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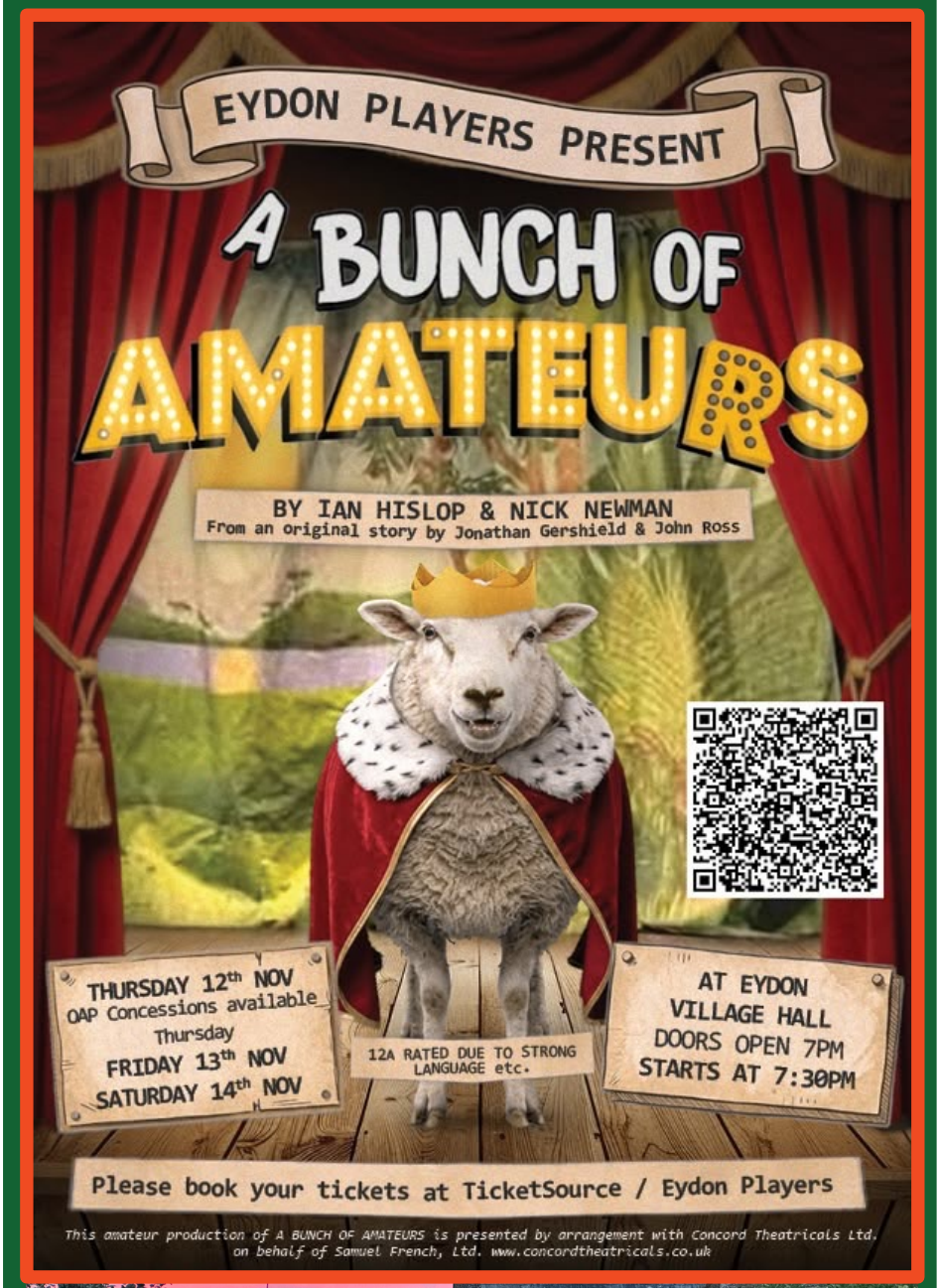
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PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The October meeting was held on13th October 2026 at 19:30 in the Village Hall.

In attendance

Councillors, Kim Keeble, Nic Esselen, Andy Reynolds, Howard Carter and Clerk, Steven Fox.

The meeting was chaired by Kim Keeble.

1 member of the public was in attendance.

Apologies

Luke Alexander, Lisa Genovese, Keith Simmons and WNC Councillor Alison Eastwood.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from 8th Sept. were approved.

Public Comment

A member of the public asked about the (2024) Anglian Water donation and provided advice regarding several village issues.

Matters Arising

Maintenance of Steps into VH.

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

Village Design Statement.

This will be carried forward until the return of the Chairman.

Water Butt in Cemetery.

The Clerk advised that the contractor intends to complete this work in 2026.

Collapse of Church path wall.

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

Discussion on Spending of Anglian Water Donations

The Council agreed that the most equitable and efficient way to distribute these monies was through continuing the policy of low annual Precept increases (which has saved households around £42 over the last 3 years.)

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NOTES FROM ST NICHOLAS



Services for November 2026

Sunday 1st November
10.00 Morning Prayer

Sunday 8th November
10.15 Remembrance Service

Sunday 15th November
10.00 Family Service

Sunday 22nd November
No service in Eydon

9.30	*Holy Communion (BCP)*	*Holy Cross Byfield*
11.00	*Holy Communion*	*St John Baptist, Boddington*

Sunday 29th November
No service in Eydon

10.00	*Benefice Holy Communion*	*Holy Cross, Byfield*
5pm	*Advent Service*	*St Leonards, Aston le Walls*

Sunday 6th December
3pm Patronal Service
You are warmly invited to this very special service here in Eydon to mark St Nicholas Day, followed by refreshments

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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Harvest Festival Service in St. Nicholas

Harvest thanksgiving was celebrated in St Nicholas on Sunday 11th October.

The collection on that day was all donated to The Addington Fund.

This is a charity set up some 25 years ago to support farmers who have run into hard times. This year it is especially relevant, due to the very dry summer and the resulting drought.

Before the service, we heard of a recent local case of a desperate farmer who had absolutely no feed left for his dairy herd. The Addington Fund was able to support him with a grant of enough sileage to see him through while the grass grew again.

The collection in Church raised £139.00, which was gratefully received by the fund in Warwick. There are some leaflets in St Nicholas giving details of the Charity, if you would like to have further information.

PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

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Village History Sign at Ccrumbs.

The Clerk advised this had been completed.

Village History leaflet

The Clerk advised that 1000 leaflets had been printed. Each household had received a copy,

Eydon.org

The Clerk advised that this site is now owned by an unrelated third party who is using it as a tool to drive increased hits to commercial websites. He will seek ways to regain control of the website.

Repair of Bench at top of Moreton Triangle

The Councillors agreed to look at the bench and discuss at the next meeting.

Fuel Surcharge on Dog Bin Emptying

The implementation of a fuel surcharge by the supplier was noted.

Perimeter Fence of Cemetery

Councillors agreed to look at the fence and discuss at next meeting.

Planning Matters

The Council had no Objection to the installation of a Car Charging point at Sunbank Cottage and will seek Enforcement of the removal of the hedge at 7 Moreton Road.

Highways & Footpaths

Fallen Tree.

The Clerk advised that a tree had fallen on the Bufton Bridle Way and thanked the owner for its prompt removal.

Derelict Sign at top of Blacksmith's Lane.

The Clerk undertook to contact WNC and seek its restoration

Relaunch or "Eydon 7 Footpaths" pamphlets.

The Council agreed that this was a good idea.

Anyone wishing to check maintenance work in WNC can do so by visiting www.WNC.ai/wise

Next Meeting

10th November at 19.30 in the Village Hall

Eydon Ladies met on Wednesday 21st at the village hall, our speaker for the evening was Alex Wood who has had a lifelong interest in all aspects of Northampton theatres. He spoke with the aid of photos of the early days when coaching barns and inns were used to put on productions, through to the present day. He talked of the rise and fall of the different theatres, the mishaps that happened, the architects who designed them and the players, some who are famous. His enthusiasm for all things related to the theatre ended with members talking with him of their memories, making this a very absorbing meeting.



Our next meeting in the village hall will be on Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 7.30. The subject being, Royal Gifts, by Geoff Pearce. Although we know Geoff as a photographer, he has also created many designs for royal gifts. It should be fascinating. Refreshments will be served at the end of the evening and a raffle. The meeting is open to Ladies only, guests paying just £5.

Ann Lane

Women's Refuge

Eydon Ladies will again be donating Christmas presents to the Women's Refuge, if you would like to contribute, please bring an unwrapped gift up to the value of £10 to our November meeting. Alternatively take your gift to Ruth's, 10 Manitoba Way before 4th December.

Christmas Dinner

A reminder that our Christmas meal, for members only, is on Friday 4th December, if you are joining us can you please book using the forms emailed to you and pay at the November meeting.

RESULTS OF THE SEPTEMBER DRAW

1st Prize	Elaine Partridge
2nd Prize	Sue & Tom Tresham
3rd Prize	Ottie Nelson
Bonus Prizes	Helen & Tim Barton
	Elaine King
	Henrietta Nelson

Congratulations to all the winners

GENERAL NEWS

HARVEST SUPPER

I am delighted to report that Harvest Supper was a great success and enjoyed by all.



Thanks are due to our chefs, Hazel, Lyn, Ruth and Jill who prepared delicious dishes for the meal. Lyn and Gail decorated the tables beautifully and Bert Manton created an interesting rural display based on sheep, wool, wool products and spinning.

Following the meal he gave a fascinating talk and then auctioned some produce including a giant pumpkin, even loaning the wheelbarrow in which it rested to allow the auction winner to take it home easily.



Many thanks also to those who donated raffle prizes, helped with setting up the hall, serving, selling drinks and raffle tickets, washing up and clearing the hall at the end of the evening.

As a result of the great team effort, plus the generosity of the people who attended the evening, we are pleased to be able to announce donations have been made of £300 to St Nicholas Church and the same sum to Eydon Village Hall.

Carrie Bedford – Eydon Ladies

Stuart Andrew MP

On Saturday 24th October a steady procession of constituents visited the surgery being held by MP for Daventry Andrew Stuart in Eydon Village Hall.

Hopefully Mr Stuart was able to make a note of the concerns expressed by villagers and take them further.



As our verges are now being cut regularly could I remind villagers to be considerate in their parking and not block entrances or damage verges

Thank you



NOVEMBER BIN COLLECTIONS

Tuesday 3rd November BLACK BIN	Tuesday 10th November GREEN & BLUE BIN
Tuesday 17th November BLACK BIN	Tuesday 24th November GREEN & BLUE BIN

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

FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB

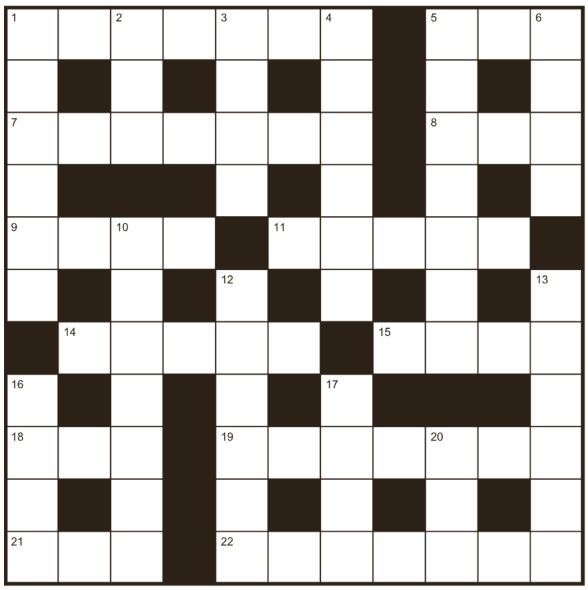
October Meeting



Michael Brown made a welcome return for the First Wednesday Club October meeting.

His subject this time was Medieval pilgrimage and the music that accompanied the pilgrims on their journeys. Michael told us that in the medieval times a church could not be consecrated unless it had a holy relique. Preferably the body of a saint or a piece of the true cross. Of course, demand greatly exceeded supply so most religious sites had to make do with just a part of a saint or other item that was thought to have holy powers or connections, but of course there was a great deal of substitution going on when what was being revered was more likely to be a fragment of animal bone or a piece of wood that looked sufficiently old. The ultimate Pilgrimage destination of course was Jerusalem, but very few could undertake such a journey with its many perils. Rome was considered the next best destination. Two visits there were counted as equivalent to one to the Holy Land. Thanks to Chaucer, we have all heard of the Canterbury Pilgrims, but to undertake such journeys as these you had to be relatively well off. Many people took far shorter Pilgrimages to a local holy shrine. However long their journey was to be the pilgrims would often be helped along the way with music, usually played on a variety of pipes or other simple wind instruments. Once the pilgrim arrived at their destination they could purchase a badge or a token to prove that they had really visited the pilgrimage site, although, as with substitute reliques, there was a thriving 'Black Market' in fakes.

QUICK CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Layered yogurt-and-fruit glass
5. Sly redcoat leaving prints in the snow
7. Little stuffed pasta pillows
8. Home of the Stars and Stripes, for short
9. Fill up on this before a long drive
11. Steep coastal drop with a view
14. A piece where a tune chases itself
15. Dutch cheese in red wax
18. Joshua was the son of ___
19. Like a puppy with a new ball
21. Trade jabs in a ring
22. Tight little start of a bloom

DOWN

1. Remove everything that shouldn't be there
2. Race an engine in place
3. Sunburn-soothing plant
4. Like a three-scoop cone
5. Plumped, as pillows
6. Photo that sees your skeleton
10. March's big sky event
12. Stew time
13. Walked, no hurry
16. Door turner
17. Cone-shaped party wear
20. Small stretch of the trut

Answers to the grid can be found on Eydon Parish Website news articles on Friday 6th November
https://eydonparish.gov.uk/local-news

WHATS ON
IN EYDON AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES

November

Wed 4th - Ccrumbs Photography workshop

Wed 4th - Royal Oak Chefs project- 5 course Tasting Menu

Sun 8th Nov - Boddington Fireworks, NN11 6DH
Gates open at 5.30pm. Display at 7pm
https://www.facebook.com/events/2716934748702355

Sat 14th - Helmdon Firework Fest - Church St, Helmdon.
Gates open at 5.30pm. Display at 7pm
https://www.facebook.com/Helmdoncommunity

Sun 29th - Ccrumbs -Wreath Making Workshop



Something Spooky has come to Eydon…..

December

Thurs 3rd - Ccrumbs - Wreath Making Workshop

Sat 5th - Ccrumbs - Wreath Making Workshop

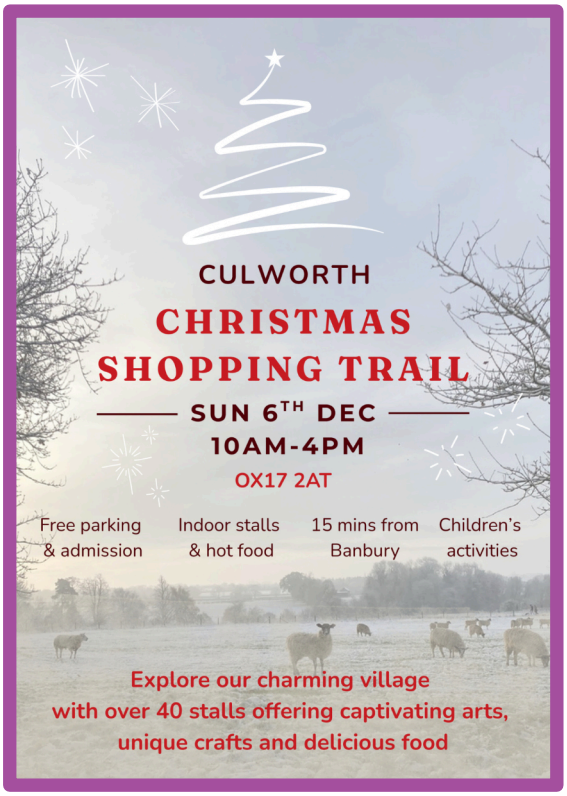
Sun 6th - 10am - 4pm Culworth Christmas Trail

Fri 11th - Ccrumbs - Christmas Market

Sat 12th - 3.30 - 7pm - Eydon Village Hall Festive Celebration

If you have any events you would like to go on this list please email evn@eydonparish.gov.uk





A Personal View

John Grindlay



The recent unrest in France prompted me to reflect that French riots are nothing new. This month, I planned to write about a totally different topic, but a reader (is there more than one of you?) persuaded me to relate my memories of the French student riots in the spring of 1968.

I was a bit of a motor racing buff in those days. I suppose that nearly 60 years ago, it was easier to get close to the sport than nowadays. By this, I mean that at race meetings, one could wander more freely around the pits, the garages, and even the circuits. So, a group of us decided to visit the epitome of races: the Monaco Grand Prix. A local motor racing enthusiast, Tony Moy, who lived in Leicester, joined up with a chum of his and a specialist travel agency was born. Page & Moy started group tours to overseas racing circuits, commencing with Monaco. So, we saved up our holiday funds and about 50 of us found ourselves at Birmingham airport one fine May morning in 1968 to board a Britannia Airways charter flight on a Bristol Britannia 'whispering giant' airliner, bound for Nice on the Cote d'Azur.



The French students had been demonstrating all over the country for several days, and the student leaders had persuaded the unions to stage a general Strike, which coincided with the day of our travel. Nevertheless, we optimistically took off for Nice. The motor race, being held in Monaco, rather than France, wasn't affected by the strike. About halfway there, the Britannia captain received a message that Nice airport facilities were all closed, as the staff were all on strike. We had the choice of either diverting to Genova, a couple of hours drive along the coast from Nice, or risking Nice where there were apparently no facilities. The captain put it to a vote. Of course, Nice overwhelmingly won.

Nice airport is built largely on reclaimed land on the seashore. The approaches are from the over the sea, whichever direction planes land. It's only just before landing, that land may be seen under the aircraft. The runways are the second longest in France, after the Paris airports. This was also the case 58 years ago, which proved fortunate for us. Our captain landed the Whispering Giant smartly at the extreme beginning of the runway, and we braked as normal until……
A mighty swerve to the left and further heavy braking threw the plane into disarray, and we came to a sudden halt on the edge of the grass by the side of the runway. Unknown to our captain, the strikers had positioned a set of wheeled steps in the middle of the runway, towards the opposite end of our approach. If we had landed coming in from the other direction, as the strikers were anticipating, we would have smashed into the steps at high speed. The resulting crash could have been disastrous. The captain took avoiding action at the last moment. As it was, no lasting harm was done, and we taxied to the terminal.



We unloaded our own bags from the aircraft hold, carried them into the darkened airport. No passport control, no customs, no staff to be seen. Only a single cigarette-smoking rather bored looking gendarme. The strikers had all vanished, so no-one could take responsibility for sabotaging the runway. But our rented coaches were there, to take us on to Monaco.

Oh, and the Grand Prix itself? I have just one snap I took at the Station Hairpin, on the first lap *(note the straw bales, no steel barriers!).* A great year for England! Graham Hill in a Lotus the winner, closely followed in second place by Richard Attwood in a BRM. This was the first of several Monaco visits, but certainly the most exciting.

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