

EVERTON NEWS

Everton Community Newsletter Autumn 2013

Everton Villager Les Carvall's Ultimate Challenge

Eight Men in Two Jimnys

The novelty of retirement had worn off for Les Carvall after two years. While considering rally driving as a more demanding option than fishing, the flash of light came on as he was looking at world maps one evening. Why not drive round the world? He discussed the idea with friends and in a short time had a team, all in their 'seventies' aching for adventure. Why not make the adventure of value as well? So a small committee was arranged and the charity Heaven Can Wait I'm Busy was born. The first fund raiser would be The Ultimate Challenge. *Save the Children* and *Oakhaven Hospice* would be the first recipients. There would be a professional cameraman and the entire journey will be turned into a movie and a book which will continue raising money for good causes long after the Ultimate Challenge was completed.

Two years of planning followed. This process was only on a smaller scale to that needed for climbing Everest, or perhaps Annapurna as it is a more difficult mount to climb.

First, what type of vehicles would be most suitable? The decision was the Suzuki four-wheel drive Jimny as Les wanted to prove that such a mammoth task could be undertaken with as standard a vehicle as possible. Les bought one and Suzuki GB provided a second.

Preparation also involved, in addition to the fund-raising, a course with St John First Aid, training to use the camping equipment, vehicle maintenance and the use of their GPS tracking device. Publicity played a large part prior to them setting off as the film needed to be of TV quality. The participants over each of the four stages paid all their own expenses. *'Ultimate Challenge' continued on page 20.*

Les and Roland happy that all is in order



Louis Rumis' winning photograph 'Goat-herders'



Enjoying Photography, without being obsessed by it!

Firstly, may I apologise for taking up more space in the Everton News. This is due in part to a photograph of my own appearing in the Lymington Times. Those of you who know your Editor, must also know just how tenacious Cheryl can become once an idea for the Everton News comes into her head. As a result, this is my second time recently. I moved to Everton only thirty one years ago-I understand another fifty is only required, before I become a local!

Secondly, writing about yourself and your own awards, I find, practically impossible-just where do I start? Yes at the beginning, does sound like a good idea.

The image that appeared in the Lymington Times was, of a group of young Goat Herders taken in Rajasthan, Northern India. This picture is rather alien when compared to my usual type of wildlife photography. Though I was in India to photograph Tigers, I always believed that if there was no wildlife to photograph, I would probably not own a camera. Things change, as we all do, and the group I was with tended to photograph everything. I had never been to India before and didn't really know what to expect; it is an absolute riot of colour-from the clothes worn by the women and children to the colours of the houses and buildings. I do not normally photograph buildings, and although the Taj Mahal is very special, I was not drawn to photograph it, but that's probably just the Philistine in me! It is unfortunate that the men there mainly dress in anything that looks remotely Western topped off with a New York baseball cap! Not strictly in keeping with the traditional dress code of their womenfolk. At this point, I had decided to eradicate all the men, (not literally) unless traditionally clothed, from my photographs and concentrate on colour....

CHAIRMAN'S LETTER AUTUMN 2013

Dear Members,

What a lovely summer it's been. Our new village green space is now looking good. Most of the new planting looks as if it will survive. The council are mowing the area on a regular basis and the new seat sits in my back garden (as I write). Toby Sears has volunteered to put some hard standing down to attach the bench to and Spring bulbs are to be planted round the base of the new trees.

So all in all, a good outcome to what was a wild and woolly area (pity about the loss of the blackberries!)

The committee has taken a unanimous decision to purchase chairs and tables which had been offered to the ECA at a bargain price. No longer will we have to scout around for these items at any of our future events.

Please remember the AGM on Monday 2nd December 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

I remind you that two members of the committee are retiring so we shall be looking for a new treasurer and chairperson. These two posts are essential if the ECA is to continue. To lose this committee will be a great loss to the village. Please help find someone to stand –

WHAT ABOUT YOURSELF?

If you would like more information about either of these posts then please get in touch with either myself 01590 644729 or Bob Cockburn 01590 645460.

SEE YOU ALL AT THE AGM.

Vera Peters

Chairman ECA

No Cold Calling Zones

Following the article in the Summer edition of the Newsletter, we have now identified an initial No Cold Calling Zone area in the Village. It consists of Wainsford Road (part), Frys Lane, Everlea Close and Yeovilton Close. Canvassing the residents of this area, resulted in 84% positive acceptance overall - a minimum of 66% being required for the Zone to be accepted for registration by Trading Standards.

We submitted the survey results to Hampshire County Council Trading Standards and have now received official confirmation of acceptance. Every household in the Zone will receive a Resident's Pack from Trading Standards containing literature and individual No Cold Calling notices. The police will be advised that the Zone has been established. We have ordered external signage for erection at strategic road junctions in the Zone.

If anyone is interested in extending the scheme to other parts of the Village, please contact Bob Cockburn for details on 01590 645460.

A.G.M.

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Editor's Musings

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Dear readers,

Well I hope that you all enjoyed the Summer as much as I did...shame it had to end! Still Autumn is measuring up pretty nicely...

This Newsletter will be the last for this year and we won't be issuing another one until April/May next year. You'll find a few changes this time round, two very lovely people have joined the Editorial Team, you'll find their articles under Gwen James and Gordon Pound. If you'd like to respond to them, please do...they've worked hard to make our Newsletter more interesting.

If anybody else would like to contribute, then please let me know...definitely, a case of the more the merrier! (My thanks go to all those who let me twist their arm.)

This Autumn issue has turned into quite a bumper issue, with lots of news and articles about everything that's been happening over the last few months, so a big thanks from me to all those in the groups who do send me their news.

So, looking forward, we have the AGM of the Community Association in December, some Committee members are retiring, so please do come along.

It doesn't mean you'll be coerced into signing up...mind you...it could be good fun if you did!

Plans and thoughts are already underway about a Village Event for next year. So what will it be? Well, I can tell you that it won't be a Party in the Park and it won't be a Fete, but it will be just as enjoyable and hopefully will involve the whole Village. and we'll all love it!

...you see someone thought that perhaps we could have a mini Arts Festival. It could be based over a weekend, and would use the buildings in Everton for various exhibitions...and then someone else thought about having a bit of a party on the new 'Crossways Green...and then another someone thought, maybe a choir in the Church...and there could be a BBQ...and a Village Walk...see, lots of ideas... but as yet nothing final!!

One thing that has been decided though is the time, and that will be the weekend of **July 11th and 12th**, so keep that one clear in your diary!

There'll only be two Newsletters next year and so more News about the Event will probably be posted up on the Shop Shed. If you like the sound of it so far and would like to help with the planning aspect, then please talk to me, either at the Post Office or give me a call on 644865.

In the meantime keep warm!

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Let me introduce you all to one of the new members of the editorial team...GWEN JAMES...Over the next few issues, Gwen is going to be taking a look at how we feel about living in Everton...she starts us off by relating her own experiences ...

A Place to be Happy

On 14 May 2014 I shall celebrate 30 years of life in Everton. The 'life' bit is not strictly true as in 1984 I was living out of suitcases in various parts of the world and when not in Teheran-South East Africa or sundry other places on the planet I was wearing out tarmac on the motorways and other roads in this sceptred isle north as far as Wick and as far south as the Devon and Cornwall border. But Everton was the place where *home* was and still is until, as my brother puts it so succinctly, I go to a rest/nursing home or out in a box!

I still travel but in a more measured way and always I return from wherever not so far away with a sense of excitement. I sometimes wonder what makes Everton so attractive as a place where I feel safe and happy. Let's think. It is a quiet village, except on Summer Fete days and I can enjoy the sounds of happiness from afar. I am secluded but not isolated on the edge of the old part of the village. The domains – a mix of cottages, moderately modern houses and bungalows – provide an atmosphere of individualistic living. We are not like each other but we are there for each other.

The bliss of a post office in the village shop also provides an atmosphere of friendliness. I do not know many people in the village but the people I meet when walking to the shop always give a nod and a cheery good morning/afternoon, hello or hi. Catching snippets of chat between friends says a lot about the population. There are, of course, the aches and pains but there are also items of happiness that someone's birthday is in sight – a grandchild or a grandparent perhaps. Then there are the wedding anniversaries – our 40th this year and George has planted forty red geraniums in the garden. Then there is the wedding to come and weddings gone, the expected first grandchild – as much excitement about that as for a 90th birthday.

Sometimes the chat reminds me of something in my childhood or an event that I enjoyed somewhere overseas. Indeed one hears people enthusing over holidays spent in sunny England (when it rained for several days), or the cruise that caused sea sickness in stormy waters. There is laughter too as someone recounts an episode they have encountered. In truth, there is a blanket of quiet resilience in Everton.

Of course there have to be some minuses to balance the pluses. The way some people park their cars outside the village shop so that only two cars stand there when there is space for three. People who stand in the doorway of the shop chatting – when they realise that they are blocking the way there is invariably an apology. The hedges that have managed to turn West Lane into a single track road in some places. One suspects they have been trying for years but this year's lush growth has at last achieved their desire.

I have hogged a lot of space. So I will 'dry up' and ask you, dear readers, if you have reached this far, to think about what attracted you to Everton, what you like about it now and what causes a bit of ...irritation?!

Email your thoughts to me,

Gwen James, at gwenjames1963@google.com

Before you all reach for your pen have a look at what follows for our other new recruit, Gordon Pound, has been out and about having a chat to some of our residents, and seeing how they feel...

Here's what some of our younger Villagers said!

It's like.....

As a teenager, I constantly want to leave home and replace where I have grown up, for the busy hustle and bustle of inner-city life. For me, Everton is home- it always will be, no matter how many times I get my parents to drive me into Lymington, so I can have a 'vanilla creamy cooler' in Costa or get them to drop me off at Brockenhurst station to enter the magical land of retail that is West Quay.

Leaving Everton to go to Southampton used to be such an adventure and enjoyment- there was more than one shop, a garage and a church! Wandering around this enchanting new phenomenon, I was captured into the possibility of a different and 'more exciting' existence. A few of my friends have grown up in this 'more exciting' existence and are baffled at why I have been so keen to try it myself. Whenever I have them over to stay, we go and stock up on the necessities for a sleepover i.e. drinks and snacks from "the shop" and they are always baffled at how everyone talks to each other. "Why did you say 'Hello? How do you know them? It's so weird down here- you all talk to each other", are some more than regular comments I have heard.

Growing up in Everton I have always taken it for granted that you know your neighbours; that you smiled at everyone and knew most of the people where you lived. It wasn't until they commented on it and

speculating how nice it is, that I realised how valuable and rare that is in twenty-first century Britain- people don't talk to people anymore... but they do in Everton.

One place where this has caught my attention most is "the shop". I have always seen it as the central hub of our village- everyone goes there; from toddlers spending their precious 30 p, to my granddad buying his paper every morning. It featured greatly during my study leave period; restocking my revision food supply to replenishing my lined paper pile became a daily ritual and much needed break from hard work. However, one of the nicest things about our shop is how everyone gets their own few minutes a day to share something with someone, possibly some good news or a smile.

Over the next year, a large amount of Everton teenagers will begin to learn to drive, so I have a feeling that the shared news in "the shop" over the next couple of months will be well given advice to stay off the road after the hours of 5 o'clock when most return from college.

As a teenager, I still constantly want to leave home and replace where I have grown up for the busy hustle and bustle of inner-city life but for now, I'm happy to wait until that new adventure comes.

A Teenager of Everton

...and...

As a young person in Everton, I am often elated to live in such a peaceful and relaxing part of Hampshire. Since I began working at the local shop, I have been amazed at the integrity of the tightly weaved community and it is a pleasure to interact with so many lovely and genuine people with every passing shift. The recreation ground provides a good setting for entertainment and it remains an essential part of the village, and on the whole Everton is a nice place to be.

Unfortunately, all of the other young people I am friends with reside in the Lymington area, which proves to be a problem for me. I (along with many other young adults in Everton) am forced to travel to Lymington every time I want to see my friends and after many years of this I am hoping to see a change. Their main complaint is that "there's nothing to do in Everton" and therefore "no reason" to come here.

I believe that Everton is a village with much potential; venues such as the club and community centre could be home to a plethora of events. Activities such as youth clubs or film screening aimed at young adults would attract much attention, and I believe that new sporting equipment such as tennis courts would bring a new wave of athletes to the village. Also, being a keen musician myself, I strongly agree with the idea that musicians' meetings could be set up, where each participant brings their instrument of choice and new collaborations could be made. I feel this could become a way to put Everton 'on the map' and I really hope any readers can empathise with any of the above suggestions.

Thank you for reading,
Conor Bailey.

LINDY HOP CLASSES OFF TO AN EXCELLENT START!

Elizabeth Kempe's, Lindy Hop classes have now started on Thursday evenings at the Pavilion...they are proving to be great fun and are well attended, but there's always time to get involved!

If you'd be interested in signing up, (at £2.00 a session, you can't go wrong), then please get in touch with her, or simply turn up at 7 p.m. on the night! Elizabeth tells me everyone will be made very welcome, especially if you are a 'lead', which means taking the boy's part!

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News for next year...

Following her very successful retrospective exhibition earlier this year, Sandy Davis has been asked to collate an exhibition of her work again...look out for more news, but the venue looks to be Highcliffe Castle!



Harold Nash in his Everton front garden.

Asking eighty year old Harold Nash about his early memories of Everton brings forth a torrent of recollections that is hard to keep up with. In a chat that lasted only an hour and a half Harold gave me enough information to fill a book; from that maze of detail I have tried to extract enough salient points to give an idea of what Everton was like in the war (WW2) years and shortly after.

Harold was born and spent the first five years of his life at Batchley Woods where the family home was one of the former satellite buildings that had been moved to Batchley from the WW1 ANZAC hospital at Brockenhurst. Facilities were basic – no electricity or running water and an outside privy – but Harold recalls the period with affection.

The family moved to a house in Frys lane when Harold was five and he started at Milford Junior School, walking to school then was the norm. The present school is on the same site but Harold recalls that facilities were fairly primitive then, particularly the children’s toiletry arrangements, and there was a hedge down the middle of the playground separating the girls and boys at play time!

Shortly after this the war came and Harold’s father, Orlando Nash, was called up and sent to the east coast with a garrison artillery unit. Given a forty-eight hour pass Mr Nash would catch the milk

train to Milton station and walk home from there. The children would wake up to find dad at home but then on Sunday afternoon he’d be gone again.

Aged eleven Harold went to Ashley to go to school where he apparently got a prize for being ‘a good boy!’

Throughout our conversation I tried to get Harold to talk about himself but he was too intent on describing Everton in his youth – the late thirties, the forties and the early fifties – and how he helped tend and milk cows, scrump apples and catch rabbits. I gathered that the village then was much more compact than it is now but with far more services and deliveries available to the residents and where many groups of houses now stand was open farmland which, together with the woods, represented scope for all sorts of boyish adventure. Though Harold makes the point that during and just after the war everything was scarce, ‘make do and mend’ was the creed everybody lived by, everyone, children included, were expected to pitch in and help, especially when the man of the house was away in the forces. There was little time and none of the facilities for play that today’s children enjoy.

The overwhelming impression, though, talking to Harold, is that as a lad he knew practically everybody in the village, over several generations and who was related to whom. It is this aspect that – even with the inevitable changes wrought by technology and other manifestations of so-called progress – that contrasts with Everton today. To me that seems to represent the biggest change of all, between now and when Harold Nash was a lad.

Editor’s Note: What was life like for a girl in Everton before and during WW2? The Editor is always pleased to hear from anyone with a story to tell, don’t be shy!
Gordon Pound

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I can't believe it's time for another newsletter; time flies by so quickly - summers gone and here we are looking towards Christmas.

This is a really short piece this time as I've nothing new to say, no burning issues to have a bit of a rant about and there's no point in saying the same old thing over again.

The only thing I will say is as Christmas approaches come in and see what we have to offer - some people think that because we're the corner shop, so to speak, we are bound to be really expensive, but it's just not true, check out our special offers and see for yourself; in fact Sally compared our prices on Christmas confectionery to those of a well-known supermarket, not saying which one, and says in a lot of cases we are actually cheaper!!

Anyway I'm not going to go banging on for the sake of it I'll just say thank you for your custom throughout the year and have a good Christmas when it gets here.

Sandra & Steven Burrows

Louis Rumis cont form page 1

Here, we have the photograph, 'The Goat-herders' reproduced in monochrome! (see front page)

We had just visited a brickyard to photograph traditionally dressed local women making hand made bricks. As we left it was getting late and we had to get back to a main road. We were on our way along a dusty track when we saw coming toward us, three young girls herding a group of goats. They were accompanied by two men dressed in clothing as close as possible to anyone to be seen on an American college campus. I was trying to shoot down from a four wheel drive and had to drop my camera down, to demonstrate that I wanted the two men out of shot-to my amazement they scrambled up the banks and out of shot! I managed to get four shots before the lead girl became too close. In the very last shot, with the dust rising up behind the goats, the girl in the foreground had just raised her foot for the next step, at that moment two of the girls just glanced up towards me, eye contact...That was the shot! With the last rays of sun coming over the bank bathing them in warm light it was just what I had wanted.

I am a keen Member of a local Camera Club, Highcliffe & Infinity, who meet on Wednesday evenings at Bashley Village Hall. I also enter many of my images in International Photographic Exhibitions both in the UK and Worldwide. So far this has won me three silver medals, plus other awards; including a Photographic Society of America Silver medal, (Gold, would have been good) though it has been awarded a Gold Medal in an International Photographic Exhibition.

Louis Rumis.

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A Word from the Rainman

Readers of this excellent journal will know that very little rain has fallen during the last few months to moisten the flowers and shrubs that bloom in the verdant gardens of Everton. Indeed during the past weeks many hours of bright sunshine have lit our leafy lanes. However, in order to fulfil the important duty of Rainman I have maintained a daily vigil by lying supine on my recliner on what I rather pompously call my 'deck'. This is an arrangement of a few splintered planks of wood nailed to a number of haphazardly arranged timber cross members which take up a small area in my back garden.

In this position I have studiously scanned the skies for the faintest sign of rainfall. My note pad and pencil were constantly poised to record whatever fell into my rain gauge from the clear blue skies above. Nothing much happened and many days were spent in my supine, and sometimes prone position, often with a small glass of a restorative libation to hand.

No amount of cajoling from Mrs Rainman could induce me to return indoors to do something useful like pushing the vacuum cleaner across the living room carpet or empty the dishwasher or even answer the phone. I was too involved with the task in hand and mindful that our esteemed Editor would require a meaningful report for publication in this magazine.

Everything does eventually come to he who is prepared to wait. One afternoon, as I lay marinating in the rays of the sun, I was awakened by the faintest splash of moisture on my bare legs. My first thought was that a passing dog had mistaken me for the trunk of a wizened old tree and decided to relieve himself. I was wrong. It was indeed rain. I grabbed my note book and pencil completed my rainfall chart and submit the figures shown below.

Rainfall from 1 April to 30 September was 159 mms or 6¼ inches. This is in sharp contrast to the deluge we experienced during the same period in 2012 which yielded 550 mms or 21¾ inches. I spent no time at all on my recliner last year!

The Rainman

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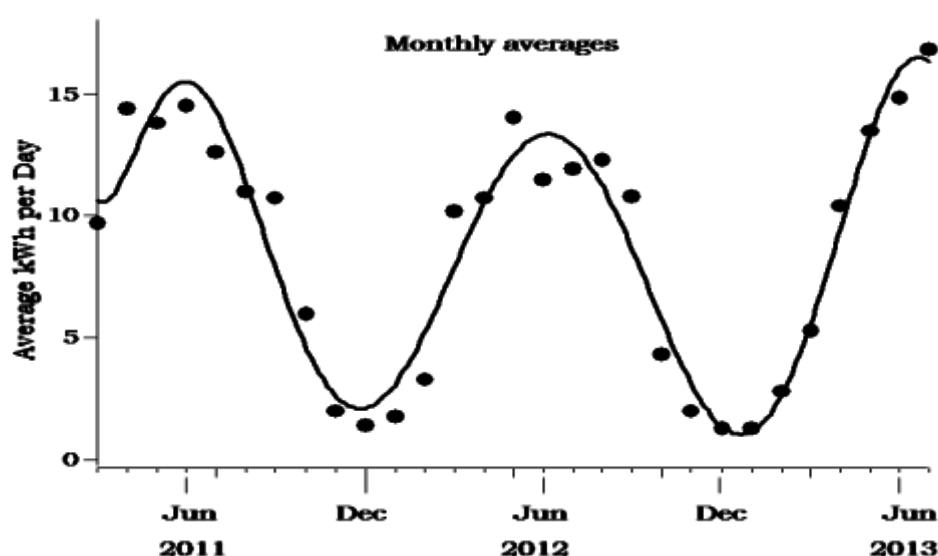
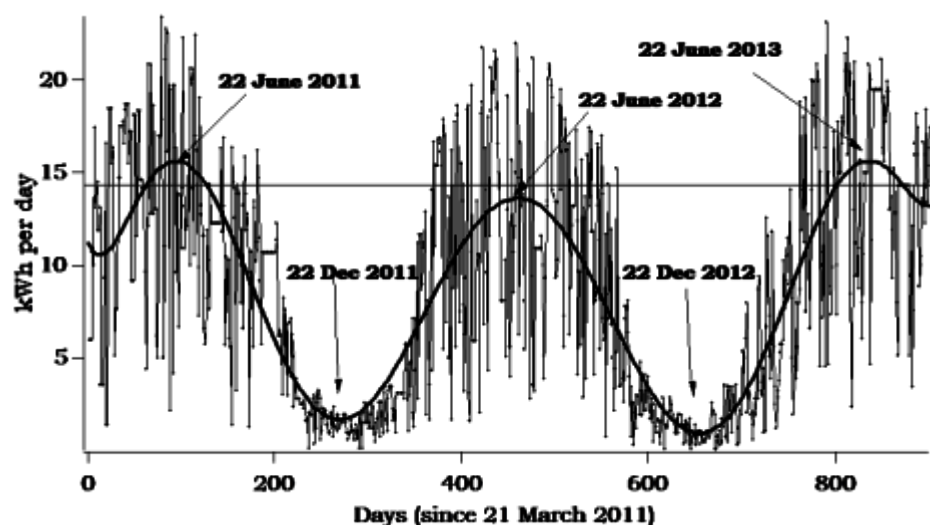
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Just how Sunny *is* Everton?



AND HERE'S THE Balance to Rainman
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... I thought I'd encourage/remind we Evertonians of just how sunny our village can be. We had solar panels installed on our southerly facing roof in March 2011. Having a career in research science behind me, as well as being in possession of at least one anorak, I decided to collect and collate the figures. Perhaps these data might give us an idea about the sunshine round here. The graphs show you two-and-a-half years of the performance of the system.

The first take-home message is that 2012 was indeed appreciably less sunny than 2011 or than 2013, so far. The peak—and much of the rest of the curve—for 2012 is clearly lower than the other two years. And last winter was indeed worse than 2011-12. This all seems to fit with our 'folk memory'. The thin line in the upper graph joins the almost-daily readings I've made, but you can see how values fluctuate between higher and lower sunshine days, even in midsummer; this is Britain after all! (Incidentally, where several days in a row have identical readings it means I was away and had to

average the readings.) The lower graph shows the averaged values for each month and might be more straightforward to interpret. The message remains the same. Finally, I must mention that our roof suffers some tree-shading in midwinter, when the sun is low in the sky. This reduces the already-low values recorded during then.

But there is at least one complicating factor at work. What is measured here is the daily kWhr output from our system. It turns out that solar panels are more efficient (at converting light into electricity) when they are colder. So chilly-but-bright days do best for electricity generation, even if we are less tempted to go sunbathing. Thus, we need a proper, light-meter-based measure if we wanted to be *sure* about our sunshine. The Rainman must have the kit and, perhaps, the results too? Are we *still* the fourth sunniest place in the UK?

Dave Miller, Shepherds Way

Everton & Lymore W.I

I recently met two Everton ladies who said that they hadn't joined the W.I. because they weren't "in" to Jam and Jerusalem!

I wondered later whether they knew just why the WI is so firmly linked with jam and Jerusalem.

WI was formed in Canada in 1897 as a branch of the Farmers Institute and first formed in UK, in 1915, under the auspices of the Agricultural Organisation Society.

The WI encouraged women to play an active role in their communities and during wartime members were encouraged to work together to help increase food production..... and, amongst other things, they made jam. Time passed and the movement prospered and by 1922, when Everton and Lymore WI was formed, there were 2580 established WIs throughout the UK.

During the 2nd World War, again at the government's instigation, the WI was responsible for preserving over 5300 tons of fruit which might otherwise have been wasted. Everton & Lymore WI took part and did their jam-making at Harts Farm, the home of their President Mrs Rhodes.

That, I think, explains the "jam".....and as for "Jerusalem".....



In the early years there was a competition to compose a "song" for the WI.

Nothing suitable was found and members themselves suggested Jerusalem. It was first sung at the WI AGM in 1924 and fast became the unofficial anthem of the WI and many WIs still sing it at the start of every meeting. When sung by thousands of women in the Albert Hall, for example, it is indeed stirring stuff and perhaps it reinforces the commitment to improving conditions of rural life. However, it is not compulsory and here in Everton & Lymore, a fairly small WI, we sing it only on special occasions.

WI in Canada had adopted the motto "For Home and Country" and WI in UK followed suit. To me, Jam and Jerusalem is synonymous with Home and Country. First and foremost WI offers the chance to make new friends, learn new skills and find new interests. You would be most welcome to join us on the 20th November to learn of the challenges involved in producing "Food for the troops" or on 11th December for a "Christmas flowers" demonstration.

Meetings are held in St Mary's Church Hall, Branwood Close every third Wednesday at 2.30pm.

Women's Institute Dates and Speakers

November ...Food for the Troops. Speaker : Gordon Pound, this meeting is open to non members and any men who would be interested in hearing Gordon's tales, (well worth a visit).

December...Christmas Flowers Demonstration. Speaker: Sharon Semple, Pat Day's daughter.

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January. Woofability. Assistance dogs for the disabled. Speaker: Jenny Clarke.

February...The Royal Naval museum. Speaker: Christopher Knox, this meeting open to non members including men.

March...Barnados Today. Speaker: Martin Pitman, ex Headmaster of Milford Primary school.

April...The Work of the ACWW. Speaker: Ros Cooper, A charity to help the Worldwide needs of Women.

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EVERTON LADIES EVENING GROUP - LEGS

Another great year comes to a close with a wide range of speakers and events under our belts. In addition to our usual activities, a one-off event, a Wine Tasting to benefit HoneyPot Young Carers held at The Crown Inn, was a fantastic success and raised £430, enabling us to make a total donation of £900 to HoneyPot (our chosen charity for the year) at our November AGM. Well done Ladies, and a huge thankyou to Janine and Phil at The Crown for their generosity in letting us use their premises and for providing the catering.

Our December event will be the Christmas Party, traditionally a fun evening and a good "nosh". Entry is £5 + bringing a small plate of food for sharing. Tickets always go fast, so be sure to book early!

At our meeting on January 7th we will see in the New Year with a glass of wine and nibbles and the usual raucous game of Beetle. Predictable maybe, but why make a change when such fun is always had? Decibel levels are high, so be warned if you live nearby!

To let you all recover, our meeting on 3rd February will be an Armchair Walk - we will let Lymington Town Tours do the energetic bit and we can sit back and enjoy their talk and slide show of "The Story of Lymington".

On 3rd March Ron Taylor will be returning to give the second talk in his trilogy entitled "Spice up your Life". This covers unusual herbs and spices, medicinal properties, oils, edible flowers and poisons, myths and legends and a host of other topics - a talk to cater for all tastes.

7th April is Fish and Chip Night - another great LEGS tradition and what better way to spend an evening with friends! Tickets will be bookable at our February and March meetings.

Our meeting on 12th May (a week later than usual because of the Bank Holiday) is one to put in your diary. Avril Owton of The Cloud Hotel in Brockenhurst, ex Tiller girl, mother, hotelier and businesswoman will be coming to speak to us. With the varied career that she has enjoyed this will be a most interesting and entertaining evening - one not to be missed!

I hope this will give readers a taste of what the ladies of Everton get up to at LEGS meetings! We try to cater for all ages, shapes, sizes and tastes and love welcoming new members to join us. We are an independent, unaffiliated group of ladies who have the good fortune to find ourselves living in and around Everton and to have the opportunity to meet once a month and spend a couple of hours in good company. We meet at St Mary's Church Hall, Old Christchurch Road, on the first Monday of each month from 7.30pm to about 9pm and a seat will be waiting for you to join us. Do give us a try!

SANDY DAVIES 01590 645599 (CHAIRLADY)
CARRIE KAYE 01590 644252 (SECRETARY)

BOULES (petanque)

We are still opening up the pitch for play on Monday afternoons at 2pm, but we would like to see a few more people turn up and take advantage of this free facility. The pitch is situated at the rear of the Pavilion Frys Lane.

If you are interested give me (Alan Paice) a call on 01590 644901 or just turn up at the pitch on any Monday except Bank Holidays.

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Everton Bridge Club continues to thrive and attract members from throughout the local area to play duplicate bridge in a friendly, competitive environment. In the past year we have seen a steady increase in membership and we regularly have 6 to 8 tables at our Tuesday Evening sessions.

We meet at around 6.30 in St. Mary's Church Hall and guests or visiting players are always welcome. Except for the 1st Tuesday in each month when we have our Ladder Pairs competition, we run a host system that means we can even accommodate single players looking for a game on most occasions.



We are also active in supporting local and national charities. This year our annual Charity Event in March raised £300 for 'Honeypot' who are based near Exbury and do sterling

work providing holidays and respite for children who are full time carers for adult family members. *(The photo shows our Chairman Jim Knight presenting a cheque to Emma Larter, Community & Trusts Manager for the Honeypot Charity.)* Later in the year we will all be taking part in the 'Children in Need' Simultaneous Pairs Competition where we will hope to beat the contribution of over £100 we raised in 2012.

On the social front, the Chairman's BBQ hosted by Jim & Beryl Knight at the end of June was a resounding success, and we are all looking forward to December when we will use the excuse of our AGM to hold our Christmas Party and get the festive season underway.

If you are interested in coming along to meet us and hopefully join our Club you will find all our details on our web page at www.bridgewebs.com/evertonbc/. There is an e-mail contact from the web page or please feel free to contact Eve Ritchie-Fallon on 01590 676528.

EVERTON RECREATION GROUND PLAY AREA

The other day I was asked about the significance of the plaque which has been put up on the fence to the Children's play area at the recreation ground in memory of Fred & Gladys Bridges. Having been in contact with Fred's Daughter at the time of his death last year I contacted her to give me details I could pass on to all who might be interested.

This is the gist of her reply:-

My father bequeathed a sum of money as a contribution to the play area, he wanted to do something specific for the village. The play area had certainly provided endless hours of amusement for their grandchildren over the years, and also I suspect for my father!

(we'll gloss over the bit about over 10s not permitted on the "springies"). It was also somewhere where he spent a lot of time, what with Everton fetes, boules etc.

He also left a contribution towards the lovely new font in Everton church.

Helen Corkill.

Thank you Helen.

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St Mary's Church

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Autumn.

St. Mary's had a very productive Harvest Festival family service held on 22nd September. The church was full, the singing was loud and the produce never ending. A

huge thank you to all who attended and/ or gave produce for Basics Bank, Lymington. This very worthy charity gives food and toiletries to families who are in need. The collection enabled us to send money for water storage tanks and equipment for saving rain water from the roofs of homes in Africa.

Family Worker

Sheila Hopkins has been with us a year now and what a year she has given to the community in Everton and Milford. If you came across a group of children, parents and helpers at either Barnes Lane or Everton recreation grounds having lots of fun, it was Sheila...so if you see her next summer do come and join in or come and get to know her better at our new "Second Sunday Special" service in the church hall at 10.00am. Open for all to come and enjoy. It is held as it says, on the second Sunday of the month.

October Bazaar

Saturday 19th 10.00am.

Good as new gifts for Christmas presents, cakes, preserves, jigsaw puzzles, books and lots more. Come along and meet up with friends for a cup of tea or coffee and a biscuit.

December.

Wednesday 18th, Carols outside the village Post Office, everyone likes singing Carols at Christmas so see you all there.

1st. Start of Advent

25th. Christmas day family service 10.00 am.

St. Mary's has had a very blessed year with newcomers and good things happening. Thank you to our dedicated helpers, we couldn't do it all without you.

Good wishes to Everton residents for a happy and blessed Christmas time and year ahead.

Linda Bettle and Joyce Pope...Church Wardens.

If you went down to the Rec' this summer...

If you happened to be taking an afternoon stroll round Everton Recreation ground during the summer, there were some afternoons when you might have noticed a burgundy gazebo on the field, with a crowd of children around it and in it, happily engaged in craft or playing with the train set. You may have seen us running around crazily after balls, flying our homemade kites, playing parachute games or pot stilt walking. We held two craft and games afternoons in scorching sunshine when we were thinking about the beauty of God's creation and how He cares for each of us. The two picnics for Toddlers had slightly less favourable weather conditions; cold and drizzly for one and dull and gloomy for the other. Oh our wonderful, unpredictable English weather. It was a joy to be outside in such a peaceful venue and to have opportunity to meet some new friends in the community. Many thanks to Hordle Parish Council for their support with these events.

So what's going on for children at St Mary's? There are our usual weekly events: Everton Toddler group from 9.30-11.30am each Wednesday (suitable for babies, toddlers and preschoolers, along with whoever is looking after them), After - School Club from 3.30-4.45pm on Tuesday and Tennis Club for 11+ on Friday evenings. In addition, we have just started Second Sunday Special and are planning to hold 'Messy Church' on the fourth Tuesday of each month (3.30-6pm), starting in January.

'What is that?' I hear you ask. Second Sunday Special happens on the second Sunday each month. It is an informal, Bible based celebration with prayers, stories, craft and teaching for all ages. Whilst the usual morning service is being held in the church from 10am onwards, this monthly, family-orientated service is held in the Church hall next door.

'What about Messy Church?' Will I get messy?' The idea of Messy Church is that it gives families an opportunity to spend some quality time together as they explore the Bible using craft activities and stories. There is a short time of worship in the church and a meal to share in before going home. The first date for Messy Church is 28th January, so put it in your diary now and come to join us for some creative fun.

Before that, we are launching the 'Posada' at our Posada Party on Tuesday 3rd December. This will be a Messy Church 'taster session' so will also include a simple meal for everyone who comes.

'Posada' is a Mexican tradition. Throughout Advent the Posada crib will be visiting homes around the village and each household will be asked, 'Have you any room for the Christ child?' Families will find a special place to put the crib for the night. They will have a story to read and prayers to share. They will then deliver it to the next family, asking them the same question. The 'Posada' is organised by Debbie Hogg and if you would like it to visit your home, contact Sheila Hopkins, Parish Family Worker, on 07969476148. There may still be a few spaces. All Everton families are invited to the Posada Party - so come along from 3.30-6pm on 3rd December.

Look out for me cycling through the village each day. Give me a smile or a wave to cheer me on!

Blessings,
Sheila Hopkins,
Parish Family Worker for Everton and Milford

St Mary's Church Clubs groups

Gillian Peard

After School Club

Every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm -4.45 pm during term time a small group of 7-11 year olds meet in St Mary's Hall. We have refreshments, some time to play games then a Bible story/activity followed by craft.

All 7-11 year olds are welcome to join us so come along on a Tuesday after school and see what we do !

Tuesday Friendship Coffee

On Tuesdays St Mary's hall is open from 10.0am-11.30 am for anyone to "pop-in" and have a coffee/tea and meet friends or maybe meet someone you do not know and make new friends.

There are books for you to browse through and take home if you wish. There are also jig-saw puzzles to take home with you. There is a bowl for donations to cover expenses and help towards the upkeep of the hall and the church and at festival times we give money to Basics Bank and other charities/missions. With winter approaching you may like to join us on Tuesday mornings and enjoy a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee or tea. Let me know if you need transport. 644739

On 3rd Tuesday there is no Friendship Coffee as we have Friendship lunch that week but if you do come by a mistake there will be people in the hall to say "hello" !!!

Friendship Lunch

Cilla and her team, both in the kitchen and the hall, continue to give us wonderful lunches each 3rd Tuesday. We usually have a "full house" of 60 people in the hall and we are now extremely grateful to those who are on a transport rota to enable a number of the guests to get to the lunch(and home again afterwards!)

A number of the guests join together in Church before the lunch and have a very short time of worship together. This begins at 11.45 am and lasts just quarter of an hour. Anyone in the village is welcome to join us for this time of worship even if you do not come to lunch. We are aware that 10.0 am on a Sunday morning

is too early for some people so do join us at 11.45 am on the 3rd Tuesday.

Obviously not everyone can come every month so if you would like to be on the "reserve" list do ring me and I will add your name to the list 644739.

Junior Table Tennis Club

There has been an encouraging start to the new season with three new younger members joining the Club. Four of our older members have returned after the summer break so it is good to have a larger group in the hall on Friday evenings.

The Club meets from 6.15 pm to 7.15pm on Fridays in term time in St Mary's hall.. Bats and balls are provided but soft shoes are required.. Some members do bring their own bats.

The Club is for 11-16 year olds and at the time of writing we have room for 2 or 3 new members.

St. Mary's Church Social Committee



On August 5th, the Minibus trip around the Forest, despite a sudden downpour, was successful and enjoyable. This was followed on September 22nd by the Harvest Supper. On Saturday October 19th our usual Bazaar was held in the Church Hall.

Looking forward:

Friday November 29th.....Christmas Shopping
An outing to Salisbury is planned on a small coach. We have a limited number of seats at £13 each, still available.

Wednesday December 18th.....Outdoor Carol singing at the Village Post Office forecourt.

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Watching Badgers.



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Many people have never seen a live badger. This is most unfortunate and if you also consider that, the only image many may have in their mind of a badger, is of one laid at the side of the road after being hit by a vehicle. Personally, I find it quite objectionable to see them like this. If we are given to believe all the data presented, it is not due to the manner in which we drive our vehicles but more inclined toward the current numbers of badgers. The more dead ones we see on the road is directly aligned to their greater abundance. As a keen member of the New Forest Badger Group, I have seen and enjoyed many hours of watching wild badgers in their natural habitat. Even in Everton I have been awoken during the night by the sound of badgers fighting in my driveway.

Badgers are not naturally crepuscular or nocturnal; once it was quite normal to see them out during the daylight hours. I'm afraid it is us, humans that are the basis for this phenomena. Human disturbance alone has caused badgers to become close to nocturnal. I was watching a badger sett near the Naked Man car park, in the Forest-I would telephone the New Forest Keeper (Robert Colin-Stokes) beforehand, to say I would be taking my car inside the enclosure on those nights. During the last Foot & Mouth outbreak we (the public) had no Forest access. During this period, the Keeper telephoned me one day to ask what time the badgers at this particular sett, normally emerged. This would be about nine to nine-thirty pm. He then informed me that they were all out in the sunshine at two-thirty in the afternoon, on that particular day. Foot & Mouth had created an uncharacteristic situation-this caused the badgers to revert to that old diurnal habit, where human disturbance had become restricted. As soon as the ban was lifted I was back at that particular sett, but within three days they had reverted to emerging just after sunset. Here close to a track, a regular convoy of dog-walkers throughout the day, was possibly to blame.

Often, on quiet private estates with agreeable keepers, this diurnal behaviour still persists. I have watched them during the day, on such an estate in Leicestershire. I'm afraid I know of none locally though.

Ideally if you wish to observe badgers and have never done so before, going along with someone who is conversant with them is the better option.

When you get to see your first wild badger in its environment-it's quite exciting. But, isn't there always a but? You must

observe a few guidelines and the primary one you must understand is-the badgers welfare always comes first. Shall we continue?

Select a good midge repellent, cream/spray-there is a fallacy that New Forest midges have teeth-I don't believe that this is a fallacy! Remember, badgers may have poor eyesight but they do have a phenomenal sense of smell to make up for it. Strong repellents, deodorants, soaps etc are a no-no. Wear dark clothing-you can get; "NosiLife" "Nosquito" and a variety of midge repellent clothes. Just spray yourself and your clothes with repellent-if you have constantly to brush away midges, then you're not motionless. You have to be quiet and still. Sit with your back against a tree or dark shrubbery, to break up your background. A cushion to sit on-for long periods is good. It can also get very cold at night waiting for badgers-dark gloves disguise those pale hands! I always take a pair of binoculars-7X42, you don't need a high magnification. As it gets darker even the most inanimate of objects move if you strain your eyes looking at them long enough. If the last paragraph hasn't put you off, then you could become an avid badger watcher. Above all enjoy the time you spend with the badgers-keep records-simple or as in depth as you wish. You will not forget your first badger.

Louis Rumis.

New Forest Badger Group. For membership info'-
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Blocking time.
His rankness, his bristling wildness
His thrilling painted face.
A badger on my moment of life
Not years ago, like the others, but now.
I stand
Watching his stillness, like an iron nail,
Driven, flush to the head
Into a yew post. Something has to stay

Ted Hughes



A Hedgehog called Pebble

The crab apple tree stands sentinel on the open Forest, laden with fruit. All around the landscape is changing, autumnal hues flame once more against the skies.

The season changes, and the time has nearly come when some creatures will be getting ready for that long sleep which we call hibernation. The squirrel and badger will turn out on warmish days or nights, however the hedgehog is a true hibernator, or should be, as in the old days he or she was not seen between November and April; now however with a climate which is not what it was, either they are very late or very early and then they awake before they should.

The biggest problem with the hog is attaining the necessary body weight to enable it to live off its fat reserves for five or so months. If you see a hog in daylight hours, chances are it is in trouble as they are nocturnal, better then to contact one of the local hedgehog rescue bodies, one of which is New Milton Hedgehog rescue (07890 087213) or contact the Everton News-letter editor and they will help you out. Some young hogs are born in September and do not have a chance to make enough weight up by November, so may need to be collected and kept indoors through the winter in order for them to survive at all, as they just do not have the fat reserves to last them through.

In the old days bread and milk was given, however this has now been found to be wrong as a hog cannot digest the lactose in cow's milk, far better to give a very young hog powdered puppy milk in a dropper and then feed every three hours... but not between midnight and six in the morning... as this gives them a natural break. Young hogs should be fed a mixture of cat food and cat biscuits with fresh water made available on an ad lib basis. They are not ready to hibernate before they weigh 600g, however they can and do put weight on very swiftly in order to reach this weight.

Adults are better released in the area where they were found and young ones can be released in a place where they are not likely to be squashed on a road or attacked by a dog, it can then be hoped that they will make it through the dark months and come out the other end thinner, but still able to seek out nourishment and regain their old weight.

Watch your fire site if you are going to practice the old bonfire trick on the 5th November as hogs may be within the pile.

Hedgegrub

Local sailors Rory Paton and John May have both had great success with racing X boats this year. Rory has won many of the inshore and offshore races and John as with the winning crew off France in September.

Are you aware of the I.C.E. Campaign? (In Case of Emergency). Enter into your mobile phone, under ICE, the contact numbers of friends and family that you wish to be reached in case of accident or illness. It enables the emergency services to contact them easily. For more than one contact, enter ICE1, ICE2, ICE3 etc. Why not enter the numbers now and tell your friends and family about the scheme.

H.C.C. have recently been working by Everton Garage and the Green sorting out the flooding situation. Let's hope the 20 or so Priestlands schoolchildren, who catch the bus there, won't have to spend all day with wet feet as they did last year.

Congratulations to Louis Rumis with his photography awards, both national and international see front page...

NFDC were contacted in September and say they will replace the missing Wainsford Road sign that has disappeared for the second time from the junction with Old Christchurch Road.

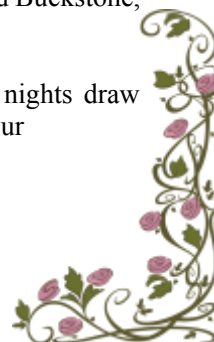
Ian Shiell recently completed his challenge of playing 100 par 3 holes in 10 days on Scottish Golf Courses. He raised £2300 for Macmillan Caring Locally which supports the Specialist Palliative Care Unit at Christchurch Hospital.

If you are contemplating an Autumn clearout then the German Shepherd Dog charity can make money from textiles... think the sort of items that you wouldn't give to a charity shop, but too good for the bin! Sandra at the Post Office is always happy to pass on bags labelled Textiles GSD.

Everyone loves fish and chips... and we are lucky to have the mobile Fish and Chip van ringing his bell in Everton on Mondays. Just a reminder that he visits Knightcrest at 6.15 p.m., Roberts Close at 6.20, Plantation at 6.30 and Buckstone, 6.35. These times are approximate.

And finally ... a reminder to us all as the nights draw in... don't forget to check the security of your garden sheds, after recent thefts.

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As the next news letter will not be out till May 2014 I will give you an outline of the clubs programme until that month.

The leaders committee meet every year in February to prepare a programme of walks and events to cover the following year and so we are now half way through our current year, by the time you read this we will completed 12 walks, with an average turnout of about 15 happy walkers.

The Club will also have provided Leaders for the 10 mile, 6 mile & 3 mile walks for the Oakhaven Charity Bike & Hike Day on 6th October.

In the coming Months we have walks planned for the following dates :-

Nov 12th & 28th, Dec 10th & 19th, Jan 7th 23rd & 30th, Feb 11th & 27th, March 11th & 27th, April 8th & 24th.

We are holding Skittles Evening at Bashley Park on 14th November.

The Clubs Annual Luncheon will be held at South Lawns Hotel on Jan 17th.

The annual leaders meeting is due on 4th Feb.

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for April 14th.

At the leaders Meeting, both the Secretary/Treasurer, John Evans, and Chairman, Alan Paice, are standing down, having held the posts for some time, John. Since 2007, and Alan since 2008. The leaders have taken the opportunity to split the Secretary and Treasurer posts to spread the work load.

From 4th February 2014 the Officers of the Club will be as follows :-

Chairman ---- Bill Foster.
Treasurer --- Steve Knighton
Secretary ----Mervyn Hughes

These posts are to be confirmed at the A.G.M. in April.

New members are always welcome, our annual membership fee is £8.00 which gets you a printed copy of the years programme with full details and gives you insurance cover when on the walks.

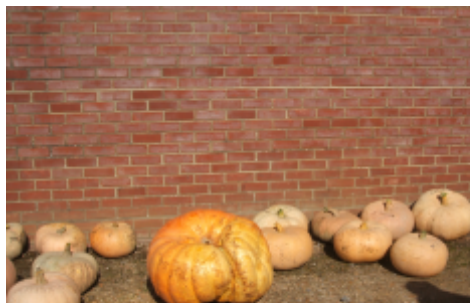
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EVERTON & LYMORE SOCIAL CLUB

Eerton and Lymore Social Club is one of the social hubs of Everton Village where you can enjoy a game of Snooker or Pool .You may wish to play a game of Darts or Crib , we also have SKY TV Football which can be enjoyed along with a quiet drink in pleasant company. Every Wednesday and Sunday Bingo is available and once a month we have a Film Night usually on Friday starting at 8pm.

The "Club" as it is known by, also has several functions on a monthly basis, a list will be provided at the end of this note. One of our charities is of course Oakhaven Hospice and our usual Charity day is Pumpkin Day .

This year Pumpkin Day was held on Sunday 6th October and enjoyed by all who attended. The winning Pumpkin grown by Kevin Fox was 152lb in weight and runner up Les Blake's Pumpkin weighing in



at 62lb. The Tallest Sunflower was 150in. and grown by Trevor Keller and largest Sunflower face grown by Viv Chaffey. Ruth May once again proved the cake maker of the village by winning the Victoria Sponge contest.

Entertainment was provided by Grand Canyon, and a Ploughmans enjoyed by all. The Club raised the sum of £300 for Oakhaven Hospice.

Membership is available to all and a visit to the Club is all that is needed, come along and see for yourself our staff will be able to give you any information you require.



Forthcoming events:-

18th October	Film Night (ROBOT & FRANK)
19 th October	Time Trio (Group)
26th October	Bingo Night
9 th November	Stardust (Group)
16 th November	Cat & Mouse (Group)
22nd November	Jam Night
30th November	Catch 22 (Group)
5th December	Pensioners Party
15th December	XMAS DRAW
24th December	DISCO (Hollywood

Nights)

31st December Flatfoot Sam (Group)

Other entertainment may be displayed in the Notice Boards

Pavilion refurbished to provide better facilities.

Everton pavilion has had a makeover this summer to complete the work done a couple of years back.

There is now more useable space in the main hall, as we no longer need to store furniture there.

The two washrooms have been increased in size and have been fitted with new sanitary ware.

There is now a small meeting room available for small group meetings of up to eight people. This should prove more cost effective for local groups who need a small space for committee meetings.

The pre-school now has an internal store room which is accessible without having to leave the building. Finally the changing rooms have had necessary repairs and the whole west wing has been redecorated.

Everton Craft Ladies.

Wednesday afternoon sessions are impromptu meetings where a wide range of crafts are discussed, undertaken and progressed to various levels. Any newcomers would be very welcome. Please contact Brenda Kingston on 01425 616293

Hall available for hire for meetings, parties and other social activities.

Please contact Alan on :-
01590 644901

Currently our pavilion users include:-

Acorn Pre School.

Provides a friendly stimulating environment for children from age 2 years. If you are interested in your child joining us at Acorn Pre-school, please ring 01590 644649 and arrange a visit.

Yoga Classes.

The Monday pm yoga session is a restorative class and as such is limited to 12 members but Mary Dalby is always keen to hear from anyone interested on 01425 278420.

Dererca Sprake runs yoga sessions on Monday evenings and Tuesday afternoons. Anyone interested in joining one of her classes can contact her on 01590 675695 or 07967 613162.

Art Group

In the words of Claire Sherringdon the Art Group are a "group of friendly people who meet on Thursday afternoons to socialize and help each other with different aspects related to drawing and painting. Without getting together we wouldn't put aside the time to enjoy our art. We are not a teaching class but hope we get enough from other members of the group to help." Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Claire on 01590 643635.

Milford on Sea Bowls Club

Your local Bowls Club

Milford on Sea Bowls Club – with many of its members living in Everton – finished their outdoor bowls season late September after enjoying months of superb bowling conditions. The Club's Ladies did brilliantly in their leagues with 3 of their 5 teams being promoted. The men had mixed fortunes but there's always next season! This year the Club celebrated its 80th year anniversary with a number of festive events enjoyed by the members. During the Autumn and Winter months members enjoy indoor short mat bowling in the pavilion with packed sessions almost every day.

The outdoor season starts again late April, but during Winter and Spring we welcome enquiries both from experienced bowlers as well as newcomers who wish to take up the sport. Bowlers who have played at the Club know that we have one of the finest greens in Hampshire in an amazing location on the sea front overlooking The Needles. There are excellent playing and social facilities.

The Club's Ladies and Men's sections have several teams competitively playing in the New Forest leagues as well as the Bournemouth & District leagues.

Bowling is enjoyed by men and women of all ages and if you are interested in learning more about the Club then please contact the Honorary Secretary, Peter Kaye on 01590 644252

or email him at peterkaye@f2s.com.

Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis season began very quietly at the beginning of September but everyone is back again now and the hall is full of activity on Friday evenings.

If you enjoy a game of Table Tennis do join us on Friday evenings in St. Mary's Hall from 7.30 pm to 9.30. pm . All you need is a pair of soft shoes and £1.50 each evening you play.

We do not play in a league but just enjoy playing together each Friday. During the season (which ends at the end of May) we have one evening for a doubles tournament and one evening for a singles tournament.

Last season we did have two friendly games with Milford Country Club organised by one of our members, Brian Cornish, which were enjoyed by everyone who took part.

Do give me a ring if you want to know more or just come to St Mary's Hall one Friday evening.

Gillian 644739

ULTIMATE Challenge

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The trip took in 16 countries including England and these relatively lightweight vehicles performed magnificently in spite of carrying significantly more than the recommended load. They were driven over appalling terrain including rocky roads and desert sand tracks. The Jimnys never let them down. A wonderful advert for Suzuki who were the The Ultimate Challenges main sponsor.

Just two weeks before the start date two of the participants dropped out because of ill health. Two other friends came to the rescue as drivers for Stage 1, Southampton to Bucharest. Most project leaders would agree that they are haunted for weeks before the 'Off' by thoughts of unknown risks, problems that might arise and coping with time zones and possible language difficulties with no interpreters. The night before departure Les spent a sleepless night. This was his last night in his own bed for 150 days and he was leaving his wife of 54 years for only the second time in their lives.

After a splendid 'send off' at the Novotel in Southampton the drive began on 31 March 2013 after almost three years of planning. Les drove his Jimny through all four stages. Stage 1 Drivers – Roland Spencer (Everton) and Keith Twyford (Milford-on-Sea)

This stage was relatively straightforward compared with later stages. People in all countries visited were very friendly and welcoming and the language barrier was conquered by this atmosphere. For years Les had wanted to meet Lech Walesa. He managed to arrange a meeting with this man who had started working life as a car mechanic and finished his career as President of Poland. Les felt very privileged to meet

one of his heroes, who welcomed him and was interested in, and perhaps surprised, at the adventure in progress. It must have been a fascinating episode after some hard driving, sometimes up to twelve hours a day.

Stage 2 Drivers – Gary Scott (Cameraman) and Mariusz (Polish)

In Poland they 'picked up' an additional driver for Stage 2. Mariusz needed up to date visas which delayed progress in Warsaw. When they finally continued they were on a very tight schedule through Ukraine and Kazakhstan and on to Novosibirsk in Russia, where they met the crew for Stage 3.

Stage 3 Drivers – Graham Higgins (Barton-on-Sea) and Mike Bailey (Christchurch)

The stretch from Novosibirsk encompassed Mongolia, driving for seven days over the worst terrain of the journey. Les, Graham and Mike felt as though they had been attacked by a series of prize fighters leaving them battered and bruised in every part of their bodies. After crossing back into Russia they drove around the top of China to Vladivostok, where the vehicles had to be prepared for shipment to Canada. This meant deep cleaning and decontamination before being sealed in a container. The weary drivers were able to have a few days rest in Vladivostok. Apart from crossing time zones which meant that meals were at odds with their normal sequence, the food was very different from their usual fare. Difficult when one needs the right food for physical well being in a trial of strength.

Misfortune must have seemed forever hovering around them, although they had been remarkably lucky in many ways. The vehicles arrived in Hong Kong en route for Vancouver. The plan to put the container on a larger ship misfired through some mix-up and it sat on the docks for two weeks. When

they finally got their Jimnys back the delay was up to three weeks and they hurried to get the cars prepared for Stage 4 of the journey.

Stage 4 Drivers – Glyn Maher (Pennington) and Roger Winkworth (Southampton)

The last stage must have been a wonderful reward for them as they drove from Vancouver to Anchorage through magnificent scenery. Driving south from the most northerly part of their programme, they crossed the USA border at Carway. This led them into Blackfoot Indian country, Yellowstone National Park and Little Bighorn and eventually east to Chicago. The final push was to North Bergen just outside New York, where the cars were shipped to Southampton. They were all exhausted but sad to see the end of a huge test of stamina and endurance after completing 18,684 miles.

When talking to Les about this remarkable undertaking one gets the feeling of enormous enthusiasm, determination, exceptionally good planning, organisation and leadership. His colleagues on the trip had their moments as is inevitable when a group of people have to be together for many days in difficult conditions.

The amount of money donated to *Save the Children and Oakhaven Hospice* is not yet known but it is the bonus following the satisfaction of a project conceived and carried out so professionally by all the team members. There will be a book and a film launched at the end of next year with proceeds going to *Save the Children and Oakhaven Hospice*.

Gwen James

Greetings from The Lowly Chef

The editor tells me that it is time to give you all another of my mouth-watering recipes, so this time I have a lovely recipe for all you chocolate lovers out there. The editor has actually tried a sample of this one so she can genuinely vouch for its looks and taste! I also have my daughter to thank as she helped me to devise this recipe.

Chocoholics Marble Cake

Pre-heat oven to Gas Mark 4 (350°F) (180°C)

An 8" (20cm) round tin lined with non-stick Baking Parchment.

Cooking time 1 – 1¼ hrs

Ingredients

You need to make **2 separate** mixtures, so for each one you need the following amounts –

4 ½ oz (113gms) Caster Sugar

4 ½ oz (113gms) Margarine

4 ½ oz (113gms) Self Raising flour

2 Large eggs, beaten

1 bar of chocolate for each bowl of mixture as mentioned below

Method

Cream the margarine and sugar until light and fluffy.

Add a little of the beaten egg and sift in a small spoonful of flour and beat well. Repeat until all the egg has been incorporated then sift in the rest of the flour and fold in gently.

Now for the Chocolate part -

In one mixture you need to grate a bar of chilled Milk Cooking Chocolate, don't worry if you have any small lumps that you can't grate - put them in as well (or eat them), and fold in gently.

In the other mixture you need to break a bar of Lindt "Intensive Flavoured Chocolate" into small pieces then fold in gently as well. I used the Coconut one in the one that I made because it is Dark Chocolate and gives a nice contrast to the grated Milk Chocolate, just a word of advice – make sure you buy a **solid block** for the second mixture otherwise it gets a bit messy when you break it up!

Put alternate spoonfuls of the mixtures into the tin to give a marbled effect, then gently smooth the top of the cake trying not to spoil the marble effect too much, bake in the centre of the oven as above and store in an airtight container when cooled.

And we'd just like to mention that

Mr and Mrs Hurry (Ken and Steb), Everton's well known and highly successful fundraisers for Oakhaven, are currently celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary....

Congratulations to you both!!!!

Patricia Chaffey... well known and well loved, an Everton Villager for many years, sadly passed away this year...

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Pat Chaffey was born at Manor Road in Southampton. Her father, Tim Donovan, having been wounded and gassed in the 1st World War made a living from mending shoes in a shed at the bottom of the garden, and Pat, showing an early trait of her urge for tidiness was often in trouble for re-arranging the heels into full boxes, no matter the size!



She left school at 14, and much to her parents dismay, went into service for the Lovells at Hinchleslea House in Brockenhurst, because she wanted to be a cook. She told many tales of life in the big house her favourites of which were, the butter and the large jug of cream that were sent up from the dairy daily, the meat being delivered by horse and cart and how the younger servants slid down the bannisters when the family were away.

Pat went to the dances at Brockenhurst Hall and it was there that she met local lad Harold Chaffey and thus began a romance that was to last the rest of their lives, they were very proud of their anniversary card which they received from the Queen as they celebrated their diamond wedding in 2002.

Pat and Harold began their married life in Tiptoe from where Pat cycled to work in Wellworthy, whilst Harold was in the Army. In 1947, Pat and Harold moved into their bungalow in Wainsford Road, Everton. Pat loved country life, growing vegetables, keeping chickens and of course baking.

She was a keen member of the Everton and Lymore W.I. and she and her friend Gertie were instrumental in restarting the Lymington W.I. market and could be seen every Friday with their bicycles overloaded with produce. One week the inevitable happened and they spent some time picking up scattered vegetables before they were able to continue their journey.

Pat led a long and happy life, she loved walking in the Forest, watching videos and listening to music, and of course raising her two sons, John and Peter.

Viv Chaffey(daughter in law)

FAMILY RESEARCH

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Name.last McAbendroth

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Hi

I am researching my family history - my maiden name being Shepard. My grandfather was Roland John Shepard, known as Jack I believe, his half brother was William Henry Hackwell - their mother was Clara Elizabeth Shepard and Hackwell nee Phillips. I believe there was a connection with a Forman or Vorman family. Clara lived at Fyfield Cottage and she died in 1919. My father was Edgar Charles, and his brother was Ronald Hugh I would be grateful if you have any information. Many thanks. Liz McAbendroth

Should I Really Join Facebook?

When I bought my Blackberry, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a cell phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, my 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space.

My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of the entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I keep my cell phone in the garage in my golf bag.

The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the grocery store or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive. I wore it once and was standing in line at Barnes and Noble talking to my wife and everyone in the nearest 50 yards was glaring at me. I had to take my hearing aid out to use it, and I got a little loud.

I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer. It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn at the next light. Then if I made a left turn instead, well, it was not a good relationship...

When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross streets and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me.

To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions, checking bathrooms, and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings.

The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the grocery store. You would think they could settle on something themselves but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just knocks me for a loop. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking confused, but I never remember to take them with me.

Now I toss it back to them. When they ask me, "Paper or plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, "No, but I do fart a lot."

We senior citizens don't need anymore gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle.

Mental Age Assessment.

The following was developed as a mental age assessment by the School of Psychiatry at Harvard University. Take your time and see if you can read each line aloud without a mistake. The average person over 45 years of age cannot do it!

1. This is this cat.
2. This is is cat.
3. This is how cat.
4. This is to cat.
5. This is keep cat.
6. This is an cat.
7. This is old cat.
8. This is codger cat
9. This is busy cat.
10. This is for cat.
11. This is forty cat
12. This is seconds cat.

Now go back and read the third word in each line from the top down.





Local artists shed light on historic Lymington business

Three New Forest artists are putting together an exhibition about C Ford & Co – the Furnishing Store and Removals Company established in Lymington in 1840.

Annabel Foot, Wendy Couchman and Janet Smith say the exhibition will be 'an artistic celebration' of a company that became one of the best-known and best-loved businesses in the area. The name of Ford & Co. only disappeared from Lymington High Street last year with the closure of Palfrey & Kemp's shop to make way for The Six Bells.

Illuminating: An artistic celebration of Ford's opens in the Old School Gallery at St. Barbe Museum on Saturday 26 October with an artist's reception from 12noon – 2pm.

The artists tell the story of Ford's using mixed media art to appeal to our senses of sight, hearing, touch and smell.

Annabel Foot said: "We don't want to give too much away but we promise this will be a rather different exhibition!"

The artists have spent months talking to people who had worked and shopped at the furnishing store, and who still live in Lymington.



"Employees were very proud to work for Ford's – just as customers were very proud to be shopping there. It was impressive to have one of their delivery vans outside your home – a real status symbol."

A history exhibition about the Ford and Isted family will also be on display in the Education Room on Sat 2 Nov from 10am – 4pm. This has been put together by Sue Gething, a remaining family member, and her brother Roger Isted, who was the last member of their family to work for Ford's.

The exhibition is FREE ENTRY and runs until Sat 9 November.

For further information please contact Ann Henderson on 07533468554 or email annchristine.henderson@googlemail.com

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Acorn Pre-School Pavilion.....	Mon-Fri a.m.....	644648
Alzheimer's Group.....	Church Hall, tea, 2nd Thurs,	Dawn Colverd 644679
Bridge Club.....	Church Hall, Tues 6.40.pm.....	Bob McConnell 670940
Church Flower GuildAll welcome to join.....	Anne Wigglesworth 642556
Church Social Cttee.....	John Wigglesworth 642556
Contemporary Dance.....	Church Hall, Thurs p.m.....	Valerie Farrant 01425 613979
Everton Community Association.....	All villagers are automatically members.....	Vera Peters 644729 Bob Cockburn 645460
Everton&Lymore Club	Old Christchurch Road.....	John May 643865
Friendship Lunch.....	Church Hall	Gillian Peard 644739
Hordle Voluntary Group.....	Ian Chislett-Bruce 01425 614174
Ladies Evening Group.....	Church Hall 1 st Monday 7.30 p.m.....	Sandie Davies 645599
Multiple Sclerosis.....	Church Hall 3 rd Monday p.m.....	Sophy Knight 623118
Music & Movement.....	Church Hall, Thurs a.m.....	Cynthia Wilson 622488
Pilates.....	Church Hall, Wed.p.m.....	Diana Steer 01425 610756
Pop-In Coffee.....	Church Hall., Tues a.m.....	Gillian Peard 644739
Ramblers.....	Alan Paice 644901
Table Tennis Club	Church Hall., Friday p.m.....	Gillian Peard 644739
W.I.	Church Hall , 3rd Wed. 2.30 p.m.....	Pat Day 642519
Yoga Tuition	Pavilion 3.45 - 5.15pm Mondays -	Mary Dalby 01425 278420
Yoga class	Pavilion 6.00 - 9.00 pm Mondays -	Dererca Sprake 675695
Yoga class	Pavilion 1.00 - 2.30 pm Tuesdays -	Dererca Sprake 675695
Everton craft ladies	Pavilion 1.00 - 4.30pm	Brenda Kingston 01425 616293
Art Group	Pavilion 2.00 - 5.00pm Thursdays - ..	Claire Sherringdon 643635

If there are any corrections or additions to the above list please let me know - Editor

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Hordle Parish Council Meeting Dates:

Meetings to start at @ 7.30p.m.
Pre Meeting: 7.15 Open Public Forum

All Meetings to be held in the Pavilion,
Vaggs Lane, Hordle

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October 1st & 15th
November 5th & 19th
December 3rd & 17th

The 119 Bus A sort of a bus timetable...

Kindly compiled by
Barbara Runham at the request of the Editor.

There is a bus which now goes through Everton daily except Sundays.

The times are as follows:

The Lymington bus leaves The Old Christchurch Road/Everton bus shelter at 9.30, 10.30, 11.30, 12.30 and 1.30 past the hour.

The return journey from Lymington leaves the bus station on the hour from 9.00am until 2.00 pm.

The bus to New Milton leaves the Everton bus shelter/Old Christchurch Road at 9.21, 10.21, 11.21, 12.31, 1.21 and 2.21pm.

The return journey from Whitefield Road, New Milton is again hourly at 9.10 through to 2.10pm.

We hope you find this helpful!