



Eydon Village News

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Deadline for September news-letter is 18th August 2025

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EYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

THE FOOD VILLAGE

DOG SHOW & TERRIER RACING

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

GRAND DRAW TICKETS ARE ON SALE FROM

TUESDAY, THE 29TH JULY

THE CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS THEME

IS 'BOOK CHARACTERS'

DELICIOUS HOME-MADE CAKES

GAMES - BOTTLE TOMBOLA AND MORE

QUENCH YOUR THIRST AT THE BAR

Any help making a selection of cakes, cupcakes, biscuits and scones for the pavilion teas would be much appreciated.

If able, please contact - victoriamwilkins@gmail.com

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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Notes from St Nicholas



The July meeting of Eydon Parish Council took place on Tuesday 8 July at 7.30pm in the Village hall.

The Councillors present were: Kim Keeble, Howard Carter, Luke Alexander and Chairman Keith Simmons along with the Clerk Steve Fox. Apologies had been received from Andy Reynolds.

During the meeting the following items were discussed:

Co-option of Councillors:

Ian Stewart was co-opted on to the Council. One further position was available and again councillors were asked to try and recruit another member.

Celebration Lights on the Village Green Oak Tree:

It had previously been agreed to proceed with installing Celebration Lights on the oak tree on the Village Green. They could be linked to the nearby streetlight and work on a timing mechanism. It was discussed that maybe up lighters would be a better option. Discussion was deferred until September.

Concert/Event funding:

The Clerk reported that HS2/EKFB were prepared to offer limited funding support for a classical concert in the village to assist in covering musicians expenses.

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SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2025

Sunday 3rd August

1000 Morning Prayer (BCP)

Sunday 10th August

0930 Holy Communion

Sunday 17th August

No service at St Nicholas

Sunday 24th August

0830 Holy Communion (BCP) at Boddington
1000 Benefice Communion at Byfield

Sunday 31st August

1000 Benefice Communion at St Nicholas

Sunday 7th September

No Service o/a fete

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

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Here are the results of the draw held at the end of June, Congratulations to all the winners:

EYDON
200 CLUB

Prizes

1st Prize: David Bailey
2nd Prize: Andrew Crofts
3rd Prize: Pat Hardy

Bonus Prizes

Esme Nelson
Angie Simmons
Hermione Harper
Robin Brown

New participants are always welcome, please contact elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com for more details

August Bin Collections



Tuesday 5th August
Blue and Green Bins



Tuesday 19th August
Blue and Green Bins



Tuesday 12th August
Black Bin



Tuesday 26th August
Black Bin

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

Eydon Knits



Eydon knits is welcoming new members!

We meet every 4 – 6 weeks or so and all wool / stitch based crafts are welcome! We generally bring our own projects to work on and there is a wealth of experience in the group (not from me!!) and members are kind in providing help and guiding us through any hiccups. If you want to come and have a go – please don't buy needles / hooks as we have a large number donated already that we would love you to use.

We have been asked by Culworth and Boddington schools to knit some of the Posada figures for Christmas this year, so we are busily clacking away on donkeys, sheep and the nativity figures.

Just as a little deviation from wool based craft, some of us went to try some vase making – the results are below, we had a lovely time, and I am going back again on 12th September. A couple of places still available if you want to join us. £60pp including all materials. Message me on

07711893799 or email me on
wcoy@btinternet.com ASAP



The next meeting of Eydon Knits will be held at 47 High St, on Tuesday 16th September 2025. Please do email or message me on the numbers above if you would like to join us so I have an idea of numbers.

Wendy Coy

GWEN BISHOP FUN RUN (for Cancer Research UK)

Results

1st	Martin Jones Ruth Michell
Under 12	Margot Nelson Oscar Maxted

It all took place on Sunday 20th July - 3 laps of the Village.

It was very wet setting up, but, fortunately, it stayed dry during the run. There was very good support from the village (The Nelson Family was well represented).

Tom and Martin were running together until the final lap, then Martin increased the turbo boost and pulled away to win (Perhaps we should have checked the fuel)!

Ruth Michell was the first Lady runner home and was 4th overall. Best under 12 years were Margot and Oscar - Well done.

A big **Thank You** to all who helped with all the setting up the refreshments and all the Marshall's - (could not have happened without you).

Thank you to Andy Partridge for sorting the sound system and Mike Jackson for his entertaining commentary.

Thank you all, your help was very much appreciated

Barry McRoberts



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Defibrillator Training:

The council was reminded that there was a training session for village residents on the use of the defibrillator in the village hall at 19:30hrs on August 13th.

Youth Council/Forum:

No response had been received for this suggested initiative it would be supported with more publicity.

Pruning of the Copper Beech on the village green:

A quote had been received and was approved for raising the canopy of this tree on the Village green.

The Projects Spreadsheet:

This was updated and the Chairman reported that a new draft West Northants Local Plan was to be consulted on in October. He would review this in connection with the Village Design statement.

Installation of a water supply for the Burial ground was added to the list and the Clerk was tasked with investigating installing a tap near the bin storage area.

Councillor Training:

It was agreed that a date would be found for the whole Council to have a joint training session/refresher on the Ncalc 'off to a flying start' course and then individuals would progress their own training.

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Payments:

As there is no planned Council meeting in August, the meeting approved payment of any bills due in the ordinary course of Council business for the month.

Planning Matters:

2025/2234/OUT – Land adjacent to 4 Hollow Way. The meeting discussed these plans with the Applicant. It is apparent that WNC Highways have yet to understand the nature of the access requirements onto the Culworth Road and the Chairman undertook to write to the relevant officers. No Council view on the proposal was therefore able to be made as it had insufficient information.

Bloor Homes Housing Development in Woodford

Halse: The Chairman advised that he had attended a Woodford Halse open Meeting where there was a discussion regarding the building of 2-300 new homes on the road between Woodford and Byfield. Apart from pressure on roads the interest of Eydon residents was the inclusion of building a new Doctors surgery building. He would report on any significant developments affecting Eydon.

The meeting closed at 2130 hours

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FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB OUTING

July is traditionally the month the First Wednesday Club takes its summer outing.

This year we went to Broadway in the heart of the Cotswolds. Our coach left the Royal Oak at 9 O'clock, and we arrived at Cheltenham Race Course, after a major diversion for road works, at 11.20 just in time for the main attraction of the day, a ride on the heritage Gloucestershire Warwickshire Steam Railway between Cheltenham Race Course and Broadway.

This line was once part of the Great Western route known as the Honeybourne line; it commenced construction in 1900 opened in stages and finished in 1906, HS2 please note; it ran from Birmingham Snow Hill to Cheltenham via Stratford on Avon, the preserved section of the line passing through fourteen and a half miles of glorious Cotswold countryside. We had been allocated a carriage to ourselves, with our own guide to direct our attention to points of interest along the way. With a maximum permitted speed of 25mph it gave us ample opportunity to admire the passing scenery.

We left Cheltenham at 11.40, behind GWR no. 2807, a 2-8-0. locomotive designed, by George Churchwood in 1903, to pull heavy goods trains. One of this class of engine held the record for pulling the heaviest freight train hauled by steam ever to run on a British railway. After passing through the Greet Tunnel, at 693 yards the second longest on a heritage railway, we paused for some minutes at Winchcombe to allow a train from Broadway, hauled by Loco 7903 Foremarke Hall, to pass in the other direction. Soon after we resumed our journey, we crossed the Stanway Viaduct with 15 brick arches and a height of 42 feet above the valley floor. The viaduct was built in 1903, but on November 13th tragedy struck before it was completed, when three of the newly constructed arches suddenly collapsed killing four workers and injuring over fifty others who had gone to help after the first arch fell. The subsequent enquiry found that the timber formers supporting the brickwork during construction had been removed too early. The exceptionally wet conditions at the time had prevented the cement holding the bricks in place from hardening sufficiently to support the weight of a steam crane working on the bridge, causing arch number 10 to collapse without warning. This was followed some thirty minutes later, by arches 9 and 8, leaving number 7 badly cracked. This arch too was to fall the following day causing another fatality. Even so the viaduct was completed a year later.



Once in Broadway station, and after the loco had run around the train for its return journey to Cheltenham, Richard gathered us all by the engine for a group photograph. After this we rejoined our coach to go into the town, where we had nearly four hours to do as we liked, before our return to Eydon. As this happened to be about the hottest day of the year so far, after finding somewhere to have lunch, while others explored the town, some of us found a seat under a tree, and watched the world go by while enjoying the odd ice-cream. A very pleasurable day out, and many thanks to Richard Forsyth for organising it.

On August 6th, Tom and Sue Tresham will be hosting the annual First Wednesday Club garden party at Oriel House.

Tom Tresham

Thank you to everyone that kindly donated at our late fathers funeral

Mr D B Habgood- Bryan on the 14th April at the Church of St Nicholas Eydon.

The amount raised was £1,000.70 to Parkinson's UK East Anglia & Northants.

Thank you so much, **Anthony, Tracey and Theresa.**

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The next ordinary meeting will be held at 19:30hrs on 9th September in the Village Hall



Keith Simmons
Parish Council Chairman

Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 16th July for their annual garden party. It was hosted again by Lyn Evans, in her lovely garden. We were lucky with the weather and we were able to enjoy Lyn's lovely garden. We were joined by Amanda Goddard who returned the fused glass items crafted at the June meeting. We collected the pendants and tokens from Amanda and were delighted with how well they turned out.



The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be on **Wednesday 20th August 2025 at 7.30 pm** in the Village Hall. Our speaker, Brian Marshall, will be telling us about his 'life in the world of entertainment'. He has had a very interesting career from stand-up comedian to script writing and has worked

with many famous people. We will be eager to hear what tales he can tell and it promises to be a very interesting evening.

This meeting is open to all ladies with guests paying the usual fee of £5 for the evening. At the end of the evening there will be a chance to have a chat over a cup of tea/coffee there would also be a raffle.



Ann Lane

TAILORING THE PAST

The recent exhibition marking the publication of a new book "Costumes, Clocks and Chapels" was a great success, marked by many more visitors than previous similar occasions and there was a real 'buzz' throughout the afternoon. This was helped by the fascinating display of costumes made by the Tyrrell's in Eydon, together with other artefacts lent by the family.

The new book includes an article about the costumes themselves which were made in the late 19th or early 20th century. One of the costumes has been chosen to be exhibited at Northampton Museum later this year. Another article uses an old photo album to describe many family members linked to the Eydon Tyrrells.

Also covered are the various owners and occupiers of Eydon Hall, both in the present house and earlier, for such a small village we have been home to a number of nationally significant people.

Equally fascinating are the lives of a select group of independent women who lived in a group of cottages which have been identified in the High Street.

Other articles describe the importance and



popularity of the three non-conformist chapels which thrived in Eydon until the 20th century; and the surprisingly large number of long-case clocks made in and around the village, described in the wider context of other locally made clocks.

Such a successful and interesting exhibition can only take place with the help of many people, both members and in particular friends who helped so generously with set up, serving refreshments and clearing up at the end, thank you.

For anyone who missed the exhibition an edited version will be shown at

the Eydon Fete, where the Eydon Historical Research Group will again be sponsoring the Children's Fancy Dress Competition with the theme of book characters.

The book, with its many colour illustrations, is the latest publication from the EHRG and further copies can be obtained from Simon Evans (01327 261164 or lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk)



Simon and Lyn Evans

THE EYDON EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND

Have you been somewhere nice this holiday? Soon it will be back to your studies...

...So don't forget when it's time to return to your studies the Eydon Educational Trust Fund may be able to support you with a small grant towards your educational expenses. If you are under 25, and you or your parents live in the Parish of Eydon you can apply for a grant using the Trust's application form. The closing date for receiving an application is 31st October.

So the summer break has almost gone so make sure to check out the rules (there are always some rules) which can be found on The Parish Council website, the Village Notice Boards, or obtained from the Trustees by emailing: eydonetf@yahoo.com



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Channel to Med Cycle Ride

Was I successful in completing the ride; yes, Did I enjoy it; immensely. Do I feel better for doing it, definitely. Would I do it again; yes and I've already booked to do it next year.

As a recap this was 10 days cycling from Ouistreham on the French coast of the "channel", starting on Wednesday 4th June, and cycling all the way to Nice and finishing at the Mediterranean on Friday 13th June; covering a distance of 850 miles and doing over 16500 metres cycling uphill!

Along the way had great companionship, good food, saw some incredible sights, the likes of the Gorges du Verdun and Gorges de l'Ardeche, also the Viaduc de Garabit, constructed by Gustav Eiffel, Mt Ventoux, a full size Star Wars X-wing in the front garden of somebody's house, stopped in an old monastery for a night, didn't get lost and saw the many people gathering in Ouistreham for the 81st anniversary of D-Day landings in Normandy!

I have to give my thanks to the generous people who sponsored me with a total value achieved of £1025 (+ Gift Aid on top of this); that showed immense kindness and the two charities I dedicated the ride to will benefit from this.

There was sunshine and rain along the way, roadworks to get around, and the temperature rose to 37 degrees as we headed south. The roads were ideal and the drivers very accommodating of Englishmen cycling in the mid-day sun, although a little less so when around the towns. That said there were 21 riders who set out and we were joined by riders from Canada and America who participated on the ride.

My thanks again for the generous support provided by the village.

Andrew Partridge

Eydon Fete - Sunday 7th September 2025

'Made In Eydon' – Jams, Pickles, & Foodie Treats

The 'Made in Eydon' produce stall returns!

Sue and Annabel are looking for donations of homemade treats, from jams, marmalades and chutneys to mouth-watering savoury pastries and sweets, for the Made in Eydon produce stall and would love to hear from you.

Also, we can turn any spare fruit from your gardens and allotments into jam so if you have an excess of fruit this year and would like to donate it, please let us know – we can collect anything you wish to offer.

Thank you!

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VILLAGE NOTICES

Eydon
Parish
Council



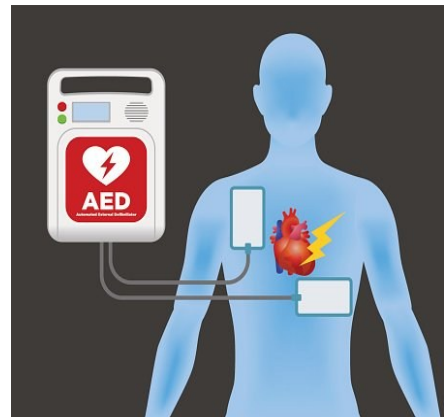
Want to Save a Life?

Do you know where the nearest defibrillator is? Do you know how to use one?

Would you like some FREE training?

If so, book your place for free training in the Village Hall at 19:30hrs on August 13.

Please email Clerk@EydonParish.Gov.Uk to book your place



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POTHOLES

Reminder to all residents



Please use www.FixMyStreet.Com to report pot holes and any issues with Footpaths in the neighbourhood.



BUFTON BRIDLEWAY

TEMPORARY CLOSURE BY NOTICE

West Northamptonshire Council as Highways Authority do hereby give notice that for a period of twenty-one days from the 18th of July 2025 Bufton Bridleway is closed to pedestrians, equestrians and cyclists in the interest of health and safety.

Access to land or premises adjacent to the said length of bridleway is unaffected.

For further information please visit the village website:

<https://eydonparish.gov.uk/news/closure-of-bufton-bridleway>

EVN DEADLINE SEPTEMBER

As we have the Eydon Fete at the beginning of September the EVN will be issued slightly earlier than normal, therefore could you please make sure I have all content for the SEPTEMBER newsletter by 18th August.

Thank you

Lucy Yates

A Personal View...

August 2025



The harvest is well under way. On dry days, harvest machinery may be heard well into the late evenings. Our roads and lanes reverberate with trundling trucks of grain, and combine harvesters struggle to move round tight corners to access different grounds.

We may be slightly held up, temporarily annoyed even, when confronted with these monsters. But a little reflection may remind us that we need all the grain that our farms can produce and supply.

At this time of the year, I always cast my mind back to earlier days of more primitive combine harvesters. I compare the contraptions of some seventy-five years ago, with the extraordinary machines of today.

Have a close look at the picture.

This Massey combine was built around 1949. It was the first self-propelled combine produced. Before these, harvesters were firstly horse pulled, and later tractor pulled. The huge engine of this revolutionary model was powerful enough to drive both the driving wheels of the machine, and the cutting and threshing equipment of the harvester.

It took two men to operate the machine. The driver controlled the speed and direction. The speed needed to be varied according to the density of the grain, the moisture content and the gradient. It was a highly skilled job, as there were no dials or instruments to guide the driver. He relied on the sound of the cutter, the amount the engine laboured and the visual quality of the crop. He also needed to be aware how often it required re-fuelling. There was no visual diesel gauge. If the motor ran dry, he was in big trouble as the fuel lines would need bleeding, a tiresome job.

The 'bagger' stood on the platform behind the driver. He had a supply of huge fresh hessian sacks folded over the rail behind him. His job was to maintain a bag under the grain delivery chute. While one sack was filling, a second bag was clipped to the side of the bag being filled. The moment the first bag was correctly full, the bagger deftly flipped a lever over to direct the grain into the fresh sack. The top of full sack was then tied up with twine, and hoisted to the top of the delivery chute, which can be seen to the right of the clean sacks. When the delivery chute was full, the bagger pulled a cord to release the full sacks onto the ground to await collection by a tractor and trailer. In the meantime, it was likely that the next bag was nearly full and needed dealing with. There was absolutely no let-up. It was non-stop, and hard work. The bags each held upwards of 2 cwt. of grain.



How do I know all this? Personal experience. I must have been 11 years old, when rather foolishly I asked if I could help when the wheat was being harvested on the farmland behind our house. Massey Ferguson was in Coventry, and they had started to import USA-built combine harvesters just as you see in the picture. The fields by our house were being used for trials with view to making the machines here. After one or two foolish errors, like not getting the knots correct to seal the sacks, and not being deft enough on the sack swap, I was recruited initially to stand in when the 'bagger' had a break, and subsequently to do a full afternoon shift, for several days.

Was I glad when it rained!

John Grindlay