



Eydon Village News

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A Musical Delight

Saturday June 17th found approaching ninety Eydon residents and guests in St. Nicholas, enjoying our own Kim Keeble and her Ensemble treating us to a splendid 'Baroque' musical evening.

Kim is well known in the village and beyond for her musical abilities. She plays nationwide and is in constant demand as one of the countries leading Oboists and as a teacher.

Kim assembled a group of nine superb musicians to put on a concert of beautiful classical music. The performances included works by Handel, J.S. Bach, Marcello, Albinone and Vivaldi.

The evening commenced with the rousing 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba', and finished with an encore being a tango 'Oblivion' by Astor Piazzolla. In between, we listened to 'Summer' from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Concertos by Marcello and Albinoni, and two Bach works.

At the interval, during which we were supplied with drinks from the cellars of 'Oboe Fine Wines' your correspondent overheard one thrilled member of the audience remark that she walked up the aisle 70 years ago to the day, to the 'Arrival of the Queen of Sheba'.

We enjoyed some brilliant Harpsicord music from David Ponsford, and a treat of truly energetic violin playing by Richard Smith. Kim herself played her oboe and at times her recorder, alongside her lifelong friend, Imogen Triner.

The standard of musicianship was superb, and one would have paid many times the cost of a ticket to hear similar in the Albert Hall!

The concert raised £363 for St Nicholas Church, and our thanks go to Kim, all the musicians, and sponsor David Fitch-Peyton of Oboe Fine Wines, for such a splendid evening.



THE GWEN BISHOP 5K

MLT EYDON FUN RUN MAIN LINE TIMBER LTD CANCER RESEARCH UK

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/teams/eydon-village/funrun-event/join>

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

**GET YOUR
RUNNING
(OR WALKING)
SHOES ON!**



Notes from St Nicholas



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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

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

2 members of the public were in attendance.

During the meeting the amongst the items discussed were :

Highways and related matters :

Andrew Partridge reported that on behalf of the Council he had attended a meeting with all the parties (Anglian Water, National Grid, HS2, West Northants, to plan a sensible strategy that will mitigate any inconvenience to the works planned in and around the Village.

The result was undertakings to coordinate the works and attend a presentation in the Village Hall on the 27th June to enable Villagers to see the plans, timescales and maps of the undertakings. The electrical cabinet placed in

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Services for June 2023

Sunday 2nd July

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 9th July

10.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 16th July

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 23rd July

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 30th July

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St John, Boddington

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 July meeting will be at 18 High Street on Thursday 27th July, between 2-4pm.

Bring your wool and needles or crochet hooks or just yourself!

Please 'book' a seat with Sue: kevnuel@gmail.com or telephone 01327 261535

New members are very welcome! We range from novice knitters to experts.

Release your inner knit!!!



July Bin Collections

Tuesday 4th July
Black bins

Tuesday 11th July
Blue and Green bins

Tuesday 18th July
Black bin

Tuesday 25th July
Blue and Green bins

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

Eydon Educational Trust Fund

Special project at school? Going to uni or college? Starting an apprenticeship?

The Eydon Educational Trust Fund may be able to give you a modest grant to help with expenses for any of the above, or similar educational needs, providing you, or your parents, live in Eydon and you are under 25.

The Trustees can provide full details of how to apply, or answer your queries. Contact:

Sue Lodge, 18 High Street. (Tel 261535 or email: kevnsuel@gmail.com) or

Sue Tresham, Oriel House, 59 High Street. (Tel 260503 or email: sueeyates@aol.com).

The closing date for applications will be the end of October.

Royal Oak Morris to make their final appearance

Royal Oak Morris dancers will make their final appearance before disbanding, at Eydon Fete on Sunday 3rd September.

Eydon's own Morris dancers were formed in 1985 to perform at Eydon Fete. The brainchild of Nina the Royal Oak landlady, a scratch side (team) of 6 was formed. Over many a beer in the garden of Wayside, John Cannell from Byfield, a seasoned Morris dancer, instructed a motley crew of Eydonites in two basic dances from the Cotswold tradition to perform at the summer Fete 6 weeks later.

After the Fete was over, all concerned wanted to learn more and carry on dancing. John continued to be foreman (the instructor). Kevin Lodge of Eydon made many a spread sheet to keep track of all the appearances so we know that one year later there were 18 dancers, and that over the last 38 years 69 folk from a widening area have danced or played with us and many more dances were learned.

Two former dancers still live in Eydon.

Since those early days Royal Oak Morris has danced in France, Germany, USA, and the Netherlands as well as hosting a visiting dance group from Savoie who were billeted around the village. Closer to home we have performed at numerous village fetes, pubs, weddings, Morris days of dance, Fairport Convention, and toured the country to various festivals ranging from Barnard Castle in Northumberland to 'All things Morris' in Ilfracombe. In 2002 Kevin arranged a 'Tour of Royal Oaks' where the side danced at thirteen Royal Oak pubs in the area over the course of a weekend.

Members have shown their creative ability by composing dance tunes and devising special dances, including one to mark Queen Elizabeth's Jubilee in 2012.

Time has now caught up with Eydon's own Morris dancers. Despite an intensive recruiting campaign the active team is smaller, most knees are giving way and it is time to call it a day.

We are privileged to end as we began, at Eydon Fete, and look forward to entertaining you for the last time.

Pat Cannell & Sue Lodge



Rehearsing in the Village Hall. Credit: S Lodge

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Hillview apparently is a temporary structure which is larger than the intended one.

The Clerk had received a reply to Parish Council over the wall collapse from the footpath from the Green to the Church which indicated works would be put in hand.

Concerns were raised about the height of the vegetation on the triangle at the top of the Moreton Road which was a hazard, the Clerk was instructed to write to the resident who looks after the area to reduce the height to enable a clear view for drivers.

The Clerk had still not received all the required documents relating to the sports field and associated land and adjacent bridleway to allow it to carry out due diligence on its investigations. The landowner of the bridleway had written to the Chairman with concerns, the Chairman would reply and the Clerk would contact the landowner.

Council agreed to a quotation from a contractor regarding the tree survey and it was agreed to go ahead with the survey of all the trees within the Councils responsibility.

The missing areas on the first cut of the grass cutting had now been undertaken.

Street lighting replacement scheme

The Clerk reported that all the lights had now been replaced,

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the total cost was £34,000.

The new lights are a vast improvement and use 75% less energy, and have been programmed to dim another 33% after midnight. The village is only one of a very few in the country to have LED lights.

The Chairman placed on record the Council's thanks to the Contractor who liaised with a manufacturer and managed to tailor the lights and fitting to suit the Village. Needless to say they have been retained for future maintenance which should also be reduced.

Planning matters

The Council had previously queried whether a solar panel installation required planning permission. This had been confirmed by the enforcement officer, the resident has confirmed retrospective planning permission would be applied for.

Application 2023/5232/FULL - 27 High Street

Erection of solar panels - the Council objected on the grounds that it adversely affects a listed building and an adjacent listed building in the conservation area and was therefore contrary to the Village Design Statement.

Village Hall Wi-Fi

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EYDON PLAYERS – A MASSIVE “RIGHT ROYAL CARRY-ON” THANKYOU.

The Players were delighted to be able to present a (somewhat hastily assembled) “Right Royal Carry-On” for the village on Coronation night to a sell-out full house in the Village Hall.

To those familiar with past Eydon Players productions the Hall would have presented a novel sight with the auditorium set out in cabaret style around a multi-level thrust stage. The Players put on a farrago of songs, sketches and poetry with a (very loosely) Royal theme, and it was interspersed with some robust audience singing of contemporary popular songs.



The theme of the coronation weekend was to do something that would help other people, and following the spirit of this theme the whole of the net proceeds of the evening including the bar takings and the raffle were donated to the Eydon Educational Fund. We're very proud that thanks to the generosity of all attending, and including a donation of £50 from the village's other mysterious drama group the Eydon Mummers, those proceeds amounted to within a whisker of £1000. The EEF is a charity that has helped numerous village students of all ages over the years and it's hoped that it will continue to do so for many years to come.

We'd like to make a special thankyou to Eydon Village Hall who generously allowed us to use the hall totally without charge for rehearsing and the production night, and to Susan and Andy Jackson for assembling and arranging the musical elements, Mike Jackson for stepping up to MC duties at short notice, Joff, Gabe, Stefan, Gordon and Robin for arranging the lights and sounds, our long suffering front of house and bar staff, all those who contributed to the prizes for the raffle, and last but not least to our audience who not only supported the production itself but stayed and partied afterwards....so thank you, Eydon!

P.S. ...our next production will be the Pantomime in early 2024. If you're interested in taking an active part either on or back stage then please get in touch with our membership secretary Gemma Clowes on gemclowes@gmail.com or come along to our AGM at the Village Hall on 20 July.



The **Eydon History Research Group** are keen to maintain the village archive for the future and so would be really grateful to have copies of photographs of any Coronation celebrations such as the street party or concert.

We are very aware that although many photographs are taken these days, very few are actually printed out and this is such a valuable resource.

Digital would be fine, in which case please send to:

lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk

Eydon Ladies

Eydon Ladies met for their annual Garden Party on Wednesday 21st June 2023, kindly hosted by Jenny Cherry.



The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be a visit to **Priors Marston Manor Gardens** on Wednesday 19th July 2023 and all are welcome – members, friends, partners, husbands, neighbours. There will be a £5 donation to the National Garden Society payable by all at the entrance on the night. We will be starting the visit at the earlier than usual time of 7pm and will be met by head gardener Matthew Johnson who will conduct the tour.

We very much hope that you can join us for this private visit of the Manor House's beautiful gardens at the height of summer. Fingers crossed for a sunny evening so that we can enjoy the surroundings.

As we need to have an idea of numbers, please let Ruth Kukla (Treasurer) know if you are planning to attend by calling 01327 264109 or send an email to ruth.kukla@hotmail.com. If you need a lift to get to the venue or can offer transport to others on the night, kindly also contact Ruth who will coordinate this.



Eydon 200 Club

Below are the results of the May draw, including bonus prizes. Congratulations to all the winners.

May Draw:

1st prize: Noble Noakes (horse)

2nd prize: John Grindlay

3rd prize: Oboe Braddyll (dog)

Bonus prizes:

Oscar Isted

Helen Richards

Mike Jackson

Charlie Lamb

Gordon Anderson



EYDON CRICKET CLUB—2023 FIXTURES

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

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It was agreed to extend the arrangement in the Village Hall to allow access from the exterior of the building at Councils expense.

War Graves Commission

The Clerk reported that a notice on the burial ground gates would be installed.

Village Projects

A list of proposed projects was agreed and the lead councillor agreed for each of these - they will be reported on at future meetings.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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

Keith Simmons

Parish Council Chairman





A Personal View...

June 2023

We Brits are apparently more influenced by the weather than any other race on the planet. These notes are being written on a brilliant sunny afternoon, making me think of days by the sea, even getting the toes wet....

The other day, one of my readers suggested that for a change I should write about the simple life. 'What do you mean', I enquired? 'Surely you've been on family seaside summer holidays in the past?', the reader retorted.

Winter 1985 was cold and we had a lot of snow, especially when compared with conditions we get nearly forty years later. Our Land Rover is seen in the picture tackling the Culworth road in February that year. The snow was still around in March, and it was then that as a family we decided to make arrangements and take an extended summer holiday in Wales that coming summer.

Come end of school holidays, we packed up two teenage children, two dogs, two cats and luggage into the Land Rover, which also was towing the horse trailer laden with two horses and all the paraphernalia required for six weeks at the seaside. My wife travelled separately in comparative luxury in her Viva Estate, also laden with baggage and food.

Having travelled to Wales several times previously in the Land Rover for the odd weekend's hill walking, I knew that it was possible to get to our destination on the Cardigan Bay coast on a single tank of petrol. After all, I knew it was only 153 miles.

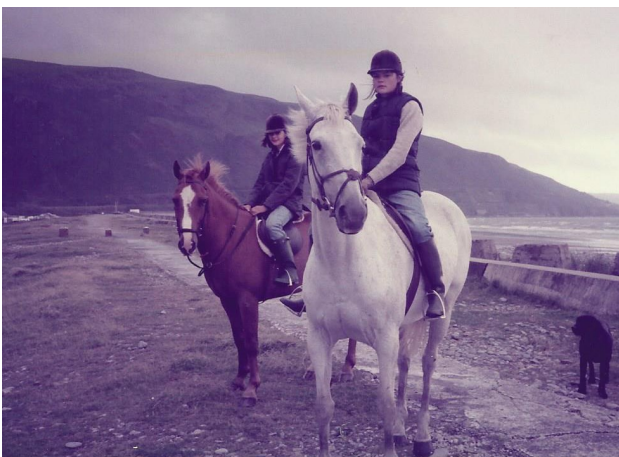
So, we were all full of confidence on that Friday at the end of July in 1985. My wife went off first, to get our cottage ready. I insisted on taking the children, as I needed them to take care of our animals and horses when we had the odd comfort stop en route. I had tanked up the Land Rover to the brim. The fuel tank is visible under the front seats, and one can see when it is full.

The route took us over Dinas Mawddwy mountain, before dropping down to Dolgellau and then to the coast. Going up the steepest part of the mountain, I did feel the engine give a bit of a falter and perhaps a cough, a reminder maybe...

OK, the fuel gauge showed about nil, but I put that down to the steep incline. Anyway, we partly coasted down to Dolgellau, in my own mind to conserve fuel, but not a word to the children. All was OK until we were just two miles from the destination, then we stopped. Stopped dead.

'Dad, have we a spare can?' 'Errr....no' 'Why not?' Nearly forty years later, I still hear the interrogation, but what to do?

I knew there was a friendly filling station only a mile up the road, so I bravely told the children to get walking for a can of fuel, while I minded the vehicle, trailer and animals. I can still see in my minds eye the sight of the two girls walking up the road, then round the corner and out of sight, hand in hand.



Less than fifteen minutes later, they were back, not walking but piling out of a rather tatty van driven by a smiling delivery driver. He had met them walking, found out the circumstances, turned around and taken them to the garage, got a can, and brought them back.

We all then enjoyed a simple summer holiday by the sea.

I am sure all of this this would not be possible nowadays....

Have a lovely Summer !

John Grindlay

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING UTILITIES AND ROADWORKS IN THE VILLAGE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

New Water Mains

Residents will be all too familiar with the repeated water outages over the last few years. Earlier this year Anglian Water representatives faced the village fury when they attended an open meeting with Residents in the Village Hall. At this meeting they undertook to install a new water main from Culworth to largely overcome the outage problem.

Good News! The installation of the new water main will begin this summer and is planned to begin on 14 August. Bad news, the installation from Culworth to Blackbird Farm will not be complete until 11 December meaning the Culworth Road will be closed for this time. To complete the installation from Blackbird Farm to Eydon the Culworth will then be closed from 5 Jan 2024 to 22 March 2024.

When this installation is complete water supply will still be uncertain as the water main running through Culworth, on which Eydon depends, may also need replacing and Anglian Water will be investigating this issue over the Summer which may lead to further additional road closures.

Added Electricity Capacity

Unlike the Water Outages issues Residents will probably not be aware that the Village is close to its maximum electricity capacity. If new capacity is not installed we may all have to forgo electric cars, air conditioning or new buildings!

To ensure we do have a capacity for the future National Grid will be installing two new Transformers. One at the junction with Hollow Way and the other at the top of Hill View. Unfortunately, this does mean further road works with a traffic light system in operation along Lime Avenue from 17 July for up to 8 weeks.

HS2 Road Closures

To heap further pressure on travel in the neighbourhood, HS2 has also informed us of several road closures in the Thorpe Mandeville area, including a complete closure of the Banbury Road from the Sulgrave junction to the B425.

After the junction, the Sulgrave Road will also be closed and traffic moved to a new road that is currently being constructed which will link back to the B425 near Greatworth.

HS2 plan to keep the Banbury Lane, which passed through Thorpe Mandeville open for the majority of the time but have also informed of possible further but limited road closures of the Edgecote Road.

Village Presentation

To better explain all these issues, National Grid, HS2 and Anglian Water have agreed to host a presentation to the village on 27 June at 7pm in the Village Hall.

Andrew Partridge

The Bridleway from Hollow Way to the Sports Field

A polite reminder to Villagers this is private land and the bridleway is simply a right of way across this private land.

Common courtesy would dictate that dogs should be under close control or on a lead on the bridleway, particularly when livestock is in the field adjacent. Also as elsewhere, dog fouling should be cleared up by the dog owner.

The land owner has reported to the Parish Council misbehaviour of various sorts on the land.

Please respect this area as you would other areas of the Village particularly as it is a secondary route to the sports field.

Keith Simmons. Parish Council Chairman



EYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS

The Children's Fancy Dress Competition is back!



CHARACTER FROM HISTORY

This year the Eydon Historical Research Group would like to invite children to come inspired as a character from history

Two categories - under 7 and over 7

Entires on the day

Lots of prizes so let their imagination take flight

FUN DOG SHOW

Does your pooch have the waggiest tail?
Is it the best looking in the village?
Can it perform an impressive trick?



There'll be something for every dog, mutt, hound, pooch and puppy in our fun dog show

8 classes to enter on the day

Also, don't forget the terrier racing.

THE GREAT EYDON CAKE OFF

Calling all bakers to enter our delicious cake competition. On your marks, get set, bake!



Two categories - adults and children

Entries on the day

Simply bake your cake at home, enter the competition and then donate your creation to the tea tent for everyone to enjoy

BRIC-A-BRAC TABLES

Set up your table and sell all those items cluttering up cupboards and hiding in garages



£10 a table

Contact us if you might be interested
eydonvillagefete@gmail.com

Look out for full entry details and schedules in the Fete programme which will come through you letterbox in August