

EVERTON NEWS

Everton Community Newsletter Spring 2015

EVERTON VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

It seems that there's only one way to follow on from last year's highly successful Festival (or so they told me)...and that's to let it grow. And believe me that is just what has happened.

The Committee set out this year with an objective to host a second Arts Festival which would incorporate all aspects of the Arts and showcase talents in and around Everton, extending and building on last year...and that's what we've done.

Sponsorship from local businesses has enabled us to expand and develop our ideas and this year the **Festival starts with a taster on June 6th when Empty Frets will be strumming their stuff at Everton Nurseries.** There will be a display of Paintings by Everton Artists in Camellias from this time onwards. This is followed in the Festival run up week by a Walk to view a Sculpture Trail, a Writing workshop, and a Tea dance. Friday the 26th starts the weekend with a variety of music, art and photography exhibitions planned at different venues around the Village. Our two main focal points on Saturday are the Recreation Ground(Festival Field) and Farmer's Walk where we will be having an Arts Trail. The Arts Trail runs from Friday until Sunday. Saturday and Sunday, we're planning a wealth of musical entertainment on the Festival Field and at St Mary's Church Hall.

We will be delivering a full Programme of events to each household in Everton closer to the time, but for now there are more details inside...please see page 12 and 13 for further information, or view the Festival Page on the website.....>>>>>



**JUNE 24TH - 28TH
2015**

THE RAFFLE

We have some really great prizes in this year's Raffle. SEE PAGE 13 You will be able to buy tickets from all our sponsors, (details in the Festival Brochure out in May) and also from outside the Post Office during June.

Website
everton-lymington.co.uk

SPEEDWATCH UPDATE

The best of news is that the Community Speedwatch for Hordle, Everton and Tiptoe is now up and will soon be running. A group of people from all Villages have come forward and are now waiting for training before taking to the roads.

The SID(Speed Indicator Device) was demonstrated at the Parish assembly in Hordle on March 24th. Stephen Hayles, leader of the Group explained that the aim of the scheme is to educate the public about speed, both real and perceived, on our roads. Volunteers will travel around the area with the SID and set up for an hour or so. Should SID flash up an offender travelling above the speed limit, the volunteers will record the vehicle details which will then be forwarded to the Police. The Police will check the registration details and the owner of the vehicle will be sent a letter advising them that they had been travelling too fast. They will also be entered onto the Police Intelligence File. Three of these letters will occasion a visit from the Police.

There are no warnings given as to where and when SID will appear. But we shall see them soon!

Stephen is still hoping that more Volunteers will come forward. He stresses that this is not a great time commitment, perhaps a couple of hours every fortnight can be expected. If anyone would like to be involved then please contact the Parish Clerk telephone:

This scheme is already operational in various parts of the County and indeed in New Milton where statistics have shown that it is being very effective. Let's hope this proves to be the case in Everton, however this will clearly take some time but in the meantime let's be thankful to those people who have stepped forward and are trying to make a difference!



Everton Village Website



Dear Members

Now Spring is on the way we can think about our Art Weekend at the end of June. I do hope you all will support Cheryl and Steve and the sub-committee who have worked so hard on this event which I am sure will be a great success. It all

sounds very exciting.

I would also like to thank Neil Thomas and Pauline Breeze for joining the Committee.

On the subject of the bus cuts I have met Desmond Swayne and the Mayor of Lymington on this subject and received a long letter from Sean Woodward of HCC whom I had written to on this. I feel very strongly about the demise of the Sunday Service and the wonderful Saturday service of the 119. I also attended the open meetings which were very interesting, particularly as they only catered for 20 people and over 100 attended on both days. I did have my say. I wanted to know why the 119 on Saturday had been cancelled when it was the busiest day. I thought perhaps taking it off on a Monday would be a better idea but of course it is all down to finance. Apparently we should hear more at the end of May. Lets hope we get our 119 back and some Sunday services as the tourist season will soon be upon us.

Enjoy the summer and see you at some Art Weekend events.

Barbara Runham

The Village website has been professionally updated by Tinstar Design of Lymington, who generously donated both their time and expertise. The website still carries many of the features of the original website but has a wider, more relevant content and includes interactive features. A new section concentrates on historical pictures of Everton. Details of forthcoming events including this year's Arts Festival will be regularly updated.

The site is still to be found at everton-lymington.co.uk Explore it and look at the new features. Additions, news or suggested changes will be welcomed and can be submitted using the Contact Us page.

everton-lymington.co.uk

PARISH ASSEMBLY The Village Design Statement

Five years ago a working party, made up of Councillors and Volunteers drawn from the general public, was formed in order to set out in the form of a Document, ideas as to how the future of our Villages should progress. This relates to planning and design. At the Parish assembly David Ironside told us that This Project has been completed and has now been endorsed by the New Forest District Council and New Forest Authority as a supplementary planning document.

John Fitzgerald of Everton, is the Editor of the document and was praised for his enthusiasm and immense contribution. He was given a Parish Award.

Copies of the Document are available on loan from the Parish Council or can be read online.

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Editor's Musings



Dear reader,
Once again,
Evertonians have
done themselves
proud by sending
in a huge amount
of articles and
photographs for
the Newsletter.
We are truly

letter, there's a Page devoted to the Festival Competitions.

This year the Competitions are for Poetry and Photography, so this is an opportunity for you all to get your pens and cameras out! I'm looking forward to being able to publish a selection in the next Newsletter!

It's going to be a great Festival, we've already had a lot of help from sponsors, all we need now is support from the Village as well! There are lots of really fab Raffle Prizes so do buy a ticket or two won't you...

Going back to the Newsletter Award, and thinking about how important keeping this level of Communication going is...it strikes me, that I've been doing this now for five years, and perhaps it's time to start thinking about looking for a deputy Editor, who in the not too distant future. would be ready and willing to take over as Editor.

If you would be interested then please give me a call and we can have a chat...
Telephone Cheryl 01590 644865

Have a good Summer.
Ed

grateful to you all!

Recently the Newsletter Editors of Everton, Tiptoe and Hordle were given a Parish Award for their work with the Newsletter in improving Communication within the three Villages.

The award of course goes to everyone concerned with the Production of the Newsletter, so I think that a **Thankyou to everyone who writes articles and submits photographs is called for.**

This time we have lots of Information about this year's Festival, our usual

Village news, both informative and humorous. We also have an article from our new Village Agent, page 15 and a really informative and helpful piece about Homeopathic medicine from Linda Craig. I'm hoping that this will become a regular feature. Also please note that at the end of the News-

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You will find a copy of the Household Emergency Action Plan delivered with you community newsletter. This has been produced by the Local Resilience Forum and the Parish Council have arranged to have one delivered to every household in the parish. This resource can be used by you to help to plan for an emergency and contains useful phone numbers and contacts as well as a space for you to add your own personal emergency information.

The Elections on the 7th May include the election of Parish Councillors. The role of a Parish Councillor includes decision making on matters of policy and local services, monitoring of how effectively plans are progressing and getting involved with local groups and residents. Parish Councillors need to be available to attend Parish Council meetings. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor and representing your community please either see our website www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk for further information or contact the Parish Office on 01425 611119 and we will be happy to discuss this further with you.

and...VOLUNTEERING CAN BE FUN!

During the recent Parish assembly several individuals were awarded for their contribution to the Communities in which they lived. Presenting the awards, David Ironside, Chairman of the Parish Council, stressed that everyone of these people had volunteered their time, because they enjoyed it, it was rewarding and is good fun as well!

However there is always a need for more Volunteers, this was made very clear as speakers from other groups in the villages gave short presentations. All appealed for help. One such group is the Youth Group in Hordle. They are seriously understaffed and really do need help to keep this valuable service for our youngsters running.

Details of the Youth Group can be obtained from David Ironside.

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We are a friendly group which organises 2 walks a month. 10:30 AM on the 2nd Tuesday and the 4th Thursday - usually - each month. Our rambles vary from 4 to 6 miles and whilst mostly start (and end!) in the New Forest, a few are sometimes further afield. A recent innovation includes a couple of evening walks.

We are at present planning our next seasons walks 2015/16. There are to be 26 walks on the programme and 3 social events. This will be our 30th year's programme - we formed in 1986.

The 2003/4 programme had a poem on its back cover penned by Brian Buckingham one of our long term leaders. It neatly sum us up. (See Right)

March Walks:

Tuesday 10th. Start Everton Recreation Ground (Greenmead Avenue)

Local Walk. Distance 5 miles

Thursday 26th Start Burley Car Park. Circular 5 mile walk.

If you would like to walk with us - we have members from all around the area - contact our Secretary Mervyn Hughes 01590 642509 mervhughes@me.com or Treasurer Steve Knighton 01590 645952 stevek923@hotmail.co.uk.

Bill Foster: Chair
Everton Ramblers

The Everton Ramblers

"Come walk with me" I hear you say,
"Into the forest, I'll lead the way."

At half past ten we start our walk,
Form up in pairs and talk and talk.

Under tall pine trees, over gorse plain,
Through muddy bogs and back again.

It's not too far, five miles or so,
So keep up friends, not far to go.

A picnic here or a pub lunch there,
With frequent stops to stand and stare.

We don't see much - we don't look far
And round the next bend we see the car.

So Goodbye friends - we enjoyed the 'crack'
Our thanks to the leader - we'll soon be back.

Brian Buckingham

Lymington Choral Society

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EVERTON & LYMORE SOCIAL CLUB

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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 a Tea-Dance on Friday 26th June and a group will be providing entertainment on Saturday 27th June (Empty Frets). As it is the Arts Festival the Club will be open to all comers. All relevant times will be displayed on the notice board and Arts Festival programme

The Club provides various functions for our Charity (Oakhaven Hospice), mainly Pumpkin Day in October, and we had a very successful Xmas Children's Party.

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:-

11th April	Cat & Mouse
24th April	Film Night
25th April	Catch 22
May	Entertainment T.B.A.
29th May	Film Night
13th June	Grand Canyon(Country & Western)
20th June	De-Ja Vu
26th June	Arts Festival Tea Dance.
27th June	Empty Frets

11th July	Retro
18th July	Hattrick
31st July	Film Night
15th Aug	Saxuality
29th Aug	Cat & Mouse
12th Sept	Coffee Owls

Other entertainment may be displayed in the Notice Boards.

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It only seems five minutes since the last newsletter when we were all contemplating dark nights and Christmas festivities and here we are now looking forward to lighter nights, warm days and of course the village festival.

Also it only seems five minutes ago that I was saying to everyone that we had decided that we were not going to sell the shop and that we were planning on being here for a few years yet. However I must tell everyone that sadly, due to a change in personal circumstances, the shop is once again up for sale.

I don't know how long things will take, we could be gone in a couple of months or we could still be here this time next year - who knows? But as time goes on these things have a habit of getting out and then the rumour mill starts churning and so I thought it better for you hear it first-hand straight from the horse's mouth so to speak!!!!

Just in case we are not here for the next newsletter I would just like to say how much we have enjoyed being here in Everton, apart from living in a nice area close to the forest and the sea Everton is full of nice people and right from the outset we were made to feel welcome and we always feel that our efforts with the shop are appreciated.

It has been a pleasure getting to know each and every one of you and being part of the fabric of the village, we will miss having a laugh and joke and the everyday hustle and bustle of life in the village shop but sometimes our lives have to take a different path and sadly this is one of those times.

Anyway as I have said I have no idea how long things will take but until then its 'business as usual'.

Sandra & Steven Burrows



Can you sell



RAFFLE TICKETS???

Would you like to help sell Raffle Tickets for the Grand Draw of the Arts Festival during June? Sandra is very kindly allowing us to do it outside the shop again.

If you'd like to be part of this(it is always good fun!) we'd love to hear from you so please get in touch with Mike Taylor

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EVERTON BRIDGE CLUB

Everton Bridge Club continued to thrive in 2014, and has started 2015 in a similar fashion. We have around 50 full playing members drawn from throughout the local area and while standards and abilities may vary, we are all cheerfully enthusiastic! 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 on March 17th 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 2014 we took part in the 'Children in Need' Simultaneous Pairs Competition when we managed to contribute £150 to the appeal.

On the social front, the AGM & Christmas Party in December was great fun as usual, with good food, good company and good humour. Looking forward, the advent of Spring and the lighter evenings mean that the Chairman's BBQ in June is not too far away!

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.

**DON'T MISS EMPTY FRETS
PERFORMING LIVE: JUNE 6TH
AT CAMELLIAS ,
EVERTON NURSERIES**

BOULE (petanque)⁸

By the time you read this I hope we will have opened up again for play, after the ravages of the winters weather. When there is some good weather we will have to spend a day or two cut back over growing shrubs and clear out the weeds which have appeared and then rake over the whole pitch (terrain).

I would like to see some fresh faces join the current players to make full use of this village asset, originally constructed by the Community Association about seventeen years ago.

It is a simple game to play and an enjoyable way to get some exercise.

It is suitable for all ages from young teens up to eighties.

We have all the equipment required, there is no charge to participate, no special clothing is required, any foot wear is OK, but for your own comfort it is not recommended to wear open toed shoes or sandals as the pitch is fine sandy gravel and it can get in between your toes.

SO COME ALONG AND JOIN US.

The pitch which is located ,on the recreation ground ,at the rear of the Pavilion, Frys Lane, is open for play on Monday afternoons from 14.00 until 16.00. Subject to weather conditions.

Please ring Alan on 644901 or Phil on 718529 to check if play is on, or if you want any other information.

Alan Paice.

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MILFORD ON SEA BOWLS CLUB

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We are just about to commence the new bowling season with the green opening for play about now. Our members are looking forward as always to getting out there on the green again to enjoy the great sport of bowls played against one of the best backdrops any club can have – the sea and the Needles. Can get windy but that's a challenge! Last season's intake of new members are already proficient bowlers and hopefully will join in on competitive play this year.

During the winter months work continued on the green to keep its surface in great condition - recognised throughout the area to be the best around. Our new computer controlled irrigation system installed last year worked brilliantly throughout the season keeping the green in beautiful condition – essential for good bowling. Plans were passed recently by the NFDC to allow us, in due course, to proceed with extending our clubhouse so as to provide our growing membership with even better facilities.

As in previous years the Club is holding an Open Morning on Wednesday 29th April from 10.30am – 12.00pm so that 'new to the sport' men and women can 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 peterkayeathome@gmail.com.

THE PAVILION

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pavilion users include:-

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Yoga Classes.

The Monday afternoon 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.

Monday evening classes are run by Dererca Sprake, see above for timings. Anyone interested in joining either class please contact her on 675695

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

MELVYN GATES... *The Marshes Revisited*



Melvyn is having an exhibition this year at Forest Arts, Sway. The exhibition starts on June 25th when you will be able to go along and view his work. The subject is '*The Marshes Revisited*'.

He's been busy this year, along with organising the Lymington Arts Festival, in looking back at his earlier work and reflecting on how his approach has altered over the years. Melvyn began painting the Marshes when he was a young man and he has often drawn on them for inspiration.

You will be able to listen to him talking about his preparations at his studio home on Farmer's Walk during the Arts Festival in June.

I suspect that many people think of the WI as being old fashioned and maybe a shrinking organisation. Far from it ! Currently there are around 212,000 members in approx. 6600 WIs. New WIs continue to be formed and these are often with young and vibrant members who bring a new energy to the movement. A look at some of the newer ones will maybe give you an idea of their fresh approach to both names and activities.



Vino & Stitch WI(West Yorks) ... Stitch is for craft interest and vino represents the social aspect.

The Tilly Widgets WI (Hants) ... near Farnborough and their name is inspired by Beatrice (Tilly) Shilling who invented a widget to prevent fuel flooding in WW2 fighter planes.

All or Muffin WI (Gloucs) ... they focus on being actively involved ! .. they had a night about ballet when all members were asked to wear a tutu !

WOW WI .. (Warwicks) ... This was formed by women at Warwick University.... for July their programme promises “Mathematical Knitting” ?!

Bodmin Goalbirds WI .. (Cornwall) .. “We wanted to be different & we take no prisoners “ and they offer “lots of fun and giggles ... not to mention cake !”

Morning Tide WI.. (Hants) .. This WI meets in the morning and is close to the Solent.... hence the name. They have a ukulele group.

Darling Roses WI (W.Yorks) ... had a knicker making workshop

Hot Peppers WI (Worcs..) ..held a life drawing class

Palace & Penge WI (W.Kent) ..Learned a cheer leading routine.

Disparate Housewives WI (Hants) .. had a guided tour of IKEA and learned about the firm’s attitude to sustainability and education,

Hackney Wicked Women WI formed in 2013... their stated mission is to make things, learn things, eat, drink and chat !

Here in Everton & Lymore WI I am sure that we would agree with the Wicked Women’s mission and maybe we could get some new ideas from the others !

Why not come and join us ? Although you have just missed the talk on “the sex lives of kings”, the programme for the coming year promises to be both varied and interesting and you will be most welcome.

EVERTON & LYMORE W. I. MEETINGS FOR SPRING 2014

15TH APRIL; “THE DONKEY SANCTUARY” MARK KERR

20TH MAY; A.G.M.

17TH JUNE; OUTING

THE NEW LIST OF EVENTS WILL START IN SEPTEMBER.

MEETINGS HELD EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY AT 2.30PM AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH HALL, BRANWOOD CLOSE, EVERTON. SO410LU.

CRAFT TAKES PLACE 4TH WEDNESDAYS 2.30PM AT ST.MARY'S CHURCH HALL.

Table Tennis Club

Our season is drawing to a close as our last meeting will be on Friday 31 May.

However, if you are reading this and would like to have a game of Table Tennis on a Friday evening before 31 May do come to the Church hall between 7.30 pm and 9.30pm.

All you need are soft shoes and £2 for each Friday evening you attend.

Our new season will begin on Friday 4 September.

Gillian Peard

EVERTON LADIES EVENING GROUP - LEGS

Recently we have heard about what goes on behind the scenes at The Lyndhurst Visitor Centre, what goes into our food (you wouldn't believe it!) and enjoyed a Christmas party, frenetic Beetle Drive and a Fish and Chips Supper. Not bad for a Monday night! Also, we had the pleasure of presenting a cheque to HOPE New Forest at our AGM in October. This year we are supporting First Opportunities, a pre-School in Ashley for children with special needs. A small raffle is held at each meeting and the proceeds go towards the Group's chosen charity for the year.

Our varied programme continues with Ken Aitken challenging us to participate in a light-hearted LEGS Olympics on the **13th April**.

There will be an opportunity to hear Jackie Preis from The Christina Noble Foundation give a talk entitled "Return to Mongolia" on **11th May** about their incredible work with street children in SE Asia.

Jane Rowlatt from The Alzheimers Society will be coming on **1st June** to tell us about "Creating Dementia Friends" and we have arranged an outing to The Lavender Fields in Alton on Tuesday **30th June** for a tour of the fields and distillery, followed by a Cream Tea.

Last year we introduced LEGS Ladies Who Lunch. Every two months we arrange a visit to a local restaurant and enjoy a 2 or 3 course low-budget meal together. So far we have been to The Crown in Everton (in fact it was so good we've been twice!), La Pergola in Lyndhurst, Bistro 26 in Brocken-

hurst, and Britannia Thai in Milford. This has proved to be a very successful venture and if eating good food in good company is to your taste, then another good reason to come and join us.

Meetings are open to any lady in the village or nearby, and are held at St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm on the first Monday of the month (unless that is a Bank Holiday). Entry is £2 to include a cup of tea and biscuits. Attendance averages 30 to 40 each month, so you will be sure to recognise someone from just down the road if you come along. For all meetings simply turn up, except for the Outing which needs to be booked in advance to secure a seat on the coach and tea.

If you haven't joined us yet, we look forward to meeting you.

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EVERTON VILLAGE ARTS FESTIVAL

**Wednesday June 24th to
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More details about all of the events, timings, and performers can be found in the festival programme which will be available shortly and will be delivered to every household in Everton. Programmes will also be available from outside the Post Office and at various venues in the locality... but in the meantime to give you some idea...

You can look forward, on Wednesday the 24th June, to a Ramble across to Gordleton Mill to take in the Sculpture Trail, this is followed on Thursday the 25th, by an evening talk/workshop aimed at helping you to polish up your memoirs/stories for the grandchildren with Wordshaker, from Milford. On the 26th you can waltz the afternoon away at a Tea Dance. Both of these events will be held at the Everton & Lymore Social Club where entry is available to everyone and will be free!

Throughout the weekend from Friday the 26th to Sunday the 28th you can enjoy photography exhibitions and scheduled talks by artists and photographers. So if you fancy listening to some experiences drawn from *Walking the Himlayas with a Sketch Book...Photographing Badgers in the New Forest* and *Preparing for a major Retrospective*, then Melvyn's studio is the place to be. All of this will be taking place in the Open Studios on Farmer's Walk and in Camellia's Restaurant, Everton Nurseries.

Note: Art and photography will be on sale throughout, cash /cheques only.

Once again music features prominently in the festival. We want to provide as wide a range of genres as possible so that there is something to suit most people's tastes.

We're starting on Friday the 26th when we've lined up a folk music evening in the Crown garden.

Saturday 27th we've planned a full day of music on the Recreation Ground(Festival Field) with the Youth brass and Southampton Brass quintet starting things off in the morning. They'll be followed by a Blues duo, a couple of '60's/'70's covers bands and a Blues band all of whom will rock us through to around 5pm. There will be some dancing interspersed with the band sets whilst all around the Field there will be various attractions such as a beer tent, wine bar, hog roast, wraps and numerous artistically-themed stalls and activities, such as pottery, woodcarving, wood turning and textile demonstrations. And, being at the height of English summer-time, we've arranged for plenty of marquees and gazebos to keep the rain off! There will be cakes and tea too! ...and ice cream....

In the evening the action moves to the Social Club with Empty Frets performing all manner of music from Buddy Holly to Paloma Faith. That starts at 7.30pm. Entry to the Social Club during the evening is available to everyone and once again is free.

On Sunday 28th St Mary's Church hosts a Songs of Praise and then we return to the Crown garden for a lunchtime jazz session before crossing the road to St Mary's church hall at 3pm for some light music played on electronic keyboard. Afternoon tea and cakes will follow and then, at 4pm we have the Crescendi Choir with their wide repertoire of music from classical and popular numbers to songs from the great musicals.

Finally our programme of music ends with an evening of light classical music, played by a trio of violin, cello and piano. This year the trio of musicians will be accompanied by a vocalist, bringing to Everton, as they did last year, their own brand of superb musicianship. This will be followed by the Grand Draw and a light Supper.

Note: Although entry to everything is free, entrance to indoor events will be by ticket only. Available in June from Cheryl Fillmore 01590 644865

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FRIENDS OF THE FESTIVAL

This year we have been able to develop the Festival thanks to the help of our Sponsors and the revenue that has come through their advertising. We would like to say a huge thankyou to all of them ..Because of this, Everton is going to have a really great Festival this year! This is largely down to the efforts of Stewart Atkins...so thanks Stewart!

However, if you enjoyed our inaugural Festival last year and would like to help us to continue to host a Festival in further years, there are a variety of other ways you can get involved.

Firstly, for the sum of £20 you can become a 'Friend of the Festival' this is an effective way to support the Festival, and we will (with your permission) name you as a Friend and Sponsor on our web site. You will also be able to book tickets the week before main ticket bookings open, (details in the Brochure.)

Secondly: You can volunteer your help on the day. We will be setting up the Festival Field from an early hour, so if you could give us just a couple of hours of your time at each end of the day it would be much appreciated.

Thirdly: At all our events we will be setting out tables and chairs and generally getting ready. So again, your help for an hour or so at each end will be very welcome.

There are lots of other ways you can help too such as selling Raffle Tickets, delivering programmes, marshalling on the day, helping to hang bunting...the list is endless!

The Committee is not huge and to take on this task is daunting so make no mistake we do need your help. Please get in touch with Cheryl telephone 01590 644865 or Jane 01590 644256, or alternatively, chat to any of the Committee members detailed below.

NOTE: FREE BACON BUTTIES AND TEA/COFFEE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL VOLUNTEERS WHO HELP TO SET UP THE FIELD ON SATURDAY THE 27TH!!!

Now who'd turn that one down!!

If you'd like more details then please speak to a Committee Member...

Cheryl Fillmore	Vera Peters
Steve Adams	Barbara Runham
Michael Taylor	Jane Rose
Bob Cockburn	Roger Hockham
Carole Knighton	Stewart Atkins

THE FESTIVAL LOGO

You may have noticed that our logo has changed slightly this year. We have Dave Miller to thank for this.

The Everton Oak Tree is the genuine article...Dave photographed it in Shepherds Way!



THE GRAND DRAW

Once again we are relying on the Raffle to offset a large amount of our Festival costs. There are some great prizes this year and again our thanks go to our local Sponsors for providing them. This is a great way to support us, so please buy a raffle ticket or five!

First Prize : £250 cash

Second Prize: A night at Elmer's Court with dinner and breakfast included (value £200+)

Third Prize: A photography shoot with Adam Lynk (value £195), Milford

Fourth Prize: A voucher for £100 from Willow Lifestyle, Lymington

Fifth Prize: A day's Cookery Course at the Granary Kitchen, Newlands Manor (value £100)

And many more fabulous prizes!

The Raffle will be drawn on the evening of Sunday June 28th.



Hordle Voluntary Care Group Covering Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

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The Hordle Voluntary Care Group was established in the early 1990's and since that time we have been providing transport for local people to get to their medical appointments when they are unable to make use of public transport.

In order to provide this service we rely on volunteers drivers who give their time freely. Drivers are reimbursed at 50 p per mile and insurance is provided. We are always looking to recruit more volunteers so if you have some free time and would like to know more, then please contact Ian on 07980 268318 or Email: hordle.care@btinternet.com

Do you need help with getting to your medical appointments?

Are you unable to make use of public transport?

If so then we may be able to assist. Please call our coordinator, Margaret and she will endeavour to help.

Please give as much notice as possible and call between 9 and 5 weekdays. There may be an answerphone so please leave your telephone number so we can get back to you.

0845 833 9063

Is a Befriending Service needed in our area?

Hordle Voluntary Care Group is exploring the feasibility of providing a Befriending Service in the Parishes of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton.

Befriending is a service that organises and supports friendship between two people – a volunteer and a person who would like to be befriended. The intention is to build confidence and help a person to be independent. Many people in our community feel isolated when their mobility is restricted and befriending can help to encourage them to remain involved in local events and organisations.

The HVCG committee would be very interested to hear your views about providing a scheme. Different services can be provided such as one to one friendship, going on short trips, shopping and similar activities. Volunteers will receive training and support throughout.

In order to implement this service we require volunteers to act as:

- Coordinator - receive requests and carry out assessments before allocating a 'befriender'
- 'Befrienders' – be a good listener/communicator, reliable, punctual, able to develop a friendly and trusting relationship

If you would like to know more about how the service would operate either as a volunteer or person wishing to have a 'befriender' then please contact our driver coordinator Margaret on 0845 388 9063 or Email- hordle.care@btinternet.com

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A new Village Agent for Hordle

Meet Andrea - our newly-appointed 'Village Agent' volunteer for Hordle.

Andrea volunteers for Age Concern Hampshire, which co-ordinates the Village Agent project to reach out to older people in rural areas. The project is funded by Hampshire County Council and provides information to people over the age of 50 on a variety of services that help them to live independently in their own homes for longer.

Andrea said: "Village Agents are respected volunteers who operate in rural areas of the county identified by Age Concern Hampshire and Hampshire County Council where there are older people who might need information and support.

"My voluntary role is not to compete against other agencies already in place, but to signpost where there is a need. I have lots of resources and contacts and have undergone training with Age Concern Hampshire. I am also receiving training from Hampshire Fire and Rescue Service and will soon be able to offer free basic home fire safety checks for older people.

"I am already busy making as many contacts as possible to reach older people who may be isolated and in need of support."

If you need any help filling in your Emergency Action Plan, Andrea will be happy to assist you.

To contact Andrea, call her on 07580 995453 or email villageagent@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk.

For general help and advice and to find out more about Age Concern Hampshire services call Freephone 0800 328 7154 or email info@ageconcernhampshire.org.uk.

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News from St. Mary's

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The time has come for the spring/ summer report from your local village church. It has come to our notice recently that a few of the newer residents in Everton may not actually know where the church is situated.

St. Mary's church is a small wooden building in Branwood Close, Old Christchurch Road, heading towards the social club. A warm welcome awaits you all.

The church is open daily during daylight hours for anyone who needs some quiet time in the peace and tranquility offered. There is a prayer box in the aisle of the church with paper and pen for anyone who needs a prayer said for themselves or a loved one, prayers are said on a Thursday evening every week.

St Mary's services on Sundays nearly always start at 10.00 a.m. Coffee is available in the hall after every service and everyone is welcome to chat over a coffee. Please look at the notice board to see different services and times. 'Celebration' is an informal service in the hall on the second Sunday of the month at 6.00 p.m.

Songs of Praise for the village festival weekend will be at 10.00 a.m. 28th June.

Choral Evensong with the St. Nicholas singers will be at 6.00 p.m. 9th August.

Harvest Festival family service will be at 10.00 a.m, 5.30 p.m. Songs of Praise, followed by Harvest supper. Sunday 27th September.

We look forward to meeting you all, families are very welcome, toys and musical instruments are always available at the Family services on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Joyce Pope.
Church Warden.
01590 644467

St Mary's Church Activities

After School Club

The After School Club is for all 7-11 year olds who would like to meet together in St Mary's hall on Tuesdays from 3.30-4.45pm. We meet in term time but not on 4th Tuesday of month when it is Messy Church.

We have refreshments on arrival, then play various games before joining together for discussion of a Bible story and then doing some craft.

If you are aged 7-11 do come in one Tuesday if you would like to see what we are doing.

Friendship Coffee

We are sure there are people living in the village who cannot come to Friendship coffee on a Tuesday morning because they are unable to get there without transport.

We want to begin regular transport on Tuesday mornings. We would pick you up at 10.30 am and then take you home by 11.30 am.

When it is Friendship Lunch Club we collect a number of our guests so do please ring me on 644739 or Vera Peters on 644729 if you would like a lift.

If you know someone in the village, maybe a neighbour who you think might like a lift, do please encourage them and if they would like to come do please ring Vera or I and we will arrange the lift.

Friendship Lunch

Cilla and her team, both in the kitchen and in the hall, continue to provide 60 delicious lunches every 3rd Tuesday.

A number of our guests now worship together in the Church before we go into the hall for our lunch.

As usual our guest list is full but each month one or two people are unable to come. I then fill those places from our reserve list so do please ask for a place on the reserve list if you are not already on that list.

Gillian 644739

Holiday at Home

Did you come to our Holiday at Home last August ? If you did you will receive an invitation to come on holiday again this summer.

If you did not join us last year, and think you will be wanting to come with us this year, do contact me as spaces are limited on the holiday !

Gillian 644739

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Trains, Mess and the NintendoWii

Hi. My name is Sheila and I am the Parish Family Worker for Milford and Everton. My job involves providing activities for children and families to help build community in our villages and to help families to find a connection with their local church.

Everton Toddlers continues to provide a valuable meeting place for mums and carers with babies and toddlers. We enjoy having the space to play in St Mary's Hall with the trikes, the tunnel, the slide, the train track, the kitchen and the cupboard full of other toys that make their weekly appearance on Wednesday mornings in term time. There is usually a craft activity during the morning and we enjoy sharing snack time together, with a cuppa for mums. Everton Toddlers opens at 9.30am and ends with singing at 11.30am. If you have any neighbours or local friends who would enjoy coming along, please tell them about us.

Each Tuesday in term time, we meet with year 3-6 at After School Club from 3.30-4.45pm, except when it is Messy Church (see below). The club is going to be re-launched in September 2015 with a new name. We look forward to inviting KS2 children who live in Everton to join the fun.

Craig, our youth minister, is already running 'Ready/4/the/WKND' each Friday at St Mary's Hall from 6-7.15pm for anyone in Y6 and above. That's where the Nintendo Wii comes in.

Messy Church is usually the 4th Tuesday of the month and is a family event. Through craft, stories and singing we spend time together exploring the Bible in a fun and interactive way, followed by sharing a meal together. Booking for Messy Church is essential as places are limited and fill up fast. Here are the dates for the next sessions: April 28th, 19th May, 23rd June and 21st July. Contact me on 07969476148 to book.



We organise special activities in the holidays, including film afternoons, family drop-ins, picnics and games afternoons on the Rec in the summer. Look out for posters on the shed door at the post office.

Children are always welcome on Sunday mornings. On 3rd Sunday there is an informal family gathering in the hall (times may vary- but it is likely to be 4pm) and on 4th Sunday there is a Family Service at 10am in the hall.

We look forward to seeing you at St Mary's Church.
Blessings,
Sheila Hopkins

St Mary's Social Committee Calendar

In January we held our first Film Show in the Church Hal, using the new screen and projector. This was much enjoyed by all present. However, a Fun Whist Drive in February was poorly attended, nonetheless, our Bingo with Fish and Chips was a great success!

Future Events:

Friday April 17th 2.30: St Nary's Church Hal: A concert with Diamond Divas' Singers

Weekend May 8th-10th :We are holding an event to mark the 70th Anniversary of the End of World War 2

June : We are proposing a coach trip to the Milestones Centre near Basingstoke.

July: A local, short walk with lunch.

August: We are planning to hold a Barbecue

September: Harvest Supper in St Mary's Church Hall

October : St Mary's Church Bazaar

All of our events are available to all local residents.

Please contact John or Ann Wigglesworth for more details 01590 642556

THE YACHTING ADVENTURES OF TWO EVERTON SAILORS. Elizabeth Kempe



In this edition of the magazine I am giving some tongue in cheek instructions on the art of sailing. This will be our third season sailing our 28' Pintail and though circumnavigation of Portland Bill is still to be attempted, our skills have improved and last year we cruised the coast spending days at sea and nights on lovely moorings; enjoying life at sea and coping with changing conditions with less fear (I am speaking about myself here) and much more enjoyment.

Because as they say:

THE ONLY YACHTSMAN WHO TAKES TO THE SEA WITH COMPLETE CONFIDENCE IS THE UNCHALLENGED NOVICE.

You will have noticed that the conversation of the complete and experienced yachtsman is freely peppered with such expressions as 'grounded', 'aground', 'took the ground', 'wrecked', 'buying another boat', 'unlucky', 'deceived by the chart' and so on.

Briefly, running aground or grounding is the science of getting a boat stuck ON THE BOTTOM. As a matter of fact the whole operation of going on the mud is extremely simple and can be performed merely by doing nothing in the right way and at the right time.

Though this is useful as a cure for seasickness, running aground is not recommended and can easily be avoided by applying the science of navigation. (This will be covered in a future article)

But assuming we have successfully motored out of the harbour, let us imagine that there is wind

And since the wind is blowing from west to east, you decide to go east. So far so good, all you need to do really is to haul

up your sails as high as they will go and steer in the required direction.

But sooner or later a difficulty will arise, for unless you mean to circumnavigate the earth – you will eventually want to turn back. Now, to do this it is not necessary to wait until the wind changes. Not at all. What you do is this:

You haul in the sheets* and turn for home. By keeping them like this and moving the tiller this way and that to maintain direction, you will find you can sail home in zig zags, the wind coming first on one side of the sails and then on the other - and – if the tide is not too strong against you – you will eventually arrive back from where you started. The zig zag business by the way is called "tacking".

- Sailing terms: Sheets are ropes. Sails are not sheets, neither are they made of rope. You will find useful and handy ropes attached to the corners of your sails. These are sheets .

**Overheard at the local boating pond:
"COME IN NUMBER NINETY NINE, YOUR TIME
IS UP."**

"Just a minute, we don't have a ninety nine!"

The Joys of Motherhood in Everton

So, Xmas has been and gone with all its wonderment and we settle into the new term ready (in our minds) to embrace the New Year and the oncoming Spring.

Except...it hasn't yet sprung and the children are about ready to start chewing the furniture like some neurotic dogs left cooped up for days on end.

There was nothing for it. Time to dig out the hats and scarfs and mis-matched gloves and set out into the Forest...Brilliant! The kids had a blast, we had a blast and we came home, rosy cheeked, exhausted and satisfied that we – as good and wholesome parents – had not given in to the endless Winter, but had embraced it and would therefore be raising well-rounded, sturdy and hardy children. Box ticked!

Except the children did not see it that way. No no no...this could not have been further from a box ticked in their minds...if we'd tried. This was a door opened. Wide opened and never it seems to be shut.

Damn. So now we no longer have the excuse of 'it's too cold today' (Let's put on a movie) to get us through the weekends. Far from it. Now it's all about the great freaking outdoors!!!

And I started this. Me? The least outdoorsy person I have ever met!

Damn those pesky kids!

So now, more fool me...for I am more than well acquainted with 'puddle smashing' (finding frozen puddles and jumping on them until they break), frozen hands and toes so blue because it turns out that picking up shards of ice (from said puddle smash) and staging impromptu sword fights results in wet gloves and whingeing children.

Hold on, wasn't this about avoiding whingeing children in the first place?

Roll on Spring. This family needs you!

Nicky Hinman

A Word from Dingle Dell...

Spring is a good word. In Alaska it is called 'breakout' because as the ice gives way to the sun's warmth the ice is broken. With luck, here in Everton, we will not have too much ice to crack!



Soon, birds will be starting to put together their nests and leading the way will be rooks: the nearest rookery is on Lea Green farm where it can be seen from the road, there are others in Milford, Sway and Hordle. The British Trust for Ornithology tell us that many birds have declined in vast numbers in recent years, however this is not true of all. The long tailed tit, bluetit, goldfinch, wood pigeon, carrion crow and jackdaw have all increased.

Strangely, the house sparrow has declined in huge numbers in England, when just over the water in Paris they are as common as ever, no reason seems to be obvious other than perhaps here in England we have less insect life. This is due to intensive agriculture and the use of pesticides which kill everything other than the plant life which it is designed to nurture. The house sparrow feeds its chicks on insects and these days it is hard pressed to find any.

As far as other garden birds go, the blackbird is doing well, as are the robin and the wren, both of whom are holding their own. The wren is the commonest British bird, but sightings are often missed, flitting as she or he does in the hedge bottoms.

Nationally, neither the thrush nor the starling are doing well, but in Everton, as far as starlings are concerned, there is a good hatching rate. They hatch from nests which you will often find in holes in trees, perhaps made last year by a Woodpecker. Failing that, they will use a nest box with a large entrance hole or a gap in a building possibly made by a missing brick. Late summer and early autumn see large numbers of young seeking any food they can find, such as that found in fatballs and in bird feeders. However by the late winter they have dispersed.

There used to be House Martins' nests on some houses in Everton, but that has become a thing of the past, however, Milford and even Pennington do still have small colonies. The Swallow has suffered the same fate, although there are still a few nesting in stables where thoughtful people have left a top door open allowing them to swoop in and out.

So it seems that a few of the garden birds are doing well and a lot are not doing so well. You can help by feeding birds with seed, not bread and refraining from hedge cutting between March and August inclusive.

Hedgegrub

Everton Village Grapevine

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The bluebell is the sweetest flower
That waves in Summer air:
Its blossoms have the mightiest power
To soothe my spirits care.

Emily Bronte's poem is not a cheerful one but the first verse does capture the beauty of Nature's display of blue in Spring-time, both in and around Everton. A wander through to Blatchley Farm or Great Newbridge Copse (behind Otters) will 'soothe your spirits care'!

Thinking about the surrounds of Everton, two interesting websites come to mind : vision-link.co.uk and weather-file.com. The former has three solar powered web cameras based on Hurst Castle, and the latter gives the wind speed by the Spit.

Moving on to our residents now, Golden Wedding Congratulations to Ken and Jeanette Hockey. Best wishes to you both. And a Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Les and Elsie Blake and a Happy 63rd Wedding Anniversary to Mr and Mrs Taylor.

You may remember LES CARVALL, who drove around the World last year with three other 70 year olds. He is eagerly awaiting the publication of a book and a DVD chronicling their fund raising achievements and titled, 'Heaven can wait, I'm busy, the Ultimate Challenge.'

If you find yourself in Winchester, then treat yourself to a coffee or hot chocolate at Chococo, opposite the Guildhall. It is owned by the daughter of Everton residents, Mr and Mrs Alpress.

Local History author and ex Evertonian Bob Walker, celebrating his 93rd birthday, recalls how as children, he and his pals would look forward to the circus travelling from Lymington to New Milton. He says, 'These fairs and circus always came through early in the morning and it was quite an occasion in those days just to be able to watch the procession go by. We would arrange the night before to get up early and would stand at the junction of Harts Lane and the A337 (now renamed Everton Road and Farmer's Walk/Old Christchurch Road), impatiently awaiting the first of the loaded wagons.

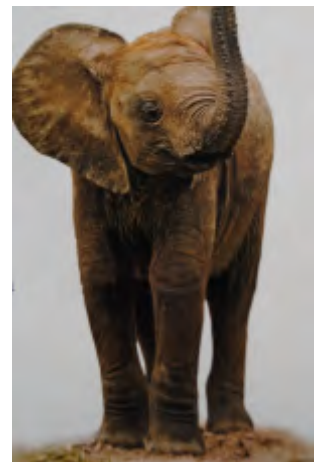
If it was a long time coming, someone would perhaps cycle off to find out how far the procession had progressed and report back.

Most of the big wagons loaded with circus equipment, or animals in cages, were drawn by teams of horses who would also perform in the ring. If there were elephants, they would walk the journey with their Indian trainers riding on their backs. At Efford Hill the elephants used to help push some of the larger wagons up the hill and it was not unknown for one of them to put their trunks over the hedge and lift a sheaf of corn and proceed on its way, eating as it went.

I'll leave you with a question:
At each end of Frys Lane, namely Wainsford Road and Everton Road there are road signs that say

'Access Only.'

So why is Frys Lane so busy with through traffic?





Homoeopathic Medicine for Common Minor Ailments

Homeopathic medicine has a long tradition as a complementary medicine used when conventional medicine fails to satisfy. It brings help and relief to thousands of people every day, from infants, children, adults, the elderly and domestic pets. I would like to introduce you to four homoeopathic medicines that can provide simple everyday relief for minor common ailments.

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ALLIUM CEPA 30C - Common Cold

This remedy is to ease the symptoms of the common cold and often indicated for “**springtime**” colds. Where there is frequent violent sneezing with copious watery discharge that burns the inside of the nose and top lip. Eyes are streaming, red and smarting with the sensation as if “peeling onions”. Symptoms may improve in the fresh air and worsen in the evenings.

CARBO VEG 30c - Indigestion and Heartburn

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MAGNESIA PHOS 30c – Cramp

Useful in various situations where there is **painful, spasmodic and cramping muscles**. For example, leg cramps that occur in the night, menstrual cramp which is eased by bending double, writer’s cramp and facial neuralgia. Symptoms are eased from **warmth, pressure or gentle massage**.

Taking the Medicines

Homoeopathic medicines are delicate and need careful handling, so please try not to touch them. Either tip the tablet into the bottle lid or a teaspoon and allow it to dissolve under the tongue.

If possible, allow 20 minutes before or after eating, drinking, cleaning your teeth or smoking. As with all medicines, keep out of reach of children.

Certain substances are known to antidote homoeopathic medicines in some people. It is advisable to avoid, if possible, coffee (including decaffeinated), mint (especially in toothpaste), camphor, menthol and eucalyptus (found in vapour rubs and cold remedies).

Storage of the Medicines - Away from sunlight and strong odours, such as, camphor, menthol, soaps, essential oils and perfumes and away from mobile phones and microwaves.

Safe and Effective Dosage – Please use the 30c potency. For acute cases, one tablet, every two hours. Less acute, three times a day.

And finally, please get in touch if you are unsure about using these homoeopathic medicines. I live in West Lane and would be happy to offer further guidance on safe and effective dosage, in order for everyone to benefit from using homoeopathic medicines.

Linda Craig RSHom, MCH
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TWO SISTERS LIVING IN RAINHAM KENT 1940-44

This article was kindly sent in to the Newsletter by Kathy Andrews of Beacon Close, It was written by her sister Joyce, in response to a request from a local magazine

We lived not far from Chatham Dockyard. They had lots of bombing. Even where we lived in Corporation Road, Gillingham, we had a bomb in our road. One of our friends died and Mum and Dad were so worried they decided to move further away.

My Uncle, Dad's brother, who lived in Wakeley Road, Rainham, heard of a bungalow in Solomen Road which was to let. We all went to view the bungalow. Miss Golding was the owner. The rent was nine shillings a week dearer than the one we had but they said they would manage. One clause- if we wanted to emulsion any of the rooms- only cream
Us girls were delighted, toilet indoors and a bathroom. Mum and Dad were happy further from the Dockyard.

My aunt had to go into munitions, so she asked my Mum if she would like her cleaning job in Lloyds Bank at the top of Station Road. Her wages were ten shillings a week, so it came in handy to help with the rent. Mum would never leave us on our own during the war so while she was working, Kathleen and I played bank clerks.

Kathleen and I went to Orchard Street school. Miss Hare was the Head Mistress. Teachers- Mrs Ackeson, Mrs Slaughte, Miss Brown, Miss Saywell and Mis Swan. She lost her brother on the sinking of the H.M.S. Hood.

HOP PICKING

Our friends told us they were going Hop Picking, so we wanted to go. We worried Mum so much, that she decided to go. How we enjoyed it. Even Mum did too. Lunch times she would boil eggs, in a Golden Syrup tin(Happy days). One year we earned £16, and we all had £4 each. Kathleen bought a pair of shoes, A Winter Coat and a blue dress, all at C&A's.

Dad joined the Home Guard. As he played the violin and banjo he was asked if would like to play in the Dance Band at the Drill Hall, Chatham. He was a wonderful player. How Kathleen and I enjoyed dancing there. Nearly every weekend the family arrived, how we enjoyed the knees up. Kathleen did not want to learn to play the piano, she wanted a dog. Dad bought her an Old English Sheepdog named Boots. He was lovely.

One evening we arrived home from the Drill Hall. At the bottom of our garden, was the railway line to Ramsgate and Dover. Dad could hear someone calling for help. It was a Merchant Navy Artificer who had fallen out of a train. Dad found him then he went to see the Policeman who lived in Ivy Street. They then took him to the Royal Navy Hospital in

Chatham. Then when he was ready to go back home, he stayed for a day. Then he went back to his home in Grimsby. We never heard anymore from him. We wondered if he had been killed. His name was Artificer Blastland.

Then I left school. I would have liked to have been a School Teacher, but that was not possible. So I went into the Tailoring Trade. I was apprenticed for seven years at Levi's on the corner of Chatham High Street, opposite the Theatre Royal

. Then owing

to men getting called up I had to change my job. I worked for a Tailor in Medway Street. He was a Lithuanian.

Then Kathleen left school and went into service at Wakely Bros' Rainham, who owned the hop fields. Six shillings a week, two half days off a week. They were extremely nice people to work for 7a.m. till 10 p.m. In the afternoon 4 p.m. taking their Great Dane and terrier for a walk.

Then one afternoon, one of our Spitfires shot down a Doodlebug. It came down onto the Railway Bridge, in between Rainham and Newington, just as a fast train was travelling towards it. People were killed. The Great Dane pushed Kathleen up into a corner, shielding her. He took most of the blast and died soon afterwards. Next day going for a walk all the fruit had gone, and the trees were just trunks.

Dad having been told that the house where my sister worked had been hit, he got on his bike and rushed down to see if she was alright. She was, thank God! Fireman on duty were trying to sort it all out. They asked my Dad as he was a fireman on the railway, how they could put the fire on the engine and whistle out. This he did. Southern Railway awarded him £2. I still have the letter. My Dad did not have to go to the War. He had a reserved occupation.

He could not proceed at Gillingham Depot, so he applied for a Drivers position to Stewart Lane and Bournemouth. He was lucky to get Bournemouth. Then after a good many years he was promoted to Footplate Inspector.

So a new life started for us all again. We moved to

Bournemouth on December 16th 1944. I was 17 years on the 22nd and Kathleen was just fifteen.

Post script

Joyce met her husband and was married for 33 years. Kathy met Freddie and was married or 55 years.

Their Grandparents are buried at Rainham Cemetery, Kent.



Kathleen(now Kathy Andrews) and her sister, Joyce(sitting)



Poetry Competition

With the exciting prospect of the 2015 Everton Village Arts Festival on the near horizon we would once again like to invite entries for the Poetry Competition. Last year a range of excellent poems were submitted and we hope you will take up the challenge this year. Your poems need not have been composed recently. If you have a piece, or a number of pieces, tucked away in a safe place please send them in.

Entries will be split into two categories. One for poets aged up to the age of sixteen and a senior section open to all above the age of sixteen.

A trophy will be awarded to the winner of each category and a second prize of a gift voucher will be given to each runner up.

We hope you will enter into the spirit of the Festival and submit your entry or indeed entries. There is no restriction on the number of entries each person may wish to contribute. Please ensure your poems reach the Newsletter Editor by **Saturday 6th June**.

The winning entry in each category will be on display in the Church Hall during the Festival and will also be published in the Autumn Newsletter.

Please pop your entries through the letter box at **No. 7 Frys Lane, Everton**. Or you can send them by email to **cherylfillmore@hotmail.com** and she will ensure that all entries are submitted to the panel of judges for adjudication. The best of luck to you all.

Photographic Competition

At this year's Arts Festival, we will be holding Photographic Competitions for under 16 and over 16 local photographers. The Exhibition will run from 26th to 28th June 2015 and will be held at two locations in Farmers Walk, Everton - Alwyne for the 'scapes' and Rowlands for wildlife.

The scope of the Competitions will be as follows:

1. Any wildlife, seascape, landscape or skyscape photograph taken in the New Forest and its environs, including the coast line along its borders, the towns and villages within, and of course Everton.
2. Try and make your photograph display a story – not just a single bird or flower.
3. Your photograph(s) may be of any size but mounted on a firm backing – please no bigger than 400 x 500mm overall, including the mount.
4. Your photograph(s) may be either monochrome or colour.
5. The photographs should be original and of your own work.
6. You can submit a maximum of three photographs.

Your photograph(s) should be submitted between 4 and 8pm on 6th June at 20, Shepherds Way, Everton. You should clearly show your name, contact number and age on the back of each mount. If you are submitting more than one photograph, please print a number 1, 2 or 3, where number 1 is your favourite.

We hope to display all photographs – but may have to limit depending on the number of entries.

You should arrange to collect your photograph(s) from the Competition venues from 3.30pm to 4.30pm on 28th June 2015.

The photographs will be judged by two local prominent photographers – but please do not let this put you off submitting your photograph(s)!

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Please complete the following tear-off slip when submitting your photograph(s).

Name & age:.....

Address:.....

Telephone or email:.....

Numbers of photographs:

Are you a member of a Photographic Club? Which one?.....

If not, would you like details of local Clubs?.....

Old Codgers' Corner

(a column for those of a certain maturity)

Nothing new under the sun.....

"The budget should be balanced, the Treasury should be refilled, public debt should be reduced, the arrogance of officialdom should be tempered and controlled, and the assistance to foreign lands should be curtailed, lest Rome will become bankrupt. People must again learn to work instead of living on public assistance." - Cicero , 55 BC

2070 years later our politicians are still telling us the same things.

More Puns for Educated Minds

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection you know urine trouble.

Broken pencils are pretty much pointless.

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? Athesaurus.

I dropped out of the Communism class because of lousy Marx.

All the toilets in New York's police stations have been stolen. As of now, it appears the police have nothing to go on.

I got a job at a bakery because I kneaded dough.

Velcro - what a rip off!

And then

A man was flying in a hot air balloon and realized he was lost. He reduced height and spotted a man down below.

"Excuse me," he shouted. "Can you tell me where I am?"

"Yes. You're in a hot air balloon hovering 30 feet above this field."

"You must be a statistician" cried the balloonist.

"I am," replied the man. "How did you know?"

"Well everything you have told me is technically correct but is of no use to anyone."

The man below retorted, "You must be a politician."

'I am, but how did you know that?"

"Well", said the man. "You don't k now where you are or where you're going but you expect me to help you. You're in the same position you were in before we met but now it's my fault!"

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realized that at my age I don't really give a rat's bottom(ed.) anymore.

.. If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

.. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.

.. A rabbit runs and hops and only lives 15 years, while

.. A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.

And you tell me to exercise ?? I don't think so.

Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Activities in Everton

Please note that all the Everton contact numbers are prefixed with the area code 01590

Acorn Pre-School	Pavilion.Mon-Fri a.m.....	Jackie May	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 Guild	All 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
Yoga Class.....	Pavilion 6-7.25 and 7.35- 9.00 p.m.....	Dererca Sprake	675695
Anahata Yoga class	Pavilion 6.15- 7. 45 pm Thursdays.....	Avril Thomas	0777350606
Art Group	Pavilion 2.00 - 5.00pm Thursdays - ..	Diana Collard	643550

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