



Eydon Village News

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UPDATE FROM ST NICHOLAS



Woodford Larder - Warm Space

We started up in December our Warm Spaces which Operates every Thursday 10.30am – 2pm at 'The Nest', in the grounds of Woodford Halse Primary School on Scrivens Hill. It's open for those over the age of 60 to gather for free, in a warm, safe, welcoming place to spend some time out of their homes. You don't need to be a Member of the Larder to use our Warm Space.

Please do come along and meet people, enjoy various activities and grab a hot drink, soup, sausage roll and some lovely homemade cakes. We even send you home with some home cooked frozen meals!

EYDON SNOWDROPS HOMEMADE CAKES & TEA

SECONDHAND BOOKS & MARMALADE FOR SALE



SUNDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2023
2.00 – 4.30 PM
ST NICHOLAS' CHURCH
EYDON NN11 3PH

Do come and see the wonderful snowdrops in the churchyard; enjoy delicious homemade cakes and tea in the church. Donations to St Nicholas' Church.

Next Issue

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 - FESTIVE

We always celebrate the Christmas season with our Festive Lunch in January and this year was no exception. However this time we had a change of venue when 37 of us dined at Skylark Farm at Staverton.

This is a very pleasant location where the food and service were excellent. The lunch was a good opportunity to have a good old natter to put the world to rights, which by the sound of it was accomplished!

If anyone out there would like to join the Eydon First Wednesday Club please let me know.

Richard Forsyth - 01327 264235 - randjforsthy@gmail.com



Notes from St Nicholas



Services for February 2023

Sunday 5th February

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Benefice Communion at St John the Baptist, Boddington

Sunday 12th February

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 19th February

10.00. 00 Benefice Communion at St Nicholas

Wednesday 22nd February—Ash Wednesday

9.45 Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at Holy Cross, Byfield

18.00 Holy Communion with imposition of ashes at St Mary's Woodford

Sunday 27th February

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Benefice Communion at St Mary's Woodford

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:

Sue Yates

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The January meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were:- , Jonathan Walker, Howard Carter, Andy Partridge, and Gordon Anderson, together with Andy Hartley the Clerk. Apologies were received from Keith Simmons and Kim Keeble. There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

During the meeting amongst the items discussed were:

Water Supply

It was agreed to invite Anglian Water to a public meeting to be held in the Village Hall on the evening of 8th February. (see separate public notice in this issue).

WNC: Financial Budget 2023/24

The Parish Council discussed the budget and it was decided that it was down to individuals to respond to the request for comments.

Recruitment of Parish Clerk

The position is now being advertised and applications are being considered.

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Carol Service

We had a wonderful Carol Service at St Nicholas in December with nearly 80 people in church. Carols were sung merrily and after the service everyone enjoyed mulled wine and mince pies.

The collection raised £240 which was divided between Crisis for Christmas (for the homeless) and the UNHCR for people from Ukraine.

Many thanks to everyone who gave so generously.

February Bin Collections



Tuesday 7th February

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 14th February

Black bin



Tuesday 21st February

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 28th February

Black bin

You will only receive garden waste collections if you pay for the service.

Help is needed to deliver copies of the Eydon Village News. If you are able to help deliver a few copies around the village, it would be very much appreciated.

Please contact Sue McRoberts: 01327 261068.

Thank You.

Eydon Ladies

The Eydon Ladies Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday 18th January 2023 at which a new committee was formed, including Carrie Bedford (Chairman) and Ruth Kukla (Treasurer).

More people are needed to join the committee and anyone interested should contact Carrie at: cbedford2014@gmail.com.

The next meeting will be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm. Annual subscriptions of £15 per person for 2023 will be due at this meeting.

Additional information will be advised in next month's issue of the EVN.



Village Litter Pick - March 18th.

Save the date for this years Litter Pick!

We will meet at **10am at The Royal Oak** and pickers, bags, gloves and hi-viz vests will be provided for you.

We'll re-convene afterwards for light refreshment. More details to follow but please let us know if you are able to join by emailing: jonathan@doddsmanor.com

Thank you in advance! *Jonathan Walker*

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Vacancy on Parish Council

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

Royal Oak: Asset of Community Value nomination:

The Chairman confirmed that the application had been received and that the process was ongoing.

Streetlights' replacement programme:

The Clerk confirmed that the replacement programme was ongoing and that only a few issues remained.

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Fish 'n Chip Lunches

Yes, Fish and chip lunches are back! **Wednesday February 15th.**

Following many requests, and after two years, Fish and Chip lunches are returning, and the first of 2023 will be on Wednesday February 15th in the Sports Field Pavilion from 12:30pm. After lunch, we will have a light-hearted quiz.

There is a choice of fish and chips (of course), or a Chinese chicken dish, or a veggie option. The cost is **now set at £8.00**, which includes a contribution for the use of the pavilion. The cost is payable on the day, *cash only please*.

Reservation is essential, as places will be limited.

Please phone or email John Grindlay without delay, on (01327) 260303, or 07836 502756, or email: john@grindlay.org.uk



Contributors Wanted!

The Eydon Village News may be a great source of events and news about Eydon and surrounding villages, but we'd like to hear YOUR stories too! Are you new to the village? Would you like to introduce yourself or your family? Do you have any stories, observations or ditties you'd like to share?

Then email us at: evn@eydon-village.co.uk or write to us at: EVN, Ashview, 3 Byfield Road, Eydon, NN11 3PL

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Highways

Andrew Partridge highlighted numerous issues that he had raised with WNDC in an attempt to improve the pot hole situation in and around the village. Although it felt progress was slow there had been positive engagement with the WNDC representatives and some repairs had been acknowledged as required.

Parish Budget 2023/4

A sub-committee meeting is to be held to discuss the future budget which will be based on the current budget but would need to acknowledge some costs such as power charges and wages will increase.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 14th February.

Jonathan Walker

Eydon Parish Council



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 Councilors, 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 for a recruitment pack and an application form.

Closing date for applications: 17th February 2023

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

**OPEN MEETING WITH ANGLIAN WATER ON WEDNESDAY
8th FEBRUARY AT 7.30pm IN EYDON VILLAGE HALL**

Eydon Parish Council would like to invite ALL RESIDENTS to attend a meeting with Anglian Water to discuss the ongoing water supply issues, and to engage directly with members of Anglian Water management.

DOORS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AT 7.15pm.

**GWEN BISHOP MEMORIAL 5k FUN RUN
IN AID OF CANCER RESEARCH
SUNDAY 9th JULY AT 11am**



"Recently I was thinking to myself about memories I had of Gwen in relation to the sports field to which she was very supportive. Also the many happy memories of which Sue and myself have of her having organised several fun runs in relation to the sports field in the past.

I thought I could organise a fund raiser for cancer research in her name... so come on you runners and get those running shoes on!"

**START & FINISH IN THE SPORTSFIELD
3 LAPS OF THE VILLAGE**

Sponsorship forms from Barry McRoberts: microberts458@btinternet.com 01327 261068

Woodford Halse Community Library

Did you know, that with your Northamptonshire Libraries' library card, you can borrow a book/audio book from any library in the county and return it to any library in the county, including your Community Library in Woodford Halse?

If you aren't a member yet, come in and JOIN!! It brings you so much more than just books, come and find out what we have to offer. If you need help with your bus pass, we are here to help you.

We also run the following activities at the library:

Rhymetime for under 5s Tuesday afternoon from 2:30pm-3pm weekly, during term time.

The Library Craft group meets fortnightly on Tuesdays 10am -12 midday (7th & 21st Feb)

In addition, the library is now a designated "warm space" during opening hours. You can enjoy a free hot drink or cuppa soup with games and jigsaws available for those who might be interested. A computer is at hand, as are children's craft activities.

A new support hub started on Wednesday 18th Jan and is continuing to run fortnightly at the library. This is a chance for those coming to the local area due to the war in Ukraine to gain advice and meet up. A support worker from West Northants Council will be available 10am – 12midday (1st & 15th in Feb) for those who would like to call in.

In February we will also be holding a Half-term Crafting Day for kids - Monday 13th Feb 10-3pm

Please see our Facebook page for more details.

Library Opening Times are as follows:

Wednesdays 10am-2pm

Thursdays and Fridays 2-5pm

Saturdays 10am -12 midday

If you would like to volunteer in the library there are lots of different roles for you to consider. Please do pop in and ask one of our team of volunteers who work in the Community Library.

For more information contact: Robyn 07855245665



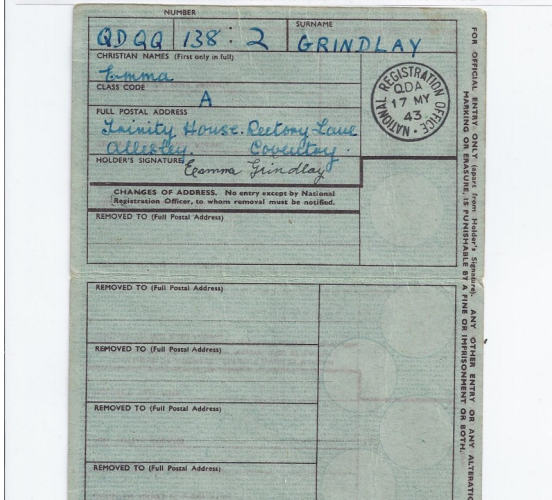
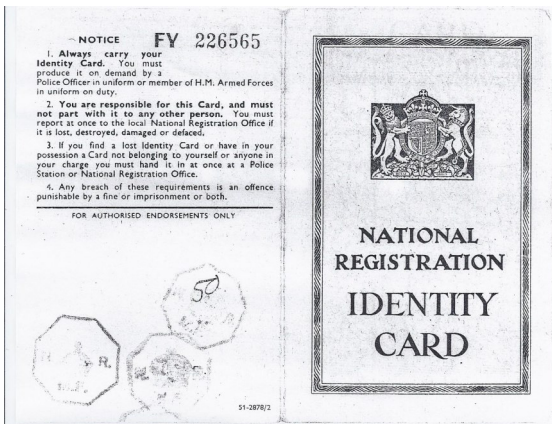
A Personal View... February 2023

Some weeks ago, we watched a film on TV about the German occupation of the Channel Islands during WW2. In fact, we had seen "The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society" at the cinema in 2018 when it was first released.

The film highlights the food shortage and subsequent rationing on the island. This brought back some memories of rationing at home, in Warwickshire. So I began to ferret around looking for an old ration book, in vain. But I came across a Membership badge for "The Beddgelert Custard Pie Society". This exclusive organisation would have been about as select as The Guernsey Potato Peel membership, and of similar vintage.



The B.C.P.S. drew its membership from a small group of like-minded mountaineers and hill walkers who were in the habit of gathering on a regular basis every Easter, in the pretty Snowdonia mountain village of Beddgelert. As a young boy, I was lucky enough to be the only junior member. My parents took me to Wales for our week's Easter holiday, staying in a small guest house in the village.



Annually on Easter Monday, we gathered in Beddgelert Village Hall with the object enjoying some friendly banter, and to consume quantities of custard pies. These were off-ration, as they were all home produced.

The hand-painted badge (in blue, green, red, white and custard yellow) depicts Snowdon against a blue sky, with a large custard pie at the foot. I recall the badges were crafted by a lady (Pam Williams, I think) who later married a Robert Cheney from Deddington. Robert's family owned a printing works in Banbury. Older readers may recall the business. This was a true custard pie romance.

In my ferreting, I did come across a National Identity Card issued in 1943, to my grandmother.

Surely, there is no good reason why Identity Cards shouldn't be used these days? They could replace all the stream of identity papers we are sometimes required to produce when banking, driving, purchasing alcohol, and dealing with government and other organisations.

Eydon is blessed with wealth of voluntary clubs and activities, but thankfully no identity cards are needed to participate...

John Grindlay

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*

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

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