



Eydon Village News

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

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SNOWDROP TEAS - SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY

The church was positively buzzing all afternoon. Lots of people came – from Eydon, from the rest of the benefice and from further afield to see our beautiful snowdrops and enjoy the delicious teas.

Lots of marmalade was sold and potted snowdrop plants were very popular.

Altogether a lovely afternoon. Many thanks to all who came and, particularly, to all who helped make it such a good occasion.

If you want to buy home-made marmalade and missed the sale on 11th, do call at Oriel House where there are still stocks of both reduced sugar and regular marmalade.

Sue Tresham, Churchwarden



Simple Lunch

In aid of Katherine House and Cancer Research UK

Friday 22nd March

12 -2pm

In Eydon Village Hall

Homemade Soup and
a bread roll

Suggested donation £5

Bring your own drinks



To book your place contact Lyn on 01327 261164 or email:

lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The February meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on 13th February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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

One member of the public was 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 meetings would be held over the next weeks to initiate the review.

Work on the Emergency plan was continuing.

The Freedom of Eydon Scheme: The Chairman would circulate the latest draft prior to the next meeting.

Dates were provisionally set for the Village litter pick of 16 March and the Village tidy of 30 March.

Councillor training - all councillors had to complete

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for January 2024

Sunday 3rd March

No service at St Nicholas

11.00 Holy Communion at *Holy Cross, Byfield*

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

9.30 Holy Communion

Sunday 17th March

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 24th March

Palm Sunday

10.00 Ecumenical procession and benefice Holy Communion at *St Leonard's Aston le Walls*

Sunday 31st March

Easter Sunday

10.00 Holy Communion

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:

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Gary Denby

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Village Litter Pick



10am Saturday 16th March.

Meet at Village Hall (pub's closed at present). Pickers, gloves, hi viz and bags provided.

Please let me know if you can help !

jonathan@doddsmanor.com or 07747 018414

March Bin Collections



Tuesday 5th March

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 12th March

Black bin



Tuesday 19th March

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 26th March

Black bin

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

AID FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS



The Star Inn in Sulgrave has previously hosted numerous successful fundraising events for Ukraine and continues to be a drop off point for food.

Landlord Steve Kendall is going back to Ukraine around Easter, this time with two vehicles. The trip is to visit orphanages with Easter Eggs, Socks, Gloves, Hats etc. for the children.

We are asking the good people of Eydon to contribute any of the above in small boxes, (ideally in blue or yellow).

Please, please help by dropping off your boxes to Barry McRoberts, 2 Partridge Lane.

Thank you!
Barry.

VILLAGE GRASS CUTTING

The Parish Council has appointed a new Grass Cutting contractor for the next 3 years.

Care has been taken to walk the contractor around the village to ensure they appreciate local sensitivities but any village feedback about the quality of the work or issues after the first cut in mid-March would be appreciated.

DOG WASTE BINS

The Parish Council has also appointed a new dog-poo bin emptying contractor and any feedback on either service would be welcomed.

Steven Fox, Clerk to Eydon Parish Council
clerk@eydon-village.co.uk



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the online sections to allow the Council to be accredited.

Village entrance signs: The white version was picked by residents and the Council agreed to be guided by this and four signs would be ordered.

Tree Maintenance: Bids had been received and a contractor appointed to undertake the remedial work required.

Grass Cutting: A range of tenders was received and a new contractor was appointed who had many positive references. The clerk would walk around the village with the contractor prior to the first cut.

Dog bins: The Clerk had been reviewing the service provided by the existing contractor and on challenge the contractor ended the contract. The clerk was instructed to seek a new contractor provided the terms were reasonable as a matter of urgency. (Subsequent to the meeting this was achieved, and a new contractor engaged at a lower rate).

Cooption of Councillor

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

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Eydon Village News

Production

Two volunteers had come forward, the current editor would chat to them to further appointment of a new editor.

Highways and 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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We held an open meeting (meaning that everyone was welcome including friends, family, husbands and partners) on Wednesday 20th February in order to find out about the work of the amazing, non-profit organisation *Dogs for Good*.



Members and six guests were enthralled as Carol Shearman and Christine Parrett, who are volunteers working for the charity, gave a great presentation covering all aspects of the work undertaken from breeding the puppies, socialising and the various levels of training. Dogs, usually treat-oriented labradors and retrievers, are bespoke trained to help children and adults with a variety of mental and physical challenges including autism and dementia, lead happier, healthier and more independent lives.



Carol and Christine brought a wide selection of merchandise and I am delighted to report that, with the Eydon Ladies' donation for the speakers plus the donations for merchandise, over £170 was raised for this tremendous organisation.

For our meeting next month which is open to all ladies, on **Wednesday 20th March** in Eydon Village Hall at 7.30pm, we will be royally entertained by 'The Baby Zoomers'. The name has emerged from Zooming sessions during lockdown and the age of a couple of members, who are Baby Boomers, with one apparently not far behind!

Pat Cannell, who is well known to many Eydon Ladies' members, will lead the trio in playing a selection of music from around the British Isles. It is rumoured that there will also be an opportunity for some elegant and refined dancing (maybe not so elegant from me with my two left feet) as well as simply listening so be prepared to shake a tail feather or two.

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**.

Membership for the year is £25. Non members may attend meetings for a guest fee of £3.

Carrie Bedford - Chairman



FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB - FIRST AID AND AGM

The first meeting of 2024 consisted of a short talk on first aid given by David Gibson of First aid Skills Training, followed by the AGM.

We had limited time to cover a large subject, so David concentrated on the basic essentials of first aid.

The most immediate thing to be done if you find someone injured, is to assess the situation, and make sure that in going to their aid, you do not yourself become a casualty. David then showed us how to make sure that someone who is unresponsive, has a clear airway, and is breathing, before sending for help. An unconscious person should not be left alone, unless there is no other way of summoning help, and if so, they should be placed in the recovery position first.

If you don't know what this is, look it up on the internet, or better still take a course in first aid.

We then moved on to the AGM.

All those on the committee said they were willing to serve for another year, and as no-one else volunteered, this was approved unanimously. In spite of saying he wished to retire as chair, Richard Forsyth agreed to continue, if we could lighten his load. It was decided that Lyn Evans would arrange the annual outing, Richard Collins the Festive Lunch, and Tom Tresham the monthly report for the Eydon Village News. Richard F. will still be in charge of the gong.

Tom Tresham

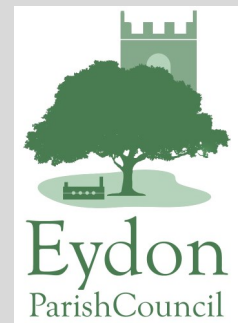
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The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Thursday 14 March (an exception from the normal Tuesday) in the Village hall.

Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman



Here are the results for the January draw, which is the last one for this year. Congratulations to all the winners:

Winning prizes:

- 1st prize: Marley Partridge (dog)
- 2nd prize: Karen Heaps
- 3rd prize: Lizzie Coulter

Bonus prizes:

- Sue Lodge
- Louise Brown
- Lawrence Hardy
- Elaine Partridge
- Shelley Carter

Please remember that the new 200 club year starts at the end of February 2024 but there is still a chance to join in - just email elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com for details.

Eydon Plant Fair

It may not quite be gardening weather yet but here is a date to look forward to!

The annual plant fair will take place on **Saturday 18th May 10-12.**

If you are a gardener and have surplus plants please think of donating them to us. If you want to fill your garden with locally grown vegetable or flowering plants this is the place to come!

Save the date!



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

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B&B & Events

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Jeremy Palmer
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Eydon Parish Council

Cllr Keith Simmons, Chairman
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Cllr Jonathan Walker
Cllr Roddy Owen-Smith
Cllr Kim Keeble
Cllr Andrew Partridge (Highways Warden)
Cllr Howard Carter

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Crime / Police

Neighbourhood Watch

Currently vacant

Crimestoppers

0800 555111

Police

Emergency 999
Enquiries 101

Food & Drink

The Royal Oak 01327 263167

Oboe Fine Wine

David & Kim—01327 262383
sales@oboefinewine.co.uk

Harley Café

01327 260818

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Brian Habgood
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Clancy Leadbeater
01295 760562

'There is no good in arguing with the inevitable. The only argument available with an east wind is to put on your overcoat.'

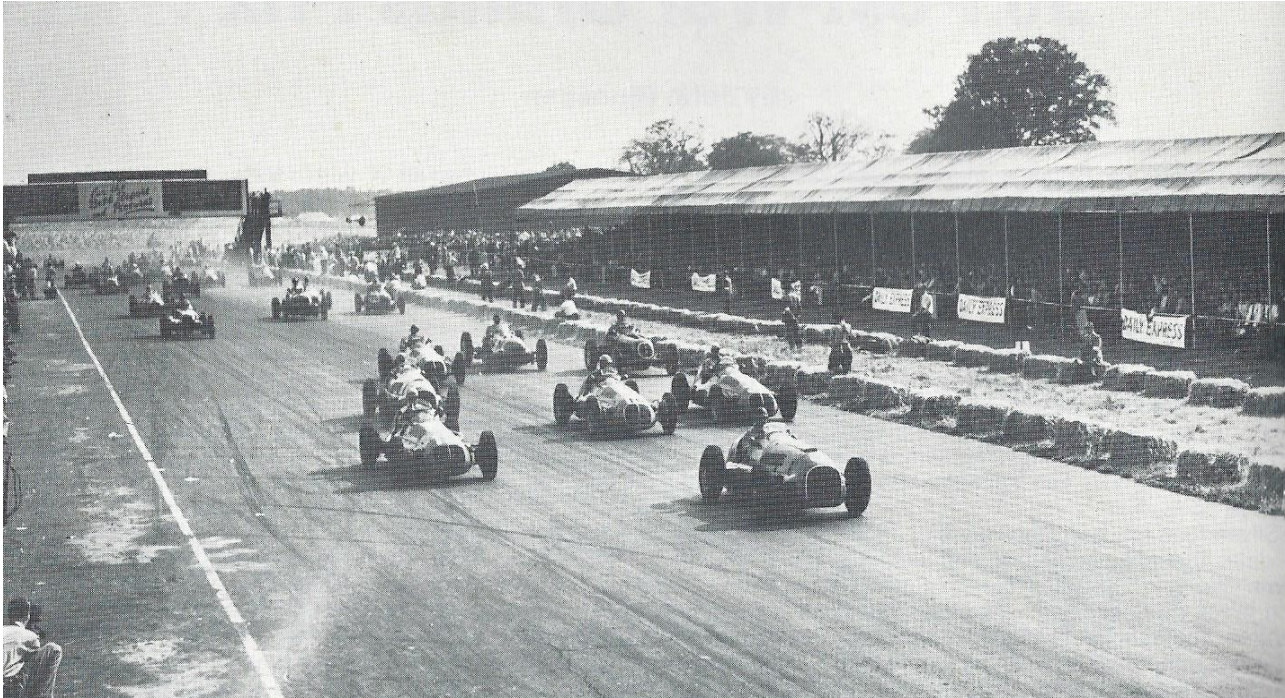
James Russell Lowell 1819 – 1891



A Personal View...

March 2024

On occasions when we are subjected to an East wind in Eydon, other noises apart from the wind are often picked up. That of a buzzing, or sometimes the distant roar of engines. Silverstone racing circuit is only a handful of miles away, and the buzzing will indicate a motor cycle race meeting, and that of engines will undoubtedly be that of F1 race cars. For testing goes on most days, throughout the year.



The East wind carries the sound of almost every gear change, and is a reminder of the importance to the local economy of Silverstone racing complex. The British Grand Prix has been held at Silverstone for 37 of the 55 years since the first British Grand Prix in 1948, and continuously at Silverstone since 1987. The other hosting circuits have been Aintree (5 years) and Brands Hatch (13). Donnington hosted a Grand Prix in 1993, but this was designated as the European Grand Prix.

As a boy, I well remember my Dad taking me to the 1954 Grand Prix race meeting at the then primitive Silverstone circuit. It was in mid-July, and the rain never stopped. We sat in a temporary scaffolding stand along the Woodcote straight more or less opposite the pits, as they were then. Ferraris dominated the pack in those days. The Brit Mike Hawthorn was second, about a lap behind Gonzalez. I recall it wasn't that exciting, the awful weather meant that overtaking was difficult. The big amusement for me was watching the poor spectators in the front few rows of the grandstand getting a drenching every now and then, as gusts of wind got under the tarpaulin roof and lifted gallons of collected rainwater to drop into their unsuspecting laps. I also remember the appalling lavatories. The gents consisted of a sheet of canvas held up by bits of scaffolding, behind which was a length of drainpipe at about knee height, one end dropping into a dug-out in the grass. Imagine the mess and smell as the hole soon filled up to capacity. Goodness knows what the ladies was like; indeed, if there were any.

Silverstone nowadays is a mega-centre for motor sport, and very many types of connected industry. The complex attracts much employment, and contributes many millions to our local economy. As I write, the 2024 Grand Prix season is about to get under way. Team Red Bull hope to continue their success, the squad being led by Christian Horner, who has strong Eydon connections. His grandparents Harold & Joan Horner lived in our village for some years, in their retirement. Harold was a first division football referee, in addition to his 'day job' in senior management at Triumph cars. Their two sons Brian and Garry both went into the automotive industry. In fact, Garry was our Best Man. Six years later his wife Sara produced Christian, who was often brought to Eydon as a baby to see his grandparents.

So, no complaints about any motor racing noise drifting our way on the east wind. Our economy is being boosted by every engine heartbeat.

John Grindlay