

East Boldre

Newsletter

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Another taste

Following the success of our event last year, The Allotment Association, with the support of the parish council are organising 'Taste of East Boldre 2016.' The event is to be held on Sunday 4 September at East Boldre Village hall from 11.00am to 4.00pm. Again we will have lots of activities for all the family including competitions, refreshments, stalls, exhibitions and lots more. We are hoping the Alpacas will attend again this year too. There will also be a welly boot throwing competition this year so start practising now! If you would like to help with the event or have produce you would like to sell at the event, please contact the parish clerk for more details.

Scarecrow Festival

Many residents had great fun participating in the Scarecrow Festival last year. This year we are hoping for even more entries! The theme for this year's Scarecrow competition is 'Films' so start planning your scarecrows now and look out for the updates and entry forms nearer the time,



Letter from the chairman

Broadband, or a lack of it, is still dominating our parish council agendas. I have had several separate meetings regarding this emotive issue. At a broadband meeting in August I was told Christmas 2015. Then April 2016. These dates continual change but I am hopeful a solution is close. Cllr Ken Thornber our County Councillor, has been incredible supportive and helpful in trying to resolve this issue. I would like to thank him for his continuing and unrelenting support.

Hampshire devolution will still dominate the news over the coming months. We wait to see what impact it may have on local services and the parish council.

I hope everyone will support the second Taste of East Boldre which looks to be bigger than last year and that the weather is as kind again.

In the meantime enjoy the summer sunshine with the inevitable wet stuff.

Cllr K Holmes

Chairman East Boldre Parish Council



Great East Boldre Bake-off

This year leading up to The Taste of East Boldre we will be organising a bake-off for residents of the parish. We will be inviting you all to bake your best cakes which will be judged on the morning of the event. We will ask you to then donate your cakes to our event for our visitors to sample. There will be more details on prizes and how to enter available nearer the time.

Hedgehogs



Many female hedgehogs will be pregnant; some may already have given birth to 4-5 hoglets. Mum will have difficulty finding enough food for her and her hoglets so a dish of food and a bowl of water could be lifesaving.

Regular visitors are most likely to be females, they have to stay local when their hoglets are very small. The males are nomadic in the breeding season to give them more opportunities to find any females!

If mum is killed/injured the hoglets, whose ears & eyes do not open for two weeks, may leave the nest and be calling for her. Even very young ones that would not normally be out of the nest yet, will do this. They make a loud squeaking noise, like a bird but at ground level. If you find any they need to be rescued at once. Bring them indoors, put them in a box on a covered hot water bottle, then cover them with a cloth. The water should be hand hot and replaced as it cools down.

As soon as possible, contact your local hedgehog rehabilitator Louise at East Boldre Hedgehog Rescue on 07595709617.

Any hoglets out of the nest and squeaking will need to be rescued – this is their distress call to their mother. Any size hedgehogs that are out during the day, especially if they have flies around them should also be rescued immediately.

If you need advice or find an orphaned or sick or injured hedgehog contact Louise at EBHR on 07595 709617 or for more general advice visit the britishhedgehogs.org.uk. Thanks to my regular EB supporters Anne & Martin and Freda & Molly

Allotment view

The growing season on the allotments has definitely arrived and we are all busy digging and planting.

It's encouraging that most of the plots have now been taken and lovely to see the enthusiasm of the new plot holders – we wish them all a very successful year.

This year we are determined to master succession sowing. Normally we sow in spring and then we forget that veg like, lettuce, radish, salad onions and peas need to be sown at intervals throughout summer and so end up buying plants which is not cost effective.

Lots of annual flowers like cosmos, sunflowers and nicotiana have been sown in the greenhouse to plant out later and soon cornflowers, poppies and marigolds will go straight in the ground. Our aim is to provide nectar for bees and insects throughout the season and encourage them back to the allotments to pollinate our fruit and veg.

Each year we try to grow something new and last year it was Quinoa. It looked like a weed and extracting the tiny, ripe grains was difficult. It does however taste good but it was far too labour intensive to grow again and this year it's red cabbage – a far easier option hopefully!

Our thanks go to the parish council for all their help over the past year. Together we are making the allotments a pleasurable and productive space to grow wonderful crops.

Ruth and Bruce McDermott for the Allotment Association



Village Hall

The East Boldre Village Hall is available for hire.

Did you know? This historic, WW1 hall, situated on New Forest land, has:

- an excellent baby grand piano for lessons, exams or entertainment
- a wonderful old stage, ready for productions with proper stage lighting and off-stage rooms
- a fully equipped, modern kitchen
- a hearing loop system
- football club showers and changing room facilities
- a small consultation room in addition to the main hall
- car parking

Are you interested in:

Zumba on Wednesday evenings 7.00pm – 8.00pm? To join up, you can just turn up at the hall or contact Leslie on 0777 188 1443 or lesleydancingqueen@hotmail.co.uk Yoga classes will be taking place at the village hall so stay tuned for announcements of these classes and also crafts meetings.

For bookings or other information, contact Malcolm Ross on 01590 626403 and go to www.eastboldre.org

Watch out for further information on the Centenary Celebration in January 1917 of 84 Squadron RAF formed at East Boldre

School fields

East Boldre School Fields Trust School Fields is a unique facility owned by the village for the village. If you are looking to hire a venue for a children's party, family get together or meeting, please do contact us as we have very reasonable rates. In order to meet our annual running costs this year, we are looking to organise some different fundraising events in the village. What events would you like to see? We welcome all volunteers and any ideas. Please see our facebook page or details on the East Boldre website. Contact Sue Vaughan: 01590 612123.

Highways

If you spot a defect in the highway e.g. pothole then report it at - www3.hants.gov.uk/roadproblems

Vacant allotment plots

We have managed to fill nearly all our vacant allotment plots but there are still a few available so if you are interested please contact Kim Penna, parish clerk.

East Boldre Garage

For all your motoring needs -
Vehicle servicing
Car sales
Paint and bodywork
Organising of valeting
Friendly advice on all motoring issues.
01590 612259

New Forest Estate Cars

Specialises in sales of estate cars but also sources all other makes and models.
01590 671338

THE VILLAGE SHOP

- Large selection of wine & beer
 - Calor gas & bbq stuff
 - Dry cleaning service
 - Repair service for clothes & shoes
 - Photo processing & photo copying
 - Lottery and scratch cards
 - Newspaper delivery as far as Lymington
 - Stationery & DVD hire
 - Own East Boldre logo gifts including jam, chutney, chocolates etc
 - New Forest ice cream
 - Fresh fruit & vegetables
 - Meat
 - Post Office with cash back facility
- 01590 612936**

The Turfcutter's Arms

For great pub food and a warm New Forest welcome, come along to the local traditional, dog friendly pub with bed and breakfast – accommodation is available in the converted thatched barn.
 01590 612331
 enquiries.turfcutters@gmail.com

Village Agent

We are still looking for a Village Agent for East Boldre. If you have a few hours a week to spare and would like to help others in your community please contact the clerk for more details or check out our website.
eastboldre-pc.gov.uk

From the churches

East Boldre Baptist Church

East Boldre Baptist Church, and the Church Hall, are situated in Chapel Lane, East Boldre.
 Contact Ashley Baptist Church, Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton BH25 5AA.
 Tel: 01425 610415

St Paul's Church of England

1st Sunday - 11.00am all family service.
 2nd Sunday - No service
 3rd Sunday - 11.00am Holy Communion CW
 6.30pm (Evensong 4th Sunday Summer only)
 Full details of services at St Paul's can be found on their website
 beaulieuchurches.org
 Church wardens: Mrs Marigold Jordan - 626335, Dr Graham Sterling - 612378
 Church office: The Rectory, Beaulieu, SO42 7YG
 Tel: 01590 612242

The New Forest Centre, Lyndhurst

The centre has lots of exciting activities organised for this year some of which are listed below. For more details please visit newforestcentre.org.uk or call **023 8028 3444**.

Moped loans

Moped Loans Schemes are currently operating in: New Forest District
 For an application form and further details, contact the Wheels to Work Co-ordinator on **01425 481546** or email: mopedadmin@cnf.org.uk for New Forest

East Boldre AED Project

The project which was set up in Memory of John Kitcher is almost finalised. The parish council have adopted the phone box for the defibrillator to be placed in and we are now awaiting the imminent arrival of the device. Enough funds have also been raised to provide an emergency phone which works alongside the defibrillator. As soon as we have a date for the placement of the defibrillator we will arrange an official opening of the newly adopted kiosk.

Digital presence

W: eastboldre-pc.gov.uk
 F: eastboldrePC

FUTURE PLANS

Parish plans are a form of community led plan which determine the future of communities and how they can change for the better. They are documents that set out a vision for the future of a parish and outline how that can be achieved in an action plan.

If you feel you would like to be involved in creating a parish plan for East Boldre or would like more information, please contact the clerk.

Notice board

The council would like to thank Cllr Barry Gregory for making our new Parish Council notice board. I think you will all agree, he has done a magnificent job.



Ripped sacks

Could we remind residents to keep their refuse sacks inside their gates until the morning of collection. There have been reports of livestock eating contents of refuse bags and apart from the terrible mess that is left, this could be incredibly dangerous to the livestock.

From Forest Field to Western Front

In 1910, the sleepy village of East Boldre was awestruck by the arrival of a fleet of flying machines and the New Forest School of Aviation – one of the first flying schools in the world.

By 1915, the Royal Flying Corps arrived, the personnel soon outnumbering the villagers by three to one. They cleared the heathland, erected massive buildings, flew their machines into trees, knocked off chimney pots and even landed on the Post Office roof.

Following the exhibition in 2015 featuring many of the painstakingly restored photographs from WW1, the team at East Boldre Village Hall decided to produce a more permanent historical record to promote East Boldre's heritage. The photographs from the exhibition and the hundreds of others donated to the Hall are

now featured in a book which will be available mid-August.

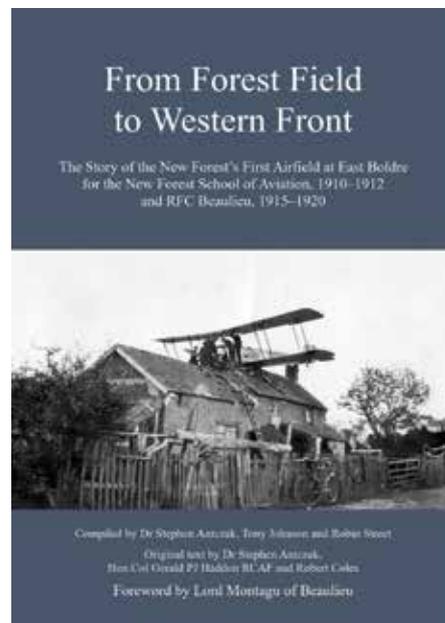
With nearly 500 images in colour and black & white, this 253 page A4-size book is available in both hardback and soft cover versions. All profits will be used to support East Boldre Village Hall, originally the Officers' Mess and the only WW1 airfield building to survive.

Hardback book - £20.00

Soft cover book - £15.00

Available mid-August

For details of when and where to buy, watch eastboldre.org



Horse facts for children

- Horses are considered foals until they turn a year old.
- For the first few months of life, foals are dependent on their dam (mum) for food.
- A girl foal is a filly and a boy is a colt and both genders become weanlings when they are no longer nursing from their dam, and yearlings when they reach their first birthday.
- Most foals are able to keep up with the herd within hours of birth.
- Foals often splay their front legs wide as they try to emulate their dams' eating habits.
- When foals are born their legs are almost the same length as they are when they are fully grown.
- Foals can focus their eyes almost as soon as they are born and cut their first teeth within a week.
- They are fully grown by 3 – 4 years of age.
- Horses communicate how they are feeling by their facial expressions. They use their ears, nostrils, and eyes to show their moods. Beware of a horse that has flared nostrils and their ears back. That means they are not happy.
- Horses expend more energy lying down than they do when they are standing up.
- Horses cannot breathe through their mouths. That's why you'll never see one panting like a dog.
- Although they are capable of seeing almost 360 degrees because of the positioning of their eyes, horses have 2 blind spots where they can't see. One is directly behind them and the other is directly in front of them.
- Horses can sleep both lying down and standing up.
- Horses have around 205 bones in their skeleton.
- Horses have been domesticated for over 5000 years.
- Horses are herbivores (plant eaters).
- Horses have bigger eyes than any other mammal that lives on land.
- Horses gallop at around 44 kph (27 mph).
- The fastest recorded sprinting speed of a horse was 88 kph (55 mph).
- A 19th century horse named 'Old Billy' is said to have lived 62 years.



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