

Eydon Village News

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Sports Field Defibrillator

Many thanks for all the donations, we now have enough funding for the defibrillator which has been ordered. Andy Reynolds has kindly offered to mount it on the outside of the Sports Pavilion, it is very similar to the one outside of the Village Hall. I will be speaking to the Parish Council with regards to holding a training session.

Again, very many thanks to all who have donated.

Barry McRoberts



Back by popular demand!!

Horse Race Night

Saturday 26th Nov

at 7.00 pm

Eydon Village Hall

Entry fee £2.20 pp ~ Bets £1

Bar and nibbles included
Please come along and enjoy a wonderful evening of fun.

Purchase your tickets at
www.ticketsource.co.uk/eydon-players

Eydon Flower Festival

After much consideration it was decided to go ahead with the flower festival as a tribute to Queen Elizabeth II. At a time of great sadness, it was an opportunity for people to join together as a community. We would like to thank all those who supported this event in any way; the flower arrangers, tea and cake makers, washer uppers, sponsors and the many who came to see the church. We have received so many lovely comments. Thank you so much.

Lyn Evans

Texprep offers its apologies for inadvertently leaving this article out of last month's edition.



Eydon 200 Club

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

First: Ronnie Grant; Second: Sophie Beaty and Third: Mackie Gordon

Bonus prizes: Tia Carter, Helen Barton, Ann Morpew, Angie Simmons and Oboe Braddyll.

Congratulations to all the winners.

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

Eydon Craft and Gift Fair

Is on 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.

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

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Following the summer recess i.e. no routine Council Meetings being held in August, the scheduled Meeting in September had to be cancelled due to it falling during the period of National Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II, thus the Parish Council finally managed to meet on the 11th of October.

Jonathan Walker served as Chairman for the evening, supported by Parish Cllrs Kim Keeble, Howard Carter and Gordon Anderson. Five members of public and the Clerk were also present.

Footpaths

Following a query from a representative of the St Nicholas PCC there was a brief discussion concerning the insufficient maintenance of the footpath from the Green to the Kissing Gate near the church, further discussion will be needed to confirm who is responsible for the path's upkeep and if any improvements can be made in the future.

Anglian Water

A resident addressed the Meeting to highlight the campaigning work he had done and discussions had regarding the very substandard service

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for November 2022

Sunday 6th November

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 13th November

10.15 am Service for Remembrance Sunday

6.00 pm Evening Service by zoom

Sunday 20th November

10.30 am Café Church

Sunday 27th November

8.30 am BCP Holy Communion at Byfield

10.00 am Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas

6.00 pm Advent Carol service 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.

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There is a notice on the board in the church porch which gives details of services in other churches in the Fiveways Benefice.



Just want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who have donated.

Myself and my niece Becky completed the SHINE walk in London on 24th September in 9 hours and 43 minutes. So far I have raised over £900 and as a team we have raised over £4,000 towards Cancer Research UK. Eva also completed one of the Cancer Research UK Mud Runs in July and raised over £200.

November Bin Collections



Tues 1st November

BLUE and GREEN Bin



Tues 9th November

BLACK Bin



Tues 15th November

BLUE and GREEN Bin



Tues 22nd November

BLACK Bin



Tues 29th November

BLUE and GREEN Bin

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

If anyone would still like to make a donation our Just Giving Page is still open - <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/elaines-giving-page-433>.

Elaine King



A Personal View — August 2022

The Covid restrictions had a dramatic effect on our sports and pastimes, sometimes for the better.

Whilst contact games and sports were by necessity restricted, other pastimes and activities expanded very rapidly. In particular, gardening, walking and rambling, keep fit and personal training all gained ground.

This has prompted me recall the hobbies and pastimes one used to enjoy some sixty or seventy years ago. As schoolchildren, we must have been particularly barbaric. I well remember catching butterflies in a net, then carefully putting the poor insects in a jamjar with crushed laurel leaves then screwing to lid tightly shut. The fumes and lack of oxygen had the obvious result, so one had an unmarked insect for mounting in a collection. Bird's eggs were also very collectable, but thank goodness this wicked hobby was put a stop to in the early 1950s.

I had school chums who collected cigarette cards, cheese labels, railway engine numbers and the more affluent boys were lucky enough to collect Dinky toys. But most of us collected postage stamps. My enthusiasm for stamp collecting carried on certainly through my teens, and most likely into early 20s. Even now, the occasional foray into the albums gives me much pleasure and satisfaction.

Statistics show that angling of one sort or another is the most popular pastime and hobby in the UK. There are over 20 million angling days enjoyed in the UK each year on fresh waters alone. Walking and rambling comes a close second, followed by gardening. From the number of food programmes on television, it seems to me that cooking is rapidly over hauling these pastimes.

Hobbies often develop into a modest lucrative home industry, as can be seen from some of the displays and stands in the annual Eydon Gift Fair which should be taking place around the time you read these notes. Well worth your time visiting Eydon



Village Hall to see some of the interesting hobby and craft items for sale.

In Eydon, we certainly have bags of talent.

John Grindlay

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provided by Anglian Water and the associated impact on the already poor road conditions. He also explained that he was scheduled to meet representatives of Anglian Water and West Northants Council to discuss the water supply issues and worsening roads the following day and would provide feedback to the Parish Council with the intention of a broader strategy to addressing these problems being developed.

The Parish Council thanked him for all the work he had done thus far. Additionally, the opportunity for residents to attend a meeting with representatives of Anglian Water in the Village Hall is currently being pursued.

PC Vacancy

The Parish Council has been looking to fill one vacancy but following Cleeve Jenkins' move away from the village, one has now become two, details may be obtained from the Chairman, keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk if you are interested.

Village Organisations

The need for respective village organisations to

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update their information on the website was also raised as was the possibility of setting up a volunteer group to undertake various 'house-keeping' tasks around the village including the sprucing up of the various benches and interesting artefacts etc.

Planning Matters

Planning applications were received for consultation from West Northants Council, these related to the rebuilding and repair of a stone boundary wall between numbers 11 and 15 on the High Street and the installation of selected replacement doors and windows at number 12 High Street. No concerns were raised by the Parish Council.

The next Meeting of the Parish Council is scheduled for Tuesday the 8th of November, starting at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

First Wednesday — Hell's Bells!

Bert Manton made a welcome return, this time to talk to us about bells of various description. Actually, he was more of an action man than a speaker as he had brought a large assortment of equipment with him, including the old bell from Eydon school, which was cast by Taylors of Loughborough in 1855. Incidentally, Taylors are still going strong and are reputed to be the largest bell founders in the world and have been in existence since the 14c.

Bert managed to secret the bell into the village hall on a sack truck and then arranged a long lever to lift the bell so that it could be rung. It had been established by the bending moment principle that the bell weighed 112lbs (1 cwt). He had brought various other items to demonstrate how church bells were hung and rung.

Talking of ringing, our village church has six bells. These were re-hung in 1981 in a very robust steel frame. The bells start to ring in "rounds" i.e. 123456, but this pattern can be changed — known as change ringing. The number of changes for 6 bells can be up to 720, so the ringers must have a good memory! The meeting concluded with a team of six volunteers ringing hand bells and being "conducted" by Bert. Various tunes were rung including *Twinkle Twinkle Little Star* and *God Save the King*. Some members of the audience even recognised these! The meeting was really enjoyed and well assisted by Bert's usual sense of humour! **SAVED by the BELL**

Richard Forsyth



Eydon Cricket Club

The sweltering summer of 2022 saw no less than eleven fixtures for Eydon Cricket Club. We emerged with six victories and five defeats but more importantly some superb games of cricket played in the best Corinthian spirit. The club is in good health!

Notable highlights were home and away victories against Culworth, a four-game winning streak between July and September during which Culworth, Napton, Badby and Woodford Halse were swept aside, and Eydon twice making over 200 runs as a team with the bowlers of Napton and Woodford Halse on the receiving end. The only fixture in which we lost comprehensively was away at Willoughby; they were a very strong and aggressive side but we held our heads high and enjoyed a cold beer afterwards (without them).

The emphasis is always on the team but one or two individual contributions are certainly worthy of mention. The John and Marcus Thame father and son performance away at Badby was remarkable with both bat and ball. Joe Cox delivered a virtuoso all-rounder performance against Napton at home. The Richards brothers were consistently a handful for the opposition and Will Gulliver and Alex Moss were great contributors in their first season. There were many more one-off moments including remarkable catches and run-outs and some excellent wicket-keeping; the run-out by Charlie Phipps against Napton changed the game and will live long in the memory.

None of this would be possible without the unstinting hard work of Barry McRoberts, Simon Cann, Richard Lewis and others in preparing the wicket and the ground. Particular thanks to Simon for arranging the fixture list and getting a team together, and everyone who played. We are also hugely grateful to the sponsors of Eydon Cricket Club: Atlas Facilities (Adam Banner), Dodds Manor Farm (Jonathan Walker), Eydon Cider Company (Angus Richards) and Dunn's Dough Pizzas (Ben Dunn).





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Next collection
Thurs 3 Nov

Bags will be collected by
the 5-bar gate next to
the church in the morning

