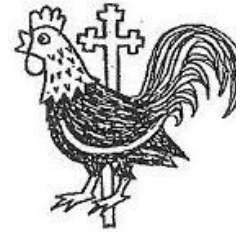


# East Coker Society Newsletter



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## East Coker Society News

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Sarah Owen

### VILLAGE EVENTS DIARY – PLEASE USE IT!

The 2012/2013 Diary is now at the Stores, East Coker, and can be found in the shop – please ask. **Please put forthcoming village events in the Diary to avoid dates clashing.** Thank you.

### BOOK NOW FOR THE WINTER FAYRE

**Saturday 10 November 2012, 2.00pm – 4.00pm at the East Coker Hall**

Tables for the Winter Fayre are now available. The price is £2 a foot, for 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12-foot tables. Setting up of tables will be from 1.00pm onwards.

Individuals or organisations who wish to reserve a table should please fill in the form below, and send it with either cash or a cheque (made payable to East Coker Society) by 12 October at the latest, to Sarah Owen, Paddock Cottage, East Coker, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 9JP Tel 862218. This will ensure your stall is reserved.

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### WINTER FAYRE SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2012, 2.00pm – 4.00pm – EAST COKER VILLAGE HALL

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Type of Stall.....

Contact Name and Telephone Number.....

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

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# Village Clubs and Organisations

## TIME TO SHARE

We have had an interesting three months which culminated in an outing to see Calendar Girls at The Swan Theatre. There was an element of anticipation and excitement about that particular event, particularly amongst the menfolk! It was an excellent production.

We will be busy up to Christmas and here is our Programme. We meet every other Monday in the East Coker Hall at 2.30pm. All welcome.

Monday 1 October	A policeman's life
Monday 15 October	Flexercise (healthy lifestyle for us all)
Monday 29 October	AGM
Monday 12 November	Christmas Bazaar
Monday 26 November	Carol Service and tea at the Vicarage with Charles and Alison
Monday 10 December	Christmas lunch and party with entertainment

## EAST COKER 400 CLUB

Summer draw – £100 Mrs Eileen Horwood; £50 Mrs Mary Greenhill; £40 Mr John Cooper; £30 Mrs Alison Charles; £20 Mrs Pauline Gubbins; £15 Mr John Carter; £10 Mr Tony Mitchell.

The 400 Club has been pleased to send a cheque for £250 to St Margaret's Hospice for their funds. If we are to continue to make charitable donations of £100 each year we will need new members.

The annual subs are £20 (payable quarterly by banker's order) and if you would like to join then please contact, Gloria Mead 862364, Mary Ashley 862263 Arthur Rees 862828 or Mike Weston 862472.

We hold four draws a year with prizes as above and the aim is to send £1000 each year to local charities or good causes.

## EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

The coffee mornings in June, July, and August were very well supported and generated £146, £414, and £302 for Yeovil Opportunity Group, Sunflower Centre (St Margaret's Hospice), and Cancer Research respectively.

The next coffee mornings will be for

- Friday 28 September – Save East Coker
- Friday 26 October – Gospel Outreach School in South Africa – to help under-privileged and deprived 2 – 6 year olds
- Friday 30 November – Children in Need

There is no event in December, and the January coffee morning will be for Help for Heroes, as usual.

Please come along to the Helyar Arms on the last Friday of the month and give your support to these deserving local causes.

Many thanks to Matt and all the staff at the Helyar for the continued support they give to these popular village get-togethers.

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313 Penny Marpole 863055

## THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER

Summer is a quiet period for the branch but that's not to say things are not going on!

As the atrocities continue in Afghanistan, no matter what our opinions are of government policies our servicemen and women and their families require our support.

The Legion is still supporting our ageing veterans from WW2 and those from conflicts in between. Thirty years ago the Falkland's conflict ended but we still have veterans suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, a mental disease which had not previously been recognised for a number of years. These men, and those from current conflicts, have been advised and assisted by RBL Welfare, referring them for further medical treatment. The Royal British Legion is still the No. 1 provider of Welfare, Comradeship and Remembrance for the Armed Forces.

We cannot continue this support without our dedicated volunteers and supporters. With that in mind the **2012 Poppy Appeal Launch for Somerset** will take place in front of Somerset Legion House, Weston-Super-Mare on Saturday 27 October 2012 commencing at 12 noon.

Following the theme of the Olympics, 'we wish to Inspire a Generation', 300 students, cadets and school-children have been invited to create a Guinness World Record for the largest human Poppy formation. Please try and support this event. Our local Poppy Appeal house-house collections will be from 27 October to 10 November. Please give generously. If you feel you would like to become a collector or join the branch, please contact any of those listed below. Thank you.

**Remembrance Service** will be held in St Michael's church on Sunday 11 November, commencing at 10.50am. Please join us at this special service as we remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Anyone wishing to may wear their relative's medals on their right breast and are more than welcome to join Legion members entering via the West door.

For those of you not already aware, our **Coffee Morning** in support of the Poppy Appeal will take place in the East Coker Hall on **Saturday 6 October 10.30am – 12 noon**.

Thank you all for your continued support.

David Holland – Chairman 862782

**Committee:** Marilyn Smith 863944; Clifford Humphreys 862242; Caroline Field 863271; Wendy Weston 862472; Russell Chatwin 414080; Barbara McAuley 423871

## ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

Many thanks to all of you who supported our Cream Tea Promotion once again back in June. We made £2,800 profit this year and also delivered by Parcelforce to 30 businesses throughout the country which made £1,900 profit this year, which we hope to increase next year.

We still have a few tickets left for our Diamond Diva Lunch which we are holding to celebrate the Charity's 60<sup>th</sup> Birthday on 12 October at The Tithe Barn, Haselbury Plucknett, near Crewkerne. Tickets are £28.00 each, to include a two course lunch, plus coffee, entertainment, beauty treatments, fashion show and stalls for some early Christmas shopping!! There will also be a chance to win a beautiful diamond pendant with a value of £950.

Further details and tickets available from Jane Donnelly on 478409, Angie Mead on 862972 or from our website [www.action.org.uk/divalunch](http://www.action.org.uk/divalunch)

## EAST COKER KEEP FIT

The East Coker Keep Fit Group meets in the East Coker Hall on Tuesday Evenings at 6.15pm

An Exercise & Movement class combine to give a whole body and mind workout to music. It consists of a warm-up, some stretching and a cardiac workout, all at your own pace, specially designed by a qualified teacher.

New members of all ages are always welcome to join us. Contact Mary Ashley for details on 862263.

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### EAST COKER SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

The Bowls Club meets every TUESDAY EVENING 7.30pm – 9.30pm and FRIDAY AFTERNOONS 2.30pm – 4.30pm in the East Coker Hall.

We are a friendly club and are looking for experienced and new players to join us. Tuition can be given to those wishing it, and bowls can be provided for your initial practice. Why not come and see for yourself. There is no age limit for adults.

We also have a junior section and are looking for young players of any age up to 18 years old.

For information regarding the junior section, please contact Mervyn Westlake 863227. For other information, call George Dudden 864222

M Westlake – Club Chairman

### EAST COKER FLOWER SHOW AND WINE FESTIVAL

Thank you to everyone who entered the East Coker Flower Show and Wine Festival this year. We had a fantastic display of produce, flowers, home-cooking, crafts and floral art, and even though there were not so many photos they were stunning to see. There were not very many entries in the children's classes, but a big well done to all those that entered, you all put in a lot of effort and it showed, well done again.

This year it was very difficult to get things grown and produced as the weather was against everyone but despite the odds the villagers deserve a big thank you for entering and coming along to support the Show.

#### Results

1. Maudsley Silver Challenge Cup – Vince Wolney
2. Archie Neville Memorial Cup – Mike Bayliss
3. League of Friends – David Carter
4. Ralph Eacott Plaque – David Carter
5. Pittard Rose Cup – David Carter
6. Mrs Newman Cup – Yvonne Shayler
7. Jane Harvey Pot Plant Salver – R.Thomas
8. Don White Challenge Cup – R. Thomas
9. Molly Kettlewell Herb Cup – Jackie Glover
10. Miss Keefe Cup – Helen Styles
11. Drake Memorial Cup – Davina Knobbs
12. Eileen Doye Memorial Cup – Hebe Bowes
13. Christine Mead Cup – June Gatcombe
14. Society Photographic Trophy – David and Joyce Pryor and David Fellows all equal 1st place with 12 points.
15. John Whittock Memorial Challenge Cup – David Pryor
16. East Coker Garden Club Cup – Emilia Backhouse
17. Gloria Mead Cup – Adam Buttle
18. Miss E B Drake Challenge Cup – Jonah Backhouse.

Well done to everyone and see you all next year.

## SAVE EAST COKER

The six week consultation period on SSDC's Proposed Local Plan has generated a massive volume of representations from people and organisations in the Council's area – to date its website is showing almost 2000 comments from around 800 respondents, and the Council say that they do not expect to finish the task of getting all the representations on to the system until the end of September! The volume and complexity of response has clearly taken SSDC by surprise and they have had to revise their plan to submit all the documentation to the Planning Inspector by 5 October to a later date – but they cannot tell us when until the scale of the task has become clearer!

It has been very encouraging to see the volume of submissions from supporters of our campaign to save East Coker from the threatened Urban Extension of Yeovil into the parish. Not only have there been many representations opposing the Council's plans from within the village but also many from other quarters - individuals and organisations from far and wide including the United States.

We were advised by our QC, Mr Robert McCracken, that it was necessary to present a proper, professional representation to the Council and the Planning Inspector. To this end we retained the services of Richard Burgess Associates, who assembled a team of five senior consultants with expertise in the essential areas of Planning, Housing, Population forecasting, Heritage Asset assessment and archaeology, Landscape, and Transportation. They produced a robust and well-argued set of objections to the SSDC's Proposed Local Plan. The total submission comprised 182 pages covering the key 18 Council policies which are particularly relevant to East Coker and where we are advised its evidence and rationale for the Urban Extension is seriously flawed. (Copies of the document are available by email on request.)

These representations were submitted, as required, by 10 August and we are now responsible for paying the consultants for the work they and the QC have done to date – to prepare our submission has cost around £18,000.

The next step will be to prepare for the Inspector's examination of the Council's Plan. Robert McCracken QC will present our case at the hearing with further evidence provided by the consultants who may also appear as expert witnesses. At the Council's current rate of progress this is unlikely to take place before the New Year.

This is going to be an expensive exercise but we are determined to present the strongest possible case to the Inspector. We are advised that there is a good chance that we can achieve significant changes to the Plan. We must seize this opportunity and put forward the best possible arguments and evidence – we only have this one chance.

Our fundraising programme is achieving very good response through the specific events which taken place over the past three months.

- Buffet lunch at Tellis Farm
- Anne and Barrie Hartley's coffee morning
- Garden dinner at Naish Priory
- Open House at Don and Barbara Nicol

Many thanks to all those who put so much effort into making these occasions a success.

The proceeds from these events together with the generous donations and pledges received from individuals have enabled us to keep up with the payments we have made so far. However, we need to keep up the momentum to build our funds to pay for the next round of expense, representation at the Inspector's examination, which could cost in the region of another £15,000 to £20,000.

Please check the calendar of fundraising events below – we look forward to your continuing support for this crucial task. If anyone has any ideas for more fundraising initiatives, please let us know.

### Fundraising events

Friday 5 October	Auction of Promises, East Coker Hall, 7.00pm. Refreshments free. Wine available. Contact Sandi Wintersgill 864342 for brochure of promises or visit Village Shop
Saturday 10 November	Posh Bric-a-brac stall at Winter Fayre. Contact Jane Sperring 862937
Saturday 10 November	A Magical, Musical Evening at Coker Court with supper, 7.00pm. Contact Gloria Woodford 863633

## **ECPT contacts:**

Joe Coles 863146  
Amelia Bennett 423894  
Sandra Snelling 862162

Martyn Sowerbutts 863313  
Peter Woodford 863633

Richard Vanderpump 864565  
John Fysh 863963

## **SAVE EAST COKER – items, please!**

To endeavour to raise a little more money for the Preservation Trust, Jane and Lesley are holding a '**POSH**' bric-a-brac stall, with your help, at the East Coker Society Winter Fayre on 10 November.

However, it will depend entirely on how many items we can collect, and this is where we would like to enlist your help! If you have a small item you would like to donate, we would be very grateful – it could be jewellery, china, linen, (small items), wood, silver, or even gold!! We would stress that we do not want jumble items, please.

Contact Jane Sperring on 862937 or Lesley Lindsay on 862868

## **THANK YOU**

Barbara and Don Nicol would like to thank all those who supported our 'Open House' on 15 September, in aid of the East Coker Preservation Trust, and who made it such a successful day.

The result of your generosity totalled £860, which included £86 raised by Joyce Best, with her book sales. A fantastic response and again thank you very much.

A special thanks to those neighbours who helped 'behind the scenes' on the day and who supplied a variety of food goodies.'

Please continue to support the Trust.

## **EAST COKER READING GROUP**

We have two groups meeting once a month. The evening group (currently 8 members) meets in individual members' homes for about two hours (usually) on the first Tuesday of each month. The daytime group (currently 5 members) meet for about one hour in the East Coker Tea Rooms on the first Wednesday afternoon of each month (but meetings dates do vary to accommodate members' other commitments).

As the Library now charges reading groups a monthly fee, we, in turn, charge a fee of 50p to each member.

If you are interested in joining either group or wish to have more details of what we do, please do contact Kevin Chapman on 07812726853 or 422594 or email [ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk)

## **EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB**

### **October to January**

11 October – Garden Design: Keep it Easy – Sally Leany  
8 November – AGM followed by a meal and skittles at the Quicksilver Mail  
13 December – Christmas Party, Photographic Competition and Quiz  
10 January – More Butterflies and Flowers in Europe – Alison and Nigel Charles

Next year's club holiday which has been arranged for 26 – 27 April, will be based in Torquay visiting Cotehele and Anthony (Cornwall); Knightshayes Court, Greenway, Coleton Fishacre and Buckland Abbey, finishing with a steam train trip from Buckfastleigh to Totnes (Devon).

Club meetings are usually held in East Coker Hall, Halves Lane on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

Further information can be obtained from Kathryn Sturtridge 012935 862275.

## EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Tuesday 30 October – The Poetry Competition – the theme this year is 'Postcards'

Tuesday 27 November – Rumi – Poetry from a 13<sup>th</sup> Century Persian Poet, theologian and mystic

For more information about the East Coker Poetry Group, contact David Cloke, Group Co-ordinator 862623, or Ian White 864206 email [info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk](mailto:info@eastcokerpoetry.org.uk) Website [www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk](http://www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk):

## EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

### Diary dates:

Wednesday 7 November

Bread-making masterclass 8.00pm

Friday 9 November

Annual Eating Out (guests welcome)

Wednesday 5 December

'Swirl, Sniff and Slurp' – members' wine presentation

For further information please telephone 862816 or visit our website: [www.eastcokerwinecircle.co.uk](http://www.eastcokerwinecircle.co.uk)

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## EAST COKER WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Our W.I. has continued to attract new members this year, and prides itself on its friendly atmosphere. We will just have held an Open Evening, by the time the newsletter appears, when we held an Antiques Road Show courtesy of Lawrence's of Crewkerne. In October, we are holding our AGM, but as the National Federation have asked all W.I.'s to change their annual meetings to April, all committee members have agreed to continue for a further six months. This means that after the essential business we shall continue with a Beetle Drive and pure social time. In November we are being entertained by Richard Vale of Yeovil Camera Club, with slides of Sicily, and will finish off with punch and mince pies. On 10 December, we all visit Yeovil Golf Club for a Christmas meal.

The Whist Drives – open to all – will restart for the winter season on the third Thursday of each month. Any further information required, please ring the Secretary, Ruby Rollo on 475010

### Diary dates

Thursday 18 October

Whist Drive

East Coker Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 25 October

AGM and Beetle Drive

East Coker Hall 7.30pm

Thursday 22 November

Whist Drive

East Coker Hall 7.30pm

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

Thursday 29 November  
Monday 10 December  
Thursday 20 December

Slides around Monday East Coker Hall 7.30pm  
Christmas Meal Yeovil Golf Club  
Whist Drive East Coker Hall 7.30pm

## EAST COKER PLAYERS

Rehearsals are under way for our Pantomime – Mother Goose – to be performed on Friday 30 November at 7.30pm and Saturday 1 December at 2.30pm and 7.30pm in the East Coker Hall. Tickets for all performances will be available from Vicky at the Village Store from 1 November 2012. Adults £5.00. Children £4.00.

Come along and enjoy some family entertainment.

We welcome any one who would like to join us on or back stage, minimum age 8. We would like some more adult members. Come and watch a rehearsal on a Monday evening to get an insight of what we do. Pantomime time is a great time to join.

We are pleased to welcome Christina, Charlotte, Sam, James, Millie, Georgia and Freya who have joined our young players this year.

Unfortunately, we did not have any response to our advertisement for a wardrobe/costume person, so we struggle on. If you think you could take on the role of putting together costumes for the cast from our collection, in conjunction with the producer and with help to alter and embellish available, give us a call.

At our last group meeting, the Players have decided to give a donation from our Jubilee Production to East Coker Scouts who are refurbishing the Scout Hut. It was also decided to have another skittles evening due to the success of our summer one. Arrangements for a New Year Skittles Supper Evening at the Forester's Arms are being made.

A group of Players went to see 'Whistle Down the Wind' on the first night to support one of our young members – Ashley. He gave us a wonderful performance as one of the young lead children. We hear he has also been chosen to be in the junior ensemble for the Octagon's Pantomime – Aladdin. Well done Ashley!

A date for your new diary – East Coker Players AGM – Monday 7 January 2013, 7.30pm Dampier Room, East Coker Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Pantomime and wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Anne Hartley 86206 Hazel Giddings 429163

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## Young People

### EAST COKER TEA-ROOMS

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We also have a 'Book swap' in the Tearooms, you may borrow a book, or just sit and read it with a cup of coffee and one of the delicious cakes! We are closed Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays.

For more information, visit our website [www.eastcokertearooms.co.uk](http://www.eastcokertearooms.co.uk) Telephone 863351

### EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

**Autumn Jumble Sale** – Saturday 20 October at East Coker Hall from 2.00pm. **REMEMBER WE WILL COLLECT.** Contact Max Bugler 862186

All scout sections have restarted after the summer break with numbers increasing in all age groups. We are pleased to welcome Jon Backhouse as our new Cub Scout Leader. Jon has already prepared a busy programme including evenings at Max's Field and archery. Our beavers, cubs and scouts all attended ScoutFest back in June. This was a county-wide camp held in Wincanton over the Jubilee weekend. The cubs and scouts camped for three nights and undertook a wide range of activities. The beavers came out for the Saturday. The scouts attended the JAWS camp in September, which is based on water activities – they canoed, rafted and tried dragon boats.

Beavers – Wednesday 5.45pm – 7.00pm; Cubs – Tuesday 6.30pm – 8.00pm; Scouts – Friday 7.00pm – 9.00.

We appreciate all the help from the village with our fund-raising. This really helps us deliver our varied programme and ensures we maintain our equipment as well as being able to purchase new items.

**Waste Paper Collections** – The collection point is opposite the School on the last Saturday of each month from 8.30am to 10.30am. If possible, please flat-pack your newspapers and tie into bundles.

Saturday 27 October

Saturday 24 November

Saturday 29 December

**EAST COKER PLAYGROUP** – find us on [www.eastcokerpreschool.co.uk](http://www.eastcokerpreschool.co.uk)

The wealth of experience of our fully-qualified staff offers quality childcare and education through play, exploring the wider environment and local community with project-based activities. Ofsted have consistently given the group excellent reports and commended us for the interaction and encouragements between staff and children, partnership with parents, teaching, management and the emphasis on fun.

Children can join us from the age of 2½ and Early Years Entitlement is available in the funding period after the third birthday. We are open during term time every weekday morning, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and offer optional lunch cover for children who like to bring a packed lunch. For more information and to put your child/children on the waiting list, please contact Kay Strode on 07798 812540.

The Playgroup Annual Fundraising Craft Fair  
Sunday 4 November 2012  
10.30am to 3.00pm,  
East Coker Hall

Please come along and support the playgroup.  
There will be a variety of stalls, refreshments, raffle and cakes.  
Come and enjoy some early Christmas shopping.  
See you there!

Last few stalls remaining.  
Please contact Donna Goddard on 01935 863692 for information.

## The Churches

### ST. MICHAEL'S

The final three months of this year herald some very different occasions.

The Harvest Supper on 3 October is a reminder of the wonderful way in which we are sustained by the continued fertility of God's earth and the skill of our farmers. And what a time they have had of it this year! In April we heard forecasts of prolonged drought. In August we had had the wettest summer for 100 years. In an agricultural community such as this, it is especially good that we keep our farmers in our prayers and remain mindful of the difficulties changing weather conditions create for them.

November brings with it All Souls and our remembrance of loved ones we have lost. This year we shall incorporate special prayers in our Family Communion in the morning Service on 4 November. The following Sunday 11 November, Remembrance Sunday, is an important occasion for the village to come together to recall those who gave their lives in the Great Wars of the last century and in subsequent conflicts. We shall do so with a keen awareness of the dangers our Armed Forces face in Afghanistan at the present time.

In December, the Sundays of Advent prepare us for the great celebration of Christmas – a joyful reminder of the birth of Christ... and of the light that continues to shine, not least through the dark days of winter.

The Rev'd Charles Hatton

### NB Harvest Supper at the East Coker Hall on Wednesday 3 October at 7.00pm

#### Services

Sunday 7 October	10.30am Family Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 14 October	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 21 October	10.00am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 28 October	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 4 November	10.30am <b>Family Communion for All Souls</b>	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 11 November	8.00am Holy Communion	<b>10.50 am Remembrance Service</b>
Sunday 18 November	10.00am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 25 November	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 2 December	10.30am Sung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
Sunday 9 December	8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Sung Eucharist
Sunday 16 December	10.00am Sung Eucharist	<b>6.00pm Carol Service</b>
Sunday 23 December	10.30amsung Eucharist	6.00pm Evensong
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>11.00pm Midnight Mass</b>	
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.30am Christmas Family Eucharist</b>	
Sunday 30 December	10.30am Matins	6.00pm Evensong

#### All Souls

We have held a service for the last 19 years, to remember those we have loved but no longer see. This service will now take place, combined with the Family Service on Sunday 4 November at 10.30am.

As most of you know, the list of names to be remembered is a long one and I usually phone people to ask if they would like their loved ones added to the list. This year I will be placing a board at the back of the church in early October, for you, if you hope to be at the service, to add the names you would like read out. This will relieve me of a great deal of work but, of course, if there are any queries, please do not hesitate to ring me.

Monica 862834

### ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SUTTON BINGHAM

#### Services

Sunday 7 October	9.00am Holy Communion	Sunday 21 October	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 4 November	9.00am Holy Communion	Sunday 18 November	11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 16 December	11.30am Holy Communion		
<b>Tuesday 18 December</b>	<b>6.00pm Carol Service</b>		

Churchwarden Heather Snook 474138

## ALL SAINTS' CLOSWORTH

### Services

Sunday 14 October	6.30pm Evensong
Sunday 21 October	10.00am Family Service
Sunday 28 October	9.00am Holy Communion
Sunday 11 November	6.30pm Remembrance Service
Sunday 18 November	10.00am Family Service – <b>Christingle</b>
Sunday 25 November	9.00am Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 9 December</b>	<b>6.30pm Carol Service</b>
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>4.00pm Nativity</b>

By the time you read this, Harvest will have taken place and we shall be into special Autumn services. Young children are especially welcome at the Family Services. In November, we have our Remembrance Service and hopefully Derek will play his trumpet for the two minute silence. Last year David Holland, Chairman of the local British Legion, laid a wreath. This was the first time a member of the Legion came and he will be with us again this year. Thank you both Derek and David.

On 18 November we shall be having Christingle (we alternate with St Michael's). I hope some of the young children who have moved into the village will be there, and there will be a guest speaker.

On 24 December, we have our Nativity Presentation. Each year we tell the story of Christ's birth and have a real live Baby Jesus or a doll if there is no baby (there are three possibilities this year!) Depending on who is available we tell the story from a different angle each year. One year it was told as a TV news presentation with reporters all over the Holy Land, another the story was told as seen by the shepherds.

This year it will be a surprise, but all young children are asked to come dressed as, angels, shepherds, kings or children from another land, so parents get organised. The service lasts about 30 minutes and we welcome all ages.

If you have not been to Clossworth, do come and give us a try and join our congregation.

For more details please phone me, Monica 862834

## EAST COKER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, BURTON LANE

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

**Coffee Stop** – The Hall is open every Wednesday from 11.00am until 1.00pm for coffee and tea. There are usually some 10-14 present. Everyone is welcome to come along, and it is simply meant to be a place where friends can get together for a chat. There is no charge for the refreshments.

We also run **Home Groups** for anyone who may be interested in discussing the Christian faith and there is a youth group meeting midweek for those between 18 and 30years.

**Men's Breakfast** – 8.30am on the first Saturday of the month (excluding January) we hold a Men's Breakfast at the chapel. The breakfast may be 'Full English' or a Bacon Butty (or similar). There may be a five minute 'Thought for the Day'.

**Little Wheelers** – Mother and Toddler Group meeting at the East Coker Hall each Tuesday (during term time) from 10.30am – 12.00noon.

**Monday 22 October – Visiting Speaker Robert Maasbach.** Robert is Pastor of a sizeable church in Folkestone and is in this area visiting various churches. Look him up on You Tube and give Kevin a call or email (details below) if you would like any further information.

**Christmas** – We shall be holding a **Carol Service** on Sunday 23 December at 4.00pm followed by a Buffet Tea. We shall also be holding a Service on **Christmas Day** at 10.30am.

Kevin Chapman is available from Tuesday to Friday. He can be contacted on 07812726853 or 422594 or email [ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ec.cf@hotmail.co.uk) Please do feel free to contact him if you have any queries about the Christian faith or if you would like someone to pray with you or simply to talk to. Alternatively you may wish to look at our website on [www.eastcokerchapel.co.uk](http://www.eastcokerchapel.co.uk)

*'Unto Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen'* Ephesians, chapter 3, verses 20 and 21.

## **BIBLE MID-WEEK MEETINGS – A series on the life and ministry of Elijah**

We will be continuing our series from 1 Thessalonians, The Authentic Church, up to and including the November meeting. The speakers are:

Wednesday 17 October, 7.00pm – James Dudley Smith, St John's, Yeovil – A hope that endures (2)  
Wednesday 21 November, 7.00pm – James Maitland – A God who will do it  
Wednesday 19 December, 7.00pm – Carol Service  
Wednesday 16 January 2013, 7.00pm – we will be starting with new speakers, to be confirmed.

These meetings will take place in the East Coker Hall. Do join us and bring your friends with you.

Refreshments are served after each meeting. Mince pies and mulled wine after the Carol Service

For further details, please contact Edward Armitstead 862785 or Roy Hodder 862519

## **Village News**

You are invited to

### **AN APPLE DAY!**

WATCH APPLES BEING 'SCRATTED' & PRESSED TO MAKE JUICE  
If you have fruit, BRING IT TO MAKE YOUR OWN JUICE (bring bottles to put juice in too!)

SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER 12.00 noon – 4.30pm

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Further information from Anthea & David Lovelock [www.anthea@houseplancompany.co.uk](mailto:www.anthea@houseplancompany.co.uk) Tel: 891328

## **SAM WEALE'S OLYMPICS**

Sam Weale would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported him in the Olympics. He was overwhelmed with all the good wishes from the neighbours in the Broadacres area and thanks everyone for watching and cheering him on even if it was only from their armchairs!

He had a day of mixed fortune. After a poor start in the fencing, he came through strong at the end and ended up in joint 13<sup>th</sup> place. He won his heat in the swim with a new personal best for this season. He rode really well with only one fence down and a second time penalty. He was in 9<sup>th</sup> place going into the run/shoot but unfortunately nerves got to him a bit on the first shoot, and he fell back a few places. He shot well on the next two shoots but he couldn't make up that ground he had lost on the first shoot so ended up in 13<sup>th</sup> place out of 36 athletes.

It takes years of dedicated training to have got to this level in five different sports and then a whole year battling for selection for team GB. It is not an easy sport so we are very, very proud of Sam's achievements over the years. I think he is planning on retiring from the sport soon so we wish him well in the next part of his life whatever that may be. A well earned rest and holiday is first, I think!

Annette Weale

## **FAIRTRADE & TRADecraft STALL – Prepare for Christmas!**

We shall be at the Winter Fayre on Saturday 10 November, East Coker Hall, 2.00pm – 4.00pm.

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

## **CHRISTMAS BINGO**

Friday 23 November 2012, at East Coker Hall, 7.00pm for 7.15pm start.

We are raising money to send Annabelle Rashley on an experience of a lifetime. Annabelle has been given a chance of a lifetime to go to Khulula in Africa for a month (August 2013). She will join a dedicated facility focussed on the care and conservation of wild animals, ensuring they continue to roam proudly through Africa's majestic landscapes.

Khulula Wild Care Project has a strong focus on rehabilitating injured and orphaned wildlife back into its natural environment. The centre works closely with the local communities in relocating wildlife and treating injured wildlife. As a volunteer, Annabelle will help with the daily care and minor veterinary treatment of the wildlife at the centre.

Annabelle is in her second year at Kingston Mauward College doing an extended diploma in animal management. She wishes to become a Veterinary Nurse when she leaves university.

## **WEA EAST COKER BRANCH**

Medicine Through Time – from the first Egyptian doctors to the birth of the NHS. Six meetings from Tuesday 25 September, 2.30pm – 4.00pm, Dampier Room, East Coker Hall. £31. Tutor – Janet Thomas

## **THE COMPANY – WEST COKER**

Presents – **'The Likes of Us'** by Julian Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice at West Coker Commemoration Hall, on 21 – 24 November.

All tickets on sale at West Coker Post Office; Adults £6; Children £4.

**Friday 23 November** – Charity Night, when all the proceeds will be going to Dr Barnardo's. Tickets; £8; Children £5.

The show was written when Julian Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice were teenagers. It was never released for performance until two years ago. It is a youthful and exuberant show with people of all ages performing in The Company.

## **CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO BOURNEMOUTH**

Hardington Pre-school is a small, local, graduate-led setting which welcomes children aged from two years. We are pleased to invite interested residents from East Coker to book seats on a Christmas shopping trip to Bournemouth on Saturday 17 November. Enjoy the Christmas Markets, shopping, socialising and lunching with friends at your leisure with no parking or driving stress....just sit back and enjoy!

We will be serving free Bucks Fizz or Orange Juice with chocolate treats on the journey to Bournemouth. The Coach leaves East Coker Hall at 9.00am and returns at approximately 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £15.00 each (non refundable). Telephone Sarah 864296 or Esther 862784 to book your place now!

## **STAMPS FOR C.L.I.C. (Cancer & Leukaemia in Children)**

Please save all your Christmas cards and parcel stamps and drop them into Vicki at the Stores. They will then be taken into the C.L.I.C. Charity shop in Yeovil. They are reused to make money for this charity, which funds vital research into childhood cancers.

## **AUTUMN**

Autumn is the 'Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness' as John Keats wrote. Please, therefore, consider your neighbours before having a bonfire in the middle of the day. Late afternoon allows washing to be dried, leaves to be raked and gardening to be done without having to retreat indoors from bonfire smoke and falling ash.

## HOUSEHOLD RECYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTIONS – Christmas and New Year

### Usual Collection Day

Monday 24 December  
Tuesday 25 December  
Wednesday 26 December  
Thursday 27 December  
Friday 28 December  
Monday 31 December  
Tuesday 1 January 2013  
Wednesday 2 January  
Thursday 3 January  
Friday 4 January

### Revised Collection Day

No change  
Thursday 27 December  
Friday 28 December  
Saturday 29 December  
Sunday 30 December  
No change  
Wednesday 2 January 2013  
Thursday 3 January  
Friday 4 January  
Saturday 5 January

**Garden Waste** collections are suspended from Monday 24 December and resume on Monday 7 January 2013 on usual days. **Recycling Centres** are closed on Christmas, boxing and New year's days. In severe weather check our website [www.somersetwaste.gov.uk](http://www.somersetwaste.gov.uk)

## SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY

The mobile library route for East Coker is Tuesdays, every 4 weeks, from 2.30pm at Helyar Arms, and Mill Close 2.55pm – 3.10pm Further information from Libraries Direct 0845 3459177 or [www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/libraries)

2 October      30 October      27 November      22 January

## EAST COKER VILLAGE STORE – Christmas Time Once More

It's getting to that time of year again when we need to all start thinking ahead and planning for the festive season. It doesn't seem two minutes this year since we handed over the last of the bags from last year's Christmas Display orders. Doesn't time fly!

This year, the Christmas Display will be held at the Village Store from Wednesday 7 November until Friday 9 November. For those who haven't been before, the goods in the display will be laid out looking like a raffle with tickets to identify them. You fill out an order form, with our help if required, listing the items that you want to order and leave the list with us to fulfil. When the stock arrives, we split and bag into individual orders and have the bags ready for collection from the end of November onwards. Payment is made at the time of collection.

Also, don't forget we are now selling tickets for the Health Lottery. Wouldn't a win on that go down a treat at this time of year.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for their continued support and hope to be of service for a long time to come.

Best wishes from all at the Village Store.

## EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

### Bid for funding for Health and Wellbeing

Somerset County Council Health and Wellbeing Board have made funds available for distribution via County Councillors. County Councillor Cathy Bakewell has £10,000 to support projects with a minimum bid of £500. Examples of relevant activities could include starting lunch clubs for the elderly, equipment for pre-schools, supporting intergenerational work with the community, activities to increase people's general health and fitness etc. If you think you may be eligible to apply, please contact Councillor Kath Wilson in the first instance on 475029 or [kath.wilson@sky.com](mailto:kath.wilson@sky.com). Applications needed before January 2013.

### Response to South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Local Plan

East Coker Parish Council engaged Chris Bryan, a local Planning Consultant, who worked with Councillors Bennett, Griffin and Horsley together with Margaret O'Neill to produce an extensive response to the SSDC Local Plan. We are indebted to them all for the enormous amount of work that has been undertaken. ECPC objection is that the Proposed Submission South Somerset Local Plan 2006 – 2028 fails on a number of levels and the preferred location of the urban extension in our parish is unsustainable and not in conformity with the South Somerset Strategy for Sustainable Communities 2008-2026 or the National Planning Policy Framework. The response has been acknowledged by SSDC, but at time of writing had

not appeared on their website. The Open Meeting, 16 July, held by ECPC, ECPT and East Coker Society, was well attended with a constant stream of people attending and asking questions. A number of Parish Councillors also attended the July exhibition proposing Primrose Lane site for an extension of 800 houses (in addition to the proposed urban extension).

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

District Councillor Peter Seib attended the September Parish Council meeting to explain the process of Neighbourhood Planning (brought about by government's recent Localism Act) and the integral role of SSDC. SSDC have to agree the area which would be covered by the production of a Neighbourhood Plan and Councillor Seib was suggesting that we would probably need to include neighbouring parishes and areas within our plan. ECPC have already sought permission from SSDC to produce a plan for the area covered by the parish boundary and would not favour an increased area. We will continue to investigate the implications of Neighbourhood Planning and take the necessary action.

### **Traffic Survey**

Councillors Griffin and Horsley have now completed the analysis of the data collected by Somerset Highways in their survey of traffic through the village. Their full report is available on the Parish Council website <http://www.eastcokerparish.com> As a result of the findings, it was concluded that

- **Main Street (Mill Close)** speeds are low with few exceeding 30mph – half of speeders at night. Only aggressive schemes such as speed bumps may have influence so it is considered that calming is not required at this stage.
- **Main Street (Sawmills)** calming not needed at this stage as bridge and narrowing of road already slow traffic.
- **Ten Houses** causes significant concern as consistently high speeds are recorded. ECPC will work with Somerset Highways and the Parish to develop a scheme at this site.
- **Yeovil Road** requires some form of calming especially to protect pedestrians. We still await the outcome of a bid to Somerset County Council. If this is not successful then ECPC will explore other possibilities for improving the walkway and will engage Parishioners especially those from Tellis Cross.
- **Cemetery Hill** – at this time traffic calming is not considered necessary, however it may be worth considering, in conjunction with SCC, improvements to the pathway.

We can all play an important part by ensuring that **we** do not exceed safety or speed limits and try hard to encourage all those who live and travel around the parish to do the same.

### **Lengthsman Scheme**

The current Lengthsman, Mr Richard Thorne, will retire soon and ECPC are considering options for his replacement. If you see jobs around the parish that need his attention please contact Pauline Gubbins, Parish Clerk, 01935 862062, and she will delegate.

### **East Coker Walking Maps**

Sarah Owen brought the recently compiled and tested set of Walking Maps to ECPC. Their production has taken a lot of time and energy from volunteers, and the result is an impressive pack that will encourage people to enjoy the walks and the significance of local heritage. ECPC has agreed to sponsor the production of the maps, which will be sold at local outlets.

### **Dunnock's Lane**

Somerset County Council has completed work on Dunnock's Lane and a further phase will be undertaken in the future (possibly after Christmas) when part of the Yeovil Road will be closed. It is hoped that improvement to the drainage capabilities within Yeovil Road would be achieved when the final work is completed.

### **Improved security in Pavilion**

A new door has been erected in the Pavilion to allow those using the playing fields to access toilets, whilst preventing entry to the section of the building where the pre-school is operating.

### **Cemetery**

Councillor Shaw has attended a course on cemetery management, and as a result various aspects of work are being undertaken.

### **WI Tree Planting**

Members of EC WI met with members of ECPC in the Paddock and it was decided that the WI would fund the planting of a tree, celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, responding to advice from SSDC Tree Officer.

Councillor Kath Wilson, on behalf of EC Parish Council

## RAINFALL THIS QUARTER – July – September

Not a lot of watering in the gardens has been necessary this quarter, in which July generated plenty of good-volume rain on thirteen days in the month and totalled just over 5ins (12.7cm) by 31<sup>st</sup>. August was also comfortably damp, with rain on half the days in the month, for a total of 5¼ins (13.33cm). This looked promising for a possible return to the long-term average, which for fifteen years had been steady at 36ins (91.44cm) per annum, but had fallen away in 2010 and 2011 when the rain showed little interest in East Coker.

However, September (as I write on 25<sup>th</sup>, with almost a week still to go) has been disappointing, showing no more than ¼in (.63cm) by the 12<sup>th</sup> of the month. On 23<sup>rd</sup> however came a reasonable drenching of another ½in (1.3cm), and last night (24/25) it rained consistently and by 8.30am the gauges were recording 1in (2.5cm) each, so the month's total comes in at 1¾ins (1.9cm).

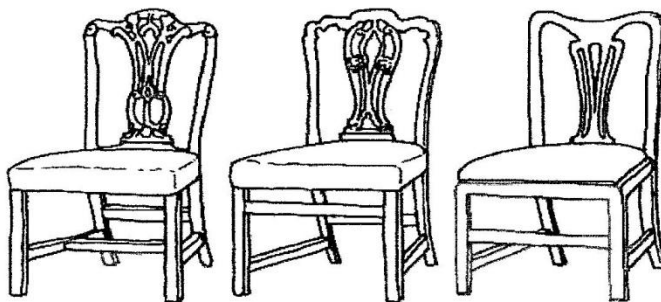
Although the first quarter of the year was disappointing at 4¼ins (10.8cm), we have since then had four months above 5ins (12.7cm), and the total fall for the year, including September (which may yet have more to come), is so far 31ins (78.7cm), ie only 5ins (12.7cm) short of long-term average and the months of October to December (generally wet) to come. Fingers crossed!

Clive Bingley

## NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **JANUARY 2013**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or e-mail [l.lindsay@eastcoker.com](mailto:l.lindsay@eastcoker.com) or to The Stores, East Coker by **Thursday 20 DECEMBER 2012**. Thank you.

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## QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY: OCTOBER 2012 – JANUARY 2013

Mon 1 Oct	Time to Share – A Policeman's Life	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tues 2 Oct	Library		2.45pm
Wed 3 Oct	Harvest Supper	East Coker Hall	7.00pm
Fri 5 Oct	ECPT – Auction of Promises	East Coker Hall	7.00pm
Sat 6 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	East Coker Hall	10.00am – 12 noon
Sun 7 Oct	Apple Day	Pendomer	12 noon – 4.30pm
Thurs 11 Oct	Gardening Club – Garden Design	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 12 Oct	Action Medical Research – Lunch	Haselbury Mill	
Mon 15 Oct	Time to Share – Flexercise	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Thurs 18 Oct	W.I. – Whist Drive	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Sat 20 Oct	Scouts – Jumble	East Coker Hall	2.00pm
Thurs 25 Oct	W.I. – AGM & Beetle Drive	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 26 Oct	Coffee Morning – Gospel Outreach	Helyar Arms	10.00am – 12 noon
Sat 27 Oct	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am – 10.30am
Mon 29 Oct	Time to Share – AGM	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Tues 30 Oct	Poetry Group – Poetry Competition	Helyar Arms	7.30pm
Tues 30 Oct	Library		
Sun 4 Nov	Playgroup – Craft Fair	East Coker Hall	10.30am – 3.00pm
Wed 7 Nov	Wine Circle – Bread-making	East Coker Hall	8.00pm
7 Nov-9 Nov	Christmas Display	Village Store	
Thurs 8 Oct	Gardening Club – Garden Design	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 9 Nov	Wine Circle – Annual Eating Out		
Sat 10 Nov	ECS – Winter Fayre	East Coker Hall	2.00pm – 4.00pm
Sat 10 Nov	ECPT – Magical Evening	Coker Court	7.00pm
Mon 12 Nov	Time to Share – Christmas Bazaar	East Coker Hall	2.30pm – 4.00pm
Sun 16 Nov	Christingle – All Saints' Church	Closworth	10.00am
Thurs 22 Oct	W.I. – Whist Drive	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 23 Nov	Christmas Bingo	East Coker Hall	7.00pm – 7.15pm
Sat 24 Nov	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am – 10.30am
Mon 26 Oct	Time to Share – Carol Service	St Michael's	2.30pm
Tues 27 Oct	Poetry Group – Rumi	Helyar Arms	7.30pm
Tues 27 Oct	Library		
Thurs 29 Oct	W.I. – Slides	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Fri 30 Nov	Coffee Morning – Children in Need	Helyar Arms	10.00am – 12 noon
Fri 30 Nov	The Players – Pantomime	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Sat 1 Dec	The Players – Pantomime	East Coker Hall	2.30pm & 7.30pm
Wed 5 Dec	Wine Circle – Wine Presentation	East Coker Hall	8.00pm
Sun 9 Dec	Carol Service – All Saints' Church	Closworth	6.30pm
Mon 10 Dec	Time to Share – Christmas Lunch	East Coker Hall	
Mon 10 Dec	W.I. – Christmas Meal	Yeovil Golf Club	7.30pm
Thurs 13 Dec	Gardening Club – Christmas Party	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Sun 16 Dec	Carol Service – St Michael's Church	East Coker	6.00pm
Tues 18 Dec	Carol Service – All Saints' Church	Sutton Bingham	6.00pm
Wed 19 Dec	Carol Service – Bible Mid-Week	East Coker Hall	7.00pm
Thurs 20 Dec	W.I. – Whist Drive	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
<b>Thurs 20 Dec</b>	<b>Copy</b>		
Sun 23 Dec	Carol Service – Christian Fellowship	Burton Lane	4.00pm
Mon 24 Dec	Nativity – All Saints' Church	Closworth	4.00pm
Sat 29 Dec	Scouts – Waste Paper	Near the School	8.30am – 10.30am
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Mon 7 Jan	The Player – AGM	East Coker Hall	7.30pm
Thurs 10 Jan	Gardening Club – Butterflies & Flowers	East Coker Hall	7.30pm

