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## Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all Eydonites, old & new!



## UPDATE FROM ST NICHOLAS

As our Rector Paul Trathen will be leaving us in early January, new arrangements are being made for services across the benefice.

We have decided to try to have a communion service in the benefice every Sunday; this will move from church to church in rotation. As there are four vacancies in the Brackley Deanery, retired clergy are being asked to take many services. Lay led service will continue where possible.

Requests for baptisms and funerals should be channeled first to the churchwardens who will liaise with Pam Hicks, our Benefice Administrator,

who is organising the rota of priests to take services and will be able to help.

Pam Hicks and Sue Yates are working together to assist couples who wish to have a church wedding and have been trained to do this.

Please feel free to contact the churchwardens if you need help or have questions.



## Next Issue

### PLEASE NOTE OUR NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

Any articles, muses, diary dates, notices, photos, etc. are very welcome!

#### Please email to:

evn@eydon-village.co.uk

OR

By hand or post to:

Ashview, 3 Byfield Road

Eydon NN11 3PL

### FIRST WEDNESDAY - LAST FOR 2022

This was our final meeting of the year which had seen a very full programme. This started in January with the Festive Lunch at Hellidon Lakes Hotel, followed by 7 monthly speakers, the Jubilee Tea and an outing to Aston Pottery and the home of William Morris at Kelmscott.

Our meeting today included two taxing quizzes, festive refreshments and a Christmas raffle. We were also treated to a large birthday cake by kind permission of David Kench to celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We now look forward to an action packed 2023.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*Richard Forsyth*



## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The December meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 13th December at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were Jonathan Walker, Howard Carter, Kim Keeble, Andy Partridge, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Andy Hartley the Clerk. There were no members of the public in attendance.

During the meeting amongst the items discussed were:

### Water Supply

Further communications had been received from Anglia Water regarding the water supply. Some progress had been made in that investment in the infrastructure had been promised. It was not completely clear whether this was 'reinforcement' or replacement. The Chairman was to write to Anglia proposing the 17th January as an unsuitable date for a public meeting.

### Highways

Andrew Partridge reported that he continued to interact with Highways and continuously report the road defects using the reporting system and the actions carried out.

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# Notes from St Nicholas



## Services for January 2023

### Sunday 1st January

No service at St Nicholas

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Woodford Halse

### Sunday 8th January

11.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

*Rev. Paul's last service in the benefice*

### Sunday 15th January

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Nicholas

### Sunday 22nd January

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Mary's Woodford Halse

### Sunday 29th January

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St Leonard's Aston le Walls

10.30 Café Church at St Nicholas

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

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## Thank You!

A great big thank you to all those who supported our St Nicholas coffee morning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, the bakers, helpers and all those who came and enjoyed the fabulous cakes and chat! Particular thanks go to David and Kim at Oboe who sponsored the event for us and all those who so generously gave for the hampers. There was a fantastic response and we know it is much appreciated.

*Well done Eydon, you are truly a lovely village!*

## January Bin Collections



Tuesday 3rd January  
(Blue bin only, no green waste)



Tuesday 10th January  
Black bin



Tuesday 17th January  
Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 24th January  
Black bin



Tuesday 31st January  
Blue & Green bins

The **Eydon Community Sports Field** would like to thank Savills for their kind donation of £100, to be put towards equipment that is needed. This was acquired by Angie Simmonds, who put our Charity forward to be considered.

## *A Personal View – January 2023*



As the New Year rolls in, I've been taking a look back at one or Village events that Eydon has held over the past decade or two. My thoughts wandered all the way back to the Millennium. Three permanent markers which celebrate the year 2000 come to mind. The first is the Holm Oak tree by the village green, which was mentioned in some previous notes of mine last year; the second is almost beside the Holm Oak, being the "EYDON 2000" standing stone. The third is the Sundial Clock on the south wall of St. Nicholas Church tower.

Whilst commemorating the Millennium, strictly speaking this Sundial wasn't erected in the year 2000, or even in the following year, but unveiled in 2003. So this year is its twentieth anniversary. After a design was approved by the Eydon parochial church council, and a Church faculty was obtained, funds had to be raised.

Choosing a sundial designer and a craftsman was interesting. We chose a talented expert, David Harber. David has his workshop in Oxfordshire, and tackled the task with perfection. First of all, he invited a small group of us to visit Oriel College where we viewed a similar sundial he was proposing for St Nicholas.

The (rather dark) picture shows David Harber (centre) with the late Dr Jeremy Catto from Eydon who was Principal Dean of Oriel (back to camera), and David Kench, PCC member for Works (left).

The second picture shows the Oriel College Millennium sundial already *in situ*. Have another look at the Eydon sundial and you will see the relationship. Over the past 20 years, David Harber has secured his place as the world's leading designer and manufacturer of sundials, outdoor features and similar works of art.

The unveiling ceremony of the Eydon sundial was on an appropriately beautiful sunny day. A union flag was draped over the new work of art, and the idea was that the then oldest Eydon resident would tug a cord at the right moment to reveal the new Sundial. My job was to go to the top of the tower with the flag, and using some thin thread tie the flag to the buttresses at the tower summit so a good pull would break the cotton and the flag would come down at the correct moment.



Not all went to plan. The oldest resident was Ronnie Pettifer (yes, the owner of the walking stick displayed in The Royal Oak), who was profoundly hard of hearing. The Rector, the Rev. Tim Oakley, was to make a short speech followed by a Blessing for the Sundial (presumably to help it keep good time), and Ronnie would then be invited to release the flag. The Rector commenced his speech. Ronnie, thinking that was his cue to unveil, prematurely pulled the cord. I was still hanging onto the cord at the top of the tower, and was taken by surprise. I tripped and let go, nearly falling over in the process. The flag came hurtling down, just missing enveloping the Rector!

So in the hilarity that followed, no-one took any pictures of the unveiling. Nevertheless, Eydon's Millennium Sundial was well and truly unveiled. And it still keeps good time.

*John Grindlay*

## PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

### **The Royal Oak**

The Chairman reported that he had submitted the application for listing as an asset of Community Value. He had not yet been able to determine whether this had been received by West Northants.

### **Recruitment of Parish Clerk**

Progress had been made with formulating the necessary procedures with the working group still to finalise the advert and job description including pay rates.

### **Vacancy on Parish Council**

Councillors were asked to continue to try and find another candidate.

### **Highway verges and Grass cutting**

It was agreed to put this out for tender to 3 contractors for the coming year.

### **Emergency Plan**

It was agreed to draft terms of reference for the formulation of the emergency plan for the Village. It would be necessary to set up working groups and then draw this together in the final plan. Suggestions include Highways, Utilities, etc. The

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# PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Chairman would outline ideas in an article for EVN .

## Planning Matters

Application no  
WNS/2022/2149/FUL

The Old Farmhouse, 25 High Street

Single storey extension & 2 conservation roof lights

No objections were raised to the proposal

Application No  
WNS/2022/2290/FUL

47 Lime Avenue,

2 Storey extension to the front of the house

Eydon Parish Council does not object to the desired improvements to the property but considers the design proposed in the application does not fit with the vernacular appearance of the village and the vista of the property following the alterations, would not be in keeping with that to be expected when viewed from the adjacent Conservation Area.

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 10th January.

**Keith Simmons**  
Parish Council Chairman

## EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

# APPOINTMENT OF CLERK, RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER AND BURIAL GROUND OFFICER

Salary within grade LC2  
(SCP 24 – 28 - £15.16 - £17.05 hourly.)

**Part-time (Minimum 8 hours a week)**

The Parish Council is seeking highly organised and committed applicants to undertake this key role which is responsible for all day-to-day organisation and management of the Council's services, staff, facilities and finances. You will need therefore to be enthusiastic, flexible and community-focused with excellent leadership, management, administrative, inter-personal, accounting and IT skills in order to work successfully with Councillors, external organisations, stakeholders and the community.

Ideally you should possess the CiLCA qualification or a willingness to achieve these and have a sound understanding of local authority, organisation and management.

We offer excellent nationally based terms and conditions of employment for this post, which involves evening and occasional weekend attendance.

**Please call Keith Simmons on 01327 263014 or email [keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk](mailto:keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk) for a recruitment pack and an application form.**

**Closing date for applications: 31 January 2023**

*Eydon Parish Council is an Equal Opportunity Employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.*

## Eydon 200 Club

Below are the results of the October and November draws, including bonus prizes. There are only two more draws for December and January before this 200 club year comes to an end. We then start all over again from February so there is an **entry form on the back of this edition of EVN**. Please take part if you can.

### October Draw

1st prize: Bay & Hermione Harper

2nd prize: Don Hussey

3rd prize: Linda Hedges

*Bonus prizes:*

Tilly Lissilour (dog), Tim Barton

Sue Lodge, David Fitch-Peyton

Phoebe Evans (dog)

### November Draw

1st prize: Amber Morpew (dog)

2nd prize: Pepper & Bella Holman (dogs)

3rd prize: Sue Jobbins

*Bonus prizes:*

Nobal Noakes (horse), Peter Moore

Judith Watson, Robin Brown

Gill & Peter Keenan

If you have any questions regarding the 200 club please contact [elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com)

# ***Eydon 200 Club***

## ***Starts again in February 2023***

The Eydon 200 Club is a licensed lottery (Licence No. 566; SNDC), which donates **50% of the funds it raises to St. Nicholas Church and Eydon Village Hall**. In the past few years, each charity has received at least £400 per year, thanks to your support.

A yearly entry costs just **£12 per number**, and gives you 12 monthly chances to win one of 3 cash prizes. You can make as many entries as you like, so buy tickets for your family, friends and pets. In 2022 there were several extra bonus prizes providing even more chances to win!! The more people that take part the more prize money there is to share.

The first draw of the new 200 club year takes place at the end of February, with subsequent draws taking place at the end of each month.

Entries must reach us by **Wednesday 22 February 2023**. You can sign up by returning your form to Lucy, Denise or Elaine or respond via email to the address below and pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Your support will be greatly appreciated and good luck to you all.

*Elaine Partridge, 28 High Street*                      *or email to [elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com)*  
*Lucy Braddyll, 44 High Street*  
*Denise Palmer, 4 Quarry Close*

I/We wish to participate in the Eydon 200 Club draw  
and enclose £12 per entry for the year commencing February 2023

**Name(s):**

**Amount paid:**

**Address:**

**Preferred numbers (1 -200)**

(numbers are allocated on a first come, first served basis)

**Email address** (if not already provided; in order to contact you via email next year):

**Payment: cheque / cash / bank transfer** (please delete as appropriate)

Cheques payable to ***Eydon 200 Club***

Bank details - Account Name: **Eydon 200 Club**, Sort Code: **09 01 53**, Account Number: **75685480**

If paying by bank transfer please provide proof of payment and send your details via email to [elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com)

Return payment by cash or cheque together with this form to Lucy @ 44 High Street, Denise @ 4 Quarry Close, Elaine @ 28 High Street