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£1080 RAISED FOR UKRAINE AT ENGLAND v FRANCE FUNDRAISER!

WHAT A RESULT!

Thanks to the sterling efforts of Barry McRoberts and Simon Cann, an incredible £1080 was raised to help fund the purchase and refurbishment of a 4x4 pick-up that will shortly be leaving for Ukraine.

Organisers Steve and the team from the Star Inn at Sulgrave purchased the vehicle in Devon, brought it back to Northamptonshire and made it roadworthy complete with a fresh MOT. They brought the vehicle to the Village Hall on 11th March, where they showed some informative and somewhat moving footage of their last trip to Ukraine when 4 vehicles loaded with medical supplies, generators, and other essentials made the trip over the Ukrainian border.

Following the video, the England v France game was screened (the less said about that, the better) accompanied with hot dogs, burgers, and local Eydon cider.

The organisers would like to extend their thanks to all those who contributed their time, products, and support.

Next Issue

Deadline for future articles is the 3rd Friday of the month.

Please email to:

evn@eydon-village.co.uk

OR

By hand or post to:

Ashview, 3 Byfield Road

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Notes from St Nicholas



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The March meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 14th March at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

The Councillors present were: Jonathan Walker, Kim Keeble, Gordon Anderson, Andy Partridge, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Andy Hartley the Clerk . There were three members of the public in attendance.

During the meeting amongst the items discussed were:

Parish Council Clerk

Andy Hartley has decided to step aside from the role he has carried out since 2013. The Chairman recorded his personal and the Councils thanks for his excellent service over this period and invited him to attend the Parish Assembly where an award would be made on behalf of the Village.

Parish Clerk Recruitment

A decision to offer the post to one of the 2 applicants was made and the Chairman would contact the applicant. An announcement regarding the new Clerk will be made in due course.

Water Supply

The Chairman reported on the response from the Chief

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Services for April 2023

Sunday 2nd April—Palm Sunday

10.00 Ecumenical procession and Holy Communion at St Leonard's Aston le Walls - Meet at end of Main Street.

Sunday 9th April—Easter Day

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

Sunday 16th April

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 23rd April

10.00 Holy Communion with Rev Geoff Moore at St John's, Boddington

3.00pm Annual Church meeting at Byfield Village Hall

Sunday 30th April

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion

Please contact 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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Easter egg trail in churchyard of St Nicholas

Come and spot the eggs and find out the story of Easter. Small reward at the end of trail!

From Sunday 2nd April.

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? 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

April Bin Collections



Tuesday 4th April

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 11th April

Black bin



Tuesday 18th April

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 25th April

Black bin

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

Eydon Art Group



Would you like to come and join a friendly art group? Meeting in the village hall for painting, drawing or whatever media you prefer to use.

Thursday afternoons 2 – 4

Starting soon

For more details contact Lyn on 01327 261164 or lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk

Eydon Knits

Thanks to Sue for hosting our last meeting.

The next meetings of Eydon Knits will be on:

**Thursday 20th April,
Evening meeting at
7.30pm, The Old
School, 8 School Lane,
Eydon.**



Contact Juliet 07976 744114 or Sue 01327 261535

Bring along some knitting / crochet or just come to chat.

New members welcome, we range from novice knitters to experts,

Release your inner knit!!!

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Executive of Anglian Water Peter Simpson. The full letter is available on the village website.

Mr. Simpson outlined the Company's position regarding the replacement supply which is now in their capital expenditure programme 2023 -24, which hopefully means implementation this year.

It was agreed to accept the revised offer of a goodwill payment of £9000 to the Village. It was agreed that the Chairman and Cllr Partridge would construct a reply and continue the pressure to achieve resilience through a second feed.

Highways

Cllr Partridge reported that he continued to interact with Highways and continuously report the road defects using the reporting system and the actions carried out. He also reported on the poor repairs being carried out and would continue to apply pressure. The Council thanked him for his work on this difficult task.

Pedestrian access to the sports field

This was again discussed, and it was agreed to investigate further options regarding matters pertaining to this.

Vacancy on Parish Council

It was discussed that an interested party could be co-opted at the next meeting which would give a full complement of councillors.

Emergency Plan

The working group to discuss this had not yet met, a date still to be agreed.

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Friends of Woodford Halse Community Library

The Friends of Woodford Halse Community Library has kindly offered to continue to provide free refreshments (tea/coffee/cup of soup/biscuits), after the end of the Warm Spaces initiative.

Please do drop in and meet our team and spend some time in the library (games and jigsaws available to enjoy). It is free to join the library, and you can borrow e-books, audiobooks, and browse and borrow books from our library too!

You can receive assistance from one of the library volunteers for new/renewal of bus passes or blue badges. Please ring the library to confirm what documents you need to bring with you when you visit the library.

The library will be closed on the following dates:

Good Friday – April 7th Easter Saturday – April 8th

Library Activities in April

Library Craft Group – Meeting 10-12noon, Tuesday 4th & 18th April and 2nd May. Bring your own craft project or come and join in with one of our projects. Everyone is welcome to attend and enjoy meeting up with likeminded "crafters".

Rhymetime for the Under 5's-2:30-3pm, every Tuesday during term time. 18th, 25th April and 2nd May. Everyone is very welcome to attend and meet up with other parent's/grandparents and little ones. Anyone interested in helping with the Rhymetime sessions please do drop in and have a chat with Susan (our wonderful Rhymetime leader).

Singing in Harmony- Thursday evenings at 7pm. We have a few places available in our group and we would love to welcome new singers (male and female). Our music is varied, and in harmony. No previous singing or reading of music required, just an enthusiasm to sing!! For more information, please ring David on 07394127538, or pop into the library and have a chat with one of our volunteers.

Easter Crafts for Youngsters- Easter crafts will be running in the library during the Easter school holidays. Please see our Facebook page for details.

All activities are free and delivered by the Friends of Woodford Halse Community Library. Donations to their funds are always appreciated. Donations of second-hand books are also very welcome.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Planning matters

Application WNS/2023/0260/
OUT

Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for a self-build dwelling on Moreton Road

The Parish Council suggested a change in the design regarding the garage position and welcomed the commitments within the application in regard to the Village Design Statement but had no objections.

King Charles 111 Coronation weekend

Preparations were continuing, and the road closure for the street party on Sunday 7th May had been applied for. The presentation mug design was approved.

Annual litter pick

All arrangements were in place for the litter pick on the 18th March which was well attended. Thanks to Jonathan Walker for organising and providing refreshments.

The Village Fete

It had been agreed to hold a fete this year, a committee had been formed and the date set for 3rd September. The Council agreed to assist with the bottle stall.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 11th April in the Village Hall.

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman



The Eydon plant fair is coming soon!

A wide range of vegetable and ornamental plants will once again be available to buy on the grass leading up to St Nicholas Church with refreshments in the church itself.

Saturday 20th May from 10am.

A good selection of perennials, annual vegetables and flowers, shrubs and plants not available in garden centres.

All raised in Eydon and mostly organically grown.

Growers -if you would like to help by giving your surplus plants or helping to raise plants from seeds it would be much appreciated! All proceeds to St Nicholas Church

Details from Lyn Evans 01327 261164



Fish 'n Chip Lunches

Some 16 of us enjoyed the March Fish 'n Chip lunch, in the Sports Field Pavilion. The quiz was set by Sarah & Ken Fowler, and was won (you've guessed it!), by Judith Watson.

April Lunch will be the last of "the Season", and will be on Wednesday April 19th, in the Pavilion from 12:30pm.

We will then take a summer break, and hopefully resume on October 18th. The aim is to hold the October lunch in the Club House at the sailing club on Boddington reservoir. Watch this space....

Please reserve your space for the April 19th lunch with John Grindlay, on 01327 260303, or john@grindlay.org.uk John Grindlay



EYDON CRICKET CLUB—2023 FIXTURES

23rd April H v Buckingham Town CC

30th April H v AS Foxhill Fm XI

7th May H v Culworth CC

11th May H v Alpine F1 CC (18.00)

21st May A v Everdon CC

4th June H v Badby & Farthingstone CC

18th June H v Bedworth CC

Eydon 200 Club

Here we are at the start of another 200 club year and a big thank you to everyone who has entered.

If you want to join there is still time to do so for the remainder of the year, so please contact: elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com

Again **we have donated £450** to each of the two beneficiaries, St Nicholas Church and Eydon Village Hall. We can also run the usual 12 draws during the year but can provide five bonus prizes each month as well.

Below are the results of the first draw that took place at the end of February, including bonus prizes.

December draw

1st prize: Beanie Wilkins (dog)

2nd prize: Ann Morphew

3rd prize: Carol Barnes

Bonus prizes:

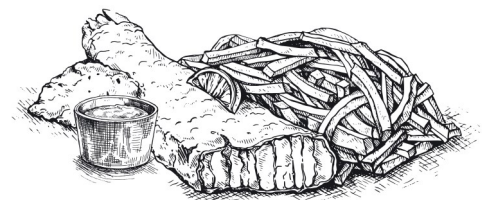
Bruno Walker (dog)

Helen McNeill

Margot Walker (dog)

Angus Richards

Elaine Partridge



Eydon Ladies



Eydon Ladies next meeting is on Wednesday 19th April at 7.30pm in Eydon Village Hall. It's our first meeting since the AGM in January and the new committee has been working hard to create a full programme of interesting speakers and other activities for the rest of the year so please come along and find out what is in store.

At our April meeting Carole Justice Gray will be explaining how Chi Kung reduces stress. I don't know about you but I certainly need that from time to time!

It's also time to pay your subscription for the year, a reduced sum of £15, as we haven't been able to hold meetings in February or March. If you're not certain Eydon Ladies is for you, or are coming to one of our Open evenings (at which everyone is welcome-friends, family, husbands and partners), the guest fee is just £3 per evening.

So if you've lived in the village for decades or have just moved in - come along. It's an opportunity to make new friends, maybe find a new interest or hobby, or simply get out of the house for an evening.

Carrie Bedford Chairperson—Email: eydonladies@eydon-village.co.uk—01327 262706

FIRST WEDNESDAY – CANONS ASHBY

The National Trust took over Canons Ashby in 1981 when it was in quite a poor state, but since then there have been considerable improvements.

Our speaker today, Isobel Palmer from Rugby, has been a volunteer for over 20 years and she has witnessed some of these improvements at first hand.

Some of these include small items like carpets on the stairs or special picnic tables for wheelchairs, but others are more substantial like the lovely flower gardens and vegetable patch, a children's play area, a second-hand bookshop, the revamped cafe and the shop. Behind the scenes the volunteers (mostly retired teachers!) have established a flower team, a family history group, a walking group, and Friends of Canons Ashby.

The Priory was founded in 12c for 13 canons, hence the name. Most monasteries had fishponds and Canons Ashby is no exception. There are two lakes in the grounds and when the monks wanted a fish tea they removed some to the stew ponds behind the church in order to clean them.



These stew ponds still exist, and they can be visited by arrangement.

Isobel's talk was presented in a most interesting way accompanied by a good selection of slides, which members enjoyed.

Richard Forsyth

ANYONE FOR TENNIS?!

Byfield Tennis Club will be holding an open afternoon on April 29th 2023 from 2pm

Calling all residents of Byfield and the surrounding villages –

If you are interested in joining your local tennis club you are invited to come along to meet club members, have a knock about, talk about tennis opportunities and see what we have on offer. We are actively looking for new members of all standards from social to team level players.

Contact: info@byfieldtennis.co.uk or visit our website at: www.byfieldtennis.co.uk

Russell Dadson BTC chairman





A Personal View...

April 2023

It has been some years since Eydon Village Hall has hosted Art Groups and Classes within its walls. The likes of Judith Watson, and the late Jim Hollington, used to be heavily involved in organising such popular and well-attended sessions.

The recent revival of Painting and Art group meetings, organised by Lyn Evans, will I hope be a popular addition to the list of activities and events in our busy village. In 1986, the Village Hall hosted an art exhibition of pictures painted by villagers and nearby artists. There I purchased a watercolour of Canons Ashby House, the work of a local artist Richard Beckett. With his permission, the picture was used to produce a decorative tray, some of which were sold in the Canons Ashby shop very soon after the House was reopened after restoration. I recently took the picture out of its frame to clean the glass and remove the "thunder flies" which somehow or other seem to be able to find their way even to the inside of the frame. On the back of the picture was the name, address, and number of the artist Beckett. On impulse, I telephoned the number shown. After several rings a gentleman answered, and to my surprise it was the very same artist. He is now an alert 95-year-old and anxious to talk about this painting, amongst others. He said that 40 years or so ago, he was able to generate quite a reasonable income from his hobby. So, budding Eydon artists, you may now be on a winner by joining the new Painting Group!



Not all paintings meet with approval of the Sitters. For my Mother's 50th birthday in 1963, my Dad commissioned an oil portrait of her, by a local artist. After several sittings and considerable expense, the "masterpiece" was presented and unveiled. Sadly, Mum didn't take kindly to the resulting efforts, and the picture after being dutifully displayed in a corner of their drawing-room, was, after a year or two, quietly consigned to an attic. There it remained for a further 30 years till the attics were cleared out. I then took possession and gave it to a cousin, who reluctantly accepted it, only to return it to me after a polite couple of years. So, Mum now resides on a back-room wall.

This portrait's life has outlasted that of the infamous portrait of Sir Winston Churchill commissioned by the Houses of Parliament to commemorate the illustrious parliamentarian's 80th birthday in 1954. The artist was Graham Sutherland (of Coventry Cathedral's tapestry fame) who was asked to paint a full length portrait of the great man. Apparently, Churchill got tired of so many sittings, and impatience won. The unveiling took place amid a glare of publicity.

Sutherland depicted Churchill in sitting position, and cut him off below the knees. Rather than being hung in parliament, Churchill had the picture taken to Chartwell, and after a few months it mysteriously vanished for ever. Apparently, Churchill had instructed his secretary to chop it into bits and burn it!

Sutherland had many works not consigned to a similar fate. Amongst some, I am reliably informed that he painted Canons Ashby House prior to the National Trust restoration. Sutherland was friendly with Lois Osman, the well-known tenant of Canons Ashby in the 1960's. When Osman was heavily committed with the making of the Prince of Wales crown for Charles's Investiture in Caernarvon Castle, Sutherland was in the habit of visiting often with (un)helpful suggestions as to the design. Sutherland had "form." An early 1960's design for a new cross for Ely Cathedral which was to have been made by Osman was altered on suggestions by Sutherland. As a result, Ely Cathedral rejected the final design and the project was abandoned. Osman told Sutherland to go and get on with some painting, and let him do his gold and silver work. So, if anyone knows now where Sutherland's paintings of Canons Ashby are, it would be very interesting.

The wheel goes the full circle, and this is not an April Fool!

John Grindlay

A Peal of Bells in Eydon on Mon 17th April.

In mid April the St Nicholas church tower in Eydon will welcome an attempted peal for a little over three hours in the afternoon. This is a part of Northamptonshire Peal Week which runs for 7 days every April, with 13 peal attempts!

St Nicholas church will be sharing in this mammoth attempt with St Mary's church in Woodford Halse, where the ringers will also be attempting a peal that same morning.

According to The Ringing World, this will be only the 9th peal ever rung at Eydon, the first on 30th August 1930 and the most recent on 21st November 2009, thirteen years ago.

Unlike a peal of laughter or a peal of thunder, a peal of bells is a longer and more tuneful performance of the skills of bell ringing, meeting exacting conditions for duration, complexity and quality.

The Eydon tower has six medium-weight bells, which gives 720 permutations of the sequence in which they can be rung in a row. This must be performed seven times over, whilst meeting set rules and conditions, to achieve 5,040 changes. This is an example of change ringing, which takes between two



years and a lifetime to fully master!

If you are enamoured by the tuneful noise our bells can produce, you are welcome to join us for Monday practice sessions and to receive supervised training in its rudimentary and more advanced skills.

Contact Gary Denby, Churchwarden on 01327 264002.

**EYDON
VILLAGE
FETE**

— FROM NOON ON SUNDAY —
3rd September 2023

EYDON VILLAGE FETE IS BACK FOR 2023!

Following on from last years Jubilee celebrations when it was decided to forego holding the annual fete, a new committee has now been formed and the date has been agreed as Sunday 3rd September.

The success of the fete relies heavily upon like-minded residents to come together and help in many different ways, so if you'd like to get involved please get in touch with the Chair, Henrietta Nelson at:

nelsonhenrietta@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you!

Eydon Village Fete Committee

Village Working Groups

The Parish Council would like to establish a set of 'working groups'.

The first of these will be based around monitoring, coordinating and communicating with Utilities Companies in respect of their primary activities which effect the village. There are currently issues ongoing with Anglian Water and Highways and this could be broadened out to include other utility providers to the village. This is not aimed at dealing with any individual complaint, but to tackle these large organisations through the Parish Council in respect of their overall performance or planned / promised improvement to the systems supporting the village.

The second group would meet regularly (maybe monthly) to identify and deal with a miscellaneous range of activities around the village that don't seem to fall into any individual organisation's remit, for example clearance of footpaths and run-off channels to road drainage gullies.

I shall coordinate the establishment of these working groups, so anyone who is interested in joining in or has a suggestion for other groups that may be useful to the village please contact me via e-mail - andrew.partridge@eydon-village.co.uk



Anglian Water— Feedback from open meeting and PC correspondence to the Chief Executive.

Last month I wrote about the meeting we had with Anglian Water and published the link to my full letter. We have now had a response that you can read in full on the village website. It explains their position, which basically is they will replace the main from Culworth, at the same time checking the rest of the main to the corner of Lime Avenue and replace where necessary, and this is now firmly in their capital cost plan for 2023/4 - so hopefully sooner rather than later.

With regards to a second feed to the village, that is not yet in their plan. Rest assured however, that the Parish Council will not ease up on them to add this to the network and give Eydon the resilience it needs.

They have also increased substantially their goodwill gesture to a sum of £9000, which the PC has voted to accept.

Keith Simmons—Chairman, Eydon Parish Council



Image © Pete Lassoff

Thoughts - Parish Council Chairman - in a personal capacity

As our thoughts turn to spring, a time for renewal and change, this is true on the Parish Council we will soon have a new Clerk - our only paid employee, the rest of us act in a voluntary capacity. I want to pass on thanks on behalf of the residents of Eydon, to Andy Hartley for his advice, support and wise counsel over the ten years he has held the post.

But, I was once told in my youth - a long time ago - 'there is nothing as certain as change' - a pearl of wisdom I certainly have found to be true. We will have a new Clerk who will be different and bring a new perspective. We have also had new people on the Parish Council, and I am quietly confident it will give all of the long serving members a boost.

You will see elsewhere that Anglian Water have increased their goodwill gesture to the Village, and it begs the question; what that should money be used for? Personally I think it would go a long way to achieving a proper footpath from the corner of Lime Avenue to the large gate at the sports field alongside the cemetery. It will certainly need extra funding to complete, but would be a fine legacy for the coronation year of King Charles III. Enabling safe and easy access for all - especially parents with buggies etc. Just my idea! We will see what other ideas there are.

Plans are under way to hold another street party on Sunday 7th May - just like buses you wait for ten years and then two come along! I'm sure we will do the King proud, the bunting out and a loyal toast.

The table organisation worked well last year - it's better to know numbers in advance so we can get the road sorted before the start. It would be great if the tables shifting volunteers are available again to get that sorted - you know who you are! The road closure is all day on the Sunday so vehicles will need to be moved as last year.

Thanks in advance for cooperating, it will soon be here!

Keith Simmons