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## ALL THE FUN OF THE FETE!

The Eydon Fete 2023 proved to be a sunny success on a beautiful September day following weeks of dismal weather. Opened by the Royal Oak Morris on what was to be their final appearance, the day also introduced some exciting new features.

### READ THE FULL STORY ON THE BACK PAGE...

**Saturday September 9th apparently was the warmest September day on record and also the warmest day of the year. For one couple, it was not only a blistering day, but a busy one. *They got married.***

After a morning wedding, they partied the day through, culminating with a supper and dance in Eydon Village Hall. In his speech, the Groom started married life in the manner maybe he intends to continue, taking the opportunity of asking his new bride for her permission to allow him to play cricket for Eydon the following day.

And who are this happy couple? None other than Kim and David, now Mr & Mrs Fitch-Peyton.



**Congratulations to both!**

# PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The September meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

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

The meeting was the last that Gordon Anderson would attend as a Councillor, as he has resigned due to imminently moving home out of the village. The Chairman thanked him for his valuable service to the Parish Council.

It was also pointed out there is now a casual vacancy on the Council.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

**During the meeting the amongst the items discussed were :**

Public session: A member of the public raised the issue of dumping of garden waste into fields surrounding Eydon. It was agreed to publish an article explaining that this is effectively fly tipping in Eydon Village News.

#### **Village Projects:**

The Council reviewed and updated the Village Projects List.

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## Notes from St Nicholas



### Services for October 2023

#### Sunday 1st October

No service at St Nicholas

#### Sunday 8th October

10.00/10.30 Café Church

#### Sunday 15th October

10.00 Holy Communion and baptism

#### Sunday 22nd October

No service at St Nicholas

#### Sunday 29th October

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

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 first autumn meeting will be at 18 High Street on Thursday 26th October, between 2-4pm .

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

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

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

**Release your inner knit!!!**

### EYDON ART GROUP

The Eydon Art Group has restarted after our summer break.

We meet on Thursday afternoons in the village hall, mainly untutored and working on own projects using favourite media, but with occasional workshops.

**If you would like to join this very friendly and supportive group do get in touch. Lyn 01327 261164**



### October Bin Collections



Tuesday 10th October

Black bins



Tuesday 24th October

Black bin



Tuesday 3rd October

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 17th October

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 31st October

Blue and Green bins

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

## FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB - INFLATION

Our speaker this time was June Irani, who came to talk about the Retail Price Index (R.P.I.), which is the basis for calculating the rate of inflation by tracking changes in the cost of a fixed basket of goods.

June visits Leamington Spa on a monthly basis and calls at many retail outlets to collect and record price and weight changes of a list of goods. These figures are then submitted to the Office of National Statistics (ONS).

The list does not consist of everyday essentials, but rather arbitrary items such as vaping, jewellery, fishing rods, photo frames and online gaming subscriptions! All the products have to be exactly to the same specification each time. This data is then used by the Bank of England and The Treasury to formulate any action.

June was able to answer a number of pertinent questions during the meeting.

*Members will be relieved to hear that this subject has not been used to increase subscriptions!*

*Richard Forsyth*

## Eydon Ladies

**Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 20th September 2023 in the Village Hall for a fascinating talk by Geoff Pearce.**

On a very wet and windy evening – well done to the many members who made the trip! – we were treated to a display of images taken within 15 miles of Eydon. The landscape, wildlife and portrait photography were amazing. Geoff shared some of his hints and tips for capturing beautiful pictures of our local surroundings and encouraged the audience to get out and have a go. A most entertaining evening where Canons Ashby House Gardens (our next topic!) featured many times.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be held at the Eydon Village Hall on **Wednesday 18th October** 2023 at 7.30pm. The speaker will be Bob Illingsworth who will be giving a talk on the fascinating history and renovation of the gardens at Canons Ashby House. Although hosted by Eydon Ladies, all are welcome – members, friends, partners, husbands, neighbours – with guests paying just £3 for the evening. There will also be a raffle and refreshments after Bob's talk.

Canons Ashby House and its beautiful gardens are just on our doorstep. We hope that you will join us to learn more about this local attraction and its gardens' history. So **remember the date** – 18th October – and come along with friends and family for a relaxed evening of education and fun.

**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.**



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With regard to the Village Design Statement the Council agreed to utilise a Decision Matrix into any Planning decisions going forward with regard to the installation of Car Chargers, Air Source Heat Pumps and Solar Panels.

The Clerk advised that the refurbishment of the Burial Ground Gates and Railings and Village owned Lamp posts was complete. He was asked to source a new sign for the Burial Ground Gates.

The Clerk was requested to add the path from the Village Green to the Church to the Grass Cutting Contract.

The pollarding of the tree adjacent to the Village Hall had been completed. The Clerk was asked to contact Gulliver's Tree Surgeons and request a date for completion of the Village Tree Survey.

The Clerk advised that the Phone Box had been maintained and painted.

The Clerk was asked to get costs for Village Gates at 3 of the 4 road entrances to the village and to report back next meeting.

Jonathan Walker agreed to a survey of the Salt Bins, and also to research funding options and costs for electric Speed Signage and present proposals at the next council meeting.

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## Highways and related matters :

Andrew Partridge provided an update on the various road closures around the village. He has a long list of issues with Kier and will be meeting one of their senior managers later in the month to inspect the roads in the area. He was requested to add the safety signage around the "S" bends near to Crockwell Farm. He advised that, with the exception of the Gully on Blacksmith's Lane all the Gullies had now been maintained or replaced. He noted that one of the Gullies on the East of the Green was privately owned and that he was in discussion with Anglian Water about how to manage run-off in this area.

The Clerk advised that there were ongoing discussions with Lawyers regarding access to the Sports Field via the adjacent Bridle Way.

## Councillor Training

Dates had been set for the five sessions and was a mix of in person and online.

## Use of Village Hall during the

**Winter.** Andrew Partridge advised that he had been approached by members of the public regarding possible further ways of using the Village Hall for the community during the Winter months.

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# Woodford Halse Community Library

## What's Going on in the Library this October.

All activities are free of charge (donations are always very welcome).

Rhymetime 2:30-3pm every Tuesday during term time

Book Club 10-11am October 19 **new**

Games Group 2-3pm October 18

Half Term Themed Children's Crafting (available during opening hours)

Byfield Surgery Social Prescribers 10-11am October 4\*

All Activities are provided by the Friends of Woodford Library. Donations of books or money is always very gratefully received. All donations go towards enhancing your library experience. Our volunteers can help you with your Blue Badge Application and your Bus Pass application or renewal. Please do pop in to see us.

\*The Social Prescribing Team will be holding a drop-in on the first Wednesday of each month at Woodford Halse Library. Come along to meet others, discuss any help you may need advice with, and to find out about other groups, activities or services. We can also show you how to make use of the NHS app to order your repeat prescriptions.

## 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, October 3rd, 17th, and 31st (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!!

## Unsung Heroes of the Month...

Special thanks to Sue Croft and Emily Banner who did all the eye-catching publicity for the fete including the beautifully produced programme. As a pair they exuded calm efficiency from the start and were always one step ahead of the rest of the committee. The fete simply would not have been the success it was without their months of dedication and hard work.

*Henrietta Nelson*

## Fish 'n' Chip Lunches

**They're back! And, for October only, in the Sailing Club clubhouse at Boddington Pool.**

October's Fish 'n' Chip lunch will be on **Wednesday October 18th** (3rd Wednesday). By special invitation, we will once again hold it in the excellent clubhouse at Boddington Pool.



**Booking is essential**, and reservations are now being taken. Lunch will be from 12:15, with food arriving about 1:00 pm. So, there will be plenty of time to use the bar facilities, admire the view, and have a gossip. The usual fish and chips, or Chinese chicken, or veggie alternatives are on offer.

The cost is £7.00 per person. Contact John Grindlay as soon as possible, specifying your meal.

John is on: Home phone 01327 260303; mobile 07836 502756;  
email: john@grindlay.org.uk

## The Church Clock

You may have noticed that the Clock on the Church tower has not been working for some months. Maybe, you have also missed the regular chiming.

Part of the mechanism has worn. Recently, the clock specialist used by the Church to maintain the clock has had a look, and reports that part of the escarpment bearings have worn. He has taken the worn parts away, so he can machine some new parts and replace them.

It will be a few weeks before he can replace the bearings and once again get the clock working again, hopefully for many years to come.

All this will cost, and we are told it will be about £500 to complete the work. If anyone is inclined to assist with a contribution to help save the clock, it would be greatly appreciated. Please make contributions payable to 'St Nicholas Church, Eydon'. John Grindlay would be pleased to receive such donations, which would be carefully and gratefully acknowledged and put towards the urgent repair.



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It was explained that The PC has a small fund (as a result of selling Jubilee Mugs) which can be used as seed-money to support the development of new Community Groups and Andrew would respond to the enquiry.

### **Electricity Provision.**

The newly installed cables would be "live" this week. Phase 2, burying cables across fields to the East of Eydon would commence soon.

### **Planning Matters:**

2023/6135/FULL Oriel House, High Street. Retrospective Planning Application for Solar Panels

This application was discussed at length and it was decided that the Council would strongly object to the application. The installation was inappropriate in the conservation area of the Village and was visible on both sides from the high street and was facing a listed building.

This went against the Village design statement and previous heritage statements and set a dangerous precedent of damage to the historic street scape of the Village.

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

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The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

**The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 10th October in the Village hall**

Keith Simmons  
**Parish Council Chairman**

### Eydon 200 Club

Below are the results of the last few monthly draws, including bonus prizes. Congratulations to all the winners.

#### June draw

1st prize: Noble Noakes (horse)

2nd prize: John Grindlay

3rd prize: Oboe Braddyll (dog)

#### Bonus prizes:

Woodie Noakes (horse)

Sue Tresham

Amy Cox

Ruby Johnson (dog)

Phoebe Evans (dog)

#### July draw

1st prize: Mouse Wilkins (dog)

2nd prize: Janet Arrand

3rd prize: Henrietta Nelson

#### Bonus prizes:

Tricia Grindlay

Corrie Walker (dog)

Ronnie Grant

Andrew Crofts

Mackie Gordon (cat)

#### August draw

1st prize: Kim Keeble

2nd prize: Ruth & Dick Halcrow

3rd prize: Gladys Jeyes

#### Bonus prizes:

Steve Allen

Elizabeth Watson

Hermoine Harper

Linda Hedges

Richard Lewis

*Congratulations to all the winners.*

### Love thy neighbour....

**Since the introduction of the green bin charges there have been several matters brought to the attention of the Parish Council around garden waste and these have been discussed recently at our meetings.**

One of the challenges is where and how to dispose of the waste if you don't pay for a green bin. The most effective solution is to compost your waste in your garden or allotment but please don't dispose of it over fences and onto farmers fields. If you have a neighbour who owns or rents land who happens to graze livestock - your garden waste can be extremely harmful once it begins to decompose. It may seem like a big field but it is not yours and sheep and other livestock are drawn to grass cuttings once they begin to ferment.

Another option people take is to burn your waste. However, please don't burn your garden waste in a domestic fireplace, as it is often very smoky and can cause concern if it looks like there is a chimney fire.

Finally, the old favourite of bonfires -whilst there is no law in the UK around lighting bonfires, please be considerate; very smoky bonfires can be a genuine nuisance as can bonfires on a warm sunny day when there are likely to be windows open, washing out or windows open.

**In all instances when disposing of garden waste please be considerate to your neighbours throughout the village.**



**'A little Knowledge is a dangerous thing'.....**



**A Personal View...  
October 2023**

Children have returned to school, often to new classes; and University students have travelled to their campuses. No doubt many Mums are sad at finding the house empty again.

But not without some problems. Many schools are closed or have several buildings shut off, due to rotting cement. Industrial unrest amongst some teaching staff has had long-term knock-on effects. Rail travel is unpredictable due to strikes. Here in Eydon, many children have a longer journey to school due to road closures.

Alexander Pope (1688-1744), is often misquoted. Indeed, I have misquoted Pope as many others have before me, but he is seldom misinterpreted. I stick to my misquote in the light of current circumstances. The crisis in our education system could well have a drastic long-term effect on pupils at school and at places of higher education. The standard of teaching and learning will surely decline, resulting in a dangerous situation for the future. In the main, this is no reflection on the hard-working teaching staff. It is a collision of circumstances, and the result of inaction by successive governments to keep on top of school building and supply of teaching staff.

I have been casting my mind back some seventy years, to when I was despatched to a boarding school. Boarding, not because it was thought to be better for me, but because my family lived in such a remote spot that there was just no local school, and we had no petrol for me to be taken to school on a daily basis. Fuel was rationed for some years after the last world war, and in the late 1940's and early 1950's no transport to school was laid on by the local authority.

Like many small boys, for it was a boys' only establishment, I was whisked away from home aged about eight, and found myself in a strange environment with some ten or twelve other new kids at boarding school for the first time. Most of us made the best of the situation. In fact, I am still in touch with several boys who I met for the first time during those difficult days. However, it wasn't all plain sailing. There were boys who being away from home was such a bad experience that it affected them physiologically as well as physically. The winter term of 1952 was really cold. Our dormitories were not heated, and I recall we were sometimes glad to be in bed often with overcoats on top of the bed for extra warmth. During one really cold spell, the poor fellow in the next bed to mine was taken short in the night. In the dark, he couldn't locate his jerry under his bed, and instead used one of my leather bedroom slippers as a receptacle. I went to put on my slippers in the morning, only to find a slipper full to the brim, with a good film of ice on the top of the rather nasty contents..... Sadly, this unfortunate lad didn't reappear the following term.

To all Mums, and Dads, whose offspring are now absent for the first time, I wish them well and maybe they can reflect that A Little Knowledge needn't be a Dangerous Thing.

*"A little learning is a dangerous thing ;  
Drink deep, or taste not the Pierian spring :  
There shallow draughts intoxicate the brain..."*

FORM <u>11ab</u> Next Term will begin <u>January 20<sup>th</sup></u>									
<b>ARDEN HOUSE, HENLEY-IN-ARDEN.</b>									
Term's Report of <u>J. Grindlay</u>									
LATIN (AND GREEK)	His work has on the whole been disappointing - long-terms did not help him. At present he is very muddled and must be helped to acquire foundations. <u>BB</u>								
ENGLISH, HISTORY, AND GEOGRAPHY	General: Still a little too uncertain. Compositions: He is beginning to produce some fairly interesting work. <u>2 PPs</u> <u>Note:</u> He had a very bad patch at mid-term but since then he has picked up considerably, but he must do better next term. <u>5/11</u> <u>Eng:</u> - <u>QEs</u> - a good start, has work since his absence has been rather disappointing. His exam paper should have been much better. <u>10</u>								
MATHEMATICS	Arithmetic and Algebra - <u>Very fair</u> Geometry - <u>Good, improving steadily.</u> He has made a good start in <u>White</u> matter. <u>11/11</u>								
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<u>Games:</u> His football is improving. <u>5/11</u> <u>Good marks: 52.</u>									
GENERAL REPORT	He has tried hard, but the coincidence of his arrival in the 4 <sup>th</sup> term, and a longish spell of absence proved rather a severe handicap. He must hope for an embroken term next term. He has made quite a fair start as a monitor. <u>7/11</u>								
Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup> 1952									

John Grindlay

# EYDON VILLAGE FETE 2023

Oh what a lovely day was had by all on 3rd September this year. After a rather cold and grey summer, we were blessed with glorious sunshine and a never-ending queue for **Made in Eydon** ice cream! The fete was opened and closed by our very own **Royal Oak Morris**, who are clearly shown jumping for joy. It was a bitter-sweet moment but their final performance was greatly appreciated by all. We wish them well as they jingle off into the retirement sunset.



2023 saw the inauguration of a mostly new **Fete Committee**, bravely headed by Henrietta Nelson and Adam Banner. We thank them profusely for all the hard effort and head-scratching over the past few months, which has been greatly rewarded with a net income of just under **£11,500** to be split equally between three village organisations (the Village Hall, St Nicholas Church and the Sports Field). Of course, nothing could be accomplished without the dozens of villagers who helped beforehand, on the day and with the putting away - **huge thanks to all who played their part.**

With the new committee came new ideas, such as the **Eydon Cake Bake Off 2023** (with all produce available for the teas and auction). There was also Santina's Wood Fired Pizzas, pulled pork rolls, hot dogs, tea and cakes to keep everyone going, together with a well-stocked bar (replenished twice) and a particularly amusing milking cow!



We had our regular games and olde-worlde swing boats, together with the ever popular Dog Show and Terrier Racing. There were the classic cars on display and Tiger Moth fly-past. Then there was the **Eydon Historical Research Group's** children's fancy dress competition, Bert's rural display, an all new coconut shy and the Brackley and District Brass Band setting just the right tone.

Everyone was quite exhilarated and quite exhausted by the end of the day, with the fine sunny weather bringing out a record attendance and all-comers generously emptying their pockets.

**Thank you one and all for another memorable fete, Eydon Village at its very best!**



*Gary Denby*

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