



Eydon Village News

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ANOTHER MEMORABLE EYDON DAY!

Eydon excelled itself on Sunday May 7th celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla by holding another memorable Village Lunch.

Coronation Day itself was inclined to be wet and even cool. So, it was with certain foreboding that most of us were prepared for some rain the following day. It was not to be: the sun shone as approaching 200 of us laid out lunches on the seemingly endless snake of tables running along Eydon's High Street.

So, sunshine shone on a happy and boisterous line of eating and drinking merrymakers, passing a splendid afternoon exchanging banter and bangers while listening and watching the Eydon Mummers. The afternoon extended into the late evening for some hardy celebrants. Children, and maybe some adults, had their Crowns judged. It didn't matter who won: the fun was the wearing and creating an everlasting memory of the event. The Parish Council organised the road closure and tables, compliance bothered no-one. As one picture shows, the High Street virtually devoid of cars is a sight we will not see for a long time to come.

A toast to our new King was made, as we all stood to drink his health and sing "God Save the King."

John Grindlay

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



Notes from St Nicholas



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The May meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 9th May at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were :- , Kim Keeble, Gordon Anderson, Andy Partridge, Roddy Owen Smith, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Steve Fox the Clerk. Apologies were received from Howard Carter and Jonathan Walker.

No members of the public were in attendance.

The May meeting is the Annual General Meeting and Keith Simmons was once again elected Chairman as was Jonathan Walker as Vice Chairman.

The relevant documents were signed by the Chairman as required and the meeting then appointed the various nominees of the Council to the organisations in the Village and approved the regulations and Standing orders which enable the Council to function.

It was noted that some of these needed minor updates, including the Financial regulations in the light of moving to electronic banking.

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Services for June 2023

Sunday 4th June

10.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 11 th June

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 18th June

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 25th June

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St John, Boddington

Sunday 9th July

10.00 Holy Communion

A Date for your Diary

Saturday 16th September

Harvest Supper in the Village Hall

More details next month

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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Eydon Knits

The next meetings of Eydon Knits will be on:

Thursday 15th June, 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!!!

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:

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or write to us at: EVN, Ashview, 3 Byfield Road, Eydon, NN11 3PL

June Bin Collections

(Note from the Editor: Apologies for May's incorrect dates, but somehow I used North Northants calendar by mistake!)



Tuesday 6th June

Black bins



Tuesday 13th June

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 20th June

Black bin



Tuesday 27th June

Blue and Green bins

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

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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This will be worked through at future meetings.

The Chairman and Clerk signed the Governance and Accounting Statements for 2022/23 and agreed they would be able to be viewed by the public between 3rd July and 11 August.

During the meeting amongst the items discussed were :

Highways and related matters:

Andrew Partridge reported on his further interactions with Northants Highways regarding the maintenance of the roads in and around the Village. He had a walk planned with a highways representative.

National Grid

Some disturbance and road closures could occur as the National Grid are planning to start work on installing new transformers.

Anglian Water

The planned replacement of the main from Culworth could also result in road closures.

HS2

HS2 is planning to close Banbury Lane, Banbury Road, and Edgecote Road over the summer .

Due to all the above road-related issues the Parish Council is trying to arrange a meeting with all the parties to plan a sensible strategy which

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EYDON VILLAGE FETE

— FROM NOON ON SUNDAY —
3rd September 2023

The countdown for this year's Fete has started and there's so much to look forward to for everyone..... and their dogs!

NEW FOOD VILLAGE FOR DELICIOUS LUNCHES & TEAS
CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION, STALLS & GAMES
DOG SHOW & TERRIER RACING
SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE COMPETITION
CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY
ENTERTAINING ARENA EVENTS & MUSIC
GRAND DRAW & AUCTION

Make sure the date's in your diary for this highlight of the village calendar

AT THE EYDON COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD



EYDON CRICKET CLUB—2023 FIXTURES

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



A Personal View...

June 2023

It's FA Cup time of the year, but I have to confess I have never yet attended a FA football match of any description. So that has to be on the bucket list..

With the Wembley Cup Final between the two Manchester teams scheduled for June 2nd, I am reminded of my closest clinch with a Cup Final. On May 16th 1987, Coventry City took on Tottenham Hotspurs for a dramatic match in front of over 90,000 fans in the old Wembley Stadium. Many of them were standing, and a lot more failed to get the seats they had booked. But apparently, there was little or no bad behaviour on or off the ground.

The Sky Blues, as Coventry City is now known, originated in 1883 and was then known as the Singer Football Club. Willie Stanley was a Director of Singer bicycles, and used the Club by way of promotion for his bikes. His workshop was in the then new Queen Victoria Road in Coventry. My grandfather worked next door with the Riley Brothers, who were also making bikes. This must have been a Victorian forerunner of Trading Estates as we now know them.

Both Singer and Riley went on to make motor cycles and subsequently motor cars, whilst my grandfather stuck to motor cycles. I remember my grandfather telling me about the football teams he played for, and I have no doubt he would have played for Singer.

Over the years, Singer was absorbed by the Rootes Group along with Sunbeam, Humber, Hillman, and Commer. The Rootes family subsequently sold out to the USA Chrysler Group. It was then all sold to Peugeot of France, allegedly for just £1.00. The French didn't take long to shut down the UK operations, and the old Coventry factory sites are now warehouses.

In the meantime, the Riley brothers flourished with their bikes but left the manufacture of automobiles to their ambitious and successful sons. It was a somewhat incestuous industry in that part of Coventry, as Rileys supplied engines to Singer for their motor bikes. In the 1930's Riley was sold to Lord Nuffield of Austin and Morris fame, from which the ill-fated British Motor Corporation emerged, but that is another story.

Back to our 1987 Cup Final. Coventry City Football Club, re-named as such in 1898, took on the might of Spurs. Within the first 10 minutes, two goals had been scored, one all. Both teams played relentlessly, and when the whistle was blown for normal full time, the ball had hit the back of the net five times, but the score was only 2:2. A Coventry goal had been disallowed. After a short break, extra time was played. The teams battled on, and just before the end of the first half of extra time, Spurs made a dramatic error and the ball was in the back of the Spurs net having bounced off an unfortunate Spurs player to result in an own goal. So, that was it. Coventry City 3, Tottenham Hotspur 2.

And then the fun started, in Coventry. I remember most factories closed for a day on the Monday when the victorious team toured the city in an open top Sky Blue bus. Flags decorated the lamp posts; crowds lined the streets to greet the team. A statue of Jimmy Hill, the past manager who created "Sky Blues", was commissioned and £150,000 (£266,000 today) was raised almost overnight from fans, to fund it. Hill himself unveiled the statue some two years later, a most unusual occurrence to unveil your own statue.

The Cup itself did the rounds of Coventry industry, and anyone remotely connected with sponsorship of the Sky Blues was invited to participate (see picture with your contributor).



John Grindlay — Footnote: I read that Coventry City F.C. are back on top of their game again, after some years in the wilderness.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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mitigates any inconvenience to the Village.

Concerns had also been expressed to the Parish Council over the wall collapse from the footpath from the Green to the Church, the Clerk was instructed to write to the landowner to facilitate repair.

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 and conduct further research on the land involved.

Tree Survey

Council agreed to arrange a formal tree survey for the trees that are its responsibility to ascertain any action required.

Grass Cutting

The first cut had taken place and several areas were missed which would be reported to the contractor.

King Charles III Coronation Weekend celebrations:

This was a great success and around 160 adult attendees and a great number of children had fun as the sun shone brightly on the Village.

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Eydon 200 Club

Apologies that the last set of results in the April edition of EVN were not 100% correct so below are the details of the first 3 draws for this 200 club year:

February draw

1st prize: Beanie Wilkins (dog)

2nd prize: Ann Morphey

3rd prize: Carol Barnes

Bonus prizes:

Bruno Walker (dog)

Helen McNeill

Margot Walker (dog)

Angus Richards

Sabine Owen-Smith

March draw

1st prize: Tia Carter (dog)

2nd prize: Angie Simmons

3rd prize: Sarah Fowler

Bonus prizes:

Jimmy Barnes

Mabel Walker (dog)

Annabel Goodwin

Julie Jones

Lilly McRoberts (cat)

April draw

1st prize: David Kench

2nd prize: Maisie Grindlay(dog)

3rd prize: Fig Braddyll (dog)

Bonus prizes:

Lottie Sellick (dog)

James & Kat Taylor

Ken Fowler

Roddy Owen-Smith

Graham Noakes

Congratulations to all the winners.

Woodford Halse Community Library

Our Community Library team is growing; please do drop in and meet our lovely volunteers who are here to help you!!

It is free to join the library, and you can borrow e-books, audiobooks, and browse and borrow books from our library too! The Friends of Woodford Halse Community Library has kindly offered to provide free refreshments (tea/coffee/biscuits) when you visit the library. Please do drop in and meet our team and spend some time in the library (games and jigsaws available to enjoy).

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. We also offer a service to print your documents (A3 and A4) and laminating (A4 only).

Library Activities in May and June:

Library Craft Group – Meeting 10-12noon, 16th & 30th May, Tuesday 13th & 27th June. 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. 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).

Art Group – Meeting from 2-3:30, Wednesdays 7th & 21st of June. We now have an art group which meets fortnightly in the library. This is an opportunity to enjoy your own art project surrounded by other people who also enjoy art. This is not an art class, but a chance to get support from other like-minded artists. Please do join us for a social and “arty” afternoon.

Craft Table for Youngsters – this is available for children and their carers to enjoy when visiting the library so children can take home their own creation along with a book!

THE GWEN BISHOP 5K



EYDON FUN RUN



SUNDAY 9TH JULY 11AM START

Sign-on/Registration from 10am

EYDON SPORTS FIELD ON HOLLOW WAY EYDON NN11 3QE //magnets.vies.quack

START & FINISH IN THE SPORTS FIELD
3 LAPS OF THE VILLAGE
2 LAPS FOR 12 AND UNDERS

Men, Women, 12 and Under categories.
Refreshments. Sign-on from 10am
£5 per adult, £2 per child entry. PRIZES!

All funds raised for
Cancer Research UK
(reg charity no. 1089464)
Join the Village Team
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/eydon-village-fun-run-event/join>

Sponsor Forms and Info also available from Barry McRoberts Tel: 01327 261068

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Street lighting

All but 4 lights had been replaced - these would be done during May and so electricity consumption will be lower.

Planning matters

The latest West Northants Local plan consultation was noted.

It had been brought to the attention of the Council that solar panels on a property in the High Street. This was in the conservation area, and faced the highway and opposite a listed building. The Council believed this installation could require planning consent and would contact West Northants planning department.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm. The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 13th June in the Village hall

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman

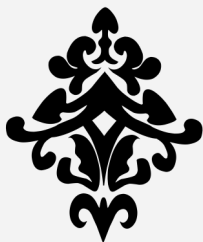
Classical Music Concert

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 & from Oboe Fine Wine, High Street, Eydon.

Raising funds for St Nicholas' Church

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

EYDON PLANT FAIR

An enormous thank you to everyone who contributed to the village plant fair on Saturday! The growers, bakers, helpers and importantly all those who came and supported us.

We do welcome back any pots or trays. They will help us prepare for next year's plant sale and also reduce the plastic use in our village. You can drop them off inside the churchyard gate by the water tap. Many thanks again!

Happy gardening!

Eydon Ladies



Eydon Ladies met at the Village Hall on Wednesday 17th May 2023 and hosted an evening on the English Civil War re-enactment.



This was an open meeting at which Jon Courtney-Thompson of the Sealed Knot (in period costume) gave a presentation on the Civil War, with specific reference to Northamptonshire in the 17th century. We learned about the structure of both armies and Jon certainly gave us an insight into this period in history.

After refreshments, Bert Manton was dressed as a musketeer. This included multiple layers of weaponry, culminating in a demonstration of how to load and fire the musket! This was most entertaining – a superb double-act by Jon and Bert - and all enjoyed a very relaxed and informative evening.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be our Garden Party on Wednesday 21st June 2023. This will be open to members only who will be contacted shortly with details of the evening. However, we always welcome new members and anyone wishing to join our merry band should contact Ruth Kukla (Treasurer) on 01327 264109 or send an email to:

ruth.kukla@hotmail.com.

FIRST WEDNESDAY – OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

For a long time I have found our solar system to be fascinating.

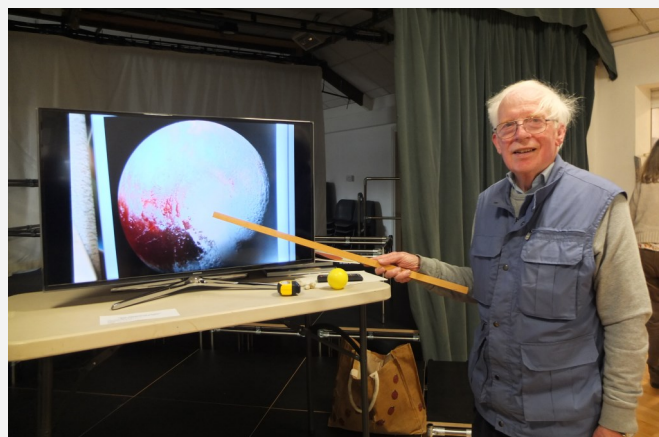
Having mentioned this to Tom Tresham some months ago, he said that he finds it equally fascinating. I said that I had always fancied going on a course about it, to which he replied “I will give the course” as he had been on one many years ago! So this is how today’s meeting came about.

Some masking tape had been stuck to the floor which went the full length of the hall, the “SUN” being placed nearest the stage whilst “Jupiter” was closest to the entrance door. The planets between these two were placed to scale, though the actual sizes of the planets themselves were not to scale as they would have been too small to see! On this scale, Uranus and Neptune would have been out of the door and across the street. This gave us some idea of the distances involved which of course runs to many millions of miles.

This subject by definition is all about astronomical technicalities. There are 8 planets but there used to be 9. However, Pluto was downgraded to a dwarf planet some time ago! Tom described where the various planets are located and how they move round the sun. One such fact is that the earth and all the other planets except Venus and Uranus spin in an anticlockwise direction. The sun also spins in the same direction. Tom explained how all

this came about and when it happened. He also showed some excellent slides describing each planet together with slides of the earth and the moon.

Members found this subject extremely interesting and Tom had been our star attraction of the afternoon!



Richard Forsyth

Eydon Village News

I trust that on behalf of all in the village I can congratulate the Parish Council, and in particular Parish Councillor Gordon Anderson who is now the editor and compiler who stepped in and has breathed new life into Eydon Village News (E.V.N.) giving it a much-needed makeover since early this year.

It had been in seriously bad shape for several years due to a lack of a volunteer and had to be left entirely to the printers who did their best with what they were given but without the local editorial input, knowledge and village contacts they were always bound to fail to fully meet expectations.

E.V.N. was the brainchild of Mary Hawes who was a member of Eydon Parish Council for 35 years from 1956 to 1990 and during her time as Chairman from 1986 to 1990 she saw a need for all households in the village to be informed of village news and she started to produce it monthly using a typewriter to make a stencil and then printed it on foolscap paper on her Gestetner, an early messy hand operated copying machine which Mary used cranking its handle round and round to churn out copies on her kitchen table at Eydon Hall Farmhouse. The newsletter was a forerunner in its day and is still published and circulated monthly some thirty-five years later.

The newsletter is there for organisations in the village to let residents, know what they do, what they have done recently, and

what they are planning to do and importantly who, how and where they can be contacted. It can generate interest and encourage residents old and new to join in when they know how and where to do so. The more news the better and even personal relevant memories of one private contributor this last year have also added to the readability.

So, keep up the good work and well done to all regular contributors, the village needs more of you. Finally, a big thank-you to Gordon as the new editor of Eydon Village News – great job.

David Kench



David's ever-growing mug collection with its latest addition.

EYDON CRAFT FAIR

A head organiser is required for the Eydon Craft Fair 2023. Due to be held on Sunday 29th October in the Eydon Village Hall. Please contact David on 01327-262383 in the first instance.

Thank you.

Save the Date!

The Eydon Craft and Gift Fair will be held this year on Sunday October 29th.

If you are a crafter and would like a table, please contact me on 07712 879366 or email: eydoncraftfair@gmail.com.

If you would be interested in helping to run the Fair in future years and/or setting up this year, please do give me a call.

Lucy Braddyll

Village Working Groups

The Parish Council need **YOUR** help 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

