

East Down and Arlington Newsletter



2021



2021 Scarecrow Competition



It's that time of year again and we're on for our 3rd Annual Scarecrow Competition.

Last year's winners and receiver of the East Down Scarecrow trophy were "Peter Rabbit and Mr McGregor" proudly created by Val, Victor and Freddie Horne.



Could you be this year's lucky winner picking up a cash prize and the trophy? There are also runner up cash prizes for second and third places.

It is great fun and all the family can take part. We are giving you lots of advance warning so get out those old clothes, paints and 'bits of stuff' and get

your thinking caps on. This year **there is a theme** and it is **Heroes** so that should get you coming up with lots of ideas.

Judges will be looking for scarecrows with that little bit extra, it may be the materials used, the way the scarecrow has been made, how the scarecrow is displayed, or simply a fantastic idea that catches the judge's eye.

All the rules will be posted shortly by Alison Green on the East Down Facebook page and will also be circulated by email; but in brief, your scarecrow must be on display from Saturday 14th August through to Monday 30th August so that they can be voted for by the general public.

All monies raised will go to charity.

For those of you just wanting to enjoy seeing the scarecrows, trail maps and voting forms will be available from the Egg Box at School Farm, East Down (next door to the Village Hall).

Results will be announced once the public votes have closed.

This is a great opportunity to do something within the community as we finally emerge from lockdown.



The Newsletter

If you would like to send a photograph or an article or just share a message within the parishes of East Down and Arlington, we would love to hear from you. You can contact us, Mike and Sally at eastdownnews@yahoo.com.

To receive a copy of this newsletter by email please contact us on the same address. All addresses are blind copied so your details will remain private.



Well just for once we can say June has been a fantastic month of weather (how many times can you say that?). The tourists are here in their numbers and the local businesses are reaping the benefits. During the month, The Sunday Times has voted Woolacombe as the best beach in Britain for 2021 so North Devon will remain high on the popularity list.

We have now had our second vaccinations; this time in the local surroundings of the Lynton Town Hall rather than travelling out to Westward Ho! The disappointment of missing out on a Hockings ice cream was more than compensated with a full English breakfast at Charlie Fridays (well worth a visit if you haven't been).

Kentisbury Open Gardens is the first real event we have announced since lockdown began but hopefully the restrictions will be lifted on the 19th July and we can start advertising more things of interest in East Down, Arlington and neighbouring villages.

There are only two other items of local news to report.

'An official' has confirmed that following several late-night drive pasts there are no strange lights coming from the greenhouse belonging to the Lerwills; though they did add that they have 'some rather splendid lights up at Christmas time'.

The drama surrounding our anonymous sheep advisor has continued this month.



We are told that because of over booking for the hot tub, a mad scramble ensued and in the resulting melee, several startled ewes and a

slightly bemused ram were overtaken in the final few yards by our trusted advisor who unfortunately stumbled whilst trying to leap into



the tub; sadly, resulting in a broken ankle.

It is not a good time of the year to be laid up on the sofa and with shearing duties taken on by the Mrs, don't be surprised to see the odd "Specsavers trim" sheep wandering around the Stonecombe fields.



I'm sure you will join us in wishing our anonymous advisor a speedy recovery; Julie needs you back on your feet again.

July 100 Club Draw

We are pleased to announce that this month's winner is Emma Lerwill with the runners up prize going to Ian and Barbara Cooper. Congratulations all. As usual the winnings will be distributed in a safe manner.

For more information, please contact Rod Crossman 850704
or rodcrossman@hotmail.co.uk



Mobile Library Service

Please wear a face mask, use the hand sanitiser and observe social distancing rules when using the mobile library.

Next visit will be on Tuesday 13th July.

East Down Pyne Arms 10:15 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

If you have any queries, please contact Tiverton Library on 01884 244644 or via email: tiverton.mobile@librariesunlimited.org.uk

East Down with Arlington Church

Advance notice for 15th August at 11.15a.m

We are holding an outside short service, weather permitting, at Arlington on the 3rd Sunday in August rather than at East Down church.

If wet we can go inside via the side door as the fencing in still in place due to fallen masonry to protect the public. It is open to the general public and kept clean and sanitised.

Afterwards we're going to walk to East Down church and then we thought maybe a picnic or have a roast at the Pyne Arms. If you fancy having a meal, please let me know so I can book a table. You don't have to walk, just go to the Pyne Arms at an agreed time.

The next service at East Down church will be on July 18th 11.15am.

Church cleaning and flower rota for July

Mrs P and A Perrin, Mrs D Fry

For August

Mrs T Crossman, Mrs A Caley and Mrs J Dunham

In the summer months, I'm afraid the bats make a bit of a mess so it may be necessary to check weekly whether it needs a vacuum!!

Thanking you all in advance for all you do.

Julie Kift



It is with great sadness that we share the news Joyce Gooding passed away peacefully at her home in Arlington Beccott on June 12th.

Joyce had reached the grand old age of 90 having lived locally with husband John all her life. She remained an active member of the East Down and Arlington community; enjoying senior keep fit, bingo, coffee mornings and assisting with judging at the annual produce show.

Joyce will be greatly missed by everybody and remembered with fond thoughts.



We are sorry to tell you of the very sad loss of Doris Lerwill at the age of 96.

Having lived all her life in East Down with her late husband Ron; Doris has spent the last two years making new friends in a care home in Ilfracombe.

She passed away peacefully on the 12th June. Our thoughts are with sons Alan and Dennis and their families at this time who will miss her dearly.



KENTISBURY OPEN GARDENS



Kentisbury EX31 4NT, Patchole EX31 4NB

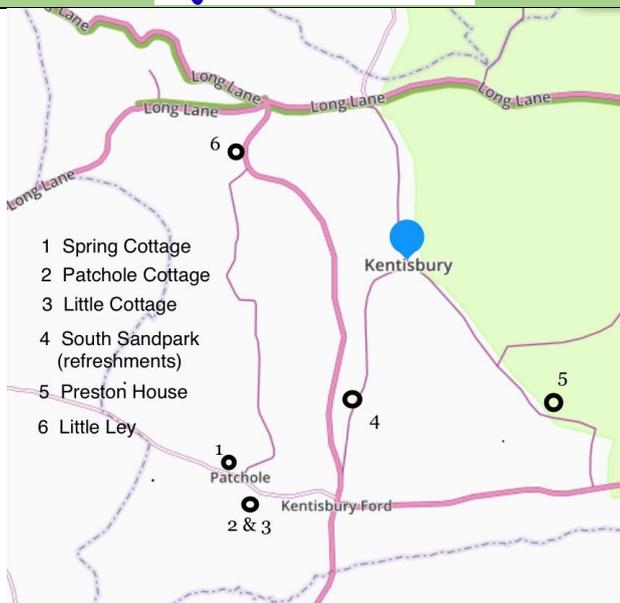
Little Ley, Preston House, South Sandpark, Spring Cottage, Patchole Cottage, Little Cottage

**SUNDAY 4TH JULY
12.00 – 5.00 pm**

COMBINED ENTRY £5
CHILDREN FREE

TEAS AND HOMEMADE CAKES AT
SOUTH SANDPARK EX31 4NG

PLANTS, JAMS AND CHUTNEYS
FOR SALE



Did You See?

Marwood Gardens were featured in episode 15 of Gardeners World which was aired on the 25th June. Joe Swift visited Marwood and showcased the stunning gardens, particularly focusing on the National collection of astilbes which come into their own in July.



If you didn't get chance to see the episode it is available to view on demand or better still, why not treat yourself to a visit whilst the gardens are at their best.



OPENING DATES AND TIMES FROM JUNE 2021
GARDENS 10:00am to 4:30pm (Wednesday to Sunday)

CAR PARK OPEN 9:30am to 5:30pm (Wednesday to Sunday)

WALLED GARDEN NURSERY
OPEN 11:00am to 4:30pm (Wednesday to Sunday)

GARDEN TEAROOM
OPEN for takeaway service and indoor seating 10:00am to 4:30pm (Wednesday to Sunday)

ADMISSIONS HUT
OPEN - (if closed, please pay for entry in the 'hole in the wall' at the admissions hut)

TOILETS
Two W/C's will be open (one near the Tea Room and one in the garden)

Special Bank Holiday opening in 2021 on Monday 30th August (open 10am to 4:30pm)

East Down Parish Council

Job Vacancy: Parish Clerk, 11 hours per month average.

The role of the Clerk is to provide administrative support (including managing the financial books) for the work of the Council, much of which stems from the Council meetings.

This is a part time post requiring an average of working hours of 11 per month. The salary is related to local government agreed scales, reviewed annually, dependent on the experience and qualification of the post holder. As some work is carried out within the village, an EX31 postcode would be preferential.

The job involves working from home without detailed supervision. The post holder will need some space to accommodate paper files and records.

All computer consumables, stationery etc. will be paid for by the Council. Should the Clerk require to travel to meetings etc., approved travelling costs will be met by the Parish Council.

There is usually one evening Parish Council meeting a month, typically at 7:30 on the third Monday of the month. Some months there can be insufficient business to warrant a meeting. Meetings generally last for about an hour, but longer meetings can occur. Meetings are normally held in East Down Village Hall.

For further information including the formal job description and metrics and to apply with a full Curriculum Vitae and statement of application including describing suitability for the role and reasons for applying, potential candidates should contact Martin Wright (chair) on 07930 338676 or email: mcgw@aol.com

Arlington Parish Council

Needs you

If you

- are forward thinking
- want to help your local community
- are 18 or older and registered to vote



And have

- an interest in local matters
- lived and or worked in the parish for at least the last year

Contact our

Clerk terry@terrysquire.com

or the

Chair Jocentaur@aol.co.uk

to find out how you can get involved



Cattle grazing at Arlington Court

Local Businesses

Please remember when visiting to wear your face coverings and look out for any local rules that may be in place.



Besshill farm shop

01271 850311. besshillfarmshop.co.uk

The Farm Shop remains open and is operating as usual.

For latest news, please see our Facebook page and website.

We look forward to seeing you all,

The Besshill Team.

Pyne Arms

The Pyne continues to be very popular as we move into the summer season. Advance booking for meals is recommended and can now be made really easily online through ResDiary. There is a “book a table” button on the website, it is very quick and easy. The team have been absolutely inundated with phone calls and emails and are struggling to keep up with the correspondence.

Amie and Ellis are currently on the look-out for more Front of House staff.

We are looking for a full or part time bar / waiting person to join the team.

Full training will be given, good rate of pay.

Own transport essential.

If you would like to join the team at the popular Pyne Arms, contact Amie on 01271 850055.

For opening times, menus and up-coming events check out Facebook or the website.

Charlie Dixon Counselling & Psychotherapy

Approachable, relaxed counsellor providing reassuring support & solutions to your problems.

Based in Kentisbury, offering flexible appointments, including evenings.

Free introductory appointment.

Please get in touch to discuss how I can help you on:

07870 281356

charliedixoncounselling@hotmail.com

www.charliedixoncounselling.co.uk

Sandpark Service Station

Opening hours:

The Post Office and shop are open Monday to Saturday 8.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

Closed on Sunday

For further information, call Will Camp on 01271 883320.