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EYDON PLANT FAIR

SATURDAY 18TH MAY, 10AM— 12PM

A wide range of vegetable and ornamental plants will once again be available to buy on the grass leading up to St Nicholas Church with homemade cake in the church itself.



Saturday 18th May

10am -12

All Proceeds to St Nicholas Church

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The April meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 9 April at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

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

Four member of the public were in attendance. They were all concerned about the approach from the Ramblers Association regarding reinstatement of old Footpaths. The Clerk outlined the position. The Parish Council agreed to call all interested parties together and host a meeting where concerns could be discussed.

During the meeting 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 he had completed the consultation on the West Northamptonshire Local plan and was checking whether this had been received. A meeting of the working group would be arranged after the consultation was completed. Copies of the VDs were being ordered for distribution to the working group.

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Notes from St Nicholas



Services for May 2024

Sunday 5th May

10.00 Morning Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 12th May

9.30 Holy Communion

Sunday 19th May

10.30 Café Church

Sunday 26th May

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

Sunday 2nd June

10.00 Morning Payer (BCP)

Monday 3rd June

19.30 Installation and induction of Rev Clare Glover

Rector of the Fiveways Benefice by Bishop John at Holy Cross church, 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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May Bin Collections



Tuesday 7th May

Black bin



Tuesday 14th May

Blue and Green bins



Tuesday 21st May

Black bin



Tuesday 28th May

Blue and Green bins

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

How Much.....for a Village Panto?

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Last month we looked at what it takes in terms of people input to put on a production....and this all has somehow to be funded and underwritten. We've no doubt that it must cross peoples' minds where the money comes from to put on a show. Well, this is where we are so deeply indebted to you – our very loyal and supportive audiences. Some might think that the rate is a full price for a village hall drama group – so it might be of interest to set out some of the real-life figures. We don't get funding from any outside sources, so all the money raised on ticket sales, bar and raffle needs to be carefully allocated.

Our pantomimes do usually and happily generate a surplus over our operating costs. This is needed to underwrite not only the purchase and maintenance of "capital" assets such as scenery, curtaining, new backdrop canvases, lighting and sound equipment, but more particularly the cost of putting on subsequent productions which do not by their nature generate the same level of revenue as a pantomime. It's important that we are not just a pantomime society as we wouldn't be able to maintain the standards of production values that we would like without there being some element of stimulus and challenge, both on stage and behind the scenes, for our members.

So what are the recurring costs involved in putting on a production?.....

In no particular order: -

NODA membership for access to expertise, specialist insurances, and legal advice; scripts and printing; Village Hall rehearsal hire fees; Costumes; Make up; Props materials and scenery paint; Authors performance royalties per performance; Village Hall performance night hire fees; Programme design and print; Routine asset maintenance and replacements (e.g. PAT testing of electricals) and, lastly, Safeguarding and DBS training and checking. This has become of paramount importance because it has always been a central thread for EP to introduce junior members to the joys of live theatre both as audiences and participants

Last month's article looked at the broad range of people on the right-hand page of the programme who deserved a great big thank you for their input. But the biggest thank you of all? Well it goes to all of you! Without your support there is no way in which we could continue putting on productions to (and always within the context of amateur village theatre) as high a standard as possible. We really hope that you'll allow us to continue to entertain you, and that you feel you're getting a decent return on your investment.



So what are we investing in for the future? There's a review written in-house which is planned for this autumn, and a play postponed from lockdown days in spring 2025, followed by pantomime for the 2025/6 season. We look forward to seeing you then – and there's plenty of scope for new members who relish the idea of being able to stretch their creative wings – whether it's on the left or right hand side of the programme pages.

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The Clerk reported that the new Village Entrance signs had been ordered and were being manufactured, delivery was expected soon and a call for volunteers to assist with installation would be made.

Work on the Emergency plan was continuing and a new draft was presented. The Council agreed to submit individual comments before the next meeting.

The Village litter pick had been postponed due to the wet weather, it was agreed to carry out the Village Tidy on the weekend of 11/12 May.

Tree Maintenance: Work had been carried out and permission to raise the crown of the tree on the Village Green was still awaited.

Grass Cutting : The new contractor had successfully carried out their first cut, no complaints had been received.

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.

Portrait of the King: The official portrait had been received and would be suitably sited in the Village Hall.

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Re-starting Neighbourhood Watch: The Clerk has received correspondence from the Regional Support team regarding restarting this service. It was agreed that the Clerk would put an article in EVN seeking a new local co-ordinator.

Highways and related matters: The Highways Warden provided a report which included his pursuit of the various Agencies, Highways, West Northants and HS2 and its contractors.

Of particular concern was the extensive and repetitive closures of roads around Trafford Bridge which were planned, it was agreed to seek support of our Local West Northants Councillor in an attempt to coordinate these to relive some disruption.

Planning Matters: Two proposed applications - 1 Blacksmiths Lane and 4 Mannings Yard had missed the agenda cut off, extensions had been approved and these would be discussed at the next meeting.

The normal financial and other matters were discussed which will be recorded in the full minutes and published on the Parish Website once they are approved

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm

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Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 17th April at the Village Hall for a most entertaining evening listening to Bert Manton talking about his book. As many of you will know, Bert was a local teacher of Rural Crafts and continued this interest into his retirement. His autobiography is full of fascinating stories and is a light-hearted look into recent history in the local community. Bert expanded on some of these tales for us, having us all laughing at these anecdotes for well over an hour. After chatting with Bert over a cup of tea/ coffee we rounded the evening off with our raffle.

The **next meeting** of Eydon Ladies will be on **Wednesday 15th May 2024** in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Ali Bolton of The Blossom Shop will be demonstrating flower arranging using blooms and foliage from local supermarkets and gardens. It promises to teach many of us how to be a little more creative with our shop-bought flowers. This event is open to all ladies 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 £25 for 2024. Each meeting is a chance to meet new friends and catch up with local people in a relaxed atmosphere.



EYDON OPEN GARDENS

Residents of Eydon are invited to participate in the Eydon Open Gardens event to be held on Sunday 9th June 12pm - 4pm.

Funds raised will benefit Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance. The event has been registered with the National Open Garden scheme.

If you'd like to be involved in any way, either by opening your garden, general help on the day, or with the teas and cakes in the village hall, please contact **Suzanne Smith** on 07981 030994 or email:

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Wanted! New Coordinator.

Many people will be familiar with the Neighbourhood Watch scheme.

This used to be a flourishing community activity that has sadly declined since the last village co-ordinator moved onto new areas several years ago.

However, the local regional lead in West Northants has recently contacted the Parish Council and offered to provide full support and training for anyone wishing to take up this voluntary role.

Are you keen to help protect the village community?

If so, please contact Steven Fox on clerk@eydon-village.co.uk.

FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB – EVEREST BASE CAMP

First Wednesday Club report for Wednesday 3rd April.

The First Wednesday Club had another local speaker for our meeting on April 3rd. Stuart Beaty came to tell us about his recent expedition to Everest base Camp.

Arriving at the Nepalese capital of Kathmandu, Stuart and his party were greatly impressed by the friendliness of the population. As there are no roads beyond Kathmandu, the trek to their objective involved a considerable amount of walking at increasingly high altitude. Porters from the local population were recruited to carry the heaviest loads. These people are professionals, they not only carry the gear for climbing expeditions, but all the supplies for the villages that exist at these high altitudes, but it still means that one has to be of a good standard of fitness, before undertaking this arduous journey. The trek is not quite as hard or long as it was in 1953 when Sir Edmund Hillary, and Sherpa Tensing Norgay were the first people known to have reached the summit of Everest. There is now an airport at Lukla at 9374 feet, with one short narrow runway, and a mountain range not far from the end. This means that once committed to landing, the approach has to be near perfect for there is no chance of going round again if you get it wrong. It is not surprising therefore that Lukla has the reputation for being the most dangerous airport in the world. So the flight in was probably the most hazardous part of the adventure.

Beyond Lukna, expeditions are still faced with an almost continuous climb up to Base Camp at 17598 ft which is several thousand feet higher than the recommended altitude that pilots and passengers of unpressurised aircraft are recommended to use oxygen, so one



should always be aware that altitude sickness can be a real danger. Stuart told us that his nephew fell victim to this and had to be evacuated urgently by helicopter, before reaching Base Camp. To go further means crossing the Khumbu Glacier, a major problem for any expedition for it moves at about four feet every day, and safe routes across constantly change. Only those committed to making a serious assault on the mountain go beyond here.

So much rubbish has accumulated on the mountain that returning expeditions are asked not only not to leave their own litter, but to carry as much as they can back down the mountain to help clear it.

Tom Tresham

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

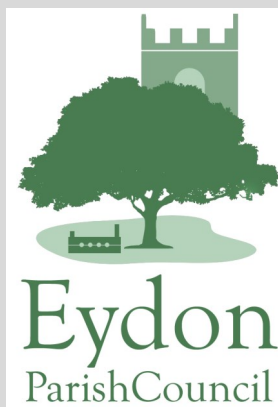
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The next planned meeting of the Parish Council is at 7.30 on Tuesday 14 May - which is the AGM in the Village hall.

It was also noted that the Annual Parish Assembly would take place on 16th April in the village Hall.

Keith Simmons

Parish Council Chairman



Eydon Cricket Club 2024 Fixtures

21st April H v Culworth (13.00)

28th April H v Foxhill Fm X1

5th May H v Buckham Town (13.00)

12th May A v Badby

15th May A v Alpine F1 Weds (18.00) – (Sandford St Martin)

2nd June A v Woodford

16th June A v Culworth

23rd June A v Everdon

14th July A v Blakesley

28th July H v Marton (13.30)

11th Aug H v Badby

18th Aug H v Napton (13.30)

08th Sept H v Bourton & Franton



Starting from Tuesday 07th May 2024 ABILITY will be running a **bus service from Eydon** weekly on a Tuesday and Thursday into Banbury. As they are an “on demand” service people will need to register first before they can use the service. The bus is open to all, they accept concessionary bus passes and non-pass holders will be charged a fare.

For further details, please see the Ability website at: www.abilitycic.org.uk/ or call 01327 604123.

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

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A Personal View...

May 2024

An Improper Inquest?

These notes are being penned in Portugal, where I'm staying for just a few days in the glorious Algarve sunshine.

Not having been here for five years and since Covid, which marked the commencement of this monthly column, I have never written about a strange set of circumstances which still trouble me from time to time.

Some background is important to relate. A close family friend and his wife and daughter came to live in in the Algarve, moving lock stock and barrel from the UK, over 35 years ago. Let's call* them Peter and Deborah, and daughter Susan. My wife and I were regular visitors, and were happy that they integrated into the local ex-pat community with ease. The daughter Susan frequently returned to the UK for work. As an actress in her 30's, she had irregular work both in the UK and within Europe. Susan had a brother Giles, who was a troublesome soul and emigrated to Australia aged only 18. Giles learned to drive the huge roadtrain trucks, and made a living of sorts piloting these all around the country.

The years passed, and in time both parents died in their lovely old converted Portuguese farmhouse, leaving their estates to daughter Susan. Her brother Giles had already been 'paid off' by the parents during their lifetime with many financial tranches being gifts from his parents occasioned by begging requests for cash. Susan retired from her acting career, to take up a life in Portugal living in the family home. She kept in touch with brother Giles, who visited the Algarve from time to time with his two children. Susan became very fond of the niece and nephew, and treated them almost as her own children. Giles was bringing the family up in Australia as a single Dad, his partner having deserted him. Susan had never married, nor had any children of her own.

Susan's investments prospered, and she decided to review her Will when she turned 60 years old. The family had used an English solicitor with a Practice in the Algarve for all their legal work since the old farm was first purchased nearly 40 years previously. We'll call him Ronald, and I've also known him for more than 20 years.

Susan decided to revoke her old Will, which was to have left everything to her brother in Australia, and the new Will would leave everything in a Trust in favour of her niece and nephew, the children of her brother Giles. Susan always made it clear to me that she had regular weekly internet conversations with her brother, and with his children, in Australia.

In 2018 on a November Friday evening, I had a distressing call from a girlfriend of Susan. The two had arranged to go out for supper, and Susan failed to turn up. The girlfriend drove to the farmhouse, entered after having no reply at the door, and found Susan dead on the floor. She called an ambulance, but sadly there was no hope. Susan had a nasty head wound. It was eventually determined by the police that Susan had tripped when running to take a phone call. She had fallen and, on the way down, had caught her head on the corner of a heavy sideboard, and died through loss of blood. 'Accidental death', was recorded.

I received the phone call within hours of the Friday death, and at once made arrangements to travel out. I arrived on the Sunday and, as requested by Susan's friends, made contact with the local Anglican clergy to make funeral arrangements. It so happened I was well acquainted with the Algarve English Priest as he used to live locally here in Northamptonshire.

And who should turn up promptly on the Monday morning? None other than Susan's erstwhile brother, Giles. There was never a satisfactory answer as to how he managed to get from the Australian outback to the Portuguese Algarve so rapidly.

But the disturbing fact, only revealed later by solicitor Ronald to me, is that Susan had made an appointment to visit the Solicitor's office on the Monday in order to sign and have witnessed the revocation of her old Will, and to sign the new Will. She never made it. Everything went to the brother.....

**names have been changed*

John Grindlay

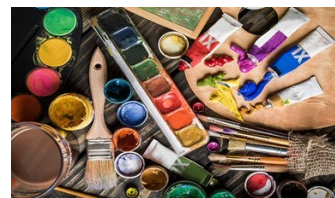
Eydon Knits

The next meeting is **Thursday 23rd May at 18 High St 2-4pm.** Bring your knit/crochet work or just come to talk!

Please 'book' a seat with Sue Lodge: kevnsuel@gmail.com

Contact Juliet 07976 744114 or Sue 01327 261535

Release your inner knit!!!



Eydon Art Group

We meet in the Village Hall on the first Thursday of each month 2-4pm and at other locations in between.

We mainly work on our own projects and use different media but do have occasional workshops

Do come and join this very friendly group

More details - Lyn

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