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Newsletter is

23rd October 2026

Please email to:

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EYDON VILLAGE NEWS

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CHILDREN'S

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Come along if you dare... it's going to be a fang-tastic time!

Fancy dress costumes encouraged for a
Halloween trick-or-treat trail around the village.

Saturday

31st

October



Eydon Village Hall

4:30 pm

Free Entry



To help us plan, please contact
Sue (07703 355491) or
Emily (07783 386801)
to let us know how many
children you'll be
bringing and their ages.



More photos inside

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The September meeting was held on 8th September 2026 in the Village Hall.

In attendance

Councillors Keith Simmons, Kim Keeble, Nic Esselen, Andy Reynolds and Clerk, Steven Fox.

1 member of the public was in attendance

Apologies

Luke Alexander, Howard Carter and Lisa Genovese.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from 14th July were approved.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked about the Council's plans for spending any Anglian Water donation and it was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

Matters Arising

Maintenance of Steps into VH.

AJR advised that he is in contact with a contractor and hopes to have the steps repaired in the near future.

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.

Water Butt in Cemetery.

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

Collapse of Church path wall.

The Clerk advised that he has had no reply from the owner of the wall regarding its repair.

Update on Anglian Water.

The Council agreed to accept an offer of £2,000 from AW but that the Chairman should continue to push for higher refunds to individuals.

Village History Sign at Ccrumbs.

This should be installed in September.

Village History leaflet and dispenser

The Council agreed to purchase 1000 leaflets and a dispenser.

Eydon Knits Poppies for Cemetery gates.

The Council was pleased to accept this idea.

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NOTES FROM ST NICHOLAS



Services for October 2026

Sunday 4th October

10.00 *Morning Prayer*

Sunday 11th October

9.30 *Harvest Festival*

Sunday 18th October

10.00 *Family Service*

Sunday 25th October

No service in Eydon

9.30 *Holy Communion (BCP)* St John the Baptist Boddington

11.00 *Holy Communion* St Mary's Aston le Walls

You will be made very welcome at any of our services

Please contact the Rector or a Church Warden if you need any further information or have any questions.

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majwheeldon@btinternet.com

Lyn Evans 261164

lynandsimon@hotmail.co.uk

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH
Invites you to celebrate



Sunday 11th October
At 9 30

**We will be collecting produce (not homemade)
to benefit a local food bank**

All Welcome!

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Planning Matters

There were no updates.

Highways

The Clerk advised that 11 potholes had been reported in the Eydon Parish area during the last 2 months and 6 of these had been repaired.

Rights of Way

The Clerk advised that the second stile to Culworth had been improved with a wider footing added.

Reports

Councillor Alison Eastwood gave a verbal report on various WNC issues.

Eydon Village Hall

Quotes are being received for an air conditioning unit.

Freedom of Eydon

This had been a great success and was well attended. After a few problems with arranging caterers all was sorted in time for the event.

Other Matters

Village Hall Board

Suggestion that there should be a board in the Village Hall to list current and past Chairs of the Parish Council. The clerk was asked to further investigate this proposal.

Invitation

Invite for 2 people to WNC Parish conference on Thursday 26th November, 10:00 to 13:00, Towcester Forum. Councillors Keeble and Simmons agreed to accept the invitation.

A full set of minutes for the Council is available from EydonParish.gov.uk

Anyone wishing to receive news updates about Eydon should request to be added to the village email/Whatsapp alerts by contacting clerk@EydonParish.gov.uk

Next Meeting

13th October at 19.30 in the Village Hall

EYDON LADIES



Our September meeting on 15th of the month was all about needle felting. This is quite a new craft and Michelle, from Michelle's Fancy Felts, used slides to take us through its history and show us some incredible examples of what can be created using the techniques. She also brought some intricate work of her own for us to look at in more detail. We were all supplied with some dyed sheep's wool and various tools and after a short lesson it was time for us to start stabbing! At the end of this really enjoyable evening we all had managed to produce a robin - some were made into keyrings, others into decorations for a Christmas tree.



Our next meeting will be on 21st October at the usual time of 7.30pm in the village hall, when Alex Wood will be tracing the roots of theatre in Northamptonshire. The evening will finish with refreshments and a raffle. It is an open evening to which everyone is welcome, so please bring along partners, friends and neighbours. Guests pay just £5.



FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB

Silvertime Legal

Our speaker this time was James Rogers from Silvertime Legal who specialise in wills, trusts, care fees, inheritance tax, powers of attorney, and the like.

James got into this business by default when a member of his family lost a large sum of money by failing to adequately plan for end of life. He mentioned that Inheritance Tax is levied at the point of death and the normal red line at which tax is payable is approximately £1m. The other topic which was most evident is the cost of care, which on average is £1500/wk!

At the end of the talk, James answered many questions from the floor and at tea-time several members approached him for further information.

Subsequently, James visited several members in their homes to discuss their legal position.

He may be contacted at: Silvertime Legal

cath@silvertimelegal.co.uk

07796962405

Richard Forsyth



GENERAL NEWS



The Boat has almost sailed
But you still have some time.....



....**So what are you waiting for** it's almost time to return to your studies and 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 it's time to get a wiggle on)*

The summer break is now a memory 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

Trustee	Role	Phone
Rev. Clare Glover	Chair	
Mrs Sue Lodge	Treasurer	261535
Mr Mike Jackson	Secretary	261749

SECURITY

After the recent thefts from sheds in the village.

A reminder to villagers to be vigilant and to make sure garages and sheds are secure as well as your houses.

If you see anything suspicious please contact 101 by phone or online at:

www.northants.police.uk

If anyone is interested in joining Neighbourhood Watch, the link for more information is:

www.ourwatch.org.uk



After months of closure the greatly anticipated re-opening of the Royal Oak took place on Wednesday evening 16th September when residents were invited to partake of a glass of champagne and a chance to tour the refurbished Royal Oak.

Over the 2 hours a steady procession of villagers were greeted by the hosts Sarah and David alongside Alexis.



After a few soft openings in September the Royal Oak will be fully open on 29th September. Reservations for Lunch and Dinner can be made via email to hello@theroyaloakeydon.co.uk or by phone on 07877 503526. The website address for more information is www.theroyaloakeydon.co.uk and is in the process of being updated.

Opening hours will be as follows:



Monday – Closed

Tuesday to Thursday 12pm to 10pm (Food 12-2pm/5.30 – 8pm)

Friday 12pm to 11pm (food 12-2pm/5.30 – 8pm)

Saturday 12pm – 11pm (Food 12-8pm)

Sunday 12pm to 7pm (Food 12 – 5pm)



OUR THANKS

After many years editing the EVN and organising Eydon social media, Lucy will be handing over the reins to Lesley. Lucy has been paramount in developing the newsletter to its format today and I'm sure we all noticed how fast the turnaround has been. Lucy's eye for design and her knowledge of village life will be a hard act to follow.

GENERAL NEWS

Come and enjoy a lovely two course Harvest Supper with a Vegan/ Vegetarian/ Dairy and Gluten free option available.

There will be a rural display created by Bert Manton and a pay bar.

Tickets: £12.50 available from Ruth Kukla 01327 264109, Hazel Daniels 01327 263128 and Lyn Evans 01327 261164

Please note no tickets will be available on the door



**HOSTED BY
EYDON LADIES**

**HARVEST
SUPPER**

Join us at Eydon Village Hall
for a delicious hot supper

Saturday 10th October
Time: 7pm (for 7:30pm)

Tickets: £12.50

All proceeds will be donated to
Eydon Village Hall & St Nicholas Church

Enquiries: Carrie 07799 885935

EYDON VILLAGE FETE

We did it...again!

The fete proved, once again, to be a massive success raising approximately £10,000 this year.

As always, we have an amazing team of volunteers from all the groups and amenities within the village, that come together to make it happen along with the generosity of various sponsors. I could not thank you all enough. The weather held out – which



everyone.

The monies raised at the fete go to help keep our much-valued amenities available to us and thank you on behalf of the Village Hall, the Community Sports Field and the Church. If you are new to the village, being part of the team organising the fete is a great way to get to know people in the village and what goes on here. It would be lovely to hear from you if you would like to get involved.



Well done everyone.

Robin Brown

RESULTS OF THE AUGUST DRAW

1st Prize James & Kat Taylor

2nd Prize Diana Cowley

3rd Prize Felicity Ford

Congratulations to all the winners

Bonus Prizes

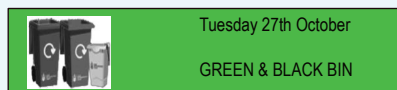
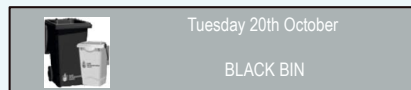
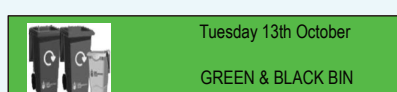
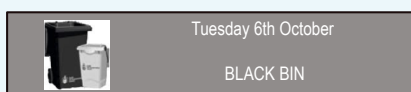
Jimmy Barnes

Gladys Jeyes

Saffie Goodwin (Dog)

EYDON
200 CLUB

OCTOBER BIN COLLECTIONS



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



A Personal View

John Grindlay



After weeks of drought-like conditions, the modest amount of rain we had at the end of August and early September greened up the grass and recently mowers have been dusted off and put to use. Over the summer, several readers have asked me to re-visit some of my earlier articles for the EVN which they may have missed or forgotten about. A particular request has been for a reminder of my sometimes slightly troubled experiences in the Middle East. A timely article, which first appeared in June 2021, is reproduced here in its entirety. It needs no further comment from me.

On a Sunday morning in October 1978 I was mowing, perhaps for the last time that season, the verge outside our house in School Lane when our neighbour from over the road at Wakelyn Manor House hurried over. Johnny Turbett suggested we had a few minutes together. This was unusual, as he was, at best of times, very reserved and wasn't easily approachable, especially about his work in the Foreign Office.

"You do work in Iran?" he put to me, "and maybe you are owed quite a lot of funds?" Indeed, I said, and I explained that one of my companies had a major contract and were owed some hundred and fifty thousand.

"You might find it worthwhile to get out there rapidly" he advised, "there's trouble imminent and the Iranian banks might well suspend all overseas payments."

So, that same Sunday evening found me at Heathrow and by Monday afternoon I was in Tehran having exchanged telex messages with our customer. Johnny Turbett was well informed. He not only knew about the Iranian student uprisings demonstrating against the Shah of Persia, but was also familiar with my modest industrial machine tool dealings there. I managed to meet up with my customers, and persuaded them to cobble together some cash by way of part payment. As anticipated, the banks were not honouring any overseas payments.



It took another day to get about half the debt value in cash sorted out, and in the meantime the riots got worse especially after the UK Consulate in downtown Tehran was torched and evacuated. I decided to make for the airport without any delay. Without going back to my hotel for my belongings, and with my briefcase stuffed with notes in hard currencies totalling about eighty thousand pounds, I started legging it to the airport. The streets were full of young people demonstrating in favour of the Ayatollahs, and definitely anti-US and anti-British. It seemed prudent to keep my head down. A tap from behind on my shoulder shook me, but I ignored it. Another firmer tap, followed by an English voice "going our way, sonny?" made me turn to see a BA uniform, then another. "Better come with us," I was instructed.

A group of BA crew were making their way to get out of Tehran and had a minibus parked a few streets away. They spotted my BA tag on the briefcase and judged, correctly, that I needed some help. We piled into the vehicle, and forced our way into the airport through red/white barrier poles, to a Trident aircraft (*pictured*). I later learnt this was part of a small fleet used by BA for inter-gulf-state operations. There was already a crew on board, which we joined. Without further ado, the engines were fired and we departed with all speed. Once safely airborne, I enquired as to where we planned to go. No-one seemed to know, but after a while it transpired we were set for Seeb (now Muscat), in Oman. The Trident, and the stalwart BA crew, got us there in about 2½ hours. I was safely deposited with the instruction that I was now "on my own". It was a comparatively easy task to arrange a flight to London the following day, as I had more than a bit of cash on me to purchase a ticket!

Back at Heathrow, it was the first time I experienced a choice of the newly introduced Red or Green customs channels. With close on eighty thousand quid in my briefcase, I had to determine which channel to venture through.....

It was good to be back in Eydon, to thank Johnny Turbett, and finish the mowing.

John Grindlay

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CRIME / POLICE

Neighbourhood Watch

Currently vacant

Crimestoppers

0800 555111

Police

Emergency 999, Enquiries 101

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Dodds Manor

Jonathan and Angela Walker
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Oboe Fine Wine

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