

# Eydon Village News

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## Eydon says Goodbye to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

As we come to the end of the official mourning period of the passing of Queen Elizabeth, I am sure we have all reflected on our own thoughts of what she has meant to us each individually.

I as Chairman of the Parish Council, had various duties to perform including reading the Proclamation of the accession and the passing of the role of head of state to our new King Charles III.

Not all parishes did this, but we felt it was the right thing to do, to formally mark this moment in national history in Eydon.

We also opened a condolence book — as did the Church — and many people have chosen to make their own personal remarks remembering her Majesty. They will be combined and formally sent to the County archives at the appropriate time. It gave me a chance to swap stories with villagers as they signed the book. I can report that at least one member of our community joined the lying in state queue and managed to pay their respects, I was really glad to hear this.

We placed a memorial wreath on the anniversary tree on the Village Green and I am grateful for the kind comments this mark of respect this has brought.

I was also formally invited as PC Chairman to the Vigil service at Holy Cross Church in Byfield, which was a well attended moving occasion on Sunday 18th the day before the Queen's funeral well led by Father Paul Trathen.

I am of an age to have known no other monarch — the Queen has been a constant presence in my life, the world has changed.

But we must move forward with trust and confidence into the new era in our country.

God Save the King.



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**DEADLINE: THIRD FRIDAY  
OF EVERY MONTH**

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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  
 (Tel 01327 261201)

Sue Lodge at  
 18 High Street or email:  
 kevsuel@gmail.com  
 (Tel 01327 261535)

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

Applications for grants will close on 31st October, so if you wish to apply then please could you contact Carol as soon as possible by email or by post.

In addition, we would be happy to give people the opportunity to support our children's educational needs with a donation, particularly through Gift Aided donations in this financial year.

Contact the Treasurer for the Trust's account details for direct transfer and for a Gift Aid declaration.

Cheques payable to 'The Eydon Educational Trust'.

# Notes from St Nicholas



## Services for October 2022

### Sunday 1st October

No service at St Nicholas

### Sunday 9th October

11.00 Parish Communion and Harvest Festival

### Sunday 16th October

10.30 Café Church

### Sunday 23rd October

08.30 BCP Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

10.00 Benefice Communion at St John's,  
 Boddington

### Sunday 3

10.00 Benefice Communion at Holy Cross,  
 Byfield

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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Myself and my niece, Becky are undertaking the SHINE 26 mile night walk on 24th September, hoping to raise as much as we can for Cancer Research UK. We are walking in memory of my sister Lynn (Becky's Mum) she fought bowel cancer, but sadly passed away in March 2021. We were due to complete the walk with her in 2020 but unfortunately, due to Covid, this didn't happen.



Becky and I are walking in memory of Lynn and those others affected by cancer and hoping to raise as much money as we can. If you would like to make a donation please go to <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elaines-giving-page-433>.

With much appreciation, Elaine & Becky xxx

## October Bin Collections



**Tues 4th October**

BLUE and GREEN Bin



**Tues 11th October**

BLACK Bin



**Tues 18th October**

BLUE and GREEN Bin



**Tues 25th October**

BLACK Bin

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

## Eydon 200 Club

Results of the August draw, including bonus prizes:

First: Gill Walker

Second: Richard & Ruth  
 Halcrow

Third: Jeremy Palmer

Bonus prizes: Oscar  
 Maxted, The King family,  
 The Goodwins, Phoebe  
 Evans (dog), and Sarah  
 Sellick.

Congratulations to all the winners. Contact elaine.  
 partridge2@btinternet.com  
 with any questions.

## A Personal View — September 2022

These sad notes are written just before the State Funeral of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

The other day, some forty or fifty of us were gathered on Eydon's Village Green to hear and join in the reading of the Proclamation announcing the death of the late Queen, and to hear the Prince of Wales proclaimed as our new monarch His Majesty King Charles III.

*"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious memory, by whose Decease the Crown of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is solely and rightfully come to the Prince Charles Philip Arthur George..."*

Our Parish Council Chairman, Keith Simmons, clearly and carefully made the announcement to us, standing in the shadow of the copper beech tree planted some 45 years ago to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of the late Queen.

It was a sunny, warm day, with more than a hint of autumn in the air. Many of us had been to visit the superb Eydon Flower Festival in our parish Church of St. Nicholas. Keith went on to complete the Proclamation, which finishes with the byline,

*"Given at St. James's Palace this tenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and twenty-two."*

The Chairman then invited us to sing together the National Anthem. We had to concentrate to get the new words correct, "God save our gracious King...". The singing was strong and heartfelt.

Keith had preceded the Proclamation with some words of explanation, and some comforting words of tribute to our late Queen. It was a moving, and well led occasion.

I naturally cast my mind back to the last Proclamation, after the death of King George VI. Different atmosphere, different weather, a different country. It was in early February 1952, we were anxious and apprehensive schoolboys, snow was settling, Britain was still on her knees seven years after the Second World War. Another memory I'll never forget.

Her Majesty died on Thursday September 8th 2022. She had reigned over us for seventy years. The New Elizabethan era is now over.

*John Grindlay*



We have sadly made the decision not to go ahead with a panto this year. As you will be aware, there's a lot of work that goes on behind the scenes and this year we have been unable to pull together a production team, leaving us with no choice but to put it on hold. We are however confident we will be back next year

In the meantime we do have lots of other exciting things planned that we'd like to tell you about.

With this in mind, I would like to tell you about a social evening at the Royal Oak on Friday 7th October 8.00 pm for drinks and nibbles.

It would be wonderful to see all members, past and present so we can fill you in on what's to come.

Please do let me know via email [gemclowes@gmail.com](mailto:gemclowes@gmail.com) or phone (07903 262 219) if you are able to attend.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Many thanks,

*Gemma*

## Book Launch

Eydon Historical Research Group are about to publish their latest book of articles presenting recent research completed by members of the group. This varied and fascinating collection includes work on the churchyard, agriculture, WW1, social clubs, coins and gardens; all with an Eydon connection. Once again, we are including colour photographs.

David Kench starts the book by using old maps and photos to describe and explain some lost features around our church. His second piece explains how the development of agriculture has completely changed the nature of employment in our village.

Caroline Bedford describes the WW1 experiences of a local soldier, covering his training as a wartime farrier and vet, then his many moves around the various battles in Europe. Later in the book she records the Men's club in Eydon, detailing membership, activities and venues from the late 19thC to the early 21stC.

Lyn Evans explores the background of an old coin found in Eydon, discovering that the date on a coin does not always show the year it was made! Her second article is based on a 19thC poem describing Eydon Hall garden; she describes the background to the poem, the design of the garden and those who made it.

If you have an interest in local history and particularly that of Eydon, you will find much to interest you in these pages, I hope that you enjoy reading it as much as we have putting it together.

The book launch will take place at the Craft Fair in Eydon Village Hall on Sunday 30th Oct, open from 10.30 to 3.30 pm. The new book will be available to buy, alongside copies of our other publications; priced at £6 or less they make excellent stocking fillers!

*Simon Evans*

## First Wednesday – Ages of Shoes

Our speaker this month was Tod Booth from Brackley and it was immediately apparent that from his comprehensive display he had come to talk to us about shoes.

Tod has been a shoemaker for over 30 years, but before that he had worked in various disciplines including engineering draughtsman, tool maker, and motor bikes. These jobs all stood him in good stead to become a shoemaker. He qualified as a shoemaker at Tresham Institute at Wellingborough. Since then he has been making hand made leather shoes for the likes of museums, films, TV companies, historic re-enactors, and collectors. He supplies an off the peg range of shoes as well as bespoke fully hand made and sewn shoes and leather work.

From his display, he explained how footwear had developed over the years from cave man to the present day. Tod also told us about the tanning process of leather which used to be very smelly and time consuming. Tanneries were always sited down stream to avoid people coming into contact with toxic water.

During the talk, shoes down the ages were passed around to members to have a close look.

*Richard Forsyth*



## Sports Field Defibrillator

The Sports Field are still looking for donations towards the Defibrillator. We have a link on the Eydon Community Page for online donations, or please feel free to pop any cash/cheques to Fiona Reynolds at 6 Manitoba Way (made payable to Eydon Community Sports Field).

The Defibrillator will be at another vital location in the Village, giving residents the peace of mind, should an incident occur in the top end of the Village. You don't need training to use these defibrillators, all you need to do is call 999 and give the code on the door, they will then advise the number to unlock the unit and then you have VERY easy instructions on how to use it. This will be able to be used by **anyone** in the village, should it be needed.

*Fiona Reynolds,  
Treasurer ECSF*

## Eydon Craft and Gift Fair

October 30th 10.30 to 3.30 in Eydon Village Hall.

A great range of hand made and locally produced gifts for sale with a cafe serving refreshments and light lunches.

Contact Lucy on 261611 or eydoncraftfair@gmail.com if you would like further information or are interested in helping on the day.

## Foodbanks and the Woodford Community Larder

The community larder which was set up earlier this year at the school in Woodford has a number of aims.

It helps prevent food wastage by taking in food from supermarkets which is close to its 'sell by' date and making this available to people at very affordable prices. Anyone can join this scheme by paying a small subscription which entitles them to buy a specific number of items. They can also buy regular groceries at reduced prices. There are to date c 150 'members' of the community larder.

Another — and very important — aim is to provide free food parcels to families/individuals in great need. These people will have been referred for help by social services, medical practitioners and schools. More than 26 families and individuals have received this help.

The foods that are given to our village dropping off point are stored in a separate room at the community larder and only made available to people in extreme food poverty. Through the food banks these people are only entitled to five food parcels per year whereas the community larder can make food, toiletries etc. available to them more regularly.

We are holding a meeting at the beginning of October to discuss whether we should continue to take all donated items to the community larder or should go on supporting the foodbanks in Banbury and Daventry,

Please contact me with your views on this before 3rd October.

Sue Yates  
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## Parish Council Vacancy

Due to the resignation of a Councillor we once again have a vacancy on the Parish Council and are seeking someone to fill the role. If you have lived within the parish (or within two miles) for a year you are eligible to stand.

Please consider this seriously — can you contribute to our community?

You can contact me as below if you want to know more about the responsibilities.

Keith Simmons  
Parish Council Chairman  
01327 263014 keithsimmons@eydon-village.co.uk

# Eydon Oboe Quartet

## An Evening of Music for Oboe and String Quartet

Played by *Kim Keeble (Oboe) David Le Page (Violin)*  
*Catherine Leech (Violin) Kate Bickerdike (Viola) Trevor Burley (Cello)*



## St Nicholas Church Eydon Saturday 29th October 2022 7.30pm

### Programme

*Mozart Quartet, Beethoven String Quartet, Arnold Bax Oboe Quintet,  
Nick Planas A Summer's Eve Near An English Village, Ravel String Quartet,  
Jan Wanzhal Quartet*

### Tickets £25.00

Available from Kim Keeble [kim.keeble@virgin.net](mailto:kim.keeble@virgin.net)  
01327 262383 & Oboe Fine Wine

Donations from the proceeds of this concert will be made to St Nicholas Church Eydon and Katherine House Hospice Banbury

