



Eastcombe, Bussage & Brownshill Newsletter

Welcome to the July issue of the newsletter.

This is YOUR newsletter and anyone in Eastcombe, Bussage or Brownshill is welcome to submit a contribution—we will do our best to include as many as possible. Please send your news, updates and photos to eastcombnewsletter@btinternet.com by the 20th of each month.

You can now read the newsletter online on the Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council website (<https://bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk/local-links/>) and the Chalford Parish Council website (www.chalford-glos.gov.uk). You can also opt to receive it FREE by email: if you would like a colour digital edition delivered direct to your inbox each month, please contact eastcombebandnews@gmail.com to be added to the circulation list.

Printed copies of the newsletter are also available to buy at 50p per copy (to cover printing costs) from Eastcombe Post Office, The Lamb Inn, The Ram Inn and Chalford Parish Centre.

We hope you enjoy the July issue.

Summer Flowers at Eastcombe Allotments...

A new wildflower area has been created at the Eastcombe allotment site. The area was cleared of accumulated rubbish last year and a wide selection of native wildflower seeds sown by myself in the role of Allotment Warden.

The main photo shows Oxeye Daisies, the long pink flower is Sainfoin with the circular pink flower being Mallow.

Robert Bryant,
Allotment Warden



**Would you know
how to start a
heart?
Find out more on
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The Lamb Inn Cricket Team



The Lamb Inn cricket team play every Thursday evening at 6pm, at home at Eastcombe CC or away.

We welcome all support and new players; it's not a serious league, we just love cricket and like to enjoy ourselves, not to mention a few beers and a bit of food! If you would like to get involved, get in touch with us at the pub.

We recently purchased a new kit and donated a new bench to Eastcombe CC in memory of Colin Mason, who was a member of Eastcombe CC for many years.



Frith Youth Centre is Back!

After more than a year, Frith Youth Centre has re-opened its doors, proud to show off a renovated building and with exciting plans for youth sessions.

See page 5 for details.



A New Plan for Eastcombe?

Are you interested in protecting and enhancing the Eastcombe Conservation Area? A new Landscape and Visual Appraisal document can now be viewed online on the Bisley-with-Lypiatt Neighbourhood Development Plan website: <https://bisleyeastcombeoakridge-ndp2030.org.uk>

The appraisal provides information about the history, character, and distinctiveness of Eastcombe Conservation Area, its sensitivity and the factors that define its uniqueness, as well as giving guidance on a Design Code for any development, helping to care for the Conservation Area and the trees within it.

It includes many photographs and maps, covering a wide range of topics, including historic buildings, green space, habitats and old orchards. It also draws on local archive photographs. Thank you to everyone who participated!

The draft policies outlined in the Strategy section will be discussed in future Neighbourhood Development Plan workshops.

Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council News: Eastcombe Ward

<https://bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk/>

Verges: We have received several e-mails regarding the strimming of verges on the roads and lanes as well as the public footpaths. Council policy is to only trim the verges once a year after mid-July to allow the wild flowers to bloom. This is in accordance with the procedures laid down in the Cotswold Conservation Boards 'Management of Roadside Verges':

[management-of-road-verges-position-statement-adopted-2015.pdf \(cotswoldsaonb.org.uk\)](#)

However, we do understand that these principles cannot be applied universally. Road exits and areas where restricted visibility affects safety of pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles will always be kept clear. This only applies to Parish Council land or land for which we are responsible.

Previous Newsletter: For many years, Bisley-with-Lypiatt parish council supported the Bussage, Brownhill & Eastcombe Newsletter with an annual donation towards the running costs. We have now received back from Beryl an amount of money which was not spent, to be used for the benefit of Eastcombe residents, maybe a new seat? Do you have any thoughts on this? **If so please contact one of the Eastcombe Councillors or the Parish Clerk on 01452 771 089 or email admin@bisley-with-lypiatt.gov.uk.**

Next Meeting: July 7th outside Bisley Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. Agenda details will be posted on Parish Notice Boards and website a few days in advance.

Mike Eccott, Chair of Bisley-with-Lypiatt Parish Council

Balsam Bashing!

During May and June, a group of volunteers worked hard to remove Himalayan Balsam from the valley at Nash End.

Himalayan Balsam was introduced to Britain in the 19th century. It looked pretty, had pink flowers and was easy to grow. People planted the plants in their gardens, they flowered, the seed heads formed—and exploded, scattering seeds up to 7 metres, populating the surrounding area surprisingly fast.



Over the years Himalayan Balsam spread to many parts of the UK, and the valley between Eastcombe and Bisley is no exception. This year we decided to fight back. Luckily, the plant is easy to pull up, but it's important to remove it before the seed heads form.

Meeting on the green at Eastcombe, we walked down to meet the Bisley folk at Nash End. Some 20 people helped to pull up the invaders over 3 days, working in groups, with good results.



Pam and Lesley tackling the balsam in the stream at Nash End

However, the fight is not over! We will be meeting again over the next few weeks to pull up more balsam—contact me if you can spare a couple of hours to help.

Text 07821 806 724 or email suzieleete-wise@gmail.com and I'll keep you informed as to when we are meeting.

Sue Wise

BisCAN:

BisCAN have been busy! In early June, volunteers met to look at three examples of how private households are working hard to help the environment.

At Sue and Alister Wise's house, they admired the sedum roof on their new extension—the roof hosts 16 different varieties of sedum, with more being cultivated for the Wise's next green roof—this time on their shed.



The group in Sue Wise's garden

Forthcoming Events:

Come and meet us at the Bisley Fete this August!

BisCAN will be taking part in the Bisley Fete and Flower Show, due to take place over the August bank holiday. Visitors will find a range of information about how we can all make steps towards tackling the climate emergency, with quizzes and interactive activities for both adults and children. There will also be the opportunity to find out more about BisCAN's ideas and plans.

See you on August 28th!

BisCAN welcomes new volunteers! For more information, please email:

bisleyeastcombeoakridgcan@gmail.com

or call Martin Brown on 01452 770878 or Lesley Greene 01452 770018

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01453 887204 or info@chalford-glos.gov.uk. www.chalford-glos.gov.uk or follow us on Facebook.

PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCIES: Are you interested in local issues? Could you provide a voice for residents? If you are passionate about this area and want to make a difference then come and join us. Want to know more? Contact the Parish Centre. We are pleased to announce that Cllr Lilly has been elected Chair of the Council.

PARISH CENTRE: In 2019 we pledged to do everything we could to make our parish carbon neutral by 2030, including improving the Parish Centre. Cavity wall filling was carried out several years ago and all lights at the Centre are now LEDs. In May, we installed solar PV panels and by the beginning of September we are hoping that two electric vehicle charge points will be fitted for public use. Unfortunately, this may mean a short period of disruption as Western Power will need to upgrade cables to provide the additional power. All installations are funded by grants.

LEAFLETS – we hold many leaflets in the Parish Centre, giving details of local groups and services. Over the last year, some of these leaflets have become out of date. If you run a local group and have updated details of your activities, please drop them in to us some time.

On sale at the Centre are **Chalford Heritage Trail booklets £1, Eastcombe, Bussage & Brownhill Newsletter 50p, Eleven Short Walks Around Chalford Parish £2** and we still have some **wild-flower cards in aid of St Michael and all Angels Church, Bussage £2.50**.

PLAY RANGERS will be on The Old Common in Bussage on Thursday, 22 July 10am to 4pm. The Rangers bring along equipment to encourage active and creative play for children. Activities are targeted at 7-14 year olds, but under 7's are welcome if accompanied by a parent or carer.

DEFIBRILLATORS: We have several defibrillators in the Parish, with the exception of old Bussage/Brownhill. It is agreed that one is needed here and we are currently identifying a suitable place.

ACCOUNTS ENDING 31 MARCH 2021: From 1 July, any person can inspect the accounts for the financial year. At the time of writing, the accounts have been approved by the Finance and Management Committee and are due to be presented to the Full Council at the end of June before submitting them to our external auditors, PKF Littlejohn.

OLD NEIGHBOURHOOD: Over the last month a couple of articulated lorries have come to grief on Old Neighbourhood. Police were called to both instances and after several hours, the lorry was rerouted on to the A419 and Toadsmoor Road. We are consulting with Highways regarding improved signage to prevent this happening in the future.

Come Along to a Meeting! Council meetings are once again face to face and open to the public (the full schedule of forthcoming meetings is on our website). Our next Full Council Meeting is Tuesday 29 June at 7pm. Covid guidelines current at the time will dictate the venue and will be stated on the agenda, available nearer that date. Please contact the Clerk beforehand to let her know if you would like to attend, particularly if you wish to speak, so that she can make time for your issue.

ChalCAN: Chalford Climate Action Network: *Everyone CAN do something!*

Thinking of buying an electric car? Transition Stroud are working on the idea of Electric Car Clubs, where you can book a car via a phone when needed. Get in touch if you think this might work for you. In September we're planning an 'open day' for electric cars, when you can meet EV owners and get advice from a company that sells used electric cars. From 2030, all new cars must be electric, with publicly available electric charging points needed. More information on our website [here](#).

Wish you could ride a bike? In September we'll be running a course for adults new to cycling or who have a bike but have lost confidence. Using the 'Bikeability' training model, experienced trainers will be on hand to guide you. Details to follow, but let us know if you are interested.

Frith Wood: The Wood had a particularly long and beautiful bluebell season this year, perhaps because it was SO cold, especially at night! Now the beeches are clothed in green and many plants are growing fast. The 'natural hedges' created by volunteers encourage us to stay on the main paths and help the woodland floor regenerate—who knows what will grow, protected from dogs and our feet? Thank you to everyone who has shown appreciation of the volunteers' work.

What next? *Friends of Frith Wood* will be working with the Parish Council to make the most of the wood: watch this space - and Facebook. The group meets regularly: all welcome, no experience needed. Please message Sophie on 07973 529603.

Biodiversity: Orchids are blooming in... Brownhill! This lovely bee orchid appeared in the churchyard this June. Well done to the conservation group who have put in so much work to nurture this area.



Food: Following our successful *Grow Your Own* campaigns, advice this month about making cuttings from a basil plant to last all summer. [Click here for instructions!](#)

Need help? As the Covid Furlough scheme and the moratorium on eviction come to an end, more families will be feeling the pinch. Help is at hand, with free meals available from the 'Freezer of Love' at the Parish Centre, run by the Long Table. For more info [click here](#). If you have surplus produce, why not drop it off at the Long Table's Crop Swap table? To become a "friend" of the Long Table, donate or read more about their work go to www.thelongtableonline.com/.

www.chalcan.org.uk. Follow us on Facebook (Chalford Climate Action Network) or Instagram @chalford.can. To get our newsletter contact Penny at info@chalcan.org.uk. Tel: 01453 887204

Eastcombe Baptist Church

We meet in the Baptist church in Dr Crouch's Road, which dates back to 1801. It has an incredible history, especially when you look at its location. It's placed right on the village green, and can seat approximately 350 people! The pulpit and pews are still intact, as is a wonderful pipe organ. Services are held every Sunday morning at 10:30am.

Bussage Primary School Update:



It has been fantastic to have all the children back this term and enjoying their themes: Ahoy There! (Rainbows), Island Life (Classes 1 & 2), Invasion! (Classes 3 & 4) and Roll Up! Roll Up! (Classes 5 & 6). To see more about these, please visit the blog pages for each class on the home page of our website.

www.bussageprimaryschool.co.uk

During June several of our Year 6 class participated in a variety of sporting events. First a rounders tournament at Stratford Court, then the first ever Stroud Primary School Duathlon - a 2km cycle, 1km run and a 1km cycle - and finally a Handball festival. Well done to all who took part and thanks to Atlas Sports for organising.

We are having a Well-being Week, starting at the end of June and carrying on into July, involving lots of activities and a few surprises! More to be revealed in next month's update.

Also, July will see our Year 6 leavers going on their annual end of year trip, although, due to the challenges of this year, the usual residential trip is being replaced by a camp out closer to home (you may spot some Bell Tents on our school field soon!). A number of outdoor activities will take place during their camp.

Finally, if you are interested in sending your child (or children) to our school, we would love to give you a personal tour of our facilities. To arrange a tour simply call the school office on 01453 883 205.



St Augustine of Canterbury, Eastcombe & St Michael's & All Angels, Bussage

In July all services will continue to be held in person and visitors are always welcome.

4th July St Augustine's (Morning Prayer) 11:00am

11th July St Michael's (Holy Communion) 9:30am

18th July St Michael's (Morning Prayer) 9:30am

18th July St Augustine's (Holy Communion) 11:00am

Weddings, baptisms and funerals are also possible with attendance in line with current guidelines.

For full details, why not sign up to our mailing list?

Email: pewslipsbisley@hotmail.com

Revd Sue Murray vicar@bisleybenefice.org.uk

Eastcombe Village Hall: Postcode Update:

The hall no longer has more than 4 different postcodes! We have had a success and we are now registered with Royal Mail as:

Eastcombe Village Hall, Eastcombe, STROUD. **GL6 7EB**

This has allowed us to make enquiries for a broadband connection to the hall and we would like to survey local opinion to see whether increased connectivity will be useful to the community.

Express your View: Many community buildings have an internet connection and the following are some of the possible advantages for our hall:

- Live streaming of concerts, theatre and other events.
- Improved telephone reception, which is currently very bad at the hall.
- Internet access for business users of the Annex and the main hall.

To help us decide whether the cost of providing a broadband connection is justified, we would welcome your opinion. Please email your views to alex.lambert1@talktalk.net. Thank you.

Prospective hall users: please contact Felicity Waggett for availability, preferably by email on felicity.w@media-maker.com. Alternatively please phone 01452 770426.

Gardening at the Village Hall

Because of the current Covid restrictions, activity at the hall is low but we try to keep up appearances, summer planting the baskets and stone planters at the hall.



Julie Dolphin, currently of The Nursery at Miserden, supplied the plants. Julie was previously a researcher for Monty Don of Gardeners World and we have been lucky to receive her help for a number of years. Julie also kindly designed the display, which is always a blaze of colour. Thank you Julie.

The planting was only possible because of the help of volunteers and specifically we would like to thank Chris & Scott Sissons and Carol Lambert who generously gave up their time as well as getting dirt under their fingernails.

The Frith Youth Centre Re-opens!

Frith Youth Centre has been closed for over a year, but we have spent the time renovating the building and making exciting plans for the youth sessions. The building has had new carpets, lighting and ceiling work, along with wall repairs, a brand new pathway and a fresh paint job. Many volunteers from the community helped along the way, so a big thank you!

Youth sessions re-opened at the end of June with our brilliant, brand new team - welcome to Liam, James and Cindy. They have kitted the place out with decks, a drum kit, many other musical instruments, along with sports and craft equipment. Not only that, we have a volunteer professional chef joining the team shortly to rustle up some tasty food with the young people. Please check our website and Facebook page for days and times.

The centre's main purpose is to offer youth services to the young people of the area, however, we always need additional funding to stay afloat. The centre can be booked for events or classes when youth sessions are not on. Please get in touch for more information: frithyouthcentre@hotmail.com or call 01453 887204

Bev Roesen, Administrator www.frithyouthcentre.org



5 Valley Cat Rescue (Registered Charity No: 1098105)

5 Valley Cat Rescue was formed over seventeen years ago by six like minded friends who thought farm, feral and stray cats needed more care than they were currently receiving from cat charities. Initially, we helped to catch, neuter & re-home farm and feral cats, but, after a few months we realised that many other cats needed help and we decided to expand.

We are a small and independent charity and rely on fund raising and donations to fund our work. We are proud to offer free neutering of cats to anyone living within the Five Valleys and do not ask for any proof of income. We take in cats that are unwanted for any reason, who are all given a full medical, before being re-homed.

A big problem is that we only have 3 pens at present and it is very difficult to find foster carers to care for the cats until they have a new home to go to - **if you know anyone who might be able to help, please contact the CAT LINE on 01453 886354**

I would like to thank everyone who has supported us, including at our recent plant sale. We will be holding a Garden Sale at Silvertrees in Manor Farm Lane on **Saturday 3rd July from 10.30 until 3pm** selling books, CDs, DVDs, plants, jigsaws and much more. Admission is free and current Covid rules will be strictly adhered to. I look forward to seeing you there.

Tessa Allen, Secretary and Homing Officer Tel: 01453 886354

Enquiries@5valleycatrescue.org www.5valleycatrescue.org/ www.facebook.com/5valleycatrescue



Eastcombe Village Group

The **Wine Walk** will take place on **Sunday 8 August**. See poster on page 8 for more details.

We expect to hold an EVG meeting once restrictions are eased, probably in September.

Peter Scott, Chairperson
peterhscott@btinternet.com



A Party in Brownhill

The residents of Brownhill are a sociable lot and in the past have organised safari suppers, parties and pop up bars. With restrictions finally lifting, a belated summer party is planned for Saturday 18th September. All residents are welcome. More details will be sent nearer the time.

Most Brownhill residents are kept up to date via a Neighbourhood Watch email group, but a few houses may not be aware of it.

If you live in Brownhill and would like to find out more about the email group or the party, contact Sarah on 07778 793993

No Mow May

In May, legions of gardeners said "no" to the mow to help our bees, butterflies and wildlife!

Plantlife's campaign suggested locking up the lawnmower for a month to let the wild flowers in our lawns bloom, providing a feast for hungry pollinators. At the end of the month, participants were invited to join in with a nationwide "Every Flower Counts" survey, calculating their personal "nectar score".

Pam Perry of Eastcombe, found it a positive experience:

'We're pleased that we decided to try a more natural look to our front lawn - and our grandchildren loved it! To our surprise we found a Common Spotted Orchid among the Buttercups!'

Across the villages, other gardens were also going wild. 'May was so showery that it was no hardship not to mow,' said a resident. 'By the end of the month it was amazing how much the grass had grown - and how many wildflowers there were, too. We counted 9 species that we never usually see in our garden, including speedwell.'

If you would like to help our pollinators, there's still time! Just leave the grass a little longer during **KneeHighJuly...**



How to Start a Heart...

Nobody wants to have to use a defibrillator in anger, but if the worst happened, would you know where to find one?

While there's no substitute for expert medical help, but even the fastest emergency response takes time, and, while the target is to respond in 8 minutes, in a rural location such as ours, it is often more than 12 minutes. Action by those on the spot could be vital.

When a member of the public dials 999, they are notified of the nearest defibrillator within 200 metres as the crow flies. The optimum time for defibrillation is within 3-4 minutes of a cardiac arrest. You are not encouraged to drive to fetch the defibrillator; in your heightened state of anxiety, this may put yourself and others at risk.

What is a defibrillator?

A defibrillator, or AED, is an electronic device designed to administer defibrillation to a victim of cardiac arrest. The device looks for heart rhythm, advises the rescuer, and, if a shock is needed, applies a brief pulse of electrical current, which, it is hoped, may allow the heart's rhythm to restart.

What are CPADs?

CPADs are cabinets located on the outside wall of a building, so that the AED inside is accessible 24/7. Some cabinets have a key code lock, with the code accessed by calling 999. Others, like the defibrillator in Eastcombe and that at Chalford Sports and Social Club, do not need a code.

Defibrillators can be found at:

- Eastcombe Village Stores
- Chalford Parish Council, 50 Gerald's Way, Chalford, GL6 9HE
- Tesco Express store, Tanglewood Way (in Tesco opening hours only)
- Oakridge Kim's Shop, Post Office, Oakridge Lynch, GL6 7NZ
- Methodist Church, Midway
- Chalford Community Stores, High Street, Chalford Valley
- Chalford Sports and Social Club, Highfield Way, Chalford (pitch side, on the outside wall)

Gerry Moutrey is responsible for keeping an eye on the Eastcombe defibrillator, located on the outside wall of Eastcombe Stores (What3Words: *scrapping.courage.steam*) and, in normal times, organises regular sessions to find out more about using it. Gerry says:

'The Eastcombe defibrillator is in an unlocked drop down cabinet. Just push/bang on the red button and the defibrillator drops down for removal. It is easy to use and verbal instructions guide you through every step (there is also an instruction sheet). Don't be concerned by the alarm that sounds when the cabinet first drops down, that switches off automatically.'

The defibrillator is checked weekly to ensure it is operational. If you would like to know more about CPR and defibrillator use, watch this short video: <https://www.communityheartbeat.org.uk/tv/drs-abcd>

What3Words

It has been suggested that it could be useful if some of the more remote locations in our area were ready to give their **3 word identifier** in the event of an emergency to help the emergency service locate them quickly. Glen Beswetherick shares this view:

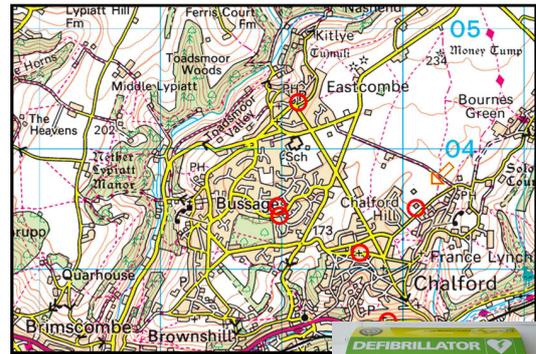
'Having been a Royal Mail Postman for over thirty years, I know just how frustrating it is to try to locate houses in unfamiliar areas. It's the same for the van drivers that bring us Amazon parcels. They can spend ages trying to find the hidden-away cottages.'

Your Royal Mail Postcode often covers 30 or 40 properties, it helps RM sort and deliver your daily Post, but it's not very pinpoint accurate. Similarly, 'The Cottage', Chalford Hill or 'Woodside', Bismore are not very helpful in an emergency.'

***What3Words** is a free Smart Phone app which divides the entire planet into 3 metre squares, each square with its own unique set of 3 words. This means your location/house can be pinpointed extremely accurately, very useful if you need help. Perhaps you are broken down somewhere isolated, or tripped and fallen in the woods or on the canal tow path - these places do not have RM postcodes!*

With the what3words app you can give an accurate location to delivery companies, and more importantly, the Emergency Services. Each house has a totally unique what3words address, saving valuable time, even on dark winter nights. Try this: Find me here <https://w3w.co/roofs.radically.utter>. You can also find out more on <https://what3words.com/>

Glen Beswetherick



Nadiya Hussain's Strawberry Shortcake Cupcakes

Ingredients:

For the strawberry ice-cream icing:

175g/6oz lightly salted butter, softened
350g/12oz icing sugar
100g/3½oz strawberry ice cream, melted

For the cake:

12 round vanilla sandwich biscuits
12 small-medium strawberries, tops sliced off
110g/4oz clotted cream
110g/4oz caster sugar
2 free-range eggs
1 tsp vanilla bean paste
110g/4oz self-raising flour, sifted
10g freeze-dried strawberries, to decorate



Method

- To make the icing: whisk butter until pale and creamy and sift in the icing sugar. Stir to roughly combine and then beat until light and fluffy. Add the ice cream and whisk until just combined. Place in the fridge for at least 1 hour. Whisk the chilled icing again until fluffy then transfer to a piping bag fitted with a 1cm/½in star nozzle and return to the fridge.
- Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4 and line a 12-hole large muffin tray with cupcake cases. Add a biscuit to the base of each case, then top with a whole strawberry, pointy bit up.
- To make the cake batter: add clotted cream and sugar to a mixing bowl and beat together until light and fluffy. Add the eggs one at a time, mixing well. Add vanilla bean paste and flour and mix until you have a smooth batter.
- Divide the mixture between the 12 cases, making sure that each strawberry is completely covered. Tap the tray on the work surface to level off the batter and bake for 15 minutes until fluffy and golden.
- Leave in the tin for 10 minutes before transferring to a cooling rack. Pipe the icing onto the tops of the shortcake cupcakes and then sprinkle with the freeze-dried strawberries.

Who's Who on the Hilltop? We asked Sarah & Mike @ The Lamb Inn...

Sarah: I was born in Preston, Lancashire and moved to Henley-on-Thames after college to spend time with my sister. I never went home. I worked in several hospitality businesses before my manager's job in Café Rouge took me to London, where I stayed for over 12 years. I worked in a company that developed old pubs into gastro pubs, then a St Pancras champagne bar, where my love for champagne began. Moving back north a few years later, I met Mike during a training course.

I enjoy walking and have a love of the outdoors. Food is a passion and I can talk about it all day long - I also enjoy a glass of wine or two. I always start the day with coffee, which has to be freshly ground.

Mike: I was born in Bolton, Lancashire and started my working life as a carpet fitter. At the age of 19 I moved to Spain and travelled for 5 years. On my return, I opened a carpet shop, which I built up into a full property maintenance company employing 35 people. Unfortunately, after 16 years, the recession hit and we had to close the business down. I went to work in my mate's pub and never looked back. Working up and down the country in pubs and restaurants, meeting Sarah along the way on a chef training course in Scotland, and as they say.....the rest is history!

My passion in life, (apart from Sarah and the dogs!) is horses, especially race horses, of which I have owned a few. I set up Sheridan Racing, running syndicates, acting as an agent for breeders and owners until falling ill with a stroke, followed a few years later with a brain aneurysm. I am now just getting back into the horse business; as some know we have a racehorse for the pub, called Pedro De Styles, and we hope to be in the winners enclosure very soon!

We came to The Lamb Inn quite by accident, really - we were set to take on a pub near Bradford on Avon, when the brewery called us and asked if we would take a look at The Lamb Inn, as the previous buyers had pulled out at the last minute due to Covid. We gladly popped down to have a look and instantly fell in love with the place: stunning views, amazing garden, beautiful restaurant, and as we later found, a totally welcoming and supportive community! We settled in very quickly, getting to know the locals and jumping at the chance to be involved in all areas of the community.

We believe it was fate that brought us here and we totally love it! Along with our dogs, Growler the retired greyhound and Benji the collie, we hope to spend many happy and fruitful years here in Eastcombe, and that, together, we can help build a great relationship with everyone around us.

Thank you for your welcome and support over the last 12 months.

Sarah and Mike



Village History: a Moment in Time...

This fascinating photo of a family game of cricket in Dr Crouch's Road, Eastcombe, is shared courtesy of David Fawkes.



David says: 'I would have been about 8 or 9 years old in this photo, which dates it to 1955 or 1956. The Fawkes family lived along Dr Crouches road: in the photo Auntie Violet is on

the far right, next to her my Gran, then my mother to the side of me. At the back is Beryl Roberts (later Freebury), my dad, Uncle Les, my Gramp with his hat on and Uncle Dennis. In front are my cousin, Clive, my aunty Joan and Carol my cousin, as well as, in front by the car, Audrey Roberts.'

Events @ The Lamb Inn:

Quiz night: last Sunday of the month @ 7pm

Sausage & Cider Festival with live music: August bank holiday weekend

1st Birthday Party with disco: due 3rd July, rescheduled due to extension of Covid restrictions

Are you interested in local history?

If so, you might be interested to know that a local history group for Eastcombe & Bismore has been created on Facebook.

If you'd like to know more, search for **Eastcombe and Bismore Local History Group** & answer the quick question. You don't have to live in Eastcombe or Bismore to join.



If you have any questions, or know someone who is not on Facebook but who might be happy to share photos or answer questions, please get in touch on EBLHG@btinternet.com.



Sizzling 5 VALLEY Cat Rescue Summer Sale
Saturday 3rd July
10.30am – 3.00pm
 in the **Garden at Silvertrees Eastcombe, GL6 7DY**
 park outside Thomas Keble School & walk down the lane

- free entry
- plants
- DVDs & CDs
- books
- crafts
- cat themed gifts
- all monies raised go to our charity
- cat treats
- jigsaws

All current COVID guidelines will be followed & hand sanitiser will be available

Eastcombe Village Group Wine Walk
Sunday 8th August 2021
4pm – 8pm
5 Different Venues, Wines from 7 Different countries

AUSTRALIA CHILE & ARGENTINA FRANCE
 SOUTH AFRICA PORTUGAL & SPAIN

TICKETS £15 (purchased in advance)
Includes: Vouchers for 5 glasses of wine (extra vouchers can be purchased on the day: £3 each)
Tickets available 28th June – 23rd July
 from Eastcombe Stores & Post Office & Redwood, Dr. Crouch's Rd, Eastcombe (evenings only).

Could you contribute to the next newsletter?

A few suggestions:

- An item of news
- An update about your local group
- Nature notes
- August gardening tips
- Do you have a favourite walk or place to visit? Tell us about it!
- Is there a favourite book you'd like to share?



Please send all contributions (max 300 words) to

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by noon on 20th July.

Thank you.

Name that View!

How well do you know our villages?

Did you recognise last month's shot as the bottom of the path which leads up from Chancewell to Dr Crouch's Road, Eastcombe? Many of you will have passed it on the way down towards Bismore & Toadsmoor woods...



This month's image is again taken somewhere in or around the three villages.

Can you identify its location?

The answer will be revealed in the August issue.

What's on in July?

- **28 June – 23 July:** Eastcombe Village Group Wine Walk tickets on sale
- **3 July:** 5 Valleys Cat Rescue Sale @ Silvertrees, Manor Farm Lane
- **7 July:** Bisley-with-Lypiatt
- Parish Council Meeting: 7.30pm
- **20 July:** Deadline for contributions for August issue
- **22 July:** Play Rangers @ The Old Common 10am-4pm
- **25 July:** Quiz night at The Lamb Inn 7pm