

COMMUNITY EVENTS

STOP PRESS...DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK SOME OF THESE EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED.

Tel: Cheryl 01590 644865 or Pauline 01590 641847 for the latest update.

Poetry Pamphlet

To be printed to co-incide with the Village Festival.Poems are welcome from any Everton Resident!

See page 20 for further details

V.E. Day Friday May 8th

A Village Tea Party at St Mary's Hall from 2.30-4.00

donations of cakes and sandwiches will be welcome

Tel. Pauline Breeze 01590 641847

EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL

SATURDAY JUNE 20TH

Fun on the Rec!!

Ringwood Pipe Band, will be marching through the Village towards the Rec, where throughout the afternoon, there will be a display of:

Classic Cars, Birds of Prey,

Live Music all afternoon, Beer Tent, Hog Roast,

Children's entertainment by Jamie Jambo,Face Painting, Zumba with Karina, Woodcarvers, Tombola, Craft stalls,

Programmes will be available in May.

SPEND A SCINTILLATING SUMMER EVENING WITH EMPTY FRETS' STEVE AND SARAH, IN THE FABULOUS GARDEN OF ARCHWAY, THE GRANGE.

There will be a buffet included in the ticket price and a bar will be available.

Tickets @ £10 will be available during the Festival Period from the Post Office

for more information phone 01590 644865

Saturday July 18th 7.30 start.

Editor's Musings



Dear Readers, Well, Spring is officially here and Summer is on the horizon! As I write we are inundated with daily reports of the coronavirus outbreak, and as yet Everton is safe. I hope it continues, but let's all keep an eye out for any elderly neighbours who may be struggling. There's also the chance that many

of our Events may be cancelled. So, if in any doubt then either phone myself, 01590 644865, or Pauline Breeze 01590 641847 for the latest.

Everton appears to be having a celebratory year, Both the Church and the Social Club have long standing commemorations and there's VE Day too! There's information throughout the mag. So do look carefully.

The Village Festival is scheduled for the week starting June 14th and I hope you all enjoy it. I hope the sun shines too! That would make a pleasant change... Please enter the competitions, last year

we had lots of amazing entries and it would be great to have the same this year.

Over the last few months I've received several articles from new writers, that was very pleasing, and I hope you all write again. You will see on page 36 that I have recently been unwell, having a heart attack no less! and sadly haven't been able to return to working at our lovely Shop and Post Office. But I am still here and if you do have anything that you think would be of interest then please either drop it round, phone me,or e mail it, or I'm sure that Barrie or Carole would help getting it to me.

I would like to say thankyou to them and to all my friends and the many Evertonians who have been so kind, generous and supportive through these last few weeks. It has been difficult, it was a horrible shock, but thankfully and there's an irony here..thank goodness that I had this Newsletter to keep me occupied! *ED*.

Volunteers are needed to helo deliver this outstanding Newsletter!! If you can offer half an hour or so please telephone Hilary 01590 642786

Community Social Group

A REGULAR EVENT FOR CARERS AND THEIR CLIENTS (ADULTS WITH EITHER PHYSICAL OR LEARNING DIFFICULTIES AS WELL AS OLDER CLIENTS WITH AGE RELATED ILLNESSES)TO COME ALONG TO MAKE FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN!

The Pavilion, Frys Lane, Everton, SO41 OJY



WELCOME TO BETHE A PACKED LUNCH (FREDAY SELLIONS)

CAMERS AND RESPONSIBLE FOR AND MOST STAY WITH THEIR CLIENTS.

CALL KAREN ON 07871341638 FOR MORE DETAILS

The session costs £1 per family.

Day. Wednesday(term time only)

Time: 9.30am-11.30 am

A friendly, relaxed group for under 5's and their grown ups.

EVERTON TODDLERS

Looking for something to do with your baby or toddler on a Wednesday morning? Why not try going along to St Mary's Church Hall in Everton?

Every Wednesday during term time mums, dads, carers, toddlers and babies meet together to enjoy playing with the toys, meeting friends, chatting and sharing in 'snack time.' There's also painting, sticking, squidging play dough, climbing through tunnels(though the grown ups don't quite fit!), singing and having a great time.

Community News

EVERTON COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



Hello All

Hopefully the bad weather is now coming to an end and we can all look forward to a good spring and summer.

It was because of the bad weather that the carol

singing had a quick change of venue, from outside the shop to inside the church hall. Despite the weather it did not deter people attending and gathering round to sing carols.

There are a lot of events coming up so have your diaries near to you as you read this news-letter.

The festival is in the final stages of being organised, with something to look forward to every day during the week and plenty to do in Recreation ground on the Saturday for both adults and children, so make it a family outing.

I don't think anyone can say they are bored in Everton because as well as the festival, there are plenty of activities already taking place every week, either in the Church Hall, Pavilion or Everton Club. Why not try something new.

Enjoy your summer.

Pauline

Mobile Fish and Chip Van in Everton on Monday evenings

This regular visitor calls at Roberts Close at 6, then moves on to Plantation and then Buckstone.

Parish Cllr Rob Tarbard reports



Everton's Parish Councillors Rob Tarbard (left) with Nigel Ferguson.

Rob Tarbard . Everton resident on Hordle Parish Council

Hordle Parish Council

Hordle Parish Council covers Tiptoe , Everton and Hordle villages . We have 2 Everton residents on the council , Nigel Ferguson and myself .

After the local elections in May last year, the council was 1 councillor below full numbers, but fortunately a Hordle resident volunteered and was coopted, so the council now has full membership.

Fran Carpenter from Barton continues to represent our villages on New Forest and Hampshire councils, and we are also represented on New Forest by Alvin Reid who is Mayor of New Milton.

The Parish Council meets twice a month on Tuesday evenings in the Hordle pavilion . The agenda and minutes are published on the Hordle parish council website. Village residents are welcome to attend these meetings particularly if there is anything on the agenda that they have an interest in .

There are always a number of planning proposals which are reviewed each month and I make sure that I visit each application in Everton .If you have a direct interest in any planning application, either in favour or against , please use the New Forest planning website to make your views known . You are also welcome to come along to the council meeting , where you can represent your views directly to the council and listen to the parish debate .

Residents may also contact Nigel or me directly if they wish to bring up any planning or other issues, which some residents occasionally have done so recently.

Local plan

The local plan looks at coordinating large scale developments of 100s of houses in the New Forest area over the next 20 years . The revised plan has now been reissued with only very minor changes from the original plan . . Of 4 potential developments identified in our Parish Council area ,only 2 are likely to proceed and both of these are in Hordle . That doesn't mean that other smaller developments may be put forward and could go ahead in the future but at least it looks like our village has been spared major developments.

No cold calling zones

With support from the ECA and Fran Carpenter ,we continue to upgrade and replace NCCZ signs around our village . We have purchased some replacement street and door signs , so please let me know if your house or your street is in a NCCZ and needs new signs .

Everton Recreation ground.

The Parish council footpath around the perimeter of the rec , is regularly used by dog walkers and others . The parish council is also issuing a dog walking charter , to make sure that everyone can enjoy the facilities where dogs are walked .l am pleased that there have been no more issues of vandalism, but there are occasional problems with antisocial behaviour . These should be reported to the dog warden or police where appropriate.

Traffic issues.

We are working with Hampshire to make improvements to roads through our village , particularly with issues around the A337 . Some minor improvements will be implemented in the near future .

A number of significant potholes have been reported to Hampshire CC and we are encouraging Hampshire to get them fixed as soon as they can

We are looking to purchase an automatic speed awareness sign . This can be installed for a week or so on sign posts around the parish, to advise motorists of their speed . Excessive speeds can get a warning sign flashed up , and the device will measure and record all vehicle speeds . We hope to get this implemented later this year . It will be used on the A337 as well as Wainsford road and Everton Road.

Rob Tarbard

I can be contacted preferably by email rob.tarbard@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk

by phone on 07841224577

Useful contact details

Hordle Parish Council

Cllr Maggie Hill (Chairman) 01425 614609 County Council

County Country

Cllr Fran Carpenter 01425 614665

New Forest District Councillors (Hordle and most of Everton

Cllr Fran Carpenter 01425 614665 Cllr Alvin Reid 01425 627977

(Milford which includes Everton south of the A337)

Cllr Christine Hopkins 07938 159675 Cllr David Hawkins 01425 621871

Hordle Parish Council

Parish Clerk 01425 611119

and to report

Highway maintenance matters 0845 6035633 Litter and Fy tipping 023 80285000



Hordle Parish Council 6 Serving the communities of Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton

Dog Walkers Charter

The Parish Council is introducing a dog walkers charter for dog walkers on Parish Land *. This draft has been agreed by Parish Council and a 6 week consultation on the content will be formally opened at the Parish Assembly on March 17 at 7.30 pm the Pavilion, Vaggs Lane Hordle SO410FP

- Do you walk a dog on Parish Council land?
- Are you a user of the Public open space?
- Are you a professional dog walker?
- Do you have interest in a dog walkers charter?

If you would like to comment, further information will be on the Parish Council website after the 17 March www.hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk or contact the office – details below.

* Parish Council land includes Everton and Hordle Recreation Grounds, Golden Hill Woodland, Dudley Avenue Recreation Ground, the land adjacent to the cycleway and Acacia Avenue in Hordle and at Shepherds Way and Honeysuckle Gardens

in Everton.

Other news

The majority of the Parish Council work is ongoing maintenance of Parish Council land and assets for public use and benefit – probably things that you would only notice if they were not done. This includes things like regular inspections of the recreation grounds and play parks, grass cutting and tree works.

New projects for 2020 include improvements to Golden Hill Woodland, repairs and improvements to the Multi Use Games Area, provision of low level low impact timber play equipment at Acacia Avenue Public Open Space, resurfacing of the BMX track, repairs and replacement of fitness equipment, consideration of solar panels, a Vehicle Activated Speed Limit Reminder (VASLAR), barrier and gate and owl boxes at Everton Recreation ground and increased education and action around dog walking on public open space.

Reporting any issues and Social Media.

Social Media is a useful platform for a conversation about issues and problems. However these sites are not monitored by Councils and nothing will be done to resolve the problem unless issues are also reported to the appropriate organisation. For example it is great to alert people to the presence of a dangerous pothole but unless it is also reported to Hampshire County Council Highways it won't be repaired. So a list of useful contact details

To report

 potholes, flytipping, paving, trees and hedges, flooding and drainage

contact Hampshire County Council and report on line

https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems

or via the Contact Centre on 0300 555 1388

Rubbish and recycling queries

New Forest District Council 02380 285000

· Anti social behaviour

dial 101 or report on line at https://www.hampshire.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/how-to-report-a-crime/. Sometimes the details of the call are also passed to the community safety team at New Forest District Council who will write to all people who report a problem. Everyone is offered a community diary if the behaviour is something that is not a 'one-off'. The community diaries enable the evidence and impact of the anti-social behaviour to be collated and documented.

 Issues on Parish Council land – Hordle Parish Council Office Susan or Chris – contact details below

If at any time you need help with any of the above please contact the Parish Council.

Parish Council Contact details below.

- Email admin@hordleparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Tel 01425 611119
- Call in to see us at the Parish Office,
 Vaggs Lane, Hordle SO410FP which is usually open Mon to Thurs 10 - 12

Hordle Parish Council Dog Walkers Charter

This charter has been drawn up with reference to The New Forest National Park Dog Walking Code supported by all the organisations on the New Forest Dogs Forum and Professional Dog Walkers Guidelines endorsed by Dogs Trust, Pet Industry Federation, RSPCA, Canine & Feline Sector Group

1. Carry a lead for each dog in your care.

- 2. All dogs must wear collars with ID tags with the owner's name and address.
- 3. Carry sufficient dog poo bags with you. Pick up after your dog; put bagged dog poo in a dog waste bin or litter bin, or take it home.
- 4. Keep dogs on leads in and around car parks and alongside roads.
- Public open space is not a dog toilet. Please ensure your dogs have toileted before coming to enjoy exercise and to socialise.
- On entering and leaving public open space please keep dogs on leads and move away from area to prevent congestion. Please monitor your dogs closely at this time and clear up dog poo.
- Always keep all dogs under effective control; if you cannot reliably and quickly call your dog back to you and away from people or other dogs, please keep it on a lead and do not allow them to stray onto adjacent land.
- 8. Keep your dog from jumping up at or approaching other people, especially children, or other dogs and prevent excessive barking.
- 9. Show respect for other dogs (especially those displaying yellow as this indicates they need space); if an approaching dog is on a lead, put yours on a lead too.
- 10. Show respect for other users of the public open space. Observe warning signage for example dogs must remain on leads during sports club usage.
- 11. Keep well away from any work taking place such as grass cutting, hedging and observe warning signage.

Charter for professional dog walkers

- Must comply with the above, setting good examples of animal welfare and dog walking and comply with relevant legislation.
- 2. Must hold public liability insurance which covers use of public land.
- 3. Walk no more than 4 dogs at any time.
- 4. Dog walkers should not meet up and walk together.
- We also require that dog walking businesses should be familiar with the Professional Dog Walkers' Guidelines since they have a broader scope than the Hordle Parish Council Dog Walkers Charter.

Organisations on the New Forest Dogs Forum: New Forest National Park Authority, New Forest District Council, Test Valley Borough Council, Hampshire County Council, Natural England, Forestry Commission, Hampshire Constabulary, Commoners Defence Association, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust, National Trust, Friends of the New Forest, RSPB, Verderers of the New Forest, Bird Aware Solent and New Forest Dog Owners Group.



Councillor Fran Carpenter

Business Support in Hampshire

Hampshire is a thriving business area, home to 86,000 businesses, its ports and coastline supporting 3,000 marine and maritime business, Farnborough being the UK and Europe's premier business aviation airport, and with superb connectivity to London and the rest of the world by air, road, rail and sea. Now we have left the EU, support for businesses in the area has never been more important and both Hampshire County Council and New Forest District Council provide quality economic development services.

If you are a business in the New Forest or wider Hampshire, there is support from Business Hampshire, Hampshire County Council's economic development service. The Business Growth team can provide help with business intelligence, property and infrastructure issues and funding sources for projects. businesshampshire.co.uk

New Forest Business Partnership is a networking organisation, supported by New Forest District Council, running promotional events and useful workshops throughout the year on key business topics such as cyber security, marketing and human resources. There is a small membership fee to join the partnership. nfbp.org.uk

Lastly, everyone should get a GoNewForest card! GoNewForest aims to promote the New Forest as a premier destination for tourism, whilst encouraging visitors to respect the special nature of the forest. The card costs just £10 and gives you discounts at many New Forest shops, restaurants and attractions and on services such as taxis. (I got 20% discount off glasses at Boots Opticians, a considerable saving!) The card pays itself many times over in discounts - just remember to take it with you when you are out and about! gonewforest.com

Cllr Fran Carpenter
Hampshire County Councillor for New Milton
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Ear Sense

Is there a link between hearing loss and cognitive decline?

There has been much discussion recently about the link between hearing loss and cognitive decline. So much media attention suggests there is clear evidence to support the notion that hearing loss causes such decline. whilst the association has been well known for decades, to suggest that acquired deafness causes this decline and more specifically causes dementia and Alzheimer's is not completely accurate.

To describe someone as being deaf is slightly There are different types of ambiguous. hearing loss and people have different degrees of hearing loss. Where one person may experience a mild hearing loss and appear to manage with relative ease, another may be completely debilitated. What we do know is that hearing loss left untreated can have huge impacts on an Gillian 644739 individual's social, physical and mental wellbeing. Research studies confirm an ation between hearing impairment and cognitive decline but not that hearing impairment causes it. The association might well be because they share common causes such as lifestyles: diet, exercise, smoking. In addition, a person's genetic susceptibility and any age-related factors such as cardiovascular disease and inflammation.

If we know hearing aids improve auditory functioning, then they may help someone with dementia to function better and live a more independent Therefore. life. thev Correcting hearing loss with hearing aids or hearing implants has a direct and indirect effect on a persons ability to manage themselves and the world they live.

They give independence, improve confidence, provide inclusion and maintain an ease of listening that has huge health benefits both emotionally, physically and cognitively.

Catherine Mills Audiological Scientist Ear Sense

Table Tennis



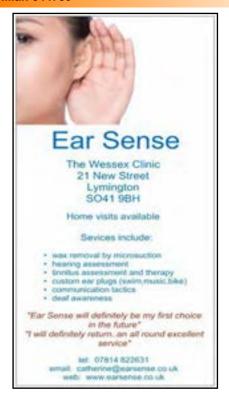
Club

The Club are having a good season with several new members. The standard is increasing week by week !!

However, having said that, everyone is welcome whether you have played Table Tennis for years or have never played a game.

We will be playing until the first Friday in June and then have a break until September. We do not meet on Good Friday.

All you need is soft shoes and £2 each Friday you attend. We meet from 7.30 pm-9.30 pm on Fridays in St Mary's Hall.



THE EVERTON AND LYMORE



Spring is here and the boxes on the green are full of colour again. A big thank you to Everton Garden Centre and Everton Community Association for their support in helping us to bring back the colour to our village Green.

Ladies, what do you do on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month?

If you are free, how about planning a visit to your village WI. We have a growing membership who enjoy our monthly meetings with interesting guest speakers and a full programme planned for the year ahead. Something for everyone. Our meetings are the perfect place to make new, or rekindle old, friendships.

As a WI member you could enjoy being part of a national organisation as well as the Hampshire Federation of WI's who arrange many events and opportunities to socialise throughout the year. Our own Craft group meets once a month to learn new skills and prepare exhibits for entry into The New Forest Show. We participate in village life and support the Everton Festival, supplying drinks and delicious homemade cakes in the Pavilion.

If all this sounds good to you and something you could enjoy, why not come along to one of our meetings? We meet at St Mary's Church Hall at 2.30 on the third Wednesday of the month.

Details of our meetings can be found displayed on the garage doors outside Everton Post Office.

For more information visit www.hampshirewi.org.uk/wi-page/everton-lymore-wi or alternatively give Penny a call on 01950 642672

hampshirewi.org.uk/wi-page/everton-lymore-wi

The Everton Lindy Hoppers

This group is meeting regularly at the Pavilion for Lindy-Hop class on Fridays at 6 pm for one hour. This is a not for profit class and so the cost of the hall is shared. The aim is to simply have a fun and sociable time. There is no need for a partner or any experience, just a love of music and dance. Elizabeth who runs the class has taught dancing in London and was taught herself by the internationally famous Julie Oram

Just come along to the Pavilion at 6pm any Friday or call

Flizabeth on 01590 718792 for more info

Everton & Lymore Social Club

It is going to be a great year for Everton & Lymore Social Club as we celebrate our centenary!

The Club has come a long way since it was an oil-lamp lit weatherboard hall with a corrugated roof, backing onto the original sports field which is now Firmount Close and Roberts Close. (An excerpt from Robert Walker's Memories of Everton can be found on page....)

It is now a modern, warm, welcoming and vibrant club that offers so much to the Everton residents and beyond.

We are hoping that some of you may have photos or reminiscences that you are willing to share, as we will be mounting a display at the Everton Festival in June, where once again we'll be hosting the beer tent. Please do get in touch or drop your photos etc into the Club.

Our recent club holiday to Weymouth was a great success, as have been the many sports events and Saturday's live music evenings. Membership is available from the age of 16 and is popular with aspiring snooker players and many wanting to watch the satellite sports events, evenings or lunchtimes.

And the Friday Film(last Friday of the month except March) is always well attended. Recently we have enjoyed Downton Abbey, Judy and the Good Liar.

Forthcoming entertainment is always listed on the outside by the front door, and we welcome visitors.

Every Wednesday and Sunday 8 p.m. Bingo

Sat 21st March Re-Issue Rock n Roll Band

Sat 4th April Steven Christopher Sat 11th April The Supergrooves

Sat 18th April We Are Robot Sat 25th April The Ferals

Sat 9th May TBA

Sat 16th May Capricorn
Sat 23rd May Sunstroke
Sat 6th June Eclipse Dup

14th - 21st June Everton Festival Programme

And don't forget the Function room is available to hire.

Taken from Robert Walker's Memories of Everton...circa 1930's

In the late 1920's the wooden constructed Social Club rooms were lit by oil lamps including the billiard table, and the adjoining hall. It did later graduate to two Aladdin type paraffin pressure lamps and later still was the first property in Everton to be connected when the Gas main came to the Village...

...The small Club entrance was through a small porch on the extreme left hand side facing the road. On entering one was immediately struck by how dark and drab the interior was and it was only dimly lit by gas. To make matters worse the matchboard lined walls were stained a near black matt finish, whilst the ceiling was stained with past roof leaks. The floor was just bare bards. Even the single billiard table was lit by gas lighting and the badly worn billiard cloth was pitted with scorch marks from the ash dropped from the mantles of the three gas lights above which were shaded by round cone shades...

...Dominoes and cards would be played on a small scrubbed deal table and the brothers

Church, when playing partners, seemed capable of 'reading one's hand' after only one round of dominoes were laid.

At the rear was a small darts room which was so dark one could only see the dartboard which had a single gas light, but not who the players were stood around it.

On the left hand side of this room was a small dingy bar with a short counter and a pencil roll till. This could be shut off with a sliding door after closing time. There would be some four and half gallon casks of draught beer but because the sale was so slow it did not keep and most opted for bottled beer.

Subscriptions were four shillings a year...the membership was very small, around 60 and 'men only' and just a few of whom came regularly, but with the coming of the war however all the vacant houses of the village were taken by 'outsiders' and later, some of these joined and helped to swell the ranks.

EVERTON POST OFFICE AND VILLAGE STORES

Hello Friends & **Neighbours**

always happy to take orders for the chickens, all of their products carry the New Forest Marque.

As a lot of you know I was lucky enough to go to New Zealand along with Emma from late December until the beginning of February and I missed wishing you all a Happy New Year so although very late, I would like to do so now!

Thank you to all of you who took pity on my hard working husband and invited him to dinner, he thoroughly enjoyed himself, so much so, he is planning my next trip.

We had a very busy Christmas both on the Post Office counter and the shop.

Local Noahs Ark Farm free range turkeys were even more successful than last year, we had lots of really good feed back on the quality and taste. We stock their free range eggs and chickens all year round and we are

We stocked New Forest Chocolates for the first time at Christmas which proved to be so popular that they will be a permanent line for us. We have some lovely Mothers Day gifts of a teapot with sugar bowl and flower pots with flowers all made of wonderful smooth chocolate as well as honey thins, chocolate covered honeycomb, mixed flavour snaps and pretty easter eggs, all locally made. Easter is just around the corner and we have a good selection of cards and Easter eggs.

We have started stocking Sylvan Apiaries (hordle) honey, set, ruuny, heather and when available honeycomb, it is really delicious.

Despite the weather we are already selling New Forest Fruit Company produce, strawberries and asparagus with raspberries and blueberries to follow later in the season. I love it when the strawberries come in it means sunny days and prosecco will soon be here along with barbecues, bunting and the festival, all things we really enjoy.

EVERTON POST OFFICE & VILLAGE STORES 01590 643055

Shop and Post Office services available 7am-7.30 p.m. MON- SAT 7.30-5 .00 p.m.SUN.



We are proud to stock produce from over 20 local suppliers

- Stockists of Lyburn and I..O.W Cheese
- Locally sourced fresh meat from the New Forest Bacon company
- Stockists of New Forest Newhouse Game
- Stockists of Catch Fishcakes
- Local bakery bread delivered daily
- Wide range of groceries, fresh fruit and vegetables.Local New Forest seasonal fruit
- Regular promotions of wine and beer
- Stationery and a large selection of greeting cards

Everton Post Office cont...

Lots of you have been coming to the Post Office to tell us you won't be collecting your pensions because you have received letters telling you that the Po card account will be

closed and that you need to have it paid into your bank account. If you have already done that, you can still withdraw your pension from your bank account here at the Post Office free of charge.

You can also pay into bank accounts with cash using your debit cards for most of the high street banks. Cheques require a paying in slip from your printed paying in book and an envelope which we can provide. Business banking is also accepted

along with bill payments, British gas cards, electric keys and phone top ups.

f you are booking a holiday come to us for your Euros on demand, travel insurance and other currencies which we can order for you.

Welcome to those of you who have moved into the village in the last six months, we hope you enjoy living here as much as we do. It will be four years for us in June and the time has flown by.

Thank you all for supporting us in this ever changing climate.

Best Wishes Carole, Barrie and Emma

Ladies evening group (LEGS)

March into the next decade with LEGS as we continue to offer a programme of entertainment which we hope will interest you. Open to all ladies, our meetings are usually light-hearted, occasionally serious, always stimulating, and one thing you can be sure of is a friendly welcome and a good cuppa!

We meet on the first Monday evening of each month at St Mary's Church Hall at 7.30pm and if you haven't been before we'll be delighted to see you. Just turn up — there's no membership commitment or standing on ceremony. As an unaffiliated group, we charge £3 a session to cover hall rental, speaker and catering expenses and I'm sure you'll recognise a lot of your neighbours who have already found us over the past 45 years!

For a taste of events to come I will list a few of our forthcoming speakers.

Hopefully this magazine will reach you in time for our April meeting on the 6th when Auctioneer, Peter Raw, will be bringing a selection of artefacts and antiques and asking us to "Guess the Value".

On the 4th May, John Pitman will be returning – oh yes, he will – to talk about the role of "The Pantomime Dame". On 1st June, professional entertainer Shelly Lozano will be telling us about her colourful life in her talk entitled "From Cabaret to Conservation"; and on 6th July, Joyce Meader, celebrated owner of The Historic Knit Company, will be coming to talk to us. (A huge amount of her work was worn in the recent epic film "1917", which you might well have already seen.)

I do hope this programme has whetted your appetite and tempts you to join us. Meetings are advertised on a poster outside Everton Post Office, so keep an eye out each month and if the topic tickles your fancy, give us a go!

CARRIE KAYE (01590 644252)

What's on at Everton Pavilion?

The Everton Sports & Community Pavilion is sited in the Recreation Ground with access from Frys Lane via the car park. The Pavilion is a Registered Charity (No 294875) and is managed by a committee of volunteers for the benefit of the village. The Pavilion has a community hall 8.5m long by 6.3m wide, with a small kitchen. The hall is an ideal size for Children's parties, group meetings and small social gatherings. The hall opens on to a patio enclosed by a picket fence. Contact Mel Rand 01590 641621 or Toby Sears 01590 644269 for details of vacant times, hire charges and for booking.

There is a Petanque court used by the Everton Petanqers on Sundays and some weekday evenings, all subject to weather! Contact Dave Wakefield 07443 348275 or Gill 07984 185874 We now have so many activities there for you to sample and are lucky to have a new drop in for ANY disabled people be it physical or mental, young or old and their carers. See the advert and please, please come along and give it some support as well as all the regular groups as without peoples support the groups won't use our lovely pavilion. Also a one off charity fundraiser is often held, In March it is for Barry Gores Macmillan coffee morning fundraiser on 28th March 10am till 2pm, look out on facebook for more fundraisers later in the year and like our pavilion page please as well as "checking in" whenever you are there for an event or group!

Other regular activities at the Pavilion are:

Monday 9.15am-10.15am Pilates with Kate Fielding 07981234103 kate@katespilates.co.uk Monday 11.00am-12.00pm Heart Yoga with Sally Peters. Different themes each month 07711 871800 sally@sallypeters.co.uk

Monday 6.00-7.00pm, Yoga with Dererca Sprake 01590 675695

Tuesday 10.30am-12.30 Yoga with Freda Olliff 07988 820010 freda_jan@hotmail.co.uk
Tuesday 1.45pm-3.45pm Drop in for any disabled and their carers attend for free Karen Davies 07871 341638

Tuesday 6.00-

7.00pm Zumba Gold with Gill Drummond 07984 185874 Zumba.gill@yahoo.com Tuesday 7.45-9.15pm Yoga with F. Olliff 07988 820010 freda_jan@hotmail.co.uk Wednesday 9.15am - 10.15am Bing Bang Bong toddler music group Annabel Clarke 07711 847695

Wednesday 6.00pm-7.00pm Heart Yoga with Sally Peters. Different themes each month 07711 871800 sally@sallypeters.co.uk

Wednesday evenings Yoga class 7.30-9.00pm. with Hanna Batson 07913 108401 hannahbyoga@gmail.com

Thursday 2.00-4.00pm Art with Liz Kempe

Thursday 4.15-5.45pm Yoga with Dawn Wade.

Thursday 6.00-7.00pm and 7.15-8.15pm Pilates with Kate Fielding 07981234103

kate@katespilates.co.uk

Friday Total Tone Fitness 9.00-10.15am with Gill Drummond

Friday 11am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-4.00pm Drop in for any disabled, carers attend for free Karen Davies 07871 341638

Friday 6.00-7.00pm Dance with Liz Kempe

Saturday morning Yoga 8.15-9.30am. A mixed ability Hatha Yoga class followed by a 15 minute optional guided mediation finishing at 9:45am with Hannah Bimpson 07714 581721 hannah@bimpson.com

Sundays 10.45am-12.15pm Zumba Gold with Gill Drummond. 07984185874

Zumba.gill@yahoo.com

Sunday lunchtime Petanque

Sunday 7.00-8.00pm Meditation Group, open to all. Lucy Thomas 077291 88848



VILLAGE PETANQUE RE-BORN

Just to remind you that with Spring fast approaching it may be time to dig out the boules and give them a shine for the new season.

During the winter a small, dedicated group continued to play, weather permitting. At times it became pretty chilly with light fading quickly, but there were some exciting games despite the threat of hypothermia. Overall the court held up well.

We enjoyed an inaugural Christmas Dinner at the Crown where Charles supplied excellent fare. 19 Petanqueteers participated which exceeded expectations as we'd only been reconstituted for just 4 months.

The Pavilion Committee continue to be very supportive and organised the cutting of a wildly overgrown boundary hedge. What a difference; it means the playing surface will not only avoid the covering of leaves, it will dry out quicker, light is vastly improved, views are better, and we'll be able to enjoy the setting sun.

We have further plans to improve both the playing surface and the surrounding area to make the space more amenable to all who wish to participate in a game of petanque. The plan is to re-commence playing as soon as the court dries out and the weather is kinder. The court will be open on Sunday afternoons from 14.00hrs and as soon as the evening light permits, on Thursdays from 18.00hrs.

All are welcome, boules are provided.

If further information is required phone Dave on 07443848275

Looking for a local venue?

HIRE EVERTON PAVILION

Frys Lane, Everton, SO41 0ZN

Main hall is 8.5m long by 6.3m wide (28 foot by 21 foot), will kitchen. The hall is an ideal size for Children's parties, group me ings and small social gatherings. The hall opens on to a patio enclosed by a picket fence. Contact Toby Sears 01590 644269 or Mel Rand 01590 641621 for prices, availabil-



News from St. Mary's



Looking around the village and seeing daffodils the blooming courageously despite the tor-

rential rain and winter storms, they signal the ending of dark winter days and encourage us to look ahead with fresh hope to all that will happen in the village and at St. Mary's in the coming months.

Since our last newsletter here at St. Mary's we have celebrated the usual seasonal events beginning with Harvest Thanksgiving in September. As is our custom we once again supported the work of Send a Cow and through great generosity of our parishioners we were able to support several communities in rural Africa to become thriving coffee farmers as well as many contributions to Basics Bank to help those in need nearer home.

October saw our annual Autumn Bazaar when over £1200 was raised. Half of this will be used to maintain our church hall which is enjoyed by many in the community and the rest will be divided amongst the five missions we support, Tear Fund, Church Army, Christian Missionary Society, Scripture Union and Mission to Seafarers The hall was buzzing all morning as people came not only to buy but also to enjoy coffee and cake together.

During the Autumn 28 shoe boxes were filled with small toys, hats, gloves, notebooks, pens and toiletries to be sent to refugee children to bring them some joy on Christmas morning. We would like to thank all those who contributed in this way.

Our service of Remembrance attended bν two standard bearers from The British Legion saw a packed



church and the following day the two minute silence was marked by many villagers gathered together around the memorial stone and flagpole. Becky Bishop read a very moving poem she had written for the occasion as well as decorating the large bush outside the church so effectively with hand crafted poppies

And so to Christmas beginning with the launch of the Posada crib by Sam Jaisunder from Scripture

Union in India. Whilst he was here in the parish many groups were inspired as he spoke of his work leading missions in schools throughout India. This year the Posada crib visited not only our voung families but also those who are perhaps a little more "mature" and this encouraged fellowship between the young and not so young in our church family.



A Christmas evening of carols, readings and a delicious supper at Efford Cottage, with thanks to Patricia and Andrew Ellis for their hospitality, marks for many of us at St. Mary's the start of Advent as we approach Christmas again.

Village Carols this year had to be held indoors due to a rather wet evening. However, there was a lovely festive atmosphere as we all gathered around the piano under the fairy lights and enjoyed traditional carols led with great enthusiasm by Mike Avery.

At our family carol service we were delighted to welcome 16 children and young people who all took part in a dramatised Nativity. Even the very youngest at just eight months old had a starring part as a lamb! It was a truly joyous occasion and already the children are discussing which part they want to play next year! And on Christmas Day the church was again full as the posada crib was welcomed back.

A number of parishioners also enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship as they enjoyed Christmas tea together in the church hall.

The year ended as is now tradition with a short candlelit service, a time to reflect on the year past and to look ahead to the year to come. A verse for the year is always chosen and this year comes from Isaiah 40 verse 31

"Those who hope in the Lord renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles.

They will run and not grow weary."

And at St. Mary's we endeavour to continue to soar whilst we remain in a period of interregnum. Services and fellowship continue to flourish as Gillian and our retired clergy work tirelessly to enable this to happen

In March we will be taking part in the World day of Prayer which this year comes from Zimbabwe. Whilst there is no service at St. Mary's all are welcome to Milford Methodist church on Friday 6th March at 10.30 am.

Easter will then be upon us and once again we look forward to Morris the donkey leading our Palm Sunday procession. Good Friday is the occasion for our reflective walk through the village as we follow the cross and Easter Day is always a joyous occasion as we celebrate the risen Christ.

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Our regular pattern of services is as follows

1st Sunday each month Holy Communion at 10.am 2nd Sunday Holy Communion 8. am Morning Prayer 10.am Family Tea 4.pm

3rd Sunday Holy Communion 10.am 4th Sunday Holy Communion 8.am Family Service 10.am

We are blessed to live in such a friendly village and at St. Mary's a warm welcome awaits you at any of our services or activities.

We wish you all a lovely summer Myra Campbell Church Warden



Pto for details of the Easter Services and for more news from St Mary's!

On 1st, 2nd, 4th and 5th Tuesdays the hall is open for coffee from 10.0 am -11.30 am. Do come along for a coffee and chat if you are around the village on a Tuesday morning. If you do need transport do ring Gillian 644739 and we may be able to help.

On 3rd Tuesday there is no coffee time but we have Friendship lunch. We have a regular group who attend but obviously sometimes they have to miss a month so we have spaces to fill.

If you are interested in a home cooked lunch on a 3rd Tuesday do ring Gillian 644739 and she will add your name to the list of reserves to fill spaces when they are become available..

Easter Services at St Mary's

Sunday 29th March

8am Holy Communion

10am Café Church in the Hall

"What does Easter mean to me"

Palm Sunday 5th April

10am Holy Communion in Church10am Family activities in the Hall

10.45am Procession with Morris the donkey

Maundy Thursday 9th April

10.30am Holy Communion

Good Friday 10th April

10am Prayer Walk from Recreation Ground

10.30am Good Friday Service in Church

4pm Stainer's 'Crucifixion'

(recording with pictures)

Easter Sunday 12th April

10am Holy Communion in the Church

10am Family worship in the Hall

ending in Church, followed by an

Easter Egg Hunt

CHRISTIANS TOGETHER: Easter Sunday CAFÉ CHURCH, 6pm, Milford Community Centre

Hordle voluntary care group

Covering Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton 0845 3889063

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Do you need to get to a medical appointment?

Hordle Voluntary Care Group would like to help you. We will pick you up from home, take you to your appointment and return you to your home afterwards. We also provide transport for relatives to visit in-patients if they are unable to get to the hospital using public transport and to the 'bathing service' available in our area.

All you need to do is call our Coordinator, Margaret, on 0845 388 9063.

Please leave a message and if she is not available to answer the phone she will get back to you on the next working day. Please give as much notice as possible as this is more likely to enable us to find a driver for you.

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

On Thursday 27 February 2020, Hordle Voluntary Care Group held their Annual General Meeting in St Mary's Church Hall, Everton. The groups Chairman, Dr Brian Curwain welcomed the volunteers and 40 clients that have used the service over the past 12 months and introduced our guest speaker, Mr Nigel Luke.

Mr Luke is the Engagement Officer for Hampshire County Councils Adults' Health and Care service and he gave us a presentation on the free on-line website, 'Connect to Support Hampshire'. This website enables people to look for support services and advice on how to stay independent and remain in their own homes as long as possible. Mr Luke gave advice on how the information can be downloaded on to Smartphones and tablets using the relevant App stores. More information can be found on the website https://www.connecttosupporthampshire.org. uk/

Dr Brian Curwain advised the meeting that we had maintained providing a service to take people to their medical appointments from our three parishes, Tiptoe, Hordle and Everton and thanked the volunteer drivers for their time and the two coordinators, Margaret Maggs and Anne Munro for their dedication to the Group and clients. Dr Curwain

said we would welcome new people on to the committee and this included clients. If anyone is interested then please contact the Secretary, lan Chislett-Bruce, hordle.care@btinternet.com or telephone 0845 388 9063

The treasurer, Mr Ian Patterson gave an overview of our finances and was pleased to advise that we were in a good financial position to continue providing our service.

The secretary, Mr Ian Chislett-Bruce, informed the meeting that during 2019 our drivers and undertaken 785 trips, covered 19658 miles and gave 3462 volunteer hours. During the year we had been fortunate to recruit 6 more volunteer drivers.

The Chairman concluded the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.



EVERTON VILLAGE FESTIVAL 2020

SUNDAY JUNE 14TH
TO
SUNDAY JUNE 21ST

Competitions:

Photography: Theme 'The New Forest' and there are two categories this year,

Digital and Printed Photograph.

Please send your digital entries to louisrumis@outlook.com by midnight Saturday
June 6th. Please hand your printed photographs into the Post Office by the same date.

There will be a First Prize for each of these categories.

Art: 6x6 canvas which will be available from the Post Office from May

1st. Entries to be handed in to the Pavilion, Recreation Ground on June 20th by 10 a.m.



Poetry pamphlet

Please email your poems to cherylfillmore@hotmail.com by May 1st. Poems may be of any subject, in any format and must be no longer than 20 lines. Maximun of two submissions per person. All poems are welcome from children and adults

Inclusion in the Pamphlet is at the discretion of the Editor and her team.

TOMBOLA PRIZES will be very welcome, please hand them in to the Post Office from May 1st. This is a major source of our funding for our 'Fun on the Rec' day and so please be generous.

If you would like to help in any way during the Festival week, from selling Raffle tickets to putting up gazebos or just helping with our catering, then please don't hang back! Get in touch with Cheryl at 01590 644865 or have a word with Barrie at the Post Office. Believe me, you will be made very welcome.

A Few Words from Festival Music Man Steve Adams

With all the storms and chilly weather the festival in June may seem a long way ahead but of course we are having to plan and confirm events and do the necessary admin well in advance... like now!

So far we have most elements in place with the usual classical concert on the first Sunday, Music Mayhem on Tuesday and the folk evening on Friday. As in previous years we'll



have 4 bands playing on Saturday afternoon on the Rec and on Sunday morning around midday the Youth Brass will be back strutting their stuff at Everton Nurseries.

Some new acts will be performing this year: on Thursday evening at Everton & Lymore Social club we'll have the Land Girls with their 1940's themed songs and presentation (they also do 50's and 60's) and the Finale evening at Everton Nurseries on the last Sunday features Blue Tides who play an eclectic mix of modern and classic numbers. The afternoon garden Parties will have live music in the form of Cynthia on Wednesday and Sarah & Steve on Friday and Charles at the Crown is planning an evening of Swing.

Also, as a preface to the activities on Saturday we are arranging a pipe band to kick things off with a march through the village to the Rec. So you are likely to see men in skirts with bagpipes sweeping through Everton! Possibly a first?

Although not a music item I do need to mention the event planned for the Monday evening at St Mary's church hall. This is a talk by Chris Lubbe who eventually became bodyguard to Nelson Mandela after overcoming poverty and the harsh challenges of living under apartheid. I met Chris when he was doing a series of presentations on a cruise ship and his story of growing up in a poor township, rebelling against the apartheid regime, meeting Mandela and eventually meeting the Queen (and dancing with Princess Diana) is both fascinating and inspiring. Not to be missed!

Details of all the above events, along with others not covered here, will be published in the Festival programme with times and locations. They will also appear on the festival website when it is updated later (www.evertonfestival.com)

Please support your village festival by attending the events and buying raffle tickets and we hope you enjoy the whole week of 14th-21st June!

Full programmes will be available at the Post Office, Everton Nurseries and other local outlets during May.

www.evertonfestival.com

Update from your local Garden Centre



What a winter, mild, yes, but boy'o'boy we have had it rough! And wet, rain of near biblical proportions have left everything so sodden that it's almost impossible to do anything in the garden.

It seems like virtually every weekend we get hit with a storm, we have had Ciara, Dennis, and more recently, Jorge. It seems a never ending parade of Atlantic weather systems, and as I sit here and write today, it's grey, wet and windy, surprise, surprise!!

Anyway, we have been busy through the winter, with a spanking new structure over a big chunk of our outdoor Plant Area. Now all paved out and with nice new displays, Paul and his Outdoor Plants team have been working really hard to get ready for the spring season, whenever it sees fit to come along. With a lick of paint here and there and a bit of tidying and fresh paving out the front, things are really looking "spick and span" If you haven't been in to see us lately, do come along

soon, things have really changed quite a bit and the staff would be delighted to show you.

Camellias has had its share of improvements as well, but mainly in the background, improved kitchen facilities with a large walk in freezer room giving Mark and his team much more flexibility. The outside seating area has also received a tidy up and repaint, and the old picnic tables and benches being replaced with rather more stylish and, needless to say, more comfortable tables and chairs.

We have introduced Chatter and Natter session in the café on Wednesday mornings. Anyone is welcome to come along and sit at a table with other folks and get to meet and chat with new people. Especially if you are alone, why not come and try one of these mornings, and who knows, make some new friends!

Outside in the nursery things are stirring. Buds are swelling, herbaceous plants are shooting and we just hope we don't get too much hard frost now to knock everything back

We are again hoping to host the final event of the Everton Festival, having done this for the past four years, I must say we are really pleased to be part of the community of Everton, and look forward to seeing many of you then.

We look forward to welcoming you soon.

The team at Everton Nurseries

EVERTON NURSERIES



Garden Centre

Open every day 9 - 5.30 (Sundays 10.30 - 4.30) for all your Gardening needs.

Local delivery service for those bulky items.

Camellias Restaurant

Open every day 9.00 – 4.30 (Sundays 10.30-4.00) we offer Tea, Coffee, Cakes and Snacks, and an inviting choice of lunch dishes freshly prepared every day.

We are just a short stroll from the village centre via Farmer's Walk, On A337, just West of Everton. 01590 642155



A varied and interesting programme has been organised for this year with some top floral designers and demonstrators booked. We are holding a Flower Festival at Hordle Church on Saturday 16th May where we will have a variety of stalls and refreshments available. We shall again be participating in the Music Festival on 20th June by selling small floral arrangements and plants. In September our popular annual Flower Show and Tombola Stall will be held at the Hordle Village Fair on Saturday 5th September.

Programme

April 8th - Workshop with Corbins Florist, Brockenhurst
May 13th - Demonstration by Jennifer Thompson 'A Moment in Time'
June - 'Vintage Tea Party" for Members
July 8th - Demonstration by Melanie Smith 'Flowers Bring Smiles'
August 12th - Workshop with Pip Bensley
September 9th - Demonstration by Martina Coleman 'Anything Goes'
October 14th - Demonstration by Julie Jeanes 'Sweet Nostalgia'
November 11th - Demonstration by Angela Turner
December 9th - Workshop with Jo Richards



We meet on the 2nd Wednesday evening of the month at Hordle Pavilion 7.30pm. We are a very friendly group, so if you are interested in Flowers and Friendship, why not give us a try? You are welcome to attend a demonstration as a visitor for a fee of £5.00.

A poster with demonstration details is usually on the 'shed' door by Post Office or ring Denise Gibb, Secretary on 01590 642804 for more information.

Floral Displays pictured are by Denise Gibb

Everton Ramblers

The aim is to provide two walks a month, starting at 10:30 a.m. covering some 5 miles and finishing between 12:30 to 1:00.

Pub lunches are available occasionally. There are also evening walks in the summer usually from forest pub, car parks

The annual subscription is £10 which enables members to join the walks, as well as self funding social events during the year.



Anyone interested in joining us please contact Mervyn Hughes by phone 01590-642509, e-mail mervhughes@me.com



It's hard to believe but our new Landlord 'Charles' has been at the Crown for over five months now During that time, he tells me he's had tremendous supports from all the locals and would like to take this opportunity to thank them all.

During the time Charles has been in Everton he's been getting to know us all, our tastes and desires and how best he can accommodate them. And now, inspired by all of our suggestions and ongoing support he and his team are busy redesigning menus and adapting opening hours to suit everyone.

The new menus will continue to feature Great British Classics, but in addition there

The Crown Inn24

will now be a 'Specials of the Day' Board, offering a wide selection of sumptuous food. Examples of this are 'Grilled Venison Steak' 'Roast Rump of Lamb' and 'Cider Pancetta Mussels.' I'm definitely tempted!

Charles has been sourcing local produce and the new focus, will also be, on not only providing a selection of excellent food and service, but food that will be of the best quality and it will all be locally sourced. Options for gluten free and vegetarian are available as always. Just ask!

It's pleasing to note that the lovely staff continue to be there, Claire has now been promoted to the role of Manageress(Congratulations Claire!) and the familiar faces of Sally and Laura can still be seen there too.

Due to the difficult climate engendered by the Coronavirus, the opening times of the Crown Inn are being adjusted from that shown in the advertisement below, so do check the website or phone for the latest information.

Ed.



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Andreas-Christoph Hofmann Vice President Marketing & Product at Hyundai Motor Europe

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Bridge Club

Everton Bridge Club has continued to thrive in 2020. We now have around 50 members drawn from throughout the local area and while standards and abilities may vary, we score highly in terms of enthusiasm and attendance! We gather on Tuesday Evenings and have 7-10 tables playing duplicate bridge in a friendly, competitive environment.

We meet at around 6.30pm 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 help others and we actively support local and national charities. For 2020, we have decided to again support 'Honeypot', a local Children's Charity who provide respite and vacations for youngsters who are acting as primary carers for other family members. In November we will take part in the

'Children in Need' Simultaneous Pairs Competition when we usually manage to make a significant contribution to the national appeal.

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

If you are interested in coming along to meet us you will find all our details on our web page at www.bridgewebs.com/evertonbc/. There is an e-mail contact on the web page or please feel free to contact Eve Ritchie-Fallon on 01590 676528. Unfortunately, you should be aware that while visitors are welcome to play up to three times before joining the Club, we are victims of our recent popularity and have had to introduce a waiting list for new members.

Milford on Sea Bowls Club...your local bowls club



After the miserable weather this winter the Milford on Sea Bowls Club is scheduled to open its green for the outdoor season on Saturday April 18th. After the superb summer last year all the members are looking forward to being out on the green enjoying the fresh air and looking to improve their bowling. The Club's location on the seafront with great views of the Isle of White and the Needles is possibly the ideal way to spend the afternoon. The seemingly continuous rain and wind have proved a challenge for the green maintenance team who have worked continuously throughout the winter but it is expected that the green will again be in great condition for bowling and enjoyment.

Our Open Morning is on Wednesday 29th April, everyone is welcome to come along and try their hand at the game of bowls. If you are reading this and cannot make this date and interested in taking up the sport, or as yet are undecided – no

problem - just contact the Club Secretary (details below) and he'll make special arrangements for you. Established players should also make contact if they are interested in joining. We have members predominantly from Milford but also from the surrounding areas with many residing in Everton, and Barton on Sea.

Bowls is a really healthy and friendly sport, full coaching facilities are available and for newcomers you can use club bowls and shoes for the first few weeks. Every year we have new members joining and after just a short time can be playing in external leagues without any previous experience. Why not come and join them.

Take a look at the club's new website 'milfordonseabowlsclub.org'
Club Secretary, Howard Farmer is on 07725
715781 or email at howfar2017@outlook.com.

JAKE...A First novel

My inspiration for 'JAKE', my first fiction novel, was drawn from living in the Warwickshire countryside as a young boy and a teenager. Certain aspects of it are drawn from life experience, but mostly from a very vivid imagination.

I always dreamed of writing a novel, but somehow never actually got around to it. In the 1960's I wrote copious amounts of poems, two of which were published and was actually paid for.

My experience of trying to get 'JAKE' published, (Oh, have I mentioned my book again, I'm so sorry) was a mixed one. I found trying to get a mainstream publisher interested in it, a laborious, very time consuming process. You first need to get a literary agent who likes your book, and will find you a publisher. Each submission to a literary agent can take eight weeks or longer. I had two rejections, (sorry, this isn't quite right for us), they said. Eventually being of a certain age, I began to be concerned that I might not have enough time left on this earth to see my project achieve it's ambition, so I decided to go down the self-publishing route, this worked for me, but it can be a minefield, there are unscrupulous people out there who will charge you a great deal of money, and do a very poor job.

The people I chose, from out of the Writers and Artists Yearbook, could not have been more helpful and they guided me each step



of the way. I would say to any one contemplating writing a book, to get on and do it. I found the writing part to be an absolutely joyous process, but that's the easy part, you have to be prepared for what comes after, the formatting, editing, search for a Literary Agent, possible rewrites, corrections etc.

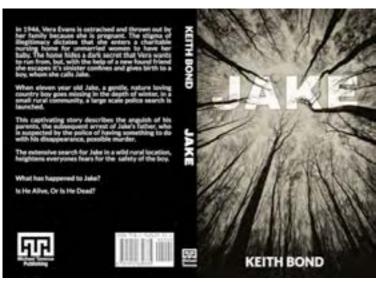
I have since completed the sequel to 'JAKE', which I hope to publish in the very near future, and I have started my third book, which is a murder mystery thriller.

I hope none of what I've written has put any budding author off, I would say, don't let anything dissuade you, if you want to write a book, write it initially for your own satisfaction, believe in it, believe in yourself, everything else will come later.

Oh and at the risk of becoming an absolute

nuisance to all and sundry, PROMOTE, PRO-MOTE. (Just in case you may have forgotten the book is called'JAKE', it is available on Amazon as a kindle ebook and a paperback). Thank You, ENJOY.

Keith Bond



Short Story with Two Tales

Long-time villagers will remember the late Ernie Smith, who lived at Oaklea in Frys Lane, from the time his house was built until his death some 30 tears ago. He had a productive garden and range of pig-sties. He assiduously cultivated the ground and, in season, gathered vegetables and fruit. Indeed on his western boundary he established a hedge incorporating hawthorn, hazel, holly rambling roses and fruit bushes - raspberries, currants and gooseberries. Ernie was a remarkable man, but we do not chronicle his various exploits here, such as his serving on Arctic convoy ships during wartime years. Although not great in stature, Ernie was a very strong fellow.

In 1930, in a corner of the field adjacent to Ernie's garden, on a site donated by Captain Rupert Rhodes of Hart's Farm, a hut was erected for the Everton Women's Institute. The land was given on a 999 years lease, with an agreed peppercorn rent of one red rose, to be presented annually to Mrs. Rhodes, who later became president of the WI. In 1935, to mark the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary, the WI proposed that an oak tree be planted to commemorate the occasion. The chosen spot was the corner of their plot, adjoining Ernie's garden. Ernie begged them not to plant the oak tree there. It would overshadow his well-established soft fruit area, as well as the hut itself. But the WI were determined that the oak be planted in the corner of their very small plot, just a foot or two from the boundary between the hut and Ernie's garden. In its early years, Ernie trimmed its branches - those overhanging his garden - as was his right. But eventually the branches became out of his reach, being too high to trim as the tree flourished, and grew strongly. Ernie lived alongside the maturing Jubilee oak tree for the remainder of his days. It became somewhat out of shape, due to Ernie's early pruning, there being more lower branches shadowing the WI Hut than were overhanging Ernie's garden.

Eventually, the WI abandoned the hut, and the site - including the Jubilee Oak - was sold, subject to agreements with the Charity Commissioners, the proceeds going into the WI's coffers. The hut now took the appellation the "Red Rose Studio", although red roses no longer came into the picture. After the death of Ernie's widow Jean, Oaklea was bought by Ernie's grandson, Terry Smith. The Jubilee Oak was felled by agreement between Terry and the current owner of the Studio, and not a tear or note of regret was seen in the village. The tree stump is still in evidence. Shield bugs, countless moths and other tree-dwellers lost their home.



The Red Rose Hut

Years of peppercorn rent payable by way of red roses are now long gone, as well as Ernie's garden hedge, grubbed out at the wish of Terry's widow Marilyn in 2013, including a mature holly tree. The hedge was replaced a close-boarded 6' tall fence. This has the merit of keeping deer out of Roger's adjoining garden, but at the loss of slow-worms, toads, hedgehogs, voles, and a range of garden birds.

This leads to our second tale. Ernie's hedge marked the boundary between his garden and Roger's neighbouring garden, which is a doublewidth plot, making way for the small WI Hut plot in one of its corners, the hut fronting onto Frys Lane. When in 1982 Roger moved into his detached house (built in 1975) with its double-width garden. Ernie could see that he was keen to cultivate the around. Whilst conversing over the fence he offered Roger a quantity of broad bean seeds, and tossed a bag over the hedge, containing half a bucketful of them. In response to Roger's question about their variety Ernie responded in a flash with "Everton Wonder". He said he first had his broad beans in 1915, and saved seed from them each year. He advised that, on one occasion, field beans had been grown in the adjoining field, resulting in some cross-pollination, but he had selected seeds from plants evidently of the garden variety. Roger has continued to grow broad beans, and select and save the "Everton Wonder" seed to the present day. This means that this variety has been grown continuously in Everton soil for over 100 years. This may be a local record? What's more, they eat very well, and are a happy memory of Ernie Smith.

Roger Beamond 2nd December 2019



Left: Poldark and Demelza. BBC 1

Below: Fleur Webb,

Over the last few years my fancy has been taken, along with many others, by the long running series Poldark on BBC1. Of course this series has now ended (though I have to admit that the fantasies still linger...) but I was really interested to hear of the experience of one of our Everton Residents last Summer. I thought that some of you may like to hear it too.

Evertonian, Brian Walker, was holidaying last September, with his family in Penberth Cornwall, which was one of the locations in which Poldark was filmed. One of the family members was his lovely Grand daughter Fleur Webb, then 18 years old. She was spotted one afternoon by a Professional Photographer who thought that Fleur was the image of Demelza, the onscreen wife of Poldark, who was played by Eleanor Tomlinson. He approached Brian and his family and asked permission to photograph Fleur. The photograph shown below is the result and shows Fleur about to open the door of the old building that was used as the Schoolhouse. Uncanny!





Over the past 6 months I have been trying to establish the year that the Crown was actually built, not only for my own interest but also for Charles the new Landlord. So far neither of us have been able to determine this. In a book published by Hampshire County Council called Hampshire Treasures all this states is that it was built in the 19th Century, so I am guessing that it was built around 1850 to 1875 as it is marked on the 1896 Ordnance Survey map. In Chris Hobby's book " An Album of old Lymington and Milford" there is a picture on page 55 taken in 1910. This shows the building with a two storey extension on the right of the main building. The sign writing says that it belonged to Strong's of Romsey but they were taken over by Whitbread's in 1969 and there are no records of the Crown on Strong's or Whitbread's web site. Under the photo of 1910 are the following words "the Everton Club's fete was held at the Crown Inn on Whit Mondays and was a general holiday for the district. The club members and most of the village people processed behind the village band and a man who carried a very heavy garland of flowers. The processions ended at the local gentry's homes where refreshments were available. In the pub forecourt would be a coconut shy and stalls selling novelties and food"

In the book "Memories of Everton" by Robert Walker published in 1989 but covering the time up until 1940, he recalls his memories of the Crown. "The Crown Inn was another focal point of social life in the village for many. It was then owned by the Brewers, Strong and Co of Romsey. The Landlord was a Mr.. Brock (who eventually kept it for 25 years). As a gardener, rumour was that he used to feed his crops on beer slops. I first remember the very small room on the side with it's door opening onto the road. This was called the bottle and jug

and was mainly used for off-sales trade. The cut glass window bearing the name still remains (as it does today). Here it was possible for children to go in and buy penny chocolate bars and clay pipes which they used for blowing soap bubbles. Some of these pennies being obtained for returning empty bottles that may have been found by the wayside. The tea room whose cut glass window is still in existence was a separate room which was open on high days and holidays where customers could also take their children while having a drink. For the most part however, children were often to be found outside on the seats or on the small seats in the porch waiting impatiently for their guardians who would be inside nonchalantly having a drink. The private bar, now the lounge bar which still has it's window was a very small room in those days. The public bar though was where "it all happened" and where most young lads of the village tasted their first public bar pint. It was a pretty austere affair and naturally the "older locals" dominated the scene with agriculture a topic most heard in the constant babble of conversation. One regular. Archie Bacon, was a local farmer whose enormous girth took up most of the corner seat in the bar.

There was always a pall of bluish strong-smelling tobacco smoke coming from the many pipe and "roll up" smokers of that day. Violet the Barmaid was kept busy filling the pint glasses, drawn from one of the many 18 gallon wooden beer casks that were lined up on the barrel rack that ran along behind the bar. The beer was of a higher gravity in those days and the only lager sold would be in a few small bottles in the private bar. In those days after time was called it was quite common for regulars to carry on their conversations outside for ages."

So the Crown in those days and still is today one of the focal points in the village. We have been delighted to welcome our new landlord Charles and are delighted that he has found and put up some lovely old photos. So if anyone has any pictures of the Crown or knows of it's origin, especially when the 2 storey extension was reduced to a single storey as it is today, please could they let me or Charles know about it. Also if anyone reading this has a copy of Robert Walkers "Memories of Everton" in any condition that

they don't want, I would be pleased to have it as I would then like to have it reprinted.





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BACK ON DRY LAND ...

THE YACHTING ADVENTURES OF TWO

EVERTON SAILORS.

By Elizabeth Kempe

Rather a mental leap to get my spring sailing article written as Storm Ciara blows outside!

This photo of Kingfisher was taken at Newton Creek. There is a sand shingle bank protecting the little harbour which is visible behind the boat - are we moored on the Nile with the desert behind us? It is a lovely anchorage to visit; it used to be free to drop an anchor and spend the night here but lately we have had to pay a fee demanded very promptly by a boy harbour master with fast motor boat. This is a quiet backwater, four miles east of Yarmouth, comprising multi -fingered inlets of New Town Bay which burst with wildlife and glorious scenery. We enjoyed watching a fat seal sun bathing as the tide went down and exposed the long derelict sea wall built round a saltern in the days of former prosperity of this medieval hamlet. It felt particularly adventurous to walk out onto the spit which is only accessible by dinghy. The spit is made up of shells and sand and is so clean and pristine, the birds quite tame.

A few days ago we made our first trip of the year to the boat in order to fix some netting around the cockpit to deter the wagtails from nesting. A couple of years back we had not been able to go sailing till June due to a nest hidden under the gunwhales, just where the ignition is located. The babies fledged and left us with an empty nest and a very mucky cockpit.

The weather was lovely, calm and sunny and for February quite warm. It was great to be on the boat if only for an hour or so – I have been ill since Christmas with Evertonitis (a viral complaint apparently) and this was my first real outing and I felt happy to be alive! At present the boat is empty of cushions and bedding but once March is underway the plan is to get the sails back on and by the end of April take her round to Keyhaven Marina, lift her out of the water and block her the hard.



Then the work will start in earnest – the green hull paint is to be stripped back to the wood, repainted and the antifoul sanded down and redone – varnish scraped , wood oiled and deck repainted. A big Spring refit and how I look forward to how lovely our Kingfisher will look; how much pride I will have to hide! The pristine look lasts only few months but its lovely while it lasts and we receive lots of compliments at the marinas!

Kingfisher is a 27' wooden pintail sailing yacht with an inboard motor. She is not fast but so far is very reliable and sound. Her top sailing speed is 5 – 6 knots which wins no races. This year we have a plan to sail to Falmouth, the place we learnt to sail, and where we have a friend living on the coast. I am not sure how long this trip will take but will be fun I hope and will provide some more exciting material for the newsletter!!

A Word from Dingle Dell...

Not long now before the feeling of spring will be with us, at least we can but hope!

With the first flush will come the eager toads desperate to mate and find their way back to the pond where they hatched. In this dangerous journey they have to cross roads, and the motor car was not in the equation when this merry go round started, now many are killed on the road, Wainsford road being a hot spot. Some villages in the Forest and near- by, have toad patrols, these rescue the toads as they are crossing the road, and carry them to the other side. This little act helps a few and is work well done, as the modern world is not toad or frog friendly. Today's World is full of garden chemicals and over -zealous gardeners who cut everything down to the smallest stem they can, and regard old logs as rubbish to be tidied up.

In this country there are two types of toad, the Common Toad and the Natterjack. The Natterjack is only found in a very few spots in Northern England and North Wales and is smaller than the Common Toad, with a stripe running down it's back. There is just one native frog here, the Common European frog, which will spawn even in a hoof print full of water. In the Springtime, on Forest heath land, tadpoles can be seen in cow and pony hoof prints. However, how many will survive is another matter, as there is no food for the tadpoles, nor shelter from predators.

The other amphibian hereabouts is the newt. There are three types, the Smooth or Common Newt, the Palmate Newt and the Great Crested Newt. The latter, the Great Crested is very rare now and is the only



Natterjack Toad

one of the three who will stay in or near the water for the whole time. Fifty or so years ago they were much commoner than now. The other newts leave the pond in the Autumn and hibernate under a rock or log throughout the Winter, waiting until March before spawning. Courtship for a newt is less obvious than with a frog or toad, but far more complex as the male will display to a female, while flicking his tail, at the same time spreading pheromones to attract her. If she is willing, he will release a sack of sperm for her to collect, and the female will lay up to 300 eggs, attaching each one to a plant in the pond, and then the young will begin the cycle again.

Those lucky folk who have a pond, will now be listening to the croaking at dusk and through the night, as eager frogs and toads call to try to attract a mate and a little later in the Year, they will have the privilege of catching sight of a newt, seemingly suspended in the water, perhaps caught by a ray of welcome sunshine.

Hedgegrub



The Great Crested Newt

On the state of sustainable local fisheries.

Fish is a tasty and nutritious food - the NHS recommends that a healthy, balanced diet should contain at least two portions of fish week, including one of oily fish (https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/eat-well/fish-andshellfish-nutrition/). But, if you are concerned about the environmental impacts of fishing, actually choosing which fish to buy can be a daunting prospect because there are many issues to consider - in particular, is the fish stock healthy, what type of fishing gear was used, and are there likely to be any adverse environmental impacts associated with catching it? Then there is the issue of Brexit, and the importance that is being placed by the EU on retaining access to the waters around the UK as part of any EU-UK trade deal - fishing is a hard way to earn a living in what can be a tough and dangerous environment, so supporting the UK fishing (and aquaculture) industry by eating local fish may feel particularly important at the present time.

So, what are the choices for people looking to buy tasty, sustainable, locally caught seafood? The status (health) of fish stocks (populations) can go up or down, but currently there are a range of stocks around the UK coast which are considered to be in good shape by the International Council for **Exploration** the the Sea (ICES: of https://ices.dk/publications/library/Pages/defaul t.aspx), the body responsible for providing advice on fish stock status in EU waters. These healthy stocks include North Sea and Eastern English Channel herring, North Sea and Eastern English Channel lemon sole, North Sea sole, Western English Channel sole, and North Sea and West of Scotland haddock.

Fish stocks that appear to be doing really well at the moment include Eastern Channel plaice, Western Channel plaice, English Channel anglerfish (a.k.a. 'monkfish') and Northeast Atlantic mackerel. In contrast, there are various stocks which are not doing

as well, in particular North Sea **Eastern** and **English Channel** cod and West-**English** ern Channel and Celtic Seas cod cod iust doesn't seem capable of doing anywhere well around coast of the UK at the moment.



Regarding fishing gears, in every fishery there will be a few things caught along with the target species that weren't intended. This is known as bycatch, and is mostly made up of fairly common species living on the seabed like starfish and dead-men's fingers, but will also include other fish or shellfish species with a low commercial value, like pouting and dogfish. Mobile gear (trawl) fisheries that work by chasing fish around catch much larger quantities of these bycatch species than static gear (set-net, longline and pot) fisheries that are passive and rely on the fish swimming by. As such, if you're concerned about bycatch, it is usually better to choose fish caught in static gears. However, no fishery is completely selective, and trawling is quite simply the most efficient way to catch many popular species.

So, what would I eat if I had my choice for tonight's dinner? I would be very happy with plaice – the stocks are doing really well currently, it's available from local fisheries, and is tasty done lots of different ways. However, my favourite would be edible crab – I did my PhD on a crab fishery off south Devon and I still have a very soft-spot for it. Edible crabs are caught in pots, and any crab that is not wanted (for example because of being too small) can go back alive, with a very high chance of surviving to grow bigger. Also, we have a local crab fishery, and it's absolutely delicious with some garlic butter, crusty bread and a salad!

DR. Rob Blyth-Skyrme

Not a fashionista?

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL!

Whilst pondering over this article I thought it might be appropriate to write the whole thing on raincoats, wellingtons and umbrellas and when I read, " for the first time the message from the spring/summer

2020 catwalks is this is a season without fashion trends," I almost gave up.

However the colour of the year is deep blue (very flattering for us silver haired sirens!) , although there are some very delicate pastels



around and who doesn't feel cheered in bright pink. Denim is also to the fore in jackets, wide legged jeans and midi skirts reminiscent of the seventies, and leather, real or faux. is popular. The most noticeable change this season is in sleeves. which have become voluminous, gathered into cuffs above elbow or wrist length some



resembling the leg of mutton favoured in Edwardian times.

Footwear is delicate and strappy and trainers are wedged and can now be worn with any outfit, jewellery is still bold and gold and disc shaped pendants are in vogue as are signet rings. Whether you are a follower of fashion or not I think the trend is anything goes and my advice is wear clothes that are comfortable and make you feel happy and confident, we are all VIP'S!

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This month of April sees the completion of my authorisation for one year to raise funds for the wonderful charity, Wessex Heartbeat at Southampton General Hospital; specifically to help purchase a medical quality 3D printer to assist in the planning of complex heart operations for babies and small children with congenital heart disease.

Many of you will recall our fund-raising stand here at Everton P.O. & Stores on Saturday 22nd June last year when, with the kind permission and help of Barrie and Carole, the magnificent sum of £357 was raised inc. Gift Aid, Charity Aid Foundation, and generous cash donations – thanks also in part to the efforts of those who made up the team

on the day; John, Anne, David and Pauline – a 10 hour stint.

To date £4244 has been raised from all sources and the hoped for target of £5,000 towards the cost of a medical quality 3D printer to assist in their wonderful work is within reach.

This is a work in progress and will be rounded up by an Information and Appeal Stand at the Everton Post Office & Stores on Saturday 11th April, when appeal literature will be on display. Please read the literature, ask me any questions and I will be delighted to respond. Most of all, 100% of every generous donation will be gratefully received and faithfully applied.

With thanks. John Smith

Having a Heart Attack...

I have thought long and hard about writing this article, but a conversation with my future daughter in law, Amelia, convinced me that it would be a good thing to do.

So here goes...a lot of people in Everton will know that about a month ago I had a heart attack. The experience of what it was like is what I want to write about, as I had no idea of what it would feel like and if I'd known earlier, the complications that I'm now suffering would be much reduced. My experience isn't singular, I've since spoken to several ladies who had similar, with none of us knowing...

Amelia(she comes from a nursing family) said that the reason for this is that mostly the information we use for guidance is man's experience..chest pain, pain in the left arm. But apparently it is quite common for ladies to present differently, this was also borne out by the Paramedic who attended me. And this what I want to pass on...

So what does it feel like? Well, my heart attack, started in the morning and all I had was just an ache along my shoulders, I felt out of sorts and tired and thought I was coming down with flu...So I took myself off to bed. (One lady I've recently met, felt the same and went off to work to groom 8 dogs before she realised something

was badly wrong.) For me, I slept a lot, but then

we do with flu don't we? It was only when evening came, that the pain moved to the back of my right arm and became very severe, and I started vomiting. (still no chest pain, still no left arm). Heart attack was the last thing on my mind but I must admit there was no mistaking then that something was amiss, luckily Sir Galahad was on hand to dial 999 and thanks to the Paramedics and Drs, it all turned out okay.



However, because it took me so long to get help, my heart has been damaged. So more new information here, the heart doesn't repair itself. If the blood supply is interrupted, the muscle of the heart wall dies, and then as it recovers will only form scar tissue, which reduces the pumping action, which does make life complicated!

I wish I had known that for Ladies a heart attack doesn't always present as chest pain, nor that you can be a non smoker, can be slim, active, and eating all the right food, don't have high blood pressure or high cholesterol and yet still be a prime target! But now I do and I also know that it's crucial to get help as soon as you can! And if you've read this far then you now know that too!

So..Be aware!



The Ancient Greeks, who were pretty good at inventing useful things like maths, writing plays and poetry, can also claim to have produced the very first rainfall measuring device. They are known to have kept rainfall records five hundred years before the birth of Christ.

The first standardised rain gauge was invented in 1441 in Korea two hundred years before Sir Christopher Wren came up with the novel 'Tipping Bucket' system. By this time we think that Sir Christopher had probably got a bit fed up with designing easy stuff like Cathedrals and sensible road systems!

Many clever methods of measuring rainfall have been invented since those far off days. All of them are probably more sophisticated than the Rainographer's simple device which is beginning to look as old and forlorn as the very first rain gauge produced by the Ancient Greeks.

However, dedicated followers of this column will be more interested in the amount of rain that has fallen on Everton since the 2019 Autumn issue of the Newsletter. They will recall that 225 mms (9³/₄ inches) fell during the six months ending August 2019.

The Everton Rainographer

Rainfall on Everton

Since that time we have been drenched by the wettest period for many a year with an impressive 134 mms (5¼ inches) in December alone! The monthly figures are shown below and total 555 mms which converts to 21¾ inches!

2019 September 88 mms

October 126 "

November 109 "

December 134 "

2020 January 98 "

The Rainographer

February 2020





EMMA'S TRAVELS 38 (WITH A LOT OF HELP FROM MUM)

On a cold Monday morning in December Auntie Stella and I started our long journey to her home in Foxton on New

Zealands North Island. Four aeroplanes, lots of meals and many hours later we arrived very tired. The following afternoon we went food shopping and I won a hamper of Christmas goodies. The weather was lovely and I enjoyed

going for walks with my Auntie, Uncle and their two dogs. I went to the Post Office to buy some stamps for my postcards, it was a very small shop that only had a few cards and books. It closed for lunch and shut at 5 o'clock not like at home where it is open all day.

I saw Santa riding around town on a horse and cart and not on a sleigh, it was a very hot day. I helped Auntie do baking for Christmas and decorate the tree in between sitting in the sunshine doing my word search



My Auntie has Christmas dinner on Christmas Eve and we had lots of visitors. I woke up very early on Christmas Day to open my presents and we had a lovely time but I had to have a long nap in the afternoon because I was hot and tired

Later in the week we went to the airport to collect my Mum and I was excited to see her

Mum, Auntie and I went off for a little trip to New Plymouth it was a five hour drive but the scenery was lovely. Lots of the towns have strange large statues like the town of Bulls which has a large bull, Taihape has a boot and Ohakune a carrot. We stayed in a lovely hotel and the next day we wanted to drive up Mount Taranaki but the weather changed and the mist came down so we couldn't see anything.



The following week the three of us went off again to stay up at Lake Taupo. It was lovely weather and we went on a boat trip out on the lake. We saw some Maori carvings and took lots of photos. The next morning we drove up one side of the volcano Mt Ruapehu but when we got to the top the clouds came down and so we decided to drive all the way back down and go up the

other side. It took a few hours and when we got nearly there the clouds came down again! By the time we got to the bottom the clouds had lifted and Mum got some lovely pictures of the snow capped volcano and the Ohakune carrot.



My cousin lives and works in Wellington so we drove down to stay in another nice hotel. Driving around Wellington we found a street called Everton Terrace and they had a building called Everton Hall so Mum just had to take a photo.

I had an amazing time in New Zealand.

Emma





And a reminder of the February Storms



Heavy seas off Milford after Storm Dennis

And the tide was still only half way in!

Photos taken by Richard Bagnall





NO PLACE LIKE HOME

By Lindsey Sexton-Chadwick

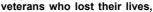
Six years ago, we packed up four children and the dog and headed to Bavaria, Germany. It was difficult and painful to say goodbye to family and friends and the community which we had very much been a part of.

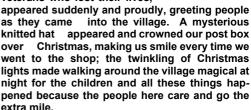
On the bright side a new country greeted us with its own difficult language to learn and customs to adapt to and respect even if they did feel a little alien. There are many lessons we learnt and many things we would have chosen to do differently but overall, we experienced countless wonderful opportunities along the way and welcomed our fifth kline frau (little woman) into our family.

Coming home last summer felt familiar yet different. We had changed, people around us had also moved on with their lives. It felt at times unsettling and awkward. Yet, this village of ours which is nestled between the sea and forest, houses such a warm and friendly community. Whether it's the congregation of St Mary's that is our spiritual home or the good food enjoyed at The Crown and the amazing pandora box which is our village shop, it's woven together by some very

special people who go the extra mile to make this a special place to live.

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So, what I've learnt is the community where you live really matters. You can live anywhere and having that opportunity is one to be embraced. 'In your heart you may plan your course, but the Lord determines your steps.' Proverbs 16:9.

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Did Lodgers' Corner

(a column for those of a certain maturity)

Why I Like Retirement!

Question: How many days in a week?

Answer: 6 Saturdays, 1 Sunday

Question: When is a retiree's bedtime?

Answer: Two hours after he falls asleep on the couch.

Question: What's the biggest gripe of retirees?

Answer: There is not enough time to get everything done.

Question: Why don't retirees mind being called Seniors?

Answer: The term comes with a 10% discount.

Question: Among retirees, what is considered formal attire?

Answer: Tied shoes.

Question: Why do retirees count pennies?

Answer: They are the only ones who have the time.

Question: Why are retirees so slow to clean out the basement, attic or garage?

Answer: They know that as soon as they do, one of their adult kids will want to

store stuff there.

Question: What do retirees call a long lunch?

Answer: Normal

Question: What is the best way to describe retirement?

Answer: The never ending Coffee Break.

Question: What's the biggest advantage of going back to school as a retiree?

Answer: If you cut classes, no one calls your parents.

Question: Why does a retiree often say he doesn't miss work, but misses the peo-

ple he used to work with?

Answer: He is too polite to tell the whole truth..

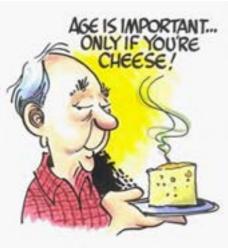
A creative writing class was told that every good novel should include religion, the aristocracy, sex and mystery. The winning author's effort was; "My God", said the duchess. "I'm pregnant, who dunnit?"

I'm supposed to respect my elders but it's getting harder and harder to find any now.

Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.

Remember, if you lose a sock in the dryer, it comes back as a Tupperware lid that doesn't fit any of your containers.







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