



# Eydon Village News

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newsletter is 21st August  
2026

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## EYDON VILLAGE FETE

FROM NOON ON SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

THE FOOD VILLAGE

DOG SHOW & TERRIER RACING

CLASSIC CAR SHOW

GRAND DRAW

THE CHILDRENS FANCY DRESS THEME IS  
"FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER"

DELICIOUS HOME-MADE CAKES

GAMES - BOTTLE TOMBOLA & MORE

QUENCH YOUR THIRST AT THE BAR

LIVE MUSIC

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

# PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

## Parish Council Matters

The July meeting was held on 14 July at 19:30 in the Village Hall Attendance

Councillors Keith Simmons, Kim Keeble, Lisa Genovese, Howard Carter and Luke Alexander were present, along with the Clerk, Steven Fox. Andy Reynolds gave his apologies. Nic Esselen was co-opted onto the Council.

## Previous Minutes

The minutes from 10 June were approved.

## Public Comment

A member asked for advice on the management of the verge near his home. He was advised that verges are generally owned by WNC, in some circumstances typically, where the verge is grass, EPC undertakes grass cutting for WNC and receives payments towards this cost however, EPC does not have responsibility for general verge management.

WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood, who was present at the meeting, undertook to contact WNC Highways to seek advice and EPC Councillor Luke Alexander agreed to report the issue on FixMyStreet.com.

## Matters Arising

### Maintenance of Steps into VH

AJR advised that he is in contact with a contractor and hopes to have the steps repaired by the end of the summer.

### Village Design Statement

The Chairman advised that due to the workload created by the Anglian Water issues, he has been unable to progress this project.

### Options for Moreton Triangle

EPC has sought and obtained a quote from WNC for repair and improvement of this site. The cost of the work to EPC would be £12500. After discussion the

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## Notes from St Nicholas



### SERVICES FOR AUGUST 2026

#### Sunday 2nd August

10.00 Morning Prayer

#### Sunday 9th August

09.30 Holy Communion

#### Sunday 16th August

09.30 BCP Holy Communion Woodford Halse

11.00 Holy Communion Byfield

#### Sunday 23rd August

09.30 BCP Holy Communion Aston Le Walls

11.00 Holy Communion Woodford Halse

#### Sunday 30th August

10.00 Benefice Communion followed by Refreshments

You will be made very welcome at any of our services  
Please note that due to holidays there is **not** the usual family service on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday. There are however alternative services in the Benefice.

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

**Rector** Rev Clare Glover 260204  
revclare@outlook.com

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Matt Wheeldon 07968 092503  
majwheeldon@btinternet.com



## WONDERFULLY WILD CHURCHYARD TRAIL!

This summer explore our wonderful churchyard.

Discover the creatures who may live there.

Lots of resources and stickers!

## August Bin Collections

Tuesday 4th August

Blue and Green Bins

Tuesday 18th August

Blue and Green Bins

Tuesday 11th August

Black Bin

Tuesday 25th August

Black Bin

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

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council resolved not to proceed with the work.

## No Parking Signage on Village Green

AJR has advised the Clerk that this has been completed.

## Water Butt in Cemetery

The Clerk advised that the contractor intends to complete this work in July.

## Collapse of Church path wall

The Clerk advised the meeting that he had originally requested a timescale for its repair from the owners on 10 November 2025. Despite several email conversations, the owners have yet to provide any timescale for its repair.

## **Planning Matters**

WNC Planning has confirmed that non-indigenous species should not be planted as hedgerows. The Council will therefore speak to WNC Planning Enforcement regarding the newly planted hedgerows by 9 Moreton Road.

## **Highways**

The Clerk advised that 10 Potholes had been reported in the Eydon Parish area during the month and 6 of these have been fixed. Anyone wishing to check maintenance work in WNC can do so by visiting [www.WNC.ai/wise](http://www.WNC.ai/wise)

## **Water Outages**

The Chairman reported this issue has taken a significant amount of his time. He is in contact with Stuart Andrew and the CEO of Anglian Water and is discussing compensation and long-term solutions to our water problems.

## **Freedom of Eydon**

Residents are reminded that Presentation Reception will take place from 19:00hrs on 17 August

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# EYDON LADIES

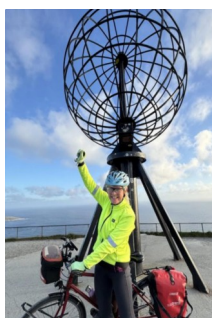


Eydon Ladies met at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 15th July for their annual garden party. It was hosted by Hazel Daniels in her charming garden.

We were again very lucky with the weather. Hazel and Tina excelled themselves with a feast of homemade nibbles and cakes, wine, soft drinks and a choice of cheeses. Everyone enjoyed the evening, talking and laughing with friends in a very delightful garden.

The next meeting of Eydon Ladies will be on Wednesday 19th August 2026 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Our speaker, Laurin McDonald, is an experienced and enthusiastic teacher of Tai Chi Chih and is looking forward to introducing us to this moving art.



This meeting is open to ladies only 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 will also be a raffle.

Eydon Ladies were delighted to learn that member Claire Poulton has completed her challenge of cycling alone to Nordkapp.

## FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB Summertime Tea

Apparently teas have been served in the Village Hall for 100 years and June 2026 was no exception. The First Wednesday Club made their contribution to the 100 year celebrations when 35 people enjoyed tea with delicious cakes and sandwiches.

One of our number was Gill Walker who was appointed the first female trustee of the Village Hall in 1987. Now Gill is nearly as old as the V.H. itself and her 90th birthday did not pass without presentation of a grand birthday cake! Also, Gill has been on the V.H. committee for many years and so she was presented with some lovely flowers and chocolates in recognition of her longstanding support over this period.

Thanks go to all those who contributed to the food and decorations.

**Richard Forsyth**



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in the Village Hall and all are welcome. Drinks and nibbles will be available.

### Other Matters

A full set of Minutes for the Council is available from [EydonParish.Gov.Uk](mailto:EydonParish.Gov.Uk).

Anyone wishing to receive news updates about Eydon should request to be added to the Village email/Whatspp alerts list by contacting [Clerk@EydonParish.Gov.Uk](mailto:Clerk@EydonParish.Gov.Uk)

### Next Meeting

There is no meeting in August and the next meeting will be on 8 September at 19:30 in the Village Hall, all welcome.

## LITTLE ANGELS



**Do you have a new baby or toddler?**

**Would you like to meet up once a month with other mums or dads, grandparents or carers?**

**Little Angels is an opportunity for little ones to share and enjoy music, stories and activities expertly led by Lesley Palmer and adults to enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.**

**If you would be interested in this happening in Eydon please get in touch.**

**Lyn Evans 01327 261164      [lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk)**

## SUPPORTING THE AIR AMBULANCE

The day was very warm – as is usual – and Saturday attendance was slow.

However, our drive was packed on Sunday which was the day Keith Brown from the Air Ambulance came to visit.

He was kept very busy with lots of questions about the new airfield and local folk were enjoying hot and cold drinks and lots of cake.

When Keith finally went home with his collecting bucket he had £105.00. With card sales and commission from jewellery sales this increased to £140.00.

The Air Ambulance sent a lovely letter to say thank you to the people of Eydon. Helen Campbell and I would like to add our thanks to all who came, drank, munched and bought too.

**Lizzie Coulter**



# **REMINDER**

## **The Freedom Of Eydon Awards 17th August 2026 Village Hall, 7pm**

**Honouring outstanding service to our  
community**

**Awards being made to**

**David Kench, Kevin Lodge and Alan Watson**  
posthumously they are all being represented by their families

**And**

**John Grindlay and Judith Watson**

**Presented by Councillor Fiona Baker**

**Fizz, canapes and wine will be available**



**PLEASE COME ALONG &  
SHOW YOUR SUPPORT**



## CENTENARY CELEBRATION



What a fantastic half year it has been starting with the initial Winter Blues event featuring the fabulous Alice Armstrong Band.

In April it was fun time for the children with an Easter egg hunt and tea party followed mid-month by the 100 year birthday exhibition, organised by Eydon Historical Society, where the plaque unveiling was attended by many relatives of those who were originally involved in building the village hall; the event culminated in a never to be forgotten party.

In June we held a midsummer dance when Al Ryan brought his big band to show off their skills and provided a wonderfully entertaining evening.

Hopefully many of you will have been able to attend at least one of the many events to celebrate 100 years of the village hall and there is still more to come. In October there will be the Harvest Supper organised by Eydon Ladies then later that month a Halloween Trail and tea party for the children, lots of spooky fun.

Finally we bring the year to a close with a Christmas Event on Saturday 12 December, slightly later than originally set out in the programme so as not to clash with an event in Culworth. Lots to look forward to.

We are away now for a brief holiday period and hopefully you are too. We will return in September to update you on the plans for the rest of the year.

**Centenary Celebrations team**



### Skools Out for Summer! But not forever .....



....So 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 there's plenty of time 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](mailto:eydonetf@yahoo.com)

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|------------------|-----------|--------|
| Rev Clare Glover | Chair     |        |
| Mrs Sue Lodge    | Treasurer | 261535 |
| Mr Mike Jackson  | Secretary | 261749 |

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



#### Prizes

|            |              |
|------------|--------------|
| 1st Prize: | Gill Walker  |
| 2nd Prize: | Oscar Maxted |
| 3rd Prize: | Diana Cowley |

#### Bonus Prizes

|                     |
|---------------------|
| Steven Matthews     |
| Moth Braddyll (Dog) |
| Victoria Wilkins    |

SADLY, after almost ten years organising the Eydon 200 Club, Lucy and Elaine have decided to step back and allow new people the chance to take on the mantle. Thanks go to Denise (who has now left the village) and to Annabel for their assistance with the monthly draws.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact [elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com](mailto:elaine.partridge2@btinternet.com). The last draw will take place at the end of January 2027 but any handover needs to happen well in advance of that so hopefully by end September this year.

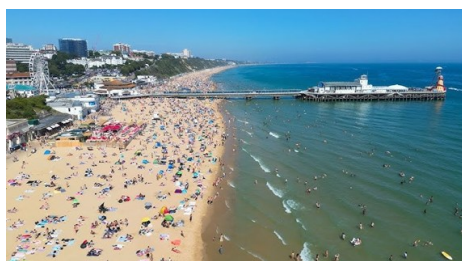
## *A Personal View... August 2026*



### ***Let the train take the strain.....***

This old advertising ditty came to my mind when sorting out my wallet and I came across my senior railcard. There were still a few months left on the card, so I thought I should put it to some use. Where to go?, why?, when?, flashed through my thoughts.

Fast forward to a few weeks ago, and to Banbury station on a hot July morning. In my pocket was a cheap day return ticket (£27 with railcard), to sunny Bournemouth. Many reasons to visit, and an easy journey with no train changes, reserved seat all the way in air-conditioned comfort.



I had pre-planned my day, hour by hour. The bus routes were downloaded on my phone, distances measured and checked. It would be a bus from Bournemouth station directly to the promenade. There, I would see whether an excellent fish restaurant I used to know still existed. If so, I would book a table for later in the day. Otherwise, find an alternative and book it for early supper. Then, get a coffee after a mile walk along the seafront (picture, left). Exercise those legs after the two hours in the train.

Hop on the coastal open top bus, which would take me to Sandbanks. There, I would leave the bus and walk along the row of properties alleged to be the most expensive few acres of real estate outside London. I had heard of an excellent coffee shop/bakery nearby, with delicious home-made goodies. Maybe something there to take home?

Then walk to the Sandbanks/Studland ferry (right) to cross Poole harbour entrance. On the Studland side, I would take the bus as far as Knoll House hotel, about a couple of miles along the coastal road. Knoll House was a favourite watering hole for the J Arthur Rank film starlets, in the late 1940's and 1950's. J Arthur Rank started the 'Company of Youth' acting school in 1946, in Highbury, London. Rank used Knoll House as a retreat, where he treated many of the young upcoming stars to luxury weekends by the sea. My wife used to stay there with her parents, and she met actresses such as Diana Dors, Jean Simmons & Claire Bloom there.



So, I thought tea on the lawns of Knoll House would be trip down Memory Lane. I'd walk the tea off along the beach back to the ferry, and hop on the bus again to my restaurant in Bournemouth for an early supper washed down with a half bottle of sauvignon blanc. A stroll back to the station to catch my train home.

So, how did it go? My train was late into Banbury due to some track problems at Fenny Compton. But I was in no particular hurry, and fifty minutes behind schedule seemed liveable with. We raced to Oxford, then we slowed considerably, and stopped. 'OK', I thought, 'maybe I'll forego the coffee break'. But it was the next announcement which was devastating. 'This train will now terminate at Southampton' came as a knockout blow. I wouldn't even make it to

Bournemouth at all on this train. I hopped off at the next stop being Reading. Now, I could tell you about the wonderful new station Reading has been treated to, as I spent an hour examining most of the features before getting a train back to Banbury, and home in time for lunch. But, I'll keep those thoughts to myself.

My day trip to Bournemouth was all in my mind, but I did get my rail fare refunded!

**John Grindlay**

# CONTACTS AND LOCAL SERVICES

## DIRECTORY

### Accommodation

#### **B&B & Events**

Crockwell Farm  
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 01327 361358

#### **Rectory Barn**

2 bed 2 bath  
[john@grindlay.org.uk](mailto:john@grindlay.org.uk)  
 07836502756

#### **The Vyne**

2 bedrooms  
[imogenbutler@outlook.com](mailto:imogenbutler@outlook.com)  
 01327 264886

### Clubs & Societies

#### **Eydon First Wednesday Club**

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#### **Eydon Historical Research Group**

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#### **Eydon Ladies Group**

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#### **Eydon Players**

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#### **Eydon Sports Field**

Henrietta Nelson  
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#### **Eydon Knits**

Sue Lodge  
 01327 261535

#### **Eydon Art Group**

Lyn Evans  
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#### **Eydon Village Hall**

David Fitch-Peyton  
 01327 262383/07773 381745

#### **Byfield Tennis Club**

01327 264542

### Medical

#### **Byfield Medical Centre**

01327 265841

#### **Cropredy Surgery**

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### Councils / Politicians

#### **Councillor Alison Eastwood**

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#### **Eydon Parish Council**

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Cllr Luke Alexander

Cllr Andy Reynolds

Cllr Kim Keeble

Cllr Howard Carter

Cllr Lisa Genovese

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#### **West Northamptonshire Council**

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### Crime / Police

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Currently vacant

#### **Crimestoppers**

0800 555111

#### **Police**

Emergency 999, Enquiries 101

### Food & Drink

#### **Dodds Manor**

Jonathan and Angela Walker  
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#### **Oboe Fine Wine**

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#### **Harley Café**

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### Media

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#### **Eydon Village News**

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#### **Facebook Page**

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#### **Eydon Village Newsfeed Whatsapp**

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Matt Wheeldon

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### Tradesmen

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### Other Local Businesses

#### **Belziadeth Jewellery & Art**

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