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WELCOME TO EYDON ENTRANCE SIGNS

The Parish Council would like to know residents' preference on these entrance signs which we plan to install on all four entrance roads to the village.



DESIGN 1—WHITE



DESIGN 2—GREEN

This is part of our Village Development Plan and it's also hoped that this will reduce the number of speeding vehicles!

This request has previously been published on social media but IF YOU HAVE NOT SEEN IT THERE, AND WOULD LIKE TO VOTE, please let me know your preference by emailing me at: keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk

If you have previously voted on social media, there is no need to vote again.

Thank you.
Keith Simmons
PC Chairman

Next Issue

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

Please email to:
evn@eydon-village.co.uk



EDITOR REQUIRED FOR THE EVN

Due to the imminent departure of our current editor, we are seeking a capable person to edit and compile the EVN on a monthly basis. It's around 4 hours work and pays a good hourly rate—ideal for home workers or part time parents/carers.

Please contact evn@eydon-village.co.uk for details or call Gordon on 07946 470690

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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

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

No members of the public were in attendance.

During the meeting the amongst the items discussed were :

Village Projects

The Council reviewed and updated the Village Projects List. (Available on request from the clerk)

The Village Design Statement

The Chairman reported that a few residents had agreed to assist with this, another request would be made and the Chairman would contact those who already replied and set up a first meeting of the working group.

Agreement was made regarding the procurement of Village signs, it was agreed to seek views from residents on a choice of 2 designs. The Clerk advised a meeting would be arranged with the parties involved.

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for January 2024

Sunday 4th February

No service at St Nicholas

11.00 Holy Communion at Holy Cross, Byfield

Sunday 11th February

10.00 Holy Communion

14.00 – 16.30 Snowdrop teas and marmalade sale

Wednesday 14th February—Ash Wednesday

18.00 Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

Sunday 18st February

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 25th February

10.00 Benefice Holy Communion at St. Nicholas

Please contact a Churchwarden if you need further information or have any questions.

We are happy to arrange lifts to benefice services if needed

Churchwardens:

Sue Tresham

Tel: 260503

sueeyates@aol.com

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Gary Denby

Tel: 264002

gjdenby@btinternet.com



EYDON KNITS

All levels of knitters and crochet fans are welcome to the **February** Eydon Knits meeting on **Wednesday February 28th, 7pm at The Old School, 8 School Lane, Eydon. NN113PH.**

Please call Juliet on 07976744114 if you have any questions.

February Bin Collections



Tuesday 6th February

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 13th February

Black bin



Tuesday 20th February

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 27th February

Black bin

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

WINTER CHAT GROUP

Do you often find Winter endless and dreary?

Come and join us for a cup of tea in the Village Hall every Monday 2-4pm.

Chat away the winter blues with friends.

All are welcome.

No age limit by the way!



Jenny Forsyth

SNOWDROP TEAS & MARMALADE SALE



SUNDAY 11th

FEBRUARY

14.00-16.30

**ST NICHOLAS
CHURCH, EYDON**

*Snowdrop trail in
churchyard.*



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Work on the Emergency plan was continuing.

Freedom of Eydon scheme

The Chairman had taken on board feedback and would circulate new draft documents for discussion at the next meeting.

Village Litter Pick

Dates were provisionally set for the Village litter pick on Saturday 16th March, and the Village tidy on Saturday 30th March.

Tree Survey

This had been carried out and initial quotes had been received, those regarding the sports field would be forwarded to the sports field. A further quote was awaited but the implications were included in the budget considerations.

Grass Cutting

Tendering had been sent out and clerk was expecting more responses.

Dog Bins

The extra bin had been installed on the Village Green.

Cooption of Councillor

It was disappointing that still no volunteers had unfortunately come forward, Councillors were asked to approach residents to enable a full Council.

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Eydon Village News Editor

Again no volunteer from the Village had come forward for this paid position. It was agreed to re advertise both positions.

Highways / Related Matters

Highways - Andrew Partridge continued his correspondence with Anglian Water WNC Highways and Kier construction re maintenance of the local roads and road closures caused by HS2.

It was also noted that despite the gully in Hill View having had some maintenance work it was still not functioning correctly.

Rights of Way Warden

The present incumbent had indicated they were leaving the Village and a new volunteer was needed.

Councillor Training

This was continuing and was proving valuable to Councillors the latest being "Being a good employer".

Planning Matters

There were no planning matters as such but it was noted that work had commenced on the Royal Oak, the Council were keen to make sure the footpath adjacent and side entrance were not blocked.

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Eydon Ladies met for the first time in 2024 on Tuesday 16th January at the Village Hall. During the evening we held our AGM at which the Chairman presented her report on the varied activities undertaken during 2023. This was followed by the Secretary's report outlining the programme for 2024, and the Treasurer's report showing that the Group stands in a secure financial situation to move forward in the new year. All of the current Committee were re-elected for 2024 and an additional member –Ann Lane – was elected to bring the number to six.



After the formal part of the evening we had the opportunity to have a good catch up and discuss our plans for the year over a glass of wine or hot drink. The programme for 2024 includes talks on a wide range of subjects ('A Life in the World of Entertainment' and 'Tales of a London Bus Driver' to name but two), a musical evening, a demonstration on flower arranging, a visit to Canons Ashby Gardens and a Garden Party in the summer.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be on Wednesday 21st February 2024 in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. The topic for the evening will be the work of Dogs for Good. The speaker – Lynne Gornall – will tell us how dogs are trained to help people with a variety of both mental and physical challenges to lead happier, healthier and more independent lives. This event is **open to ALL** – friends, partners, husbands, neighbours - with guests paying the usual fee of £3 for the evening.

We welcome all ladies (whether resident in Eydon or nearby) to our meetings which are held at the Village Hall on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm (unless otherwise specified).

The annual membership fee is set at £25 for 2024. Each meeting is a chance to meet new friends and catch up with local people in a relaxed atmosphere.

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 CLUB - RIGHT FESTIVE!

We had our Festive Lunch on 3rd January 2024 at the Red Lion, Culworth, where 29 of us sat down to a very varied and delicious menu.

Bronnie had done us proud and the friendly staff were much appreciated.

Richard Forsyth



PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 13 February in the Village hall

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman

PLEASE DONATE TO THE FOODBANKS

Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy, to receiving an unexpected bill or facing a delay in receiving benefits. Food banks support people in their times of crisis (*see: www.trusselltrust.org/foodbank-projects for more information*)

We collect food for the food bank at Woodford Halse - there is a collecting box on the freezer in the garage at Oriel House , 59 High Street,

Please help those in our local communities who are facing a crisis by contributing to our collections regularly:

The types of food that are needed at the moment are:

Diluted squash/cordial	Dried Pasta	Strawberry jam	Tinned hotdogs
Tinned baked beans	Tinned sweetcorn	Tinned tomatoes	Long life semi skimmed milk
Instant coffee granules	Any type of biscuits		

If you would like more information about how the foodbank operates, please contact me,

Sue Tresham on 01327 260503 or email: sueeyates@aol.com

Here are the results for the December draw, congratulations to all the winners:

Winning prizes:

1st prize: Pod Gordon (cat)

2nd prize: Caroline Bedford

3rd prize: Pat Hardy

Bonus prizes:

Irene Gascoigne

Gill Walker

Sue Lodge

Tom Nelson

Jim Beaty

Please remember that the new 200 club year starts in February 2024 - see the back page of this issue for how to enter.

FISH & CHIPS LUNCHES



These are suspended for the time being.
The demand has dwindled, but will be
reviewed later in the year.

John Grindlay



HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING A PARISH COUNCILLOR?

Being a councillor is all about giving back to your community by bringing your energy, passion, and hard-working attitude. You can make a real difference to the village.

If you would like to represent Eydon as a Parish Councillor, please get in touch with Keith Simmons, Chairman on

01327 263014

keith.simmons@eydon-village.co.uk

The year 2024 is commencing as not one of the best for the Royal family.....



***A Personal View...
February 2024***

Towards the end of the year 1992, some 32 years ago, an elderly gentleman sat at his desk and composed a letter to his old boss sympathising with her about the rotten year she had endured. The letter suggested that in fact the year had turned out to be an *annus horribilis*.

The writer was Sir Edward Ford late of Eydon Hall, and his correspondent was, of course, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Sir Edward had been the Queen's personal private secretary for some 20 years previously. The *annus horribilis* in question had included the break up of the marriage of the Queen's second son, the divorce of her daughter, the beginning of the break between her eldest son and his wife, and the disastrous fire at Windsor Castle.



At that time over a period of some months, I had many conversations with Sir Edward in his London home. He related many memories of his time in Eydon, and of his work at the Palace. The picture shows him later in his life, in the very study where he composed the *annus horribilis* letter. Sir Edward had little sympathy for Prince Andrew and his separation from Sarah Ferguson, he was upset about Princess Anne's divorce, and had absolutely no comment about Prince Charles' problems with Diana. As for the Windsor fire, he was devastated.



Here we are three decades later, only weeks into a new year and already the Royal family has been hard hit with several substantial problems. King Charles himself, at time of writing, is due any day to have a prostate operation. His daughter in law is in hospital, apparently having undergone what must be a severe tummy operation. And we hear that Prince Andrew's wife/partner has skin cancer, which indicates that her previous cancer condition is still active.

King Charles needs all the support he can muster. Even the most hardened republican must feel sympathetic to the problems he and his family face.

Recently, the Government has released an official photograph of King Charles, with the suggestion it be hung in public places throughout the country. The photograph is available to all Town Halls, Councils, public buildings, free of charge. From this month, it is even available to Parish Councils for hanging in Village Halls.

Have a look at the picture, which shows the King in full naval uniform as Admiral of the Fleet. This is the picture being distributed to our Embassies and Consulates across the world. It will be sent to the world's press. The coverage will be immense. However, I do query the choice of dress. We are not an aggressive nation. The picture is more reminiscent of a minor south American dictator, not the image of a peace-loving British Monarch. We don't see European or Scandinavian Monarchs officially photographed dressed up like a Christmas tree. Surely, a more discreet picture like the lesser publicised picture below, would be more suitable?



We all wish His Majesty a speedy and full recovery from his operation, which it is understood is *not* cancer-related, and let's hope the rest of 2024 is happy and healthy.

John Grindlay

Footnote: The writer was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2018, and underwent several months of successful treatment. If any reader wishes to have a copy of the reassuring notes made during and after treatment, please contact him in confidence on 07836 502756.



Starts again in February 2024

The Eydon 200 Club is a licensed lottery (Licence No. 566; SNDC), which donates **50% of the funds it raises equally to St. Nicholas Church and Eydon Village Hall**. In the past few years, each charity has received at least £400 per year, thanks to your support.

Entry costs just £12 and gives you a chance each month to win one of 3 cash prizes. Make as many entries as you like, for your family, friends and pets. The more people that take part the more prize money there is to share so last year there were several extra bonus prizes.

The first draw of the new 200 club year takes place at the end of February, with subsequent draws taking place at the end of each month.

Entries must reach us by **Wednesday 21 February 2024**. You can sign up by returning your form to Lucy, Denise or Elaine or via email to the address below. Pay by cash, cheque or bank transfer.

Your support will be greatly appreciated and good luck to you all.

Elaine Partridge, 28 High Street *or email to elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com*
Lucy Braddyll, 44 High Street
Denise Palmer, 4 Quarry Close

I/We wish to participate in the Eydon 200 Club draw
and enclose £12 per entry for the year commencing February 2024

Name(s):

Amount paid:

Address:

Preferred numbers (1 -200)

(numbers are allocated on a first come, first served basis)

Email address (if not already provided; in order to contact you via email next year):

Payment: cheque / cash / bank transfer (please delete as appropriate)

Cheques payable to **Eydon 200 Club**

Bank details - Account Name: **Eydon 200 Club** Sort Code: **09 01 53** Account Number: **75685480**

If paying by bank transfer please provide proof of payment and send your details via email to elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com

Return payment by cash or cheque together with this form to Lucy @ 44 High Street, Denise @ 4 Quarry Close, Elaine @ 28 High Street