

EVERTON NEWS

Autumn 2016



Everton Community Newsletter

Everton Community Association



Dear members,

I was very pleased with the attendance of the Annual General Meeting held at the Social Club on Monday 26th September. In fact the attendance was up by more than 75% on the previous year. Arranging the meeting earlier in the year seems to have had a good outcome. We must thank Barbara Runham for pursuing the idea of an earlier AGM in September

rather than December.

We are hoping to convince more interested residents of the Village to volunteer their time and become ECA Committee members. The outlay of time is only six meetings per year. Do remember that the ECA is a Charity and all residents of the Village belong to the Association.

There are many outstanding issues from speeding motorists, being able to cross the A337 safely, government housing policy and many other such issues which need discussing. We welcome comments and suggestions for our Agendas.

The Committee will work together to provide a successful outcome to as many topics and issues that are forthcoming during the next twelve months. For more info please call me on 677376.

Best wishes to all...Roger Hockham

Chairperson ECA (elected on September 26th)

Defribillator Update

I would also like to bring you up to date with our quest to obtain a Defribillator for the Village.

It was not until I had a quadruple heart bypass in 2015 that I realised how important it was to have access to a heart defribillator if you have a heart attack. My wife Angie applied to the British Heart Association for a grant to purchase a system for the Village. Sadly, the application was unsuccessful.

However, Angie did manage to get a CPR(cardiopulmonary resuscitation) kit. This enables people to be trained in manual chest compressions and rescue breaths, these are life saving procedures for someone who is in cardiac arrest.

The kit came with ten manderins(small blow up dummies) and a DVD for training purposes.

We advertised the training in the Village for the first time and had six participants. Further training sessions will soon be organised.

During the intervening month though, Hordle Parish Council offered to provide a Defribillator for Everton village. We are hoping that it will arrive in the New Year. When it arrives it will be installed at the Village Post Office, Barrie and Carole Morgan have agreed for the unit to be placed there and I thank them both on behalf of the ECA.

However, we do wish to encourage more people to learn the techniques of CPR, especially as ambulance waiting times are getting longer. Presently the CPR kit is stored at the Everton & Lymore Social Club. Anyone who is interested in learning the latest procedures please contact myself or Angie.

Roger Hockham Chairperson of the ECA

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Outgoing Chairman, Barbara Runham, is presented with a bouquet at the recent A.G.M. By the new Chairman Roger Hockham

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Sadly I seem to have run out of space for my usual musings as another topic seems to be occupying our thoughts..I have received several letters this time round about the problems being caused by thoughtless parking and think it should be addressed here instead.

Time and again the same issues are coming up; cars are being left for long periods on verges, half on and off pavements and opposite driveways. Examples of this are the bend at Golden Crescent, Farmer's Walk and Frys Lane. Everton is not unique in this, it's the result of our narrow lanes, more vehicles on the road and of us all leading such busy lives that we are in such a rush to leave the vehicle that we hardly give a passing thought to where we are. Understandable as this is, as car owners (and parkers) we have to recognise that not only can it be frustrating for others but it does carry dangers too.

A resident in Golden Crescent writes

There seem to be more and more cars parked halfway on the kerb and halfway on the road. Any oncoming traffic round the bend cannot see if another vehicle is approaching, as you have to be on the wrong side of the road to pass the parked cars. It is totally unsafe as drivers do not slow down coming round the Crescent and this is becoming the normal practice. This, plus the fact that delivery vans and maintenance vehicles have difficulty in getting through.

Difficulties of a slightly different nature are a common occurrence in Farmer's Walk; another resident writes;

And on a different but equally frustrating topic...

Dear Editor,

I wonder if you would be so kind as to publish this letter in the Everton News. I live in Golden Crescent & I have noticed recently that there are a few irresponsible dog owners who are keeping their dogs on a long lead allowing them to roam all over peoples lawns. This is equivalent to not having them on a lead at all, they should be controlling their pet!

On several occasions I have had to pick up dog mess from my lawn. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

It is people like them who get the majority of responsible dog owners, (pet lovers), a bad name. If someone owns a dog they should accept responsibility for it, keep it under control & not allow it to mess or wee on other peoples property.

Thank You,

Signed: A Responsible Dog Owner.

RED SQUIRRELS

The stunning photograph on the front cover was taken earlier this year by Louis Rumis at Brownsea Island. He kindly allowed us to use the image.

If anyone else would like their photograph to be featured in this way then please get in touch with us. Springtime images next time please!

cherylfillmore@hotmail.com

Careless and thoughtless parking by people visiting Rodbourne Close residents, results in Farmers Walk residents, being obstructed in coming and going from their houses. This compounds the difficulty for house residents who are already struggling with cars parked opposite their driveways and sometimes left there for a day or two before being removed.



I recently learned that the long driveways that residents of Golden Crescent enjoy were planned that way for a purpose ...to allow access and an open clear throughway for the emergency vehicles. I'm sure that none of us would want to see, or be responsible for a fire engine or an ambulance being held up in this way!

The Highways Authority recently stepped in and gave us yellow lines opposite to the Hyundai Garage, no one wants to see the rest of Everton go the same way, nor do we want restricted parking bays.

So, I think time for an appeal to all of us to use our common sense and think about where we leave our cars. I quote from a letter,

...please spare a thought for the residents of Everton, we have a lovely village with a lot of lovely people living here, we want everyone to be safe. Consideration please!

THE WINNING RAFFLE PRIZE IS STILL UNCLAIMED

Number 2110.....Name G. Leach....

Please get in touch with the editor if you hold the ticket or know who does. We will need identification and the ticket!



Whilst Shopping is always Good Fun in Everton we're not sure if Gordy has truly grasped the meaning of Self-Service!!

Gordy

It was July 29th when the residents of Everton had their first look at the proposed housing developments in what has proved to be NFDC's highly controversial Local Plan 2016-36. 650 new homes were planned for Everton and Hordle alone!

The first event, which was held at the Pavilion in July, was set up by Hordle Parish Council and took the form of a 'drop in surgery' its aim was to enable everyone to talk to the Parish Councillors about the redesignation of green belt sites, the proposed sites and what opportunities there could be for Hordle/Everton with the new developments. Another meeting was held in August at the Hordle Pavilion. These meetings were attended by over three hundred people.

There was such a crush in Everton that many residents had to remain outside the Pavilion in the car park!



Frustratingly as there were no concrete plans there were no answers to the many questions that residents had.



The proposals were up for Public Consultation and the deadline for responses was September 16th 2016. It left little time to organise a public response but various action groups were formed in Hordle and Milford, letters were written to the Press, marches organised and responses (if you did wish to object) were encouraged.

In Everton such a group was organised on the Knightcrest Park by Peter Collis, chairman of the Residents Association. Peter set out details of the proposal and attached a suggested letter of objection which was distributed to all the homes on Knightcrest Park. He and his team also printed flyers (at their own cost) which

were delivered throughout Everton.

Moving on from there, towards the end of the Consultation period a meeting was held by the Everton Community Association at which response forms were handed out and various objections were discussed.

Resulting from this Melvyn Rand, with the help of Don Montgomery and the Everton News crew, worked up a list of objections based mainly about building on the Green Belt and the impact on the environment, this was coupled with the official form downloaded from the NFDC website. This package was then printed and 900 were delivered by hand to every house in Everton. Responses could be made directly or were collected for dispatch by Barrie and Carole at the Post Office. Over 200 forms were collected, but this is not to be taken as an absolute figure as obviously many responses could have been made online or posted directly.

As Editor of the Newsletter my personal thanks go to all those who took part in the delivery. The turnaround from my receiving Melvyn's pack to it being printed and on everyone's doorstep was just 48 hours!!!

So what happens now?

Sept 2016 to April 2017 The local plan is prepared, informed by consultation feedback and further evidence.

May-July 2017 Public Consultation on the final draft Of the Local Plan then the Local Plan is submitted to Government for independent examination.

October 2017 Estimated Local Plan examination Period.

January 2018 The Local Plan examination Report is received.

February-June 2018 The Local Plan is finalised and adopted. This typically takes 2-6 months depending on the extent of any changes recommended by the examiner. Any significant changes would require further consultation.

COMMUNITY POLICE SUPPORT ⁵

My name is PCSO 15943 Stuart Readhead and I am the Police Community Support Officer for the Boldre, Sway and Hordle Parishes including Tiptoe and Milford on Sea. I am also the local point of contact for Community Speedwatch in these areas.

A little bit about me and my role. I was born and bred in the New Forest and come from a family of commoners and Verderers. I am passionate about the New Forest and local communities. I joined Hampshire Police in April 2015 having worked previously with Aspergers and Autism sufferers in a private school locally. My role in the police is to support the public within the community. I assist the police in certain areas, act as the eyes and ears on the streets and in particular I work to reassure the public and to tackle the social menace of anti-social behaviour.

My colleague is PC 23072 Ian Cross. He has worked for Hampshire Police over 12 years in a variety of roles; he arrived in Lymington six years ago as the Town Centre Beat Officer, returning to the new Sway, Boldre & Hordle Beat in April after a spell on the New Forest Crime Team working alongside CID.

Due to the changes to our Beat boundaries in April last year the Hordle and Sway parishes are now part of the Lymington area which, along with a smaller New Milton area, comprises New Forest South under the supervision of Sgt 1550 Beale.

Both Ian and I will endeavour to attend local council meetings where appropriate along with more informal local gatherings, community events and functions. Hopefully we will be a visible presence in your community, please feel free to approach us in person or email any community issues or general policing queries you may have.

Can I also ask people to join Hampshire Alert where you will be a recipient of messages of information, crime alerts and witness appeals local to the area in which you live or work in a way that suits your needs and lifestyle by email, text or telephone.

Please visit our website www.hampshire.police.uk for more information on Hampshire Alert and a variety of other policing issues. You will also find here a list of your Local Policing Priorities set in consultation with the public and regular updates on our efforts to tackle these issues.

Alert: HMRC and iTunes gift card scam

Action Fraud is warning people of a new trend that has hit the UK where fraudsters contact victims claiming to be from HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) and trick them into paying bogus debts and taxes using iTunes gift cards.

Victims are being contacted in a variety of methods by fraudsters claiming to be from HMRC and are told they owe an outstanding debt. In the hundreds of cases reported to Action Fraud in the past month, the fraudsters all ask for payment in iTunes gift card voucher codes. Fraudsters are now moving onto iTunes gift cards to collect money from victims because they can be easily redeemed and easily sold on. The scammers don't need the physical card to redeem the value and instead get victims to read out the serial code on the back over the phone.

Fraudsters are contacting victims in three ways:

- Voicemails: Fraudsters are leaving victims automated voicemails saying that they owe HMRC unpaid taxes. When victims call back on the number provided, they are told that there is a warrant out in their name and if they don't pay, the police will arrest them.

- Spoofed calls: Fraudsters are cold calling victims using a spoofed 0300 200 3300 number and convincing them that they owe unpaid tax to HMRC.

- Text messages: Fraudsters are sending text messages that require victims to urgently call back on the number provided. When victims call back, they are told that there is a case being built against them for an outstanding debt and they must pay immediately.

One victim had reported purchasing over 15 iTunes gift card vouchers from Argos at £100 pounds each and handing them over to fraudsters on the phone after receiving an automated voice message. Another victim handed gift card voucher codes worth £15,000 after receiving a cold call.

This new trend that has only surfaced in the UK over the past month has been used by scammers in the USA who have been posing as police, attorneys, debt collectors and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) agents.

How to protect yourself:

- HMRC will never use texts to tell you about a tax rebate or penalty or ever ask for payment in this way.
- Telephone numbers and text messages can easily be spoofed. You should never trust the number you see on your telephones display.
- If you receive a suspicious cold call, end it immediately.

To report a fraud and receive a police crime reference number, call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or use our online fraud reporting tool. Sign up for free to Action Fraud Alert to receive direct, verified, accurate information about scams and fraud in your area by email, recorded voice and text message.

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Hordle Parish Council website

Do you know the Parish Council meets on a fortnightly basis? Meetings are on the first and third Tuesday of every month (except for August) and you are welcome to attend. The agenda for each meeting is posted on the website a week in advance as well as on the parish noticeboards so you can see what will be discussed. The website can be found at <http://www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk/>. Minutes of each meeting are added to the website once they have been approved at next Parish Council meeting. Meetings take place at the Hordle Pavilion, Vaggs Lane SO41 0FP with a chance to come along and discuss any issue with Parish Councillors from 7.15 and the formal meeting starting at 7.30. Do have a look at our website for up to date information about what is happening in the Parish or come along and meet the Parish Councillors at a meeting.

New Chair and Vice Chair

The Parish Council have elected Cllr Sue Bown as the new Chair of the Parish Council and Cllr David Horne as the Vice Chair at the Annual Meeting on May 3rd. Cllr David Ironside stood down as chair at the same meeting and was thanked for his hard work on behalf of the Parish. A full list of Councillors and contact details are available on the website.

Volunteers in the Parish

A number of community events have been run this summer by volunteers (Tiptoe Fayre 21st May. Everton Festival June 16-19, Hordle Festival w/c 29th August and Fete 3rd September). We also heard at the Parish Assembly about the number of community organisations that are operating in the Parish and are often a vital source of support to residents. The Parish Council would like to thank all the volunteers in the Parish who make our three villages a better place to live.

KEEPING OUR EVERTON SKYLINE CLEAR

Travelling around the Village we can really appreciate the uninterrupted skyline free of television aerials, especially on the four estates of bungalows and some houses built in recent years.

The reason for this is because all the properties are fitted with good indoor aerials in their lofts capable of picking up all our required stations.

However generally, some of our older properties do require a higher aerial as they are in close proximity to high trees like the ones in Buckstone Close. If on such an occasion an outside aerial will be required, in order to keep our skyline clear, it's helpful if it's fitted no higher than the eaves apex or the top of a chimney of a property, whilst a disc, if required, could be placed on a South facing wall. By doing this the local skyline will be kept clear.

Geoff Smith

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and to report

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POST SCRIPT FROM DORSET



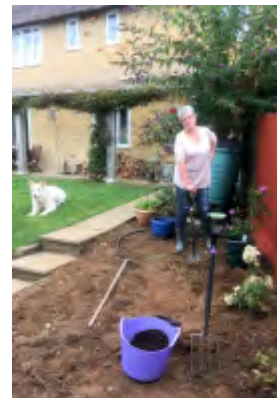
I know that some of you have been asking about us and we couldn't just ride off into the sunset without a little catch up and a couple of pictures.

Well we finally made it to Dorset and I just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you all for the kind wishes and cards that we received – we were overwhelmed. Oh and a big thank you to Hilary for the cake, it was most welcome when we were buried in boxes.

We're in a village not far from Bridport. It's a working village with lots of farm traffic, cows up the road and sheep opposite. It did take a bit of getting used to and I missed the familiar faces and places but we are gradually getting sorted. We have spent the summer doing nothing, haven't even had any trouble lying in.....bliss. Come September though and I thought it was time to get back into the swing of things. We have a little shop in the village which is community run and staffed by volunteers, and so I recently volunteered my services there and had to go for training, it was quite strange being the new girl.



Anyway a couple of pictures to finish – one of me in the garden starting off a new flower bed in what was a vegetable patch and one of Steven having a rest in between cutting the front hedge.



Finally thanks to all for your support and friendship over the years and hoping that Barrie and Carole enjoy being in Everton as much as we did.

With all good wishes

Sandra & Steven Burrows

Kathy's Macmillan Coffee Morning

On the 30th September the Everton & Lymore Social Club hosted a coffee morning organised by Kathy McClure.

Kathy has done this for several years now and tells me that yet again they had a good turnout for the morning which went brilliantly and raised an outstanding result of £447!!!! She'd like to give her special thanks to the Club and master bakers Maurice and Mary. She also sends special thanks to Valerie May, Local Community Support, from Tesco New Milton who came along and helped serve the teas and coffee.



But from us all it's ...Well done Kathy!

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We are enjoying another successful year and have just completed our programme of walks for the next six months. Walking numbers generally range from 15 to 20 with leaders who arrange walks covering the Forest. During the summer we have two walks in Dorset, and two evening walks in the Forest. Social events are becoming ever more popular the next being a skittles evening in mid November

We continue to maintain a satisfactory number of members due in no small measure to the enquiries we receive from the Everton News Letter. Our thanks to Cheryl .

Should you decide to join us for an introductory ramble you will be most welcome. We start at 10:30 a.m. from designated car parks in the Forest. We cover a nominal distance of five miles and generally complete the walk by 1:00 p.m. There may be a pub lunch available following the walk for those so inclined.

Please contact Merv Hughes. Phone 01590 642509. e-mail; mervhughes@me.com



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For more information please look at our new website www.hordlevoluntarycare.org.uk, contact

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ALZHEIMER'S AND RESEARCH

Readers will recall that in our last issue we talked about Everton resident Tom who is helping out with research into the causes of Alzheimer's. Well Tom is now into his second year of Research and has just been called in for a second bout of tests. Tom doesn't have Alzheimer's disease but is one of 20/100 controls per year.

Tom tells us that most of the testing that he underwent was pretty much the same as last year with the exception that more sophisticated equipment was used for eye tracking. In his opinion, an interesting development is that he has been fitted with a sleep monitor, which will monitor his sleep patterns for 2 weeks. Recent thinking suggests that it is possible that sleep patterns are different with people with early onset dementia, and frontal lobe dementia in particular.

Tom's understanding is that information drawn from his age group (late 60's) can provide good and helpful insights. Over the three year period, researchers monitor the minute changes in HIS brain, in particular those that affect his behaviour, memory, cognitive understanding, spelling and understanding of situations which take place normally, this then provides valuable information when set against people who do have early onset at this same sort of age.

You can find out more at

www.alzheimersresearchuk.org

Everton & Lymore Social Club

Everton Club is one of the Social Centres of the Village, and as I said in the last Newsletter, provides entertainment and a meeting place for a friendly drink or game of Snooker, Darts, Pool or Dominoes along with Card games (crib etc.). The Club also has a very comfortable Lounge to entertain friends or come along to one of our entertainment evenings, a list will be provided at the end of this message.



The Club also has Bingo every Wednesday and Sunday evenings at 7.30pm, and once a month a Film Night, usually on Friday. A monthly list of events is on the Notice Board at the Club entrance.

The Club held its Annual Pumpkin Sunday on 2nd October to raise funds for Oakhaven Hospice which is our designated charity.

We enjoyed being part of the Festival and had some good turnouts to the arranged events though I would like to add the TEA DANCE didn't attract as many as last year. Overall the event went well.

Forthcoming Events

22nd October	Group – SUNSTROKE
28th October	FILM NIGHT
29th October	Private Party
5th November	Group - CAT & MOUSE
19th November	Group - CATCH 22
25th November	FILM NIGHT
26th November	Private Party
3rd December	Group - EMPTY FRETS
8th December	PENSIONERS PARTY
11th December	GRAND XMAS DRAW
12th December	Private Party
Xmas EVE	Group - SUNSTROKE
NEW YEARS EVE	Group – COFFEE OWLS

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Winners

Pumpkin Competition

Trevor Keeler

Sunflower Competition

Angela Anderson



EVERTON LADIES EVENING GROUP – LEGS

It is said that variety is the spice of life, and 2016 has been a great year for a variety of speakers at our monthly meetings; surely something here to suit everybody's taste! Ranging from Travels Around The World in 80 Days, to Behind the Scenes at Selfridges, from Colour Consultancy to Fish and Chips in the company of a real live Poetess, and then a fascinating view of Mata Hari where we all reached our own verdict on her war-time exploits, we then came to the Annual Outing, this year to Salisbury and on to a really interesting Farm Tour of Lyburn Cheeses finishing with a tasty cheese supper, followed the next month by a Grand Afternoon Tea at South Lawn Country House Hotel. Next on the schedule was Mayhem, Mutiny and Murder – a really fascinating presentation of the story and eventual rediscovery of HMS Wager, described as the greatest story of survival in naval history. October brought us Lisa Morgan of Lisa's Larder in Keyhaven, and, hopefully, this edition of Community Newsletter will come in time to alert you to our November speaker, Vanessa Helps, telling of Walking the Camino Frances to Santiago de Compostela.

Our Christmas Party in December will round the year off, and we start all over again in January with our regular raucous Beetle Drive.

Our 2-monthly Ladies Who Lunch continues to be extremely well supported, both by the ladies and the local restaurants we have visited.

All these events were available to be shared and enjoyed by any lady in the vicinity of Everton who wished to come along to St Mary's Hall at 7.30 on the first Monday of each month. We aim to continue our 39th year as we have always done, so do come and see what you have been missing. A cup of tea or coffee and a warm welcome await and we will be delighted to meet you!

CARRIE KAYE 01590 644252



EVERTON POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE STORES

Hello New Neighbours

What an exciting year we are having, the best part of which has been our decision to move to Everton and take over the Stores and Post Office.

We have been overwhelmed by the fantastic support and kind words we have received in our first few months here.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you all. My Husband Barrie, Daughter Emma, and myself (Carole) moved to Everton, in June, from East Sussex. Barrie worked for over 20 years in his family run Shop and Post Office business and for several years managed a busy village convenience store.

We have spent several years looking for the perfect opportunity to work for ourselves again and after looking at a few places,

felt that Everton Stores and Post Office was the ideal one for us!

We are so pleased with our decision and have settled very well into our new life here.

We have made a few changes in the store by, extending the opening hours, introducing a farm fresh range of meat, fruit and vegetables and will be running promotional offers regularly.

With Christmas fast approaching we are looking forward to our first festive season in the village and would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

We would like to thank you all for the generous welcome we have received and the wonderful support you give to the store. We look forward to seeing you all in the very near future and beyond.

Best wishes Carole, Barrie & Emma

BOULES

Due to a lack of interest and support from the residents of the village I am closing down the Boules group.

The pitch and all the equipment will still be available for any body who would like to organise a future group to play on a regular basis, and who is willing to supervise the maintenance of the pitch. Any body interested give me a call on 01590 644901.

I am sad to see this fold up as at the turn of the century we could muster a dozen or more to play on two afternoons a week. So I will say a sad farewell to the pitch where, in the past we have had so much fun.

Alan Paice

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All you need is to wear soft shoes and bring £1.50 each night you attend. Bats and balls are provided (No meeting on Friday 21 October)

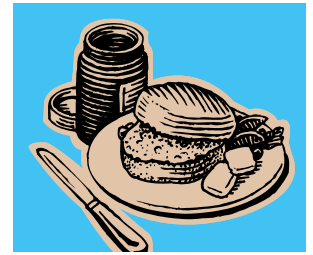
Gillian Peard

WI not always what you expect !

I wonder what images come into your mind at the mention of a WI Tea Tent ? I would be surprised if your first thoughts were of catering for thousands at a Pop Festival !

However, in 2004 the WI was invited to help cater at the first Isle of Wight Festival . Local members rose to the challenge, their tea and cakes proved to be very popular, and the WI Tea Tent has been a regular feature each year since.

WI, I know, also provides refreshments at Camp Bestival, Lulworth, and at the Pilton Pop Festival, Glastonbury.



If you are not already a WI member, why not come and check us out ? I promise that you will not be asked to bake cakes for a pop festival..... well, not this year anyway but who knows what the future holds for the Everton Festival ?

What we do offer is friendship and a minimum of an afternoon out each month with a varied programme of speakers and/or activities. After that there is the opportunity, but only if you wish, to get further involved with area, county and national events.

Why not come and join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 2.30pm in the Church Hall..... you will be most welcome.

MEETING DATES AND DETAILS

19th October; New Forest Night Stop--Jude Todd.

16th November; The Story of Headlands--Milke Johnson

21st December; Christmas Party

18th January; A Lion called Christian--DVD

15th February; My Life as a Freelance Comedy Writer--Nick Thomas

15th March; Getting Away From it All; Mike Johnson

19th April; What the Butler Saw--Mr. J. Pitman

17th May; AGM

21st June; National Trust "Finest Gardens" Spring and Summer. DVD

We also have an outing in July and a cream tea in August. Christmas lunch in December in a restaurant in the local area.

Our W.I. in Everton meets on the 3rd. Wednesday of every month, we also meet for a craft afternoon on the 4th Wednesday.

We are based at St. Mary's church hall in Branwood Close, Everton.SO410LU.

Please come and join us, the first month is free to see if you like us.

For further information ring Mrs. Vera Peters 01590642981 or Joyce Pope 01590 644467.



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EVERTON BRIDGE CLUB

Everton Bridge Club continues to thrive through 2016 with around 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 pm 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 Laura Coleman 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.



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On the social front, the annual Chairman's BBQ in July 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.

MILFORD ON SEA BOWLS CLUB -your local bowls club

The outdoor playing season started in late April with difficulty owing to some damage having been caused to parts of the green by high seas in the Spring period. The green quickly recovered and regained its renowned high standard by the middle of May. The Club's Open Morning's saw a record number of newcomers, many keen to have free bowls coaching and take up membership. The season ended with the Club's highest membership level for many years. Hopefully many of our aspiring newcomers will develop in time to become top class bowlers.

Members enjoyed a great season of bowling with a number of newcomers enjoying bowling in league games. Spectators at Finals Day in early September saw some hotly contested matches played in great weather conditions. The outdoor season closed at the end of September and it is planned that a refurbishment of the pavilion will be carried out

during the Winter period with completion planned for early in Spring. Open Mornings are again planned for next year when the green re-opens around May time. If you are interested then please contact the Secretary (details below) as soon as possible to get on the list and to receive updates. Established players should also make contact if they are interested in joining for next season. Our members come from a wide area around Milford with many residing in the Everton area. It's a healthy sport, played at all competitive levels at the Club. Full coaching facilities are available and for newcomers you can initially use club bowls and shoes. Whilst there is a dress code, nowadays it is far from onerous. Contact us soon to find out more –

Honorary Secretary, Peter Kaye is on 01590 644252 or email him at peterkayeathome@gmail.com



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We have had a busy summer here at the Garden Centre, the highlight of which was surely the final day of the Everton Festival. We all really enjoyed being able to host the event and were pleased to see so many of you from the village on the day.

The early summer was rather wet and everything made masses of growth. Then things went dry and warm, but with all that moisture in the ground, just about

everything seems to have survived without showing much drought damage.

Now autumn is upon us and the days are really beginning to draw in. Soon the inevitable leaf sweeping will commence, worth doing regularly, especially from the lawn so that grass doesn't become drawn and weak by being smothered. Better still, give your lawn an autumn treat with an autumn feed, which will help strengthen the root system and prepare it to go into the winter.

Remove the last of the summer bedding and cut back herbaceous plants as they finish flowering. Pop in a few winter pansies for a bit of ongoing colour, wallflowers planted now will give some early spring colour, and remember, autumn planted bulbs need to go in now while the soil is still nice and warm.

Hoping the winter is not too unkind, good wishes to you all from the team at Everton Nurseries!

All of us who help to organise the Village Festival were really excited when Everton Nurseries stepped in and offered to host the final day of the Festival, *Midsummer Madness*. The chance of rain and stormy skies is ever present and it was a delight to be able to go ahead and arrange entertainment without having to worry about the vagaries of our English climate!



Being the first time we had held an event of this size at the Nurseries of course there were many questions to be answered and various plans to be considered. How were we going to seat 200 people? How could all the flowers and plants be moved to give us the space? And equally important what about the odd glass of wine and beer that we were hoping to sell?

In the end it all went off beautifully. Everyone who attended had a great time and it was extremely comforting to listen to the rain pounding on the roof during Swing Unlimited's concert and be able to bless our good fortune in having such an offer from Everton Nurseries. The acoustics by the way, were superb!

The Bannermen

Of course moving all the chairs around took some effort but I am happy to say that there now exists in the Village a team of unsung heroes who spent most of the weekend shifting tables and chairs about. No mean feat as they are stored on the Recreation Ground!! Our special thanks to them all, especially as for some, this was their first year in the Village!

P.S. They are called Bannermen because that is what they thought they'd be, just putting up banners and bunting and taking it all down again! Now they know...

EVERTON NURSERIES



Garden Centre

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(Sundays 10.30 – 4.30)
for all your Gardening needs.
Local delivery service for
those bulky items.

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EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2016



Festival Music by **Steve Adams (Music man)**

Another festival, another set of experiences and hopefully the learning curve is becoming a little less steep. It was so good not having to worry about the vagaries of the weather for the Friday and Sunday programmes with the Social Club and Everton Nurseries providing venues on those days.



As if to prove the point the heavens opened during the Thursday afternoon tea party in Maggie and Graham Bowden's garden but that didn't dampen spirits: Cynthia Mason played on with a broad smile, inserting little rain-related snippets into her repertoire!

(Left...Vera Peters serves tea in a rare sunny moment)

Attendance at the various entertainment events was mostly very good with capacity audiences for Saturday night (Empty Frets) and Sunday night (Swing Unlimited Community Band) whilst the Folk night on Friday night **(below)** organised by Steve West was also a great success. The Thursday evening Jamming session arranged by Rob Tabard **(right)** did not have a particularly great response although it was an enjoyable and fun night. It is understood that previous such evenings have had a good attendance so hopefully this was just a one-off!



Support for the Saturday afternoon entertainment on the Rec was good and this was confirmed

by the level of refreshment sales achieved by the hard-working team in the Pavilion. The weather was kind, the music was great and there were plenty of food and drink outlets to keep people happy. Once again Zumba Gold got people dancing and an excellent and popular addition this year was the flying display put on by Liberty's Raptor Centre.



As usual there was an enthusiastic audience on Sunday morning for the Forest Youth Brass **(right)** and it was pleasing to see customers at the Nurseries stop browsing amongst the plants to listen and applaud the youngsters. The acoustics in the playing area

were excellent and every performer sounded great, a credit to the work of Amy Taylor. The Sunday afternoon programme was of a very high standard: Hand To Mouth Theatre was very clever and very funny; Polly Morris and her band were both entertaining and humorous; and Crescendi Choir led by Jo Corbin once again delivered a superb and lively programme. Unfortunately attendance during the afternoon was poor which was a shame given the quality of all the performances and, as a result, we will review future programme scheduling and advertising.



In contrast the evening (and festival finale) saw a capacity audience enjoy a superb evening of entertainment from the Swing Unlimited Community Band with their packed and varied programme of big-band favourites. People were dancing in the aisles or whatever limited space they could find! It was a nice reflection of our village festival to witness the burgeoning talents of the Youth Brass in the morning and then later enjoy the established and impressive talents of the Swing Band.

To summarise then, at least for the musical content, we feel that the festival was an overall success. We must thank all the performers and all the helpers, including those involved before and after the festival weekend. Special thanks go to Rob Tabard, Steve West, Gary Parsons, Pat Collins and Simon Collyer. And, of course, our thanks to all who turned up and supported the various events.

We are already turning our thoughts to next year and building on the experience of the last three festivals. We will continue to strive to retain the small village atmosphere whilst at the same time welcoming people from the wider area and will look to provide once again a wide variety of entertainment.

Swing Unlimited at the Festival Finale



Hand to Mouth Puppet Theatre



Zumba on the Rec...



EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2017 ¹⁵

Sunday June 11th -Sunday June 18th

Festival planning is just starting to get underway and so as yet we have no concrete details to give you. However I can give you the dates...We plan to have an opening concert this year, probably something classical, and have set this date for Sunday June 11th. Various events will go on during the week building up to our usual Live Music event on the Recreation Ground on Saturday and a closing concert at Everton Nurseries on Sunday the 18th. We'll be putting up further details on the Shed wall and obviously in the Spring Newsletter. In the meantime do mark that week in your diary, we'd hate you to miss the fun!

FESTIVAL 2016 overall was a success although there were a few events that weren't as well attended as we'd hoped for. The most obvious one was the Arts Trail, which was an awful shame as the quality of work was excellent, the exhibitors had put a huge amount of effort into getting this right. That's going to be one of the things we'll try to improve on next year, we're currently looking at having all the Art and Craft on display on the Recreation Ground on Saturday. If you'd like to be involved with helping organise, or exhibiting we'd love to hear from you. If you did manage to come along to look at the art on display, you will have noticed our new display screens. Many thanks to Brian (Elizabeth Kempe's other half) who set to and made them for the Village! They can now be used by any of our Everton artists.



Hordle Flower Club

A large number of artists from Everton were among the exhibitors at the recent 20x20 painting exhibition held at St Barbe Museum for a fund-raising auction. It is very pleasing to report that Diana's group, which meet at the Pavilion on Thursday afternoons, successfully sold their work and raised around £200!!



Diana Collard (centre) at her studio

Photography Competition

Samantha Bollom (below) is presented with a trophy for taking First Prize in the Photography Competition. Louis Rumis (far left) judged the competition.



Samantha wins again!

Samantha is showing great promise as a photographer, not only was she last year's winner, but she went on to win other local competitions during the year and took part in the Arts Trail.

Simon Collyer displays the winning entry



If you enjoyed EMPTY FRETS at the festival (or even if you missed them) you can see them again at the Forest Arts Centre, New Milton - 7.30pm Sat 26th November, 2016.

This is a charity gig with all proceeds in aid of the Motor Neurone Disease Association.

Tickets can be obtained through the box office at £10 per person.

Contact 01425 612393 or online
www.forest-arts.co.uk



The Artist

Is it peculiar to sit and write,
Does it make one a sybarite
Is it a need, perhaps not quite,
To turn the darkness into light?

Some might say that they are glad
And others say it's very sad
To spew out art, some good, some bad,
Some is miserable and some plain mad.

Clearer still a palette and paint,
Can form a picture clear and quaint
To clear the mind of any taint,
And free the soul from all restraint.

Then perhaps you may have heard
Of the power within the spoken word,
But heed, it may have not occurred,
The message may be quite absurd.

The musician lulls you with his song,
And carries you off in cheerful throng,
But soon, and it won't be long,
Before you're dazed by brass,
strings and gong.

Sculptors with their busts of stone,
Nibble at rock like dogs with bones,
They work at night and all alone
And seldom hear their mobile phones.

So beware the artist in all his guises,
Full of guile and subtle devices,
Make sure your mind, your nerves and eye
Are well attuned and ready for surprise!

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this summer and there has been much happening in the Church of St Mary's and much more to come. Here is a snapshot of what we have been up to and what we are planning as autumn and winter come upon us.

During June this year we marked the Queen's 90th birthday with a Flower Festival and Cream Tea weekend beginning on Friday, 10 June. The flowers were truly spectacular and the cream tea was lovely (more on the displays and photos in a separate article). The following weekend we held a morning Songs of Praise on Crossways Green, this was well attended and certainly gave interest to those passing by, a few of whom stopped to join in.

On Sunday, July 10th we held our Sea Sunday Service as one of the Church's five supported missions is the Mission to Seafarers.

This was an informative service and we learnt much about the harsh conditions often endured by those working at sea,

often away from family and friends for long periods of time. We also support the mission by knitting hats and scarves throughout the year which go to the Mission to Seafarers centre in Southampton, if you have a passion for knitting please let us know!

In August this year we again celebrated together two wonderful occasions. On Sunday, 14th August we held Choral Evensong for our Patronal Festival of St Mary; 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 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 choir and catering preparation.

August wouldn't be August now without the 'Holiday at Home' and it is always with much interest that we wait to learn where the holidaymakers are going as those organising the holiday keep the destination a closely guarded secret. This venture is aimed at those within our parish who are unable to get away and enjoy a holiday during the year. This year's destination was the Wild West accom-

panied by American style food. The holiday involved singing, games, making head-dresses and a viewing of the film Calamity Jane. The two day holiday on 25 and 26 August gave much pleasure to all the holiday makers as well as all the "tour guides" to whom we are very grateful (Further report on the holiday to be found in a separate article). Next year will be our fourth year and no doubt someone is already thinking where to go!



We were very pleased that on 28 August we used our new font for the first time for the baptism of Jacob as we welcomed him, his parents and Godparents to St Mary's; the Church was full and the service enjoyed by everyone there. We hope that this will be followed by our next baptism on Sunday 23 October.

As we go into autumn we will have held our Harvest Festival on Sunday, 25 September to be followed by a Harvest Supper in the evening. This year we continue to send our collection proceeds to the Send A Cow organisation and the theme for this year is Gifts that Grow so any sums raised will go towards, seeds, tools, training, allotments, bicycles, books and wheelbarrows.

On Saturday, 22 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, Church Mission Society link Church, Church Army and Basics Bank. If you would like further information on any of these missions do please ask Joyce or myself.

On Sunday, 13th November we will be holding our service of Remembrance which will begin at 10.50am and you will be very welcome to attend. On Friday, 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 start this festive time than to come and join the Village Carols; this will again take place outside the village stores and post office at 7.30pm at a date to be confirmed and we are grateful to Barry and Carol, further details will be put up around the village nearer the time.

We are also going to hold a Crib Festival in St Mary's for the first time this year. It will take place on 9, 10 and 11 December and we hope

to have many different nativity scenes on display so please do come along and have a look.

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 Saturday, 24th December at 9.00pm and the Christmas Day Service will be held as usual at 10.00am on Sunday, 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. Details of all the services during advent and Christmas will be delivered to all houses in Everton.

The Women's World Day of Prayer takes place in March and will be held on Friday, 3rd March 2015 at 7pm in St Mary's. The service will be led by the women of the Philippines and promises to be an uplifting occasion.

On Sunday, 9 April 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.

Easter falls later next year and details of our Good Friday Service to be held on 14 April 2017 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, 16 April 2017 when there will also be family activities in the church hall with hopefully an Easter Egg Hunt to follow! Cards detailing all the Easter services will be delivered through your door nearer the time.

The parish magazine which comes out regularly during the year covers news from all the Churches in Milford on Sea and Everton and can be delivered to your door, if you would like to receive a copy please let either myself or Joyce know. Here at St Mary's we also have Parish Visitors as well as being able to offer lifts to Church or just have someone to walk to Church with, if you would like to have any of these services do please let Joyce and I know.

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 2017.

Best Wishes and Blessings to You All,

Linda Bettle and Joyce Pope
Church Wardens at St Mary's, Everton

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Are you part of the crowd?

By Sheila Hopkins

I haven't always been a Christian. I got sent to Sunday School as a child, but my parents didn't go to church. I guess they must have thought there was something in it, otherwise they wouldn't have sent me, but once I was old enough to find that there were other things to do on Sundays, I didn't go anymore. Just before I went off to university, I remember saying to my mum, 'If I ever get married, I won't get married in church. It would be hypocritical if I don't believe in God.'

After a month at university, I'd changed my song. In the halls of residence where I was living, there were a group of Christians who were organising Bible Studies. I'd never really read the Bible – all those numbers were bewildering. But I'd heard some of the Bible stories (mostly Christmas and Easter) and thinking it might be interesting to read a bit more, I joined the group. I was then invited to watch some drama at the university and to go along to a talk organised by the Christian Union. Having nothing better to do, I went along. The man who was speaking asked, 'Who is this Jesus? Good man? Good teacher? Healer? Miracle maker? Son of God? Lunatic?' He then invited us to consider the things that he said, the things that he did, the miracles he performed and the claims that he made about his identity. He went on to talk about the Easter story, saying that Jesus was killed for who he was and that when he died, he had

done nothing wrong. He died to take the punishment for all the things that I've done wrong. What amazing love! This Jesus was properly dead...but then three days later, he was ALIVE again. That just couldn't happen unless he really was the Son of God.

I went away from that talk with lots of questions that needed answering. I was just one of the crowd, but one who needed to find out more. I started to read the Bible regularly and to talk to Christian friends about what they believed. I couldn't get it out of my mind that Jesus loved me so much that he was willing to die for me... even if I'd been the only one who needed it, he'd have done the same. A few weeks later, I decided that I had to follow Jesus; that when he said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. There is no way to the Father except through me', I believed that. I went home at Christmas and told my mum that I now believed in God and that I'd become a Christian.

That was 36 years ago and I'm still following Jesus. My husband believes in him too, so of course, we got married in church.

I wonder if you've got questions about life, faith, where God fits into the picture... If you have, some of us are thinking of getting a 'questions' group together. I won't have all the answers to your questions, but sometimes it's good to talk. If you would be interested, please text me on 07969476148 or email me at sheila.familywork@btinternet.com.

Here's a poem to get you thinking...

The Crowd

He was in the crowd on the beach that morning -
He'd gone down for fish but the fishing boats were empty.
He was in the crowd, waiting for the fishermen
To sell them the fish they didn't have.
Jesus walked through the crowd he was in
The crowd that pressed forward as he started to speak
The crowd, so eager to hear him, to touch him
That he called to a fisherman 'Take me out on the lake.'
He was part of the crowd who could hear him and see him
Listening to his every word.
But when the boat headed away from the shore
Unlike the drifting crowd, making their way home,
He clung to the shore waiting.
As the boat returned, he could hardly believe his eyes.
The empty boat was full of fish...

He was part of the crowd who followed him
Followed him up into the hills
For the longest talk they'd ever heard
And the most spectacular picnic they'd ever eaten.
They didn't seem to have anything to eat
Just his picnic...
Then Jesus prayed and there was so much fish and bread
That everyone was fishful and breadful.
He was just part of the crowd.

He was just part of the crowd
The crowd making their way to the house of a friend.
He tagged along with his mother to mourn for the girl.
He was sad, numbed, knowing a child less than his age
Lay cold and lifeless in the house ahead.
He was part of the crowd as Jesus hurried passed them
'Mourners stop your mourning.
Now is not the time.'
He entered the house as a hush fell

A hush that transitioned from mourning to joy
As the lifeless girl stood life-filled before them.
He was part of the crowd, but he didn't understand.
He didn't understand how fish that weren't there
Were abundantly there
He didn't understand how one boy's lunch
Could feed a whole crowd
He didn't understand how a once-dead girl
Could be playing in the street.

He was part of the crowd when the Jesus- man
Rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
He was part of the crowd swept up in the excitement
The coming of the king
The king on a donkey?
Who was this Jesus?
He didn't understand.

A week later, he by-passed the crowd
A jeering angry crowd
Hurling insults at the one they'd cheered.
It was not a crowd he wanted to be part of.
He hurried the other way.
Nor was he part of the crowd who made their way
To Skull Hill to watch three figures hoisted up
onto
Three wooden crosses.
He didn't want to see the Jesus-man
Suffering.
What had he ever done but good?
Why punish him for that?

Sometimes it's okay to be part of the crowd.
Just choose which crowd.



Activities at St Mary's

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St. Mary's Friendship lunch

The lunch is on 3rd Tuesday of the month. There is a short service in Church from 11.45 am and the lunch is served at 12.15 pm. We have a list of regular attendees but there can be space as usually someone is unable to attend. We can provide transport so if you would like to come to the lunch do please ring Gillian 644739 or Vera 642981

St. Mary's Friendship coffee

On Tuesday mornings we have an open house in the Church Hall for coffee (or tea) from 10.0 am- 11.30 am.

It is an opportunity to meet new friends and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

We can arrange transport so if you cannot often get out and meet people do give us a ring Gillian 644739 or Vera 642981

Due to Friendship Lunch there is no Friendship coffee on 3rd Tuesdays.

Crib Festival

This year St Mary's have a new event. There is to be a Crib Festival. Many different Cribbs (Nativity sets") will be on display in the Church. If you have an interesting/unusual nativity set do please contact Jan 642894 or Beryl 641318.

The Crib Festival is on Friday 9 December, Saturday 10 December and for a short time on Sunday 11 December.

On Friday and Saturday it will be open from 10.0 am - 3.00 pm and on Sunday just from 2.00pm - 3.00 pm. Refreshments will be available in the hall throughout the Festival.

On Sunday morning we will have a special morning service with all the cribbs around us. There will be a speaker from Scripture Union and all donations from the festival will be given to Scripture Union who work with children and young people as well as producing Bible notes and guides for adults.

Holiday at Home 2016 by Beryl Odbert

25th and 26th August this year saw the intrepid holiday-makers of Everton arriving in The Wild West for two days of singing, dancing, shoot outs and general merry making. The hall was decorated to give the whole event a 'Cowboys and Indians' theme.

A total of 19 guests and 13 helpers had a very happy couple of days with music and food to accompany the theme. The catering team entered into the spirit of the event by producing wonderful cookies, sausage and grits, muffins and pancakes.

Entertainment was provided in the form of the Doris Day film, 'Calamity Jane', as well as horse 'racing' with participants being lassoed. A magnificent solo rendition of Old Man River given by Derek Verney filled the room to great applause and there was plenty of community singing

accompanied by Mary Evans on the piano – but we didn't quite reach the standard of our guest singer.

Intense competition took place on the 'Shoot the Cactus' range and the quoits circuit, as well as some interesting and imaginative answers to the quizzes! (No-one cheated of course)

The audience participation in the depths of Dead Man's Gulch had to be seen to be believed. We hope there is no-one still left behind there.

After two days filled with much laughter and fun, the bags were packed for the return home, and everyone rode out of town eagerly anticipating the next adventure.....



Social Events Calendar

As a church sponsored committee we continue to organise and arrange social events throughout the year to which, all local residents are most welcome.

Future Dates:

Saturday October 22nd - Autumn Bazaar in Church Hall

Friday November 11th at 11.00am – a short Remembrance Day Service at the Recreation Ground by the Flag pole.

Mini bus outing to Stewarts Garden centre – to be arranged

December – Coach outing to Winchester for Christmas Shopping (date pending)

December - Outdoor Carol Singing - on the Village shop forecourt.

Early New Year – Film show in the Church hall.

Dates for all events shown on posters around the village or for more information contact John Wigglesworth 642556

THE QUEEN'S 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

Back in June at St Mary's Church it was suggested that we should celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday with cream teas, a flower festival and display of memorabilia.!



The refreshment team went into action making scones and cakes galore and various items of memorabilia were collected for display in the hall.

The flower group rose to the challenge and plans were made, flowers ordered and displays staged in church with each display highlighting a different aspect of either the Queen's public or private life.

The many favourable comments left in the visitors book made it all worthwhile.

St Mary's Church



WHAT IS FIVE YEARS WORTH?

Every now and again someone will comment on my accent and I recount that I 'only recently' returned to the UK after almost fifty years in Australia; this happened again only last week, I gave the standard answer and then realised that 'recently' is five years ago this month (August 2016)!

The stentorian voice at the beginning of Porridge intones "Norman Stanley Fletcher..... you will go to prison for five years". As a prison sentence five years would seem an eternity, here in Everton five years have simply evaporated. Where have they gone and what have I done?

I'm an Oxfordshire lad originally and this part of the world was as new to me when I arrived in 2011, as new as Australia was when I arrived there in 1964. As time went on everything there became familiar, now I had to familiarise myself with England again.

There is nothing in Australia that compares with where I live now, a compact complex of very narrow lanes, luxuriant hedgerows and huge, magnificent trees. Roads in Australia tend to be wide, there hasn't been enough time for real hedgerows to become established and having eucalypts in close proximity to houses is not considered good practice, as evergreens they tend to shed branches rather than leaves!

On arrival I knew one local resident and soon became acquainted with her family but it didn't take long before I was on first name terms with a whole lot of people. It was handy being only about fifty yards from the shop where I met and exchanged badinage with Sandra and Steve and Sally and Cheryl and Jill and Geoff (and latterly with Barrie and Carol) and various customers as we queued at shop counter or post office grille (remember that?)

Invited to play table tennis in the church hall on Friday nights I met, among others, Bazza and 'Whispering Dave' - who introduced me to the Walhampton Golf Club - and other stalwarts of the church and community. I have no strong religious convictions, content in my own beliefs, but more than happy to join in with the congregation in many of the activities that go on, like tending the church bazar book stall and contributing elementary

carpentry skills when required. I'm also one of the few Everton residents who has seen war service and I participate in the Remembrance Day ceremonies with solemn pride.

Living in this country has also facilitated my research in to my Dads service in the Great War. An hundred years ago at this very time Dad was serving in France with the Oxon & Bucks Light Infantry preparing for the assault on Delville Wood; he was just sixteen!



We mind friends' dogs occasionally and walking them opens up a whole new field of acquaintanceship; I'm delighted to count Sam, Daisy, Milly, Thomas, Barny, Bentley and even pugnacious little Max as among my Everton friends. Since arriving back in the UK I have managed to visit old haunts and new, both in this country and on the Continent but at the end of each visit it's always nice to get 'home', and for me now that's Everton.

Everton people are justifiably proud of the village atmosphere that prevails and it is due in large measure to the facility with which new comers are welcomed. Even after a mere five years I feel as though I belong.

At first people were concerned that I would be adversely concerned about the weather after my long sojourn in Australia but I can honestly say that I came to terms with it quite readily. When it's warm I give me knees an airing in shorts, if it's wet I appreciate the good it's doing to the garden and when it's cold I sit and gaze contentedly into the fire's flames. (I'm retired by the way!)

If I sound as though I have re-adapted in to the English environment well I have, except for one thing. There is one aspect of English life with which I shall never come to terms, the ***** traffic!

Gordon Pound

BACK ON DRY LAND...

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



I left the readers of my last article with the haunting impression of night jars in the sandy coves of Brownsea Island, heard from the moonlit decks of Kingfisher – our 27' wooden Pintail yacht. And my intention of that article was to move away from (hopefully) humorous descriptions of our misadventures while mastering the nautical arts, to a more philosophical tone, hopeful tone, the joys of the sparkling seas – winds in the sails and so on. Less of the sandbank collisions, ripped sails, stuck anchor scenarios.

And then this happened!

The long weekend sail to Poole Harbour, everthing in our favour. Nice steady sail from Christchurch, even the chain ferry cleared our passage and we motored round Brownsea to our favourite mooring just off Pottery Pier. We moored for a couple of

nights. On the third day we took our usual walk round the island, via the cafe and on returning looked down to the boat and saw – to our horror – that our lovely green boat had drifted towards the shore and was almost onto Pottery Pier itself. The wind had changed direction and increased so we were now in danger of being battered into the beach. Running to get the rubber dinghy into the water from the beach, scrambling aboard we then realised on getting to the boat that she wasn't going anywhere. Aground. I, in my panic let the painter of the dinghy go and that too floated towards the pier, but I wasn't going to let it go, and jumped into the water – first ducking – and retrieved it in the waist high water. While I was down there I was able though to assess the situation of the Kingfisher and it didn't look good.

She was well and truly aground. And worse, one of the fin keels was balanced around a large lump of concrete that kept the boat stabilised, but which on the tides' return would hold us captive and at the mercy of those now strong on shore winds. My initial thought of 'oh it will be fine when the tide rises' was checked by the realisation that we would be smashed alarmingly against all the pottery debris of the beach, or the fin keel would be sheered off before the tide lifted us away. And the wind blew stronger.

Salvation appeared in the form of two yachtsmen who had seen from their vantage point on the cliff top our dilemma. And once they had descended to the beach they promised to come to our aid once the tide was on the rise. That is when we took this photo! By dinghy, anchors were dropped out to sea and attached to our boat, hopefully to stop her drifting onto the shore. And another line attached to a moored yacht in front of us to stop us going back onto the pier. And things moved quickly then, once the tide lifted us. I was able to motor forwards and out of trouble.

Our own anchor, once lifted proved to have embedded itself into a pottery drain pipe and so once dislodged from the sea bottom could not find purchase.

Pottery Pier indeed!



THE PAVILION

The Pavilion 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.**

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

To Book the Pavilion call Alan on 644901



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

Last time we ended with the urge to swarm in bees and I promised you some insight into the trickery that beekeepers use to make sure the bees do not obey that urge. We have had a late start to summer but now it is here, we have enjoyed some very pleasant weather and no doubt the bees would agree.

In these warm summer months the bee colony will expand and the bees will follow their natural reaction to rear a new queen. Unfortunately after the new queen has emerged she will take half the colony and they will form a swarm in their search for a new home. This leaves the old colony depleted by half thus contributing to a great reduction in honey production.

To get round this the bees can be tricked, by the bee keeper, into thinking they have swarmed by removing the flying bees from the brood. This is done by removing the queen and a frame of brood plus two frames of stored honey. The colony will soon expand and the old colony from which they were taken will produce another queen which will expand as well.

The purpose of all of this is to get honey from the colony and this is the time of year when honey is taken. Once the honey is removed, the beekeeper will then feed the colony with sugar syrup in order for it to build up its supplies for winter. The hive is hefted (lifted) at one side to see how much weight of stored honey is there and a judgement made pertaining to how much food will be needed for the colony during the Winter months.

The male bees (drones) will be evicted in September and left to die as their job is done and there is no further need for them, there is nothing sentimental about the bee! As autumn creeps in, the colony will reduce greatly in size and cluster together for the cold dark months to come, perhaps venturing out on the odd sunny day to sample what little pollen there is in winter such as from ivy. Let us hope we get some sort of Indian summer and winter will be slow to take hold.

The hedgehog seems to have had a good year with many people reporting sightings, both dead and alive, sadly many fall foul of the motor car. Please remember not to put slug pellets out that are harmful to wildlife (as the majority are) and leave a shallow dish with some water in it on the ground.

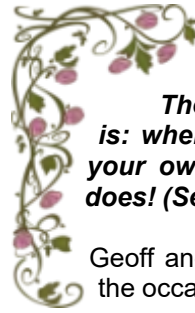
Hedgegrub

This photograph was taken by Sally Bailey one Summer evening in her garden. Sally has been putting out a dish of dried mealworms and some Spikes Moist Hedgehog Pellets (from the pet shop in Lymington). She spent a long time wondering whether this was Mr or Mrs Tiggywinkle...lately the question was resolved as the hog in question has been joined by three juveniles!! Well done Sally and Mrs. Tiggywinkle.

As Hedgegrub says there have been a lot of sightings this year and as Everton's principal Hedgehog Rescue contact 'the grub' would like to do a survey. Please contact the Editor (Cheryl) on 644865 to add to any recent sightings in Everton.



Grapevine



The best thing about living in a small village is: when you are not sure what is going on in your own life, someone in the village usually does! (Seen on social media and made me laugh.)

Geoff and Joan Smith were celebrating recently on the occasion of their Diamond Wedding Anniversary, as were Roger and Angie Hockham who celebrated their Golden Anniversary. Congratulations and best wishes to both couples, and to any others with milestone events in Everton.

Congratulations also to Joyce Povey who did so well with her beautiful rose photo, which will be featured in the 2017 Hordle Gardening Club calendar.

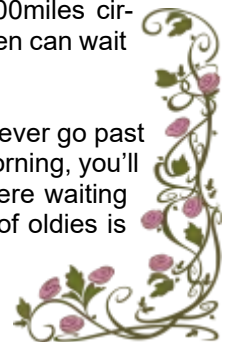
So many of our residents have cause to be grateful to Margaret Maggs, our wonderful co-ordinator for whenever transport is needed for Doctor or hospital visits : Hordle Voluntary Care Group, 0845 3889063.

The Village was sad when Sandra and Stephen moved away, and we wish them well...but aren't we lucky to have Barrie and Carole to carry on the Village Shop tradition of good service and stock variety in a happy atmosphere.

Also in the store is the book by Les Carvall which is raising funds for Oakhaven. It tells the inspiring story of the three 70+ men from Everton who drove 28,000miles circling the top of the world. It's called Heaven can wait I'm busy.'

Autumn term has commenced and if you ever go past the Green and bus shelter on a school morning, you'll be amazed at the number of children there waiting for the bus The idea that Everton is full of oldies is quite wrong!

Grapevine



Solent Art School

Suffolk Beach Groyne



Monday mornings in Everton see a group of enthusiastic and keen to learn individuals gathering under Heather Jolliffe's guidance to explore different drawing and painting challenges, and to learn more about various methods, techniques and ways of creating artwork.

The sessions are one part of Heather's work as an artist and art teacher, under the name 'Solent Art School'. This was founded by her to encompass not only the various aspects of her teaching, but also her

art demonstration work to art societies and groups locally and nationally, and to showcase her own range of original paintings and drawings.

Having received formal art training at Bournemouth and Poole College of Art, followed by her degree in Fine Art at the prestigious Royal Academy Schools of Art, her teaching approach continues the ethos she experienced as a student – one of traditional art values, of observation work, and of crafting your own art. That, combined with her love of the English countryside and coast, especially her native Hampshire and the specific light and colours of the Solent and New Forest area, are the driving forces which inspire her own art as she explains,



Swanage Regatta

"I am drawn to the elements of light and shade, of colour and structure; all of which have their own particular effect in

and around the Solent estuary and area. Just as the St Ives area has a special quality of light much favoured by artists, so the aqua colourings of the Solent and Channel waters and the vast openness of the Solent skies combine to their own effect and atmosphere. Having grown up with this as a childhood 'playground', it continues to be an enduring and much loved inspiration for my own painting. Consequently, I use a lot of different blue colours when painting!"



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Old Codgers' Corner

(column for those of a certain maturity)

As you slide down that Banister of Life you should pray that all the splinters are pointed the other way

Transvestite: A guy who likes to eat, drink and be Mary.

My mind works like lightning, one brilliant flash, and it's gone.

The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

It used to be only death and taxes. Now, of course there's shipping and handling too.

A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can.



ITS THE WAY YOU REPORT THE FACTS THAT COUNTS

Commenting on a complaint from a Mr. Arthur Purdey about a large gas bill, a spokesman for North West Gas said, 'We agree it was rather high for the time of year. It's possible Mr Purdey has been charged for the gas used up during the explosion that destroyed his house.'

(*The Daily Telegraph*).

Police reveal that a woman arrested for shoplifting had a whole salami in her underwear. When asked why, she said it was because she was missing her Italian boyfriend.

(*The Manchester Evening News*)

Irish police are being handicapped in a search for a stolen van because they cannot issue a description. It's a Special Branch vehicle and they don't want the public to know what it looks like.

(*The Guardian*)

At the height of the gale the harbour-master radioed a coast guard and asked him to estimate the wind speed. He replied he was sorry, but he didn't have a gauge. However, if it was any help, the wind had just blown his Land Rover off the cliff.

(*Aberdeen Evening Express*)

Mrs. Irene Graham of Thorpe Avenue, Boscombe, delighted the audience with her reminiscence of the German prisoner of war who was sent each week to do her garden. He was repatriated at the end of 1945, she recalled -

'He'd always seemed a nice friendly chap, but when the crocuses came up in the middle of our lawn in February 1946, they spelt out 'Heil Hitler.'"

(*Bournemouth Evening Echo*)

Why men shouldn't write advice columns

Dear John,

I hope you can help me. The other day, I set off for work, leaving my husband in the house watching TV. My car stalled, and then it broke down about a mile down the road, and I had to walk back to get my husband's help. When I got home, I couldn't believe my eyes. He was in our bedroom with the neighbor's daughter!

I am 32, my husband is 34 and the neighbor's daughter is 19. We have been married for 10 years. When I confronted him, he broke down and admitted they had been having an affair for the past six months. He won't go to counseling, and I'm afraid I am a wreck and need advice urgently. Can you please help?

Sincerely, Sheila

Dear Sheila,

A car stalling after being driven a short distance can be caused by a variety of faults with the engine. Start by checking that there is no debris in the fuel line. If it is clear, check the vacuum pipes and hoses on the intake manifold and also check all grounding wires. If none of these approaches solves the problem, it could be that the fuel pump itself is faulty, causing low delivery pressure to the injectors.

I hope this helps,
John

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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	07545 973870
Art Class with teacher	Farmer's Walk studio, times by arrangement	Melvyn Gates	645489

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