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Everton Community Newsletter Spring 2014

Everton Village



Arts Festival

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...and here's a hint of what you can expect, all events are free!

Friday.- Sunday 11-5... You're invited to wander down to Farmer's Walk and drop in to browse the Open Studios Art and Photography exhibitions in the artists gardens, then for a musical evening with a difference pop along to the **Crown at 6.15** for an evening stroll around the village with Steve Adams, followed by (if you wish) a Bbq and music in the Pub's garden.

Saturday... 11-4 There's plenty on offer at St Mary's Hall, a nostalgic look at Everton's past and a photography display by award winning resident Louis Rumis. Just across the road at the Social Club, you'll find an exhibition of craft and art. Sandy Davis will be there with her fabulous sewing machine and aims to show you just how creative textiles can be. Heather Joliffe will be on hand as well to show you what you can do with a set of Derwent water colour pencils.

And then you can drift down Wainsford Road to Greenmead Avenue where there will be more art to look at on your way to the Pavilion.

Refreshments are available everywhere, but leave some room for a Garden Tea Party with a difference which will be happening from 2-4 outside the Pavilion, there'll be performances from the Youth Orchestra and friends and just to make the afternoon go with a swing, there'll be strawberries and cream, Pimms and soft drinks available to buy...

Saturday evening you'll have a choice of two venues, you could kick back and chill to the easy sounds of Empty Frets at The Pavilion, nibbles will be provided and a bar selling wine and soft drinks will be available. Numbers are limited, so entrance will be by ticket only, no cost but numbers are limited! (Book now from Cheryl tel. 01590 644865) Alternatively you could take part in a musical quiz, with a buffet at the Social Club. Both start at 7.30.

Sunday ...there's Country music at the Crown around lunchtime, and in the evening it's back to St Mary's Church Hall for some choral singing by St Nicholas Choir... Wine and other refreshments will be on sale from 6.15. Again entrance is by ticket as numbers are limited. (Book now from Cheryl 01590 644865)

Further information can be found in the Centre Pages!

Everton Community Association

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CHAIRMAN'S LETTER

Dear Members,

My name is Barbara Runham and I am the new Chairman of the Everton Community Association. I would like to thank Vera for all her hard work over the previous three years. A hard act to follow particularly on the catering front. I should also like to welcome the new members of the Committee and thank them for volunteering their time.

In her last two letters Vera talked about the wonderful summer weather. Look at it now. Water, water everywhere. I notice from a previous edition The Rainman was talking about how little rain had fallen in the previous few months. How things change and so quickly too.

I do hope you will all back Cheryl Fillmore and Steve Adams by supporting their efforts to bring Everton our very own Arts Festival; Everton Village Festival will be held over the weekend of June 27 - 29 to be precise. A sub committee has been formed which should help enormously but any offer of help would be gratefully received.

Barbara Runham

Chairman ECA

At the December A.G.M, Vera received a bouquet of flowers in thanks for her work as Chairman of the ECA. Well done Vera!!



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The initial Zone in the Village, consisting of Wainsford Road (part), Frys lane, Yeovilton Close and Everlea Close was fully established before Christmas. All households in this Zone have received Resident's Packs and external signage has been erected at the main road junctions leading into the Zone.

At the time of writing, Alan Paice has obtained information packs for the second Zone and will canvas the area if it ever stops raining. This Zone will consist of the south end of Wainsford Road, Plantation, Laburnum Drive, Mulberry Grove and Cypress Grove. Chris and Hilary Knox have applied for information packs for a third Zone, which will cover Old Christchurch Road.

The more of the Village that gets covered by this initiative, the more effective it will be. If anybody is interested in opening up further Zones, please contact Bob Cockburn on 5645460

Everton Village Signage

The ECA Committee wrote to the New Forest District Council Planning Section last autumn, asking if they would supply additional "Everton Village" signs on roads leading into Everton. We felt that the installation of such signs would help to give the Village more of a feeling of identity.

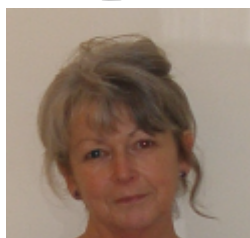
The Planning Department replied that any additional signage on the northbound B3058 from Milford would need to be subject to detailed site assessment. The only extra sign that they would consider would be on the southbound Everton Road from Hordle. However, they have no budget for signing requests, so we would have to design, source and finance any signs ourselves. The Committee decided to take no further action at present but to report on the situation in the Newsletter and see what response we get from the village.

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Editor's Musings



Dear readers,

As I write on a mild Spring afternoon there are 7 delightful, but challenging

puppies dancing around my feet...many thanks to

our friends and neighbours who have not only kept us supplied with newspapers, but have developed deaf ears.(In true Everton style!) It's been a busy productive start to 2014 for me, and I hope for all of you as well...besides the puppies, I have a new Grandson, Bertram Kennedy Robinson, born on Boxing Day and no doubt destined for fame and fortune!

But just in case life in Everton, 2014 stood still and showed a hint of growing calm and peaceful, a few people I know got together to organise an Arts Festival for Everton "After all' they said, 'everyone else has one so why shouldn't we?' Very true!

You'll find lots of info and details in the Newsletter about what and where and who, and closer to the time there'll be flyers and posters, so do keep an eye out for them.

We've tried to make this a festival for Everton, to keep it small and intimate, there's a diverse range of music and art and there should be something to suit everyone. We really hope so, and that you enjoy the whole weekend. It's meant to be fun!

If you'd like to help at any of the Events then please e mail me or ring 01590 644865.

We have some great articles in the Newsletter this time, which lots of different people have sent us. Do keep thinking of what you can write for us please. Thanks to those who contributed.

In our next Edition we'll be printing the winning entries of the *Everton Poetry Competition*, (I do hope lots of you have a go at this!), and also a short extract from a First World War memoir. If anyone else has any memoirs please get in touch with me. We would like to play our part in this year's Commemoration.

And finally thanks to the people who help me with the editing and distribution of the Everton News.

If anyone else would like to get involved in any aspect of this Newsletter from writing to delivering then please give me a call.

**Enjoy the Festival!
Ed.**

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Warning: do not watch DVD's in the morning

It all came about because of the book, *To Kill a Mocking Bird*.



Our Book Group were reading it and we'd decided that it would be a great idea to watch the film, the one starring Gregory Peck. So some time just before Christmas I did something I wouldn't normally do...I spent the

morning watching a DVD at Molly and Bob's who live at the other end of Wainsford Road.

The DVD was good, but it was the beautiful sofa I was sitting on that caught my eye. It was exactly the size and colour that I'd spent ages looking for.

Well, over a bit of lemon cake and conversation, (Molly does bake a lovely lemon cake) it turned out that they were looking for a home for their sofa. You can guess that it didn't take long (although we'd all finished sighing over Gregory Peck by then) before a deal was struck involving a few bottles of wine. Toby, kindly offered to transport said sofa to the other end of Wainsford Road and put our old one in the garage to await collection. Wonderful. Just what I wanted.

But I'd no sooner sat down before I got up again. Anyone could see that the armchair matching our old sofa no longer looked right, no one said anything but it was obvious to me. There was nothing for it, so with Toby's help again, the no longer matching armchair had to go in the garage and we brought the old rocking chair down from upstairs. Problem solved?

OH NO!!

Because once the rocking chair saw daylight it had to be recovered, so off it went to Pennington.

Phew! At last, lovely sofa, room transformed, or so you would think.

OH NO!!

The antique table that had been beside our old chair for years had grown inches overnight and was now too high and anyone could see that Bob was going to spill his drinks every night. So we gave our beautiful antique table to our daughter and shot up to Rob Dyer in Silver Street to make us a lower table.

Phew! AT LAST!!

There is a moral to this story somewhere, but we still love our sofa.

At some point we considered moving house and then we could have a new carpet but this nonsense had to stop somewhere.

An Everton Teenager tells us what it's like...

As we enter the month of March, it's like time is speeding up on us. Yet again it's that time of year where every teenager above the age of 14 begins to panic slightly with the prospect of oncoming exams. For those of my age, twenty-fourteen brings an increased number of challenges previously not faced by our year group. These exams this year can determine our future in a way that all other exams never could - they are the exam results on which the universities make their offers.

During the last few weeks, the gigantic tidal wave of Higher Education information has started to cascade through college in the form of well organised events in the sport hall, well-mannered information evenings for parents and the well anticipated first trip to an actual university. While these things are thoroughly exciting and encouraging for us to work hard, these things present to us tentatively enquiring teenagers, a black hole of exciting options for the future.

If this wasn't enough, our year group also has the unhappy advantage of being at an age where we can have jobs. During this month of March, a frequent discussion as to whether we want more money now or more money in the future, is constantly raging in our heads. Many people I know have already given up many extra-curricular activities such as sports and music to now also be considering giving up their weekend jobs in the hope to feel less exhausted and to have more time to study. Before we know it, May will be upon us and with it, so will AS and A level exams. We teenagers of Everton however, do have it slightly easier than others as our hallowed local Londis shop offers us short and easy shifts as a break from work and an opportunity to earn a little bit of cash.

On a more liberating subject, in the five months since this last column, an increased number of Everton teenagers have started to learn to drive, currently many of us are frantically using our iPhone apps in the desperate hope to pass our theory tests first time around. Even more happily, no incidents involving learner drivers in Everton have been reported up until now, so touch wood, this can only mean that our Everton teens may actually be quite skilled in the field of driving.

It is funny when one takes a moment to think about each individual generation that has lived and grown up in this village, and how each generation has watched each of the following generations grow up. Only yesterday we were eight year old children wishing beyond belief to be older. Now we're almost ten years on and are having to make huge decisions for ourselves involving part time jobs, future careers and further education.

So as we enter this month of March, it really is like time is speeding up on us.

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REFLECTIONS AFTER YET ANOTHER BRITHDAY...

John's new wife : that's how I was known when I first moved to Everton in 1968. Having been born and brought up in Bournemouth it was something of a culture shock to move to what was little more than a hamlet in those days. There were a few older properties clustered through West, Centre, East and Frys Lanes, Christchurch Road and the Plantation. The newest bungalows were in Wainsford Road, Greenmead Avenue and Buckstone Close.

The garage (on the same site as today) sold petrol as well as providing car servicing and sales. A local shop was attached, both being run by the Wigglesworth family. The Post Office/shop was run by Mr and Mrs Adams and I'll never forget my first visit. There was a bell on the door which jangled when opened and one entered into quite a small dingy interior with a black iron grid protecting the post office area. Mr Adams, wearing an 'Arkwright' style brown coat and a very severe expression, came from the house through a door. "Yes, wadywant said he in a very abrupt tone. I think I was probably too frightened to remember. However, I'm sure his bark was worse than his bite. He was the local scoutmaster and his wife was a very sweet lady!

The original Church (on the present church hall site) was basic. A corrugated iron shed-like structure was painted British racing green with a wooden cross and a bell on the roof. The Crown, the village pub of long standing, still

had separate lounge and public bars. It was well patronised by the locals especially on a Friday night. It was Darts league night when teams from in and around Lymington would visit and vice-versa. It was usually standing room only. Saturday was entertainment night at the

Everton & Lymore Working Men's Club (note the name change!). I say entertainment, but it was actually one of the members, who was very talented, playing the piano. The members sang along and sometimes danced - simple pleasures but still a great deal of fun.

They say as you age you always think that times past were better than the present. It's not so. Imagine Wainsford Road when you seldom saw a car. The council cleared the ditches twice a year. The stockmen would shut the front gates to the properties because they were moving cattle to new pasture. Not only did everyone know every villager but also where they lived. It took half an hour to go to the post office because you kept meeting neighbours and stopping for a chat.

It seemed idyllic to me!

Viv

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As one of the social hubs of Everton Village , Everton & Lymore Social Club is a place where one can enjoy a game of Snooker or Pool or even a game of darts , dominoes or crib in the Sports bar . SKY TV Sport can be viewed also in the Sports Bar. Every Wednesday and Sunday Bingo is available and once a month we have a Film Night usually on the last Friday of the Month starting at 8pm viewed in the Function room .This room is also used by members for various functions for a small fee.

Various functions are provided by the club and notices are displayed outside the Club to this effect a list will be provided at the end for the next 6 months .

One Function the Club is participating in is the Arts Festival Weekend , the Club will hold an Art Exhibition on Saturday 28th June followed in the Evening with a Music Quiz. 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:-

28th March	Film Night (Philomena)
25th April	Film Night
26th April	Stardust (Group)
3rd May	Cat & Mouse (Duo)
30th May	Film Night
31st May	R etro (Group)
7th June	Sunstroke
21st June	Cat & Mouse (Duo)
8th June	Art Exhibition From 11 am.
28th June	Music Quiz
25th July	Film Night
26th July	Grand Canyon (Country/Western)

Other entertainment may be displayed in the Notice Boards.

Everton Village



Arts Festival

ART AND CRAFT FROM 2014 PLEASE!

On Saturday morning the Social Club will be hosting an exhibition of Art and Crafts. We'd very much like to repeat the very successful display of art and craft work done by Everton Villagers at last year's Party in the Park. This year however, we're going to make it more current, so if you've got a fresh new Project that you've been inspired to create during 2014, and would be happy to offer it for display then please get in touch with Carol Knighton who's overseeing this exhibition.

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Everton Post Office & Village Stores

Well most of you probably know that at the tail end of last year Steven & I had sold the shop and we were planning on moving onto pastures new. However at the eleventh hour the deal fell through; the 'new people' suddenly realised that running the village shop wasn't going to be quite what they expected and pulled out at the very last hurdle. Of course we were disappointed because we had by that time started to make plans but I believe that things happen for a reason and so we didn't remain disappointed for too long.

As I chatted to lots of you about our impending move the one thing that I was astonished by was how much you all seem to like and value our shop, I knew that was the case but didn't realise to what extent. You all said such lovely things and we were both quite touched by your comments. Anyway I hope that you all meant it because we have now decided to stay put for a few more years.

I have tweaked our opening hours slightly just to make life a bit easier for us and I also intend to go ahead with the plans to convert the Post Office into an open plan office.

The Post Office has to move forward in these changing times. People these days have so many options for conducting their business that the traditional core business of the Post Office is gradually being eroded. I have been associated with the

Post office in one form or another all of my working life and having looked at things in depth I think that the idea of an open plan Post Office is a good way forward; when we were in Dorset we had an open plan Post Office and it worked well. For me it means that the business will be more efficient and for you the customer, there is the benefit of longer opening hours - good news for those who want cash on a Saturday afternoon or those who pop in on the way home from work when the cash machine is often out of cash. So if anyone has any queries or worries about the whole thing then do come in and have a chat to me.

For those that don't know our new opening hours they are 07:30 - 19:00 Monday to Saturday and 08:00 - 12:30 on Sunday and bank holidays.

There is no 'Party in the Park' this year, instead Cheryl is doing an Arts Festival details of which are included in the newsletter. I'm not directly involved with it but as we are now going to be here I am organising the raffle so if anyone is willing to help sell tickets, either outside the shop in the week before or at the various venues over the festival weekend then please pop in the shop and let us have your details. The whole thing sounds good and I'm sure there is something for everyone so do go along and enjoy.

Once again thank you all for your lovely comments and the sympathy when our plans went awry. We're over the disappointment now and I can honestly say that we're happy to be staying in Everton as there are so many nice people here.

Sandra and Steven Burrows

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Weatherwatch

"Oh dear! Surely the readers of this Newsletter have no wish to hear or read another word about rainfall. Given the quantity that has fallen on the country in recent weeks any figures submitted by the Rainman would be an affront to the good nature and forbearance of the brave villagers of Everton.

At the time of writing the Rainman was 4,000 miles distant from the storm ravaged shores of the United Kingdom. He relied on personal emails and reports conveyed by the wizardry of the interweb to keep him abreast of the shocking devastation being wrought by the winter weather.

However, he refused to believe a fanciful story that Everton had become so inundated that Cruise Liners were mooring alongside the village shop for fresh vegetables and sundry supplies.

In addition, anecdotal but unsubstantiated information also suggested that the valleys in northern Hampshire were so flooded that they had become conduits for the oceans of the world. Reports that humpback whales, bottle nosed dolphins and giant squid were frolicking in the salty waters were probably incorrect.

Footnote: The Rainman has heard a rumour that the Newsletter Editor has seen fit to suspend reports from him until further notice. The phenomenal increase in precipitation that has fallen on Everton during recent years may be directly attributable to the introduction of his regular contributions appearing in this magazine."

Rainman

A 'Lighter' Recipe for Victoria Sponge

- 1. E mail friend in Florida for recipe
- 2. Lay out ingredients
- 3. Go to Post Office for missing items
- 4. Turn out cupboards to find cake tins
- 5. Find a conversion table from Us to British measures
- 6. Heat oven
- 7. Measure ingredients following recipe carefully
- 8. Grease tins and divide mixture between them
- 9. Smell burning – rescue cakes
- 10. Use fish slice to remove from tins. Some smart friend said use baking paper!!

WHAT !!

- 11. Sandwich together and hope for the best
- 12. Spend next half hour washing up
- 13. Send cake to New Milton to grandchildren who tell all their friends that Grandma has made a horrible cake and so sent it over to us
- 14. Go to M&S

Anne Cockburn

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Finding a tradesman

How do I find a good builder? Where do I find a good builder? What should I expect from a good builder? How do I get a good deal from my builder?

These are all questions that householders ask themselves and are jolly good questions. Hopefully I can give some answers or at least some good pointers. A house is the largest investment we are likely to make and keeping it in good order as we go along makes good financial sense. Putting off small tasks will inevitably lead to much more outlay eventually but that topic is for another time.

A good tradesman is not so difficult to find. The best source of information is to ask your friends or neighbours, especially if you see them having work carried out. This will produce some suggestions and get you a list of possible candidates. Once you have some suggestions you can narrow it down by where they are based. This makes financial sense as a tradesman from Bournemouth or Southampton (if willing to come to Everton) or a nationwide company could cost you up to an hour and a half extra for their travelling time for each days work plus fuel. You also have to wonder why a good tradesman would need to travel out of their area to find work.

Most good tradesmen I know do not appear in yellow pages or Thompsons directory. Unless it is a trade that is not available locally then shop local. This goes for most things in life as it keeps local businesses going and local names are more likely to crop up in your search anyway, as well as local people being more conscious of their reputation. National companies also have vast overheads and tend to have subcontractors on tight prices who may rush the job or cut corners in order to make the job financially viable and if things go wrong they are not close at hand to negotiate with. Although being a member of a trade body or trade website can mean they are good it doesn't always follow. I know of a tradesman (not from this area!) who only gave feedback forms to clients who were pleased with his work and also got family members and friends to submit comments! A good tradesman will also be able to give references or show you previous work for others and will also be established and with some years experience. For gas work or electricians always check they are registered gas safe or building regs qualified though.

What should you expect? Free estimates and advice before you get the work carried out. If you are not sure about the cost get 3 estimates but don't always go for the cheapest one if you feel a dearer tradesman seemed to know more than the cheaper one. A good tradesman won't expect money up front for materials,. If the job involves a lot of materials or goes on for more than a week or two they might want a payment on account part way through once materials are on site or progress has reached an agreed point. Generally a good tradesman turns up when expected or will ring if they are delayed or need to reschedule a meeting or job, (sometimes this can be because weather has put them behind in their schedule). Be patient, if someone is in demand then it logically means you might have to wait some time for the work to be done although in an emergency a good tradesman will always try to help.

How to get a good deal? Watch out that if you get several estimates then the different people are estimating for the same work and same materials. A cheaper price might mean cutting corners or less/inferior materials. Tradesmen like respect, manual work still means training and experience. If you are unsure of anything then do ask and get any prices in writing and ask if there are any

guarantees for materials or workmanship if relevant, as well as checking they have public liability insurance in case of any accidents (yes, they do happen even to the most conscientious worker!). A quote is a fixed price (unless there are unforeseen circumstances) but an estimate might vary. Despite this, an estimate from a recommended tradesman is probably a better bet as a fixed quote is more likely to be dearer to cover any possible variations and a good tradesman will usually stick to an estimate even if the job takes a bit longer. Constantly shopping around might seem a good idea but loyalty and developing a relationship with the same tradesman often means favourable prices, reliability and service in the long run. If the job is small then a one man band or partnership will often work out less as they have fewer overheads such as vehicles, offices, office staff, storage etc. but extensions or large scale building works are often more suited to companies.

This advice is meant as a general pointer towards finding building tradesmen but is also relevant for gardeners, carpet layers etc.

“Artisan”



A full programme of the Arts Festival weekend will be available later in the year so do keep a look out for it!

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Everton & Lymore W.I

The WI and “Pennies for Friendship”

One of the founders of the WI movement in the UK was Mrs Madge Watt, a lady from Ontario with experience in the Canadian WI. She firmly believed that women should work together, regardless of race or religion, to achieve worthwhile goals such as higher education which would give them access to careers and the chance to express their individuality.

She worked hard to help establish and expand the WI movement in the UK and by 1926 it was fully independent of the Board of Agriculture under whose auspices it was initially formed. In 1933 she went on to found the Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) again with the belief that much could be achieved by women working together.

ACWW has over 460 member societies (including WI) uniting women from over 70 countries around the world. It has UN representation and supports women in communities all around the world by offering mutual support, friendship and practical help where possible.

Most WIs regularly collect “Pennies for Friendship” and the monies raised have helped to finance projects such as HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns in India, training for midwives in Ghana, piped water supplies in Cameroon and training in chicken raising for a group of women in Cambodia followed by funding to allow the group to start their own business.

If you read this before the 3rd Wednesday in April 2014 and would like to know more you will be most welcome at our meeting at 2.30pm on 16th April when the afternoon’s talk will be on the work of the ACWW.

Pat Day selling Jam
at the WI
Autumn Bazaar.



W.I.Dates and Speakers

April. 16th The Work of the ACWW.
Speaker: Ros Cooper, A charity to help the Worldwide needs of Women.

May 21st AGM

June. Outing

July 16th Galapagos Islands by
Beryl and Reg Odbert.

August Cream tea

Craft Meetings are held every 4th.
Wednesday of the month. (Bring your own or join our project). Time for a cuppa and a chat.

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

Greetings from the “Lowly Chef”,

Well, here we are again, time for another one of my mouth-watering recipes. I should imagine by now that you are all fed up with Stews and Casseroles, so here’s a variation of a popular dish that I thought you may like that’s a little bit lighter...

Macaroni Cheese Special

Pre-heat oven Gas4/180°C/350°F and/or warm the grill (before pouring the sauce mix in the dish and topping with cheese)

Warm a Medium sized Pyrex or oven-proof dish in the oven while making the Macaroni Cheese

You will notice that I haven’t added any salt - this is because I find that there is enough in the Spam/Ham to flavour it.

Preparation time - 10 -15 minutes

Cooking Time - approximately 30 – 35 minutes

Ingredients

200g (8oz) Quick Cook Macaroni or Fusili pasta

Olive Oil

25g (1oz) Butter

25g (1oz) Flour (Seasoned with freshly ground black Pepper)

¼ level teaspoon Mustard Powder

400ml (¾pt) Milk

200g (8oz) Medium Cheddar Cheese

100g (4oz) Double Gloucester with Chives and Onion (for topping) **or** –

Double Gloucester and Herbs de Provence

3 - 4 Cloves of Garlic - crushed

1 small Red Onion - chopped

½ Red Pepper - chopped

½ Green Pepper - chopped

100g (4oz) Button Mushrooms - quartered

1 Small tin of Spam – cubed or 2-3 slices of Honeyroast Ham – chopped into small pieces

Method

Bring a saucepan of water with a little Olive Oil in to the boil, add the Pasta and cook for 5 -6 minutes, stirring occasionally

to separate the Pasta.

While the water is coming to the boil and the Pasta is cooking, make the sauce as follows –

Fry the Onion and Garlic in a large saucepan until softened.

Stir in the Flour and Mustard Powder and cook for 1 – 2 minutes then gradually add the Milk stirring continuously.

Add the Peppers, Mushrooms and Spam or Ham and stir for another 5 minutes until they are all heated through.

Stir in the Cheddar until melted.

Tip – I have found that adding the cheese **after** the other ingredients stops it from going ‘stringy’.

Now drain the Pasta and add to the sauce mix, stirring well.

Pour into the pre-heated dish and sprinkle with the Double Gloucester with Chives or the ordinary Double Gloucester and

sprinkle the Herbs de Provence on top.

Place either in the oven for about 20 minutes or pre-heated grill for about 10 -15 minutes and cook until the cheese is golden and bubbling.

LEGS - STILL ALIVE AND KICKING AFTER 35 YEARS!

Everton Ladies Evening Group – known as LEGS – will be celebrating its 35th Birthday this summer, so it must be getting something right! Why not come along to one of our meetings and find out? All you need to qualify is to be a lady living in or near Everton and to be free on the first Monday evening of the month. **We meet at St Mary's Church Hall from 7.30pm to about 9.15** and offer an opportunity to socialise, listen to a speaker, have a cuppa and possibly meet your neighbours all for £2 . A small raffle is held at each meeting which helps raise funds for our chosen charity – this year it is HOPE (Helping Older People in the New Forest) - and occasionally we organise an outing, bring-and-buy or special entertainment.

A tasty new innovation is the introduction of an occasional "LEGS Ladies Who Lunch" Group. We will choose local restaurants which can offer varied and affordable choices so that anyone interested in eating out in good company will hopefully be tempted to join us.

Our range of speakers is wide, and hopefully of interest to all.

On 12th May we are delighted to be welcoming Avril Owton MBE, proprietor of The Cloud Hotel in Brockenhurst, Businesswoman of the Year and ex-Tiller girl, to talk about her varied career.

On 2nd June our own Sandy Davies will tell us how she founded a school in Cambodia, funded by the Fashion Shows she put on with her pupils.

On 7th July Dave Dibden, a New Forest Coppicer will be talking about his career and demonstrating some woodland crafts.

On 1st September Helen Talbot will tell us about the wonderful treks she has organised and about her work as a fundraiser for Naomi House.

Come along and join us - I'm sure you'll find that LEGS is right up your street!

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EVERTON VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

Everton Arts Festival ... the music!

Having lived in the village for 26 years and very much appreciating the effort of other people in organising and running various events over the years, I thought it was about time I made a contribution. Which is how I come to find myself tasked with organising the musical content of our village arts festival, a new venture and the brainchild of Cheryl, your friendly newsletter editor.

At the moment there are lots of details still to be sorted out but what follows is an early indication of the planned programme:-

Fri 27th June: following a short walk around the village, an *open mic* night in the Crown Inn garden with a barbecue. Anyone who wants to get up and play and/or sing will be welcome to do so and there should be a few musicians around for a jamming session. All standards welcome and it should be a lot of fun. Janine will be selling tickets for the BBQ in advance.

Saturday 28th June: from around 2pm at the Recreation Ground Pavilion we will have a performance from the *New Forest Youth Brass*. These are local young people who are learning brass instruments and who will perform a programme that ranges from individual solos up to full ensemble. It is also planned to help the youngsters out with an appearance by some established players in the form of an experienced brass quintet, the *Southampton Brass Ensemble*. Obviously we hope you will come along and provide support and encouragement anyway but there is another good reason for attending the intention is to serve Pimms and strawberries and cream from the Pavilion!

Saturday 28th June: an evening at the Pavilion with *Empty Frets*. This trio of bass and (mainly) ukuleles play a wide range of music from ballads to rock'n'roll. Confession: I am one of the ukulele players and, at some point, my notorious 4-string banjo will make an appearance! Wine and nibbles will be available to help the evening along and, although not expected, wild dancing will be tolerated!

Saturday 28th June at the Social Club: test your musical knowledge in a music quiz whilst enjoying a buffet and, of course, a drink from the bar. Evening starts from 7.15 approx.

Sunday 29th June: lunchtime in the Crown Inn garden: We will have a different genre of music again with *Rod Sones and his friends* playing some modern country music. Chill out with a cool drink and some even cooler music!

Sunday 29th June: an evening at St Mary's Church Hall with the *St Nicholas Singers*. We end the festival with this choir, named after the St Nicholas chapel in Pilley where they rehearse. Their programme includes *Noah and his Floating Zoo* plus some other entertaining features. They have raised amazing amounts for local charities to date (over £6000 pa) and will no doubt have their collection buckets out on the 29th! Provisional performance times are 7.15 to 8.45pm, with a break for refreshments, but you are welcome to arrive earlier for a pre-concert glass of wine which will be on sale from 6.30.

Confirmed details and times etc will be advertised closer to the Festival This is a new venture and there is a fairly steep learning curve involved so I hope we are getting it right and you will support the festival. For any comments or queries, or to take part in the *open mic* night, please email me at steve_adams50@hotmail.com or ring 01590 642989

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EVERTON VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

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**A bit of info about a few of our participants
and where they will be displaying their talent.**

Social Club

On Saturday June 28th Sandy will be demonstrating her textile work and sewing machine skills at the Social Club starting at 11.00 a.m.

Sandy will be sharing this venue with **Heather Joliffe**, another talented Evertonian, who will be displaying her artistic skills

As hinted at in the last Newsletter, Sandy Davies is going to be having another textile exhibition this Summer. The exhibition will be held in Highcliffe Castle from the 10th of June until the 13th July.

The Title of the exhibition is "The Road to Cambodia" and tells the story of the work that she undertook, alongside her students, leading up to and including the time of the opening of the school in Rohull in the region of Siam Reap, Cambodia.

Sandy will be relating the story during a talk she is giving in June at LEGS. Sadly men aren't invited to this talk, but she will be at the Arts Festival on Saturday, June 28th so do come along and have a chat with her. If you don't manage to catch her, we'll be reporting back on the exhibition and giving the full story behind it in the autumn edition of the Newsletter.

Although Sandy will have some of her textile work on show at the LEGS meeting, there will be approximately 30 pieces of textile art work at the exhibition. Well worth taking a look at!

As a final word Sandy would just like to add,

'Those of you who went to my retrospective exhibition in the Forest Arts Centre last year will be happy to know that the 30 pieces for Highcliffe Castle are new and the funds raised will all be going to "Honeypot" the young carers charity.

Find more details about the exhibition at the
Social Club on page 6

St Mary's Church Hall

Come along and view the photographic work of resident **Louis Rumis**. We reported on Louis in the last newsletter...Gold and silver medallist in International Photographic Exhibitions. Louis' work will be on display in St Mary's Hall on Saturday from 11-4

He'll be sharing the venue with **Mike Johnson**, known to you all, who has put together a nostalgic look at Everton's past.

Greenmead Avenue

On the corner of Wainsford and Greenmead, there'll be a display of work by local artists, and the entries for the Poetry Competition, plus a chance to sit down and enjoy some refreshments, coffee, tea and home baking, in style.

POETRY COMPETITION

It is well known that the villagers of Everton have latent poetic talents hidden within their hearts and minds. The Editor of the Newsletter is appealing to all age groups to put their literary skills to work. To add to the variety of Festival week a poetry competition is open to all. It will give an extra dimension to the festivities and to make it even more interesting two categories will form the basis of the competition. A junior category, for those aged up to sixteen and a senior category for those who are sixteen and over.

What makes it even more exciting is that a magnificent trophy will be awarded to the winner in each group and a book token to each runner up.

Give free flow to your imagination. Write whatever you please. Don't forget that poems do not have to rhyme!

We hope you will take up the challenge. Please submit your entries to the Editor of the Newsletter as an email or as a hand written document by Saturday June 7th. The Editor will ensure that all entries are submitted to the judging panel for adjudication.

Entries will be on display during the Festival and the winning entries will be published in the Autumn Newsletter. Send your entries to,
cherylfillmore@hotmail.com

or to

no 7 Frys Lane , Everton (letterbox unavailable as dog has ability to turn into shredding machine so please use the mailbox in the porch)

Open Studios

Melvyn Gates, Helen Talbot and Les and Jill

Chase will be taking part in the Everton Arts Festival.

They are opening for the 3 days from 11.00am - 5.00pm.

These long standing local residents and arts practitioners will be opening their doors once again for the Hampshire Open Studios (16th August - 25th August). They are anticipating being open each day from 11.00am - 5.00pm

Melvyn will be sharing his venue with Helen Talbot, Eve Newsome and newcomer this year, Gillian Goodrige. As you know Melvyn and his friends are painters and they will be showing a rich, thought provoking and diverse collection, in many styles. Les and Jill will be showing their photos, hopefully being joined by the members of the Hordle Camera Club.

Melvyn adds, 'There will always be a warm welcome for local residents so please drop in for a chat and see what we are doing this year..'



The story of Les Carvall's round the world trip with seven men in two Suzukis reminded me of my trip on a *Norton 650 SS*. I had sailed to Australia as a '£10 pomm' when I was 21. I took every opportunity to 'see' the country whenever I had leave

which came up quarterly. On one of these events I met an old school friend, George, who owned a *BMW* motor cycle. He had decided to return to the UK overland on the bike. When I had finished my two-year contract I joined him, having decided that it would be an enjoyable adventure .

As George's bike could not take both of us and our luggage I bought my *Norton*. It was a machine I was comfortable with having owned a *dominator* in the UK. Armed with a map, sleeping bags, ground sheets, water bottles and relevant visas we set off. Weight had precluded tent and cooking facilities so we slept under the stars and ate what was readily available from roadside stalls.

We took the first part of the journey through Malaya and Thailand. The roads were good and the fine weather enabled us to sleep on the beaches without problems. An interesting interlude in Malaya was watching the natives climb the coconut palms with bare feet. They then removed the husks with a metal spike in the ground.

We arrived at the Burmese border to find that we were not permitted to enter the country. We had to back track to Penang and board a ship to Madras in Southern India. Stopping at Jakarta, Indonesia we were obliged to pay for a cabin as we were Europeans. It was just as well as the many deck passengers were scrabbling to get on the hold cover before it was in place. Whilst ashore in Jakarta we exchanged our US dollars into currencies we were likely to need on the rest of our journey. By dealing with the street traders we got at least ten times the standard bank rate.

Travelling through India was far from uneventful. I was not looking forward to sleeping on the ground but soon became accustomed to the screeching of the peacocks and monkeys at dawn. One night when we had just settled on the ground next to the bikes a police *Landrover* pulled up beside us. We were advised to move along as this was a regular elephant crossing and we were likely to be trampled to death! Later we both succumbed to 'deli belly'. A kind doctor allowed us to remain in his backyard until we felt able to continue.

One day we came across a *Bedford* campervan with GB plates. We stopped for a cuppa and a chat with a couple on their way to Australia. They had sold their fish and chip business in Milford-on-Sea! A river crossing caused excitement when we came to a place where a bridge had been washed away. We stopped to help them devise a temporary bamboo structure and in return they assisted us to carry our bikes across one at a time.

On our way to Agra to see the Taj Mahal the weather turned against us. We made for a thatched hut alongside the road not knowing that it was used for prayers. Next morning we woke to

the sound of a peasant saying his prayers. I turned to George and said "I hope he is sending one up for us". We reached the Pakistan border where we had to change into warmer gear to negotiate the mountains of some 6,000 feet above sea level. The terrain was extremely rough. Our first encounter was with a gang of tribesmen spread across our track. All were carrying rifles and were intent on stopping us. We had neither cigarettes nor alcohol but by sign language we eventually persuaded them to let us through. We decided that if we were held up again we would not stop. When we were about to be stopped a second time we put our heads down across the tanks side by side to create a load of dust. Surprised that we had not stopped the gang let off a few rounds in our direction but by then we were round the next bend.

Our next stop was Iran with its sand roads causing havoc with our front forks. Fortunately we had covered the carburettors with nylon for protection. Our next concern was finding petrol. There were huge distances between villages. When we came across two pumps at the roadside we shouted but no-one appeared. So we helped ourselves. Miraculously someone appeared!

Turkey was next on the route. Hail and snow now made it too cold to sleep rough so we treated ourselves to sleeping accommodation on a bed of clay with fires lit beneath them for warmth. Next day we went to a café for hot food. The owner tried to rip us off so we refused to pay. He grabbed our gloves and helmets neither of which we could do without. A crowd was forming so I asked a young lad to fetch the police who resolved the problem quickly. We paid half. We spent another night in a shepherds' hut using the nearby fence posts to make a fire. Next morning a truck arrived with local workers. We made a speedy exit before they noticed the broken fence.

In Istambul we came to warmer weather and in Greece there were stunning sea views. In Croatia and Slovenia we were able to fill our tanks with the cheapest petrol of the whole trip. We reached Germany via Austria where the scenery is beautiful. George wanted to go to the *BMW* factory. We also had a good night in the famous Hophspur House where the barmaids carry up to 6 litres at a time. We arrived home via France and the ferry from Calais.

My trusty *Norton* had not let me down the whole trip of 1300+ miles. I had escaped with only a couple of punctures.

Both George and I got married shortly after our trip. I settled locally but George never lost his wanderlust and went to New Zealand. He spent most of his time travelling with his job, sadly meeting an untimely death by being in the wrong place at the wrong time. He was found stabbed on the edge of the road.

Ken Kilford





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If you are unable to use a 'bus pass' you may be eligible for Travel Vouchers from Hampshire County Council. You can use these for our service and if you wish to have more information please call Margaret on the above number.

Can you help us and those in our community?

Are you looking to help in your local community?

Would you like to know that you are making a difference to someone who needs help?

We would like to increase our driver pool so we can help more people get to their medical appointments.

If you can spare a couple of hours a week then we would be very pleased to hear from you.

For more information please contact Ian Chislett-Bruce on 01425 614174 or email hordle.care@btinternet.com for further information.



MILFORD ON SEA BRANCH

ANNUAL POPPY APPEAL

In the past here in Everton, the Village has supported the appeal very generously. Nearly all the roads have been visited by collectors, but now not all of these volunteers are able to carry on with the collections. If anyone would like to assist in this way please contact me on 01590 642556.

The Poppy Appeal fortnight is from October 25th to November 11th. Money collected goes towards helping the many needs of service personnel, wives and children.

The two minutes silence, in remembrance of the fallen, is held in Everton on November 11th at the Flag Pole on the Recreation Ground, outside the Pavilion.

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Table Tennis Club

The Table Tennis Club have had a good season, although due to the weather and illness, there have been some nights when only a few members were playing.

We are having our doubles Tournament on Friday 28th March and the singles tournament on a date yet to be decided.

We are finishing as usual at the end of May and will resume in September.

The Club is going to have a special evening at the end of the season as the club was started 21 years ago

If you have ever played at the club do make sure you hear about this evening by the beginning of May and, if you have not done so, please contact Gillian 644739.

St Mary's Church



What a treat it is to be sitting here today after what felt like the first day of spring yesterday and for it to still be sunny on a Monday morning. It

would be nice to think that those dark (and damp) days of winter are now well and truly behind us and we can look forward to warmer, kinder weather. Despite the wet winter much has been happening at St Mary's and we have all enjoyed many times of fellowship together.

Our Autumn Bazaar was a great event with the usual gifts, cakes and preserves all being well received. It was also a good time for folk to get together for a coffee and a piece of cake and in doing so we raised £1,400 for the Church and our missions. Since the last newsletter we have also held our Harvest Festival and 'Back to Church Sunday' services which are times when we are pleased to welcome new faces to our congregation and we hope that everyone will find our services both a time of thanksgiving and fulfilment. This time last year I was writing to say that we had commissioned a new font for our church and I am very happy to say that this is now in place and looks quite at home in our church. A service of dedication was held by Dominic our vicar and it was lovely to have the family of Dave Rogers, the potter with us to share this occasion. The new font is yet to be 'Christened' with a baptism of its own but I am sure that by the time we have our next newsletter we will have tried it out!

Christmas time saw many of us from the village singing carols in the Church hall instead of outside the village stores due to the inclement weather. A good time was still enjoyed by all and thanks go to our lovely musicians and everyone who turned out in fine voice in spite of the weather; of course the evening was ended with very welcome refreshments including a warming mulled wine.



Our Christmas activities continued with the 'Posada' seeing the baby Jesus visiting many different families in Everton before returning safely to St Mary's for our Christmas Day Service. It was heart-warming to see the Church so full on this day and to see so many families join together for this special day and to see excitement all over the faces of the little ones. Following on from the service some of our volunteers led by Vera Peters went straight into action preparing a lovely Christmas Day lunch followed by entertainment for those who would otherwise be alone on this day, a true act of commitment which is greatly enjoyed and appreciated by those who come along.

At St Mary's we look not just into our own community but to all of God's world and just this month we have celebrated the Women's Day of Prayer; this year the service was written by the women of Egypt. A service was held on a Friday evening in which we learned of the lives of Christian women in Egypt through drama, readings and prayer. We were also very lucky to have younger elements of our congregation take part which was lovely to see and made the service even more special. The evening finished with everyone getting together to enjoy fellowship and to sample refreshments from Egypt. The Women's Day of Prayer takes place in the same month each year and next year will be led by the Women of the Bahamas, reminders will come nearer the time but everyone is welcome – even men!

Our After School Club for primary school age children meets each Tuesday in the Church Hall after school and recently held their annual Pancake Day party which was of course much enjoyed. As a new innovation we are now holding a 'Messy Church' on the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. We have now held two of these in January and February and they were very popular allowing families to share and learn their faith through craft and storytelling together with a time of worship and a simple meal. We are truly grateful for the work of Sheila Hopkins, our Parish Family Worker and to her enthusiastic band of helpers.

Having eaten all our pancakes we are now in the period of Lent which leads us to Easter and we have many services coming up to which we would invite you to come along. On **Sunday, 13 April** we have **Palm Sunday** when we will have a procession with Morris the donkey at about 10.45am from the Church and there will be activities and worship for families beforehand from 10.00am in the Church Hall. Then on **Good Friday, 18 April** there will be a procession at 10.00am from the Recreation Ground to St Mary's Church where there will be a Family service at 10.30am which will be followed by Hot Cross Buns in the hall. On **Easter Sunday, 20 April** there will be 10.00am Holy Communion in the Church with a Family Celebration in the Church Hall at the same time which will be followed by an Easter egg Hunt.

Looking forward to the Summer we hope that many will join us for a lovely summer's evening (hopefully) on **Sunday, 29 June** at 5.30pm for **Keyhaven 'Songs of Praise'** for which you are requested to bring your own chair. At the end of the summer we will be offering thanks and praise at our **Harvest Festival family service** which will take place on **Sunday, 28 September** at 10.00am. In the evening on the same day we will hold our Songs of Praise followed by a Harvest Supper at 5.30pm but posters nearer the time will confirm this.

At St Mary's we feel blessed to be among a congregation who enjoy sharing their fellowship together and we would love you to come and join us. We follow each ten o'clock Service with coffee in the Church Hall where you can spend time with others from the congregation and those living in Everton.

With all best wishes for a Happy Springtime and Summer,

Linda Bettle and Joyce Pope
Churchwardens of St Mary's Church, Everton

Getting Messy in Everton

There are some people who always look neat and elegant whatever they wear. I have a very good friend who would manage to look sophisticated even if she was wearing a bin liner (not that you'd ever see her dressed in one). I am not one of those people. I seem to get covered in oil, mud, play dough, paint, glue, breakfast... without even trying. Perhaps that is why I feel so at home at Everton Toddlers and in Messy Church!

Everton Toddlers continues to provide a weekly place for babies, toddlers, mums and carers to get together and have fun. During the February Half term, we opened the doors to include children of all ages in a Family Drop-in where we had a toast café, games, toys and craft activities for all ages.

Did you know that the cinema had come to Everton? Using St Mary's new projector, we were able to host two family film afternoons during half term, complete with popcorn.

Messy Church has become popular throughout the New Forest area and has spread nationwide. Through engaging with craft activities, families have the opportunity to explore the Bible in creative ways. Following a chill time with refreshments and games, the crafts are introduced and for about 50 minutes everyone gets making and talking. Activities link to the Bible story or theme which is explained further in a short service in

the church, while the catering team get the hall ready for a shared meal. We started Messy Church in Everton in January and have been delighted to have so many families coming to join us! For practical reasons, we have decided that numbers need to be limited to 50 places, so booking is advisable. You can book places for your family by emailing or sending a text to our Parish Family Worker. Contact Sheila on 07969476148 or sheila.familywork@btinternet.com. The dates for Messy Church are Tuesday 25th March, Tuesday 29th April, Tuesday 20th May, Tuesday 24th June and Tuesday 22nd July. It starts at 3.30pm at St Mary's Church Hall.

Families are always welcome at St Mary's Church, especially at Second Sunday Special, on the second Sunday of each month (surprisingly!) at 10am in St Mary's Hall and at the Family Service on the fourth Sunday. On Palm Sunday, there will be a special visit from Morris the donkey. Come along to meet him. I think he likes carrots.

I continue to cycle through Everton on a regular basis, modelling my high visibility jacket. So if you see me whizzing by (no, actually, I cycle quite slowly!), please wave or say 'hello'.

Blessings, Sheila Hopkins, Parish Family Worker

St Mary's Church Clubs

A NEW VENTURE!! This August St Mary's are joining with other Churches and having a "Holiday at home". There will be two days at the end of August when people, who can no longer go away for a holiday, are invited to the Church hall for a "holiday at home" Each holiday day will begin around 10.0am and conclude at 4.00 p.m.

At the time of writing this venture is still very much in the planning stage but bookings will be taken from around mid- June and a poster will be put on the Post Office with further details.

If you do want to know more please ring Gillian on 644739

St. Mary's Junior Table Tennis Club.

The Juniors have had an excellent season and will finish at the end of May and begin again in September. We are very grateful to the members of the Senior Club who have helped Gillian while we had no Youth Minister.

After School Club

The Club has grown in numbers recently, which has been encouraging, and we had an excellent Pancake Party on Pancake Day. Next term we will be looking forward to our Forest Picnic. (weather permitting!!)

Friendship Lunch

Cilla and her team continue to cook wonderful meals for 60 people every third Tuesday. If you live alone and would like to be part of the Friendship lunches do contact Gillian 644739. We can help with transport and most months some people are unable to attend so we have spare places.

The short service before the lunch is well attended and is especially helpful for those who find 10 a.m. on a Sunday morning too early for them to join in worship with others.

Friendship Coffee

Tuesday morning is a time to meet others over a cup of coffee/tea. The Church hall is open from 10 a.m. till 11.30 a.m. and everyone is welcome. There are books and puzzles available to borrow /buy.

If you have never called in, and you are passing one Tuesday, do come in and say hello and maybe meet up with a friend (or make a new one !)

On third Tuesday it is lunch so there is no Friendship coffee but if you call in someone will be there.

Gillian



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THE YACHTING ADVENTURES OF TWO EVERTON SAILORS.



Moved to Everton a couple of years ago...love being here and finding our feet in this so friendly a community. As there isn't a yachting article in the magazine at present Cheryl asked me to contribute, so this will be a kind of blog about how two novice sailors get on...adventures, low and high spots. I thought I would begin with one of our worst adventures to date!!

To fulfil the retirement dream we bought a lovely boat the 'Kingfisher' (a wooden 29' yacht from Rossiters Yard, built 1970's), and we began to sail her. We had after all passed the Day Skipper RYA examination. Ho Ho! (and a bottle of rum etc)... Full of confidence.

One new engine and one new sail later and so rather the poorer, and understanding why all our sailing friends talked about being so hard up - we went on what seemed to be a wonderfully, peaceful cruise to Weymouth. We spent one night at Lulworth Cove and then a sail (though slightly choppy waters), and then two nights at Weymouth, basking in the company of fellow sailors, who admired our rather especially pretty, little, green yacht. Then returning we spent the night at Lulworth Cove again. How lovely it is this Sailing Lark! How experienced we feel...Ho ho...etc. And then the adventure began.

A night of getting up and relaying the anchor multiple times, left us at dawn in Lulworth Cove - tired out and in pajamas. Finding ourselves grinding against the beach, we headed out of the Cove and into an unexpected and sudden wind, and choppy sea. Life jackets on and all helms to the deck!

Situation gets decidedly worse, waves coming over, boat jumping up and down, wind over tide?? Bit scarier now. Seemed

enormous these waves, all of a sudden and it's cold (after all we're still in pajamas). And those waves crash over the side of the boat, and we are up in the air, and I wondered, as I stood at the tiller, if the boat would survive the smack back into the water, as well as the waves coming in after. Then the really big smack came. And with it the knowledge that we were no longer moving through this madness: that maelstrom of currents, waves and wind. And Brian shouted out that we had lost the anchor over-board. Shiver me timbers indeed!

Locked-anchored in fact-into the turbulent waters off Anvil Point. I made Brian put the harness on -two asthma attacks, an eternity of worry, and me trembling with fear and so afraid as we were reversing the engine and then going forwards again as he heaved and pulled: me worrying about the waves rolling us over, and the anchor trapped under the hull, banging and crashing.

Eventually Brian did get the anchor back up - and we looked at each other as we were suddenly released into calmer water and me so frightened and still shaking. We decided to go straight back to home port. It felt like we had saved each other's lives. Talk about bonding. Lovely it was, later that morning, to be back in our little bungalow in dear, darling, peaceful Everton. Home Port. (More adventures to follow!)

Elizabeth Kempe

BOULES

The boules pitch has suffered badly due to the weather. It has been constantly flooded, most of the surrounding fencing has blown down. Play will not be possible until the fences are repaired (quotations for the works are being sourced) and a lot of work has been carried out to the playing area. Offers of assistance with work to the pitch would be appreciated. Volunteers please ring me on 01590 644901. Alan Paice.

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A Word from Dingle Dell

The rain and wind have been foremost in our minds for some time now, as the jet stream moves Atlantic storms towards us, one after the other. Hopefully by May the jet stream may have changed its route and allowed summer in. It occurs to me that a good way to escape the storms might be to make some Mead.



Mead was made in past times by cottagers who kept their own bees. But they were not the first. The bee has been here for 130 million years, whereas homo sapiens has only been here for a mere 15 million. The Egyptians are thought to be the first ones to keep bees in clay pots, which they used as hives. They also found that fermented honey was very nice to drink, this drink is in fact what we know today as mead. By 1300 BC honey was used widely in trade and 110 pots were worth one ox. However there is no reference as to the size of the pot. Such was the popularity of bees in Egypt that earlier, in 5500BC, Lower Egypt was called Beeland and Upper Egypt was called Reed Land. The Egyptians used honey for 50% of medical remedies and the honey found stored in the Pyramids, was, it is claimed, still edible.

The trouble in the early days was that the bee hive had to be destroyed in order to extract the honey and it was not until the mid 1800's that a 'moveable frame' hive was developed. Today's hives are still modelled very much on the same lines.

The bee colony is made up of the queen, the workers and the drones. The queen lays the eggs and is cared for by the workers, who also produce the honey, which is of course food for the colony. The drones are produced in spring and summer and their sole purpose is to mate with the queen. However, come the winter, they are ejected and die. Thus the colony is a matriarchy which works very well, as long as it is not affected by insecticide or the dreaded Varroa mite, which has decimated colonies recently.

To return to Mead; in today's world, people often shy away from it because they think it will be too sweet. However this need not be the case. Add 1.8 kg of honey to 4.55 litres of water, (4 pounds to 1 gallon in old money,) bring this to the boil and when it cools down, stir in the juice of a lemon and an orange, then add a teaspoon each of yeast, yeast nutrient and pectin enzyme. The next step is to funnel the liquid into a demijohn and fit an airlock. Then you must wait until the liquid stops bubbling. This will mean that all of the sugar has been converted to alcohol. This prevents the Mead from becoming too sweet, it can then be bottled and left for at least a year, the longer the better.

If you have made sloe gin, over the winter of last year, you will now be enjoying the fruits of your labour. Sloe gin does not have to stand as long as Mead and only needs turning each day for the first month, whilst being stored in a cool dark place. The turning is to dissolve the sugar, once that has been done the gin can be strained into a clean, screw topped bottle; if you have access to Damsons then the resultant gin is not as dry as that of the sloe. Happy drinking!

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Grapevine

Don't mention the weather! OK.

But we must mention the sight of

all the
daffodils popping up around the vil-
lage.



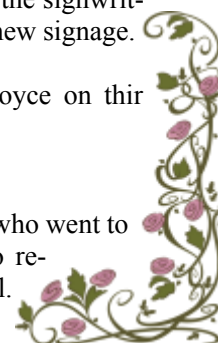
They are a fitting tribute to the late Ron Hurry who organised the planting at least 15 years ago.

The Crossways Green area looks so nice too, after all the hard work put in by Vera Peters and her helpers.

It all brightens a walk around the village, as does the sight of our local pub, the Crown. It looks very fine with the signwriting on the front, the fresh new paint and the new signage.

Many congratulations to Ralph and Rose Joyce on their recent Diamond Wedding Anniversary. We wish them all the best.

And finally congratulations to Robert Bailey who went to Marlborough House in London in March to receive his Duke of Edinburgh Gold medal. Well done Robert! Happy Easter!



Grapevine

A few of my
Puppies!!!
Ed



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EVERTON RAMBLING CLUB



The club continues to flourish in its 29th season with over 80 paid up members. A programme of 26 walks is planned for our coming year – which runs from May 2014 to the end of April 2015.

As an innovation this season we have 2 Evening walks planned starting at 6:30 PM- both from nearby Inns – so thirsts arising from the walk can be slated!

Our walks are – generally – on the 2nd Tuesday and 4th Thursday each month starting at 10:30 AM. The distances vary from about 4 to 6 miles and at our pace take 2 to 2 ½ hours – so they are not boot camp endurance tests!

A typical ramble was our 28th November walk which started (& finished!) at The Dukes Head north of Romsey (on the road flooded, as I now write, by the Test). Shortly after the start we were entertained as we crossed over a railway bridge by a Steam Train which

went beneath us. Then we joined the Test Way south into Romsey where we paused for a coffee in one of the many cafés available then followed the Andover Canal, north (on which navigation ceased in 1859 due to the railway the Sprat & Winkle Line!) back to the pub for a well earned meal and drink after the 5½ miles. Much of that route today is well under water!

We welcome new members – even if your partner doesn't walk, come along as a good proportion of our regulars are single ramblers. Stiles and gates tend to mix people up so there is a variety of chatting going on.

Most of our walks are in the New Forest – but we do venture further afield. In the coming programme, 3 excursions into Dorset and a trip to the Isle of Wight are to be rambled.

It is often a delightful surprise to be on a walk in an area that you believe you know well but the day's leader has found a fresh route and from their research relates interesting new facts. Summer walks often include a picnic and we frequently ensure that a pub lunch is also possible.

We also have a strong social “scene” – this year to include a Club Lunch; a Skittles Evening and an American Supper. Our AGM is on 14th April at St Mary's Church hall – which is another social occasion - and potential new members are welcome – coffee & biscuits are served. At the AGM we collect our £8 annual subs. and distribute the forthcoming programme.

We have new Officers :- Bill Foster Chair 01425 610997; Mervyn Hughes Secretary 01590 642509 and Steve Knighton 01590 645952. They are more than happy to chat to prospective walkers!

Bill Foster

Milford on Sea Bowls Club

Your local Bowls Club



Despite the huge storms of earlier this year, the Club situated right on the Milford sea front just 50 yards along from the Needles Eye Cafe managed to survive the battering, sustaining little damage other than to fencing panels. After a very successful season last year the Club is now preparing for their new season which starts late April. The green, one of the best in Hampshire and Dorset, is already looking in great shape and, would you believe it after all the rain, they have just commissioned a newly installed irrigation system which should keep it in even better condition. Costing the Club £10,000 the new system is very sophisticated and fully automated, replacing the previous 35 year old outdated system. Lots of other improvements have been made to the Club over the Winter period and members, as every other year, can't wait to start playing again both casually and in the competitive leagues and competitions. As in previous years the Club is holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 30th April from 10.30am for 'new to the sport' men and women to learn something about the game and the Club. Experienced players are also invited to contact and visit the Club to enquire about membership. Many of the Club's members come from the Everton and Hordle area as well as Milford on Sea. 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.

2014 SOLENT SAILING REGATTAS

Now we have some warmer days, make the most of our nearby beaches, Piers and Castles, to view beautiful yachts and fleets racing around the West Solent...

We have the regular Lymington car ferries to Yarmouth and we also have our nearby Keyhaven to Yarmouth* ferry trip on the 'Solent Rose', (Licenced for 94 passengers).

Running from May to 13th September, Hurst Castle Ferries to YARMOUTH, run on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday *

(www.hurstcastle.co.uk to Yarmouth = / cruises .)

Dept: 10:30 am Keyhaven (40mins approx. crossing time) to Yarmouth.

Note; a 2nd ferry Dept : 1 pm Keyhaven for Yarmouth :

Return: 1:45 pm Yarmouth to Keyhaven

Note: the Final Return: 4 pm from Yarmouth to Keyhaven.

Ferry runs subject to weather and tides etc; Tel; 01590 642344 Hurst Ferries.

Take Buses from Yarmouth, west to Fort Victoria, Colwell Bay, Totland Bay and Alum Bay. All have fine views of the West Solent or Christchurch Bay & Hurst Castle, with Footpaths linking each beach.

To view the Cowes races from Cowes Green or the long Promenade, westwards to Egypt Point, take bus from Yarmouth via Newport to West Cowes and take roads north from Baring Road to the Solent.

To view Cowes Week and many Cowes Regattas, drive east from Lymington, via Beaulieu and east to Exbury and on to Lepe sea-front. Best views from the Lepe Country Park, above beach with Car Parking, and fine vistas with benches from cliff-top. take also; Binoculars, Radio for Cowes Radio info; Folding chairs, Raincoat and warm clothing, as sea-breeze arrives after lunch time.

Cowes Week races start from off west Cowes and visible from Lepe Cliffs from 10am onwards...races usually pass the Lepe shoreline during their sail west towards Lymington and often on their return from Yarmouth and Lymington marks. Tides and wind direction, depend on their course when they return to

Cowes. Racing finishes between 3pm and 5pm off Cowes. Guns are fired for the first 3 yachts in class, when they cross the finish line of the Royal Yacht Squadron, a Castle at the west entrance of the Medina River at West Cowes. A day visiting Cowes Week includes Museums, music, bars, shops and entertainment, with the excitement of the RYS cannon being fired from their impressive battlements! A taxi home from Cowes to Yarmouth, for 4 persons, can be a more sensible way to save an hour!

A summary of events and best places to view yachts in each Regatta...

12th to 19th July Panerai British Classics Week View off West Cowes A beautiful fleet of fine elegant yachts of all sizes and designs...

19th & 20th July Lymington Dinghy Regatta Sea-wall off Lymington & Pennington marshes Dinghy fleets of all sizes & designs...

Mon. 21st to Fri. 25th July Charles Stanley Cowes Classics Week View off West Cowes More beautiful yachts of varying sizes and designs...

25th to Mon. 28th July Taittinger Regatta R. Solent Y C. Yarmouth View from Pier and the Green Racing yachts of varying sizes and designs...

2nd to 9th August Aberdeen Asset Management 'Cowes Week' View from West Cowes & The Green, also Lepe Country Park, at times from Yarmouth Pier and Hurst Castle...

Sun. 31st August Cowes – Torquay – Cowes Powerboat Race Vantage points along the Island and West Solent coasts, Hurst Castle and Christchurch Bay...

13th & 14th Sept. Lymington Classics Regatta R Lym. Y C Sea-wall off Lymington & Pennington marshes

More details can be found on the Web via Google and from the above individual Regatta and Yacht Clubs... ref; Start times, likely courses and entry lists of Yachts and sail Nos. & their owners...

Richard Bagnall

Everton Bridge Club

Everton Bridge Club has started 2014 in a strong and enthusiastic manner with almost 50 full playing members drawn from throughout the local area. We gather on Tuesday Evenings and have up to 9 tables playing duplicate bridge in a friendly, competitive environment.

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.

As a Club, we feel it is important to make a contribution to help others and we actively support local and national charities. This year our annual Charity Event in March will be in aid of '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. In November 2013 we took part in the 'Children in Need' Simultaneous Pairs Competition when we managed to contribute £120 to the appeal.

On the social front, the AGM & Christmas Party in December was great fun with good food, good company and good humour. All of which contributed to the less than flattering standard of the light hearted bridge played at the end of the evening!

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.

Old Codgers' Corner

(a column for those of a certain maturity)

Some one-liners!

Here's a little exercise to find out who is your true role model:

Just do the simple maths below.

- 1) Pick your favourite number between 1 and 8
- 2) Multiply your choice by 3
- 3) Add 3
- 4) Multiply again by 3
- 5) You'll get a 2 digit number.....maybe 42, for example
- 6) Add the digits together. Example 4 and 2 = 6

Now with that number, see who your **ROLE MODEL** is from the list below:

1. Albert Einstein.
2. Leonardo Da Vinci
3. Mother Theresa
4. Cliff Richard
5. Mrs Thatcher
6. Gandhi
7. Caitlin Moran
8. David Beckham
9. Everton Newsletter Ed
- 10 Winston Churchill
- 11.W.G.Grace
- 12.Dalai Lama

The Grim Reaper came for me last night, but I beat him off with a vacuum cleaner. Talk about Dyson with death.

I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave. As I was standing there I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about with a coffin. 3 hours later and they're still walking about with it. I thought to myself, 'they've lost the plot!!'

My daughter asked me for a pet spider for her birthday, so I went to our local pet shop and they were 150 quid!!! Blow this, I thought, I can get one cheaper off the web.

I start a new job in Seoul next week. I thought it was a good Korea move.

I was driving this morning when I saw a parked RACQ van. The driver was sobbing uncontrollably and looked very miserable. I thought to myself, that guy's heading for a breakdown.

Statistically, 6 out of 7 dwarfs are not Happy.

My neighbour knocked on my door at 2:30am this morning, can you believe that, 2:30am?! Luckily for him I was still up playing my Bagpipes.

17th Century nun's prayer.

LORD

Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing old and will someday be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody: helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all, but thou knowest Lord that I want a few friends at the end.

Keep my mind free from the recital of endless details; give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehearsing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by. I dare not ask for grace enough to enjoy the tales of others' pains, but help me to endure them with patience.

I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cocksureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

Keep me reasonably sweet; I do not want to be a saint – some of them are hard to live with – but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. And give me, O Lord, the grace to tell them so.

Amen

A Brand New Lymington Carnival

This year will bear witness to a total transformation to the annual Lymington and Pennington Carnival. Under the guidance and administration of the Lymington and Brockenhurst branch of the internationally renowned Lions Club a whole host of new changes are to be implemented with a view to reviving what was a once thriving community event.

One Lymington resident, whilst watching last year with her two young sons, has decided to try to reverse the fortunes of this once magnificent community event. Mish Frampton, a mother of two, believes that Lymington can come together and present something so much better. So deciding not just to complain but to be proactive Mish soon joined the Lions Club of Lymington & Brockenhurst and together with her team of volunteers she has already pulled together what promises to be a superb event for the whole family to enjoy.

The Lymington and Pennington Community Carnival will take place late morning on **Sunday July 20th**. This year will see a new style parade with a revised route to encourage lots more walking entries. A new Carnival Fete held at Lymington Sports Ground which will be showcasing local businesses and their produce, a beer tent, central arena, food, music, and lots more entertainment on offer.

This year has seen an enormous amount of support from local businesses keen to support the event. One such company ‘Colton Care’ are this year’s Headline Sponsor, Mish said: “We are really excited about our new partnership with Colten Care. The company’s commit-

ment to the care of residents is well-known and gaining a headline sponsor that is synonymous with Lymington is a huge boost to energising the whole event.”

Ian Duncan from The Lions Club said ‘The theme this year is **‘Fiction & Fantasy,’** which will undoubtedly give endless possibilities for entrants to show off their imagination and flare. Those taking part as individuals will no doubt take pride in their costumes, which they have put much time & effort into making. For the groups it will be a great team building opportunity. Whether you are an individual, family or group, the experience will be unique, memorable, enjoyable and fun. New competition categories have been introduced and from the interest already shown on social media, we are expecting far more children, sports teams, voluntary clubs and commercial organisations to take part in this year’s parade.

It is very exciting times for the Carnival and will attract a large welcome influx of visitors to the Town. Further information is available on www.lymingtoncarnival.co.uk Twitter & Facebook. “



LYMINGTON CHORAL SOCIETY

Spring Fair: 9am – 12pm Saturday, 29 March, 2014, St. Thomas’ Church Hall, Lymington.

Spring Concert: 7.30pm Saturday, 10 May 2014, St. Thomas’ Church, Lymington.

With Le Choeur des Portes de Bretagne, works include Purcell’s Dido and Aeneas.

This is a return visit following Lymington Choral Society’s visit to Vitre, Lymington’s twin town in France, in April 2013. LCS is to host 55 choir members and their families. For details of the programme and for other information please see the Society’s website: <http://www.lymingtonchoral.org.uk/>

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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.p.m.....	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.....	Barbara Runham 641037 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.....	Bill Foster 01425 610997
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
Anahata Yoga class	Pavilion 6.00 - 9.00 pm Thursdays.....	Avril Thomas 67569
Everton craft ladies	Pavilion 1.00 - 4.30pm	Brenda Kingston 01425 616293
Art Group	Pavilion 2.00 - 5.00pm Thursdays - ..	Diana Collard 643550

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THE PAVILION

Organised by Jackie May

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.

Avril Thomas runs Anahata yoga sessions on Thursday evenings 6.15-7.45 p.m .Anyone interested in joining one of her classes can contact her on 07773506068

Art Group

Diana Collard runs the Art Group on Thursday afternoons, they are a group of friendly people who meet to socialize and help each other with different aspects related to drawing and painting. This is not a teaching class but hopefully offers help from other members of the group.

Anyone interested in joining the group should contact Diana on 01590 643550

The Hall is available for hire, for meetings, parties and other social activities. Please contact Alan on :-
01590 644901

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.