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East Coker Society News

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Sarah Owen
Secretary, East Coker Society

The next issue of the Newsletter will be printed in October 2025. **Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay at l.lindsay@eastcoker.com by 22 September 2025 or sooner if possible.**

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST/WEST COKER BRANCH ROYAL BRITISH LEGION



VE Day Cheese and Wine Evening

With your support, we raised £1,013.

Our thanks to everyone who attended our VE Day Cheese and Wine Evening, your generosity enabled us to raise the magnificent sum of over a thousand pounds, helping to support the Armed Forces Community in Somerset.

A special thank you to the HMS Heron Band for providing such wonderful entertainment.

I must acknowledge the hard work of the branch committee whose dedication in planning, preparing and delivering such a successful event made it all possible.

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EAST COKER WI

Our Institute welcomes new members to join us at our monthly meetings on the evening of the last Thursday of the month at East Coker Hall.

We aim to provide interesting and informative talks each month with time for social chats and refreshments.

We have recently returned from our birthday outing to Poole, with free time to explore, shop and eat. During the afternoon we were treated to a very pleasant boat trip around the harbour with an informative commentary on all its small islands and very expensive houses.

Our new programme is just starting with 'A Touch of Magic' given by local magician, Steve Bowering, who is guaranteed to leave us all guessing.

Anyone interested in joining may have further information from our secretary, Pauline tel 01935 864430.

Diary dates

Thursday 31 July	A Touch of Magic	Steve Bowering	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 28 August	Spinning	Sarah Rashley	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 25 September	Cheese tasting	Jackie and Mary	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thursday 30 October	Open evening - Superstitions - Brian Wright		7.30pm	East Coker Hall

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EAST COKER POETRY GROUP - Forthcoming events

Meetings are normally held on the last Tuesday of the month in the Village Café, East Coker, BA22 9HY starting at 7.30pm. There is no charge, and parking is available for our evening meetings behind the Café. Anyone with an interest in poetry is welcome.

Tuesday 29 July Summer Open Evening

Come with a few poems to read or just come and listen and enjoy the poetry.

Always popular, our open evenings seem to produce a very varied selection of interesting poetry. There is no theme – just anything that you feel will interest the group.

Tuesday 26 August Jim Potts OBE

Jim Potts, OBE worked for the British Council for 35 years and served in many different countries in many different roles including Cultural Attaché and Director in Prague and Stockholm, film-maker and TV producer in Ethiopia and Kenya, Regional Director in Northern Greece and cultural relations practitioner in Australia, where he served as Director of the British Council, based in Sydney.

Jim studied English Literature at Oxford University (Wadham College) and Film-Making at Bristol University. In the course of his career, he has made educational and documentary films, written several books and has lectured on Greek and English poetry.

He began writing poetry as a teenager in Castle Cary and his poetry often reflects the different countries and cultures he has encountered in his life.

He has published three collections of poetry, one volume of short stories and a cultural history of the Ionian Islands and Epirus. His latest collection of poetry is Words on the Table.

This will be one of our popular 'Audio-visual' meetings.

Tuesday 30 September Glorious Gardens - A Story of Poems and Plants

Julie and Andrew Haylock of Sandhurst Garden Design will give a talk on how they design gardens taking their inspiration from nature, art and poetry.

If you have a garden related poem do bring it along as there will be time for a short garden themed 'open' meeting after the presentation.

Contact via our website or email info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk.

Website www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk will carry details of meetings when they are confirmed.

David Cloke, East Coker Poetry

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

We have continued to provide a varied programme for 2025, with the following talks booked for the remainder of the year.

Thursday 14 August	No meeting due to the Flower & Produce Show being held on Saturday 16th.
Thursday 11 September	The History of the Gardens at Athelhampton Sophy Robertson and Owen Davies
Thursday 9 October	Photography - Beautiful Bugs and more – Annette Beardsley
Thursday 13 November	Schoolbeanz – Lara Honor, followed by the AGM
Thursday 11 December	Audio Visual Presentation by David Moon

We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members; whether you are interested in gardening or would just like to join a group of friendly, sociable people. The Propagator, a free newsletter containing Club news, notes of gardening events, tips, etc is distributed via email, with hard copies available at each meeting for those not on email. During the growing season, there is a produce stall stocked by members with plants and produce. Vouchers offering discounts on seeds, seed potatoes, young plants and seedlings are available during January and February, with offers on spring bulbs and over wintering onions and shallots come summer. Bulk order discounts are available to members during January with special order forms for sundry goods, such as compost. Twice a year there is a growing competition.

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 currently £25, with subs of £2 per meeting. Visitors £5. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm (doors open at 7pm) in East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker unless otherwise indicated.

For further information, please contact Helen Styles (01935 862447). There is a page on the East Coker Hall website for the Gardening Club - if you have access to the web, please do go to <http://eastcokervillagehall.co.uk/> and look at the Gardening Club page.

In the meantime, if you wish to speak to us, please phone 01935 862447.

Helen

EAST COKER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW - SATURDAY 16 AUGUST **At East Coker Hall, Halves Lane**

We look forward to welcoming exhibitors and visitors to the annual village show on Saturday 16 August. This is always a very enjoyable show. The entries in all classes are a delight to see. The children's imagination and skills and the talents of the many exhibitors in all the classes never cease to surprise me.

The schedules have been available for some time and may be picked up from the café, the village hall, the Spar shop, Goose Slade farm shop and Saunders butchers in West Coker. Never entered before? Have a go... it's fun and you never know – you may get a first, second or third. Help will be to hand on the day, so don't be worried if you are not sure what to do – we will assist you. Even if you don't enter, come in the afternoon to have a look at the exhibits and enjoy refreshments and homemade cakes.

The doors will open at 8.30am for exhibitors to set up. The Hall will close at 11am when judging will commence. The doors re-open at 2pm. Entry to the show in the afternoon is £2, children free.

We look forward to greeting previous and new exhibitors, as well as visitors. Any queries, please feel free to telephone on 01935 862447.

Helen

Young People



East Coker Primary School

Respect, Determination & Courage, Compassion & Collaboration, Independence & Creativity

The 2024-2025 academic year has really flown by! Our pupils have been fantastic this year working hard and making a positive impact on our school community, ably supported by our amazing staff and volunteers.

School successes this year have included our very own **Kingfishers** Wrap Around Care provision. We have grown in numbers throughout the year. This is such an important school feature for new parents and has helped the school increase its numbers despite the fall in birth rates in Somerset. My favourite mornings are the Bacon Butty mornings and the Pizza Bagels in the afternoon are great as well!

'On the same site as the school, secure and safe area which my child has never been happier with wrap around care, the cost and flexibility works a lot better too. The staff are always on top of the activities with the children's needs. When collecting the children are always really happy and don't want to leave!'
(After School Club Parent)

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB

Wk Beginning - 28th July
Wk Beginning - 4th August

Monday - Friday
09:00 - 15:30

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Half days available at £15
09:00-12:00
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TO BOOK

The children say...

"Having a water fight at school is THE BEST!"

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Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Nature Club, Sports, Games and even a water fight!



Once again, we will be running our Summer Club and this year with some very special days and the odd water fight!

We are delighted that we also have an external company delivering two weeks of digital learning and fun for all children, not just those who attend the school!

Other achievements this year include further improvements to the school grounds thanks to the wonderful Mrs Kennedy and her team of two Year 6 garden ambassadors, Alarna and Patrick. The School Council have planned the improvements to Glen's Garden, which is now a lovely, shaded seating area for children and staff to use. Mr Maddick has also been incredibly busy and has done a fantastic job helping Mrs Kennedy and building a shed or two and the odd tractor, decorating the school hall and putting up acoustic panels and a fair few other bits and pieces as well!

We have also had another busy year including some fantastic opportunities such as annual educational visits to: Melbury Estates; Foxdown Farm; the Bournemouth Symphony at Westlands Leisure; Monkey World; Exmoor Zoo; Sutton Bingham and a Year 5 and Year 6 residential. We have also taken part in author webinar sessions from Harriet Muncaster, David Walliams and Cressida Cowell. We have had visitors in from different professions, several theatre groups, futuristic VR science days, Royal Navy STEM day, as well as two very inspiring whole school workshops paid by the PTFA from an author and a poet.

Art experiences have included clay workshop sessions led by OSR projects in West Coker and the Od Arts Festival at Coker Court and the Chapel. We have also been very lucky to have had a week of free Mosaic

workshops led by Dawn Handy, a South-West Mosaic Artist and member of Yeovil Creatives who is also a parent of the school. The children have made some mosaic flowers and insects to go on our outdoor Wilderness Wall which supported our topic this term.

In music, we have had a drumming workshop day, also paid for by the PTFA which was absolutely fantastic. In addition to this we have put on a Music Festival for the second year in a row, with children performing in bands with drummers, guitarists, key board players and of course singers!

We are now a Platinum School Games Award holder after having achieved the Gold Award consecutively for the last three years. We are also the South Somerset Area Cricket Champions and Cross Country Y2/Y3 boys champions. Two of our children ran in the Yeovil Counties event in cross country. We came second and third in the Quad Athletics in Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. In addition to this, we were joint winners in the new Hoop ball competition. Other events we have attended include football, boccia and motiv8 to name a few.

Forest school is going from strength to strength, and we have recently extended the area and now have a large fire pit area, vegetable beds and soon we will also have a greenhouse. The aim is to increase the children's knowledge with planting and growing so they can become more sustainable as they grow older – so any keen vegetable gardeners who can help are warmly welcomed!!

A huge thank you to everyone in the community who has supported the school over the past year.

If you would like to support and share your expertise with the school in a governor capacity, we do have a vacancy on our governing body.

We are always happy to have volunteers to hear readers. This is something that we have less time to do in school due to increasing demands in the curriculum and is dwindling a bit at home due to busy lifestyles.

If you would like to support with our new **grow our own school garden project**, then we would love to hear from you whether you are experts or simply love gardening. The aim is to use the produce to support our cooking curriculum to an extent and enable children to be confident to grow their own food.

Please contact the school office for further information. 01935 862532 office@eastcokerprimary.org

Come Join Us at the School's Official Onsite Breakfast & After School Club Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 6pm at ...


East Coker Primary School's Kingfishers Breakfast & After School Club

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Current parents can book through My Child At School App. The school is currently able to accept childcare vouchers from: Eden Red, Care-4, Government Tax Free Childcare vouchers. Please do ask if you use a different voucher scheme.



J Hesketh-Williams can be found on our school website: <https://www.eastcokerschool.co.uk/>.

Jane Hesketh-Williams, Head Teacher, East Coker Primary School

EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

Our cubs and scouts have attended their annual camps alongside other groups from across East Somerset.



Our Scouts achieved great success in the Senior East Somerset Camping Competition. The patrol was incredible; working hard all weekend and won the overall Camping competition and the Gate competition as well as coming 2nd in the Cooking competition.

This meant all their equipment is placed inside their allocated rectangle of ground and they are left to put up their tents, build their site, cook, eat and sleep. This shows the development through the scout sections and how much they have learnt and how capable they are – the oldest is 14 years old.



We also had all our other scouts at camp; learning the skills to enter the competition next year.

Everyone had a great time.



The cubs had an amazing weekend at camp too. Their activities ranged from tractor pulling to archery to catapults and frisbee golf.



In July, the scouts have had an activity weekend starting with cooking in Mike's Woods, then a rib ride from Weymouth and Dorset Water Park on the Saturday followed by Crate stacking and frisbee golf on the Sunday. And have been making Da Vinci bridges of varying sizes.





We currently have no beaver section (6-8 years old) as we have no adult team members to run this section. We would love to be able to re-open this section and welcome contact from anyone who feels they could help us.

Thank you for all your support.

David Webber, Group Scout Leader
eastcokerscouts@gmail.com



1st East Coker Scout Group



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EAST COKER PLAYGROUP - Follow us on Facebook: East Coker Preschool

Our Summer Term is over and what a time the children have had! In June, the Police visited the setting and let the children explore their police van (complete with cell!). The police were fabulous, answering lots of questions about their job and sharing road safety information with the children. Our Sports Day was held at the Primary School which has a much longer (!) race track. The children enjoyed their races despite the heat. A big thank you to the school. Our stick insects had babies, they are so tiny compared to the fully grown ones.

Our last week had a visit from the Curious and Fascinating Museum (an outreach of the Somerset Museum) and it was brilliant. We also welcomed Zoolab back, George the Ranger is now a firm favourite, telling us all about his animals and insects.

Children can join us from the age of 2 years. We accept Somerset Council 2-year-old funding, 15 hour Universal Early Years Entitlement, 30 hour Working Families Entitlement, Tax Free Childcare and Childcare

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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	8.00-9.00-12.00-1.00-3.00-4.00
Tuesday	8.00-9.00-12.00-1.00-3.00 -----
Wednesday	8.00-9.00-12.00-1.00-3.00-4.00
Thursday	8.00-9.00-12.00-1.00-3.00-4.00
Friday	8.00-9.00-12.00-1.00-3.00-4.00

Children staying for lunch need to bring a packed lunch.

Baby and Toddler Session @ East Coker Playgroup
Friday 9.30-11.00 £2.00 or a donation/ family
Returns after the summer break on 19/9/25

We have a playroom full of resources and outdoor space to facilitate playing and learning.

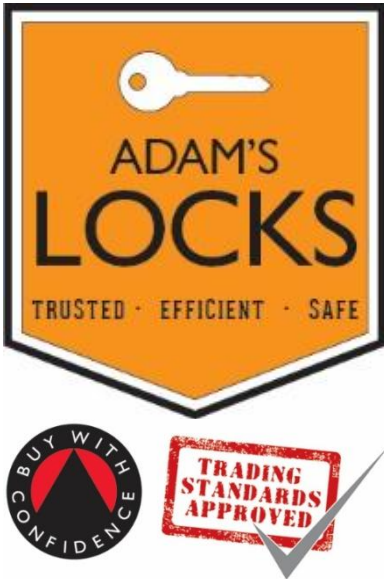
Pop along and join us for play and chat.

To find out more information, please visit our Facebook page, East Coker Preschool.

For more information and to register your child/children for East Coker Playgroup, please contact us on 07503 751133 or email office.ecplaygroup@gmail.com.

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ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS CHURCH

We have had a busy and varied few months recently and have plenty more going on for the rest of the summer.

In May, it was a great treat to host two Od Arts Festival events. The south transept was given over for the three days to a spectacular piece – Portal – by Jennifer Taylor. On the Saturday evening, Bristol based artist 'tlk' performed a mesmerising piece – The Butterfly Effect – that had voice, field recordings, electronic and instrumentals blending perfectly in and with the historic surroundings of the church. In June, somewhat more conventionally, St Michael's hosted the annual relicensing of churchwardens from across the deanery by the Venerable Ann Gell, Archdeacon of Wells. Our Summer Open Morning in June was also a great success. The opportunity to splat the vicar, tours of the church tower, produce sales, teas and a raffle brought in a great crowd and raised over £690 for St Margaret's Hospice. Thanks to everyone who supported.

Looking ahead

On Sunday **10 August** we will be holding a Pet Service at 11.00am. So come along and have your furry/feathered/woolly/scaly friend blessed by the vicar.

On Saturday **6 September** the Parnham Voices will be singing a free concert in the church at 4.00pm. The Parnham Voices are a Beaminster based Capella Choir whose repertoire ranges from Tallis to Simon and Garfunkel (with everything in-between). The concert is a fundraiser for Julia's House Children's Hospice, so though admission will be free, donations will be gratefully received and will go to the charity. Teas will be served.

Finally, on **Sunday 28 September** at 5.00pm, to celebrate our patronal festival (the feast of St Michael or Michaelmas), there will be a service choral evensong. Sung by Sherborne Chamber Choir, this promises to be a rare musical treat for the parish church. After the service, there will be drinks and small eats – weather permitting - in the churchyard. All are welcome.

You are always welcome at St Michael's, whether for some time of quiet reflection, or to join us for a service. Information about services can be found on the notice boards in the church porch and in the paddock, or via the Benefice Newsletter which is emailed out on a weekly basis.

Our regular pattern of service is:

2 nd Sunday of the month	Morning Prayer	11.00am
3 rd Sunday	Evensong	6.00pm
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion	11.00am
On a 5 th Sunday (when there is one) we join other churches across the Coker Ridge Benefice to celebrate Holy Communion. Check online or refer to the pew sheet for time and location		

Keeping in touch

We want to make sure everyone in the parish knows what is going on at St Michael's. There are a number of ways try and get information out – hopefully something to suit everyone.

Website. We have set up a website which has lots of information about the church and upcoming events and services. It has a section on Project Beacon so is a great place to keep track of our future plans.

The website is www.ecchurch.co.uk, which you can get to by scanning this QR Code



Scan above for the Church Website

A Church Near You. You will also get information about forthcoming services and events by visiting our page on the 'A Church Near You' website - <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/11025>.

You will also be able to get information about the Coker Ridge Benefice by following the link to the Benefice on the home page <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/benefice/01-105DP>



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Parish Distribution List. To get on the church's distribution list, for the weekly benefice newsletter and other parish news, email the PCC Secretary, Christine Vince, on christine.vince2@btinternet.com.

Facebook. We also post news and notices on Facebook – St Michael's Church has a page www.facebook.com/East.Coker.Church which you can like/follow to stay up to date.

Email. Please get in touch with us at info@ecchurch.co.uk if you have any specific questions or concerns.

For baptisms, weddings, funerals and pastoral care, contact the Benefice Coordinator, Barbs Hampshire, on 01935 864574 or officecokerridge@gmail.com (office hours Wednesday 9.30am – 4.00pm).

Toffer Beattie, Churchwarden

THE CHAPEL AT EAST COKER HALL

Café Church is always on the first Sunday of the month, where fresh coffee, croissants and bacon rolls are provided. We meet at East Coker Hall, 11.00am on Sunday mornings. We are always happy to welcome anyone to join us, even if just to see what goes on!

Our services are relaxed and informal and always followed by tea and coffee. We have a variety of talks, our own worship band, and a large number of children of all ages in the 'Kids Church'.

Check out our website <https://www.eastcokerchapel.com/> for more information and find us on Facebook for information about upcoming meetings and events. You can also contact us by email on ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk even if you are just curious about Christianity and perhaps want to meet with someone to learn more.

Phil Dunning

Village News

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

Thank you to everyone who supported our Cream Tea delivery on 19 June. We delivered 706 individual boxes to over 80 businesses and homes around the Yeovil area on a very hot day making a profit of £4,167.

We will now be working on our Diva Lunch, which is held in October, this is already a sell out with 240 ladies attending, but if anyone would like to support us you can place an advert in our programme or donate a prize for our Diva Delights or the main raffle I would be delighted to hear from you.

Jane Donnelly janedonnelly81@outlook.com

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library visits East Coker outside the Helyar Arms on Tuesdays every 4 weeks. The time of visit has changed to 1.50pm – 2.10pm. There is a wide selection of books – fiction, non-fiction, large print, DVDs and audio books for adults and children. The stock is regularly refreshed, and you can order books there or online.

To use this valuable service, you must be a member of Somerset Libraries, so remember to bring your membership card. You can join by filling in a membership form with proof of your name and current address, for example, utility bill or a driving licence. The next visits are:

Tuesday 16 September

Tuesday 11 November

Tuesday 9 December

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Liz & Phil

EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council have two vacancies to join the team.

We would like to thank Cllr Clive Wakely and Cllr Cherrie Warwick-Mortimer for the time they have been with the Parish Council and their important input to representing the Parish.

This leaves us with two vacancies in the Parish Council - could this be you?

Our Parish Council is a busy team, who meet in the evening of the second Wednesday of each month at the Pavillion. The duties are many and varied and include assessing planning applications, looking after the Cemetery, coordinating the Ranger who keeps the footpaths and drains clear and the village looking beautiful, organising events such as the Christmas Live Nativity Play and much more. We work hard to make the village a lovely place to live in and visit.

If you have experience in planning, project management, fundraising or any other skill which could be useful to the Parish Council and think you have the time and commitment to make a Councillor, please contact the Clerk via email clerk@eastcokerparish.com

Pavilion modernisation



We're thrilled to announce that with planning permission granted, work will hopefully begin this summer on the much-needed renovation of the East Coker Pavilion!

The upgrade will include new, FA-standard changing rooms, a modern kitchen, an updated meeting/function room, improved toilets, solar panels and better shower facilities — transforming the Pavilion into a welcoming space for the sports clubs and the wider community. We also hope in the future to host a local cricket club.

The Pre-school will remain in its own building and Willows will continue to use the facilities of the new Pavilion, and it will also be available for hire for all.

But we can't do it alone! Although we have managed to raise a substantial amount of the funds required, we need your support to make this vision a reality. You can join our **100 Club (see below)**, host a fundraising event, donate to a JustGiving crowdfunding site (https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/east-coker-pavilion?utm_medium=FA&utm_source=WA), or contribute in any way you can.

We have a number of fundraising events planned for the next few months:

- **Sunday 10 August** – lunch with music in the spectacular gardens at Hymerford House. This is going to be a special occasion. There are some tickets still available.
- **Race Night** – venue and date to be announced but should be a fun evening for all.
- **Sunday 7 December** – back by popular demand, the East Coker Live Nativity Play will be enacted again in the Paddock. A wonderful event for all the family with live music, singing, live animals, a cast of locals, and mulled wine and pies to keep the cold at bay!

Keep an eye on the Parish Council website for information and updates on these events.

Every donation will help create a space that everyone can enjoy for years to come. We look forward to support from individuals and local businesses in our challenge to raise the funds we need to make this pavilion one our parish can be proud of.

Contact our Clerk – Jude Heggarty – on clerk@eastcokerparish.com for details on how to join in our fundraising efforts.

The 100 Club

The 100 Club is still open to parishioners, friends, and family – and we'd love for you to join us!

Since launching in February 2024, we've already paid out an incredible £3,200 in prizes!

Each month, winners receive:

- 1st Prize: £120
- 2nd Prize: £60
- 3rd Prize: £20

Not only do you have better odds than the National Lottery, but your participation also helps support our local community as the proceeds go toward the development of the new Pavilion (see above).

How to Join:

- It's just £10 a month.
- You can set up a standing order through your bank or contact us for a form and we'll take care of the rest.
- You'll be assigned a number, and winners are drawn using a random number generator at our monthly Parish Council meeting.

To join or find out more, please contact Jude at: clerk@eastcokerparish.com.

Book swap

We wish to thank Zillah Bingley for all the hard work she has done in looking after our very popular book swap area in the bus shelter. If anyone would like, either themselves or as a collaboration of people, to help keep this book-swap area tidy, please contact the Clerk.

In the meantime, we would like to ask that everyone keeps this book-swap area tidy and full of sensible books.

Plymouth Brethren

We would also like to send our thanks to the Plymouth Brethren for the litter pick they did in the village in June. Such endeavours are much appreciated not just by us but hopefully the whole parish.

Cllr Carter-Uren



: **Willow Childcare Summer Holiday Club!**

When: Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August

Monday 4th August to Friday 8th August

Time: 8.30am–9am Breakfast Club £4, 9am–5pm £40 per day

Where: Huish Primary School, Carisbrooke Gardens, Yeovil

What will we be doing?????



Arts and Crafts

Cooking



Games



Sports

And So Much More!! Bookings via the QR code or link below!



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ART CLASSES

WITH ARTIST & LECTURER
ELEANOR FARR MA

Learn to draw & paint

Beginners and intermediates welcome.

*We'll work through all the fundamentals of drawing
and painting together. You'll learn techniques to
inspire you and create beautiful artworks, whilst
experimenting with new materials.*

All in fun and friendship

SEPTEMBER TERMS 2025 BEGIN:

TUESDAY CLASS 2ND - 13:05 - 15:05

WEDNESDAY CLASS 3RD - 13:30 - 15:30

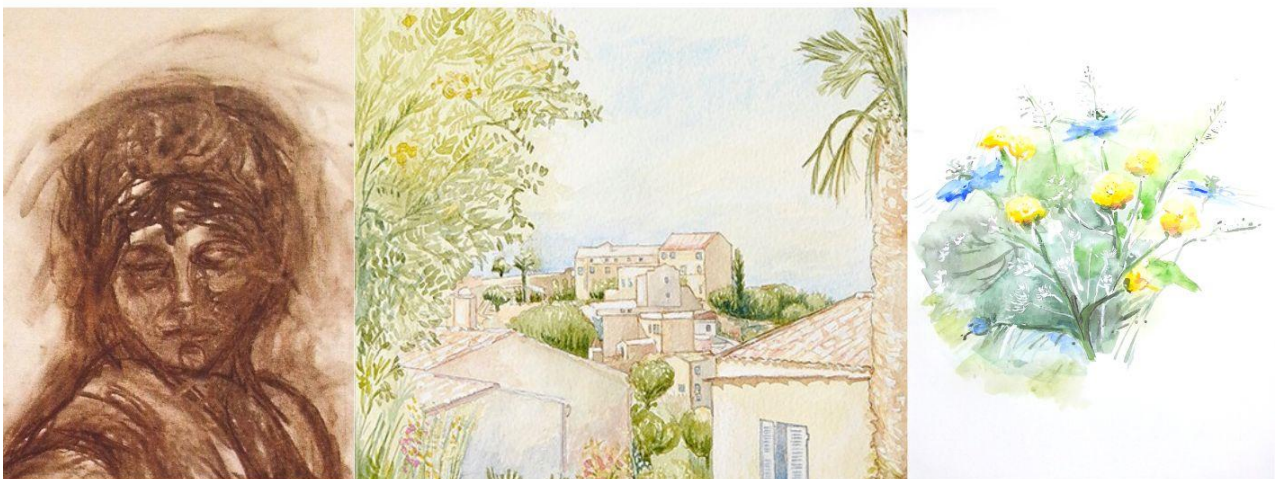
SATURDAY CLASS 6TH - 10:00 -12:00

£190 FOR A 10 WEEK COURSE

EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL

Book early to avoid disappointment. Places limited.

To book your place please contact Ellie Farr 07745216811 or at
enquiries@eleanorfarr.gallery



QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY July 2025 – October 2025

Tues 29 July	Poetry Group – Summer Open Evening	7.30pm	The Village Cafe
Thurs 31 July	WI – A Touch of Magic	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 10 Aug	Pet Service	11.00am	St Michael's Church
Sun 10 Aug	Parish Council – Lunch & Music Spectacular	TBA	Hymerford House
Thurs 14 Aug	Gardening Club – No Meeting		
Sat 16 Aug	East Coker Flower and Produce Show	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 26 Aug	Poetry Group - Jim Potts OBE	7.30pm	The Village Cafe
Thurs 28 Aug	WI – Spinning	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 6 Sept	Concert - Parnham Voices, Capella Choir	4.00pm	St Michael's Church
Thurs 11 Sept	Gardening Club – History of Athelhampton Gardens	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 16 Sept	Mobile Library	1.50pm – 2.10pm	The Helyar Arms
Thurs 25 Sept	WI – Cheese tasting	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 28 Sept	Celebration of the Feast of St Michael – Choral Evensong sung by Sherborne Chamber Choir	5.00pm	St Michael's Church
Tues 30 Sept	Poetry Group - Glorious Gardens – A story of Poems & Plants	7.30pm	The Village Cafe
Thurs 9 Oct	Gardening Club – Photography – Beautiful bugs & more	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 30 Oct	WI – Open Evening - Superstitions	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 13 Nov	Gardening Club – Schoolbeanz – Followed by AGM	7.30pm	East Coker Hall

Art Classes September Term

Tuesday 13:05 – 15:05

Wednesday 13:30 – 15:30

Saturday 10:00 – 12:00

Please note **Copy for the October 2025 Newsletter by 22 September or before if possible.**