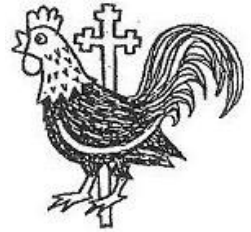


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East Coker Society News

SAVE THE DATE - EAST COKER SOCIETY'S WINTER FAYRE Saturday 23 October 2021, 2.00pm – 4.00pm, East Coker Hall

We are pleased to announce that East Coker Society's Winter Fayre will be going ahead. After a long period of cancellations and restrictions, all our stall holders are keen to return to this popular event. There will be a wide variety of stalls selling an interesting selection of unique and original items which will make perfect gifts for Christmas.

There will be something for everyone, including home-baked cakes, savouries, preserves, books, paintings, ceramics, wool from rare breeds, knitwear, jewellery, textiles, home furnishings, turned wooden goods and other wooden products such as toys and kitchenware, children's toys and books, cards, paper crafts, bric-a-brac and many more items.

We do still need to exercise caution with respect to Covid and observe Government and Village Hall Guidelines. The Hall will be well ventilated, so do dress accordingly. Please sanitise your hands on entry and wear a mask as appropriate.

Please come and support your local organisations and charities. The entrance fee is £2. Children under 14 are admitted free of charge. Tea and coffee will be available.

Sarah Owen
Secretary

Newsletter copies

Printed copies of this Newsletter will be made available at Goose Slade Farm Shop, the Helyar Arms, St Michael and All Angels' Church, the Village Café and East Coker Hall.

Village Clubs and Organisations

EAST COKER POETRY GROUP

Our proposed dates for the next meetings are Tuesday 2 November - Competition meeting, and Tuesday 30 November - about Seamus Heaney.

Please would people interested in attending these meetings check our website or with the Village Café before coming, as these dates or subjects may still change! Our proposed start times are 7.30pm.

Our website <http://www.eastcokerpoetry.org.uk> will carry details of meetings when they are confirmed.

Anyone interested in receiving our newsletter should contact me via our website.

David Cloke

EAST COKER WI

We have now recommenced our normal monthly meetings and have been pleased to welcome several new members.

However, we have decided not to recommence our monthly exercise with fun afternoons yet, such is the difficulty of keeping the equipment used between each participant sanitised. This had been very popular in the past, as we invite anyone over the age of 50 years to join in regardless of gender or ability. We hope to recommence this as soon as practical.

We have some interesting speakers lined up, including the new police person who is responsible for this area. Some people may have already met her when she attended the village market over a period of several weeks.

At our **open evening** on Thursday 28 October at 7.30pm we will be welcoming John Burgess, a local man who attended the Tokyo Olympics as commentator for Singapore TV. This meeting is open to anyone for a fee of just £3 and will include refreshments after the illustrated talk.

We would very much like to welcome new members to our group, especially those who have moved to the area during the past two years and were unable to meet and make new friends and interests. If so, please contact our secretary, Ruby Rollo tel 01935 475010.

Diary dates

Thursday 28 October	7.30pm	Open Evening, Tokyo Olympics	East Coker Hall
Thursday 25 November	7.30pm	Carol Northover – 'Nuts & Crackers'	East Coker Hall
Monday 13 December	12.30pm	Christmas Lunch	Yeovil Golf Club

Joyce Pryor

TIME TO SHARE

Members have had several very successful afternoon teas at the Café and have even ventured back to the East Coker Hall! Membership is looking very good and there are a lot of happy smiling faces 😊 around every time we meet.

Here are the dates and venues for our get-togethers until the New Year.

- Friday 8 October - Tea and Cake at the Village Café - 2.30pm
- Monday 25 October - "Where in the World are We" Photo Show with Quiz at East Coker Hall - 2.30pm
- Friday 5 and 19 November - Tea and Cake at the Village Café - 2.30pm
- Monday 13 December - Christmas Lunch at Village Café - 12.30pm - Entertainment and Carols, Ticket event only.

Sandra Xxx

EAST COKER PLAYERS.

At the beginning of September, we all came together to start rehearsals for our Pantomime. Over the summer, we held our read through and auditions outside.

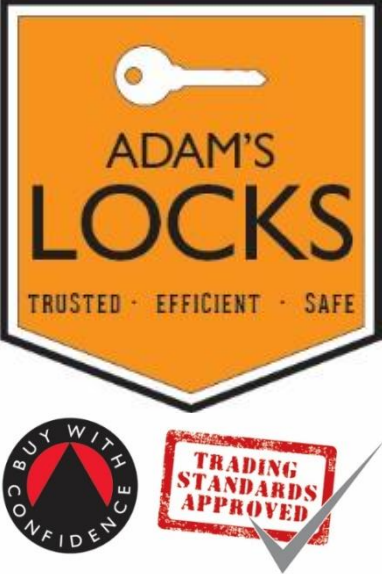
This year's Pantomime will be '**Oh no! Not another Pantomime!**' written by member, Jon Margetts. It will be produced and directed by his wife Amie.

We hope to perform the Pantomime at East Coker Hall on Friday 26 November at 7.30pm and Saturday 27 November at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. Tickets - Adults £7; Children £5.

Details of when and where tickets can be obtained will be publicised by posters on village notice boards.

For further information about the Players (not tickets enquiries), contact Anne 862060 or Hazel 429163.

For further details, contact Chairperson Anne Hartley 862060.



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EAST COKER WINE CIRCLE

East Coker Wine Circle have been meeting again in East Coker Hall with COVID-19 restrictions in place. We have had a talk on Lacock Cider and a talk on Everest Base Camp, both interesting and informative. It was great to meet up with friends and have a glass of wine and a chat.

The programme to come, if possible, is:

2021

- Wednesday 6 October - Wine-tasting
- Wednesday 3 November - Christmas traditions
- Wednesday 1 December - Margaret O'Neil's wine tasting with bread and mince pie competition

2022

- Saturday 15 January - Annual Theme Party - Fine Whines Jazz
- Wednesday 2 February - Wiggle Beer talk and tasting

Meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of each month at 8.00pm at East Coker Hall, and we welcome new and old 'bottoms up'.

If you would like to be involved or join a like-minded group of people, contact ecwctipple@btinternet.com

Sarah Rashley

THE ROYAL BRITISH LEGION EAST & WEST COKER BRANCH

Monday 15 March 2021 was The Centenary of the formation of the Royal British Legion. Due to Covid19 restrictions, Remembrance of the occasion has been limited. Special wreaths will be laid in benefice churches on Remembrance Sunday, 14 November.

Each branch has been presented with a copy of Her Majesty The Queen's Message to the Royal British Legion on our 100th Anniversary. The message will be framed and displayed in turn on each Church Memorial in the Benefice until 15 March 2022. Our Branch Secretary is in negotiations with West Coker Memorial Hall Committee regarding displaying the Message permanently in the Hall.

You have probably noticed as you pass the Hall in West Coker an RBL sign on the bank, refurbishment of which is now needed, as the RBL logo has changed. Funding for this will also be discussed.

Our stall at the West Coker Church Fete, was well supported. Thank-you for your kind donations, £150.00 was raised, this will be used to support our serving Service personnel, veterans and their families.

As far as I am aware, the Poppy Appeal 2021 will be going ahead under directions of the Poppy Appeal organisation. Collection dates are Saturday 30 October to Saturday 13 November.

Dave Giles, our Poppy Appeal Organiser (PAO), will keep us informed.

Dates for diaries:

- Saturday 16 October - 10.00am - 12.00pm, The Poppy Appeal Coffee Morning at West Coker Memorial Hall
- Sunday 14 November - Remembrance Sunday, St Michael's Church, East Coker, 11.00am. Please be seated by 10.50am. Veterans and Scouts, please muster at the West Door by 10.45am.

Thank you all for your continued support

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

Marilyn Smith, Secretary, tel 863944, email Mazza1944@outlook.com

Dave Giles, Membership and PAO, tel 07733223806, email dgiles39@gmail.com

EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB

At last, we have been able to hold a meeting, at which a member from The Gardens Group gave a demonstration on how to plant up a perfect winter hanging basket and plant pot. The main tip? Make sure the basket or planter is crammed full and that you have included plenty of plant food! A very informative evening, and a delight to see so many of our members once again enjoying a sociable occasion.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, 14 October, when Hilary Little will give a talk entitled 'Wild Flowers and Wallabies in Western Australia'. Some members will recall her very interesting talk on the Patagonian Floral Highway, which she gave in 2019. In November, Sally Nex will give her talk on 'Heritage Vegetables'. Sally Nex is a professional, qualified gardener, planting designer and award-winning garden writer. Her specialist subject is edible plants and kitchen gardening. Areas of special interests include fruit and vegetable growing, hardy perennials, organic gardening, wildlife gardening, design, RHS shows, sustainable gardening, smallholding (sheep & poultry). This will be followed in December by 'Garden Disasters' – I'm sure many of us can relate to those!

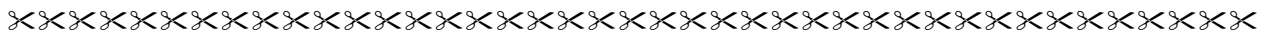
There is a page on the East Coker Hall website for the Gardening Club, which I shall endeavour to keep up to date; if you have access to the web, please do go to <http://eastcokervillagehall.co.uk> and look at the Gardening Club page.

We are thrilled to be able to greet our members again. We are always happy to welcome visitors and new members; whether you are interested in gardening or would just like to join a group of friendly, sociable people, this Club could be for you. Visits are arranged during the year to places and gardens of interest. The Propagator, a free newsletter containing Club news, notes of gardening events, tips, etc is distributed at each meeting. During the growing season, there is a produce stall, stocked by members with plants and produce.

Meetings, day trips and the annual holiday are all very well supported. 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 East Coker Hall, Halves Lane, East Coker.

For further information, and to request a free trial visit, please contact Helen Styles 01935 862447, or print and cut out and present the flyer below in this newsletter at the door. In the meantime, if you wish to speak to us, please do phone me or Stan Shayler 01935 42029.

Helen



EAST COKER GARDENING CLUB



There are many ways to be interested in gardens and gardening, and we have a wide range of talks and demonstrations.

We meet every month, on the second Thursday of the month in East Coker Hall at 7.30pm, and are a very friendly group. We hear a speaker then have tea and coffee, hold a raffle and have a good chat. Also, we organise coach visits to large gardens and places of interest several times a year.

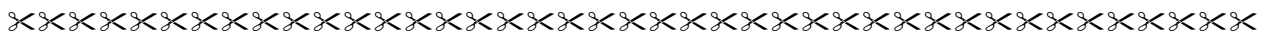
Please come and join us as a visitor – just bring this with you for free entry

Thursday 9 September - a demonstration of how to plant up a successful winter hanging basket

Thursday 14 October – ‘Wild Flowers and Wallabies in Western Australia’

Thursday 11 November – ‘Heritage Vegetables’ with the ‘Constant Gardener’

Thursday 9 December – ‘Garden Disasters’ – mulled wine and mince pies



EAST COKER FLOWER AND PRODUCE SHOW – AUGUST 2022

The Committee Members very much hope that, in August 2022, we will be able to put on the Annual Show. Those of you who have, in the past, entered exhibits and/or attended, will recall that East Coker Village Hall was a joy to see, with fabulous flowers, delicious looking cakes, bread and other culinary delights, superb vegetables, beautiful craftwork, floral art, fantastic entries by the children, photos, etc. To top this, the opportunity to partake of homemade cake – always delicious - and a cup of tea.

After two years of not being able to have the annual Show, the chance to welcome both previous and new exhibitors and visitors would be a great pleasure.

Helen

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EAST COKER SCOUT GROUP

After the summer break, we are back to our programme of scouting. In September, the Scout Association 'Back Together Safely' Readiness Level was changed to Green. This means we can undertake our usual activities as long as we are able to manage the potential transmission of COVID. As a result, we have been continuing to make the most of outdoor activity opportunities whenever possible.



The Cubs returned this term with a team building evening and are off to Pendomer for den building before working through their Air Activities badge.

We have welcomed Lisa as Assistant Beaver Leader and she is providing amazing support to Rachel, the Beavers and our programme. The Beavers have been for a hike around the village, will be putting up tents and learning first aid before a Halloween fun night.

The Scouts have just done a night hike which included watching the showground fireworks from the middle of a field, getting slightly lost (in a controlled manner) and meeting some cows. This is always a challenging activity as all the usual navigational aids (especially the ability to see across fields) disappear in the dark. They then watched a film and slept over in the hut. The next day was spent at Mike's Woods where the Scouts built dens, learned to properly use knives and an axe and cooked quesadillas in a fire.

If you feel you have time to support us, we are looking for new members for our Scout Group Executive Committee, especially Chair and Secretary. Please let us know.

With regards to fund raising, we have made the sad decision to cancel the Village Quiz that we had booked for November. With the continuing presence of COVID, we felt it would not be possible for people to relax and enjoy the evening. We will try again for March.

As I wrote in the last Newsletter, it's great to be back to our active programme. Nights Away are key to scouting, and to have had the Scout's sleepover at the hut is just the start with other camps being planned.

David Webber, Group Scout Leader
eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

EAST COKER VILLAGE QUIZ

Following much discussion at our Scout Committee meeting, we have made the sad decision to cancel the Village Quiz for November. This decision was based on the ongoing COVID situation and our belief that the event should be fun for everyone.



We will arrange a date for next year and try again.

The Quiz Gopher
eastcokerscouts@gmail.com

EAST COKER PRIMARY SCHOOL



After a very long-awaited summer break, we have had a wonderful start to the school year, and it has been great to see everyone. We also welcome our lovely new Reception children and their families to East Coker School as well as our other additional new pupils and families across the school.

Everyone has settled in so well to school even though some of our 'normal' routines have not been in place for a long while.

This term, we have had our first whole school assemblies together in the school hall, including our Friday Singing sessions, for the first time in about 17 months. For our Year 1s, it was the very first time we have been together as a whole school in one room and it was so lovely to be able to get back to being one big family again.

We are well on the way to reinstating our Year 6 Ambassador roles. Our Year 6 ambassadors have the opportunities to run clubs as play and sports leaders. We also have ambassadors for the library, assemblies and school office, as well as subjects such as music and art. They also help our subject leaders gather evidence about how well the children learn, and they show visitors around the school.

School council and buddies across the school have been set up and our buddy visits to Reception class by the Year 6 pupils has already taken place, as we no longer need to social distance (at the moment). The lack of need to socially distance has been a huge sigh of relief for us. As a school, we work extremely closely with all the other classes and we can now continue this huge part of normal school life, which has been missing for so long. It is never quite the same doing things 'virtually'.

Our Year 6's are off on their week residential in early October, the infants have a Pirate Day planned and our junior classes are visiting The Bristol Museum to attend an Egyptian workshop.

All of our Year 3 children have started their weekly Brass lesson with Mr Bertie in the school hall and I am sure the parents are looking forward to when they take their instruments home. It always amazes me as to how much the children learn in just 10 weeks of lessons. We are extremely grateful to the PTFA who fund the Year 3 brass lessons.

We have quite a few exciting new opportunities this year as part of our curriculum development and we are looking forward to seeing how these progress over the next few terms. This is part of our Recovery Curriculum plan to address any gaps in the children's learning which includes social and emotional learning, just as much as academic skills. We are introducing a new well established phonics scheme to school called Read Write Inc as well as a new personal development curriculum called 'Character For All' from Commando Joe's.

Once again, I would like to express how very grateful we are for all the support the parents and families have given the school, as well as support from the local community. We are now starting to welcome back our many helpers we had in school (pre Covid), who supported with reading, sewing and cooking, as well as helping our admin team. If you are interested in volunteering at the school, please do get in touch.

You can find our contact details on our school website <https://www.eastcokerschool.co.uk/> or phone us on 01935 862532.

Mrs Jane Hesketh-Williams, Head Teacher

EAST COKER PLAYGROUP

Find us on www.eastcokerpreschool.co.uk. Follow us on Facebook: East Coker Preschool.

September brings the change in season and the children have been enjoying walks around the village. They have found blackberries, beech masts, numbers on houses, letters on street names that match their name and leaves! The leaves have been used to make patterns in doh, prints on paper and discovering the magic of rubbing a crayon over the leaf revealing the leaf structure!

The Playgroup is a charity, and all fundraising is essential in supporting the Playgroup. Fundraising will enable the Playgroup to maintain and replace the resources that support the children's learning and development. Our next fundraising event raising money on behalf of the Playgroup will be the return of our:

Craft Fair - Saturday 20 November 2021 - East Coker Hall

Stalls available, for more information and to book a stall, email judiswan@live.co.uk

Children can join us from the age of 2½ years. We accept 2-year-old funding, 15 hour Universal Early Years Entitlement, Extended Entitlement 30 hour free childcare, Tax Free Childcare and Childcare Vouchers. For more information on support with childcare costs, please visit www.childcarechoices.gov.uk, the Childcare Choices website which makes it easy to find out what's on offer.

We are open during term time at the following session times:

- Monday 9.00-12.00 - 1.00-3.00
- Tuesday 9.00-12.00 - 1.00-3.00
- Wednesday 9.00-12.00 - 1.00-3.00
- Thursday 9.00-12.00 - 1.00-3.00
- Friday 9.00-12.00 - 1.00-3.00

Children staying for lunch need to bring a packed lunch.

Please enquire about extended opening hours. 8.00am-4.00pm.

EAST CHINNOCK UNDER FIVES PRESCHOOL


Open with places available now. If you are seeking childcare for your 2-year-old, East Chinnock Under Fives playgroup accepts children from their 2nd birthday to starting school. The setting has a large outdoor space and a cosy playroom full of resources to facilitate playing and learning. Our integrated Baby and Toddler Session is still suspended due to Covid-19. As soon as it is safe to do so, we will commence our Baby and Toddler Session.

To find out more information, please visit our Facebook page East Chinnock Playgroup.

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

East Coker Playgroup is looking for an Administrator, this is a paid position, approx.10hrs/month.


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ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

At last St Michael's is open and we can sing! August was a month of great rejoicing with three weddings to celebrate and many guests. Unfortunately, a beetle infestation has prevented us ringing the bells, but we hope that will soon be sorted. At the present time, we are still only able to receive the bread at Holy Communion due to a remaining Covid restriction.

A special Benefice Service was held at the end of August when Monica Whipp and Geoff Doye were presented with gifts to acknowledge and give thanks for their many years of service as Lay Readers. At the same time our Benefice Children's Worker and four Benefice Lay Worship Assistants were commissioned.

The Remembrance Sunday Service will be taken by the Rector, Colin Simpson at 10.50am on 14 November 2021.

Details of the Carol Service and Christmas Services at St Michael's will be circulated nearer the time

Our monthly services at St Michael's will continue to follow the same pattern as previously:

- 1st Sunday of month No Service at St Michael's
- 2nd Sunday of month 11 00am - Morning Prayer
- 3rd Sunday of month 6.00pm - Evensong - Book of Common Prayer
- 4th Sunday of month 11.00am - Holy Communion
- 5th Sunday of month 10.00am Benefice Service. This rotates in turn around the churches of Sutton Bingham, Clossworth, Hardington, Pendomer, East Chinnock, East Coker and West Coker.

In addition, there is a weekly Thursday 10 00am Holy Communion followed by refreshments at St Michael's.

For up-to-date contact details of the Rector and the weekly Pew Sheet News, please contact Christine Vince, christine.vince2@btinternet.com or tel 863429

Jaqueline Clough

Service For Those We Have Loved But No Longer See

Having organised the All-Souls' Service for over 25 years with two exceptions, it is with both sadness and reluctance that I have decided due to age (it's a big one this year) and personal commitments to opt out.

Colin hopes to have a service in November.

Please see the Pew Sheet and contact him on 01935 862429 for more details.

Monica

CHRISTMAS AT CLOSSWORTH

I know it's early to plan for Christmas but by the time you read this I would normally have completed plans for the Nativity on Christmas Eve – even if Baby Jesus was not yet born! With the rising numbers of Covid, I have had to delay making plans – please check with the Pew Sheets or phone me on 01935 862834 to check if it is still on.

Monica

THE CHAPEL EAST COKER – 11.00AM SUNDAY AT EAST COKER HALL

We meet at East Coker Hall, 11.00am on Sunday mornings. We are always happy to welcome anyone to join us, even if just to see what goes on! Our services are very relaxed and fairly informal. We have visiting speakers, our own worship band, and a large number of children in the 'Kid's Church'. We are looking forward to the return of Café Church on the first Sunday of each month when Covid guidelines allow.

We will be holding a **light party**, celebrating light rather than darkness, on Sunday 31 October from 4.00pm – 6.00pm at East Coker Hall for ages 4 – 11years. If you would like to bring your child/children along, please contact us via our Facebook page or our website.

If you would like to get in touch or would like prayer, please go to the contact page on our website where you will find our email address and the mobile numbers of our leadership team.
www.eastcokerchapel.com.

Village News

THANK YOU

Many thanks for all your good wishes on my 'Special Birthday' in July. I greatly appreciated them, as I did the messages of sympathy when my cat, Tosca, departed this life after ten years with me.

Monica

STAMPS for CLIC SARGENT

When the Village Café reopens, Keita and Steve will accept them, so please save all your stamps for this worthy cause as they are reused to make money for this charity, which funds vital research into childhood cancers.

MOBILE LIBRARY

The Mobile Library Service returned last week as we ease out of this third Covid lockdown. You may need to revise your calendars as the dates and times have been revised as follows:

East Coker at the Helyar Arms – 12.00pm – 12.30pm, Tuesdays every 4 weeks:

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Christmas is fast approaching, and our meat order book is open. We will also have lots of Christmas goodies for treats and gifts on our shelves from the end of October. Our tea shop remains closed, but we have utilised the space by expanding our shopping area; we have a larger selection of fresh fruit and vegetables, new lines and also more of our own homemade delights, quiches, soups, puddings and much more.

As always, you can find everything you would expect to find in a well-stocked farm shop, and our butchers remain busy preparing our own home reared meats, as well as making our varied burgers and sausages. Please do ask our lovely staff if you are unable to find what you are looking for, we will be more than happy to help!

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EAST COKER PARISH COUNCIL

Pavilion modernisation

East Coker Parish Council are looking to modernise and improve the sports and recreational facilities at Long Furlong Lane, East Coker.

We are still at the planning stage of our project but would be keen to hear from any recreational group who may be interested in using our much-improved facilities in the future.

At Long Furlong Lane, we have an extensive playing field with excellent drainage to accommodate a range of sports and outdoor physical activities. We would be particularly interested to welcome back a cricket team.

The newly improved Pavilion will be able to accommodate social and leisure activities such as parties, meetings, educational/creative/music classes.

If you would like to find out more, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the Parish Clerk, Jude Heggarty, email clerk@eastcokerparish.com

Wonder Walk Sunday, 10 October 2021

Discover the East Coker Elves and Fairies on your walk and win a £25 gift voucher (3 prizes to be won). Check in from 1.30pm - 2.30pm at East Coker Hall. Three walks to choose from, all finishing at the Hall where a cream tea will be served. And an opportunity to see the photos and videos of the VE Celebrations last year! This is a ticket event only, £3.50 adults and £1.50 children to include tea

Slinky buses

There is a Community Bus Service which will take you from East Coker to the Borough in Yeovil every Wednesday, picking up from your home and returning later at a cost of £2.50 each with bus pass. Just call Andy or Victoria on Yeovil 411572 to book. There is also a Community Car Service available from the same company which will take you anywhere you wish to go. This is run by Volunteers in their own cars and there is a charge for the mileage. You just need to register on the number above and they will take you where you want to go! Wonderful Service.

Enjoying and loving our Countryside

Our village is very lucky to have so many footpaths for us all to enjoy. They are all well sign posted and accessible, so please stay to the designated paths. If you are unsure of a route, there are maps available to download on the parish web site <https://www.eastcokerparish.co.uk/rights-of-way/>. Please make sure you adhere to the Country code at all times.

Friday market

The Friday market continues and going into the winter will be invaluable for those not wanting to venture too far. As always, it starts at .3.00pm every Friday at the Pavilion car park. There is a wide selection of vegetables and fish, perfect for a Friday night fish supper or stocking up on your veggies for the weekend and coming week, and breads, so please come along and support it.

Overhanging foliage

It has been brought to our attention that there are gardens in the village which border pavements and footpaths that have foliage and branches overhanging. This can be quite disconcerting to people with sight difficulties, and we would be grateful if property owners could keep areas clear and cut back. It is part of the Highways Act 1980, section 154.

Roads

We hope that village signs will be back in situ in the not too distant future. We are waiting to receive licence approval from Highways to place them in large ham stone slabs.

If you spot any pot holes or blocked drains around the village, these can be reported directly to SSDC via the Fix My Street App which is very straightforward to use <https://www.fixmystreet.com/> or report them to the Clerk clerk@eastcokerparish.com.

Village Ranger

If you notice any overgrown paths or broken stiles, please contact Bridget Sugg 07907621106.

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICE

Take A Few Simple Steps To Avoid Becoming A Victim Of Burglary

As the nights are drawing in, it is a good time to be thinking of what you can do to avoid becoming a victim of burglary:

- Set a timer switch to turn your lights on when it gets dark – unlit houses are a giveaway that no one is at home.
- Lock your doors, patios and downstairs windows – even when you are in. Make sure you double check them again before you go to bed.
- If you have a burglar alarm, make sure you set it when you go out and also when you go to bed.
- Don't leave car keys, ID cards or valuables near windows, doors, or letterboxes, where burglars can reach through to steal them.
- Lock your garden gates and side entrances. Don't leave tools lying around in the garden which could be used to break into your home.

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Please report suspicious behaviour or a crime so that we know of what is going on in an area, we will attend as appropriate to the situation, but reporting is still the part that you can play. We cannot stop a vehicle with potentially your village neighbour's shed contents inside unless you report it, and we have the opportunity of catching the perpetrators and returning those items to the victim.

Yeovil Neighbourhood Policing Team

PC 3573 Poole and PCSO 7880 Hayne

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If you are a Facebook user, our team has recently set up a local page called Yeovil Neighbourhood Policing which might be of interest and can be followed.

THE COKER BRANCH OF WEA

WEA provides learning across a wide range – practical courses in embroidery and art techniques, health and lifestyle, history and culture, languages, and digital skills - which you can find at www.wea.org.uk/find-course

The Coker branch are holding a local course about **Lorna Doone by R D Blackmore** over six Tuesdays from 9 November. The weekly course starts at 2.00pm and finishes at 3.30pm and the course costs £36 to enrol. It is being held in Hardington Mandeville Village Hall.

'Just over 150 years since its publication, Blackmore's Lorna Doone provides us with a novel set in the 17th century at the time of the Monmouth Rebellion. However, this novel offers more than this in that we can also see how the text is shaped by the cultural influences of the century in which it was written.'

If you would like more information on this course, look up **C3532922** on the website above or contact Viv Ford on 01935 863954 or Gill Evans on 01935862703.

REMINDER - END OF BRITISH SUMMER TIME

British Summer Time ends at 2.00am Sunday 31 October 2021 – clocks go back 1 hour.

THANK YOU - AILEEN MILLER

By now, many of you will know that my wife and soulmate sadly passed away on 4 June 2021. She was known for her ready smile, quick wit, and compassion for others, and she had many friends.

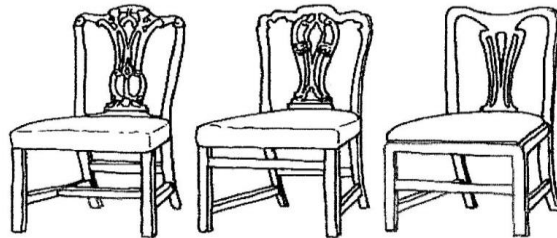
I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their condolences and kindness to my family.

Also, thank you to both Yeovil and Taunton Hospitals and the local Hospice for helping us all through this most difficult time.

I would also like to thank Patrick and Clare at The Helyar Arms for all their hard work in providing a wonderful setting for a lovely Service and send-off for Aileen on the most beautiful of days.

Dudley Miller

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NEXT ISSUE

The next issue of the Newsletter will be in **January 2022**. Copy, please, to Lesley Lindsay at l.lindsay@eastcoker.com by **Thursday 6 January 2022** or sooner if possible.

PS: There is no quarterly diary in this issue.