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NEWSLETTER FOR EAST STOKE RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council meets on the
first Thursday of the month

The Parlour, Longthorns
Campsite, BH20 6HH

<https://what3words.com/rinses.bath.preparing>

The next meeting will be on
Thursday 7th November at 7pm.

If you would like to receive an
electronic copy of this newsletter
and other updates from the Parish
Council, please email the Clerk at
eaststokedorset@gmail.com.



When Anthony Eden made his broadcast on 14th May 1940 calling for all men between the ages of 17 and 65 to enrol in the Local Defence Volunteers (LDV) within 24 hours of the broadcast, 250,000 men had put down their names to join. At its peak in March 1943 the Home Guard had numbered over 1,700,000 men and never fell below 1 million until the Home Guard was disbanded.

Those men in East Stoke and the surrounding area who were ineligible for call-up by virtue of age, health or reserved occupation stepped forward and joined the East Stoke Platoon of the Home Guard. The platoon had a couple of changes in command and in the order of battle after being initially formed and the photo (courtesy of Tib Axon) shows Lt Walter Bond the second platoon commander after it became part of 3 Company, 7th Dorset (Wareham) Battalion. Lt Bond in the centre of the front row lived in Stockford House where the photo was taken, possibly just prior to the stand down. We do have most of the names but there are however a number of known members who are not in the photo so it is not completely representative of the strength of the platoon.

Following the successful D-Day landings in France and the drive towards Germany by the Allies, the Home Guard were formally stood down on 3rd December 1944, with a stand down parade of 7,000 men in London. From this date, the Home Guard became an inactive reserve unit and was finally disbanded on 31st December 1945.

STOKEFORD RENEWABLES

BY WILL BOND



Why has it taken so long to get the wind turbines on the Puddletown Road running ? Until the end of July the delay was SSE's lawyers holding up the grid connection switch-on (although everything had been physically ready for months). In August the commissioning engineers were on holiday. In September, part way through commissioning the second turbine, the grid connection failed, and the turbine engineers had to disperse to other projects. It took SSE until October to find the fault. Now though the grid is repaired, and the turbine commissioning team are resuming their endeavours, with work going to plan. But I am learning how nuclear power stations can run so far behind and so far over budget !

But by the time you read this the turbines should be spinning and putting power into the grid. Meanwhile the less visible solar farm has been generating since the grid connection was repaired. The wind turbines and solar farm share the same grid connection; as we head into the winter the turbines will become the more significant generators, and when the brighter days of spring return the roles will be reversed.

Over the course of the year the combined electrical output from the wind and solar will be about equal to the residential electricity consumption of Wareham and Purbeck (including Swanage, Corfe and all the villages).

Now we are completing the generating works the team can focus on the local benefits: community and environment.

The arrangements for the financial contributions from the solar farm to the East Stoke Village Hall are in the process of being signed off, to be used to cover running and maintenance costs. The financial contributions from the wind farm to the Dorset Scouts next door at Buddens Farm are also being finalised.

It is a shame that there are still national regulations in place that make selling electricity to local households exceedingly difficult, unless you are already one of the big retail suppliers. But beyond the financial benefits, for some these contributions to the climate and biodiversity crisis are already a source of pride. I hope that those who had their reservations will be convinced over time.

The last of these notes in the next newsletter will look at the significant contribution to biodiversity that these electrical energy generation sites can make.

Sunday 10th November

Residents are reminded that a simple wreath laying ceremony will take place at East Stoke War Memorial on Sunday 10th November at around 12pm. Please note that the timing is approximate due to the Royal British Legion representatives' participation in a preceding parade and service in Wool. This event offers an opportunity for all to come together and honour the memory of those from East Stoke who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the Armed Forces during the two World Wars

Dorset Councillor Update

I am delighted to be able to serve as your representative on Dorset Council as the Ward Member for South East Purbeck.

The past six months have flown by and I have used the time to engage with many residents and Parish Councils to understand their needs and where I should focus my attention to provide support. Housing, planning, transportation, cost of living and flood risks are all key issues that I want to make sure are given proper priority at Dorset Council. There have also been Purbeck hot topics, mostly notably the Sandbanks Ferry proposed fare increases, that have kept me busy.

I have taken this role because I want to make sure we achieve the best outcomes for our local area. We all know that local finances are tight and therefore there is a greater need now more than ever to make sure that these are channelled where they are most needed.

Please don't hesitate to contact me by phone or e mail if you have any issues you wish to bring to my attention. I am always happy to drive over from Worth Matravers and will do my very best to help.

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Share and Care Volunteers

Share & Care is a wonderful organisation in the East Stoke and Wool area that helps people who need transportation for medical reasons. We are currently in need of more drivers, and we hope that you may be able to volunteer to help.

If you are able to dedicate as little as 2 hours a month on a day of your choosing, that would be greatly appreciated. If driving is not an option, perhaps you could help by answering the phone. Please contact Val Panter at panterval@gmail.com for further information. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Diary Dates

- 5th November Bereavement Group Coffee Morning 10.30 a.m. D'Urberville Hall
- 6th November Communion Service 10.30 a.m. D'Urberville Hall
- 6th November Community Lunch – Soup & Pud (free but donations welcome) 12 Noon D'Urberville Hall
- 7th November Parish Council Meeting 7pm Longthorns Campsite
- 9th & 10th November Christmas Market Longthorns Campsite
- 10th November Service of Remembrance 12 Noon East Stoke War Memorial
- 15th November Jazz at Lunchtime with Swing Easy Too 12:30-14:30 Holme for Gardens
- 21st November Community Contact Point wth PCSO Sam D'Urberville, Wool 10am
- 1st December Advent Carol Service
- Followed by refreshments 4 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 4th December Community Lunch – Soup & Pud (free but donations welcome) Noon D'Urberville Hall
- 5th December East Stoke Parish Council Meeting 7pm Longthorns Campsite
- 7th December Royal Wessex Yeomanry Carol Service + mince pies 6.30 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 8th December Wareham Christmas Parade & Santa arrival 4pm
- 13th December Jazz at Lunchtime with Swing Easy Too. 12:30-14:30 Holme for Gardens
- 14th December Salisbury Diocese Ringers' Service 3 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 15 th December Canzonetta Choir + mince pies 3 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 18th December - Communion Service & Community Carols - 10.30 a.m. - D'Urberville Hall
- 22nd December Christmas Carol Service 4 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 24th December Crib Service 3 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 24th December 'Midnight in Bethlehem' Eucharist Service 9 p.m. In Holy Rood Church
- 25th December Christmas Day Eucharist Service 10.30 a.m. In Holy Rood Church

Following the death of Minnie Hawkins in August 1959 the George Henry Hawkins Trust was formed to benefit the children and senior residents of the Parish of East Stoke.

In the early days, the children went on either a summer outing or winter pantomime and the senior residents received a bag of coal.

Recently the children received Easter eggs and a chocolate selection box at Christmas. The children will have the option at Christmas **and** Easter of a Cinema ticket with an ice cream voucher (to be redeemed at the Rex) or a selection box/Easter Egg - please indicate your choice on the form below.

The senior residents receive either a cinema ticket with an ice cream voucher, a gift voucher from Holme Nurseries a food hamper or a bottle of spirits at Christmas.

This year teenagers between the ages of 14 to 18 have the chance of entering a raffle to win money to put towards educational I.T. equipment for example iPad or laptop! The winner will be notified by 29th November. To enter please write your details below in the personal information box.

Three trustees have been administering the Hawkins Trust since its inception, the present trustees are

Simon Cross	Trustee since May 1999	01929 462232
Rebecca Cady	Trustee since April 2009	07720159822
Christine Evans	Trustee since April 2023	01929 554933

Liz Maidment	Secretary	07909 924692
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In order that we may keep our records up to date, and to ensure fairness of distribution please could you complete the details of everyone living at your address who is either 18 years & under or 70 years & over.

-Please Detach & Return by Wednesday 13th Nov either by post or email to the address below -

NAME	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH

YOUR ADDRESS
EMAIL ADDRESS

Note. It will greatly assist us in the administration and delivery of gifts if you can provide an email address.

YOUR CHOICE FOR CHRISTMAS AND EASTER (Children Only)	
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BOX FOR EACH ELIGIBLE CHILD	
Selection Box OR Cinema Ticket	Easter Egg OR Cinema Ticket

YOUR CHOICE FOR CHRISTMAS (Adults Only)			
PLEASE CIRCLE ONE BOX FOR EACH ELIGIBLE PERSON			
Holme Nurseries Voucher			
Rex Cinema Voucher			
Christmas Hamper			
Or			
Gin	or Whiskey	or Vodka	-Please circle
or Dry Sherry	or Medium Sherry	or Sweet Sherry	

Liz Maidment – 7, Breachfield, Wool, Wareham, BH20 6DQ

Email: eaststokedorset@gmail.com

Only persons returning this form will be eligible to receive gifts.

The trustees of the Hawkins Trust in response to the requirement that the General Data Protection Regulation has imposed, have written a Privacy Policy. The Policy is available from the Secretary of the Trust whose details are found in this newsletter. If requesting a copy please send an SAE with your request. In summary, the data that you supply to the Trust to enable us to deliver the items to you will be managed with care and in accordance with all rights given to you by the GDPR.

We will physically destroy the written data given by you between twelve to eighteen months after receipt. The electronic record will be maintained in the same way