

Englishcombe Times

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Welcome to the fourth edition of the Englishcombe Times!!

The Englishcombe Parish Website.

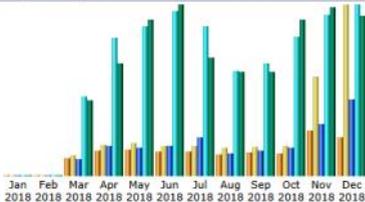
The englishcombe.net Parish Website consists of 7 different tabs. You enter on the **HOME** page which lists events during the month and files you can either read on-line or download to your pc or tablet. These include: Welcome to Englishcombe leaflet, 768 bus timetable, Recycling and Rubbish Collection Calendar and the latest edition of the Englishcombe Times. There is also a link to the **ENGLISHCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL NOTICEBOARD**.

The **ABOUT** tab gives you access to items on the **EARLY DAYS, PRINCE OF WALES, VICTORIAN TIMES, 20th CENTURY** and the **TITHE BARN** with downloads available for **ENGLISHCOMBE PARISH HISTORY** and **PARISH CHURCH HISTORY**.

The **CHURCH** tab takes you to the St Peter's Church web pages. **PLANNING, CHAPEL** and **MILLSTREAM** tabs give information, and the **ENGLISHCOMBE TIMES ONLINE** tab keeps you up to date between issues of the ENGLISHCOMBE TIMES leaflet.

At the last Parish Council Meeting the matter of how often the Parish Website is being used was raised. Records for the website show that there is an average of over 240 visitors a month using the site, going up to over 400 visits during the holiday season. The US tops the list for the country using the website most with the UK second and China third.

Monthly history



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Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2018	1	1	3	26	574.38 KB
Feb 2018	0	0	0	0	0
Mar 2018	188	223	537	2,606	59.75 MB
Apr 2018	270	335	968	4,542	89.21 MB
May 2018	281	356	905	4,905	123.61 MB
Jun 2018	266	321	982	5,417	135.63 MB
Jul 2018	266	321	1,262	4,912	93.90 MB
Aug 2018	235	301	731	3,440	82.37 MB
Sep 2018	249	313	836	3,691	82.74 MB
Oct 2018	247	325	922	4,572	123.86 MB
Nov 2018	489	1,078	1,708	5,288	133.82 MB
Dec 2018	414	1,857	2,512	5,608	127.14 MB
Total	2,906	5,431	11,366	45,007	1.03 GB

Month	Unique visitors	Number of visits	Pages	Hits	Bandwidth
Jan 2019	423	3,202	3,990	7,350	107.39 MB
Feb 2019	263	1,242	1,543	3,094	51.98 MB
Mar 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Apr 2019	0	0	0	0	0
May 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Jun 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Jul 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Aug 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Sep 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Oct 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Nov 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Dec 2019	0	0	0	0	0
Total	686	4,444	5,533	10,444	159.37 MB

Visit the Parish Website: englishcombe.net

Spot light on Englishcombe Parish

Gardens in Englishcombe

On a grey winters' day a rather morose friend complained that gardening was just "housework outdoors", but as the snowdrops are now heralding the start of seasons of colour I would beg to differ.

We are very spoilt in Englishcombe and many of us have "infinity pool" gardens that borrow the agricultural landscape beyond our boundaries . The green palate not only provides an extension but also an excuse to avoid anything too groomed and perfect! We can have "natural wildlife " gardens with leaf-piles to house hedgehogs , roses to supplement the food of deer and peacocks and with Matt and Janes' new venture, lavender and cat-mint to provide the Bees with nectar. With free-flowing streams and ponds Spring Cottage Innox Grove and Blake's Farm are also supporting frogs and fish.

I cheekily planted Rosemary and thyme outside the front door at Triangle Cottage after I read that if the herb and Vegetable patch was at the front of a house the wife wore the trousers (the mint is running wild at the back of the Cottage so I think Mark gets a fair say!). Diplomatically Alan has his wonderful fruit and vegetable collection to the side of Inglescombe Cottage .

A gentle walk around Englishcombe at any time of the year reveals hidden beauty. I look forward to the Magnolias in Inglescombe Cottage and Yeoman's Cottage , the Cherry blossom by the Tythe barn, the deep purple bearded Iris' at the end of Manor house gardens and the whirls of colour at the front of Crossways House. If there were ever an Englishcombe flower show first prize would always go to Tony and Hazel who have the most colourful show garden in the village.

So as it's time to pick up the fork and gloves again just remember its not housework , its mindfulness and free gym membership all rolled in to one.

(If anyone is interested in an Englishcombe plant-share I am happy to start a monthly list on the village notice board of seeds and plants available for exchange)

Helen Dinwoodie



Gardening Hints



 Remember the saying about ivy – “The first year it sleeps, the second year it creeps, the third year it leaps”.

 Regular dead-heading encourages more flowers.

 Remember that your garden reveals a lot of clues about your personality.

 Dead-head seedpods of daffodils to give stronger bulbs.

 Remember the Chinese proverb “He who plants a garden, plants happiness”.

 Wear gloves at all times if you want your hands to stay looking attractive.

 Remember to turn seed-trays on windowsills around each day.

 The art of good mulching is to block out the weeds, and encourage the roots of plants and also to retain moisture.

 Never despair if your garden is bordered by overhanging trees – plant hawthorne and hazel, dog roses, honeysuckle and clematis.

 Plant a clove of garlic by each rose to ward off vampires – and greenfly.

 Always deadhead roses with secateurs and cut back to a leaf or bud.

 Be sure to earth up potatoes to prevent tubers from becoming green and poisonous.

 Never put off picking courgettes until tomorrow.

 Make sure your sprinkler is facing the right way when you turn it on.

 Don't expect your sundial to take account of British Summer Time.

 Plant a scented shrub by your door to greet visitors.

 Always water plants in the evening during hot weather.

 If you need some rain, then light the barbecue.

 Employ a gardener – but take the credit for their handiwork.

 Face facts – the only way to stop cats digging in your borders is not to have any borders.

 Don't stand underneath your hanging baskets when watering them.

 Don't be afraid to move a plant to a different position.

 Use finger pressure only when putting in new plants.

 The saying goes — “one year's weeds, seven year's seeds”

 Beware of planting a tree too near to your house.

 A bird bath is for birds, not for washing your face in.

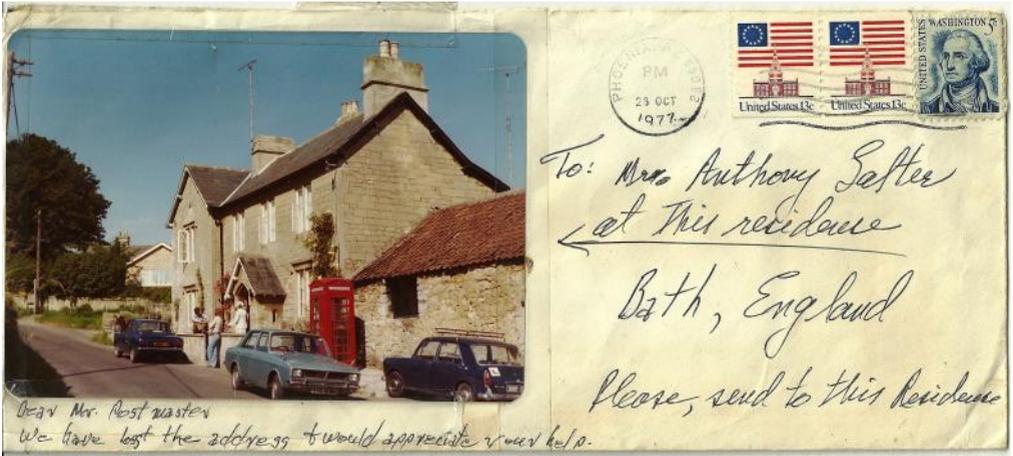
 Save your empty loo rolls – they make great planters for starting off sweet peas.

 Remember, while talking to your plants, listen to them as well.

 Make sure you get your lawn-mower overhauled before the grass-cutting season begins.



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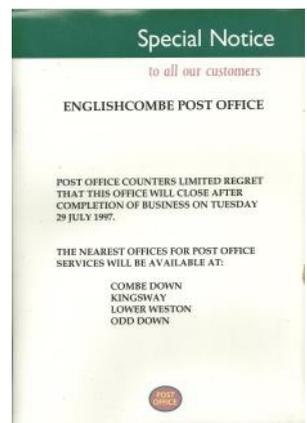
We have probably all had issues with missing or delayed post. Over the years the loss of two postal deliveries a day reduced to one. The more or less known time that the postie would deliver the mail now dictated by whether it is at the start or end of the delivery round. Now only one collection a day but not on a Sunday.

We always seem to hear when things go wrong so it is good to have a positive event to report on. Back in 1977 the occupants of Englishcombe Post Office, Mr & Mrs Salter were visited by Tony Salter's cousins from Salt Lake City, Utah, USA. The first time in 25 years. On their return to the US and wanting to send copies of photographs taken while on their visit, they realised they did not have the full postal address. Unperturbed they sent the letter as above, addressed to Mr Anthony Salter at this residence, Bath, England, with a photograph they had taken attached to the envelope. A short message asking for the postmaster's help in identifying the property and its address led to staff at the Bath Sorting Office recognising the property and the letter being delivered only 4 days after its posting. Well done posties!

ENGLISHCOMBE POST OFFICE

Englishcombe Post Office had been situated at Duchy Villas since 1927. Mr William Vaughan was sub postmaster and blacksmith. In 1956 Mr & Mrs Salter took over the Post Office with Mrs Hazel Salter becoming sub postmistress. The Post Office being open on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Englishcombe Post Office closed on the 29th July 1997 when the sub postmistress retired and the Post Box moved to its present position, by the Parish Noticeboard. Of the Special Notice Options only Lower Weston Post Office still remains open.



HISTORY OF ENGLISHCOMBE POST OFFICE

1883— Post Office at Triangle Cottage. Sub Postmaster— Mr George Cox (also Parish Clerk).

1902— Post Office at Crossways House. Sub Postmistress— Miss Maria Ann Weeks (Baker).

- Crossways House was also a Bakery & General Stores.

1906— Post Office at Crossways House. Sub Postmistress— Mrs Maria Ann Love.

1927— Post Office at Duchy Villas. Sub Postmaster— Mr William Vaughan (blacksmith).

1956— Post Office at Duchy Villas. Sub Postmistress— Mrs Hazel Salter.

29 July 1997— Post Office at Duchy Villas Closed. Sub Postmistress Retired.



Picture of Englishcombe Post Office window in about 1905 when situated at Crossways House.

The Post Box can be seen in the bottom left hand corner of the window and although not marked, would have been in the reign of Edward VII.



Picture of Englishcombe Post Office window between 1910 and 1927 when situated at Crossways House.

The Post Box can be seen in the bottom left hand corner of the window with the mark of GR. This would have been in the reign of George V 1910—1936.



Picture of the Post Box and Telephone Box when situated at Duchy Villas. On the closure of the Post Office in 1997, the Post Box was moved to its present position by the Parish Noticeboard.

It is not known exactly when the Telephone Box was installed. But in 1936 the K6 Kiosk was introduced to commemorate the Silver

Jubilee of the coronation of King George V. It became known as the “Jubilee Kiosk”.

Under the “Jubilee Concession”, introduced as part of that year’s celebrations, kiosks were to be provided in every town or village with a Post Office, regardless of cost. As a result of this scheme over 8000 new K6 kiosks were installed.

Notice was served for the removal of Public Telephone Kiosk 01225 426911 on 22nd May 2002 and was removed on the 21st May 2003. The advent of mobile phones and the internet meant that Telephone Boxes were no longer being used or required.



Public Telephone Kiosk:
01225 426911

BT has been requested by the land owner to remove this telephone kiosk from Private land. BT is therefore proposing to terminate Payphone service at this location

The nearest alternative payphone can be found at:
Jct. of Marsden Rd & Englishcombe La, Bath, BA2 2EW

Any comments regarding this should be sent to the address below quoting this payphone telephone number & within 28 days from the date of this notice.

Date of this notice: 22/05/2002

Live, laugh, learn.

The University of the Third Age (U3A) in Bath warmly welcomes new members. If you have already retired, or are soon to reach retirement age, we would enjoy meeting you. U3A is a welcoming and undemanding way for those in their third age to meet new friends and to explore new ideas. Each month we hold entertaining public lectures and run some hundred different study, creative and leisure groups that meet regularly throughout the city. We cater for a broad variety of interests from countryside walking, through ancient and modern languages, to science, photography, embroidery, book clubs and politics. In short there is something for everyone. For the democratic sum of just £15 per annum (individual membership) you will find that your participation in Bath U3A will be rewarding. There is no obligation to attend regularly and no hidden costs. Some members manage to fill most of the month with different activities, whilst others pick and choose according to their individual tastes and availability.

For further information and to download a membership form visit www.u3ainbath.org.uk or email memadmin@u3ainbath.org.uk

Alternatively you are welcome at our Public Lectures held on the first Thursday of each month at 10:30 hrs. at The Pavilion (opposite the Bath Cricket Club).

Midsomer Norton & Radstock Dial a Ride

The Dial a Ride is a pre booked (by telephone) door to door transport service, using vehicles specially adapted for wheelchair passengers, the vehicles also have improved accessibility with low floors and no steps. The service operates from around 08.15am to 16.00 Mondays to Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays).

The Dial a Ride telephone contact no is 01761 417504

or e-mail info@dialaridemsn.co.uk

The service covers pick up and drop off destinations anywhere within the BANES area apart from the centre of Bath. They can also cover hospital & medical appointments with the assistance of SWAN volunteer car service. All residents within our parish are eligible to use the service but it is particularly useful for those unable to access public transport. The elderly, disabled, parents with small children and people living in rural isolation benefit from the door to door service.

Costs to members are: a small annual membership fee of £6 (from 1st July to 30th June in any year) – this will rise to £7 from 1st July 2019. After that each journey has a small fare charge dependent on the distances travelled. Members who are eligible for a Diamond Travel Card (available from BANES at no cost) receive a 50% reduction on the fare charged – a typical local trip would cost around £4 return. Longer trips are charged extra depending on the distance travelled.

They also run seasonal day trips to destinations such as Cheddar Garden Centre, Shepton Mallet Garden Centre & Fish & Chips Shop, Clarks Village etc.

Community bus

There have been several recent meetings with other Parish Councils to ascertain the now mounting problem of public transport in and beyond our parish. The upshot is that we will join the Community Transport Association (CTA) to learn what other parts of the British Isles are doing in combining voluntary 'minibus' with public buses to transport commuters, schoolchildren and others from villages to town centres. We need to know, very simply, that if you would wish to use public transport of whatever form, when and where would be the best for timing and location of stops (or pickup). I intend to obtain a simple form from the CTA to be filled in by those concerned to pass on to First Buses, BANES and other providers, to see what can be done. You may be cynical about this problem being solved, but other parts of the country have hacked this problem – more or less! Robert Law.



St Peter's Church, Englishcombe Services at St Peter's (unless otherwise indicated)

All are welcome at all these services!

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| 3 March | 11.15 | Family Worship |
| 6 March | 7.00pm | Ash Wednesday joint service at Ascension Church, |
| 17 March | 11.15 | Holy Communion |
| 31 March | 11.15 | Mothering Sunday |
| 7 April | 11.15 | Brief worship and Annual Parochial Church Meeting |
| 19 April | 11.15 | Good Friday Walk of Witness from St Peter's |
| 21 April | 11.15 | EASTER DAY |
| 5 May | 11.15 | Family Worship |
| 19 May | 11.15 | Holy Communion |
| 2 June | 11.15 | Family Worship |
| 16 June | 11.15 | Holy Communion |

Vicar: the Revd Dr Catherine Sourbut-Groves

contact (01225) 478952 or priest@stbarnabasbath.co.uk

Planning Applications.

The parish council has responded to a consultation on the following planning application since the last issue of the Englishcombe Times was published.

Planning Application REF 18/05584/FUL Grove House Englishcombe Road Englishcombe
Conversion of double garage to annex to include kitchen, bathroom, bedroom & installation of dormer windows. Erection of double garage along driveway with pitched roof storage space with roof lights. DECISION BY B&NES COUNCIL PENDING.

If you are not receiving Parish Council communications and would like to, please contact the Parish Clerk asking to be put on the Email Register.

Email address is clerk.englishcombe@googlemail.com or phone 01761 411305.

What's on:

Coffee Mornings every Thursday from 11:00am—1.00pm at The Old School, Englishcombe.

Sharing Lunch at The Old School on the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:15pm. Proceeds go to support the Kanyawegi Children's Home in Kenya (Emmanuel Home).

Bible Study at The Old School on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.

Salem Chapel Services every Sunday—11:15am Breaking of Bread Service.
— 6:30pm Family Service.

March 2019

3	11:15am	Family Service at St Peter's Church.
11	7:30pm	Parish Council Meeting at the Old School, Englishcombe.
17	11:15am	Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church.
31	11:15am	Mothering Sunday— service at St Peter's Church.

April 2019

4	7:30pm	Annual Parish Meeting at the Old School, Englishcombe.
7	11:15am	Brief Worship and Annual Parochial Church Meeting at St Peter's.
19	11:15am	Good Friday Walk of Witness from St Peter's Church.
21	11:15am	EASTER DAY— service at St Peter's Church.

May 2019

5	11:15am	Family Service at St Peter's Church.
13	7:30pm	Annual Parish Council Meeting at the Old School, Englishcombe.
19	11:15am	Holy Communion Service at St Peter's Church.

FROM THE EDITOR

This is the fourth issue of the Englishcombe Times, funded by a grant received by Englishcombe Parish Council from Bath & North East Somerset Community Empowerment Fund, to be delivered to every house in the Parish.

The next issue for the Summer is scheduled for June. If you have any articles for this issue, please let me have them by May 18th. If you do not want to receive a copy, again, please let me know so you can be removed from the delivery list.

Further copies will be available to download from the Parish Website

www.englishcombe.net

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