

EVERTON NEWS

Everton Community Newsletter Autumn 2015



**Meet Melvyn
Rand...PARISH
COUNCILLOR
FOR EVERTON
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W.I. CENTENARY CELEBRATION



President of Everton & Lymore WI, Vera Peters, welcomes members and guests to a celebration lunch held at St. Mary's hall, Everton to mark the 100th Anniversary of the foundation of the WI movement in GB&I .

After a rousing rendition of Jerusalem, lunch was served. This was a delicious cold buffet organised by the committee with members providing assorted salads and a selection of mouth watering desserts.

Lunch was followed by an interesting talk on Christmas crafts, then afternoon tea with champagne and a special anniversary cake made and iced by Joyce Pope and styled to represent the top table complete with the newly made Anniversary tablecloth .

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EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2016 JUNE 17 TO JUNE 19TH

Please note the dates for our Village Festival next year. Early days yet but I can tell you that this year we are planning something a little different. We've changed the name slightly, dropping our focus on the Arts, to allow our Festival to be really wide ranging and we've slipped a week forward so as not to clash with other attractions.

The Festival will take place, as before, over a weekend with lots of music, entertainment, art and crafts for you to enjoy, but this year, along with our normal venues and Saturday afternoon's 'Live Music' on the Rec, we'll be providing a variety of entertainment (Midsummer Madness) from lunchtime until 9 in the evening at Everton Nurseries! (Our thanks to Simon Collyer for his support.)

See pages 12 and 13 for more about Festival 2016 as well as a look back at 2015...

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Pumpkin and Sunflower Day

Pumpkins were weighed and sunflowers and runner beans measured on Sunday October 4th at the Everton & Lymore Social Club. Winners announced on page 7



From the left Trevor Keeler and pumpkin winner, John Chaffey (who celebrated his 70th birthday in early October.)

Congratulations John!!

EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH
ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
7.30 P.M.**

**YOUR CHANCE TO FIND OUT
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR
VILLAGE**

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Everton Community Association

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Dear Members

Wasn't the Art Weekend great? Cheryl and Steve worked so hard with so much imagination.

The sub-committee all worked very hard as well.

We also have to say thank you to the people who turned up early on the Saturday morning at the Recreation ground to help with putting up gazebos and tents and generally helping in getting the ground ready for the Saturday events. They did get breakfast which went down well and was well deserved.

The ECA Secretary Neil Thomas has unfortunately had to leave the Committee but luckily for us Pauline Breeze has stepped in to fill the position. Our thanks to Neil for his help and to Pauline for taking his [place].

I am still working to get the 119 bus back on Saturdays and attended a meeting of over 200 people at the end of August and managed to get my say. Some other people from Everton attended the meeting as well. We are still waiting to hear the outcomes. One positive thing is that the Sunday bus services have been restored.

Have a good winter.
Barbara Runham

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION MONDAY NOVEMBER 30TH.

St Mary's Church Hall; 7.30 p.m.

Just in case you don't know what this is all about...

Our Everton Community Association is a registered charity, number 1044718. (You can look it up online) which is why we have no choice about having an Annual General Meeting. If you are new to the Village you probably don't know this, but everyone who lives in our Village is a member of the Association. This means that you can all attend the meeting on November 30th and select /reselect the Committee Members and find out just what has been going on in 2015.

The Charity was set up many years ago, so many in fact that no one can remember it happening! (Although I bet someone will read this and phone me tomorrow.) Its' objective, then and now, is to promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Everton by providing facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreational and leisure time occupation. The Association does this by making grants to organisations and acts as an umbrella or resource body.

In the past the Committee has organised Fêtes and Car Boot Sales which have generated income, all of which has helped the Everton and Lymore Football Club, and aided refurbishment of the Pavilion and the Church Hall when it was needed. More recently the Committee acted as an umbrella for the two Party in the Parks, and more recently still, the Village Festivals. Members also help distribute this Newsletter!

Currently there are 9 people sitting on the Committee. We meet every two months in a very informal way, (our thanks to the Social Club) and discuss a variety of issues that are affecting Everton, for example we set up the Website, we set up the No Cold Calling Zones, and we try to sort out things like overgrown hedgerows and pot holes (that residents are concerned about)by contacting the relevant authorities. Last year we said goodbye to two long standing members, Mike Johnson and John Wigglesworth. They had both served the Community for over 20 years! Sincere thanks go to them and best wishes that they are both enjoying a well deserved rest.

The AGM is a bit of a round up of the year and if you come along you'll hear about next year's Village Festival and how other matters are progressing. It isn't terribly formal, there's a glass of wine and some nibbles, and no one makes anyone do or say anything or volunteer to join the Committee...though if you do want to, you'd be more than welcome. If you are interested then it's a good idea to find out a bit more beforehand so telephone Barbara who's our Chairman 01590 641037.

Hopefully you'll be inspired enough having read all of this to come along, it's a good way to learn about your Community especially if you're new to the Village!

Editor

Current Committee Members

Barbara Runham <i>Chairman</i>	Gordon Blain	Cheryl Fillmore
Bob Cockburn <i>Treasurer</i>	Alan Paice	
Pauline Breeze <i>Secretary</i>	Vera Peters	
Mike Taylor	Roger Hockham	

Editor's Musings

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Dear readers,

I do hope you enjoy reading this Newsletter, it seems to me that since our last edition quite a lot has been happening in Everton! Firstly, I'd like to personally wel-

Speaking of the Post Office, I feel I must say farewell here to Mr and Mrs Post Office. They will be sadly missed in our Village and I'm minded not to let them go, but they do need a bit of a rest, so will wish them well instead!

Another person who is sadly missing from our Community is of course Anne Wigglesworth...Sympathy to John for his loss, and to us all, for Anne played such an active part in the fabric of this Village for many years.

Talking of Community involvement, there's the ECA AGM coming up. It's noticeable that there have been quite a few new arrivals this year in Everton, and I hope they find the information about the ECA in this Newsletter helpful, and are interested enough to come along to the AGM, have a glass of wine and find out a bit more about Village activities. (Along with everyone else of course!) Doggies want their walk now so I'll have to buzz off...

come and thank our new Parish Councilor, great to have someone to represent our Village on Hordle Parish Council! We have to thank our Speedwatch team as well for their time and effort which Toby Sears reports on. He has something to say about our new Cold Calling zones as well...worth a read on page 6

The Festival was a great success on several levels, many Villagers found something to enjoy in the variety we provided, and I can report (happily) that thanks to our sponsors and raffle sales we did balance our books, even managed an 85 pence profit!! Our special thanks go to the Social Club for a generous donation from the profits they made during the Festival.

The planning for next year's Festival has hardly started and so there isn't much more to say at present. As last year though, we'll be using our Village Website to give out information as the year progresses, so check that out now and again and don't forget to keep your eye on the shed door!

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Keep warm in the Winter....Ed.

Stand often in the company of dreamers
they tickle your commonsense, and
believe you can
achieve things
which are impossible

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Hordle Parish Council

New Council Priorities

Following the election in May the Parish Council have been busy with a number of ongoing projects. They are now considering the priorities for the four year life of this Council and would welcome suggestions and ideas from the community. So do you have a burning issue that you would like addressed? Feel there is a gap in provision in the parish that the council could champion? Want to suggest improvements to the Council's amenities? If so please contact the Councillors via the Parish office by email at clerk@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk or phone on 01425-611119.

The law in relation to walls and fences

Hordle Parish Council Chairman says "we need to make residents aware of the law "

Did you know that you need to apply for planning permission if you want to erect a fence or wall over 1 metre high next to a highway or footpath?

Did you know that you need to apply for planning permission if you want to erect a fence or wall over 2 metres high?

Did you know you may require planning permission if you plant a hedge that affects drivers' sightlines or if there is an "open plan covenant on an estate.

There was a discussion at the Parish Council meeting on the 16th June concerning walls and fences built adjacent to the highway without planning permission and whether parish residents should be reported to the District Council for enforcement action as required. The Council decided that residents needed to be made aware of the facts so that they were able to take any necessary action. For further information please see the Parish Council website at www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk or New Forest District Council at www.nfdc.gov.uk/planning

Chairman David Ironside stated. "The Parish Council are discharging their duty making the public aware of the legislation. I expect the Council will take a firmer approach in the future to any reports of infringements".

Affordable Housing

A number of residents of Hordle had expressed concerns to the Parish Council about the proposed Affordable Housing scheme off Hordle Lane in Hordle. In response to this the Parish Council organised a drop in session at Hordle School. The chair of the Parish Council David Ironside said *it is important that residents of Hordle should have a chance to express their views and that the Parish Council should understand what the concerns are*. Around 75 people attended a lively meeting on July 5th.

Residents were vocal about the existing problems of parking, traffic flow and road safety near the school and church and felt that this scheme for up to 20 dwellings with the access point onto Hordle Lane would make an already dangerous situation worse. David Ironside encouraged residents to raise these concerns to the relevant bodies whose email and postal addresses are available on the Hordle Parish Council website. <http://www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Litter Picking

Would you like to help keep the Parish of Hordle a beautiful place to live? If so what about coming to join a litter picking session or sessions. In response to concerns raised by residents about the amount of litter in the Parish, Hordle Parish Council would like to work with a group of volunteers to tackle this problem. Interested in taking part? If so please contact the parish office by email admin@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk or by phone on 01425-611119. We would love to hear from you.



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NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR FOR EVERTON

Please can I introduce myself, as I have allowed my name to be put forward for Co Option onto the Parish Council, and have been duly elected.

I put my name forward as I was disappointed to find that all the Councillors are resident in Hordle and felt that Everton should have at least one resident councillor to look after its Residents concerns or problems. Although fairly new to Everton, I have lived in the New Forest Area for nearly 40 years, and moved to Everton in October last. I'd like to assure readers that I will do my utmost to address any concerns or problems that may crop up in the village, and that we are not just a sub area of Hordle.

Melvyn Rand.

Melvyn Rand. born and raised in St Albans, Herts. where for many years he worked as a Director within a Family franchise Garage Business. Melvyn moved to the area in 1977, and lived in the Highcliffe/New Milton areas until moving to Everton in October last. He is married to Jackie with grown up children. He served on the Committee and as President of the Highcliffe Chamber of Trade (now merged with Christchurch) Served on the Committee of the southern section of British Cycling, and as a National Race Commissaire. He is also an active member of Barton on Sea Golf Club, having been a Committee member and then as Chairman of Social for two years. Melvyn is now retired whilst still retaining business interests in the St Albans area.

Acorn Cottage, 82 Wainsford Road, SO41 0UD.
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Parish Council meetings.

**These take place at the Pavilion on Vaggs Lane, Hordle, on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7.30.
Each meeting is preceded by a 15 minute public session from 7.15.
Notices are posted on the Boards outside the Post Office.**



Useful contact details

Hordle Parish Council

Cllr Melvyn Rand	01590 641621
Cllr David Ironside (Chairman)	01425 616668

New Forest District Councillors (Hordle and Milford)

Cllr Fran Carpenter	01425 614665
Cllr Penny Lovelace	01590 681889
Cllr Sophie Beeton	07546 484602
Cllr Mel Kendall	01590 642575

Hordle Parish Council

Parish Clerk	01590 611119
and to report	

Highway maintenance matters	0845 6035633
Litter and Fly tipping	023 80285000

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

For a number of years there has been concern over speeding traffic in Wainsford Rd but the authorities' focus on speed limits outside the village don't seem to have solved the issue.

As we all know the combination of no pavement, the blind exit out of Frys Lane and reduced widths in places resulting in impatient drivers clipping pedestrians (yes, I know of 3 residents who have been hit by wing mirrors) when trying to pass pedestrians with oncoming traffic, all make it a dangerous place to exceed the speed limit.

Following two appeals in the village newsletter for volunteers there is now a combined Parish Council/Police/Community initiative up and running to check speeds in Wainsford Rd using a speed indicator display which the group have unlimited access to for Everton, Hordle, Tiptoe and Wootton. A team operates the device which displays the speed of oncoming traffic. The volunteers record the speed and vehicle details and if the vehicle exceeds the limit, plus a margin to allow for error, the driver receives a warning letter from the Police. Further infringements will escalate the police response. Most people exceed the limit by accident due to lack of attention to their speed, not noticing the limit or by trying to hurry when late so this is an educational exercise to make people think when next driving through Everton and to take care in future, rather than a penalising approach.

The first session was held at the end of May during a quiet traffic period, perhaps you saw us in our High Vis vests! In an hour 45 vehicles passed and nearly 10% passed the trigger speed for receiving a letter. The fastest was 41mph although there were many who exceeded the 30 mph limit by a smaller margin. All slowed when they saw the speed on the board, showing the sessions are a success and more will take place on different days of the week and at varying times and locations along the road. Many people commented they were pleased to see something being done and if you want to

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support the scheme the best way is to volunteer yourself. There is no compulsion to take part in any particular session you can choose whatever days and times suit you and give an hour back to your community to help make it a safer place for us all. Contact Hordle Parish Council Clerk on 01425 611119 for more details.

This is a community project, like the no cold calling zones, so relies on volunteers giving just a little time when they can, to make this a better place to live. Like the no cold calling zones it empowers the members of the community to take direct action over concerns in the village. Who knows, perhaps we'll see the Neighbourhood Watch restarted this year too. There are several volunteers for Roads in Everton already but we still need a coordinator so if you also want to see crime issues addressed in Everton perhaps you might consider coming forward and contacting the editor or Community Association?

No Cold Calling Zones

On a separate note, following a door stepper from the Red Cross telling me they were exempt, I contacted the Red Cross and they confirmed that they abide by No Cold Calling zones. They were apologetic and said they would make sure it didn't happen again. This is not the first time a charity has called and told me it was OK for them to cold call or said they didn't see the sign but then carried on calling at the next house or told me it was OK because "we are from *****", but it was the first time I decided to follow it up. Although charities can cold call, reputable ones respect the zones and if you live in one of the zones and anyone cold calls I suggest you report it to the charity/company responsible and ask them "as a reputable/respected charity/company what is your policy on no cold calling zones?" It is only if residents follow up cold calling with a complaint that they will tell their door steppers to avoid no cold calling zones

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EVERTON & LYMORE SOCIAL CLUB

Everton Social Club is part of the Village and provides many activities such as Snooker, Pool, Darts, and board games such as Crib and Dominoes. There is a comfortable Lounge to have a quiet chat along with a drink (alcoholic or coffee) or attend one of our entertainment functions. Lists of all the entertainment is provided on the Club Notice Boards at the front of the building.

The "Club" has Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday evenings and once a month a Film Night.

We held our annual fund raising event "PUMPKIN DAY" on Sunday 4th October, and raised the sum of £244.50p for Oakhaven Hospice. The heaviest pumpkin was won by John Chaffey with a weight of 33lbs. and there were prizes for the tallest and biggest bloom of Sunflowers, the winner of tallest Hazel Hampton and the best bloom George Driver. The Victoria sponge Cake competition was won by Jenny Driver, there was a new competition this year (The Longest RUNNER BEAN) this was won by Ruth May . We were entertained on the day by "Grand Canyon" country and western group and all enjoyed the ploughman's lunch.



LIST OF FUTURE EVENTS:-

17th Oct	Private Party
24th Oct	Party
30th Oct	Film Night
31st Oct	Halloween Children's Party and Disco
7th Nov	Final Demand
14th Nov	Saxuality
28th Nov	Hattrick
3rd Dec	Pensioners Party
5th Dec	Retro
13th Dec	Xmas Draw
14th Dec	Private Party
20th Dec	Children's Xmas Party
New Years Eve	Coffee Owls



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BOWLS CLUB

Another season has ended with Milford on Sea Bowls Club having achieved honours in Hampshire, winning the Men's New Forest Ivor Fourmy Trophy and the 2nd team achieving promotion in the New Forest triples league. Both teams included players living in Everton. The women achieved similar success with one team winning promotion in the Bournemouth & District league and another being promoted in the New Forest league. Despite poor weather at times, the Club achieved virtually its full program of events. The green played magnificently and as in previous years was judged by experienced bowlers to be one of the best for miles around.



Our newer members, many this year, show great promise and we are looking forward to their participation at all levels next year. We will be announcing in due course an Open Morning to be held in Spring next year so if you're interested please get your name down so that we can

contact you with a date and time. Never too late to start bowling – we have members ranging from 24 to 92. Many

EVERTON LADIES EVENING GROUP - LEGS

looking back over the past year, we have had a real variety of speakers and events at our Monday evening meetings, ranging from our own Olympic Games including a paper-plate discus, to learning about the wonderful work of The Christina Noble Foundation in Vietnam; we have become Dementia Friends through the Alzheimers Society; Alex Jennings from Heppenstalls Solicitors in Lymington talked about power of attorney, living wills and lots more useful good information; we have munched through a fish and chips supper quiz and enjoyed a lovely sunny outing to the lavender fields in Alton. Our 2-monthly Ladies Who Lunch has seen us at some wonderful local eating houses where we have wined and dined deliciously, and a good time has been had by all.

Tempted to come and join us? To qualify you have to be a lady and live in the Everton locality. We meet at St Mary's Church Hall on the first Monday of each month at 7.30pm and we offer you a friendly welcome, a speaker or event, a raffle and a cuppa in exchange for £2. The raffle money goes towards helping a local charity and we select a different one each year. This year we have supported First Opportunities in Ashley which provides therapeutic play and education for babies and young children with special needs, and we are delighted to have helped them pay for some music therapy.

A poster giving details of speaker or event is displayed at the Post Office for a week before each meeting, so keep a look out for what is coming next and please come and join us. We look forward to meeting you.

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We walk twice a month generally on the second Tuesday and fourth Thursday.

Circular walks start 10:30 a.m. at designated Car Parks generally in the New Forest and take an average 3 hours covering from 4-6 miles.

A new innovation that has proved very popular is the summer evening walks starting from a pub car park to which we return for refreshment/food as appropriate.

We arrange three social events annually, a skittles evening in November, annual lunch in January, and an American Supper in July.

Full details are available in our walks programme which we will be pleased to forward.

Please contact Mervyn Hughes on 01590-642509 or e-mail mervhughes@me.com

We look forward to welcoming you to an informal and friendly walking group now in its 30th year.

Our poster can also be found at the Everton Post office where you can see us in full colour.

The Everton Rec. and Pavilion

Organised by Jackie May

During the Festival several residents asked about the whereabouts of the Everton Recreation Ground and also about the Pavilion. So for those who don't know...The Recreation Ground is accessed from Frys Lane or Greenmead Avenue. Besides being a great dog walking area, the Sports field is used mainly by Everton Football Club, during the season, for practice and matches. To one side of the Pavilion is the Boules Pitch. (see page 20) A couple of years ago the Parish Council provided a large number of activity machines, (muscle strengthening) for adult use, there's also a zip wire and a really amazing activity frame. All of that plus a dedicated children's play area!

The Pavilion itself is used by many residents as a meeting place for local group activities and the Acorn Pre School. It offers a large, comfortable room adjoined by a small kitchen. This can be hired for a very reasonable cost for meetings, parties and other social activities. **Please contact Alan Paice on 01590 644901.**

The Pavilion is run by its own Committee with an AGM held annually.

In addition to these facilities the Everton Community Association recently purchased a large number of trestle tables and

chairs (and several gazebos) which are available for hire. Again Alan is the man to contact!

Groups that already use the Pavilion 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 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

EVERTON AND LYMORE W.I.



Everton & Lymore WI has an interesting history . It was formed in 1922 , 2 years before "Jerusalem" was adopted as the WI anthem ! It was founded by Lady Whitehead and met at first in what is now the Social Club. At that time approx. 2900 WIs had been formed , now there are around 6300.

In 1937 the Red Rose Hut was built (records say that the land was given by Mrs Rhodes and the hut by Mrs Williams) and this was to be home to the village WI for many years . Membership increased and an extension was added and electricity installed in 1958.

In 1996 it was decided to transfer meetings to the Pavilion. In 2010 the decision was made to move again this time to St.Mary's Hall where meetings are still held on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm.

Roll on 2022 and the 100th Anniversary of our own WI here in Everton.



MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

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.

21/10/15 Village Life in 1940's and 50's.

18/11/15 Victorians at Home and in the Garden.

20/1/16 English Wine

17/2/16 New Forest Disability

16/3/16 Craft of Inland Waterways

20/4/16 A Life of a New Forest Pony and its owner,
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The afternoon commenced with an interesting and informative talk from Clive Bowers, one of the editors for the New Milton & Lymington Talking News and taking part in a light hearted quiz regarding the type of topics considered for 'publication' from the four main newspapers in the area, New Milton Advertiser and Time, the two Daily Echo's and The New Forest Post. They were also given CD's with the latest edition for the newspaper and also the recently launched magazine. The Talking Newspaper can be contacted on 01425 616361, email: editor@newmiltontalkingnewspaper.org.uk and the website: www.newmiltontalkingnewspapers.org.uk

The tea consisting of sandwiches, scones with cream and jam and cakes was served to the guests by some of the HVCG volunteers and the afternoon concluded with a vote of thanks from the clients for the work undertaken by the volunteers and especially our coordinator, Margaret Maggs, for the time they give to ensure people in the community can get to their medical appointments when they are unable to use their own or public transport.

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The Winning poem of the
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'Poetry in Everton' Competition.

Beaten by the war

By Eve Caine
Aged 10 years

When it's all over,
And I know we're all well,
Only then we'll come out,
Only then I can tell,
Who made it, who didn't,
Who's alive and who's dead,
The lives that we've lost,
The tears that we've shed.

We stick together for comfort,
But inside we're scared,
No one knows where they're going,
And the hearts, the souls- teared,
Our fathers sent out fighting,
To face this dreadful war,
But we still suffer at home,
Is life worth living anymore?

We tell each other stories,
I like the fairy tales,
It's hard to keep our spirits up,
They say to laugh- not wail,
If daddy gets back one day,
We fear how good he'll be,
For if he's like the others,
Him not there, will break me.

We hear our neighbours crying,
At the letters they receive,
We dread of what awaits us,
And try not to believe,
That daddy won't be strong enough,
And soon fall to the floor,
His eyes cursed with terror,
Beaten by the war.

DANGER MEN AT WORK...

Anne Cockburn

Getting ready for our Arts Festival in June, you will have noticed our very prominent banners and for this we have to thank Committee members Bob, Roger, Stewart and Steve for all their hard work. HOWEVER it was not without incident and hazards for while hoisting the banner on the corner of Everton and Lymington Road, the strong arm team were suddenly

and unaccountably one man down. The cry went up 'Where's Bob!' One minute he was there, the next he was gone! He had completely and silently disappeared. Much consternation followed, for our muscle bound heroes didn't believe Bob would have casually abandoned his corner of the banner and wandered off home for a cup of tea. Would he?

They sent an S.O.S. text to Cheryl to see if he had wandered past the Post Office. No not this time he hadn't. (This was not the first time Bob had disappeared during banner erection but previously he had been spotted on Wainsford Road very quickly).

Things began to look scary. Kidnap? Alien abduction?

No...eventually (and in my opinion this took far too long) they heard faint cries for help and managed to work out that Bob was somewhere underground. The search began (from what I heard they were laughing so much they were utterly useless in this mission) to no avail... But then, beside them a leaf stirred and then another, a branch trembled and doughty hero Roger bravely extended his hand and arm into the lush



foliage, wiggling his fingers. Hmmmm... But there was no return. No warm clammy hand grasped his.

Bemusement all round. But then, shock, horror!! The foliage began to shake at first gently and then vigorously. Suddenly it parted and up shot Bob!! There he was in front of their eyes just sitting there. Exactly as if was on the sofa at home watching a film! Shaken, slightly bruised and definitely stirred.

Later, over a recuperative pint at the local hostelry our hero ruefully shook his head and told the Editor that all he had done was to take a step back to admire his work and as so often happens in this situation had fallen into an extremely snug, coffin shaped hole (a concrete culvert) which exactly fitted his measurements, (at the scene the following day, I marvelled that it could have been made for him!)

The following day at the Garden Centre, Steve(Empty Frets) dedicated a song to him called "Upside Down" which rather puzzled those not in the know. By the time the song was dedicated again(during the Festival) the episode had become extremely well known

Festival over and the banners had to come down and the e mail giving instructions went out, and I quote one part of it "Stewart will be at Everton Garden Centre at about 1pm. We'll take the banners down in reverse order, leaving a trail of

EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Calling all Village artists 2016

JUNE 17TH - 19TH

OPEN GARDENS?

Another idea that has been floated by a local Gardening Club is that Everton has its own 'Open Gardens' event during the Festival.

At the moment this is just an idea but before we can progress it any further we do need some idea of who would be willing to participate and indeed if we can find someone who would be willing to undertake the organisation.

Again please call Cheryl if you think you can help.

If you'd like more details or would like to be involved then please speak to a Committee Member...

**Cheryl Fillmore
Steve Adams
Michael Taylor
Bob Cockburn**

**Barbara Runham
Jane Rose
Roger Hockham
Stewart Atkins**

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And, as most of you will undoubtedly have noticed, we are still here!!

Just for the record, and for those of you who don't know, we have taken an offer on the business; I won't tempt fate by saying we have sold but things are progressing in the right direction, albeit a little slowly.

However as I write this I still have not got a clue as to when we will be off.

Christmas is fast approaching and we will still be having our usual array of Christmas goodies and cards so do come and check us out as you would any other year because as far as I'm concerned it is still business as usual.

On a more mundane note I have been asked to point out to any Santander customers who were transferred from the old Abbey Building Society that you are now able to withdraw cash over the Post Office counter. Just worth a mention as this may make life easier for one or two of you.

Hope you all have a good Christmas when it gets here and, as usual, thank you for your custom over the past year.

Sandra & Steven Burrows

Everton Bridge Club

Everton Bridge Club continues to thrive through 2015 with over 50 full playing members drawn from throughout the local area. We meet every Tuesday Evening 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 was once again 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. The photo shows our Chairman Jim Knight and Treasurer Eve Ritchie-Fallon presenting a cheque to Emma Larter representing the Charity.

In November, we will again take part in the National 'Children in Need' Simultaneous Pairs Competition, pitting our wits against thousands of other bridge players across the country.

On the social front, the annual Chairman's BBQ in June was great fun with

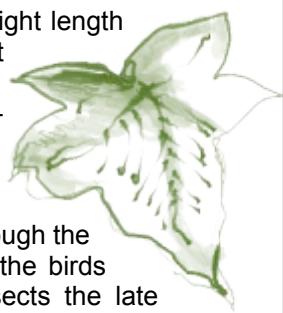
good food, good company and good humour. Around 30 members and guests turned out to enjoy the sunshine and steak, superbly cooked by the Chairman himself! Our next social milestone will be our AGM and Christmas Party in December when we will combine a buffet complemented by the Chairman's Punch with some light hearted bridge for some fantastic prizes!

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 via the web page or please feel free to contact Eve Ritchie-Fallon on 01590 676528.



A Word from Dingle Dell...

The solstice is past and now the night length exceeds the day which is a sign that insects will be hard pressed to find nectar sources of any sort; however there are two which offer a source through the autumn. Indian Balsam in the early part and then Ivy which will last through the winter for both birds and insects, the birds will enjoy the berries and the insects the late flowers.



Ivy is an opportunist not a parasite and will only kill a tree if it climbs the trunk and spreads through the crown; if it is not allowed to get further than the trunk it is a rich source of food in the winter for many birds. The caterpillars of the holly blue butterfly also feed on the flower buds of the ivy in autumn. (Another batch of caterpillars appear in spring which feed on holly flowers.)

The clusters of the ivy's small greenish flowers open in late autumn and are a rich source of nectar for bees and the small flies which wrens feed on; the berries turn black in late winter and are an important food source for birds in a hard winter. Sadly ivy is all too often cut back on trees and in hedges when really it is a vital food source for both insects and birds at a time when everything else has finished their productive cycle.

Ivy starts by growing along the ground and on reaching a trunk or wall will then climb up it and may well reach 20m where it will bear fruit and flowers. The flowers are seen in October and each has five sepals, five petals, five stamens and a five celled ovary. The main stems can be up to 75mm thick and last for 100 years. In times past, along with the evergreen holly, ivy was thought to have magical powers and at Christmas kept houses safe from demons. It was also believed that milk drunk from an ivy wood cup cured whooping cough.

Speaking of Christmas reminds me that the Season to be jolly will soon be upon us and so in closing I wish you all a Happy Yuletide.

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Everton Village Grapevine

Apropos the shop, it is interesting to recall the original owners of Hyde's Stores.

Mrs Hyde was a Yorkshire lass, a Lady's maid to the family that used to own Yeovilton Cottage(57 Wainsford Road). She would travel down from Yorkshire to Lyndhurst Road railway station by train and then stay overnight at the Grand Hotel in Lyndhurst.

'Knocker' Hyde was the groom who would meet her at the hotel to continue the journey. He asked her to go for a stroll in the evening, which she did, bringing her sister as chaperone (it was 1917!) They would meet at the holly tree by no 67 Wainsford Road and after their marriage they both ran the shop.

Talking of marriage, many congratulations to Geoff and Ruth-Wileman who are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary this quarter.

Congratulations also to Bill Milton's son Robert who took part in the cycle event from Land's End to John O'Groats. Robert raised in excess of £2000 for Oakhaven Hospice in memory of his mother, June.

And finally, it has been suggested that to improve the look of the Village, we all give the nearest street sign a wash and brush up next time we have the bucket out for a car wash or window clean. Now there's a thought!

Enjoy the Autumn...

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News from St. Mary's



After a mixed bag of sun, wind and rain this summer we are now into the golden days of autumn.

August this year saw two very memorable events for our Church. On Sunday, 9th August we had our Patronal Festival of St Mary; the evening service was led by Barry Kent and we were again blessed to have the St Nicholas singers and St Mary's church choir perform in what was a very uplifting service. Thanks go to Helen Woodgates for conducting the choirs and to David Woodgates and Jan Haley for playing the organ. As usual this was followed by delicious refreshments provided by the usual 'team' and the whole event was enjoyed by everyone. Thanks go to all those involved in both the catering and the choir preparation.

August saw the return of last year's very successful 'Holiday at Home'. This venture is aimed at those within our parish who are unable to get away and enjoy a holiday during the year. Much preparation went into the holiday which this year 'took place' in Paris and included a 7ft high model of the Eiffel tower. Twenty four very happy holiday makers enjoyed their two day holiday which included French food, songs and entertainment – all of which was enjoyed without having to travel further than the Church Hall in Everton! Much thanks goes to all the 'travel agents' involved in making this holiday possible.

Autumn Bazaar

On Saturday, 17 October we will be holding our Autumn Bazaar at 10.00am until 12 noon in the church hall. At St Mary's we support five main missions and each year half the money that we raise at the bazaar goes to these missions along with some of our general income. The five main missions are:

Tear Fund ;Scripture Union; Mission to Seafarers;Church Mission Society link church;Church Army Basics Bank

As well as these 5 missions which we support financially we also support our local Basics Bank. Non-perishable food and toiletries are collected in a basket in the foyer of St. Mary's and then taken to Lymington to the Basics Bank centre ready for distribution to those who are in need.

If you would like further information on any of these missions do please ask Joyce or myself.

On Sunday, 8th November we will be holding our service of Remembrance which will begin at 10.50am and you will be very welcome to attend. On Wednesday, 11th November two minutes silence will be observed at the flagpole at Everton Recreation Ground.

Before we know it Christmas will be upon us and what better way to enjoy this festive time than to come and join the Village Carols which will take place on Wednesday, 16th December, further details will be put up around the village nearer the time.

The ending of the year brings upon us an important time for those at St Mary's as we approach the period of Advent. A Holy Communion Service will be held on Thursday, 24th December at 9.00pm and the Christmas Day Service will be held as usual at 10.00am on Friday, 25 December. The Church is always busy for this Service but there is room for everyone and a welcome for all. We do hope that you will come and join us on this very special day and share with us the meaning of Christmas.

On Sunday, 27th December we will be holding our family carol service at 10.00am in St Mary's Church.

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place in March and will be held on Friday, 4th March 2015 at 7pm in St Mary's. The service will be led by the women of Cuba and promises to be an uplifting occasion.

On Sunday, 20th March 2016 we will be holding our Palm Sunday Service and very much hope to be joined by Morris the donkey who is a favourite with all the congregation, young and old.

Details of our Good Friday Service to be held on 25th March 2016 will be displayed at the village stores and post office nearer the time. This will be followed by our Easter Day Service of Holy Communion at 10.00am on Sunday, 28th March 2016 when there will also be family activities in the church hall with hopefully an Easter Egg Hunt to follow!

This is a flavour of how we spend our time together here at St Mary's and we feel blessed to be part of 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. You will always receive a warm welcome.

With all best wishes for a Happy and Healthy Autumn and Winter and we look forward to giving you more news from St Mary's in Spring 2016.

Best Wishes to You All,

Linda Bettle and Joyce Pope

Church Wardens at St Mary's, Everton

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Autumn in Everton

Autumn creeps in on us gradually with the days getting shorter, a chilly start to the mornings, blackberries ripening and the leaves beginning to change colour. I finally have to accept that Autumn is arriving as acorns hit me on the head as I cycle along Wainsford Road. So that's what cycle helmets are for –protection from acorn attacks!



Autumn is also a time of new beginnings. This autumn has seen the start of a new club for children in Y3-6 at St Mary's Church Hall. Friday Fun is now taking place on Friday afternoons (surprisingly!) from 4.30-5.30pm, during term time. We start with refreshments, table top game, table tennis and pool. We then share a Bible story – at the moment we're hearing some of the parables Jesus told. To make sure everyone is feeling tired by the time they go home, we finish off with some active games like dodgeball (though we have a different name for it and use our own special rules), corners, relay races and bean bag bash. If you know any children in that age group who would like to join us, we'd love to see them.

Everton Toddlers continue to enjoy playing with the toys at St Mary's every Wednesday morning in term time between 9.30 and 11.30am. I sometimes think the adults get as much fun playing as the children! Parents or carers are welcome to bring babies and children from birth onwards along to meet friends and to play. We enjoy singing and making music too.

Messy Church is an opportunity for parents and children to explore Bible stories through sharing in craft activities. It takes place in St Mary's Church Hall in Everton on a Tuesday after school, once a month. The dates for the next planned sessions are: Tuesday 20th October, Tuesday 24th November and Tuesday 15th December.

For more information about Everton Toddlers, Friday Fun and Messy Church, contact Sheila Hopkins on 07969476148.

St Mary's Church Activities

Table Tennis Club

If you enjoy a game of Table Tennis , do come along to St. Mary's Hall on a Friday evening between 7.30 pm and 9.00 pm.

All you need are soft shoes and £2 each evening you play.

We are a friendly club and do not play in a league !!

Come and have a go even if you have not played for years or never played.

One member began to play when she was 80.

Friendship Coffee

Every Tuesday (except 3rd Tuesday) St. Mary's Hall is open for coffee from 10.00 am -11.30 am.

Everyone welcome for the whole time or just to "pop-in".

Transport can be arranged so please ring Gillian 644739.

Friendship Lunch

On 3rd Tuesday of each month we have Friendship lunch. Cilla and her team in the kitchen cook a beautiful hot meal for us and another team work in the hall and a third team undertake transport.

If you would be interested in coming to the lunch ring Gillian 644739 as we usually find some people cannot come each month so there are places to fill.

Before the lunch, at 11.45 am. there is an opportunity to worship together in the Church.

St Mary's Social Committee Calendar

A very sucessful barbecue was held in August, it was well attended despite the rather wet weather! Fifty tickets were sold and sixty four people came along. (Loaves and fishes springs to mind!)

The Harvest Supper was held at the end of September.

The Church Bazaar was held during October.

Future events:

A Christmas Shopping coach trip to either Salisbury or Winchester is planned for November.

Please contact John Wigglesworth for more info.642556

POSTCARDS FROM PARIS...

(also known as Holiday at Home on the 27 and 28th August 2015 in St Mary's Church Hall)

...wish you were here...

Dear Editor...

No horrors of traffic jams, late trains, delayed flights, excess baggage, currency, rain or shine clothes..we arrived, passports checked and we were ready to be entertained - and entertained we were

Love Rhoda

Dear Ed... Croissants and coffee for breakfast and

Whoever heard of snail racing...? I thought we'd be eating them but no...just racing them..(well not real ones of course!)

Oohh la la...sur le pont d'Avignon...forget the rest but loads of singing and dancing and quizzes...



Photos taken by Beryl Odber (2nd from left) who was also a main mover in the decor dept!

Love Sheila

Dear Editor,

Thursday and you missed a great lunch!
Poulet Divan, haricot verts, les carrots and pommes dauphinoise! And then...your favourite...tarte au citron et glace...

Friday..Poissons et frites, et



Details of travel arrangements and how to take part in next year's hols available from Gillian 644739...

please can I come? Ed.



Dear Editor....

No passports-no travel...with assistance we made our own! The Channel crossing was rough, no sick bags just a rope to keep us upright and safe. We duly arrived in Paris...saw the sights, lovely food, music...such fun! Still here as due to crossing and time difference missed the Everton Return flight home!!!

Love Sheila

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By an unfortunate co-incidence, this year's Village Festival clashed with the opening of Melvyn Gates' exhibition at Forest Arts in New Milton, and so I was unable to attend his Artist's talk. (For those of you who don't know, Melvyn is a long standing Evertonian.)However he very kindly agreed to meet me at the end of July for a chat and a viewing. Here's the result:

The exhibition posed the question: What is Melvyn's relationship with the Marshes and how (if at all) has it changed over the last forty years or so?

The first thing I noticed is that there's a gap of many years between his early works and the later ones which were painted in the last few years. The second is that this wasn't just about painting, for in order to try and answer the question, Melvyn used a mix of multi media and technology. There were many framed photographs on display, a slide show, watercolours, acrylic works and surprisingly, words, which he'd based loosely on Haiku poetry. This gave the exhibition a very contemporary feel but as Melvyn told me, it also gave him the opportunity to explore and show his own development. He explained that it was the use of today's technology that had allowed and helped him to answer questions, something that would have been far more difficult if he'd only employed conventional paints.

But why the gap of so many years? Well, during the 1980's Melvyn was a highly successful Marine Artist. For a time he was painting the Marshes and shoreline almost to demand, so much so, that for him the subject lost its originality. He stopped painting Seascapes and went on to explore other themes. His interest in the changing light of the mudflats was only reawakened a couple of years ago. It happened quite by chance as he walked his Springer Spaniel, Ben, at Keyhaven in an attempt to avoid the Alabama Rot which was prevalent in the Forest at that time. This coupled with his charitable work for Naomi House(an annual gift of a marine painting for a Fundraising auction) was enough to inspire him once again.

The exhibition was imaginatively grouped, with the varying threads of Melvyn's changing relationship made clearer by the adjacent placings of the photographs, paintings and words. Not done deliberately, they simply, he says, illustrate phases of his own exploration – an investigation into how he feels about a place that was very important to him forty years ago.

I'd imagined Melvyn as a young man wandering the empty Marshes of yester-year, sketchbook in hand, and it turns out I wasn't that far from the truth.

What I hadn't realised though is that he's an extremely good photographer, as well as an artist, so in addition to sketch books, he was also shouldering camera equipment which allowed him to capture some highly arresting black and white images to draw on later in his studio. These images, taken forty years ago, could now be classed as historical.

There were a few of his early works on show, perhaps from the 1970's, and they revealed his attention to a detailed realism with particular emphasis on colour and form. Painting those same scenes today, his work is fluid, looser and in a sense, to my mind anyway, verging on the abstract. His use of colour is masterly and atmospheric as he depicts the Keyhaven shoreline and scenic Marshes. They are empty and tranquil scenes. The writing of poetry is new to Melvyn, although I think his highly visual words simply work to paint pictures in a different media. The words are drawn from jottings that he has made over the years walking down Salt Marsh Lane. They provoked a question of my own...are they perhaps providing the structured realism that is no longer so evident in the looser images he paints today?

This exhibition was of course a 'one off', not a retrospective, more of a nostalgic look back at a particular location and so it carried different facets of interest. Melvyn's use of different media made this an exciting exhibition and is something I'd love to see developed further. We ended our chat with me hoping that he does something similar in the not too distant future. Judging by the feedback left at the exhibition so do many others!



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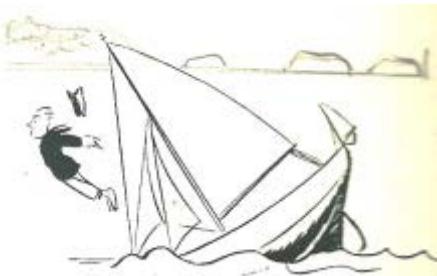
But it's one of those things that you never quite get round to doing...then if you are interested in forming a small group who want to have a go at setting pen to paper, please contact Cheryl 01590 644865. This is not a formal Writing Group, the aim is that the group will simply act as an encouragement.

In a way this is a follow on from Andrew Doig's inspiring words during the Arts Festival in June... 'It doesn't matter what you write...just do it!'



BACK ON DRY LAND...

THE YACHTING ADVENTURES OF TWO EVERTON SAILORS. *Elizabeth Kempe*



How it all started ...

We began sailing by chartering a small yacht on the Norfolk Broads. I reckoned that should be safe enough for starters. We had an instructor who came on board every morning, then left us in the afternoons. The slightest breeze terrified me – the 30' boat and sails so enormous and uncontrollable. But we stuck at it; returned the following year and began to be a little bored with tacking up and down Barton Broad.

To continue the sailing adventure, that winter we did an online course in navigation and general nautical knowledge and then went to live on board for five days and nights on a skippered boat in Cornwall. We were taught real sailing, navigating, rescuing countless danbuoys (the horseshoe shaped lifebuoy at the stern of most yachts), and even arriving at a set position at the right time of tide - all in the dark. This stage of 'day skipper competence' enabled us to charter a yacht on our own (bare boat). To charter is expensive, so when we came to live here by the sea and bought our own little yacht – the Kingfisher, and those who have read my previous articles will know that it has not been 'plain sailing' while we gain experience and there have been all manner of nasty surprises .

The latest of which was on a day that began so well. Lovely bright early summer's day – the sky clear; the boat and sails behaving perfectly as we enjoyed our first sail of the year. The sails had gone up without a hitch and all was running perfectly. We had timed it right to get back through the channel at Christchurch Harbour just as the tide turned to give us plenty of water to return to our riverside mooring. There were not many channel markers out, the season being so early – but we followed the usual route with confidence. In hindsight too much confidence because there was a sudden bump and we hit the sand bank. Reversing didn't unlodge us; and the increasing strength of the waves began to pound us more onto the bank than off. We were tossed from side to side – alarmingly so. Then I saw to my horror what looked like a shark's fin floating by. Just what we needed. As it turned out It was no shark, but the fin keel of our boat. I began to feel those horrible wobbly legs that I now recognise as fear at sea!

Long story short, and gratitude to the wonderful Coastguard men who managed to pull us off into deeper water and back to our mooring. So, we learn all the time. No room for complacency on boat – have to constantly be aware of the possible consequences of each action – but to err is to be human and in spite of all the theory the mooring line got twisted round the propeller last week! So Brian got his swim this year after all.

FREE OFFER

BOULE or if you prefer PETANQUE

What is wrong with the residents of EVERTON no one seems to be interested in something for nothing, not Buy One Get One Free.

We have in the village a boule (terrain) pitch, it has been in existence for the last 18 years or so, constructed and financed by the ECA, and equipped with all the necessary gear for the playing of this sport at no cost to the players..

Due to the shortage of players, I have now cancelled the regular opening days until a few more people agree to come along. We can't play with only three.

Although in past years we have played all year round, (on some cold winter days fortified by a hot toddy), I propose that anybody with an interest in getting regular meetings going again in the spring should contact me to discuss what can be done.

Alan Paice phone 644901

Alan Paice.

EDGE TO EDGE...Toby and Linda Sears

2014 motoring adventure

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IT was a rainy Monday morning in July when Everton residents

Toby and Linda Sears climbed into their 1932 two-seater Morris Minor for an epic 650 mile drive around the south west coast of Britain to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care.



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the car's 83-year-old seat and peered with concern at the thinning canvas hood with its leaky bald patches. "Don't worry, it'll soon clear up – we'll be fine," replied my irrepressibly optimistic husband. And you know what, as usual he turned out to be right!

Toby has a passion for classic cars, disappearing into his garage empire to tinker with his beloved Morris Minors whenever he has a few spare minutes and enthusiastically signing us up for rallies and adventures that we agree we haven't possibly got time to do yet which we somehow always manage to squeeze in.

This particular adventure was the handiwork of Chris Lambert, a good friend and the founder of the Pre-War Minor Network, an online resource for enthusiasts of all models of this much-loved classic car. Dubbed the 'Around the Edge' challenge, the aim was for different members of the club to each drive a section of the outskirts of England so that between us we'd driven all the way round the country in vintage Morris Minors.

The idea came from a Round Britain drive done by Morris Register member David Brown in 2003 to celebrate Morris Motors 90th anniversary. It took him three weeks to motor round the whole of Britain, but as none of the PWMN members could spare that much time, Chris tempted us all in with a curtailed around England version, in legs of around 125 to 150 miles each, with the option of raising money for charity along the way. What was there not to like about the idea – of course we could do a leg, I said, in response to Toby's first eager "Can we?"

Next thing I knew, we were doing four legs: from Southampton to Minehead, via Land's End. "There's nobody to do the Land's End section so if we do the two days to Land's End we might as well carry on round the top of the coast as we have to get home somehow," Toby reasoned. Don't you hate it when you know you've been outmanoeuvred but can't fault their logic! And so it came to pass that on a rainy Monday morning in July we set off on an epic 650 mile drive...

The soundtrack to our first morning's driving was our personal remix of a classic track: Raindrops Keep Falling On My Head (Inside the Car). But then someone somewhere remembered we were doing this for a good cause and the sun came out. And stayed out more or less for the rest of our trip.

Car hood now down, sunglasses on, wind in my hair (not Toby's though, as he hasn't got any for the wind to be in), glorious views...it would be a lie to say the miles sped by given that the car has a top speed of around 40mph – down to about 5mph up those steep Devon, Dorset and Cornish hills – but the time certainly flew past. (For the motoring geeks among you:

the Minor only has 19bhp, a non-syncromesh 3-speed crash gearbox and cable brakes, resulting in first gear hill climbs and a speed average of just 20mph per day). This really was an adventure in the making...

Day 1: Southampton to Totnes, including a fabulous view back towards Chesil Beach while we let the car cool down after a long climb, plus a trip on the Devonport to Torpoint ferry. Day 2: On from Totnes via Boddinick ferry and narrow Cornish lanes to Lizard's Point, where we lost tickover after vibration

loosened a carburettor screw. A potential disaster, averted by Toby taking the carburettor apart in the B&B car park that evening and fixing it. Try doing that with your modern car! Oh, and time spent admiring a number of fabulous views while the car cooled down after a long climb.

Day 3: Lizard's Point to Tintagel, stopping off, of course, for the must-have photo at Land's End. And lots of fabulous views looking back while the car cooled down after...you get the idea.

Day 4: On to Minehead, where the uphill climbs paled into insignificance as we hurtled down Britain's steepest A road, Porlock Hill. My heart (and much of what started off in the back of the car) was in my mouth while Toby stood on the brake pedal and prayed fervently. Miraculously we survived the one in four gradient despite the intense heat from the braking causing an oil leak which effectively resulted in us descending with only three working brakes. Glad we did it, but a tad too "exciting" in a car with pre-hydraulic cable brakes! Day 5: Across Exmoor, a few final chances to admire the views while the car cooled down after a steep climb (you might have noticed this had become a feature of our trip) and home to Everton, not part of the official charity challenge but a fine route with which to end our adventure.

The incredible generosity of Everton villagers, other friends, family, work colleagues and people we met along the drive means we have so far raised a magnificent £1,562 for Macmillan through our Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/around-the-edge> (still open if anyone would like to donate; or feel free to pop a donation in to us at 46 Wainsford Road), with well over £7,000 raised in total by everyone involved in the Around the Edge challenge.

Other PWMN members had equally exciting drives, one even carried out a roadside head gasket change during his 500 mile drive from Newcastle to Kendal in Cumbria and around the coast to Carlisle before crossing the country, following the Scottish border, to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Despite the cars being over 80 years old it just goes to show they can still give others a run for their money! Now, what was it that Toby said "wouldn't take us long" to do next year?



LYNMOUTH TO MINEHEAD



MADE IT!

Linda & Toby Sears



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.

The following four medicines are prescribed for specific ailments:

ARNICA 30C - Accidents, shock and exhaustion

The remedy is first choice after accidents and injuries – to reduce shock and “sore bruised” pains that occur after an accident. Arnica cream can be used topically to reduce swelling and bruising, but must only be used on unbroken skin. Arnica can be used for exhaustion as well, for example, moving house, sport, gardening, jet lag and dental extraction. This remedy is frequently prescribed after childbirth to ease the exhaustion of labour and physical bruising. Equally, Arnica can be taken at bedtime to ensure a good night’s sleep after exhausting emotional ordeals, e.g. extended hospital visits.

RHUS TOX 30 - Sprains and strains

Provides ease and comfort for joints, ligaments and muscles that feel stiff, sore and bruised – e.g. neck, shoulders, wrists, knees and lower back pain. The discomfort is worse on first movement, but this eases after continued movement, provided it is not too strenuous. Symptoms worsen with cold damp weather and the stiffness is eased with warmth, especially a bath.

RHUS TOX AND RUTA CREAM

A soothing topical application for symptomatic treatment of arthritic/rheumatic aches and pains. It may also aid the healing of sore and damaged muscles, tendons and ligaments. Along with Arnica cream, it is a useful addition to a sports bag.

URTICA URENS CREAM

This cream soothes minor burns, scalds, urticaria, hives, prickly heat, sunburn and allergic reaction to insect bites and stings. It provides relief where the skin feels hot, burning and very itchy.

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.

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Old Codgers' Corner

(a column for those of a certain maturity)

New Health Care Proposals

The Royal Colleges of Surgeons & Nursing have weighed in on Prime Minister David Cameron's health care proposals for the National Health Service.

The Allergists voted to scratch it, but the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologist's had a sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the Administration had a lot of nerve.

The Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

Ophthalmologists considered the idea short-sighted.

Pathologists yelled, "Over my dead body!" while the Paediatricians said, "Oh, Grow up."

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, while the Radiologists could see right through it.

The Surgeons were fed up with the cuts and decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The Ear Nose and Throat specialists didn't swallow it, and just wouldn't hear of it.

The Pharmacists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, "This puts a whole new face on the matter...."

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists were pissed off at the whole idea.

The Anaesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas, but the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.

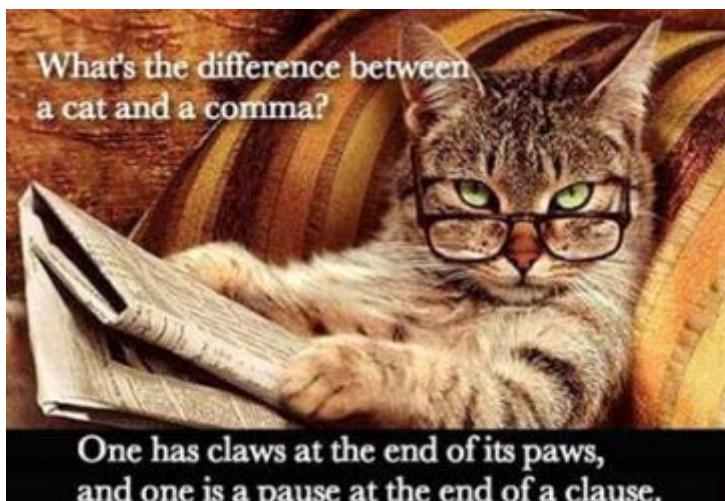
One day a florist went to a barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the barber replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The florist was pleased and left the shop. When the barber went to open his shop the next morning, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later, a cop comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you; I'm doing community service this week.' The cop was happy and left the shop. The next morning when the barber went to open up, there was a 'thank you' card and a dozen doughnuts waiting for him at his door.

Then an MP came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the barber again replied, 'I cannot accept money from you. I'm doing community service this week.' The MP was very happy and left the shop. The next morning, when the barber went to open up, there were a dozen MPs lined up waiting for a free haircut.

And that, my friends, illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country and the politicians who run it.

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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 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
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.....	Carrie Kaye 644252
Multiple Sclerosis.....	Church Hall 3 rd Monday p.m.....	Soophy 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.....	Mervyn Hughes 642509
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
Art class with teacher.....	Church hall, Mondays 10am to 12, 1pm to 3pm.	Heather Jolliffe 671588
Art Class with teacher	Farmer's Walk studio, times by arrangement	Melvyn Gates 645489

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

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