. The RBL provides that much needed support to all. Please help us to continue this support by becoming a Branch member. Contact our Branch Membership Secretary Dave Giles or any of those listed below; you can also join online by visiting the RBL website.

Thank you to all who attended our Cheese & Wine Evening in May - £530 was raised.

I trust you are all aware there will be no house-house collections during the 2019 Poppy Appeal. Static tins will still be in all the usual places; if you wish to have a mini Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning at home, office etc I can provide all the tins, poppies etc.

I mentioned at the Cheese & Wine evening our 2018 Poppy Appeal figure stood at £9,646 and said I'd like to reach £10,000. Thanks to people's generous donations I can now inform you the East Coker District total to date is £10,397.27. Thank you all so much. For the record, at the end of May Somerset County total had reached £982,735.81 with the National figure at just over £50m. Thank-you all for your continued support.

Date for Diaries

Saturday 12 October 2019, 10.00am - 12 noon, Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning, West Coker Memorial Hall.

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EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm at the East Coker Hall.

Sunday 21 July	Summer Event BBQ at the East Coker Hall and Field, 12.30pm
Wednesday 7 August	John Dando – Privies throughout the Ages
Friday 9 August	Friday Friendly Skittles and Buffet at Sonny's
Saturday 17 August	Flower show with wine classes
Wednesday 4 September	AGM

Please support the local Flower Show as we have classes this year. They are - Red dry table wine; White dry table wine; Red Social wine; White Social wine; Apple-based wine dry/med dry; Liqueur.

There will be Trophies and Prize vouchers awarded.

Please pick up a Schedule from various places in the village and enter the Secretary details on the back.

Good luck and enjoy. Sarah Rashley

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

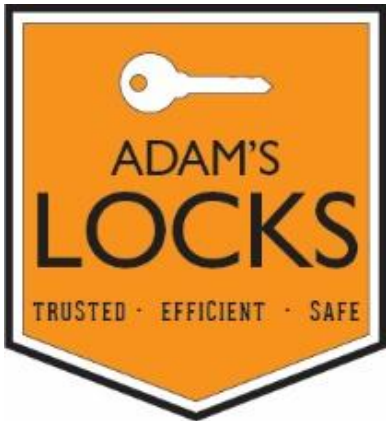
TIME TO SHARE

- Monday 1 July Birthday Party The Pavilion
- Monday 8 July Card Bingo
- Monday 22 July Favourite Memories
- Monday 5 August Ancestry
- Monday 19 August Bag Competition
- Monday 2 September Singing with Brian
- Monday 16 September AGM and Bring and Buy
- Monday 30 September Vietnam - Slide Show (Hartleys)

Don't forget, Time to Share is a great way to spend a Monday afternoon every now and then. We ALWAYS have a lot of fun, great speakers, and fantastic homemade cake! What more could you want? Come along and see us sometime. Everyone welcome whether visiting the Village or just feeling a bit fed up. I can guarantee you won't feel fed up when you leave. 2.30pm – 4.00pm every other Monday at the East Coker Hall.

Call Sandra Snelling 862162 for details.

We also have a Wi-Fi Club in the Village Café every Tuesday morning. Not interested in computers? Just come for a coffee then! 10.00am - 12 noon.





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FILMFLIXS – Films at East Coker Hall



Film Night is usually the last Wednesday of each month. The committee try to provide a variety of films, recognising that we cannot please all of the people all of the time! 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. The films, supplied by FilmFlixs, are projected onto a large screen in the Hall, with speakers. The last film, ***On the Basis of Sex***, screened in May, the very interesting true story of **Ruth Bader Ginsburg**, her struggles for equal rights, and the early cases of a historic career that lead to her nomination and confirmation as U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice, was excellent.

There will now be a break for the summer, with screenings recommencing in September. Keep an eye out around the village for the posters and look on the East Coker Hall website under 'events' for information. Showings commence at 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Entry £6 per person.

For further details, contact 01935 863002 or 01935 862447

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

The last few months have sped by, bringing with them a variety of talks and events for the Club members. Day trips to Killerton House in Devon and Kingston Lacy in Dorset were well supported. Non-members are welcome to join us for these trips. During the Club 2019 holiday, based in Newbury, visits were made to Highclere Castle, Hillier's Nursery, Nuffield Place, Greys Court, Hughenden (in the beautiful Chilterns) and Dorney Court, a very interesting manor house. The 2020 annual holiday, which is to the Isle of Wight, is already fully subscribed.

The programme for the next few months is as follows:

Thursday 8 August	<i>Along Patagonia's Floral Highway</i>	Hilary Little
Thursday 12 September	<i>Garden Giants</i>	Gold Club talk
Thursday 10 October	<i>Gardens from near and far</i>	David Moon
Thursday 14 November	<i>AGM</i>	

David Moon is a superb speaker, with excellent photos accompanied by music. We very much look forward to another talk by him.

The plant for the members' Summer Competition, a white geranium, will be judged at the August meeting. We look forward to some stunning entries!

Work has already begun on the 2020 programme, which is nearly complete.

The small committee do 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. For further information, please contact Helen Styles 01935 862447 or Stan Shayler 01935 420291.

EAST COKER WI

We meet on the last Thursday of each month, unless otherwise advised, at East Coker Hall at 7.30pm. We aim to provide members with a good social evening with a variety of speakers to inform and amuse. Many members who are single, for whatever reason, find the evenings times to make new friends who share similar interests. For our June meeting, we visited Wells for a tour of both the Cathedral and the Bishop's Palace, with also time for a spot of window shopping and a lunch.

In July, we find out who are the 'Hidden Heroes'. The August meeting will have a well-known author telling of her experiences and journey through the writing world.

For anyone (male or female) who enjoys gentle exercise with many laughs please feel free to join us once a month at 2.00pm at East Coker Hall for 'Fun and Games'. The exception being July when we have been invited to Christine Mead's home, 'The Poplars', East Coker, to enjoy her wonderful garden. There will also be croquet along other activities.

The Whist Drives have now stopped for the Summer and will recommence on Thursday 19 September at the East Coker Hall at 7.00pm.

For any further information or an interest in joining the Open Evening, please phone the Secretary, Ruby Rollo on 475010.

Diary dates

Monday 15 July	Fun and Games	2.00pm	The Poplars
Thursday 25 July	Hidden Heroes and Heroines	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Monday 12 August	Fun and Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 29 August	Hanging up my Pen	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Monday 9 September	Fun and Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 19 September	Whist Drive	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 26 September	Open Evening - Wine Tasting	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Monday 7 October	Fun and Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 17 October	Whist Drive	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 31 October	Pins, Needles and a Sewing Machine	7.30pm	East Coker Hall

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 30 July – The Poems of Larkin and Betjeman -Two Sides of an English Coin

Philip Larkin and John Betjeman are quintessentially English poets who are often regarded as reflecting different aspects of twentieth century Britain. Jem Langworthy presents this evening and is of the view that their personalities and poetry - though at odds in many respects - have more in common than one might imagine. Listen to the poetry and see what you think.

Tuesday 27 August – A Quartet

Iona Lambe, Peter Tait, Stephen Beer and Catherine Simmonds each present a short reading of their personal choice of poetry. This is likely to be a very interesting mix of poetry.

Our meetings are held in the Apple Loft, The Helyar Arms, 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.

David Cloke

EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Regretfully we have had to suspend the Coffee Mornings for the time being as the Forester's is closed.

We are very sorry, and we hope to resume at a later date if at all possible.

Once again, we thank all our regular supporters, and I shall be contacting the Charities.

If anyone hears anything positive happening at the Forester's, please let me know!

Penny 863055



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EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW Saturday 17 August 2019 at East Coker Hall

East Coker Flower show is on Saturday 17 August 2019 at the East Coker Hall. Doors will be open from 8.30am in the morning for setting up and displaying produce etc until 11.00am, as doors will then close for judging. They will open again at 2.00pm for everyone to come and view what this wonderful village can do.

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.

Please try and enter and support the show. Tips for the wine is in the schedule. Please read the show rules.

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

Looking forward to seeing all of your hard work. Please can you encourage children to enter as the classes were poorly supported last year. Prize money for the children. Class 70 - Any Photo taken by a young person up to 16 years old (Olive Sharman Award) plus £10 for 1st, £5 for 2nd, £3 for 3rd places. This year, we are trying a new Class 46 in the floral art section for a young person up to the age of 16 with the same prize money. See you on the 17 August 2019 at the Village Flower and Produce Show and Wine Festival.

Good luck everyone.

Sarah Rashley

BURTON BOOK CLUB

We meet at Gooselade Farm on the first Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm. Coffee, tea and a very eclectic selection of books to discuss!

Any further information needed, please contact Penny 863055

Young People

EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Greetings from everyone at East Coker Primary School.

Despite the very changeable weather over the last term, the children have had a very busy and very successful time so far this year.

The Arts continue to feature very heavily as part of our curriculum and extra-curricular activities. One of the school events which the children really look forward to is our Spring Concert which we had in April this year. We had many children performing on a wide range of instruments from drums to clarinets as well as singing from the Y3/4 and the Y5/6 choirs. The theme was Disney, and the children performed brilliantly.

In addition to this event, we have had Somerset Music in to work with a class on a music project, and we have our Infant Music Day very soon which includes a Samba drumming session. We also have our annual Piano Concert introduced by Mrs Jakeman, one of our many peripatetic music teachers, as well as welcoming back past pupils who will be performing to us as part of the Westfield Academy Roadshow.

In March, we held a very eventful Book Week and had two inspiring authors in to speak and work with the children. Our focus for the week was vocabulary, and the children entered the Somerset Poetry Slam competition. Isabel Hillier-Nickels was joint 2019 winner with two children's poems being 'highly commended' and five children's poems being 'commended'.

Thanks to the support of the PTFA we were also able to hold our Annual Play in a Day theatre session for our Year 6 pupils. We also took part in the Mock Trials which take place at Taunton Crown Court.

Not to be outdone, our Maths team have also been very busy. Some children have attended Gifted and Talented maths sessions, and Magpies class has taken part in Maths on the Move.

As you may be aware, we also hold sport in high regard at East Coker Primary School and we have not only taken part in many sporting events, but we have had many successes along the way. We have won the Birchfield Tournament this year both in netball and football. The children went to the finals of the Somerset Schools Netball Competition at Millfield School in Street, as well as attending the tennis finals there – a new one for the school. We have also had a lot of success in cross-country, with many pupils taking part in the races. Rocco Sughayer represented South Somerset in the Regional Cross-Country Championships and won the Year 5 and Year 6 group. Also, most recently, our very talented Year 6 pupils have reached the finals for the Somerset Rounders Championships.

In addition to this, we also support pupils who have a slightly less competitive sporting nature with the Motiv8 sessions and grass track cycling. Children have also taken part in competitions in the following sports: cricket; rounders; tag rugby; football; cross country and gymnastics. One of our pupils, Ava Way, has had great success in gymnastics and is currently the national champion for her age range.

The infants have also had a Multi Skills day and we continue to work with Yeovil College for sports events. They have also taken part in a country dance performance for parents.

Various educational visits have taken place which include our residential to Osmington Bay and Charterhouse as well as day visits to Ninesprings, Sealife Centre, Carymoor, and Melbury Estate.

This year, we started a Parent Forum group which is going really well and allows parents and staff to work more collaboratively together regarding key issues which affect families at school. Through Parent Forum we have reviewed our Anti Bullying Policy, Homework Policy and how we organise our extra-curricular activities.

In our last few weeks of term we are looking forward to more educational visits away, the swimming gala, Year 6 kayaking at Sutton Bingham and all our normal end of year events, such as the Leavers Show.

If you are interested, we are looking for help to support children with their reading from the autumn term. If you would like to join us for an afternoon to hear readers, please contact the school office. You would need to have a DBS check, which the school can support you with.

Finally, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the school this term. If you would like to see more of the things we get up to, please visit our website at www.eastcokerschool.co.uk.

Jane Hesketh-Williams, Head Teacher

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

Thank you to everyone who supported the Playgroup Annual Summer Fair. Over £590 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. In June, the leavers went on an outing to Abbotsbury Children's Farm, they cheered on racing lambs, climbed hay, rode on a pony, held and fed guinea pigs and "drove" the ride-on tractors. The children enjoyed a visit from the police, finding out about the equipment they use on their uniform, who to ask help from when out and about, and were amazed by the work a police dog can do.

Our fully qualified staff and their wealth of experience offer quality childcare and education through play. Ofsted have consistently rated the group 'good' and commended us for the interaction and encouragement between staff and children, partnership with parents, teaching and management.

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.

East Chinnock Under Fives Preschool

If you are seeking childcare for your 2-year old, East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup accepts children from their 2nd birthday to starting school. The setting has large outdoor space and a cosy playroom full of resources to facilitate playing and learning. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup is a smaller group and this can be a great benefit to the younger children.

Toddler Session.

East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup run a Toddler Session on Thursday mornings from 9.30am to 11.00am for £2 per family. Pop along and join in the fun, everyone is welcome.

To find out more information, please visit www.eastchinnockunder5spreschool.co.uk or look at our Facebook page East Chinnock Playgroup.

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

The scout camping season is in full swing with all sections spending nights away under canvas.

The Scouts competed in the District Fox Trophy and came 1st and 2nd in the Novice (15 miles) event. The Scouts are self-sufficient from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon, camping overnight and carrying everything (bar their tent) with them. They wrote excellent logbooks as they walked which secured valuable extra points.

They then had the District Camping Competition where we entered a Senior Patrol, Novice Patrol and took the remainder of the Scouts as a Troop Camp. The patrols worked extremely hard all weekend and were deservedly rewarded with First Class Camping Standards. The Senior Patrol achieved 2nd place and the Novice Patrol came 1st in their section. The Scouts have to put up their own tents, build their campsite and cook all their own meals. This takes a lot of planning and teamwork during the competition.

For the Scouts, the final camp is JAWS. This is an activity camp based at Buddens Campsite in Dorset and is based on water activities.

The Cubs and Beavers are all preparing for their camps in July. These are District camps where sleep can be at a premium due to the excitement levels of the Cubs and Beavers.

The Beavers have been junk-modelling, making papier-mâché planets and walking around the village. The Cubs have been making and flying kites and building dens and firing lighting at Pendomer Woods – where they were buzzed by a Merlin helicopter piloted by one of the parents.



Bethan, Clare, Toby and Ruby will very soon be flying off to the World Scout Jamboree in West Virginia, USA. Leaving the UK on Saturday 20 July, they will spend a day in New York, 10 days at the Jamboree with 45,000 other scouts/leaders, visit Washington DC for three days and then travel to Canada for a brief group hospitality event (Niagara Falls is a must).

The final things to do now are to sew on the badges, personalise the luggage and get some rest in advance as there will be none once on their travels.

The bees have been removed from the end of the hut and we hope a new family don't move in. The nest was estimated to have about 60,000 bees.



Our Group Rounders Night on Friday 12 July begins the wind down to the summer break before we all start again in September.

Autumn Jumble Sale: Saturday 19 October – 2.00 pm at East Coker Hall.

Ideally, please bring your items for the jumble sale to the Hall after 9.00am on the day of the sale. If this is not possible, please contact Max Bugler 862186 if you wish anything collected in the week before the jumble sale.

Newspaper Collections, 9.00am to 10.30am

Saturday 27 July

Saturday 31 August

Saturday 28 September

The collection point is outside the school, opposite the Village Café on the last Saturday of each month. If possible, please flat pack your newspapers and tie into bundles.

David Webber, Group Scout Leader eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

The Churches

THE CHAPEL - EAST COKER

We would love to welcome you anytime you would like to pop along to any of our meetings, whether you have a faith or not! 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.

Cafe Church at East Coker Village Hall. A free breakfast, the chance to meet new people and an opportunity to see what church is really about. Great for all the family! Held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Sunday Mornings at East Coker Hall - 11.00am. A time of worship, an inspirational and challenging short message, prayer and plenty of tea and biscuits. Includes Kids Church groups suitable for ages 2-14 years, and monthly all age service.

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

Prayer at the Chapel is on the last Sunday of the month at 5.00pm. Come and have a cup of tea and spend a few minutes in prayer before the busyness of the week ahead.

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.

Phil & Liz Dunning 07949 840442. Joe & Charlotte Dunning 07800 746754.

ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

St Michael's and the Benefice has enjoyed a busy few months. In April, over £900 was raised by an Art Sale to fund the purchase of musical instruments for the Boys' Brigade of our Link Church of St Peter's, Twapia in Zambia. Further moneys raised last year by talks given by one of our congregation, who visited Zambia last year, resulted in a grand total of £1,700 being donated!

A Celebration of Marriage and Baptism in June produced a fine display of Wedding Dresses and Christening Robes belonging to local families. Photographs, music, floral arrangements and Wedding Cake enhanced the experience, and £120 was donated to the Benefice Messy Church Fund.

In July, we will be welcoming leavers from East Coker School to their Annual Tea Party in the Church and presentation of Scripture Union's "It's Your Move" booklet with guidance on moving schools, and a Christian message.

Later in the month, we will welcome back Reverend Colin Simpson from his travels round the UK, studying the history of Communities, and we look forward to hearing how he can encourage us within the Benefice and around our villages.

St Michael's has a fine new noticeboard on the Paddock, and we are shortly launching a new Coker Ridge Website, and there are weekly Pew Sheets in the Church. We hope that these will all help people to be informed and to keep in touch and to also feel very welcome to join us in our worship.

Sunday 29 September is a 5th Sunday of the month so there will be a joint Benefice Service, at 10.00am at St Martin's, West Coker. A Harvest Thanksgiving Service will be held at 11.00am on 6 October in St Michael's, East Coker, followed by a Bring & Share Lunch. Keep the date in your diaries. We still long to find Church Wardens for St Michael's.

Please do contact Christine Vince, Secretary of the PCC, if you are interested in learning more about the post or you would like to join the Fabric Committee, recently formed to manage the work of maintaining and repairing the fabric of our beautiful Church

Just a reminder for you of the Service rota for St Michael's:

1 st Sunday	11.00am - Sung Eucharist
2 nd Sunday	8.00am – Holy Communion
3 rd Sunday	6.00pm – Evensong
4 th Sunday	11.00am - Sung Eucharist
Every Thursday	10.00am – Holy Communion

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ALL SAINTS' SUTTON BINGHAM

Thank you to everyone who supported and gave donations for All Saints' Church, Sutton Bingham at the April coffee morning held at the Forester's.

This successful morning raised £436 in total for which we are most grateful. Thanks must also go to the staff at the Forester's for once again hosting the coffee morning.

PLANT & 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. The weather was very kind to us and a final count of £345 was raised for St. Margaret's Hospice. Wonderful. See you again for more plants and cakes next year!

Kate Best

EAST COKER FUN DAY - 29 JUNE 2019

Thank you so much for supporting and helping make the East Coker Fun Day so lovely,

East Coker Parish Council and I would like to thank the Stallholders who carried on regardless of the minimum shade we could offer them:

- Sharon O'Brien, Art; Ian Field, oil on canvas; Alison Pascoe, water colours; Tara Loves, gifts; Samaritans
- Liz, Richmond interiors, homeware; Vicky's Glass, glassware; Rachel's Recipes; Pot Luck, Kate Best
- Mel Trott beautiful flower gifts; Chris Cooper Poem Books, donations went to St Margaret's Hospice
- Don and Barbara Book Stall, donations went to St Margaret's Hospice; East Coker Scouts
- St Michael and All Angels' Church; Ian Summers, vintage photography; Derek and Terry's vintage cars
- Elaine's flowers and decoupage vases; Station 2 station Duo live music; Hipzotic belly dancers
- Tia chi Demo and Archery SSDC; The Old Chicken Shed French antiques; Twisted Cider, Long Burton
- Leanne, Avon and Somerset Constabulary; Green Watch Yeovil (fire fighters) 🇬🇧

Plus, Jas and Nicole, cafe girls, who were both incredible looking after everyone in the heat.

It made for a wonderful community event.

Thank you so much Kx

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

By the time you get this Newsletter, we will have completed both the local and national Cream Tea deliveries hopefully without too many problems!! We will have delivered 820 boxes in our local area on the 20 June - and the following week packing 8,646 boxes that will go all over the country. This is the most we have ever done, but with the help of our lovely helpers, many from the village, we coped. Thank you to everyone who supports by helping with the packing or buying a cream tea. We made £4,500 profit on the local deliveries last year and £65,000 on the national, which we should top this year.

Our Diva Lunch is this year on Friday 18 October, again at Haselbury Mill. Tickets are going very fast, so if you haven't got yours please contact me asap.

Jane Donnelly 01935 478409 or janedonnelly81@outlook.com

STAMPS FOR CLIC SARGENT (Cancer & Leukaemia in Children)

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

The Village 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.

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EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

New Parish Council

The new Parish Council was appointed on the 1 May 2019 and the Councillors are: Chairperson Cllr B Sugg, Vice Chair Cllr M Shepstone, Cllr N Hopkins, Cllr S Snelling, Cllr P Hodge, Cllr C Henocq, Cllr M Beckerleg, Cllr D Mead, Cllr J Bennett and Cllr P Chant.

Bee Removal from Scout Hut

At the end of May, our new Parish Clerk had an interesting five hours helping two keen and knowledgeable beekeepers remove a sixty thousand strong colony from the scout hut. Thankfully she had all the correct protective gear on, and only got stung a few times. She is happy to report that the bees are now enjoying their new life over the border in Dorset. Many thanks to all involved in their relocation.

Cemetery Wall

The Cemetery wall is due to be repaired over the coming weeks. Although it has been time consuming, thankfully the Insurance Company will pick up the bill. It is likely to take a few weeks, and during this time traffic lights will be installed on that strip of road.

Coker Cockerels

The Parish Council would like to congratulate the Cockerels on yet another successful season. We gave them a grant of £500 which hopefully contributed to their success. They go from strength to strength and it's great to see them all enjoying the sport, the fun and the mud! WELL DONE!

Enjoying our Countryside

Can we again remind people that dogs should never be off the lead when walking through or near fields of sheep. Sadly, once again there have been reports of sheep worrying in the area.

Village Ranger

Our ranger continues to do a fantastic job of keeping our village looking smart and tidy. If you see anything which could do with her attention, please either email the clerk Clerk@eastcokerparish.com or contact Cllr B Sugg on 07907 621106. And don't forget the cup of tea!

AVON AND SOMERSET POLICE

We've had a complaint regarding speeding vehicles on Sandhurst Road as you leave Yeovil heading into East Coker so it's a reminder, I'm afraid this month, to stick to the relevant speed limits, in this case it still is **30mph**.

If anyone is interested in finding out about Community Speed Watch which is where local Volunteers can help with regards to this, please let me know.

More advice is available on the Avon and Somerset Police Website or stop us and speak to us when you see us out and about.

Regards, **Fiona Wilson** PCSO 8380

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THE MOBILE LIBRARY

We are very fortunate to still have the Mobile Library visiting East Coker every four weeks from 12.40pm to 12.55pm on a Tuesday, stopping at the Helyar Arms. These dates are published on the Parish Council's website calendar at www.eastcokerparish.com and in East Coker Society's Diary.

Dates: **Tuesday 30 July** **Tuesday 27 August** **Tuesday 24 September**

BONFIRES

It pays to plan well before having a bonfire. Please 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 people to enjoy 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.

REFUSE COLLECTION FOR SUMMER BANK HOLIDAY – Monday 26 August

The Wednesday Collection will be one day later, on Thursday 29 August.

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **October 2019**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or email l.lindsay@eastcoker.com, by **Friday 20 September 2019 or before if possible**.

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Mon 8 July	Time To Share – Card Bingo	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 8 July	The Players – Auditions	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 12 July	The Scouts Rounders Night		
Mon 15 July	WI – Fun & Games	2.30pm	The Poplars
Sun 21 July	Wine Circle – BBQ & Summer Event	12.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 22 July	Time To Share – Favourite Memories	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 25 July	WI – Hidden Heroes & Heroines	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 27 July	The Scouts – Newspaper Collection	9.00am - 10.30am	Opposite the Café
Tues 30 July	Poetry Group – The Poets, Larkin & Betjeman	7.30pm	Helyar Arms
Tues 30 July	Library	12.40pm -12.55pm	Helyar Arms
Mon 5 Aug	Time To Share – Ancestry	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 7 Aug	Wine Circle – John Dando – Privies	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 8 Aug	Gardening Club – Hilary Little	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 9 Aug	Wine Circle – Friday Friendly Skittles		Sonny's
Mon 12 Aug	WI – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 17 Aug	Flower Show	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 19 Aug	Time To Share – Bag Competition	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 27 Aug	Poetry Group – A Quartet	7.30pm	Helyar Arms
Tues 27 Aug	Library	12.40pm -12.55pm	Helyar Arms
Thurs 29 Aug	WI – Hanging up my Pen	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 29 Aug	Refuse Collection		
Sat 31 Aug	The Scouts – Newspaper Collection	9.00am - 10.30am	Opposite the Café
Mon 2 Sept	Time To Share – Singing with Brian	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 4 Sept	Wine Circle - AGM	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 5 Sept	The Players – Rehearsals	7.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 9 Sept	WI – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 12 Sept	Gardening Club – Gold Club Talk	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 16 Sept	Time To Share – AGM & Bring Buy	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 19 Sept	WI – Whist Drive	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 24 Sept	Library	12.40pm -12.55pm	Helyar Arms
Fri 20 Sept	Copy - October Newsletter		
Thurs 26 Sept	WI – Open Evening & Wine Tasting	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 28 Sept	The Scouts – Newspaper Collection	9.00am - 10.30am	Opposite the Café
Mon 30 Sept	Time To Share – Vietnam – Slide Show	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 6 Oct	Harvest Festival & Bring & Share Lunch	11.00am	St Michael's
Thurs 10 Oct	Wine Circle – David Moon	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 12 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm	West Coker Hall