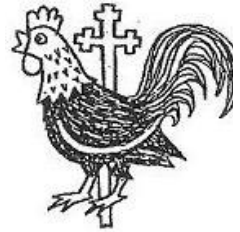


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East Coker Society News

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - EAST COKER SOCIETY'S ANNUAL WINTER FAYRE

Saturday 28 October 2017 2.00pm – 4.00pm at East Coker Village Hall

Now that we are past the autumn equinox, you may be thinking of Christmas preparations! You do not need to travel far to find those unusual items at **East Coker Society's Annual Winter Fayre**, whilst supporting the organisation, which provides your quarterly Newsletter.

There will be a wide selection of stalls, including Christmas cards and decorations, diaries, calendars, home-baked cakes, savouries, preserves, farm foods, locally produced wool, garden plants, books, crafts, pictures, pottery, jewellery, knitwear, home furnishings, wooden products, children's toys and many more items.

Please bring your family and friends. Entrance fee is just £2.50 and includes tea/coffee and a mince pie. Children under 14 are admitted free of charge.

Spaces are still available for stall holders. Please contact Sarah Owen on 01935 862218.

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER HALL CHARITABLE TRUST

We are delighted that Paul Edwards has now formally taken over as Treasurer. Many groups within the East Coker Parish use the facilities at the Hall, which members of the Committee continue to work towards improving and updating wherever possible. If you are not familiar with the Hall, have a look at the website www.eastcokervillagehall.co.uk - badminton, bowls, gardening, wine, WI, Time to Share, sewing/crafts, Little Wheelers, The Players, film night, keep-fit, Pilates, parties – just a sample of what takes place. Not far to go, with plenty of parking.

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

Welcome to the Branch Autumn Newsletter, time just seems to fly by. Summer has come and gone, not the greatest but I guess we've had it a lot better than some in other parts of the world. Now as we come into autumn we'll soon be able to enjoy the colours of the season. Gardeners must soon look-out for frosts! The RBL continues in all weathers!!

The 2016 Poppy Appeal officially ends on 30 September, our Branch total is £7,781.82. A big 'thank-you' to all our house collectors and businesses who allowed tins to be placed on their premises, and to those who gave so generously.

Our 2017 Appeal will start with our Coffee Morning on Saturday 7 October at West Coker Memorial Hall 10.00am – 12.00pm.

Come and have a coffee and then visit the Dawes Twine Works where they are having a family activity weekend and an Artist book launch 10.30am - 4.30pm on Saturday 7 October & Sunday 8 October.

The official Poppy Appeal 2017 starts on Saturday 28 October and continues through to Saturday 11 November. Please welcome our collectors when they call.

If you would like to join the team, please contact me, David Holland, 862782 or Marilyn Smith, 863944. I'm pleased to announce Gillian Evans will be joining us this year. To those living in Burton Lane and Higher Burton, please welcome Gill when she calls.

Did you know more than 9 million people in the UK are eligible to call on the RBL for help? There are over 180,000 ex-service personnel/dependants who are not visited by a friend or relative. If you are aware of anyone who needs help, please let us know.

Even better, join the Legion, we don't give out a free pen or an M&S voucher but you can rest assured your £17.00 yearly subscription will be used to support our Veterans, Dependants, and Service families.

It's so easy to join these days, just go onto the RBL website <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/> and follow the instructions or contact our Acting Membership Secretary, Caroline Field, tel 863271, for a form.

Thank you all for your continued support.

David Holland, Chairman d.holland632@btinternet.com Secretary, Marilyn Smith 863944.

FILMFLIX – Films at East Coker Hall

Film nights, held on the last Wednesday of the month, recommenced in September with *Hidden Figures*.

Films for October and November:

- **Wednesday 25 October: *Their Finest*** is a British war comedy-drama film. The film tells the story of a British Ministry of Information film team making a morale-boosting film about the Dunkirk evacuation during the Battle of Britain and the London Blitz.
- **Wednesday 29 November: *Viceroy's House***. The final Viceroy of India, Lord Mountbatten, tasked with overseeing the transition of British India to Independence, meets with conflict as different sides clash in the face of monumental change. Viceroy's House in Delhi was the home of the British rulers of India - after 300 years, that rule was coming to an end. For six months in 1947, Lord Mountbatten, great-grandson of Queen Victoria, assumed the post of the last Viceroy, charged with handing India back to its people. The film's story unfolds within that great house. Upstairs lived Mountbatten, together with his wife and daughter; downstairs lived their 500 Hindu, Muslim and Sikh servants. As the political elite - Nehru, Jinnah and Gandhi - converged on the House to wrangle over the birth of independent India, conflict erupted. A decision was taken to divide the country and create a new Muslim homeland - Pakistan. It was a decision whose consequences reverberate to this day.

There will be **NO FILM** in December. Showings recommence in January 2018.

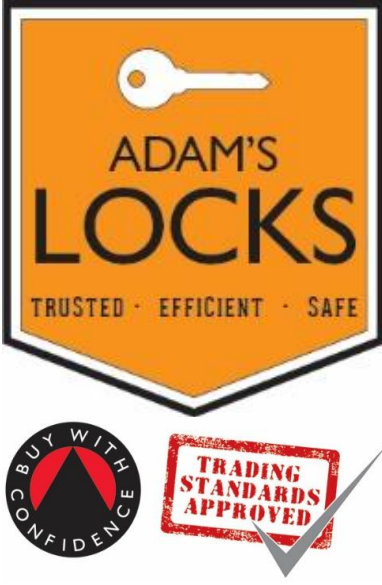
Showings commence at 7.30pm. Doors open 7.00pm. Entry £6 per person. For further details, contact 01935 863002 or 01935 862447

BURTON BOOK CLUB

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

Recently, we have read Five Little Pigs - Agatha Christie, Mr Lynch's Holiday - Catherine O'Flynn, The Road Home - Rose Tremain.

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



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THE EAST COKER BULK OIL PURCHASE SCHEME – JULY 2017

It's becoming popular. In July, 69 of us filled our tanks with 62,950 litres of heating oil. That's about half as many again of us as ever before. The price was 33.70 pence per litre (+ VAT), that's 0.75ppl less than the best price for 1,000 litres, but 3.35ppl less than the worst. It looked as though prices in general were at rock bottom, so no generous discounts.

The company said they had never delivered to East Coker before and could they have a map. I did have a map which actually showed road and some house names, but the interesting bit was trying to explain that East Coker is a village of two halves, East and West, with a bit of road and a cemetery in between. And that's before you tell them to ignore the words North Coker on the map and forget West Coker altogether. Then there's Holywell, Helena Road and Sutton Bingham, which are off the map in different directions. I'm afraid I ended up saying they'd have to find Closworth for themselves, "It's on the far side of the reservoir".

The next order will be a top-up in January/February, when prices should have settled down after Christmas.

To participate or with any questions, contact me, preferably by email pauleddwards@waitrose.com, or 01935 864413. Email makes it much easier and quicker to circulate information and I do not divulge email addresses.

I circulate an email reminder before co-ordinating each order in January/February and July/August

Paul Edwards

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

Once again Club members have enjoyed a varied programme over the last few months. The "summer" has sped by, and autumn has now arrived. In June, Roy Cheek talked about insectivorous plants, bringing with him a selection from which to purchase. Roy's recommended plant for dealing with woodlice was snapped up by members who were suffering from a woodlouse invasion. No doubt these plants will now be plump on their feastings!

The weather decided it was indeed summertime for the 'Summer Event' in July. The event was greatly enjoyed by all, and our thanks go to the members who hosted the event in their beautiful garden. At the August meeting, John Trott spoke on the art of Bonsai. John has won many RHS gold medals, and is highly regarded as an expert on the subject. Several members were inspired to attempt the challenge of growing these miniatures. September took us across continents to view botanic gardens from as far apart as within the Arctic Circle in Norway to Australia, via the UK and the USA, South Africa and Singapore.

Seeing the photos of the plants "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow", Frangipani and the vivid blue of the Jacaranda brought back memories of living in Kenya – scent and colours never to be forgotten.

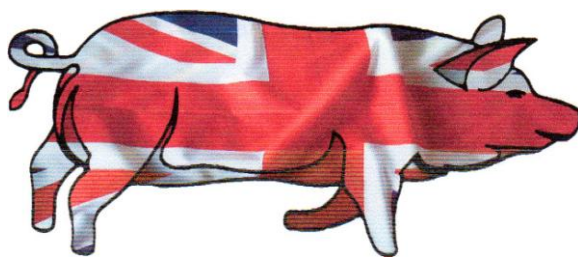
On Friday 4 August, several members spent the day at the Taunton Flower Show, where, inspired by the exhibits and plants, they returned home with varied purchases – mostly of the foliate and floriferous type. Many members exhibited at the East Coker Flower Show and Wine Festival, coming away with first, second and third prizes, plus a few cups. So now we move on into autumn and winter, and the New Year.

The programme for the next few months:

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| • 12 October | Gardens of the rich and famous | David Moon |
| • 9 November | Annual General Meeting at the Red House | |
| • 14 December | Christmas Party Quiz | Mike Short |

The programme for 2018 has been finalised, and will hopefully give members another year of interesting talks, events and trips. The annual four-day holiday for 2018 has been fully subscribed. The small committee does an excellent job of planning the programme, making every effort to ensure that all members are able to benefit from most of the talks, events and trips.

Meetings, day trips and the annual holiday are all very well supported. New members and visitors are always welcome. We are a friendly lot – why not join us for an enjoyable, sociable evening? You do not need to be good at gardening; talks cover a wide variety of subjects. The annual subscription is £15, with subs of £1 per meeting. Visitors £3. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month, commencing at 7.30pm in the East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker. For further information, please contact Helen Styles 862447 or Stan Shayler 420291



Hamish's Farm Shop

Come and visit us at Hamish's Farm Shop! The Whole Hog Cafe serves hot food, light lunches, all day breakfasts, daily homemade specials, cake and local coffee by Reads Coffee in Sherborne.

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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

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

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

Tuesday 31 October Poetry Competition Evening

This year we are having a joint competition with the West Coker Camera Club, who will also be judging our poetry – and we will be judging their photographs.

The subject is **Internal Spaces – Interiors – The Inside**

The deadline for entries is only a few weeks away on **Sunday 1 October**

Do please enter – any style, length or interpretation of the subject will be most welcome. View our 'Competitions' page if you want details

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

TIME TO SHARE

We are desperate for some new lively members. We are a strong, healthy and happy group, but need to keep the club going and growing!

Please contact **Sandra Snelling** on **862162** if you would like to hear more about our Club and what we have planned for 2018. We begin activities in the New Year on Monday 15 January 2018 with some good music and songs to listen or sing-along with!

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| • Monday 2 October | Seated Exercise |
| • Monday 16 October | Trip Down Under |
| • Monday 30 October | Hallow'een Cakes |
| • Monday 13 November | It's Magic |
| • Monday 27 November | Silver Chix Sing-along |
| • Monday 11 December | Carol Service |
| • Monday 18 December | Christmas Lunch at Village Cafe |

Sandra Snelling

EAST COKER MONTHLY CHARITY COFFEE MORNINGS

Recent events started with the June coffee morning, generating £617 in aid of Motor Neurone Disease (by Yeovil Inner Wheel), and in July a total of £250 was collected for KidsOut (by Yeovil Rotary).

The forthcoming events will be for:

- Children in Need on **Friday 27 October**
- (No event in November)

Please come along to the Forester's Arms and give your continued support to all these deserving causes. Many thanks to all the staff at the Forester's for the support they give to these popular village get-togethers.

Cherry Sowerbutts 863313, Penny Marpole 863055

EAST COKER PLAYERS

This year, we travel east to China for our Pantomime 'Aladdin' by Ben Crocker. Performances at the East Coker Hall will be on Friday 24 November at 7.30pm and Saturday 25 November at 2.30pm & 7.30pm.


We have decided not to increase our prices this year, and tickets remain at Adults £6 and Children £4. Great value! They will be on sale from Monday 30 October from Vicky, telephone 862711, and from members. Come along to cheer for the good guys and boo the baddies!

The Players are looking for someone to produce or direct our Spring production. If you are interested and would like to know more or know of anyone who could help us, please contact us.

Advance notices:

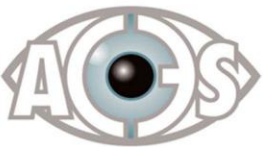
- **Christmas Bingo, Friday 1 December.** A Players' fundraiser at the East Coker Hall. Doors open 7.00pm, eyes down 7.15pm. Seasonal prizes for lines and houses. A fun family evening for all ages.
- **AGM** - Monday 8 January 2018. The Dampier Room at 7.00pm.

All welcome, Anne Hartley Chairperson 862060 or Hazel Secretary 429163

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EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

We have had an eventful summer, in June Majestic Wines did a tasting. In July, we held our Summer Event at the East Coker Hall, and there were lots of members present. Then we held a skittles evening in August, lots of fun was had. In August, we had our Annual Wine Festival, results as follows

Most points in show – Vince Wolny
Best Wine in show – Chris Branson
Novice Class - any homemade wine - Freya Milner

Programme dates:

Wednesday 4 October

Friday 6 October

Friday 27 Sunday 29 October

Wednesday 1 November

Wednesday 6 December

Saturday 20 January

Twine Works Talk

'Quiz Nic' - East Coker Hall, 7.00pm for 7.30pm start

SW Federation Festival

Mark Banham - wine tasting

A Jar of Tasting - bread and mince pie competition

Chinese New Year

Hope to see lots of new faces and the old Circle Committee.

Sarah Rashley

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

What a brilliant show this year! The show was very well represented by the Village and others. The whole Hall was awash with colour and amazing creations. We will be donating £250 to the East Coker Society Newsletter.

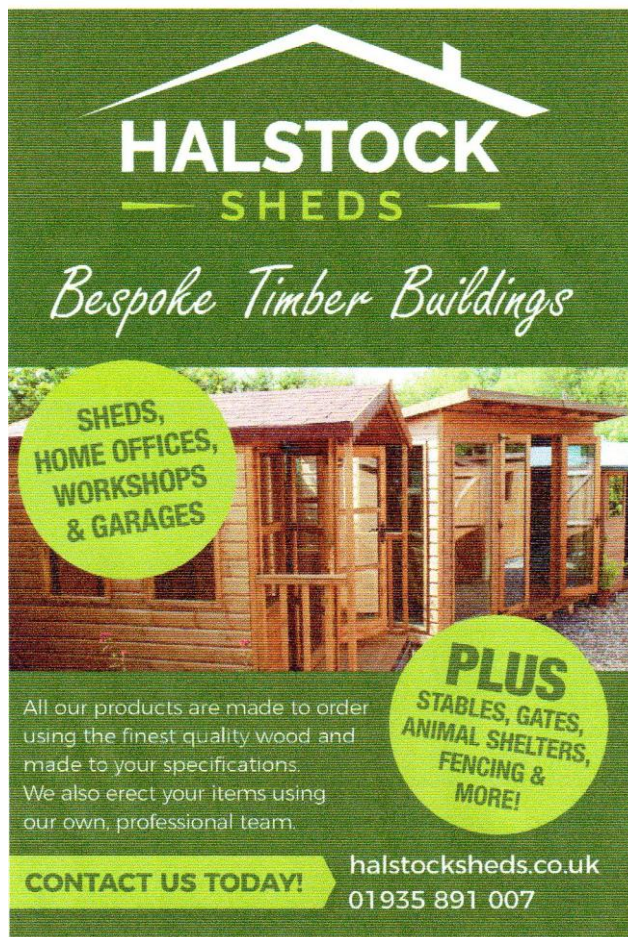
Results Maudsley Challenge Cup	Joyce Pryor (most points in the show)
Most points - Fruit and vegetables	Peter Cameron
Most points – Flower	Linda Mayne
Best vase of Dahlias	Linda Mayne
Pittard Rose cup	Davina Knobbs
Best Gladioli	Linda Mayne
Pot Plant salver	Annette Beardsley
Best Fuchsia	Ruth Hann
Herb Cup	Jackie Glover
Most points Floral Art	Linda Mayne
Drake Memorial most Points Homecraft	Jackie Glover
Eileen Doye - Best Jam	Sally Howells
Christine Mead up - Best Craft	Yvonne Shayler
Photographic Trophy	David Pryor
Best Photo	David Pryor
Children's under 5's	Sophie Pennock
6-10 years	Isaac Wolny
11-15 years	Adam Buttle

Two new classes:

Photographic award for under 16's - Olive Sharman Award	Freya Milner
And the Groups' Award - The Doreen Bates Challenge Cup	The Cubs

Well done to all, and a big thank you to everyone who helped make this a special show. We do have a couple of items left at the Hall, if you have lost anything, please contact Sarah on 428639. Thank you, see you all next year.

Sarah Rashley, Secretary



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EAST COKER W.I.

We meet on the last Thursday of the month, when we enjoy listening to some very interesting and informative speakers, and a good social evening. We also join in with the Somerset Federation to enter skittles, ten-pin bowling and golf croquet competitions each year.

September sees us celebrating Joan William's 95th birthday, and 60 years as member of the Institute. What an achievement! In October, Robert Musgrave will be explaining the history of how and why pubs were named. In November, we realise that the subject of the Fasnet Boat Race will be fascinating to both men and women, so this will be an **open meeting** for anyone to attend at 7.30pm with an entry fee of £3, to include refreshments after the talk. The business meeting will be held after the refreshments, so anyone may stay or leave as they wish. December already! We are off to Long Sutton Golf Club for an enjoyable Christmas meal. Happy Christmas!!

Our monthly Whist Drives are recommencing after the summer break at the East Coker Hall in September.

The Fun and Games afternoons are proving a success, when anyone over the age of 50 years is encouraged to join and keep fit with gentle exercise and plenty of laughter.

Diary dates:

Monday 9 October	Fun and Games at East Coker Hall 2.00pm
Thursday 19 October	Whist Drive at East Coker Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 26 October	History of Inn Signs at East Coker Hall 7.30pm
Monday 6 November	Fun and Games at East Coker Hall 2.00pm
Thursday 16 November	Whist Drive at East Coker Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 30 November	Open evening - The Fastnet Race , East Coker Hall 7.30pm
Thursday 21 December	Whist Drive at East Coker Hall 7.30pm

THE COKER 400 CLUB SPRING DRAW

Mr & Mrs J Cooper £100; Lady Leng £50; Mrs Edna Mitchell £40; Mrs Doreen Bates £30; Mr Bob Mead £20; Mr D. Jenkins £15; Mrs Pia Boast £10.

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

The annual subs are £20 payable quarterly, if by bank standing order, or annually by cash or cheque.

Mike Weston

ACTION MEDICAL RESEARCH

Can we thank all of you who supported our Cream Tea Delivery in the middle of June – we delivered nearly 900 boxes to over 150 addresses in and around Yeovil and made a profit of £4,915. The Nationwide delivery, where we packed 4,000 boxes to go all over the country, was a busy time for us all.

Our Diva Lunch is being held on Friday 13 October at The Tithe Barn at Haselbury Mill – tickets are going very quickly.

For further information, please contact me on 01935 478409 or janedonnelly81@outlook.com

Jane Donnelly – Action Medical Research

Young People

EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL

We have had a very busy start to the New Year, and our old and very new children have settled in really well. I have been particularly impressed with our new Ambassadors in Year 6 who have already started their new roles – office monitor, playground leader, host, eco monitor etc. House Captains have been chosen, and the new school council will be up and running soon.

The children are also busy attending the many clubs we offer, which include netball, football, gymnastics and choir. Extra-curricular activities are very important to our school, and we pride ourselves in having a huge number of children attend the different sports, arts clubs and competitions available. This year, we achieved our silver standard mark in the Sainsbury's 'School Sports Award', and we hope to go for gold next year.

Over the summer, phase one of our infant play area was completed. We have new surfacing and two brand new climbing frames. The children have had great fun climbing all the way to the top! Phase 2 and 3 will be underway once we secure some grant funding. Fingers crossed!

As part of our whole school 'Treasure' topic, staff and volunteers took 116 junior children to the British Museum in September, and had a fantastic time. Our children were superbly behaved despite the very long day (6.30am – 7.30pm) and were a real credit to the school. I was particularly impressed with the knowledge they showed during our Ancient Egypt workshop. We went round the Egyptian Galleries looking at the statues and mummies, and it really brought their learning to life. Thank you to all the staff and volunteers who helped make this special visit possible.

Not to be outdone, the infants will be having a special treasure hunt followed by a Pirate Day later this term, as well as a visit to Lyme Regis as part of their Treasure topic.

The Year 6 pupils are also looking forward to their Charter House Residential, which will take place the week of 3 October. They will also take part in the Mock Trials this term.

This term continues to be busy, as yet to come we have a Spooky Disco; Harvest Service; M&M Theatre Production visit and a special sharing day for parents!

Jane Hesketh-Williams, Head Teacher

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

At the end of the Summer term, the Playgroup wished good luck and waved goodbye to those children going to school in September. Now Autumn term has begun, and the Playgroup welcomes returning families and families new to the group.

Our next fundraiser is the Annual Craft Fair to be held on Saturday, 11 November 2017, 10.30am – 3.30pm, in East Coker Hall. There will be a variety of stalls, plus the Playgroup hold a raffle and provide refreshments during the day. Come along and make a start on the Christmas shopping, we look forward to seeing you. Please email ecplaygroup@aol.com for Craft Fair information.

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

Children can join us from the age of 2½ years. We accept 2-year old funding, 15 hour Universal Early Years Entitlement and Childcare Vouchers. Plus, from September 2017, we are pleased to announce that we are offering the Extended Entitlement 30 hour free childcare and Tax Free Childcare. For more information on support with childcare costs, please visit Childcare Choices. Childcare Choices brings together all the government childcare offers in one place for the first time. The new Childcare Choices website makes it easy to find out what's on offer. Use the Childcare Calculator at www.gov.uk/childcare.gov.uk and use the calculator to see what offers are available to support you and your family. To find out more about the new and existing offers, and how they can help you, go to the Childcare Choices website www.childcarechoices.gov.uk

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.

If you are seeking childcare for your 2-year old, East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup accepts children from their 2nd birthday to starting school. For the past few years, the staff at East Coker Playgroup also

staff East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup, both Playgroups feed into East Coker Primary School. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup is a smaller group, and this can be a great benefit to the younger children. East Chinnock Under Fives Playgroup also run an integrated Toddler Session on Thursday mornings, from 9.30am to 11.00am, for £1 per family. To find out more information, please visit www.eastchinnockunder5spreschool.co.uk

Information about both Playgroups can be found on their web sites and/or by contacting Kay Strode on 07798 812540.


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EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

We had a busy weekend at the beginning of September, working on and within the scout hut. The outside was re-treated (the smell is finally disappearing) and tidied up, removing the old gas cage from the back. Inside, we cleared the old kitchen and started repainting it ready for use as a quiet room. We also installed a new 'dirty washing' sink in the old toilet area, and skirting boards (a few mice may be looking for new homes, hopefully not at the other end of the hut in our stores). It will take us a while yet to complete everything, but it was all tidy for when the Beavers restarted.

The hot water system has since been installed and connected in the new kitchen. We are just waiting for it to be connected to the toilet area.

As I wrote last time, the new space is better than we had hoped for but we have not finished yet. We are working to install new windows soon. We are currently applying to the National Lottery/ITV People's Project and Aviva Community Fund to seek further funding for a new entrance, store, main heaters and replacement roof.

Over the summer, we had our Group rounders night and BBQ in July. This was a great opportunity for the whole Group to mix, eat and play games together. And the Beavers and Cubs made decorated flower pots for the East Coker Gardening Society competition and were very pleased to win some prizes.

The Beavers started this term with lots of melted chocolate and bananas, making delicious chocolate banana lollies. This term, they will be focusing on International and Global Issues Challenge badges.

Both the Beavers and Cubs will be visiting Tesco in November to experience their Farm to Fork Trail around the store.

The Cubs will also be den building in Mike's Woods, doing their Athletics Plus badge and attending District Cubs Badge Day. A Halloween party is being planned.

The Scouts will be cooking pancakes at Max's Field, letterboxing on Dartmoor, air rifle shooting and having a survival night without tents in Mike's Woods.

The whole Group will be holding an activity afternoon at Max's Field in October. The Beavers, Cubs and Scouts will be mixed into teams to get to know each other and undertake a range of activities. We will end the afternoon with a campfire.

Each of our sections is supported by explorer scouts (age 14 - 18) who are experiencing life as Young Leaders. This works extremely well on a number of fronts - it breaks down barriers with the younger members, provides great role models and provides superb help for the leaders.

Autumn Jumble Sale – Saturday 4 November at 2.00 pm at East Coker Hall. Please contact Max Bugler 862186 if you wish anything collected.

Waste Paper Collection

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

Saturday 28 October

Saturday 25 November

Saturday 30 December

David Webber, Group Scout Leader

The Churches

EAST COKER CHAPEL, BURTON LANE, BA22 9LJ

Our morning worship service (which incorporates 'kid's church') is held each Sunday morning at 11.00am. Led by our own worship band, we have mainly new songs and some traditional ones, usually with a guest speaker. It lasts for about an hour, and is always followed by coffee and biscuits'

However, on the first Sunday of each month we hold our café/breakfast church at East Coker Hall from 11.00am onwards, come and enjoy church but not as you know it. Café church is an informal, relaxed café-style gathering where you can enjoy freshly-brewed coffee, tea, croissants, cereal and toast.

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

Afternoon Tea Break on the first Thursday of the month from 2.00pm – 4.30pm. Meet with friends old and new www.eastcokerchapel.com

Coffee Stop is held at the Chapel on every Wednesday morning from 11.00am **except the 1st Wednesday of each month**. All welcome to pop in for coffee, tea, friendship and a chat.

We have currently two home groups running which meet fortnightly.

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

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, SUTTON BINGHAM

Services

Sunday 15 October	11.00am – Harvest Festival
Sunday 5 November	9.15am – Holy Communion
Sunday 19 November	11.00am – Holy Communion
Sunday 3 December	9.15am – Holy Communion
Sunday 17 December	11.00am – Holy Communion
Tuesday 19 December	6.30pm – Candlelit Carol Service
Sunday 31 December	Time TBC – Joint Benefice Service
Sunday 7 January 2018	9.15am – Holy Communion

Contact Heather Snook, 01935 474138, mobile 07971559915

ST MICHAEL' CHURCH

I can't believe we're well into autumn already, I hope everyone had a lovely summer. We had several weddings through the spring & summer with more to come this autumn.

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

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

Our Children's Worker Emma Evans has been very busy. She organised a wonderful Holiday Club in the summer which was a lovely time, enjoyed by children and adults alike! The after school club at East Coker Primary School has begun this term.

If you would like more information about events planned for children by Emma, please contact her by email allangelscwl@outlook.com

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

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

Up and coming services are as follows:

Sunday 12 November at 11.00am	Remembrance Sunday
Sunday 10 December at 11.00am	Christingle
Sunday 17 December at 6.30pm	Carol Service
Christmas Day at 11.00am	Sung Eucharist

Once again I will be co-ordinating the Annual Shoebox Appeal, if you would like to support this please contact me and I can let you have more details.



Shoebox Appeal

It's that time of year again!!

**Once again we are supporting the Shoebox Appeal for Christmas
If you don't know about it, take a shoebox, cover it with Christmas paper,
fill it with gifts for boys & girls across the world
who will receive nothing for Christmas.**

**Please help if you can, if you can't manage a whole box a donation of crayons, notebooks,
small toys would be wonderful.**

For more details please contact: Judith Shaw: tel. 863218

THANK YOU

St Michael's Church is looking for a new Treasurer. If anyone feels that they would like to help the church in this way, please contact Judith Shaw, Churchwarden tel. 863218 or Christine Vince, PCC secretary tel. 86342.

All Souls Service at St Michael's – Sunday 5 November at 11.00am

For many years, we have remembered those we have loved but see no longer, on the Sunday nearest to All Souls. I am hoping we shall be doing this during the main Eucharist on 5 November. I hope there will be an opportunity to remember our loved ones, and perhaps light a candle. I will be putting a paper for you to put down the names of your loved ones at the door of the Church, and I hope there will be an opportunity to light a candle.

I cannot confirm these details at the time of writing, but please see the Pew sheets or phone me on 862834 for confirmation. Monica.

St Michael's contact details:

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

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

ALL SAINTS', CLOSWORTH

The Christmas Nativity will be held on 24 December at 4.00pm. Subject to weather, we shall be holding our usual Nativity on Christmas Eve. Baby Jesus and his understudy were booked on 24 December last year and have since been confirmed. All we need now is lots of Shepherds, Angels and Kings or children from many lands. Will all children come dressed and ready to take part, please.

The service lasts about 30 minutes and ends with the children playing musical instruments for the last carol. It is a happy, enjoyable service.

In the event of snow, ice or flood, please phone me to check the service is still on, or for more information Monica 862834.

Village News

POSTMAN JOHN WILLIAMS RETIRES AFTER LOOKING AFTER EAST COKER LETTERS AND PARCELS FOR 18 YEARS!

Happy Chappy John dropped off at East Coker Café on Saturday to receive a huge vote of thanks for the service he has given to everybody who lives in the village - delivering letters and parcels to them for the past 18 years.

Bridget Sugg, Chairman of the Parish Council who organised the collection and the event, said "What a great guy and a great Postman - always going that bit extra and helping everybody out whenever he could. The Village Dogs are going to miss him too - always a doggie treat for them."

John is now going to concentrate on his own dogs, partly owned by his son and daughter, and taking them for long walks will be no problem after 18 years of delivering post in East Coker and walking up dozens of very long drives.



HATHERSTONE WOODS – MAINTENANCE MORNING

Do you fancy a morning of gentle exercise in the fresh air with convivial company? Then join us on **Saturday 4 November** 9.30am - 12.00pm for a maintenance morning in Hatherstone (Millennium) Woods, off Primrose Hill, West Coker. Further details from Annette Beardsley, 863347.

EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

East Coker Neighbourhood Plan We are very pleased to report that our Plan has just been sent off to an Independent Planning Inspector for a Health Check. The check will take about 2/3 weeks and the Inspector will report back to us with his views and comments on the Plan as it stands at the moment. Hopefully, thanks to you all, we have got most of it right, and there will only be a few amendments to be made before the next round which will be a referendum in the New Year.

So watch this space, and keep your fingers crossed.

Post John would like to thank everybody for wishing him well on his retirement. The Village Café hosted John's Parish Council Retirement Coffee and Cake morning on Saturday 12 August. It was an enjoyable event and was well attended by Parishioners.

The Chapel A working group has been created by the Parish Council, which invites members of the Parish to join. The group will be working on having the Chapel repaired and its future use. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Clerk.

The Cemetery Work will start shortly in the new section of the cemetery to make improvements to the ledge leading to the new area. This work should be completed over the next couple of months. The large hedge has also been cut and this gives the area a much brighter feel.

Pavilion Recreation Grounds After improvements to the playing fields and the installation of semi-permanent goals, it is hoped that all age groups for East Coker Cockerels Football Club will now be accommodated at the Pavilion. The Parish Council are also looking into refurbishing and improving the Pavilion, more details to follow. The fencing around the children's play area is being repaired and these works should be completed soon.

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

Christmas Eve Carols at the Paddock will start at 6.00pm, and the Parish Council look forward to celebrating with you.

East Coker Photography Competition East Coker Parish Council is inviting submissions for its 2017 photography competition. We would like you to get creative with photography and celebrate your life and the place we live. Explore our Parish and take inspiration from our beautiful rural landscapes, or get personal with portraiture. It's OPEN to you. The judges will select 12 photographs for inclusion in the 2018 East Coker Parish Calendar. All selected will receive a free copy of 2018 East Coker Parish Calendar.

We have two age groups, Under 16s and 16 and over.

Prizes - **Under 16s** - 1st Prize **£50 voucher** and a free copy of 2018 East Coker Parish Calendar, **16 and over** 1st Prize **£50 voucher** and a free copy of 2018 East Coker Parish Calendar

Submission Requirements: Name, Number of Images submitted (maximum of 5), Image title, Where the image was taken, and File size (less than 3mb, we will ask for a higher file if selected for the calendar). Please send images to: councillorhenocq@fireandicecreative.com. **Submission deadline 31 October 2017.** The judges will be John Snelling (Professional Photographer), Pauline Burr (SSDC Arts Officer), Chantelle Henocq (Graphic Designer/EC Councillor)

Pot Holes Please report any pot holes to the Clerk.

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

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

The Parish Council hold a **monthly meeting**, every 2nd Wednesday, 7.00pm at The Pavilion. It is a public meeting to discuss planning and other issues affecting the Parish. You are all welcome to attend. If you would like to speak at the meeting, please contact the Clerk.

Email circulation list. If you would like to be kept up-to-date with regular news and events around the Parish, please email the Clerk. Your email address will not be made public or used by any other third party.

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

The Parish Clerk, Gillian Macpherson, can be reached on 01935 864354 (Mon/Wed 1pm - 3pm and Tues/Thurs 10am -- 3pm – answerphone out of these hours) or email clerk@eastcokerparish.com.



EAST COKER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Delighted to say the Christmas Lunch will happen again this year on Sunday 10 December in East Coker Hall. It will follow the normal format of 12 noon and 1.30pm sittings, and the price of £10 remains the same. Do book your table early, by contacting Mary Ashley on 862263 to avoid disappointment.

We are so fortunate this year, having Kieta and Steve from the Village Café manning the cooking of the vegetables etc in the kitchen, and their son Louis will be helping as a waiter, like so many others, a family affair.

We look forward to seeing familiar faces along with new recruits to enjoy this special village occasion.

Will see you there! Di Miskin.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS – Christmas and New Year

The Wednesday 27 December collection will be on Friday 29 December. The Wednesday 3 January collection will be on Thursday 4 January.

LIBRARY

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

3 October

31 October

28 November

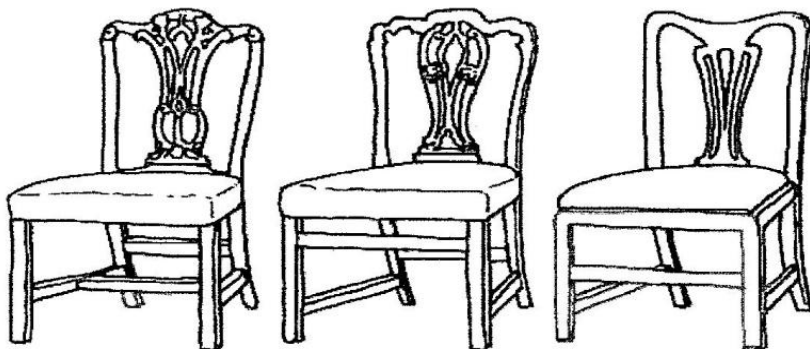
BONFIRES

It pays to plan really well before a 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.

NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **January 2018**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay, Little Meadow, Coker Marsh, East Coker or email l.lindsay@eastcoker.com, by **Wednesday 3 January 2018, or before if possible**.

KEN MARSH u p h o l s t e r y



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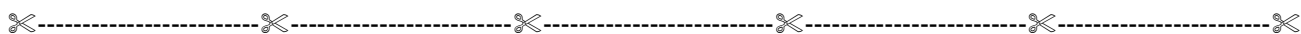
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QUARTERLY VILLAGE DIARY

October 2017 – January 2018

Sun 1 Oct	St Michael's Church – Harvest Festival	11.00am	
Sun 1 Oct	Messy Church	4.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 2 Oct	Time To Share – Seated Exercise	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 3 Oct	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 4 Oct	Wine Circle – Twine Works	8.00pm	West Coker
Fri 6 Oct	Wine Circle – Quiz-Nic	7.00pm – 7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 7 Oct	RBL – Coffee Morning	10.00am – 12.00pm	West Coker
Mon 9 Oct	W.I. – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 12 Oct	Gardening Club – David Moon	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 16 Oct	Time To Share – Trip Down Under	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 19 Oct	W.I. – Whist Drive	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 25 Oct	FilmFlix – There Finest	7.00pm – 7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 26 Oct	W.I. – History of Inn Signs	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 27 – Sun 29 Oct	Wine Circle – SW Federation Festival		
Fri 27 Oct	Coffee Morning – Children in Need	10.00am -12.00pm	The Forester's
Sat 28 Oct	East Coker society – Winter Fayre	2.00pm – 4.00pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 30 Oct	Time To Share – Hallow'een Cakes	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 31 Oct	Poetry Group – Poetry Competition	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 31 Oct	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 1 Nov	Wine Circle – Wine Tasting	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 4 Nov	Hatherstone Wood	9.30am – 12 noon	
Mon 6 Nov	W.I. – Fun & Games	2.00pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 9 Nov	Gardening Club - AGM	7.30pm	The Red House
Sat 11 Nov	The Playgroup – Craft Fair	10.30am – 3.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 12 Nov	Remembrance Sunday	11.00am	
Mon 13 Nov	Time To Share – It's Magic!	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 16 Nov	W.I. – Whist Drive	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 24 Nov	The Players – Pantomime - 'Aladdin'	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sat 25 Nov	The Players – Pantomime – 'Aladdin'	2.30pm & 7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Mon 27 Nov	Time To Share – Silver Chix - Sing-a-long	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Tues 28 Nov	Library	12.40pm – 12.55pm	The Helyar Arms
Wed 29 Nov	FilmFlix – Viceroy's House	7.00pm – 7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Fri 1 Dec	The Players – Xmas Bingo	7.15pm	East Coker Hall
Wed 6 Dec	Wine Circle – A Tasting Jar	8.00pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 10 Dec	Christingle	11.00am	St Michael's Church
Mon 11 Dec	Time To Share – Carol Service	2.30pm	East Coker Hall
Thurs 14 Dec	Gardening Club – Xmas Party Quiz	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
Sun 17 Dec	Carol Service	6.30pm	St Michael's Church
Mon 18 Dec	Time To Share- Xmas Lunch	12.30pm	The Café
Wed 21 Dec	W.I. – Whist Drive	7.30pm	East Coker Hall
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Wed 3 Jan	Copy for January Newsletter		
Mon 8 Jan	The Players – AGM	7.00pm	East Coker Hall