

Message from Cllr Maggie Allen – Chair of Community Engagement

With my best wishes,

Councillor Maggie Allen

Chairman, Community Engagement Committee

Update from Liz – Community Projects Coordinator

We continue to hear from a great many of you, and it is good to hear that the majority of the group are doing well.

I think the common feeling for all of us, me included, is that as the year draws to a close, we really hope to see things getting back to more normal footing in the coming year.

The Seniors Reps continue to meet remotely, via video call – and we have managed a couple of socially distanced meetings at the Library. I am keeping across the Covid regulations, and continue to be in contact with our local venues. You will all know that our regular coffee mornings, and trips will be on hold for some time to come. I am sorry that I can only reassure you that we will continue to look at options, but with your safety at the forefront of what we do.

Caroline Holgate, Parish Clerk, continues to keep our Website updated with Covid 19 information, linking in to NCC and NBC, as necessary.

We all know that we are not out of the woods yet – please consult our website or Facebook Page for updates on advice and instruction, around Covid.

Our Website: <https://www.easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Please remember -if you need any help or advice, please do ring. We have been able to help a good many residents. If we cannot offer help from our small team, we can help to signpost you to other agencies.

In the rest of this newsletter, we give you an update on the major projects for the Parish Council.

I just want to finish by wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. Stay safe all. Here's to a brighter 2021 for all of us. We hope that you like the little Christmas Gifts, which are sent on behalf of East Hunsbury Parish Council, with all good wishes from the Councillors and staff.

Liz Carroll-Wheat

East Hunsbury Remembers

In your last newsletter, we were looking for help, in order to create a community poppy display for the area. So many of the community stepped up, including many of you Seniors!

Hundreds of poppies were made, delivered to or posted to our office at the Library. The rest of the community rose to the challenge as well, with young families at home with children, all of our local schools, and so many individuals all making. Thanks especially to East Hunsbury W.I., to Ollie Lyons and Pauline Boler, for creating easy to follow patterns!

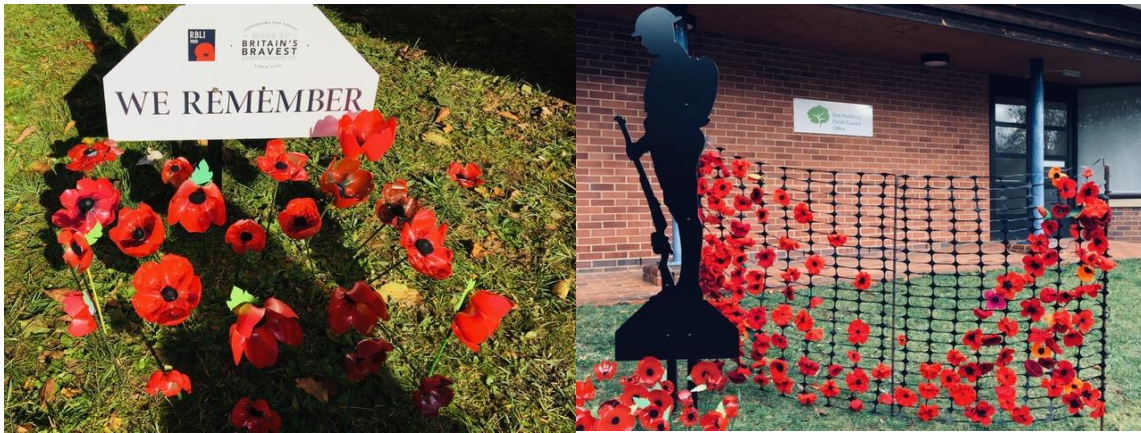
As Covid restricted how many people we could bring together at any one time, we brought small groups of volunteers together, to create our huge main poppy (built by our handyman Ady), and cascade panels. Our local schools ran workshops to create the field of plastic poppies, which also looked amazing, made from the bottoms of plastic bottles.

The display was installed outside Hunsbury Library for two weeks, with hundreds of people coming to visit, to take pictures, and to stand and pay their respects. We even made it in to the pages of the Chronicle and Echo, thanks to Rob Boler of the Seniors – our volunteer photographer. We also formed part of a drone-film of memorials in Northamptonshire, being highlighted amongst the traditional memorials in the older villages. It was so gratifying to see East Hunsbury represented.

In addition to our outdoor installation, we also created a memorial indoors at Hunsbury Library, which was greatly appreciated by the public. This again featured a community wreath, made with your poppies, and paper poppies from Wootton Park School. Also involved, were East Hunsbury Rocks Group, who created stones with the names of people, linked to our community, who gave their lives in war. A large rock was also created, to be a permanent feature of our East Hunsbury Remembers displays, for years to come.

See here, some photos of the project – and thank you again, to those who contributed in any way, and those who came to pay their own respects.

INSERT PHOTOS OF POPPY DISPLAYS*****



DEC – add in:

Memorial Benches – wreath laying. Suggest that people can meet up there – socially distance!



Tai Chi

Walking Group – suggest Seniors Strollers????? Anyone interested?

Litter Picks –

Upcoming things – Deco Theatre

Fete online – Dog Show and Bake Off winners



Phone Buddy

Covid Quilt

Online courses – ZOOM ONES

Include baking info – cakes for Christmas

Quiz – Maggie

Answer to last Quiz – Rob

ASK for tips!!!! Gardening.....what are people doing other than that?

Library update

Churches for Christmas – details?



The Christmas Tree – community baubles



Christmas Lights Competition for this year – let us know if there are any fabulous lights near you!



Tai Chi – we have headed outside!

Following many weeks negotiation, we successfully restarted our Seniors Tai Chi in Grange Wood Park. Being unable to meet indoors at Danes Camp, our tutor Jeff suggested outdoor sessions. The classes are fully booked at this time – as we have strict guidelines on the numbers of people who can meet. Social distancing is always followed, and the group are doing amazingly well! We plan to continue until the weather turns...hopefully not till Nov. If anyone wants to go on the waiting list for more Tai Chi next year, please get in touch.



Hunsbury Library Update:

The Library has reopened – albeit on short hours and with limited services. They are open Tues and Thus 10am to 4pm, and Sat 10am – 12noon. You can return books, order books, renew bus passes, use computers, and ask basic enquiries. All other services are temporarily suspended. This sadly includes Hermes Parcel Collection and Drop Off and Blue Badge applications. But the team will return to normal when possible.

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Local Litter Issues – and our planned Litter Picks:

During Lock Down, we have had lots of the community contact us about litter issues, including the fly tipping taking place. The Parish Council have had some signs made, which have garnered a great reaction!



We have also had in-depth talks with the Air Ambulance Charity, as their bins at the Library and at The Collingtree Pub Car Park, have become such an issue. We are working with the landowners of the two sites to try to make the Air



Ambulance come to collect more regularly. We want to keep East Hunsbury Tidy.

We have also joined the **Great September Litter Pick**, with Keep Britain Tidy. If you want to join in a litter pick, you must book on so that we can plan for Covid regulations. Ring Liz or email her at the office – contact details at end of newsletter.

Dates for Community Litter Picks:

Friday 11th September – 10.30am – 12noon

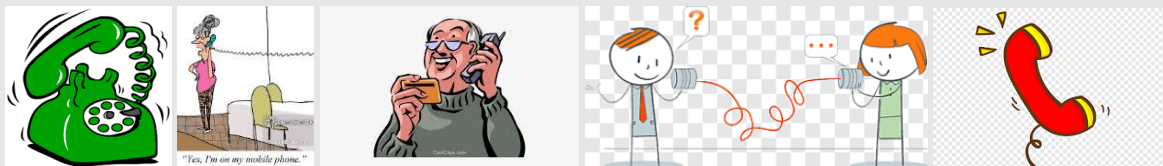
Meet at Library for briefing and equipment.

Sunday 27th September – 11.00am - 1pm Family/Community Pick

Meet at Blacky More CC for briefing and equipment.



Need a Chat? Let us know!



We know that many of you miss our coffee mornings and meetings. If you would like a weekly phone call, from one of the other seniors or one of our phone-friend volunteers, let us know. It's good to talk! Just ring and leave us

your name and telephone number on our answer phone
01604 708429. We will link you up!

WANT TO GET INVOLVED?

OK – so we know that we cannot meet at the moment, but we are still running a lot of community projects, and you can get involved.

If you are interested in any of the new projects – you need to register with Liz:

Tel office: 01604 708429 or email:

community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

1. The Poppy Project – East Hunsbury Remembers – PLEASE help!

This year, we will be constructing a poppy cascade outside Hunsbury Library, where we had the Christmas Tree. We are working with the W.I. and our schools, and the Library Craft Groups. Why not join in?

You can make knitted, crochet, or felt poppies – we have patterns which have been created by Ollie and Pauline from our local W.I. You can even make them from the bottom of plastic bottles! The patterns are included at the back of this newsletter. If you want to be involved – please contact Liz at the office



2. The LockDown Covid Quilt – any stitchers out there?

We are looking for a team of people, to make squares for a Covid Quilt, which will hang in the Library. Very easy, we send you a square, which you can decorate – stitch, use felt, cross stitch – something that reflects what you have experienced in lock down/Covid time. Think of the themes, rainbows, love hearts, nurses, and doctors, being at home, in your



garden. We will also look for cross stitch – a sentence or just a few



words.



If you want to be involved – please contact Liz at the office.

3. East Hunsbury Walking Group – do you want to test a new route?

As part of our plan, to get more people to use our parks, we are working on a series of walking maps. **We are looking for 6 people to test a walking route for us on Wednesday 2nd Sept at 1215pm for an hour or so.**

This is an easy walk, suitable for all abilities. Would you like to test the map for us and talk about forming a Walking Group? Please contact Liz at the office ASAP.

Social distancing will be observed on walks – keeping 2 metres between people unless you are in the same household.



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4. Community Gardening Project

This project is a work in progress, but we just want to open up the idea to you. We are working with East Hunsbury Primary School and applying for some gardening funding. We may not get the money of course, but if we do, we want help to help the children to create bird and bat boxes and an outdoor



classroom. We will also be doing wildflower planting and possibly some community veg growing. Are any of you interested in helping? Can you garden, do you know about growing veg, can you make bird boxes – simple ones. If you can, please get in touch with Liz. This project will not start immediately – but we want to look at who can help. We will need to wait till Covid is over, but we can make some initial plans.



Online Village Fete



As we all know, we had to cancel our plans for our East Hunsbury Village Fete. However – some lovely volunteers took things online, and so far, we have had the Great East Hunsbury Bake Off – with photos of cakes baked by local people. We are also just launching The Virtual Fun Dog Show, with East Hunsbury Dog Walkers Group.

Thanks to those who are joining in and keeping the fun going! We of course hope to host the real Fete next July! In the meantime, plans for Remembrance Day Commemoration are taking place – for Sunday 8th November at Grange Wood Park. Plus, plans for a community Christmas tree, to once again spread a little cheer and the Christmas Lights Competition. More on these events in your next newsletter.

Do you Zoom?



OK - so this is one for Seniors who are online. ZOOM is an online meeting platform. If you are on the internet and have an email, you can link into one another. You COULD “call” a number of people on a Tuesday morning and have a “remote coffee morning”! All grab a cuppa, log on to zoom, and others pop up on your computer. Just chat to each other face to face.

NOW – the key thing is that you need to agree to share your email address. SO – if you want us to help you to “meet up” using Zoom, please email Liz and let her know that you are interested and give permission to share your email.

Email Liz for more info on: community@easthunsburyparishcouncil.gov.uk

AND FINALLY – is there anything that you would like to do? Anything we could help a group of you set up?

Have a think and please let us know.

- A gardening club – seed swap – would someone in the group like to start one up? Would people like to join in?
- A book club – would someone in the group like to lead a book club? Would people like to join in?

Obviously at the moment, we would be looking at sharing info online – maybe via zoom meetings or emails? But if you come up with an idea, we will try to help you to set up. Someone from the Seniors would need to be lead coordinator – but we could help initially with setting up your ideas. Have a think!

HOW TO CONTACT LIZ AT THE OFFICE:

If you want to get in touch about anything in this newsletter or about anything in general – please either ring or email.

Liz is working from the office on her own, with Caroline working generally from home at the moment. We are a small Parish Council, so please be



aware that our two part-time officers are very busy currently. It may take a couple of days for them to respond to any messages.

Thank you – Stay safe all

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