



# Eastington Community News

A free, locally produced  
publication celebrating  
community in  
Eastington.

**COVER BY:**  
Lee Grant

**ISSUE 211**  
Aug - Sep 25



News | Youth | Community | History  
Environment | Business



# Eastington Village Hall



*For your function or group meeting*

Central village location  
£8 per hour  
Kitchen, tables & chairs  
Stage, toilets etc

**Check availability and  
book on-line:**

**evh.eastington.website**

# Eastington Community Centre

## Owen Harris Memorial Ground



**email: [enquiries@ohmg.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ohmg.org.uk)  
web: [www.ohmg.org.uk](http://www.ohmg.org.uk)**

The main hall can host 80 people seated  
or 150 standing.  
Small meeting room available.  
Fully equipped kitchen and bar available.

Eastington Community Centre,  
OHMG Building, Snakey Lane,  
Eastington, GL103AQ

# Editor's Note

Welcome to issue 211. In this issue we celebrate the changing rhythms of village life - from the echoes of cider-making mills and the canal's staggering restoration, to our vibrant community gatherings and essential council updates. There's something here for everyone.

Happy reading,  
**The ECN Team x**

**p.s. Some useful info:**

1. The deadline for the next issue is: **22/9/25** to be delivered around: **01/10/25**.
2. Space is limited - we may omit, edit or shorten articles.
3. The views expressed in ECN are not necessarily those of the ECN team.
4. If you would like to see this magazine in colour, visit the Eastington Hub at <https://eastington.website>.
5. For advertising enquiries, email: [advertising@eastington.website](mailto:advertising@eastington.website).

[articles@eastington.website](mailto:articles@eastington.website)  
 [ecn.eastington.website](http://ecn.eastington.website)  
 Eastington Community News

## CONTRIBUTERS:

Muriel Bullock, Moya Shannon, Gill Glover, Simon Chapman, Tom Low, Charlotte Wren, Jenny Winfield, Beccy Curtis, Anna Rowland, Poppy Brocklehurst-Jones, Sue Withers, Andy Tring, Barbara Lang, Mike Naylor, John Newton, Tom Griffiths and Stephen Mills.

## TEAM:

DAVID GRANGER  
Treasurer

GILL GLOVER  
Distribution

JAN LOW  
Support

LUCINDA BROCKLEHURST  
Editorial

SUE HALAS  
Advertising

## PRINTER:

  
**Wheatley PRINTERS Ltd**



## DELIVERERS:

Eight hundred magazines later... thank you to the twenty-seven lovely people who have delivered this issue.

# Contents

EVENTS.....	04
NEWS.....	06
YOUTH.....	18
COMMUNITY.....	22
HISTORY.....	28
ENVIRONMENT.....	30
BUSINESS.....	32



King's Stanley Village Hall

Large, modern village hall  
with a capacity of 200 people.  
Excellent, up-to-date facilities,  
stage and bar.

The perfect setting for your  
wedding, birthday or celebration.

Call Pam Culver on  
**01453 821 153**

[ksvhbookings@gmail.com](mailto:ksvhbookings@gmail.com)

[www.kingsstanleyvillagehall.org.uk](http://www.kingsstanleyvillagehall.org.uk)



# Great Oldbury Community Centre

Bookings can be made through our online  
HallMaster Booking System:  
<https://www.greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk/community-and-sports-facilities>

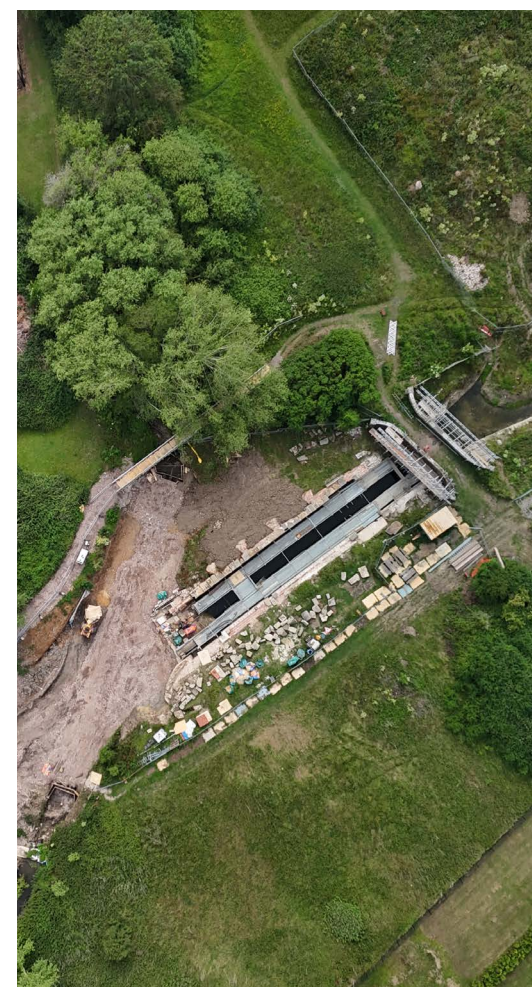
For further information, email:  
**[booking@greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk](mailto:booking@greatoldbury-pc.gov.uk)**

Community Centre  
Daniels Way, Great Oldbury  
GL10 3XR

## COVER BY: Lee Grant

Lee Grant is a local drone photographer who specialises in breathtaking aerals of the canal restoration. This particular image is of Oldbury Brook. When the M5 motorway was built, the brook was diverted from its original course to accommodate the new infrastructure. The current restoration plans will reconnect Oldbury Brook via a culvert at this historic crossing point.

TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN  
WORK FOR THE FRONT  
COVER OF THE NEXT ISSUE,  
PLEASE EMAIL: **ARTICLES@EASTINGTON.WEBSITE**.





# 5-14 SEPTEMBER 2025



## FREE Guided Walks From Stonehouse

● 10 days of walks ● For all ages & abilities



T: 07816 552171

E: [stonehousewalkfest@gmail.com](mailto:stonehousewalkfest@gmail.com)

W: [stonehousewalks.co.uk](http://stonehousewalks.co.uk)

F: [stonehousewalkingfestival](https://stonehousewalkingfestival.com)



# REMEMBRANCE DAY 2025

Attention knitters and crocheters of Eastington!

Join us in honouring our heroes by knitting or crocheting poppy flowers to be displayed annually on the Alkerton Cross. All abilities and contributions welcome.

Completed poppies can be dropped off at [The Lazy Goose](#), or alternatively, poppies can be collected by a committee volunteer – please email to arrange.

### Project Requirements

Yarn Colour: **Red**

Size: between **7cm - 15cm**

Finish: **10cm tails** for tying

Closing Date: **30th October**



**The Collection Box!**

[eventscommittee@eastington.website](mailto:eventscommittee@eastington.website)



# Eastington Parish Council Newsletter

*Parish matters*

BY CLLR MURIEL BULLOCK



## How quickly these articles seem to come around.

We are pleased to report all the new equipment and surfaces in the Snakey Lane Playpark are now complete. We still have to repair the gate leading from the car park and also need to stabilise the post leading to the crawl tunnels; this has all been caused by the prolonged dry, hot weather.

We still need more volunteers to monitor the speed camera on Bath Road if you can help or need more information **please get in touch.**

We are also looking for residents who would be interested in helping to review our **Neighbourhood Development Plan** (NDP).

We are considering quotes to supply and install a height restriction barrier at the entrance to the Owen Harris Memorial Ground (OHMG).

I'm sure most of you have noticed the Bath

Road pavement has been repaired this will make using a lot safer.

We have vacancies for two Parish Councillors, if you would like more information on applying please get in touch.

.....  
**HTTPS://EASTINGTON-PC/GOV.UK**

Eastington Parish Council clerk:  
**clerk@eastington-pc.gov.uk**

Eastington Parish Council chair:  
**muriel.bullock@eastington-pc.gov.uk**  
Tel: **07747 634217**

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

14th August 2025 at 7:00pm.....**Cancelled**  
11th September 2025 at 7:00pm.....**Parish Council Meeting** at The Village Hall  
9th October 2025 at 7:00pm.....**Parish Council Meeting** at The Village Hall

# District Councillor Update

*An introduction from the newly elected district councillor*

BY CLLR MOYA SHANNON



I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new District Councillor for Severn Ward representing the Green Party and would like to start by thanking everyone for the patience I have been shown while you waited to hear from me.

You may or may not have seen that I am currently recovering with a broken shoulder, the timing of which could not have been more unfortunate. I am doing well and getting better every day.

For a little bit of background about myself - I've lived in the Stroud district for over 30 years, for the last 27 years in Eastington. I moved here with my husband when I started teaching at Sir William Romney's school in Tetbury before moving to Stroud High School in 2000, where I stayed until 2018 when I retired from teaching.

My husband is a heritage timber framer and established the Oak Frame Carpentry Co. in Nupend in 1996 - where I worked as the company administrator for the 9 years leading up to the company's sale last year. We now co-direct a more highly specialised historical/ heritage framing firm, with our

most recent project being the restoration of the clock tower for the Redesdale Hall at Morton in Marsh.

As for the rest of my family, I have three grown-up children who all went to Eastington Primary School and then onto local secondary schools. My eldest daughter has spent her career working as a marine biologist in a variety of research & conservation roles and is currently based in Bristol working for the BBC. My 'middlest' and his wife live in Stonehouse and work locally, with my son working at local community charity, The Sub Rooms, in Stroud. My youngest daughter lives in Aberystwyth and is a Weed Science Researcher, working closely with a network of farmers and fellow scientists across England and Wales.

I feel so lucky to have been able to live, work, and raise my family here for the past 30 years. Having the opportunity to represent this ward is a real privilege and I hope, by working together, we can all do our bit to safeguard the area's natural beauty and our shared way of life.

Whilst I am still in a period of recovery I can still be contacted at:

**cllr.moya.shannon@stroud.gov.uk**

.....  
Stroud District council:  
**customer.services@stroud.gov.uk**



# Eastington Church Roof Appeal

BY GILL GLOVER



We are having some encouraging responses with grant applications that will potentially support the church roof renovations however they all come with conditions attached, something that we expected.

We knew it wasn't going to be easy at the outset so nothing new there. But it's still good to know that the grant makers are interested in our project.

On a local level some of you will know that two of our recent events have been presented with some unexpected challenges.

The Car-boot sale, due to take place at Eastington Community Centre, OHMG on Saturday 31st May, was all going according to plan until the Thursday prior when some uninvited visitors moved onto the site with twenty-two caravans, vehicles, dogs

and horses. To change location seemed our best option so that's what we did. A massive thank you to Mr and Mrs Wyatt for allowing us to use your field in front of the church at such short notice, you really did save the day!

The weather was great, food tasty and possibly the attendance was even better due to all that extra publicity. We made just over £600 so thank you to everyone who supported the event and very well done to everyone involved for all the hard work required to change venues at such short notice.

It actually turned out that the Church was a better location in the end with lots of folks seeing the church in all its glory for the first time. It is a fantastic building, 14th century, grade 11\* listed. And it is a venue for all to use. The best way to preserve this historic building for future generations is to use it as much as possible (use it or lose it).

The next planned event: Saturday 28th June, the Strawberry and Prosecco afternoon, met with another hitch. We all jumped (sort of) out of bed ready to

get baking – cue power cut! Luckily not for long. Delicious cakes were baked and later eaten, all washed down with a refreshing glass or two of bubbly. A very enjoyable afternoon with beautiful weather. Thanks go to the Vale Strings and Singers who once again provided excellent musical accompaniment to one of our events. You are brilliant!

## Next Events:

Car-boot Sale: Saturday 13th September, 10am. As usual there will be refreshments and hopefully a plant sale. The event is combined with Gloucester Historic Churches annual 'Ride and Stride' so you may also see posters for this dotted around.

History Day: This will now take place on Saturday 18th October, 2pm. As previously mentioned there will be a series of talks from the Stroud Textile Trust, Stroud Historical Industries and Battlefields of Gloucestershire. Next time you are near the Church do have a look at the stone wall of the bell tower that faces the new burial ground (north). You can actually see some pock marks said to have been made by canon balls. Come along on the day to find out more! This event is free, donations welcome. The program will be set out in our next ECN article and viewable on our ECRA FB page.

The latest funds from the collection tins are: The Old Badger; £235.43 so far, wow! And Eastington Farm shop with a very respectable £136.41. **Many thanks** to all who have contributed in this way and to all the businesses in the parish that are



supporting us.

Finally, did you know that if you donate to a charity as an individual, you can gift aid a further 25%. This is provided that you are a tax payer and that you are prepared to sign a form to that effect. For example, a donation of £100.00 would equate to £125.00 for that charity but your donation is still £100.00.

This also applies if you would like to sponsor a tile for the church roof restoration. A sponsorship of £25.00 with gift aid would give the appeal £31.25. The form attached overleaf explains how you can sponsor a tile, how to make payment and what to do with your completed form. If you would like more information, please contact us using the details below.

Follow ECRA on facebook:

**Eastington Church Roof Appeal – ECRA**  
Project Leader, Mike Naylor: **01453 828682**  
Fundraiser, Gill Glover: **01453 828782**



# A Migration

BY SIMON CHAPMAN

Hark, hark! The dogs did bark,  
The wagons rolled through town.  
With wheels creaking and fires lit,  
The travellers settled down.

The playing field, all green and bare,  
Was soon a summer fair.  
With caravans and tethered dogs,  
And washing in the air.

The village stirred with worried frowns,  
And keys turned in the lock.  
A whisper here, a warning there,  
“Best guard your hens and stock!”

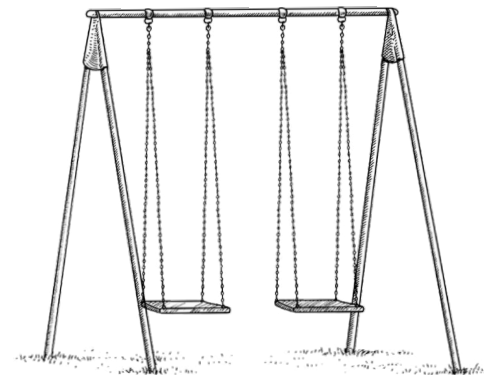
The children ran to see the show,  
With wonder, wide and wild.  
Tales grew tall and tempers short,  
“One’s stolen sweets!” “That child!”

The village news was quite aflame,  
With cries of dread and doubt.  
“The bins are full!” “My roses are snapped!”  
“The vicar’s cat’s run out!”

The constable came, slow and grave,  
With notebook and a frown.  
But none could say just what was done,  
By who, or when, or how.

And then as quick as storms blow past,  
The wagons rolled away.  
No silver spoons were missing,  
No children led astray.

The swings still swing, the fields grow green,  
The village breathes once more.  
They’re gone by dawn, like mist and song  
And will be back next year for sure.



THANK YOU TO LOCAL WRITER (AND POSTIE), SIMON CHAPMAN,  
FOR SUBMITTING THIS POEM.

## SPONSOR A TILE

And help to save  
**EASTINGTON CHURCH**

A minimum donation of **£25** will help us buy one tile.

Donations can be made on line:  
<http://easydonate.org/2853-2>



Scan the QR code

By bank transfer:  
Eastington PCC Fabric Fund  
Sort code: 30-98-29  
Acc. No: 02082496

For further information contact Gill Glover 07876 690884 / [gillglover22@gmail.com](mailto:gillglover22@gmail.com)

I wish to donate £

Gift Aid Yes / No

Name:

Contact Details:

Tile named for:

*I am happy for my name to appear on the display and register inside the church.*

Yes / NO

Please post completed forms in the box in the church  
or at the Post Office in the Coop.

This form can also be completed online.



**BE A PART OF HISTORY AND SPONSOR A TILE TODAY.**

*In aid of Eastington Church Roof Appeal (ECRA)*

**St Michaels and All Angels Church.**



## SPONSOR A TILE

And help to save  
**EASTINGTON CHURCH**

A minimum donation of **£25** will help us buy one tile.

Donations can be made on line:  
<http://easydonate.org/2853-2>



Scan the QR code

By bank transfer:  
Eastington PCC Fabric Fund  
Sort code: 30-98-29  
Acc. No: 02082496

For further information contact Gill Glover 07876 690884 / [gillglover22@gmail.com](mailto:gillglover22@gmail.com)

I wish to donate £

Gift Aid Yes / No

Name:

Contact Details:

Tile named for:

*I am happy for my name to appear on the display and register inside the church.*

Yes / NO

Please post completed forms in the box in the church  
or at the Post Office in the Coop.

This form can also be completed online.



**BE A PART OF HISTORY AND SPONSOR A TILE TODAY.**

*In aid of Eastington Church Roof Appeal (ECRA)*

**St Michaels and All Angels Church.**





# Eastington Community Land Trust Ltd. (ECLT)

Providing the affordable homes that Eastington needs

BY TOM LOW



## Building progress - Drop-in planned for late September.

Finally, a pair of 2-bed semis needs a few dozen bricks to complete the right-hand gable, then the scaffolding can be removed, and internal works begin. Worthy of note are the solar panels, which will be provided for all homes. You can see colour versions with the ability to enlarge for interest on the ECLT website, including drone footage:

<https://eclt.eastington.website/?pageid=3640>

By mid-July, four pairs of houses were underway. On the left is just the timber frame and roof (inside all that scaffolding) of a pair of maisonettes. Centre is a timber frame with roof tiles and bricks to the ground floor only.

ECLT, Two Rivers and Stroud DC will be present for an afternoon and early evening

information session in late September, open to all. The date has still to be fixed but once set, it will be on social media and a large banner hung outside the Village Hall. The objective is to provide clarity on eligibility and the processes of allocating both rented and shared ownership homes.

Please note: Homes will not be advertised and allocated until the Spring of 2026 when the site is within four weeks of completion.

.....  
EASTINGTON CLT WAS SET UP BY CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF EASTINGTON IN RESPONSE TO THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE LOCAL HOUSING, BOTH FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATIONS AND FOR EXTENDED FAMILY SUPPORT FOR THE OLDER GENERATIONS. ECLT'S PRIMARY AIM IS TO SERVE LOCAL HOUSING NEEDS WHILST HELPING TO LIMIT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT IN THE VILLAGE.

**HTTPS://ECLT.EASTINGTON.WEBSITE**  
**tom@eastingtonclt.uk**  
**Tel: 07974 369680**



# Road Works

Upcoming traffic disruptions in Eastington



## Two-Way Signals

6th - 8th August  
Claypits  
**Gigaclear**

.....  
7 - 11th August  
Alkerton Place to Claypits  
**Open Reach**

.....  
13th - 15th August  
Alkerton Place to Claypits  
**Gigaclear**

## Road Closures

15th - 26th September  
Bath Road, Leonard Stanley Road,  
Frocester  
**GCC Road Resurfacing**

.....  
8th - 10th October  
Millend Lane  
**Open Reach**

.....  
13th - 15th October  
Bath Road  
**Severn Trent Water**

.....  
27th - 30th October  
Alkerton Cross - Claypits  
**National Grid**

Please note: this information has been reproduced from the Causeway One Network service. For further details and reliable updates please check the Causeway website at:

**one.network.**



Tucked behind the A38 and the old mill buildings of Eastington, the Cotswold Canals Trust's Western Depot is a hive of activity.

This unassuming site is the nerve centre of one of the UK's most ambitious volunteer-led restoration projects. Every week, dozens of volunteers give their time and expertise to help revive the historic Stroudwater Navigation. From here, vital repairs and construction efforts are launched across the Phase 1B stretch - a critical part of the wider plan to one day reconnect the River Severn to the River Thames via the Cotswold Canals.

The canal was once the beating heart of Gloucestershire's transport infrastructure. Linking Stroud with the River Severn and eventually the Thames at Lechlade allowed vital goods like wool, coal and stone to travel easily between markets. But after falling into disrepair during the mid-20th century, much of the canal became overgrown,

infilled and forgotten. The Cotswold Canals Trust was formed to change that. Today, their vision is becoming reality thanks to the passion and dedication of volunteers across the region, none more so than those working from the depot in Eastington.

### **The Western Depot – A Restoration Hub**

The Western Depot is the logistical hub for all Trust activities in the west of the canal corridor. Located in the heart of Eastington, this depot houses workshops for gate-building, equipment maintenance and material storage. It is also a meeting point for site teams, project coordinators and volunteer newcomers. Everything from steel fabrication to timber planning happens here, by skilled volunteers who bring their trade expertise into the restoration world.

The site also serves as an information hub, with new interpretation boards on display around the restoration sites. These explain the significance of current restoration works and the historical context of the area, helping residents and visitors understand just how much has already been achieved and what's still to come.



Visitors are welcome to drop by on a weekday morning - particularly Mondays and Wednesdays - when most volunteers are on-site. You can chat to the team, learn more about the canal's history and even get involved. Whether you have experience in construction, engineering or simply a love of local heritage, there's a place for everyone.

### **Dock Lock – Digging Into the Past**

One of the most exciting and visible projects near Eastington is the restoration of Dock Lock. Completed in 1778, it is the second in a flight of five locks originally built to help boats climb the hill past Eastington village. Known initially as Court Orchard Lock, it took on its new name in 1821 when a dry dock was constructed beside it for boat maintenance. Dock Lock fell into disrepair after the canal's closure in 1954. Gates were removed and a concrete dam inserted to keep water in the pound for fishing and wildlife. The lock itself silted up and was eventually buried under rubble, especially when demolition debris from nearby Pike Bridge was dumped into the chamber.

Now, thanks to determined volunteer work, the lock is being brought back to life. In recent months, significant progress has been made:

- Coping stones replaced and secured along the lock edges



- Ladder recesses recut and cemented, with new ladders installed on both sides
- Stop plank channels cut out, allowing for future water control
- Voids discovered in the lock walls (likely remnants of wooden bunks used during original construction) are being carefully filled and stabilised
- Lower wing walls being rebuilt, and a new cill will soon be cast in preparation for installing handcrafted oak gates made at the Western Depot

This painstaking work blends traditional craft with modern engineering. When complete, Dock Lock will be fully operational once more, serving as a vital part of the navigation and a symbol of what grassroots volunteering can achieve.

### **Oldbury Brook and Aqueduct Works**

Just downstream from Eastington, the Oldbury Brook presented another major challenge to restoration plans. Historically, this brook flowed into the canal just east of

...continued on next page



Westfield Lock before spilling over a weir into the River Frome. During M5 motorway construction, the lock was infilled, and Oldbury Brook was rerouted directly to the river, bypassing the canal entirely.

As part of restoration efforts, the old canal line is being reinstated over the brook. A culvert system is being installed to allow water to flow beneath the canal without disrupting its natural course. Recent works at Oldbury have included:

- Pipe laying completed and topped with compacted crushed stone to provide structural integrity
- Outflow headwalls built with shuttering, and concrete poured and vibrated to ensure firm bonding with rebar
- Base slabs now being defined, marking the entry and exit points of the new culvert

The nearby Oldbury Spill Weir is also being repaired. This vital structure manages variable water levels by providing an overflow for high volumes and features a sluice system for controlled drainage and maintenance. Once completed, these efforts will allow the canal to pass cleanly over Oldbury Brook and continue toward Saul Junction. These seemingly minor features play a major role in restoring a functioning, navigable waterway.



### Volunteers: The Engine of Progress

Without volunteers, none of this would happen. The Trust relies heavily on the time and skills of people from all walks of life. Some bring a background in trades like bricklaying or engineering; others are new retirees looking to stay active. There are also weekend volunteers, environmental surveyors, event planners and boat crews - every role counts.

In Eastington, regular teams meet weekly to trim overgrown paths, repair tools, clean lock chambers and run public outreach events. The sense of camaraderie is strong, and many volunteers speak of the mental and physical wellbeing that comes from contributing to something meaningful outdoors.

If you have a few hours to spare, the Trust would love to hear from you. You can find a list of current volunteer vacancies on the website, and full training and support are always provided.



underway and stories from the canal's original use.

Park at the public car park in Eastington and enjoy a walk that takes in multiple restoration sites. If you're curious about volunteering, stop by the Western Depot on a weekday morning and chat to the team.

### Join as a Member

Another powerful way to support the project is by becoming a member of the Cotswold Canals Trust. Memberships start from £20 a year, and it goes directly into buying tools, materials and safety gear for our volunteers.

Members receive:

- Monthly email newsletters with the latest updates
- Quarterly issues of *The Trow* magazine with in-depth features, historical articles, and project insights
- Invitations to member-only events, including guided walks, talks, and volunteer taster sessions

### Visit Us and See the Progress

Whether you're a lifelong resident or new to the area, we encourage you to visit the canal corridor in Eastington and see the transformation for yourself. New interpretation boards have been installed at Dock Lock, Pike Lock, and John Robinson Bridge, giving context to the works

This is more than just a canal - it's a legacy project, a community effort and a living connection between Gloucestershire's industrial past and a greener, more connected future. With your support, we can keep the water moving for generations to come.

To find out more, volunteer, donate or join as a member, visit [www.cotswoldcanals.org](http://www.cotswoldcanals.org) or pop into our Visitor Centre at Bell House, Stroud.

.....  
CHARLOTTE WREN IS A MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER FOR COTSWOLD CANALS TRUST.

**WWW.COTSWOLDCANALS.ORG**

**membership@cotswoldcanals.org**  
**boat.trips@cotswoldcanals.org.uk**  
**volunteersupport@cotswoldcanals.org**  
**canalvolunteering@stroud.gov.uk**

**Tel: 01453 708403**



YOUTH

# Eastington Playgroup Newsletter

BY JENNY WINFIELD



We have come to the end of another fantastic and busy academic year.

As always, the end of the year was filled with excitement for the summer and a lot of sadness as we said goodbye to our pre-schoolers, some of whom we have had with us for 2.5 years. We finished the year with a special party for those children and a special treat from Magic Marie and her bunnies.

They performed a wonderful song for their parents and were presented with their learning journey from their time with us and other treats!

We would like to thank all our families for their continued support and look forward to seeing so many of your returning in September.

Spaces are filling up very quickly for September 2026 with only a few available spaces left. It is more important than ever that if you wish for your child to attend our playgroup you must put their name down early to avoid disappointment. To arrange a visit on our return in September please email Jenny.



EASTINGTON PLAYGROUP HAS BEEN PROVIDING CARE AND EDUCATION FOR LOCAL FAMILIES SINCE 1998. THE PLAYGROUP IS OPEN ON MONDAYS TO THURSDAYS FOR CHILDREN AGED TWO AND A HALF TO FOUR YEARS.

**eastingtonplaygroup@hotmail.com**  
**WWW.EASTINGTONPLAYGROUP.CO.UK**  
**Tel: 07977 342742**

YOUTH

# Mother Goose Childcare Newsletter

BY BECCY CURTIS



**At Great Oldbury Primary Academy:**

At Mother Goose wraparound club, every week brings fresh adventures, creative sparks and joyful moments that make us proud of the vibrant community we're building. Whether it's before school or after, we've been creating experiences that support children's development, promote independence and sprinkle a little bit of fun into each day.

Little hands worked hard on designing cards for Father's Day that were bursting with colour, glitter and sweet messages. From heartfelt drawings to quirky stick figure families, each card reflected the child's unique personality - and a whole lot of love. We spent a couple of weeks painting and decorating plant pots, with lots of brilliant imaginative designs. Each child then planted their own sunflower to take home. We can't wait to hear how they're growing!



**At Eastington Primary School:**

As the summer term came to a close, we celebrated the end of the academic year with a range of fun and memorable activities. Crafting arty goodies became a favourite once more and new outdoor equipment was welcomed with joyful



appreciation! Having said our goodbyes, our goslings now head off for a well-deserved summer break, we already look forward to seeing everyone again in September. Meanwhile, Mother Goose is having a well-deserved break on the beach...



BECCY TOOK OVER MOTHER GOOSE IN 2014. MOTHER GOOSE PROVIDES WRAPAROUND CHILDCARE FOR EASTINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL, AND MORE RECENTLY, GREAT OLDBURY PRIMARY ACADEMY.

**mothergoosewraparound@gmail.com**  
**Tel: 07854 165418**



It's not every day a class gets a visit from a guinea pig expert with a passion for gardening and mint tea!

But that's exactly what happened when local author Caroline Pankhurst dropped into Seedling classes at William Morris School to read from her books, *The Guinea Pig Gardeners* and *The Guinea Pig Gardener* and *The Great Escape*.

Caroline, who lives in Stroud and went to both Callowell Primary School and Stroud High School, read the stories to the children and also donated signed copies of both books to the WMS library, where they are now treasured additions.

The stories follow a group of adventurous guinea pigs who grow their own food, plant flowers to help bees, drink mint tea and get a little help from a cheeky squirrel who



knows how to open bird feeders.

WMS's Horticulture Teacher Amanda Brown and fellow teacher Bex Hopkins dressed up as two of the characters at the school's *World Book Day* celebrations. Caroline's love of gardening, Stroud's wildlife and classic tales like *Beatrix Potter* and the *Paddington Bear* films all inspired her writing. Her work in the Thrive Gardens in Battersea Park, London, also helped shape the practical gardening ideas woven into the stories.

"Having Caroline visit our school was really inspiring for our pupils," said Amanda. "Her stories about adventurous guinea pigs tackling environmental issues were not only fun and imaginative but also got the children thinking about how they can care for the planet."

.....  
WILLIAM MORRIS SCHOOL IS AN INDEPENDENT SPECIAL SCHOOL BASED IN EASTINGTON. THE SCHOOL SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE WITH COMPLEX LEARNING NEEDS AND ASSOCIATED SOCIAL, EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIOURAL DIFFICULTIES.

[info@william-morris.org.uk](mailto:info@william-morris.org.uk)  
[WWW.NOVALIS-TRUST.ORG.UK](http://WWW.NOVALIS-TRUST.ORG.UK)



## Jay's BOOK Corner

**Guest review by:**  
Poppy

**Title:**  
Delphie and the  
Magic Ballet Shoes

**Author:**  
Darcey Bussell



### What is it about?

"This book is about a ballerina called Delphie. When she puts on magical shoes from her ballet teacher she travels to Enchantia, the magical ballerina world. Delphie saves the nutcracker from the Rat King who is an evil rat who rules a little island in a middle of a lake."

### What is your favourite part and why?

"My favourite part is when Delphie throws her ballerina shoe at a tower of super sticky glue and it all pours on the evil Rat King. And that's my favourite part because it's super silly."

### Who would you recommend this book to and why?

"Six or seven year olds who like fairies, ballet and magic. Also there's a whole set of them, all of them are really good."

.....  
***Delphie and the Magic Ballet Shoes*** is written for children aged five and above.  
Published by HarperCollins in October 2008.

.....  
CALLING ALL YOUNG READERS IN EASTINGTON! IF YOU ARE UNDER SIXTEEN AND WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT YOUR OWN BOOK REVIEW, PLEASE EMAIL: **ARTICLES@EASTINGTON.WEBSITE** WITH YOUR ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS ABOVE AND A PHOTOGRAPH OF YOUR CHOICE.





# Heart of the Village Report

BY SUE WITHERS

As always, our pop-in afternoons have been a resounding success, and we're still welcoming new faces each time - which is great to see!

The event continues to bring folk together from the village to enjoy a cuppa, homemade cakes, a good old natter and a chance to put the world to rights. More importantly, new friendships are formed, and everyone leaves with a smile.

Our team has worked tirelessly in the heat of the kitchen, and we really appreciate their dedication to this lovely event each month. Thank you.

Our "Dates for the Diary" are displayed in the parish magazine, on parish notice boards, and on the gate next to the book swap so hopefully you won't miss out on any future events.

Our August 20th event will be a special one: we're running it as a fundraising event for Longfield Hospice. It's such a worthy cause, and as many of our team and village residents have benefitted from their services, we feel it's time to give back. All contributions on the day will go to Longfield Hospice, so we hope you'll come along and support us.

Thanks must also go to the wonderful residents of the village who kindly bake

and donate cakes for our events, and to those who contribute raffle prizes.

- From the Heart of the Village team

.....  
HEART OF THE VILLAGE IS A COMMUNITY-DRIVEN POP-IN EVENT THAT OCCURS ONCE A MONTH AT THE VILLAGE HALL. LOOK OUT FOR THE TEAPOT CHALKBOARD SIGN ERECTED ON THE RAILINGS OUTSIDE ON THE DAY.

SUE: 07949 548539



Hi, my name is Andy Tring. Along with my partner Debby we have lived in Eastington for 9 years. I'm trying to get a Man Shed project started in the village. We held a meeting in June which a few villagers attended. It was a very positive meeting, and we have decided to arrange another.

The purpose of the Man Shed is for men to meet up and talk while doing different activities like woodworking, art, electronics etc. We will also be having talks on different subjects.

If you're interested in coming along, I will post dates and times on Facebook and posters around the village. Our next meeting has been booked at the Village Hall:  
**4th August at 7:30pm**

I can be contacted at: [tringandy1@gmail.com](mailto:tringandy1@gmail.com)





# Church of Christ the King

*GO Messy Church!*

BY BARBARA LANG

The Church of Christ the King Eastington has now re-located Sunday Community Church and Messy Church to Great Oldbury Community Centre, Daniels Way, Great Oldbury Drive Stonehouse GL10 3XR.

What a great building and what a great opportunity to come and meet other families and new friends in an open and welcoming environment.

There are a few Sunday afternoons where the facility is already booked and so we are not around on 10/17/24th August or the 16th November 2025.

Otherwise 3pm on Sundays come and find us, join us for a mug of coffee or tea and get to know what we are all about. Can't wait to meet you!

The first Sunday of each month will be entirely Messy Church, an event that is for all the family from babies, toddlers, school age, teenage and young adults through to new parents, older parents, grandparents and great grandparents. All are welcome. There is something for you.

Please remember children of any age need an adult to come and participate with them! Our Parent and Pre-school Group held at our Pike Lock House church venue will be taking a break over the summer holidays. But obviously you are welcome to attend on Sunday afternoons.

The Friday evening Youth Group will be relocating to Great Oldbury Community Centre in September.

As I write on a beautiful sunny afternoon with a gentle breeze, I am reminded just how much we must be thankful for. I love to hear and see the birds, I saw a beautiful fledgling Robin last week and my heart was warmed.

We are so fortunate to live in this country in a time of peace not war and mostly we are able to feed our children and keep them safe. We give thanks to God today for His beautiful gift of creation for the sun and for the rain for the beautiful moon at night and we give thanks for His everlasting love for each one of us.

Whoever we are, wherever we live, whether we are richer or poorer, whether we have many friends or feel alone, we are each made in the image of God and have been loved and blessed since before we were born.

Any questions? Come and meet up with either Beck or Barbara and we will happily chat through your worries fears and doubts and we will take them to God in prayer too.

These are very exciting days for our Church, and we are looking forward to meeting with you either @ Pike Lock House or at Great Oldbury Community Centre.

.....  
Beck:

**01453 827414 or 075111 97265**  
**rebecca.burgin@pikelock.com**

Barbara:

**07570 401365**  
**minister@coctke.org.uk**



## Church Services and News

Services planned for August and September take place on the 1st and 4th Sundays (Holy Communion) and a Sunday "Light" service on the 2nd Sunday which is a shorter and less formal service based on a theme aimed at children and a younger congregation.

Our new Team curate Leah Collins was ordained on 29th June 2025 at a packed service at Gloucester Cathedral. Leah and her family are now living at Leonard Stanley and she is already taking an active role in the Team Ministry. At the time of writing her first service at Eastington is planned for the 27th July when she will assist Team Rector Revd. Liz Palin.

Looking ahead we are taking part in the Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust Ride and Stride event on 13th September 2025. There will be opportunities for groups of walkers, riders and cyclists or individuals. Sponsorship forms are available in Church and there are posters advertising the event on the noticeboard where more details can be found. Alternatively, contact Mike Naylor 07796 221188.

On the same day we are also planning a car-boot sale in the field opposite the Church with refreshments including tea, coffee and bacon baps served in the churchyard. Gloucestershire Historic Churches Trust and ECRA (Eastington Church Roof Appeal) will each have a share in the proceeds.

The Blue Frog theatre group are holding their latest production in the Church on Saturday 11th October. Previous Blue Frog

# St. Michael and All Angels Church

BY MIKE NAYLOR

presentations have been extremely well supported and the event is likely to be a sellout. Details will be announced shortly so act soon!

We are also reviving the popular Christmas Tree Festival this year which will take place in the Church on 28th, 29th and 30th November and is being organised by ECRA (Eastington Church Roof Appeal). The festival has attracted entries from local businesses, organisations and individuals in the past and planning is now well underway. If you want to enter a tree or help with organisation, contact Gill Glover or Jacky Naylor 01453 828682. Please look out for advanced publicity and support this inclusive community event.

## Ukraine Appeal

Please don't forget the desperate plight of Ukrainians who are affected by the war and will continue to be even if there is an end to hostilities. A list of requisites at the back of the Church will be regularly updated.

## Library

The library as always is very popular and we have recently added a bookcase dedicated to Children's books.

.....  
**Rev Liz Palin:**

tv1stroudwater@gmail.com

**Rev Dave Bishop:**

tv2stroudwater@gmail.com

**Churchwarden Mike Naylor:**

mike@mikenaylorsurveyors.co.uk



# Frampton Village Society

BY JOHN NEWTON

## Land girls with Fiona Warin.

For our May talk Fiona Warin gave us a very entertaining light-hearted review of the Women's Land Army in WWII. She explained that, as a country, during the Second World War, it was recognised that we were no longer self-sufficient and that we imported a large proportion of our food. Milk was available but supplies of butter, sugar and fruit were mainly imported whilst virtually all our wheat came from Canada or America.

Following WWI there was a shortage of agricultural labour as men had been attracted to the cities, and it was estimated that 2 million acres of land had fallen fallow by the 30s. She explained that quick thinkers with vision within the W.I. recognised this and decided that, with many of their menfolk away at war, a force capable of turning this around could be created - the Women's Land Army.

Using individuals in our audience as potential recruits Fiona amusingly illustrated the interviewing procedures used to recruit women from all walks of life and to determine which areas of work could be filled. It was, apparently, almost impossible to fail the interview!

Areas of work included such disciplines as Hedges and Ditches, Pest Control, and Animals. Recruits could be sent anywhere around the country, and, despite the hard work, many enjoyed the new experiences it gave them. Unfortunately, however, as often happens in this situation, it was stated that many were taken advantage of by their 'employers' and suffered bad experiences. Overall, the contribution of the women who

joined the WLA was described as significant and had a marked impact on the fortunes of the country resulting in a 63% increase in land usage and a 90% increase in food production.

It was pointed out that acknowledgement of the WLA's contribution to the war effort was woefully lacking and, despite a campaign for a formal recognition, this was still floundering until as late as 2008 when the Women's Land Army badge was awarded to all surviving veterans of which there were over 45,000. A fascinating talk given with a great deal of humour.

Should you be interested in becoming a member, please contact Kelvin Broad on **01452 740775** or **kelvinsbroad@outlook.com**.

## Remaining Talks for 2025

### 1st August: Visit Frocester Court

**26th September: A Safari Trip to Southern Africa with Sir John Southby**  
- *Exploring the inviting sights of a South African Tour*

**24th October: AGM & Bill Wood Event**  
**28th November: Super-Bomb with Gareth Williams** - *How British Scientists created the Manhattan Project*

**28th November: Super Bomb** - *How British Scientists Created the Manhattan Project with Professor Gareth Williams*

**13th December: Christmas Supper**



# Frampton on Severn Bowls Club

BY TOM GRIFFITHS



The current weather has been good for our outdoor bowls games. Bit chilly in the evening but nothing to stop you playing or watching.

The club is having a really good season again both competitively and with "friendly" fixtures.

Both the Men's teams and the Ladies are battling for honours in their respective Leagues and Cup games. Plenty of friendly fixtures for those who prefer not to play in the more competitive games.

We are always open for new members so why not come along to the green and have a go. We can supply you with a set of bowls and trainers. Coaching is available. Enjoy a drink afterwards and chat to other members. I will be surprised if you don't meet someone down the club you already know. Happens all the time!

Interested? There are a few ways to contact the club...

Contact our Club Secretary Maggie Grayson **[pmgmaggie@gmail.com](mailto:pmgmaggie@gmail.com)** or visit our website **[www.framptonbc.co.uk](http://www.framptonbc.co.uk)**. Ask your neighbours, you might be surprised to find they are a bowler. My suggestion is you turn up on a Tuesday afternoon around 2:00pm or a Friday evening about 7:00pm where you will be assured of a warm welcome.

The most common comment from our "new" bowlers is "I wish I had taken up the sport years ago".

.....  
FOUNDED BY CADBURY EMPLOYEES IN THE 1920S, THE FRAMPTON ON SEVERN BOWLS CLUB BEGAN WITH A SMALL GREEN ON THE FACTORY SITE. WITH SUPPORT FROM THE CADBURY FAMILY, IT GREW INTO A FULLY ESTABLISHED CLUB AND BECAME KNOWN FOR ITS WARM HOSPITALITY - FAMOUSLY OFFERING FREE HOT CHOCOLATE AFTER MATCHES. IN 1982, MEMBERS PURCHASED THE GREEN AND RENAMED IT FRAMPTON ON SEVERN BOWLS CLUB. THE CURRENT CLUBHOUSE, BUILT LARGELY BY MEMBERS, OPENED IN 1987 AND CONTINUES TO SERVE THE LOCAL COMMUNITY TODAY.



# A Nice Glass of Cider Anyone?

BY STEPHEN MILLS

Our country boasts a long and rich history of cider making, with its production stretching back many centuries.

There is some suggestion that cider making began before Roman times, with the Celts possibly the first to use fermented apples to produce a form of this iconic drink. Many monasteries later produced their own cider, and when Henry VIII dissolved most monastic houses during the 16th century, displaced monks spread their tricks-of-the-trade, teaching others the best ways to make the drink.

From medieval times, cider production became an established part of many farms and rural settlements, with an increase in apple orchards and farm-based cider houses. Cider making became a quintessential part of rural life, often forming a staple part of a farm labourers' wages. It wasn't uncommon for workers to receive a gallon or more a day as part of their pay! Labourers would fill a 4-pint wooden container (a 'filkin') with cider at the start of work, and it was not uncommon for up to ten pints to be drunk during the day. Perhaps it was a sensible choice, as water was generally full of bugs and unfit to drink.

The Severn Vale was once renowned for its orchards, and our area certainly had its share, along with local cider makers. One of the biggest producers during the latter

part of the 19th and well into the 20th century was nearby Fromebridge Mill. For many years, alongside corn and animal feed milling, the mill also produced cider, mostly for consumption on local farms and in agricultural communities. I was lucky enough to get to know one of the mill's longest serving employees, Basil Gymer. He worked there for no less than 50 years and recalled that at times, he and mill-owner Stanley White had produced up to 1000 gallons of cider in a single day. Prior to the Second World War, cider was made for farmers at a charge of three-ha'pence (1½ old pence) a gallon. After the war, prices increased to 4d a gallon.



Basil recalled that; *"we always had a cider house at the mill and anyone calling was invited to drink as much as he liked."*

Interestingly, much of the mill's cider-making equipment had been manufactured locally, coming from Workman & Sons, our near-neighbours in Slimbridge. We are all familiar with the traditional circular stone cider mill, often driven by a horse – several of these used to be dotted around Eastington. But Workman's kit was rather more advanced. With manufacture starting around 1861, the company became widely known for their award-winning cider-making gear that included various types of mills, presses and pumps. This little company developed a range of highly efficient equipment that revolutionised apple juice extraction, and the company's catalogue (see photo) of cider-making machinery carried testimonials from happy customers. For example, Charles White was delighted with the combined cider mill and

steam presses supplied, commenting that; *"last season we made 260 gallons of cider in an hour with it, the fruit being perfectly ground, and the pulp pressed thoroughly dry."*

Their equipment was used not just locally, but also exported to places such as Jersey, Ireland and even the USA. A mainstay was their trailer-mounted combined mill and press units. These comprised a mill to pulp the apples (sometimes referred to as a 'scratter' mill) prior to pressing, and an adjacent press to squeeze the juice out. These combined units were much prized in the industry and given various awards at major agricultural shows around the country.

Cider drinking was particularly popular between the 14th and 19th centuries but then fell slowly out of favour. However, recent years have seen something of a renaissance, and the UK is now the world's biggest cider producer and has the highest per-capita consumption in the world. The National Association of Cider Makers estimates that the UK cider industry produces around 700-750 million litres of cider annually. This production utilises over half of the apples grown in the UK. The industry is a significant contributor to the UK economy, worth approximately £3 billion per year, and supports around 15,500 acres of orchards.

So, it looks like cider will continue to be served in our local pubs for the foreseeable future and will not be disappearing any time soon!

STEPHEN MILLS HAS LIVED IN EASTINGTON FOR THE PAST 54 YEARS, AND ALMOST SINCE ARRIVING, HE'S BEEN RESEARCHING AND RECORDING THE VILLAGE'S LONG AND INTERESTING HISTORY. STEPHEN'S REAL INTEREST IS IN THE AREA'S RICH INDUSTRIAL PAST; HIS PHD FOCUSED ON THE WOOLLEN CLOTH MILLS OF THE STROUD VALLEYS. HE WORKS FOR PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY AND HE'S ALSO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GLOUCESTERSHIRE SOCIETY FOR INDUSTRIAL ARCHEOLOGY.



# The Green Bit

Gloucestershire's New 20mph and Safer Roads Initiatives

Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) has launched a major new initiative aimed at improving road safety and enhancing quality of life in both rural and urban communities.

Over the next three years, the council will be rolling out lower speed limits in areas deemed appropriate and with clear public support.

At the heart of the plan is the *Community 20s* scheme, which proposes making 20mph the norm on roads where people **live, work, and walk** - especially in areas used frequently by vulnerable road users such as **children, older people, cyclists and horse riders**. Alongside this, the council's *Safer Roads* initiative will target roads with a history of collisions, with the aim of reducing speeds to prevent future casualties.

The benefits of lower speed limits are well established: they improve safety, reduce the severity of accidents, encourage walking and cycling, cut down on noise and pollution, and help create stronger, healthier communities.

To support the rollout, Gloucestershire County Council is now inviting expressions of interest from communities that would like to be considered for inclusion. Crucially, any requests must be formally supported by parish or town councils (or district councillors in unparished areas), and by the relevant county councillor.

There are two key areas where the council is

seeking local input:

- Whether your parish or town would like to be considered for Community 20s on suitable roads.
- Whether there are other higher-speed roads in your area where you believe a speed reduction is needed due to safety concerns.

## Have Your Say – Sign the Open Letter

If you share these concerns and want to see action taken, please consider signing an open letter written by the *20s Plenty Eastington* group. Your signature will help demonstrate the level of community support needed to move this initiative forward. The letter will be presented to Eastington Parish Council to request they register their interest for inclusion in the initiative.

A copy of the letter is available for reading on the *20s Plenty Eastington* facebook group. Signatures can be made by filling in the form on the next page and **posted into the ECN postbox at the Co-op post office**. Please post by **August 31st**. Alternatively, signatures can be made on Facebook at:

[www.facebook.com/groups/20splentyeastington/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/20splentyeastington/)

GCC require initial feedback by 19th September. Eastington Parish Council needs to provide a meeting date where the request was formally discussed and agreed, therefore this must occur at the next council meeting: 11th September. Let's work together to make our roads safer - for ourselves, our families and future generations.



**I support Gloucestershire County Council's new initiatives aimed at improving road safety and enhancing our quality of life.**

**By filling in this form, I authorise my name and home street name to be publicly included as a supporter of safer roads in Eastington, and ask the Parish Council to formally support these initiatives.**

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Street name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(if you wish to remain anonymous, please use initials and write 'Eastington' to confirm you live in the village)



## Why Summer Isn't the Time to Plant and What to Do Instead

The Garden centres are full of beautiful plants, Summer so far has been a scorcher so naturally you want to stock up and get your garden looking beautiful. But hot weather and irregular rainfall will jeopardise your plans. Here is why it's better to wait until autumn:



- **Soil is too dry and warm:** Summer heat dries out topsoil quickly, making it hard for seeds to germinate and roots to establish.
- **Watering becomes inefficient:** Evaporation rates are high in August, meaning you'll need to water frequently.
- **Stress on young plants:** Transplants are especially vulnerable to heat and inconsistent watering, often resulting in poor growth or failure.
- **Pests thrive in late summer:** Aphids, flea beetles and other common pests are more active now, increasing the risk of damage to new plants.

Instead wait until September - October because:

- Cooler temperatures reduce stress and support stronger root development,
- More consistent rainfall keeps soil evenly moist without overwatering,
- Fewer pests means less pressure on young plants and;
- Still enough warmth for roots to establish before winter.

🌐 [www.jhgardendesign.co.uk](http://www.jhgardendesign.co.uk)

✉ [jess@jhgardendesign.co.uk](mailto:jess@jhgardendesign.co.uk)

📷 [jessica\\_holcombe\\_garden\\_design](https://www.instagram.com/jessica_holcombe_garden_design)

f Jessica Holcombe Garden Design



If you've ever struggled with back pain, neck tension, or stiffness that just won't budge, you're not alone. Many people live with discomfort for months or even years without realising that help is available close to home.

Chiropractic care is a hands-on healthcare approach that focuses on the muscles, joints, and nerves, particularly in the spine, but also throughout the body. As chiropractors, we assess how you move, identify areas of tension or restriction, and use a range of techniques to help reduce pain and improve function.

One of the most common reasons people come to see us is lower back pain, but we also support those with shoulder tension, headaches, hip discomfort, and more. You don't need a referral to visit a chiropractor, and many people find it's a valuable part of managing their day-to-day wellbeing, especially if they're staying active, working long hours, or just trying to feel more comfortable in their body.

At Spinavita Chiropractic, we believe the best results come from care that's safe, sensible, and sustainable; built around your goals and what matters most to you. We take the time to understand what's going on, provide hands-on treatment where appropriate, and offer personalised advice, whether that's stretches, strength exercises, or simple changes to your daily routine. It's about working together to help you feel better with care that fits your life.

If you're curious about whether chiropractic could help you, why not pop in or give us a call on 01452 883232.



**Spinavita Chiropractic** has been at the heart of Hardwicke and Quedgeley for over 12 years.

Our dynamic team of Chiropractors, Sports Therapists and Massage Therapists are experienced in getting you mobile, pain free and supporting your overall health and wellbeing.

We hope to welcome you in soon.

Book an appointment

**01452 883232**

**[www.spinavita.co.uk](http://www.spinavita.co.uk)**

62 Westbourne Drive, Hardwicke,  
Gloucester, GL2 4RU



**DavidPrice**  
**PLASTERING**  
**07976 298 089**



Over 15 years of plastering  
experience

Professional, reliable and  
friendly service

Call today for a FREE  
quotation

# **TILING**

## **D. R. TILING**

CERAMIC, PORCELAIN, MARBLE,  
NATURAL STONE  
UNDERFLOOR HEATING

ALL ASPECTS OF WALL & FLOOR TILING  
FREE ESTIMATES AND ADVICE

**TEL: 07805 341464**

**TEL: 01453 827770**

**Email: [Daverollings@uwclub.net](mailto:Daverollings@uwclub.net)**



## **G&R WATSON**

### **Plumbing Services**

The small job specialist

Toilets Showers  
Radiators Taps Immersions  
Leak detection Ball valves

Call Chris 07836 264583  
[chriswatsonplumber247@gmail.com](mailto:chriswatsonplumber247@gmail.com)



Best rates, reliable and responsive

## **LYNDON HARRIS**

### **PLUMBING & HEATING ENGINEER**

Installation of OIL and GAS boilers  
Pressurised Cylinders  
CENTRAL HEATING systems

BATHROOMS completely refurbished  
Routine plumbing tasks

GAS SAFE registered, fully insured  
20 YEARS trade experience

12 Victoria Drive, Eastington

**01453 821559 / 07966 750137**

[lyndonharris@live.co.uk](mailto:lyndonharris@live.co.uk)

# **RENEW**

## **DECORATORS**

Stroud based Painter & Decorator,  
providing high-quality interior  
and exterior decorating services  
in Gloucestershire and the Five Valleys

**STROUDDECORATOR.CO.UK**

**07986 521 792**



**Extensions \* Renovations \* Kitchens \* Bathrooms**

**07866 600 961**

Email: [langleyconstruct@gmail.com](mailto:langleyconstruct@gmail.com)

No obligation estimates and consultations





Looking for a way to improve your home? Call 0800 669 6090

5%  
donation  
of profit to  
your local  
church

**UK Home Improvement:**  
Comfort, Savings &  
Sustainability with Oakley

10%  
discount  
when retaining  
this magazine

## EXPERTS IN ALL ASPECTS OF ROOFING & ROOF REPAIRS

New Roof Installation | Small Roof Repairs | Moss/Gutter Clearance  
Soffit's and Fascia's | Cement Work | Lead Flashing | Tiles

## EXPERTS IN SPRAY FOAM REMOVAL

Thorough Assessment | Safe Removal | Clean-Up and Restoration | Expert Guidance

## FULL ROOF INSPECTION WITH FREE QUOTATION

### Moss and gutter clearances

See our website for full list of services

- Experienced Professionals
- Quality Materials
- Customer-Centric Approach
- Affordable Pricing

All Work Guaranteed

Proud members of

**Checkatrade.com**  
Where reputation matters



**Get in Touch With Us**

✉ [admin@oakleyimprovements.com](mailto:admin@oakleyimprovements.com) ✂ 01453 297 033

🌐 [oakleyimprovements.com](http://oakleyimprovements.com)

# SP ELECTRICAL

(Stroud) Ltd

- Domestic
- Commercial
- Agricultural
- Testing and Inspection
- EV Charging
- Renewables



**01453 765557** [office@sp-electrical.co.uk](mailto:office@sp-electrical.co.uk)  
[www.spelectrical.com](http://www.spelectrical.com)

## South Gloss Decorating

Painters & Decorators

Interior and Exterior  
*Affordable, Reliable, Professional*

Dave Beauchamp

**07739 382 524**



[www.southgloss.co.uk](http://www.southgloss.co.uk)  
[www.facebook.com/southgloss](https://www.facebook.com/southgloss)

## SMITHS



As good as our word, as strong as our name

YOUR TRUSTED LOCAL SUPPLIER

ASBESTOS REMOVAL  
CONCRETE SUPPLY  
DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION  
DRAINAGE  
GRAB HIRE  
MUCKAWAY  
PLANT AND MACHINERY HIRE  
SKIP HIRE  
WASTE MANAGEMENT

CONTACT US TODAY 01453 822227  
[WWW.SMITHS-GLOUCESTER.CO.UK](http://WWW.SMITHS-GLOUCESTER.CO.UK)

## TERRASCAPES

### Landscaping and Groundwork

We undertake any type of domestic and commercial landscape construction and groundworks Including but not limited to:-

- |             |                        |
|-------------|------------------------|
| • Paving    | • Turfing              |
| • Decking   | • Foundations          |
| • Fencing   | • Floors               |
| • Driveways | • Brickwork /Blockwork |
| • Walls     | • Drainage             |

Tel: 01453 759302

Mobile: 07866 515715

Website: [www.terrascapes.co.uk](http://www.terrascapes.co.uk)

E-mail: [info@terrascapes.co.uk](mailto:info@terrascapes.co.uk)

THE OLD COAL YARD, CHEAPSIDE, STROUD, GL5 3BN





The Home Remedy

## PLEASE DONATE, FREE COLLECTIONS!

Contact us at [stroud@thehomeremedy.org.uk](mailto:stroud@thehomeremedy.org.uk) to arrange a free collection

The Home Remedy Stroud, formally known as Stroud District Furniture Bank is a community interest company who collect unwanted furniture and recycle it back into the community through our shop and community referral program. We aim to build a truly circular economy by showing that no one need buy new furniture again. We are based in a renovated mill building in Brimscombe

Our referral program allows families to be referred to us to receive heavily subsidised furniture delivered to their door.

We offer employment through paid placements and flexible employment opportunities.

### Since January 2024...

Recycled 88.14 tonnes of furniture

Delivered 257 items of free or subsidised referral furniture into 205 families

**Come visit us at Brimscombe Mill, Brimscombe, GL5 2QN**

## N Bowen

### Qualified Carpenter

Painting & Decorating

Kitchen Fitting

Building Maintenance

Any job considered

07928 552639



[nigelbow@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:nigelbow@yahoo.co.uk)

## PIANO LESSONS

Piano lessons locally in Eastington, or online to anywhere in the world.

- All ages and abilities catered for
- Take exams or play for fun

I have taught piano and keyboards for several years - in Stroud and Aberdeen - and am now living in Eastington, and teaching both locally and online. Many of my pupils are currently taking exams.



### Contact:

Elizabeth-Anne Ponting

**079 1001 6565**

[ab.east.piano@gmail.com](mailto:ab.east.piano@gmail.com)

## Lowe's Picture Framing

Bespoke :: By Appointment

Established 1985

**30% cheaper than the High Street**

Framing of posters, oil paintings, watercolours, charcoals etc.  
2-3 weeks turnaround.

**Tel: 07973 449271**

Email: [mark@marklowe.biz](mailto:mark@marklowe.biz)

[www.marklowe.biz](http://www.marklowe.biz)

Nupend House  
Nupend,  
Stonehouse GL10 3SP

visit



**Lowe's Picture Framing**  
For latest updates



# Luxury Care Home Community at



the Hollies

NURSING CARE HOME



Holly Oak

DEMENTIA CARE HOME



The **Hollies**, renowned for its excellence in nursing, dementia and residential care provides the ultimate in state-of-the-art accommodation. Spacious, beautifully designed rooms, suites and living areas along with pretty gardens provide residents with a high quality of living. Exceptional dining caters for the most discerning preferences and needs.

At the Hollies, care is not just something we offer, it's at the core of who we are. We treat every resident as an individual and work hard to tailor our person-centred services and activities to support their every need.

**Bessys**  
TEA ROOM

THE OLD  
ENGLISH PUB

**Kayes**  
HAIR & NAILS

Community living connecting families and friends  
in a welcoming environment

**Bessys Tea Room**  
for special treats  
and parties

**The Old English  
Pub** for social  
gatherings

**Kayes Hair & Nails**  
for beauty and  
wellbeing

**The Terrace** for  
events and outdoor  
entertainment

Excellent Reviews  
Limited spaces available

the gold standards  
framework

carehome.co.uk

Call Jo or Sadie now:

**01453 541400**

**info@thehollies.co.uk**

We welcome immediate and planned admissions.  
Discover more at [thehollies.co.uk](http://thehollies.co.uk)  
Drake Lane, Dursley GL11 5HA

**IP** LEEPER PROSSER  
SOLICITORS

## OUR SERVICES

- Residential Conveyancing  
(Sales, Purchases & Remortgages)
- Commercial Property
- Wills
- Probate
- Trusts and Inheritance Tax
- Powers of Attorney

Tel: 01453 791461

Web: [www.leeperprosser.co.uk](http://www.leeperprosser.co.uk)

E-mail: [enquiries@leeperprosser.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@leeperprosser.co.uk)

40 High Street, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire, GL10 2NA

Opening Times: Monday to Friday - 9am to 5pm

Help for when it hurts

SEVERNSIDE OSTEOPATHY



Osteopathy - a natural, non-invasive way to  
improve overall health and wellness...

- \* Help for aches, pains and stiffness, from head to toe
- \* Sports injuries
- \* Women's health - before and after pregnancy
- \* Your family's health in safe hands, from young to old
- \* Off road parking and partial disability access available
- \* Member of The Allied Health Professions

[www.severnsideosteopathy.uk](http://www.severnsideosteopathy.uk)

Caroline Tosh  
BO MSc FSCCO

01452 740818

[admin@severnsideosteopathy.uk](mailto:admin@severnsideosteopathy.uk)

Registered with the General Osteopathic Council



# ALLEN-WHITE FUNERAL DIRECTORS



Independently owner funeral directors - spanning 75 years in the Gloucestershire area.  
Pre-paid funeral plans, friendly professionally trained staff and funerals that are as individual as you are.

Telephone (24-hours): 01453 822 409 | [www.allenwhitefuneraldirectors.co.uk](http://www.allenwhitefuneraldirectors.co.uk)



# BATH ROAD GARAGE

Eastington

[www.bathroadgarage.co.uk](http://www.bathroadgarage.co.uk)

**01453 822907**

the Good Garage Scheme 

**MOT TESTING CENTRE**

FOR PETROL OR DIESEL

**SERVICING & REPAIRS**

FOR ALL MAKES & MODELS

**TYRES, BATTERIES & EXHAUSTS**

**LASER 4 WHEEL ALIGNMENT**

**FREE LOCAL COLLECTION**

**FREE LOCAL DELIVERY**

BY APPOINTMENT



Fully mobile-approved workshop:  
home, site or storage.

Caravan industry trained,  
covering Gloucestershire and all  
surrounding counties.



- Servicing and repairs
- Accessories supplied and fitted,  
including movers & solar panels
- Swift approved workshop
- Approved for warranty work on  
major manufacturer appliances.

[vtbcaravans@googlemail.com](mailto:vtbcaravans@googlemail.com)  
[www.vtbcaravanservices.co.uk](http://www.vtbcaravanservices.co.uk)  
**07754539100 | 01453 299261**

# KB Coaches

VIP TRAVEL

**PRIVATE HIRE**

**19 - 49 - 74 Seater Coaches**

Hillview Garage,  
Eastington, GL10 3AJ

**01453 825774**

[kbcoaches@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kbcoaches@yahoo.co.uk)

[www.kbcoaches.co.uk](http://www.kbcoaches.co.uk)



# DIAL - A - CAB TAXIS



**07851 - 507 - 207**

**01453 - 272 - 222**

**LOCAL AND LONG DISTANCE**

**FAST & FRIENDLY SERVICE**

# Martin Pollard



**Your Local Accident Repair Centre**

*"No job too large or small!"*

**01452 740025**

Insurance Approved

Courtesy Cars Supplied

Car & Light Commercial Repairs/Refinishing

Body Jigging Facility & Welding Technology

Computerised 4 Wheel Alignment System

Frampton-on-Severn Industrial Park, GL2 7HE | [martinpollard@hotmail.com](mailto:martinpollard@hotmail.com)

# WESTEND OFFICE SUITES



## LOCAL QUALITY OFFICE SUITES

- Air Conditioning
- Kitchenette & WC Facilities
- Generous Car Parking
- Great Rural Location

Westend Office Suites, Grove Lane, Westend,  
Nr Stonehouse, Glos GL10 3SL

**Telephone:** 07760207194

**Email:** [enquiries@westendofficesuites.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@westendofficesuites.co.uk)

[www.westendofficesuites.co.uk](http://www.westendofficesuites.co.uk)





## Stepwise Foot Care

Mobile service in the comfort and convenience of your home!

- ◆ Medical Pedicure
- ◆ Diabetic Foot Health
- ◆ Corn and Callus Removal
- ◆ Misshapen Nail Correction
- ◆ Ingrown Nail Treatment
- ◆ Cracked Heel Treatment
- ◆ Fungal Nail Treatment
- ◆ Verrucae Treatment

*And much, much more.*

Start your foot health journey now!  
Call Lizzy B.Sc (Hons), FHP, MCMA  
07387 822770



## Bond & Co Hair Salon

Dry Trims  
Cut & Blow Drys  
Half or Full Head Foils  
Hair Styling and Up-dos

01453 825081

BondandCo

Alkerton Road, Eastington

## Lynne Jessett Floristry

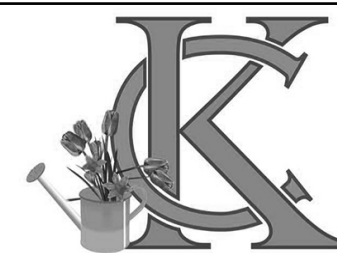
Flowers for all occasions:

*Weddings  
Funeral Tributes  
Gift Bouquets  
Workshops*

01453 825136 | 07815 984857

info@lynnejessettfloristry.com

www.lynnejessettfloristry.com



KOPEND CREATIONS

### FLOWERS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Weddings - Funerals - Parties - Births  
Anniversaries - Gift Bouquets  
Flower Arranging Classes

Tue - Fri 9:30am - 5:00pm  
Saturday 9:30am - 3:00pm

paul@kopendcreations.co.uk  
01452 224473 | 07742 933331

www.kopendcreations.co.uk



## Ultimate Beauty By Louise

- Permanent makeup
- Lip blush
- Ombré brows
- Footlogix pedicures
- Waxing

Beauty, Cosmetic & Personal Care

Fully insured

07769 273893

Summerhouse Salon

3 Brownings Close, Eastington

- Gel manicure
- Dermaplaning
- Spraytan

*...and lots more*

## J. BROOMHALL Ltd.

Established in Eastington 1898

Supplying

### quality local meat

through four generations

We also offer a comprehensive service to livestock producers.

01453 823122

www.jbroomhallltd.com

SUPPORTING THE RURAL ECONOMY



## EASTINGTON FARM SHOP

MIDDLEHALL FARM

Fresh seasonal fruit and vegetables  
Home-bred beef  
Our own milk vending machine  
Lots of other goodies

Delicious coffee and cake  
All-weather seating and woodburner  
Child-friendly outdoor space

### OPENING TIMES

Tuesday - Saturday: 09:00 - 17:00

Sunday: 10:00 - 13:00

01453 823655

www.eastingtonfarmshop.co.uk



**For all your...**

**w r i t i n g  
copyediting  
proofreading  
illustration  
d e s i g n**

**...needs.**

**Lucinda Brocklehurst.**  
hello@lucindabrocklehurst.co.uk

BARK  
SIDE  
OF  
THE  
GROOM



Bark Side of the Groom is open at Krate Village,  
Whitminster! (Next door to the Whitminster Inn)

We offer a 1-1 grooming experience and provide  
bespoke grooms tailored to your dog.  
Plenty of free parking and later appointments  
available!

Get in touch to request some availability or for  
information on pricing.

07591135248

Aifa@barksideofthegroom.co.uk  
www.barksideofthegroom.co.uk  
Find us on Instagram & Facebook

**Krazy k9s limited**



*Time to be best friends again.*



## **Dog Training and Socialisation**

- ✓ Puppy Socialisation & Delinquent Dogs
- ✓ Rescue Rehabilitation
- ✓ Competitive Obedience
- ✓ Fun & Competition Agility

**1 to 1 tuition tailored to you and  
your dog's needs or class sessions**

**07748 183739**

**[www.krazyk9ltd.co.uk](http://www.krazyk9ltd.co.uk)**

**facebook: Krazy K9's Dog Training**



COFFEE HOUSE WITH 7 ENSUITE BEDROOMS

OPEN 7 DAYS, 8AM-4PM



MUDDY BOOTS & DOGS WELCOME

ARTISAN COFFEE & TEAS

FRESH PASTRIES, CAKES,  
SOURDOUGH TOASTIES & MORE!

TAKEAWAY / EAT-IN

PLENTY OF INDOOR & OUTDOOR SEATING

GROUP BOOKINGS WELCOME!



[WWW.THELAZYGOOSE.CO.UK](http://WWW.THELAZYGOOSE.CO.UK)

EASTINGTON, GL10 3AA



AUGUST

1st August, 9:30am  
Every Friday  
**Craft & Chat**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

2nd August, from 10:30am  
**Live: Lions Rugby 3rd Test**  
@ The Badger

.....  
3rd August, 4:00pm  
**Live Music: Pat & the Butchers**  
@ The Badger

4th August, 7:30pm  
**Eastington Man Shed**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

4th August, 8:00pm  
Every Monday  
**Board Games Night**  
@ The Badger

.....  
5th August, 2:30pm  
Every Tuesday  
**Coffee & Conversation**  
@ The Badger

7th August, 10:00am  
Every Thursday  
**Coffee, Bingo & Chat**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

7th August, 7:30pm  
**Bingo Night**  
@ The Badger

.....  
17th August, 4:00pm  
**Live Music: Tusker**  
@ The Badger

20th August, 2:00pm  
**Heart of the Village Pop-in**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

25th August  
**Bank Holiday**

25th August, 12:00-6:00pm  
**Summer Daze: Family Beach Party**  
@ The Badger

31st August, 10:00am  
**Wombles Litter Pick**  
@ TBD

31st August, 4:00pm  
**Live Music: The Two Beatles**  
@ The Badger

31st August, 11:59pm  
**Road Safety: Show Your Support Deadline**  
@ Co-op Post Office

SEPTEMBER

1st September  
**Inset Day**  
@ Eastington Primary School

.....  
2nd September  
**Autumn Term Begins**  
@ Eastington Primary School

5th-14th September  
**Stonehouse Walking Festival**  
@ Stonehouse

11th September, 7:00pm  
**Parish Council Meeting**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

11th September, 7:30pm  
**Bingo Night**  
@ The Badger

13th September  
**Autumn Garden Show**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

13th September  
**Ride & Stride for Churches**  
@ St Michael & All Angels Church

13th September, 10:00am  
**ECRA Carboot Sale**  
@ TBC

17th September, 2:00pm  
**Heart of the Village Pop-in**  
@ Eastington Village Hall

18th-28th September  
**Cask Ale Week**  
@ The Badger

22nd September, 11:59pm  
**Issue 212 Submission Deadline**  
@ [articles@eastington.website](mailto:articles@eastington.website)

25th September, 7:30pm  
**Return of Quiz Night**  
@ The Badger

28th September, 10:00am  
**Wombles Litter Pick**  
@ TBD

.....  
For further details about these events,  
see online or email us. If you would like  
to add an event in the next issue, please  
email: [articles@eastington.website](mailto:articles@eastington.website).