

# Eydon Village News

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## Eydon First Wednesday Club — Garden Party

EFWC held its annual garden party on August 3rd in the beautiful gardens, and sunshine, of Oriel House hosted by Sue Yates and Tom Tresham.

Owing to holiday plans and other commitments a smaller number of members, plus one guest, were in attendance this year but no less enjoyment was had by all. The usual mix of savoury and sweet delicacies were available for the enjoyment of the assembled guests that seemed to hit the spot plus a never emptying teapot. There was also the customary raffle. One 'lucky' member had a rendition of Happy Birthday sung to them for an obvious reason.

The next meeting will be held in the village hall on September 7th where the scheduled speaker will be Tod Booth "What's Underfoot, the History of Footwear".

See you there.

## Eydon 200 Club

Here are the results of the July draw, including bonus prizes:

First: Susannah Martin  
Second: David Holman  
Third: Fig Braddyll (dog)

Bonus prizes: Abby Edmonds; Ruby Johnson (dog); Sue Yates; Fiona Reynolds and Graham Noakes.

Congratulations to all the winners.

If you have any questions regarding the 200 club please contact elaine. partridge2@btinternet.com



**Eydon  
Flower Festival**

**"Celebrations"**

at

**St Nicholas Church**

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> September, 10am – 5pm  
Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> September, 12.30 – 5pm  
Songs of Praise at 6pm on Sunday

Refreshments available  
All proceeds to St Nicholas Church

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Any articles, diary  
dates, notices,  
photos, etc. welcomed!  
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**DEADLINE: THIRD FRIDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**



Eydon Ladies group had a thoroughly enjoyable garden party this August, kindly hosted by our very own Jenny Cherry.

The slightly overcast breezy evening had no impact whatsoever on attendance with twenty of us comfortably contained in Jenny's lounge and occasionally spilling out onto the patio.

We were delighted to welcome two more newcomers to Eydon to our group too, with everyone mixing, mingling and nurturing the support network which is what Eydon Ladies is all about. All the chatter was a delight to hear!



Our next meeting will be held on Wed 21st September, 7:30 in Eydon Village Hall with guest speaker Carol Fullerton on her life in the police force.

We look forward to seeing many of you again then.

*Ann Goodman*

# Notes from St Nicholas



## Services for August 2022

### Sunday 4th September

No service at St Nicholas

### 10th/11th September Flower Festival Weekend

#### Sunday 11th September

11.00 Parish Communion and Harvest Festival  
18.00 Songs of Praise

#### Sunday 21st September

16.00 Café Church

#### Sunday 28th September

8.30 BCP Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield  
10.00 Benefice Communion at St Leonard's,  
Aston le Walls

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

We are happy to arrange lifts to benefice services if needed.

Revd Paul Trathen, 260204,  
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#### Churchwardens:

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## Richard Lewis Charity Sponsorship

Morning All! I've had a couple of queries about my London marathon sponsorship page, so I'm taking the liberty of providing it here! I'm running in support of Leukaemia UK and in memory of a good friend of mine who passed away very unexpectedly in 2021.

Training is going well fingers crossed so that continues. Every little helps and so if you'd like to support the cause there's more about it and my friend Mike at [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-lewis93](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/richard-lewis93)

*Richard*

## September Bin Collections



Tues 6th September

BLUE and GREEN Bin



Tues 13th September

BLACK Bin



Tues 20th September

BLUE and GREEN Bin



Tues 27th September

BLACK Bin

*For all the above dates all bins and the SILVER food caddie should be put out by 7.00 am.*

## Sports Field Sunday Stroll

Will be held on Sunday 25th September at 10.00 am, meet at Sports Pavilion.

Everybody and your dogs are welcome. Bacon rolls and coffee at the finish.

For more information contact Barry on 261068.

## A Personal View — September 2022

In July, we took a few days holiday in the foothills of Snowdonia. The beautiful cottage we rented was on the edge of what must at one time have been a substantial estate. One is able to walk out of the door, up a small ancient unpaved lane, into a wonderland of deciduous forest of mainly oak.

Early one morning, I was debating my topic for this edition of EVN, and wondering whether I was bold enough to even comment on either the familiar story of rising cases of Covid once again especially in Wales, or the unique and certainly unfamiliar story of the crazy political crisis in which we are unsuspectingly enveloped.

I decided that neither I, nor my few readers, had the appetite for either option. Then I looked around me again, and my eyes rested on an old oak tree just a few yards away. It was in wonderful condition, had been allowed to grow, mature, weather the persistent Welsh winters and gales, survive the salt spray which must penetrate the mile or so from the nearest sea point of Black Rock sands, and continue to sit happily for passing mortals to admire and sit under. But, it was only about 25 foot tall. I decided that its height, or lack of it, was down to the persistent west wind. What my tree lacked in height, it gained in girth and spread. Some minor research led me to believe the oaks there are about 450 years old.

This led me to think about the notable trees we have in Eydon village. Eydon Hall Park is home to a very old oak (pictured), which at one time was given a label around its middle as "Veteran Tree". This would have been a young tree around the time that maybe Cromwell himself or some of his fellow revolutionaries, would have galloped past the tree seeking out some Royalists of Eydon, in hiding! This tree has the height which "my" Welsh tree lacks, but not the girth or strength.

Go no further than Eydon Historical Research Group web pages to read of Eydon's Cross Tree. There used to be a magnificent Elm tree on the Village Green, known as the Cross Tree. Maybe someone is able to explain why "Cross Tree"? My suspicion is that it was at the sight of some ancient crossroad where there was a road to Culworth through what are now Eydon Hall grounds, the road later abandoned when a new lane was constructed past Blackbird Hill. The Elm finally gave up its position in life on November 5th 1978. My rather dull snap shows the last moments before the stump was finally felled. A fine Holm (or Holly) Oak now graces the spot.

But one of the most outstanding trees, in my opinion, is much younger. In the front of Manor Farm house stands an erect fir tree. Far taller than the house, head and shoulders over other trees, and may clearly be seen from way along the Moreton Road, it proudly stands maybe in memory of he who planted it in 1937. Eddie and Maisie Wilks had just moved into Manor Farm, and purchased a small Christmas tree to celebrate their first Christmas in Eydon. After twelfth night, Eddie dug a small hole in his lawn, and popped the unwanted tree into it. The tree had done its duty, and surely would die within a short time.

But, no, it survived. There it is some 85 years after it was thrown out. In my mind, it even has an expression of triumph.

We must look after our trees!

*John Grindlay*



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### GOING TO UNI OR COLLEGE SPECIAL PROJECT AT SCHOOL STARTING AN APPRENTICESHIP

The Eydon Educational Trust Fund may be able to give you a modest grant to help with expenses for any of the above, or similar educational needs, providing you are under 25 and you, or your parents, live in Eydon.

For further information or to make a personally written application contact

Carol Henson at  
2 Manitoba Way or  
email:  
[carol.pgh@gmail.com](mailto:carol.pgh@gmail.com)  
(Tel 01327 261201)

Sue Lodge at  
18 High Street  
or email:  
[kevnsuel@gmail.com](mailto:kevnsuel@gmail.com)  
(Tel 01327 261535)

Copies of the brochure are available around the village, or contact Carol for a copy.

Closing date for applications will be end of October.

# Water Supply — Chairman's Update

I reported last month on the unacceptable water supply situation we receive in the village and many residents responded and raised the issue with Anglian Water. It was also pursued via our Local Councillor and MP.

Below is the text of an email received from the Chief Executive Peter Simpson to our Local Councillor and others.

*" Thank you for your email regarding the water supply to Eydon.*

*We are very sorry for the inconvenience caused to our customers during the interruptions they have experienced. We recognise that there have been a number of bursts and that the water supply has not been as consistent as it should be.*

*There is a single water main to Eydon and so, when this pipe bursts, there is no alternative way of bringing water to the village. We therefore have to tanker the water in or supply bottled water.*

*We have previously installed a non-return valve at the edge of the village so that, should the main pipe feeding the village burst, the valve prevents the village draining back downhill and going off water as quickly. This means that we are able to tanker in water to supply the village and the water is not used to fill the main; this is much more effective at keeping customers on supply.*

*I'm pleased to share that an investment case has been made and approved to reinforce the supply and for a second supply pipe to feed Eydon. The scheme needs more engineering work to be fully costed and will need designing, and planning approvals etc, so we will need some time to do this.*

*We typically plan schemes like this a year ahead, so this year's work went through planning last year, but we anticipate going ahead with this scheme after March 2023 and when more details are known we will update the village. We hope to complete the scheme within 2024, but we need the engineering work and planning in place first. We will be writing to all Eydon residents within the next two weeks to confirm our next steps and the timescale agreed for this work.*

*We want to support customers in Eydon if the main bursts again and so, to help mitigate any impacts, our plan would be to tanker water into the village to bring supplies back on. As further mitigation should this ever be unavailable, we are investigating being able to agree a location in the village itself to supply bottled water from, if it is needed.*

*We understand everyone has different needs regarding water and if there are customers in the area who are particularly vulnerable to the impacts of going off supply, they can register for our Priority Services to help us be clear on*

*requirements. This is something we will promote in our letter to the residents. <https://www.anglianwater.co.uk/help-and-advice/water-care/priority-services/>*

*Pete Holland, our Director of Customer and Wholesale Services, will be happy to attend a Parish Council meeting, so we will reach out to see when that can be arranged.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Peter Simpson*

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Whilst on the whole this is a good step forward it does raise some questions. Particularly as in conversation with the engineers dealing with the issue it has been mentioned that replacement of the main pipe from Culworth had been sanctioned, this email mentions only 'reinforcement of supply'. Also what happens to the pipes within the village confines most of those will have been laid at the same time as the feed pipes and must also be at the end of useful life.

You can rest assured we will pursue this further and press to achieve the earliest date for the proposed works, although this will no doubt cause some disruption around the village.

Ironically as I write we appear to be having yet another issue today with loss of pressure!

*Keith Simmons, Parish Council Chairman*

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