



Eydon Village News

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Deadline for the January Newsletter is **18th December 2024**

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Caring for our Community – gifts for the foodbanks

We have the privilege of joining together in caring for our community by providing local people in crisis with hampers during the Christmas holidays.

How you can help

- * Buy anything from the list below
- * Bring to the free coffee morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 7th December from 10.00 – 12.00
- * Bring to Oriel House, 59 High Street – foodbank box on freezer in garage up drive

You can also donate the cost of the produce by cheque – made out in the Charity name:

Food for Thought Daventry or by BACS Sort Code: 23 05 80 Account No: 35016899

Shopping List

Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Ham, Tinned Tuna, Tinned Soup, Tinned Peas, Tinned Carrots, Tinned Fruit, Gravy Granules, Mayonnaise, Custard Carton, Carton Long Life Milk, Box of Chocolates, Tea/Coffee, Mini Choc rolls/Biscuits, 1L Bottle of soft Drink, packet Cheese Biscuits, Selection Box, Mini Christmas Pudding, Box of Mince Pies, 6-Pack of Crisps, bar/box Chocolates, Stuffing mixture.

If you know of someone who is struggling and would benefit from a Christmas Hamper or a regular food package, please let us know rurallarderwh@gmail.com

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The November meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 12th November at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were: Kim Keeble, Howard Carter, and Chairman Keith Simmons along with Steve Fox the Clerk.

Apologies were received from Jonathan Walker, Roddy Owen-Smith and Luke Alexander.

Five members of the public were in attendance.

During the meeting the following items were discussed:

Cemetery waste bin storage:
The work to create this area is likely to take place in January.

Village Green Ownership:
The clerk confirmed that the Village Green had been registered as such in 2010 and advised that no further action was necessary.

Community Engagement:
The meeting held a preliminary discussion about ways of improving Community Engagement, particularly through an improved website.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee was asked to include a spend for such work in 2024/25.

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for December 2024

Sunday 1st December

10.00 Morning Prayer

Saturday 7th December

10.00 – 12.00 Free coffee morning and prayers for St Nicholas
Day in Village Hall

Please bring gifts for the foodbanks (See Page 1)

Sunday 8th December

9.30 Holy Communion

Sunday 15th December

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 22nd December

18.00 Carol Service

Tuesday 24th December

21.30 Midnight Communion

Wednesday 25th December

11.00 Christmas family worship

Sunday 29th December

10.00 Benefice Communion



Please contact a Churchwarden if you need further information or have any questions.

We are happy to arrange lifts to benefice services if needed

Churchwardens:

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gjdenby@btinternet.com

December Bin Collections



Tuesday 3rd December

Black bin



Tuesday 10th December

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 17th December

Black bin



Tuesday 24th December

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 31st December

Black bin

Those subscribed to the garden waste service are advised there will be a short break in collections from 23rd December to 3rd January 2025

The Freedom Of Eydon Awards Ceremony

Thursday 5th December 7.30 pm

As Parish Council Chairman I am delighted to inform everyone that three deserving people have been awarded the **Freedom of Eydon** by the Parish Council in the inaugural year of the scheme.

I am also honoured to report that The Chairman of West Northamptonshire Council - Councillor Jo Gifford - has agreed to present the awards and unveil the honours board which will be sited in the Village Hall. This is a real coup for the village. The three recipients are :

Barry McRoberts
Sally Stretton
Geoffrey Stretton

I am sure many villagers will recognise the efforts all three have put in for our community in many ways.

Please come along and show your support for those receiving the award and help us show the Chairman of West Northants Council how we do things in Eydon!

On the night we intend to provide light refreshments and we therefore need to know numbers attending - also the Village Hall only holds around a hundred.

Please let the clerk know if you are attending - please do not leave it until the last minute as we need to order enough, but do not want to waste your money on excess refreshments.

*RSVP: Steve Fox Parish
Council Clerk, clerk@eydonparish.gov.uk*



Keith Simmons
Eydon Parish Council Chairman

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Village Taps:

The Clerk reported that the restored tap casing would be installed on the 14th November, also that a new lead capping had been fitted to the village green tap for protection. Artwork was approved, lectern and artwork to be installed near the restored tap. It was also decided to ask permission to display the donated tap keys in the village hall. The costings for this were agreed to be taken from the donation by Anglian Water.

Village Green signs :

The Clerk also reported that the new 'no parking' signs had been installed on the Village Green.

Finance and General purposes Committee:

It was agreed that it would meet on 4th November in the Village hall to prepare next years budget and precept request.

Village Projects:

The Council reviewed and updated the Village Projects List. (Available on request from the clerk and via the Village Website).

Spring Bulbs:

Luke Alexander had reported to the Clerk that these had been planted by the new Village entry signs.

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Helpful Parish Council.....

I have had a home in Eydon for 25 years but until recently I had never contacted the Parish Council directly to request help with any matter.

My husband, Peter Moore is registered disabled with a blue badge and in order to help him to get in and out of our car safely I need to park the car on the High Street with the front passenger side against the kerb. I had become frustrated at often not being able to use the turning circle on The Green in order to turn my car and park it in the right direction. The reason being that vehicles were being parked there with increasing frequency when the drivers either ignored or failed to notice the single no-parking sign.

I suggested to the Council that the signage might be improved. They discussed it at the very next meeting and acted immediately to have two smart new 'No Parking' signs designed and installed. I was very impressed that this was carried out so swiftly and with minimum fuss.

I was also grateful for the suggestion made by Parish Council Chairman, Keith Simmons that we might apply to West Northamptonshire Council for a marked disabled space outside our cottage. I have made the application and it is pending but West Northamptonshire Council do not act as swiftly as our Parish Council it would seem!

Graham Noakes
6 High Street



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Village Hall Centenary :

A member of the public informed the Council that a steering group had been instigated and was creating a year long programme of events. The chairman asked for the Council be kept informed particularly as regards costing, but also pointed out HS2 funding may additionally be available.

Defibrillator Training:

A resident had written asking for a refresher on the training for the defibrillator installed by the Village Hall, it was agreed to organise this.

Planning Matters:

2024/334/RM/Land North of Morton Road. The Council noted some significant amendments had been made to the original designs but noted that the front of the building was still significantly further back than its neighbours and the Clerk was asked to make this observation on the WNC Planning Portal.

2024/505/NMA Land West of Lime Avenue. The Council noted that Approval had now been given for this work.

2024/4744/Full 1 Blacksmiths Lane. The Council supported this application

2023/6135/Full Oriel House 59 High Street. The Council noted that retrospective Planning permission had been refused for the installation of

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ydton Ladies met on a very icy Wednesday 20th November, at the Village Hall - our guest speaker was Steve Dimmer, his topic 'Yule be Surprised'. Using a presentation with photos he gave a fascinating talk about the traditions relating to Christmas and how they came about. He began with the date and continued through St Nicholas (later known as Santa), the giving of presents and today's traditions.

One interesting fact was regarding carols, originally they were pagan folk songs sung during the winter solstice dancing in a circle. However a priest named Edward Benson, who later became a bishop, organised a service to include carols so the parishioners would come to church. Steve continued with more facts, some of which were surprising. He finished by explaining that even today new events are becoming traditional.

During the evening we collected two large boxes of Christmas gifts for the local Women's Refuge which will be delivered to them in early December. We all had a lovely time and finished in keeping with the theme of the evening with mince pies and a glass of mulled wine to keep out the cold.



Our last event of 2024 will be our Christmas meal, for members only, to be held at the George and Dragon at Chacombe on Friday 13th December.

Ann Lane

Posada is coming to Eydon!

Would you like to meet these characters?

The Posada is ready to tour the village once again.

If you would like to host the knitted nativity figures for a day or two, and keep one of the cuddly sheep, do contact Lyn Evans.

This year the box will contain books and activities for older children and grandchildren too.

The Posada will then finish its journey at the Christmas Day service in church.

Details from Lyn Evans 01327 261164
lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk



FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB – The City of Durham

Tim Boddington gave the First Wednesday Club their November talk. His subject was a fascinating outlook on the city of Durham.

Those who know Durham will be aware that the three most prominent features of the city are: the Cathedral, much of which is Norman and has many interesting architectural features, plus the tomb of St. Cuthbert; the castle, parts of which now accommodates some of the university and the river Weir that almost completely surrounds the city. This means that from the centre to get to almost anywhere you have to cross a bridge, of which there are now seven, the oldest dating from 1160.

While Tim attended the university he spent time rowing on the river. One of his favourite boats was a single seat scull. With a medieval bridge, and arches only just wide enough for the scull to pass through with oars extended, this led to some interesting moments in navigation. On one occasion Tim found himself, not on, but in the river having been pushed off a wall, by a 'friend'. On being pulled out, and emptying his shoes of mud and water, he found a Charles the First penny among the ooze. Strictly speaking he should have returned this to the authorities, but he admitted to us that he still had it in his posses-

sion. Other interesting objects can be retrieved from the waters.

When Dr Ramsey, a former Archbishop of Canterbury, retired to the city, he decided to dispose of his collection of objects given to him while in office by throwing them from one of the bridges.

Tim said that the city has changed since his time. While he was at the university, Durham was the centre of the mining community, and anyone from the university was definitely regarded as an outsider. Although there are now no miners, the Miners Gala is still held, but the dominant industries are now High Tech, so the university is, these days, regarded as very much part of the city community.

Tom Tresham



THANK YOU

It's the time of year to say 'Thank You' to all the kind volunteers who deliver the Eydon Village News around the village each Month, come wind, rain or even snow

They are:

Lea and Sue Manoe, Simon and Lyn Evans, Elaine Partridge, Ann and Larry Johnson, Ronnie and Pauline Grant, Richard Collins, Helen McNiell, Chris and Dave Howells, Tony Hardy, Sue Croft and Barry and Sue McRoberts. Thank you all so much, your help is much appreciated.

CELEBRATING A DIAMOND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Ronnie & Pauline Grant who will be celebrating 60 years of marriage on 19th December 2024
Sending very best wishes from all your friends in Eydon

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Solar Panels.

Highway and byway issues.

Highways: The Clerk advised that he has requested advice regarding the Surface Dressing programme for 2025/26 and how this may affect Eydon.

He has also requested a copy of the recent Tree Survey undertaken by West Northants Council

Rights of Way: Kim Keeble advised that the footpath down from Doctor's Lane through the disused bridge towards Fox Hill Farm was poorly signposted. She will provide photos and locations for the Clerk to pursue West Northants Council for better signage.

Freedom of Eydon: An awards ceremony was agreed for the 5th December, with refreshments available on the evening. The Chairman would invite the West Northamptonshire Council Chairman (the equivalent of a Mayor role) to present the awards and unveil the honours board. - This was confirmed shortly after the meeting that Councillor Jo Gifford was delighted to accept. She would be attending along with the deputy Chairman - Alison Eastwood.

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The presentation scrolls and honours board had been ordered.

Budget consideration:

The Finance and General purposes had met and proposed an increase of 3% for consideration at the next meeting but preliminary documentation was available now on the website.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10 December in the Village hall.

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman.



EYDON
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CLUB

Here are the results of the draw held at the end of October

1st Prize: Caroline Bedford

2nd Prize: Mike Jackson

3rd Prize: Bay Harper

Bonus Prizes:

Ronnie and Pauline Grant

Susan Walker

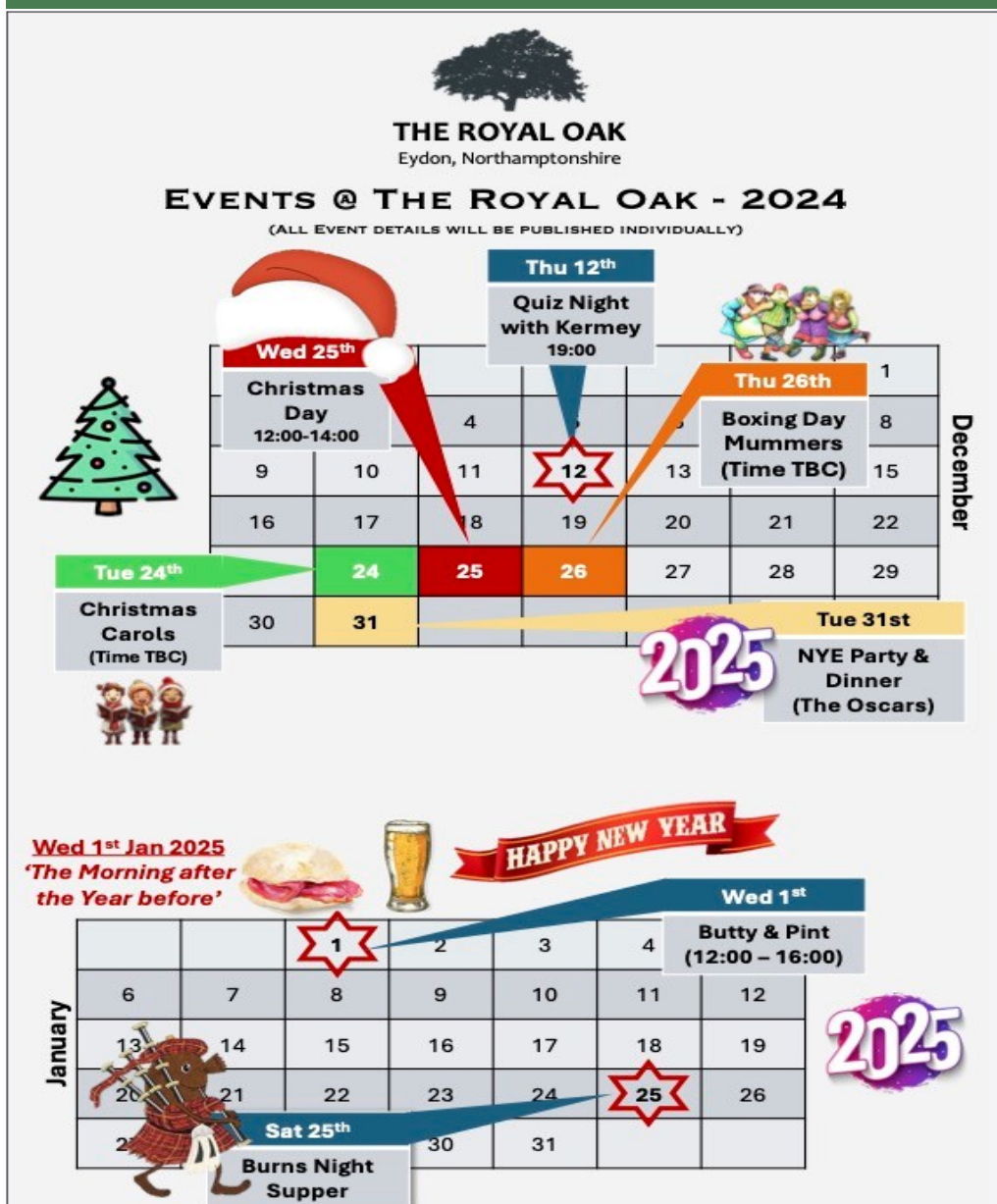
Diana Cowley

Amy Cox

David Kench

*Congratulations to **ALL** winners. New participants are always welcome, please contact elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com for more details.*

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE ROYAL OAK





A Personal View...

December 2024

Christmas comes but once a year,
And when it comes it brings good cheer.
(Traditional)



I wonder how many more Christmases will come and go, before the HS2 becomes operational?

I'm afraid there is little 'Good cheer' when it comes to discussing this new railway. We have suffered endless road closures, diversions and damage to the local roads. The silver linings that have manifested themselves do include various tranches of funding which Eydon has enjoyed. Reading last months EVN, it is apparent that HS2 have further funds to distribute. Let's hope Eydon will take up this opportunity. After all, it mustn't all be spent on protecting the bats.

I read recently that HS2 are to spend a further £100 million on the design and construction of a 1100 yard long 'Bat Shed' in Buckinghamshire. The report suggested that this would equate to over £300,000 per bat saved. The HS2 chairman blamed an organisation called Natural England for requiring such protection for these creatures. The Minister of Transport called the proposal a 'shocking example' of HS2 failure.



Why am I writing about railways at Christmastime? Well, recently, I've been having a bit of a clear-out of old boxes and hidden cupboards. I came across an electric toy train set, which was given to me for Christmas about 75 years ago. I guess I had endless fun with it for over 15 years, before it was packed away never to be opened again until now. If anyone knows anything about the Trix Twin electric railway, do please get in touch.

Of course, Eydon is not unfamiliar with the railway. The Great Central main line ran close to the village until the drastic Beeching closures in the 1960's. I have written about 'The Railway' in previous issues remembering the days when one could set one's watch by the London express whistling as it rattled through Eydon Road halt.

But, there is still local railway life if you go out and look for it. The working model railway Club based in the top floor of the Club at Woodford Halse welcomes visitors to view the replica Woodford station and surrounding tracks. Normally open to visitors on

Wednesday evenings between 7:00 and 9:00 pm, it gives a fascinating glimpse of steam life in the busy days of The Great Central, and adjoining lines. It's best to call Keith Simmons on 01327 262014 to make arrangements.

A very merry Christmas to all our readers, Eydon residents and friends

John Grindlay

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Cllr Jonathan Walker

Cllr Roddy Owen-Smith

Cllr Kim Keeble

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