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Please email to:

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THIS WEEKEND

EYDON VILLAGE FETE

— FROM NOON ON SUNDAY —

3rd September 2023

AT THE EYDON COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD

NEW FOOD VILLAGE FOR DELICIOUS LUNCHES & TEAS

FULLY STOCKED BAR

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS COMPETITION, STALLS & GAMES

DOG SHOW & TERRIER RACING

SCRUMPTIOUS CAKE COMPETITION

CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY

ENTERTAINING ARENA EVENTS & MUSIC

GRAND DRAW & AUCTION

FREE ENTRY

URGENTLY REQUIRED: EDITOR FOR THE EVN.

Due to the imminent departure of our current editor, Eydon Parish Council urgently seek a capable person to edit and compile the EVN on a monthly basis. Please contact evn@eydon-village.co.uk for details or call 07946 470690

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The July 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, Chairman Keith Simmons along with Steve Fox the Clerk. Apologies were received from Kim Keeble, Gordon Anderson and Howard Carter.

7 members of the public were in attendance, including Cllr. Alison Eastwood, West Northants Councillor and a training representative from NCalc.

Highways and related matters:

The Clerk reported that the wild-flower meadow in the triangle at the top of Moreton Road had been suitably lowered to allow drivers of smaller cars to see over the top to ensure safe onward journey.

Andy Partridge advised that he was still discussing the Road Closures and re-directions with Anglian Water. He noted that Kier had undertaken some maintenance of Moreton Road and advised that he would provide an update for EVN, the website and via mailshots.

(Subsequently carried out and plans had been published and updated via the various social

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for September 2023

Sunday 3rd September

Village Fete- No service at St Nicholas

10th September

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 17th September

10.00 Holy Communion and Harvest Festival

Sunday 24th September

15.00 Animal Service on the sports field



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



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.

September Bin Collections



Tuesday 5th September

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 12th September

Black bins



Tuesday 19th September

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 26th September

Black bin

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

Since the start of the Woodford Community larder there has been a noticeable drop in the donations for the foodbank across the benefice.



In July and early August we took the donations to the Daventry Foodbank where they were very gratefully received.

After a consultation across the benefice and a temporary pause in collecting we have decided to re-instate the collection boxes in our churches and the donations will be collected regularly and taken to Daventry foodbank

For donors in Eydon we will put a collection box in church (please do not put packets of biscuits etc in there as the church mice are not the

intended recipients of your generosity!) There will also be a box on the freezer in the garage at Oriel House as before.

You can find more information on the website: daventryfoodbank.org.uk

Do feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sue Tresham

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media accounts and Village website)

Sports Field

The Clerk has obtained the name of a Law firm retained on a NCALC Framework agreement for providing advice on such matters. It was agreed that an initial £1,000 was allocated to spend on this matter before the next meeting .

Wild flower meadow

Culworth road a quote had been received - further discussion on the quote was need regarding ongoing maintenance.

Pollarding of the tree behind the bus shelter on High Street

A number of quotations are being sought.

Burial Ground gates and Street lampposts refurbishment

Quotations had been received and the Council agreed and instructed to arrange the works.

Councillor Training

Marie Reilly (MR) of NCALC (Northants County Association of Local Councils) gave a presentation regarding training packages provided by the organisation.

There are 4 levels of Training; Foundation, Core, Leader and Advanced. The first two cover areas important for all Councillors. In general, there was a very positive response

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FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB GARDEN PARTY

The EFWC annual garden party took place on the 2nd August where 23 members and 2 guests enjoyed the afternoon in the - village hall! Owing to the terrible weather forecast for the afternoon, which didn't materialise, (weather forecasters - huh!) it was decided discretion being the better part of valour.... A varied selection of sweet and savouries and copious amounts of tea and coffee were enjoyed by the attendees along with a fair bit of chitchat.

All in all a very enjoyable afternoon.

Richard Collins

Ben & Kirsty Dunn

Would like to invite fellow members of the Eydon community to join them for the christening of their daughter Orla.

On Saturday 23rd September 2023 at 11:00.

At St Nicholas Church, Eydon.

Eydon Coronation Mugs



The Parish Council have a few of these items left for sale at the discounted price of just £5.00 each. If you would like yours, please contact the clerk, Steve Fox by email:

clerk@eydon-village.co.uk

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to the training packages as Councillors felt that it would enable them to fulfil their roles more effectively.

After a discussion the PC agreed that such training would have positive impact on their ability to undertake their tasks and the Clerk was asked to arrange a schedule for the Foundation and Core levels to be completed by year end.

Planning Matters

2023/5721/FULL

45 High Street: New windows, internal layout, boiler. Hot water tanks and removal of ceiling. There were no objections.

2023/5761/FULL 1

Blacksmiths Lane. Double Storey extension.

Several residents, including neighbours laid out their views on the proposal.

A thorough review of the application, particularly comparing it to the village Design Statement (VDS) took place. Reservations about the use of timber cladding and metallic roof tiles in particular were discussed at length. It was noted that it was a large extension in a sensitive area, including the construction of a new retaining wall and a change of levels in the parking area immediately in front of the proposed extension.

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Woodford Halse Community Library

The library is launching two new activities for the autumn and winter months. Come out and enjoy time with other people in a warm and welcoming environment. All activities are free of charge (donations are always very welcome).

Games Afternoon: Rummikub (learn how to play or share your existing knowledge), Jigsaw (on-going), and other board games. Bring along a game you enjoy playing, or join in with the games we have on offer. Refreshments provided. Monthly on a Wednesday afternoon starting September 20th 2-3pm.

Book Club: Join us during the daytime for our all new Bookclub. Come along to the inaugural meeting to discuss which books you might like to read and discuss. Refreshments provided. Meeting monthly, first meeting on Thursday October 19th 10-11am.

Library Opening Hours

Wednesday 10-2pm

Thursday 2-5pm

Friday 2-5pm

Saturday 10-12noon

Become a member of the library- its free to join!

Library Craft Group:

Tuesday mornings, September 5th and 19th (10-12noon)

New members very welcome to join the group; bring along your own project or share your crafting passion with the rest of the group. The group is always looking for new craft ideas!!

Rhymetime:

Every Tuesday during term time from 2:30-3pm. Restarting on September 12th. Everyone welcome; come along and enjoy the fun!!

Woodford Halse Community Village Show-Poetry Competition for Children

We have two Categories in the Village Show Competition taking place on Sat 16th September:

For 5-8 yrs- A poem entitled "In My Imagination"

For 9-15 yrs – A poem entitled "The Natural World"

Show Booklets and Application forms in the library.
Submissions to the library by September 9th please.

Craft and Gift Fair Calling all Makers

There are a few stalls left for the Craft Fair on October 29th,
so if you are a maker and would like a table, please
email eydoncraftfair@gmail.com or call Lucy Braddyll on 261611.

SUPPORT NORTHAMPTONSHIRE'S BEAUTIFUL CHURCHES



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HISTORIC CHURCHES TRUST

Saturday 9th September 2023

between 10am and 6pm

a day in the open air ... plan your own route
350+ stunning churches and chapels to visit -
many of them open and welcoming



All sponsorship money received will be divided equally between
the NHCT and the church or chapel chosen by you
**Sponsorship forms and a list of open churches and chapels are
available from your local organiser: -**

Sue Tresham 59 High Street, Eydon Tel: 0127 260503

Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust

Registered Charity No 1021632 For more details see our website: www.nhct.org.uk

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***After a wide ranging debate
the following motion was
passed unanimously:-***

Eydon Parish Council objects to this application due to the size which dominates the plot, concerns about change of levels as regards the parking area on the street. Construction of a retaining wall which may impede access to other properties and consider the proposed materials are at complete odds with the Village Design Statement which states:

“In the historic core and Conservation Area of the village, this will mean buildings primarily in Eydon stone (or close match) with welsh blue-grey slate or plain tile roofing. It should follow the local vernacular style.

It need not exclude high quality contemporary designs, but these should complement (rather than contrast with) the materials, size, shape and mass of their neighbours.

Extensions and alterations should respect the site and building size, style etc of the original building and not appear to dominate.

Wherever possible, walls and historic buildings should be retained or renovated in a sympathetic manner. Alteration should be sympathetic to its locality.”

It is the view of Eydon Parish Council that this application is not suitable for the site in its

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present form, which is one of the most important streets in the Village and a regular pedestrian thoroughfare. In particular, in relation to the timber cladding and roof materials which do not follow the vernacular style as outlined in the village Design Statement approved by West Northants Planning authority.

It was also agreed to write to Councillor Eastwood with supporting documentation.

Due to the busy agenda it was agreed after a motion as required to continue the meeting past 9.30pm.

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 12th September in the Village hall.

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman



A Personal View... September 2023

I recently read somewhere that one should walk at least 4000 steps each day to remain reasonably fit. Maybe I'm simplifying an article at which, I confess, I only glanced.

But it set me thinking about 'normal' life here in Eydon. The late Syd Tyrrell in his book about our village "A Countryman's Tale" (Constable, 1973), relates how he recalls the commencement of the construction of the Great Central railway when he was just 6 years old. Before the coming of the railway, most people walked everywhere. Only the few well-off afforded horse transport. For example, after school, boys were sent several miles to meet loaded carts of coal to help them up the hills to Eydon from Cropredy or Marston Doles. No doubt at that time most people did their 4000 and more. Local historian and author Byron Rogers described* approaching Eydon 'rising from the flat Eastern fields to where the Cotswolds start, at Eydon on its hill like some Iron Age fort.' Rogers goes on to remind his readers that 'Eydon' is derived from "eyedune" meaning a hill or down, in an isolated place.

But back to walking. It's plainly obvious to us all in Eydon that whatever direction we walk, a hill needs ascending to return to our delightful village.

This brings me to the currently defunct Eydon Walking Group.



At one time this band of hikers drawn from all points of the village, and sometimes beyond, set off each month for a good hike of maybe five miles or more, visiting local areas and hostleries to finish for a meal and a drink. We rarely tired of returning up the hill, as The Royal Oak would be there providing some well-earned refreshment. As the years went on, our leaders discovered other villages and pubs ready to welcome thirsty and hungry walkers. Geoff Stretton, late of this Parish, was our last energetic organiser.

Sad that no-one as yet has stepped into his hiking boots to carry on that which was enjoyed by many of us. Sad, too, that The Royal Oak's doors are currently closed with no real knowledge of further plans. Maybe there is someone out there today, who can rejuvenate the Walking Group?

But, as for the Royal Oak....?

John Grindlay

Picture is a reminder of a happy walking day

**Weekend Guardian Feb. 1990*

Eydon Ladies

Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 16th August 2023 in the Village Hall for a most entertaining and absorbing demonstration of water colour painting by Brian Marshall.

We were treated to a short history of water colour painting, demonstrations of various techniques to get the required perspectives, and then the creation of a beautiful wintry scene using the methods discussed. The final painting – kindly donated and signed by Brian - will be included as a raffle prize at the Village Fete on 3rd September.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be held at the Eydon Village Hall on Wednesday 20th September 2023 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Geoff Pearce who will be showing images of his photographs taken within 15 mile of Eydon. There will also be a raffle and refreshments after Geoff's talk. This event is open to all Ladies with guests at a fee of just £3.

After the summer holidays and as the nights draw in, we hope that you will join us to see Geoff's photographs of the area. Eydon and the surrounding villages provide a rich source of subjects to be captured on camera. It promises to be a relaxed and very interesting evening where we can all view and talk about our local environment.

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.



Special project at School ?

Going to Uni or College?

Starting an apprenticeship?

Do you or your Parents live in Eydon?

Are you under 25?

If the Answer's YESthen

Eydon Educational Trust Fund

may be able to give you a modest grant to help towards expenses for any of the the above.

For information and full details contact a Trustee:

Sue Lodge : Tel 261535 email: kevnsuel@gmail.com

Sue Tresham: Tel 260503. Email: sueeyates@aol.com

Mike Jackson : email: eydonetf@yahoo.com

An application form is available on request from Mike Jackson

YOUR EVN

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

ATTENTION

All Animals, Animal Lovers, Big and Small!

Come along *with your owners* to a special Service to be held in Eydon Sports Field, by Leslie Palmer of St Nicholas Church to celebrate our special pets.

To be held on **Sunday, 24th September**
at 3.00 pm.

EYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2023

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

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

GRAND DRAW

So many amazing prizes are up for grabs,
ranging from a box at The Royal Albert Hall
to a pleasure flight in a Tiger Moth!



**Tickets will be sold prior to the event and
at the Fete entrance (books of 5 for £5,
and sold individually).**

**The prizes will be drawn towards
the end of the Fete.**

Help us raise funds to support our Village Hall, Community Sports Field and St Nicholas Church