

East Boldre Newsletter

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Great taste

The Allotment Association, with the support of the parish council, organised the 'Taste of East Boldre' event in September this year.

It was the first time they had arranged such an event and it was hoped, that following the hard work, it would be a success. With the sun shining on a beautiful Sunday in September, the setting up of the event began. With huge support from many people, by 11am we were ready for visitors. We had activities and competitions, refreshments including cream teas, stalls, exhibitions and lots more. Along with Alpacas at the allotment site too, we had, we hoped, something for everyone.

The day turned out to be an absolute success and we were absolutely thrilled with the amount of people who attended. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable time and the day passed far too quickly. We managed to raise some funds for the Allotment Association which was great, and hundreds of pounds were pledged for the defibrillator for the parish.

We received lots of positive feedback from attendees and stall holders which has encouraged us to commit to holding the event again next year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us and to those who attended. We hope to see you again next year.

Letter from the chairman

Since our last newsletter we have had a new parish council and for the first time in many years we are up to full membership. This is great news as it means any issues facing the village will be discussed by a more diverse and experienced group.

A broadband meeting with representatives from Hampshire County Council and surrounding parishes took place in the village hall at the end of August to push towards a resolution of getting superfast broadband. From that meeting I was told that the 'box' by Hatchet Pond would be upgraded by the end of this December followed shortly with connection to faster broadband. Something we have all been patiently waiting for.

Over the coming months you will hear a lot being mentioned about devolution in Hampshire. We wait to see what impact it may have on local services and the parish council.

As this year draws to a close. I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and joyful New year, and to thank you, for supporting your parish council.

Cllr K Holmes

Chairman East Boldre Parish Council

Scarecrow festival

Here are a few samples of the scarecrow entries for 2015. We will be arranging the festival again next year so start planning your scarecrows!



EAST BOLDRE DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

The project was set up in Memory of John Kitcher who passed away in February 2015 after he suffered a sudden cardiac arrest at home. With the support of the Parish Council the project has been fund raising to purchase a Defibrillator in John's memory for the benefit of the village. The statistic show that if a person (young or old) suffers a sudden cardiac arrest their chances of survival dramatically increase from 5% when treated with CPR alone up to 50% if a defibrillator is used.

The good news is that enough money has been raised to purchase a defibrillator for the village which we hope will be in place to mark the anniversary of John's passing. We would like to thank everyone who kindly donated to the project to make this happen.

Hedgehogs



Hedgehogs are trying to build up their weights for hibernation as the cold weather means there is less natural food around. Some may wake during hibernation, only to change position or it may be to forage for food.

You can help them to put on weight by either giving them a complete hedgehog food like Spike's Dinner or mashed up meat based dog or cat food. They can also have meat based cat biscuits, as these are good for the teeth. They will need a dish of water too.

When feeding hedgehogs you could make a feeding station - eg use either a plastic mushroom box or storage box or similar and cut a 13cm x 13cm (5"x5") hole in one of the short sides. Place this over the food, like a tunnel, and the hedgehog can get through the hole to the food but it keeps the cats out. A brick on top should stop the box being pushed aside. Another brick or large stone

placed 13cm (5") from the entrance should stop a cat lying down and hooking the food out with its paw! Another idea is to use a paving slab on some bricks (placed on their sides), leave a 5" gap between 2 of the bricks for an entrance. Always make sure there is a little food left in the mornings - if not, you are not feeding them enough.

A saucer placed over the dish will protect the food from other creatures but a hedgehog's nose is long and will push the saucer off easily.

If you find a sick or injured hedgehog contact Louise on **07595 709617**. Lots more info on **britishhedgehogs.org.uk**

Allotment view

Another good year of growing at the two allotment sites in East Boldre with plot conditions improving all the time. We still have some vacant plots so if you or someone you know might be interested please contact Ruth and Bruce McDermott, East Boldre Allotment Association.

Tel: **01590 612231** or email: **2macs@waitrose.com**.

Alternatively, contact the parish council clerk.

The Allotment Association are looking for a small, second hand shed which can be used as a communal area for seed and plant swapping. It would also be a notice board area for plot holders to exchange information. We have a small budget for the purchase so if you know of any available sheds please contact us.



Smiling SID

Speed Watch in East Boldre- still looking for more volunteers!

You have probably seen the Clever SID in East Boldre deployed by volunteers reminding drivers that the speed limit through East Boldre is 30 mph. The mobile Speed Indicator Device (SID), set up on a roadside verge, picks up the speed of an oncoming vehicle and flashes up a smiley face if it's 30 or under. Drivers who exceed the limit see a frowning face - and offenders, especially repeat offenders, can expect letters from the police and the possibility of further action. Boldre Community Speed Watch team are kindly undertaking deployments in our parish but are looking for more East Boldre volunteers to join them.

The more people who volunteer to go out with the SID, the more often the teams can be out on the roads.

To join the East Boldre Speed Watch team simply contact Kim Penna, East Boldre parish clerk.

Digital presence

Our new website is now up and running. On the website you will find all our agendas and minutes, together with lots of information about the council and what we do. Lots of new articles and photographs will be built up over the year. We also have a Facebook page now which is regularly added to and also won us second prize at the Hampshire Association of Local Councils awards. So please take a look and 'Like' our page

W: eastboldre-pc.gov.uk
F: [eastboldrePC](https://www.facebook.com/eastboldrePC)

Highways

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

Stand out

With the dark mornings and evenings, please consider wearing reflective clothing or carry a torch to make yourself seen.



Beach Bus

This summer the Beach Bus did not come through East Boldre and the nearest stop was at Hatchet Pond. The New Forest National Park Authority (NPA) who are responsible for the service will be reviewing its service. If you would use the service and would like to see it run through East Boldre next year, please make your views known to the NPA by contacting them at:

*Lymington Town Hall
Avenue Road SO41 9ZG
travel@newforestnpa.gov.uk
01590 646600*



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 - Meat
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- 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



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**.

Special exhibition: Shedding new light on the New Forest's past

An interactive exhibition revealing new archaeological sites that have been discovered as part of the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship scheme.

Talk: Fungi with Simon Moore

Find out more about fungi and how to identify them at this fascinating talk.

Talk: Gunpowder Factory in Fritham with Stephen Ings

Learn about the gunpowder works at Eyeworth between 1860 and 1921, the Schultze Gun Powder Company and the production of smokeless gunpowder.

Make a Christmas Wreath with Liz Wyatt

Make a fresh, seasonal wreath ready for Advent.

Talk: Curiouser and Curiouser with Angela Trend

Celebrating 150 years since the first publication of Lewis Carroll's Alice in Wonderland book.

Talk: Wild in the Forest

An illustrated talk at Lyndhurst Community Centre presented by Chris Packham and Manuel.

Christmas Fun Day

Seasonal fun, crafts and activities as part of Lyndhurst's Christmas Fun Day activities.

Maps for Local History with Hampshire Record Office

Learn how to use historic maps to uncover the history of your local area in this workshop.

House calls

Life can be very busy and the council understands that it is not always possible for residents to be able to attend parish council meetings. It is important to the council to have input from residents on how the council can work to help the community so we are arranging some councillor surgeries. Together with our District Councillor, Michael Harris, we will be organising visits to any residents who would like to raise items with their councillors

PLANNING THE FUTURE

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.

Village halls

East Boldre Village Hall

The 'East Boldre Airfield Remembers WW1' event last May and the repeat exhibition in October were both hugely successful. Thanks to all who supported us by volunteering manpower, donating prizes and turning up to enjoy the events. The event demonstrated a huge interest in the history of the airfield as did the second photo exhibition and we, the village hall team, are now considering how we can build a permanent exhibition. Most importantly, the event has raised the profile of the hall and has put East Boldre on the map. We would like to thank Lord Montagu who, shortly after the event in May, kindly agreed to be our Patron.

Since the May event we have produced a leaflet for a self guided walk around the WW1 airfield ruins which is available, free of charge, in the village shop, the Turfcutters Arms and the New Forest Information Centres in Lymington and Lyndhurst.

We are currently busy writing a book on the early history of flying in East Boldre which will contain many of our newly discovered photographs and should be available by next summer. Using funds from the Heritage Lottery Fund, we now have a new website for the village, www.eastboldre.org.

As you can see, we have a lot of work to do and to ease our burden, we would like to start an East Boldre Airfields Historical Society and recruit members who can help with our research and with the ever-growing collection of historical documents, photographs and artefacts. As always, we are also looking for new blood to join the village hall team. If you are interested, call

Mike on 01590 611073 or Steve on 01590 626368 or you can e-mail us at eastboldre@yahoo.co.uk.

The village hall is available for hire for private functions and group activities. Details are available on www.eastboldre.org/ebvhprices.html or you can phone Malcolm on 01590 626403.

From the East Boldre Village Hall Team

Trust Fields

News from East Boldre School Fields Trust
After a busy summer of many party bookings and outside events, we are now entering a quieter period at the School Fields. We still have our regular bookings in the hall throughout the week, with the Art Group on Mondays and Yoga on Wednesdays and now a new Yoga session, especially for healthy lower backs, taking place on Thursday evenings. Please contact Ruth Bush on **01590 624670**.

The hall is available for hire at very competitive rates for private parties or if you are thinking of running a day or evening class. Please contact Sue Vaughan on **01590 612133**.

Also please follow us on our newly created Facebook page!

We are hoping to hold some very exciting Springtime fundraising events at the hall, so watch this space

If you would like to hire the hall for an event or children's party, or if you would like to make an annual contribution by becoming a 'Friend of the Field' please contact Sue Vaughan on **01590 612133**.

Children's activity

Make a bird cake to feed the birds in your garden.

You will need: Good quality bird seed; raisins; peanuts; grated cheese; suet or lard; yoghurt pots; string; mixing bowl; scissors

Important: This activity is not suitable for anyone with a nut allergy.

STEPS

- Make a small hole in the bottom of a yoghurt pot.
- Thread string through the hole and tie a knot on the inside. Leave enough string so that you can tie the pot to a tree or bird table.
- Warm up the lard to room temperature, but don't melt it. Then cut it up into small pieces and place in the mixing bowl.
- Gradually add in the other ingredients and mix them together with your hands.
- Fill the yoghurt pot with the mixture and put it in the fridge to set for about an hour.
- Hang your bird feeder from a tree or bird table and watch out for greenfinches, tits and maybe even great spotted woodpeckers.

From the churches

East Boldre Baptist Church

East Boldre Baptist Church, and the Church Hall, are situated in Chapel Lane, East Boldre.

Sunday Services: 11.00am

(Communion 1st Sunday each month).

Contact Ashley Baptist Church, Lower Ashley Road, Ashley, New Milton, Hampshire. BH25 5AA. Tel: 01425 610415

Pastor: Julian Bryant.

St Paul's Church of England

1st Sunday - 11.00am all age family service. 2nd Sunday - No service. 3rd Sunday - 11.00am Holy Communion CW.

Full details of services at St Paul's can be found at beaulieuchurches.org

Church wardens: Mrs Marigold Jordan - 01590 626335

Dr Graham Sterling - 01590 612378

Church Office: The Rectory, Beaulieu SO42 7YG
Tel 01590 612242

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