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Charles III Coronation Street Party—Sunday 7th May 2023.

The Eydon Coronation Street Party is to take place in a similar fashion to last years Jubilee event, in the **High Street at 12.30pm.**

Once again, we need to know numbers so we can set the tables up in advance. If you want to join in, please email: keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk. It really helped last year.

There will be entertainment provided by the **Eydon Mummies** during the Party.

In addition we are holding a **Crown Making Competition** - At least 2 classes open to both **Children and Adults**. Get your creative juices working and enter - it could be fun! Prizes will be awarded and the crowns will be displayed and judged during the street party by Eydon's very own **John Wolfe**, who will be looking for effort, attention to detail, originality and a fun element!

For **full details** of timings, road closures etc please see the notice on **Page 2** of this edition.

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

Eydon NN11 3PL

**Sunday 7th May
at 10.00am**

Come and **celebrate the Coronation** of Kings Charles III
with us **at St Nicholas**
before the street party later that day.

All welcome!



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The April meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 11th April at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were :- , Jonathan Walker, Kim Keeble, Gordon Anderson, Andy Partridge, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Steve Fox , the Council's newly recruited Clerk. One member of the public in attendance.

Parish Council Clerk

The chairman introduced the new Village Clerk Steve Fox, Steve is a long standing member of the Eydon community having lived in the Village for over 20 years.

The Chairman welcomed him to his first Council meeting and the Council wished him well.

During the meeting the amongst the items discussed were :

Village Hall

The member of the public raised an item regarding the operating budget for the Village hall and it's impact on the various users of the hall and the Solvency of the Village

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King Charles III Coronation Street Party Sunday 7th May 2023 Schedule & Information

Event Details

12.30: Start—Bring your own picnic, beverages, cakes, crockery etc!

13.00: Parish Council Chairman address and Loyal Toast - Followed by the National Anthem

The Eydon Mummers will be putting on one of their inimitable performances - their intention is to do it twice, once at each end of the table run.

Crown competition display, judging and award of prizes.

Road Closure - High Street & Parking Arrangements:

The High Street will be closed to traffic from 0900 on Sunday 7th May until the end of the Street Party and clearing up. This is an official road closure properly applied for and granted by West Northants Council.

The plan is to set up tables from the Village Hall towards The Green.

We need ALL cars from Doctors Lane onwards towards The Green off the road by 10.00 am at the latest on Sunday morning.

Cars can be parked with kind permission at the ménage at Dodds Manor Farm - accessed via Doctors Lane and through the Farmyard. You could park on Lime Avenue or neighbours drives etc, but it would be great to have it clear from Doctors Lane.

Thank you for your cooperation - fingers crossed for the weather !

Good luck everyone - God Save the King

Keith Simmons

Parish Council Chairman—Email: keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk

A Right ROYAL
Carry On!
SAT MAY 6TH
EYDON VILLAGE HALL 7.30PM
TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eydon-players/t-rpqmrdz>
OR ON THE DOOR £5, UNDER 16s £2.50
LICENSED BAR

Notes from St Nicholas



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Services for May 2023

Sunday 7th May

10.00 Special service to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles

Sunday 14th May

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 21st May

9.30 Café Church

Sunday 28th May Pentecost

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

10.30 Morning Prayer at St Nicholas

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:

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Hall. A wide ranging discussion took place.

Water Supply

The Chairman reported that he and Cllr Partridge had drafted the response which will be sent to Anglian Water.

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. He also reported that a Customer Services Manager from highways had visited the Village and marked out some areas for future action within the next six months. 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 take legal advice regarding matters pertaining to this, the Clerk was to gather the necessary information prior to the advice being sought.

Co-option of Councillor

Roddy Owen-Smith was co-opted onto the Council which now has a full

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**Eydon
Plant Fair**

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 homemade cake in the church itself.

Saturday 20th May
10 - 12
Proceeds to St Nicholas Church

The Gwen Bishop Memorial Fun Run in aid of Cancer Research

will be held on Sunday 9th July at 11.00 am

Start and Finish in the Sports Field

3 laps of the Village.

Sponsorship Forms from Barry McRoberts

01327 261068 Thank you, Barry

May Bin Collections



Tuesday 2nd May

Black bin



Tuesday 9th May

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 16th May

Black bin



Tuesday 23rd May

Blue & Green bins



Tuesday 30th May

Black bin

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

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complement of
Councillors.

King Charles III Coronation Weekend celebrations:

Cllr Anderson advised that 72 Coronation mugs have been purchased and received. These are in the first instance free for children and young adults U18. He will advertise their availability via EVN etc.

Cllr Partridge is confirming with property owners that there are no issues with regard to bunting being attached to properties.

Cllr Anderson advised that Eydon Players requested financial support with regard to their production of a Coronation review. After a discussion, it was agreed that this would not be an appropriate use of funds.

Village Working Groups

Cllr Partridge advised no further volunteers had come forward, he would continue to pursue the matter.

Planning matters

There were no matters to discuss .

Grass verge and Tree location map

Cllr Partridge had circulated these to allow identification of all trees that the Council had

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Eydon Knits

The May meeting of Eydon Knits will be at 18 High Street on **Thursday 25th May**, between 2-4pm.

Bring your knit/crochet work or just come to talk!

Please 'book' a seat with Sue Lodge: kevnsuel@gmail.com

Contact Juliet 07976 744114 or Sue 01327 261535

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

Release your inner knit!!!



King Charles III Coronation Mugs



It has been the custom in Eydon for the Parish Council to present to all young people in the Village with a free commemorative mug to mark previous royal celebrations.

The current council has continued this practice and the above design - suitably customised for Eydon - is the chosen choice. We now have these available for collection!

If your household has young people below the age of 18, please let us know how many by email - address below - or drop a note into Ashview, 3 Byfield Road.

Also, If you wish **to purchase** any of these commemorative mugs, again we need to know how many you would like - they are priced at £10.00 each.

Gordon Anderson

Eydon Parish Council

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EYDON CRICKET CLUB—2023 FIXTURES

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

2nd July H v Marton CC

16th July A v Culworth CC ☑

19th July H v Napton CC (18.00)

30th July H v Blakesley CC

13th Aug A v Badby & Farthingstone CC

27th Aug A v Napton CC (40 overs + T's)

10th Sept H v Bourton & Frankton CC

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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responsibility and identify the areas where contractors were to grass cut.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 9th May in the Village hall

**Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman**

FIRST WEDNESDAY – POLAND

In 1991 Phil Wilkinson, from Leighton Buzzard, had intended to cycle to Turkey. Unfortunately, somewhere along the way he took a wrong turning and finished up in Poland!

It was in 1991 that Poland ceased to be a Communist state and became a democracy with elections later that year. On entering Poland, Phil soon realised that the country of 37m was in a poor state. Apparently, 1m of the population was drunk!

The Polish currency, the Zloty, was worthless and inflation was sky high. After a while, Phil managed to obtain a teaching post and then secure some lodgings. At this time, the commercial world was trying to emulate the West by slightly changing the names of supermarkets and eating places,

like Albi (not Aldi) and Roebuck trainers (not Reebok) and Mr. Beef as opposed to McDonalds. There were a lot of beggars on the streets but apparently these were Romanians and not Poles, who are a very proud nation.

Phil's talk was accompanied by some interesting slides.

Richard Forsyth



Eydon Ladies held their first meeting with the newly-formed committee at the Village Hall on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

We are delighted to say that the evening was very well attended and everyone enjoyed the enthusiastic talk given by Carole Justice Grey on Stress Reduction and Chi Kung. We even had a few minutes to practice a basic method of 'calming'!

Carrie Bedford (chairperson) outlined the programme for the rest of 2023 which

includes an exciting variety of events, talks and workshops. Something is planned for every month on the 3rd Wednesday, with the **next meeting being on 17th May at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. The speaker will be John Courtney-Thompson on The Sealed Knot – Re-enactment and it will offer an opportunity to have a glimpse into everyday life at the time of the English Civil War. Although hosted by Eydon Ladies, all are welcome – members, friends, partners, husbands, neighbours – with guests paying just £3 for the evening.

So why not put the evening of 17th May in your diaries for a fun-filled social event? We look forward to seeing you there for a relaxed and informative evening when we will all have an opportunity to learn about life in the 17th century and talk to others over a cuppa.

Carrie Bedford - Chairperson

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





A Personal View...

May 2023

These series of snapshots of life began at the outbreak of the Covid lockdown way back in April 2020. Readers have endured three years of my scattered notes, and I'm now embarking on my fourth year, unless the editor decrees otherwise...

The Coronation which is already upon us, is a time for celebration. Not just a celebration of crowning a new King (& Queen), but also a celebration of life itself. This is because there would be no Coronation unless there had been a death first (or abdication): that of the late Queen.

In a rather a morbid way, these thoughts made me ponder of some of the more stupid things I've done in past times which could, in retrospect, have led to an early demise. I described my shipwreck adventure in the Hebrides (EVN, August 2021) which given the circumstances at the time could have been my last sailing trip.

Water played a significant part in another near miss some 40 or more years ago, which to this day still gives me the willies. Winter 1980 was quite severe, and Boddington reservoir had frozen over. One Sunday afternoon we took a family walk around the Pool. I forbade our two daughters to go on the ice, but stupidly threw a stick for our Labrador to recover. Ben excitedly retrieved the stick and wanted another go. A bit further this time and, to our horror, the ice gave way and Ben was in the water. He couldn't get out, and was struggling. Despite severe protestations from my wife, I crawled over the ice towards the poor dog. I had nearly reached him when CRACK, and I too was in about 8 feet of icy water. I remember sinking to the bottom and coming up again with the dog by me, and scrabbling at my shoulders to remain afloat. My wife yelled at the children to run to the road to get some help. By good fortune, they stopped a passing farmer who had a length of rope in his Land Rover. He took out the driver's seat cushion which had a wooden base which floated, and tied the rope to the cushion. After a few attempts, they hurled the rope and cushion in my direction. I was able to grab it, hold on to it, and was pulled up onto the ice and was recovered. The dog remained gripping on to me, so we were both rescued. I lost track of time, but must have been in the water for over 20 minutes in all.



There was no ice involved a few years later, when my wife and I spent a few days in Zululand at a small lodge in a game reserve. We took an evening ride in a rather old Land Rover with a Guide, looking for game to photograph. The sun sets very quickly in those parts. One minute it is quite bright, then within a half hour it is total darkness. The pictures were taken just before sunset, after which we were to drive back to our quarters. Our Guide turned on the vehicle lights, whereupon everything stopped. All was dark, and with no engine, we were stuck in the jungle!

I had some experience with old Land Rovers, and knew that the ignition was powered almost directly from the battery. So, if we were to isolate the faulty light circuit, we could most likely start the motor. Our Guide had some matches and I also found I had a small torch in my coat pocket. With a knife, we unscrewed the headlight wires. Sure enough, with a bit of fiddling which included hitting the battery terminals with the heel of a shoe, the engine started. Under very weak torchlight, we eventually found our way back to camp. I wasn't looking forward to a night in the jungle.

So, let's celebrate life fully at this Coronation time!

John Grindlay

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED – CHURCHYARD MOWING

St Nicholas church PCC is very appreciative to Tony Hardy for his assistance and care of this corner of the churchyard over recent years, wrapping around the north and western margins of the churchyard.

Sadly Tony has needed to withdraw from this spring-summer-autumn monthly mowing activity due to health issues. We wish him well and thank him for his help.

This is a lovely, peaceful corner of the village, regularly enjoyed by dog walkers and village visitors. We now have an opportunity for a villager to benefit from the occasional exercise this provides; only an hour every few weeks, depending upon the weather. Could that be you?



We have a couple of maintained petrol mowers, one of which is self-propelled, to assist with this. As you can see below, the first top-cut has already been made, with provision for the Snowdrops to re-energise their bulbs within the grassy clumps (reduced during the summer). For added interest, we also have a previously unknown crypt making an appearance!

If you are able to assist, please contact Gary Denby Churchwarden on 261716 ASAP. Many thanks.

A note from the Edmonds family

A note of thanks for the friendships and kindness we have enjoyed in our 16 years in Mannings Yard from neighbours and friends around the village. We leave Eydon for a new adventure in the New Forest on April 28th.

A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone we know. Eydon is a wonderful village and we will miss it dearly. We will be back to visit soon.

Love, Dom, El, Lauren & Abby xx

For Future reference... Egg Rolling!

In no particular order, Katie & Lizzie Black, Jack and me will be taking over egg rolling down Blacksmiths Lane next year.

Thank you! **Sabine Owen-Smith**

Yesterday we had someone come around to replace our electricity meter because apparently it was *“overdue for replacement”*, being very old and somewhat decrepit... (happens to the best of us!). However, the gentleman who came out checked his phone, said that there was no mobile signal, and therefore it could not be replaced with a smart meter and therefore left it as it is.

Utility companies are under orders to use smart meters, but with no cellular signal they apparently can't replace ours

and presumably others in the village. He commented that we were far from the only village with this issue.

Does this mean that the 'Powers That Be' will be forced to build a cell tower to allow smart meters to be used? Or will we just be left with our old-fashioned, crumbling meters? Or perhaps the boffins will one day figure out how to use Wi-Fi instead of mobile SIM cards for these meters?

Peter Lassoﬀ, High Street, Eydon

Anglian Water have been undertaking some exploratory excavations for the replacement water main in the area of Hollow Way. They originally proposed installing traffic light controls on the junction with School Lane and Lime Avenue whilst they carried out these works.

There shouldn't be any works in place over the Bank Holiday weekend but they may reappear at the junction with the road in Culworth for three days after the Bank Holiday weekend whilst they undertake investigation at the other end of the water main.

Andy Partridge

Classical Music Concert

The Kim Keeble Ensemble

Ten world class musicians come together to present an evening of delightful Baroque Music in St Nicholas Church, Eydon at 7.30pm on Saturday 17th June 2023

Programme;

Handel; Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

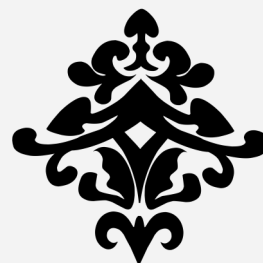
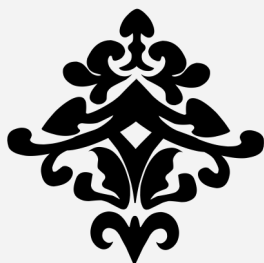
Bach; Concerto No 3 for Harpsichord in D

Marcello; Concerto for Oboe in D minor

Albinoni; Concerto for 2 Oboes

Vivaldi; 'Summer' from the 4 Seasons

Bach; Brandenburg Concerto No 4



Tickets £25, available from Kim Keeble 01327 262383; kim.keeble@virgin.net & Oboe Fine Wine

Raising funds for St Nicholas' Church

Why not sponsor a musician and have an opportunity to meet and chat with them?

If this is of interest, please contact Kim for details.

**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