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

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IT'S GETTING CLOSER...

HEYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023
AT THE EYDON COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD

FOOD VILLAGE

SANTINA'S
WOOD FIRED PIZZAS

PULLED PORK ROLLS

BBQ

HOMEMADE
ICE CREAM

TEAS & CAKES

Delicious homemade cakes served in the Cricket Pavilion

BAR

Quench your thirst in between browsing with our well stocked bar

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Could you lend us a hand setting up the Fete, bake a cake for the afternoon teas, run a stall or help out on the day?

If you can spare a few hours we'd love to hear from you.
eydonvillagefete@gmail.com



Notes from St Nicholas



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Notes from the July meeting of Eydon Parish Council will appear in the September issue of EVN.

There is NO Parish Council Meeting due to be held in August.

Keith Simmons
Chairman

Services for August 2023

Sunday 6th August

No service at St Nicholas

11.00 Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

Sunday 13th August

No service at St Nicholas

10.00 Holy Communion at St John the Baptist Boddington and
St Mary's Woodford Halse

Sunday 20th August

10.00 Holy Communion

Sunday 27th August

No service at St Nicholas

8.30 BCP Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

10.00 Benefice Communion at St Leonard's, Aston le Walls

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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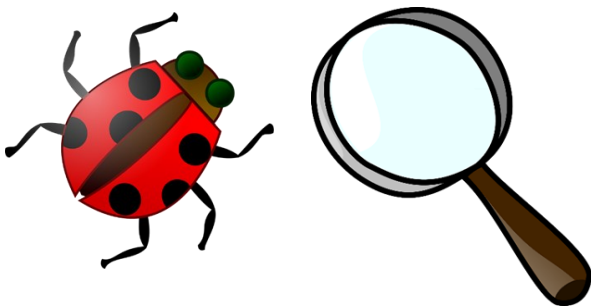
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Start your summer adventure here!



There will be a self-guided nature trail in St Nicholas' Churchyard for the school holidays.

Explore and discover the natural world right here in our village.

Look out for challenges all around the churchyard with further activities and 'useful stuff' in the porch.

We hope you enjoy!

St Nicholas PCC

August Bin Collections



Tuesday 1st August

Black bins



Tuesday 8th August

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 15th August

Black bins



Tuesday 22nd August

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 29th August

Black 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, Oriol 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 – The Road to (and from) Eydon

Pictured are the eight founding dancers and musicians of Royal Oak Morris, taken after their 1985 debut at Eydon Fete, held that year just inside Eydon Hall grounds. (Not six as reported last month).

There are many varieties of Morris dancing. Royal Oak Morris dance in the Cotswold style, performing dances collected from Cotswold villages. Badby is the nearest source of recorded dances to Eydon, so using this as a starting point we developed six dances with our own stamp on them. You will see us performing several of the 'Eydon Tradition' dances at the fete, including one called 'The Road to Eydon', to the tune of 'Dives and Lazarus' with original choreography devised by Pat Cannell.

Live music is very important, as effective execution of the steps requires a dialogue between the dancers and the musicians. Over the

years Royal Oak has had 17 musicians, if you include tambourine bashers and jingle stick entrepreneurs.



Credit: Sue Lodge



Credit: Sue Lodge

We've had lots of fun. We've danced on coaches; a ferry; with matchsticks inside pubs; **outside the Kremlin** (ask about it!); behind garlanded cows in Savoie; with baguettes; with hard hats on the M40; with feather dusters, dressed as French maids; on Zoom during Covid; and hold the distinction of being thrown off Mont St. Michel by les gendarmes.

Alas! Next year we won't be dancing on St George's Day; or rising early to dance at dawn at Brackley on May Day (always 1st May), both being days of tradition in our calendar.

So get to the Fete by 12 noon to hear more – and don't miss this last chance to see Royal Oak Morris.

Pat Cannell & Sue Lodge



St Nicholas' Church, Eydon

Saturday 16th Sept

at 6.00pm in the Village Hall

Harvest Supper

Cottage Pie (also veggie option) & Apple Crumble

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Tickets £10 (half price under 10's)

Available from: Sue Tresham Oriel House 59 High Street

Gary Denby 10A Lime Avenue

**CAN YOU HELP WITH THE
VILLAGE WEBSITE AND
EYDON VILLAGE NEWS?**

Due to the imminent departure of our current Editor and Webmaster, Eydon Parish Council urgently require someone to take up the mantle of both or either role(s).

If you are interested, please contact us for an informal chat about our requirements and remuneration where applicable.

evn@eydon-village.co.uk

Gordon Anderson - 07946 470690



St Nicholas' Church, Eydon

Sun 17th Sept

at 10.00 a.m

**Harvest
Celebration**

Please bring offerings of harvest gifts

Daventry Foodbank would be grateful for garden produce as well as tins/packets etc.

FIRST WEDNESDAY – ANNUAL OUTING

This year, 29 of us took a coach to the Whitchurch Silk Mill where we were met by our old friends, Sally and Geoffrey Stretton.

On arrival our guide Colin arranged for us all to have coffee in a dedicated room overlooking a delightful view of the back garden.

We were then treated to a tour of the mill which is over 200 years old and the oldest silk mill in the country, still operating in its original building, and using traditional machinery including a water wheel. The mill is sited on the river Test which is one of the famous chalk streams in the area. The water comes from aquifers and is incredibly clear so that you can see various kinds of fish in it.

Apparently, silk was discovered in China over 4000 years ago and our guides explained how the complicated system of silk production is made by silk worms which are the larvae of the mulberry silk moth. On the various floors of the mill we were then showed all the fascinating historic machinery that spins silk into woven material.

After lunch we admired the grounds of the mill in the sunshine, visited the shop, fed the ducks and some ventured into the attractive town of Whitchurch.

The visit was very well organised by all the friendly staff at the mill.

Richard Forsyth



Credit: R Forsyth

Eydon Ladies

Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 19th July 2023 for a private guided tour of Priors Marston Manor Gardens.

Our host, Matthew Johnson (head gardener) showed us around these amazing gardens which included a walled garden, a tranquil sunken garden, a fernery and beautiful meadowland surrounding a lake.



The weather was kind to us for this delightful visit as we wandered through the different areas and learned about our surroundings from Matt whose passion for the garden shone throughout the evening. The relaxed visit ended with members and guests reflecting on the experience over tea and cake.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be held at the Eydon Village Hall on Wednesday 16th August 2023 at our usual time of 7.30pm.

The speaker will be Brian Marshall who will be doing a demonstration of water colour painting. In addition there will be a raffle and we will have plenty of time to have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee after Brian's talk. This event is open to all Ladies with guests at a fee of just £3.

We very much hope that you can join us for this event, whether you are budding Picassos or just want to learn more about the art of water colour painting.

We meet on the **3rd Wednesday of each month** with a varied and interesting programme of events. Any Ladies – whether long-standing residents or newcomers to the area – who are interested in joining our group should contact Ruth Kukla (Treasurer) by calling 01327 264109 or send an email to ruth.kukla@hotmail.com



It's holiday time, and thoughts turn to sunshine, beaches, brollies.....and BUGS!



A Personal View... *August 2023*

The Eydon Church of St Nicholas has again recently been inundated with bees. Small noisy bees, and they have taken some driving away, as they were a potential disruption to services.

The combination of holidays and insects reminded me of some dodgy times very many years ago, camping in the Scottish Highlands. When I was a boy, my parents took me to Scotland to enjoy the delights of the craggy highlands, the lochs and rivers, the forests and wildlife,and the BUGS.

Scottish midges are a world apart from normal insects. Scottish midges come in clouds. They attack every bare part of the body, and get everywhere that isn't bare. They come out from mid-morning till nightfall in their millions. And they bite.

Of course, we were pre-warned about these little devils, but by a Scots person who naturally under-played the threat. After all, Scotland needed the tourist income in the late 1940's. The warnings we were given were to:

“avoid wet and marshy areas, avoid the silver birch trees, find a windy spot for camping, and as an anti-midge protective use cold cream on the body and face, then liberally coat the cream with Flowers of Sulphur.”

Mum purchased a bag of flowers of sulphur from a local pharmacy in, I seem to remember, the city of Stirling. The pharmacist enquired as to the use of the [flores sulphuris](#); on being told she just got a smug knowing look.

We had a wonderful time in the Trossachs close to Loch Lomond, not a sign of a midge. Then to Inveraray & windy Loch Fyne: not a midge in sight. Northwards towards Fort William and the Great Glen, we'd almost forgotten about the threat and the bag of flowers of sulphur.

Dad decided we should pitch camp between Kinlochewe and Torridon, by a picturesque stream seemingly full of trout, in a large grassy glade, His idea of heaven. Silver birch trees gave us shade, with not a soul in sight. We had come a long way, and my parents were both determined to enjoy the remoteness of the Highlands.

Two tents were erected, and as the day began to turn to early evening, the midges descended on us. An endless black cloud of the little blighters came from all directions, especially from the silver birch trees. Mum & Dad were both smokers at the time, so the three of us crowded into the larger tent, and both parents lit up, Smoke seemed to be the only defence we had. Then Mum remembered the flowers of sulphur.

We liberally doused our faces, arms, hands and bare legs with cold cream, opened the packets of flores sulphuris and spread it all over our bare parts, the cold cream acting as the bonding agent.



Flowers of Sulphur is coloured a bright yellow with an almost luminous tinge. It is really a very “ill” colour.

We sheltered in our tent, enveloped in cigarette smoke, and kept most of the midges at bay. The idea of tickling a trout, while enjoying the views and soaking in the peacefulness, was forgotten.

Until, we heard voices.

First, Mum peered out of the tent then walked out to see what was going on. She was soon followed by Dad and me.

A family of other campers was beginning to unload camping equipment from their car. They had their backs to us, some 20

yards or so away. Mum called out “Hello!” or something, the newcomers then turned to face us. I'll never forget the look of horror on their faces when they saw us. All their gear was bundled back into their car in a trice, and without a word they were off and away.

We were gobsmacked. Then Dad asked Mum if she had a mirror. She produced a small one from her handbag, and on looking at our reflections we could see at once why the newcomers were terrified. We appeared to have some frightful disease, with ghostly, yellowing & pasty faces....

The flores sulphuris not only helped keep midges at bay, but ensured we always had a camping place to ourselves...

Footnote

The picture was taken on an earlier camping holiday, just a few years earlier, just after the war

John Grindlay



EYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023
AT THE EYDON COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD

BOTTLE STALL

We are soon to be seeking donations to the above stall.
Ideally unopened bottles of wine, spirits or beer are preferred
as they are the most popular to win !

However, any unopened bottle of other liquids useful are welcome.
In the past bottles of ketchup and other sauces have been donated.

On **Friday 25th August** we will be doing a round of the village to
collect your donations between **5:00 pm and 7:00 pm**.

If you could please have any bottles ready
for collection that would be very helpful.

We will place a reminder of the collection date and time on the
Eydon Community Facebook page nearer the collection date.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you are available to assist with the collection could you please
advise Tony Hardy via text or whats app - 07725 173389
or email - hardy-william@sky.com

EYDON CRICKET CLUB—2023 FIXTURES



30th July H v Blakesley CC

27th Aug A v Napton CC

13th Aug A v Badby &
Farthingstone CC

(40 overs + T's)

10th Sept H v Bourton &
Frankton CC

The Gwen Bishop Memorial Fun Run

I had the idea to hold a Fun Run, to raise funds for Cancer Research, in memory of my dear friend and lovely lady ,Gwen Bishop. This was held on Sunday 9th July with the help of many kind people from the Village, starting from Eydon Sports Field.

Gwen's family were there and Paul Bishop started the Fun Run. Adult, Under 12's. Walkers and then Mum, Dads and little people, which included a 4 year old and Julie Jones with little Elsie in her pram.

Penny and David Taylors family were there {big and small} Jack and Hannah came all the way from the Lake District (both are very good runners} with Jack winning the Fun Run. Angus Richards came in second ,with Lizzie Phipps a very close third.

Results

First Men: Jack Waterhouse - 22 mins - 13 secs

First Ladies: Lizzie Phipps - 22 mins - 18 secs

Under 12: Eddie McLennan

Followed by the walkers then Mum and Dads with little ones, (we are not sure who won this section - or where Julie and the Pram finished?).

Many thanks to Bronni and Justin. We enjoyed the Coffee and Cakes, which also help raise funds. A big Thank You to everyone else who helped on the Saturday and the Sunday, we have so far raised **£850** with gift aid. Again thank you all for your help, Barry.

Note: I have a small black jacket and baby blanket if you wish to claim them - Barry 261068



EYDON VILLAGE FETE

AUCTION

How many of you have something that's weird, wonderful, or simply outlived its usefulness. It'll be the one thing that's been stuck in your attic or outhouse that you now just don't know what to do with. If this item is of value and would make for a wonderful prize then how about donating it as a Lot in the Eydon Fete Auction. Then you'd be giving it a new lease of life in someone else's tender care as well as contributing to the three village organisations that benefit from the Fete proceeds.

The auction is a very genial way of winding down the fete proceedings in the company of friends and with a drink from the fete bar – and you never know, you might find yourself bidding for a special treasure!

**Please contact Matthew Tasker if you can help.
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