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Council & Community

NEWS

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Another Carnival, another training session for Eynsham Firefighters Tough Mudder team and their supporters – photo © Stuart Smith

With under 30 days to go, Eynsham firefighters have stepped up their training for the Cirencester Tough Mudder, a gruelling 12 mile extreme obstacle course. The team have been seen regularly running and cycling around Eynsham since October but they have now added running in relay, carrying a 10 stone training dummy!

Firefighter Stuart Smith said “The whole team is really committed to this challenge. Some of the obstacles we are likely to face will be terrifying, but we will all start together and we are determined to all finish together.” *Continues on page 2...*

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A fun day in...

All the delights of Eynsham pubs, shops and services could be available to cyclists and walkers from Botley and West Oxford if there were only a safe, sensible cycle/pedestrian path to link everything up, rather than the terrifying stretch of fast road full of lorries, trucks and cars that currently exists. *Beverly Chandler reports.*

YOU can help. The B4044 Community Path will create that haven. An ongoing initiative run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers, this five kilometre path will revolutionise your weekends, allowing all keen cyclists, walkers and runners from the west of Oxford, and further afield, the chance to access the countryside on your doorstep, out of your cars and on a safe path.

To promote the advantages of the path to potential users from the west of Oxford, we are organising a fun day out in Eynsham on 11 September, starting with a mass cycle, run, walk from Botley to the village, leaving Elms Parade car park at 14:00 to arrive at Eynsham for Sunday tea; a little light shopping; live music; pub quizzes; a discovery trail for children and families around the village and much more.

The event is designed to raise the B4044 Community Path profile and to help raise much needed funds for the next stage of the path's development. All information is available online at www.b4044path.org

Toughing it out

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The team will have to conquer approximately 25 obstacles along the muddy course including being submerged in iced water, crawling through tunnels containing tear gas, scaling the 'Everest' wall and being electrocuted!

The 14 firefighters are raising money for three charities; Helen & Douglas House, Cancer Research UK and the Fire Fighters Charity. They have raised over £2,000 already but would love to raise lots more for these amazing charities. You can donate at www.justgiving.com/teams/eynsham-firefighters or visit their website www.eynshamfirefighters.co.uk You can also follow their progress on Facebook and Twitter.



The event is on 20 August and they will be proudly wearing very special T shirts that have been designed by the young patients of Helen & Douglas House.

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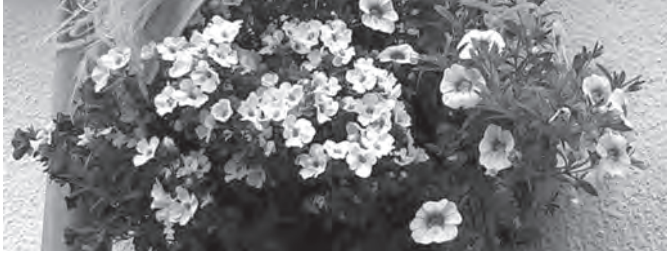
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A big thank you from Eynsham Neighbourhood team to everyone who entered the hanging basket competition for the Queen's 90th birthday. There could only be one winner – this super basket at 44 Back Lane. Well done Mr & Mrs Jinks! *PCSOs Helen Keen and Sandra Syphas*

Realtime information

OXON TIME

A number of residents have raised the issue of the real-time bus signs and some have gained the impression that these will no longer function. The latest information from Oxfordshire County Council is repeated below and we hope that by the time you read this they will all be working. *Gordon Beach – Parish Council Chairman*

Wednesday, July 06 2016

Update on 'Real Time Information' for Bus Journeys

Real-time bus information (RTI) will soon be returning to bus stops in and around Oxford.

Earlier this year a new funding agreement and partnership was put in place between Oxford Bus Company, Thames Travel, Stagecoach, Arriva and the county council to continue to provide the much-valued service at a lower cost.

New contracts were put in place in March 2016 and since this time RTI has been continued to be publicly available via the Oxontime website text messaging service and mobile phone applications. However the signs on the bus stops have not been working since March.

Unforeseen delays in implementing the display contract led to the partnership seeking to take interim measures to bring the displays back online. It is now hoped that the 270 electronic signs will start showing real time bus information again very soon. Assuming we do not come across any further challenges, we are expecting the displays to be working again from 08 July 2016.

If you missed the last (no.18) bus to Bampton, you can still snap up a FREE trip to Stanton Harcourt, Bablock Hythe, Northmoor and Standlake – see pages 6 and 9.

eynsham futures

Eynsham's Neighbourhood Plan is now ready for your comments - the updated version is now on the Parish Council website at <http://bit.do/EynshamNP> E-mail is easiest to eynsham.futures@gmail.com There is also a new paper copy in the Library and you can leave written comments there too.

Threat or opportunity? Development can be either threat or opportunity but we can be sure it will happen. We have to be prepared with a workable Neighbourhood Plan that ensures we have the roads, schools and other facilities needed to keep Eynsham a good place to live.

We need your comments to make the plan as good as it can be and your support to ensure those in authority take it seriously.

Please look at the new plan. If you think something is wrong or missing – please say so now so we can put it right.
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01865 880871

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Hazeldene Close: open space and street lights
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Street Lights: 24 hour fault line 0800 317802 - page 8

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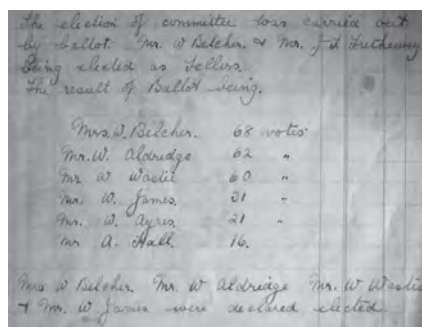
Recycling update

From October 2017 you will be able to pile into a wheelie bin most recycling items that currently go in black boxes – removing the effort of sorting and reducing street litter as well. Residents with no space for a new wheelie bin can be assured that other options are being explored.

- A kerbside collection for small electrical items will start at the same time
- A black box will still be needed, as glass, batteries, textiles and cooking oil must be collected separately
- Recycling collections will become fortnightly, alternating with household waste
- Food waste will continue to be collected weekly.

A small annual charge of £30 for garden waste collection will be introduced from April 2017, as recycling credits from OCC have been discontinued.

Golden oldies



Eynsham Social & Sports Club – democracy at work

ESSC is not a business as such but exists as a not-for-profit owned-by-its-members enterprise, and has done so since 1920. The public houses will be older of course but are run as new businesses each time the landlord changes.

We can track a continuous operation since we opened and as a village asset (possibly unknown to many newcomers) we would like to reach out to new members. You are welcome to call in to try us out; half-price annual membership applies from 1 August. Beyond that ‘our’ story is worth telling as we approach our centenary against the backdrop of the awful events of 1914–1918. We began as a home for the “Comrades of the Great War” – the village men who had returned from the battlefields. For more information please email: nikki_bex@hotmail.co.uk

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Back on the buses

Dennis Stukenbroeker – parish transport representative

Having written in the last News that the 11 and 18 buses were expected to stop running in July, I can now write some good news.

Stagecoach has announced that it will continue to operate its 11 bus service according to the existing schedule, running through Long Hanborough, Freeland and North Leigh to Witney, Eynsham and Oxford.

While the subsidised 18 service ceased in line with Oxfordshire County Council's withdrawal of subsidies on 20 July, a new, limited, service has been started by OCC to fill the gap using its own bus service during 'downtime'. It is underwritten by some parish councils, but not Eynsham, *and free until 31 August*.

This service runs Tuesdays to Fridays from Eynsham to connect with Stagecoach's 19 service to Witney which has been extended to include Standlake (The Bell). The new service runs from Eynsham five times a day between 10.30 and 13.34 and Standlake four times a day between 10.04 and 13.18. Full details of the schedule are on Eynsham Online and the OCC website. The county councillor for Eynsham, Charles Mathew, who was instrumental in setting up the replacement service said, "If we do not use it, we will lose it".

Our man with the OAP bus pass writes: "What a great idea, a lunchtime pub crawl bus route! Looking at the schedule, it starts at the Red Lion (Eynsham), goes to the Harcourt Arms (Stanton Harcourt), then to the Ferryman (Bablock Hythe), the Red Lion in Northmoor and ends at the Bell in Standlake, then comes back."

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees

FOOTPATHS: *"Nature's peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into the trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like falling leaves"* – John Muir

The Eynsham Mill circular walk was looking very sorry for itself at the beginning of June: the paths from Wharf Farm across the fields to the river Evenlode were unnavigable and the whole path along the river was so overgrown it was almost impassable. Also,

the stile near the river was broken so the fence had to be clambered over. I contacted Dan Weeks at the Countryside Service, in the hope that some work could be done to put things right on this lovely route. I walked the whole circuit, with fingers crossed, on Sunday 3 July and was chuffed to see that the landowner had cleared the paths across the fields, all the undergrowth had been chopped back and the fence where the stile was had been completely removed.

This means that the entire route is now accessible, having no stiles or fences to climb over at all (there are some gates, however). I'd like to extend a big thank you to Dan and his team for all their hard work. Find it at <http://tinyurl.com/eynsham-mill-walk>



During my walk, I spotted a roe deer and a family of buzzards. The Millennium Wood was full of moths and butterflies: I saw a cinnabar moth and I think I identified a marbled white butterfly (above), a meadow brown and possibly a small copper. I couldn't wipe the smile off my face.

The footpaths spreadsheet is well on its way to completion for the autumn. Once finished, it will be forwarded to Dan for perusal. As ever, if you come across any obstacles or other problems on our lovely paths, please let me, Dan or any of the Footpaths committee members know and we'll do our best to put things right. Enjoy your walks!

FISHPONDS: The Eynsham Open Garden Committee has kindly offered a donation to the Fishponds to pay for some wildflower seeds, for which we are most grateful. The seeds will be sown in the autumn, in the area to the south-east of the Fishponds site which has been prepared for the wildflower meadow. We hope to see a blaze of colour next year!

The weather has not been at its best this summer – yet! – but we are still hopeful that we might be able to arrange for some dry stone walling sessions to be held on site later in the year, to help improve the look and condition of some parts of the wall. Look out for dates in due course!

Planning appeals

Dennis Stukenbroeker – Chair, Planning Committee

The appeal by Oxford Homes against West Oxfordshire District Council's refusal of an application for 13 dwellings on land at Newland Street, adjacent to The Gables, has been granted.

The application (15/01184/FUL) for 10 apartments and three detached houses was turned down by WODC on 5 August 2015. The builders subsequently made a further application (15/04071/FUL) for 10 dwellings but this was also turned down by WODC.

Oxford Homes then appealed against the first refusal and the government inspector, Ian Radcliffe, approved the scheme for 13 houses on 6 July. He said the social and economic benefits of the development, on green space at the eastern entrance to the village, 'clearly outweigh the limited harm that would be caused'. Also, as WODC had not shown that it had a five year housing supply as required under the government's National Planning Policy Framework, there was then a 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' for the proposal, as set out in the Framework.

The appeal against refusal of permission for 77 dwellings at the Eynsham Nursery & Plant Centre on Old Witney Road was heard during the week of 21 June 2016 at the Four Pillars Hotel in Witney. The 5 March 2015 decision by WODC on Vanderbilt Beaconsfield Ltd's application (15/00761/FUL) rejected a mix of one bedroom flats and two, three, four and five bedroom houses on the brownfield site adjacent to the A40.

Both Gordon Beach, Chair of Eynsham Parish Council and vice-chair Richard Andrews gave evidence at the hearing. Cllr Andrews, who is drafting the emerging Eynsham neighbourhood plan, argued that granting the application would interfere with a comprehensive development of the west of Eynsham, as contemplated in the neighbourhood plan. The government inspector will announce his decision at a future date.



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your projects

Sue Hunt has a welcome update

Goodbye old – hello new! The contractors are well on their way to completing the extension to the Oxford Road skatepark and it is anticipated that it should all be finished mid-August ready for use. Please keep away from this area until then.

The official opening party/fundraiser will be held at the start of September. Look out for the posters around the village which will give further details, but we are planning a BBQ, music, guest skateboarders from Oxford Skatepark showing their skills and providing hints and tips.

We shall also be giving prizes for the best tricks and freestyle use of the skatepark, so bring your scooter, skateboard, BMX and take part!! All monies raised will go towards extra bits for the area such as bins, picnic tables, benches etc.

Our grateful thanks go to our grant funders: especially WREN'S FCC Community Action Fund who provided the bulk of the money along with The Rotary Club of Eynsham, Cottsway Welcommunity Fund and The Doris Field Trust. A further Rotary update appears on page 18.

All Council contact details are listed on page 5



Oxfordshire County Council will be restructuring children's services. This will affect the services that will be offered from The Orchard Children's Centre. Some parents are looking at ways of keeping services running in the future. If you are interested in putting forward ideas or getting involved please contact: Sue Moss, email tetleysue75@aol.com or Sarah Ashfield, email sarah.ashfield@oxfordshire.gov.uk

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- Friday 5 August Dogs Trust Storytime. Join us in the afternoon for animal stories led by a special storyteller from the Dogs Trust charity.
- Tuesday 23 August 'Big Friendly Revolting Read' 10:30–11:30 for ages 5–10 Come for wacky stories, facts and food inspired by the greatest storyteller Roald Dahl.
- Saturday 17 September Medal Ceremony 13:15. If you've finished the Reading Challenge come along to collect your medal, certificate and a biscuit or two!

Don't forget, we also have a Rhymetime for 0–5 year olds every Tuesday at 14:00 – bring your little one for singing, stories and musical instruments! No need to book, just come along!

We look forward to seeing you at Eynsham Library. Katherine, Clare, Pam & Eloise

Community spirit

Tim Jordan reports on a new school award

Beyond its initial aims of preserving the character and appearance of the village, the Eynsham Society also seeks to preserve and expand the community spirit which we all appreciate by thinking of future generations. In one small way of helping sustain this aspect, the Society has decided to provide an annual award for school pupils in the village. The first occasion for this prize was at Bartholomew School's recent upper school awards evening. Decided by staff, governors and pupils The Eynsham Society Community Spirit Award was made to Lewis Silk – an exemplary student and a brilliant example of the sense of community spirit that Bartholomew School encourages.

Speaking for the school governors, Paul Stammers adds 'This accolade recognises his dedication to supporting staff and visitors during school events such as Transition Days and Open Evenings, charity events (some of which he organised) and school activities – such as being an interview panel member for Assistant Headteacher applicants.'



An update from Martyn McHale and Eynsham Neighbourhood team

It would seem that the great British Summer is over: it was two hours during last Tuesday! Nevertheless, our communities are ploughing on regardless and we have hugely enjoyed both the Stanton Harcourt Fête and the Aston Fête.

Not being a fan of motorbikes myself, Cassington Bike Night is always somewhat lost of me. Two wheels and a petrol tank does not constitute a vehicle in my personal opinion; I like a windscreen, a roof and comfortable seats – preferably heated! However for those that enjoy them, the Bike Night continues to be an annual success not just from the viewpoint of admiring machinery but also in bringing the community together and participants making it safe. Once again there were zero accidents and zero issues with the gathering. My thanks to all involved.

It is common knowledge that there is an ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) camera at Eynsham. For anyone who hasn't seen an episode of 'Road-Police-Interceptor-Camera-Action-Night-cop-Wars' these cameras scan passing number plates and search a computer database for vehicles connected with crimes. This recently led to a suspect being arrested for a plethora of theft related offences as he passed through Eynsham. Unfortunately this also led to a 15 hour shift for yours truly, however the suspect

was successfully remanded to court. I hope this sends a message that offenders should give Eynsham a very wide berth!

Lastly, if you are having any kind of summer party please be considerate towards your neighbours. The lighter evenings and high spirits make it easy to lose track of time, and to forget an elderly neighbour or people with young children who can be very frustrated by late noise. Please don't be the cause of a report of anti-social behaviour in our peaceful community.

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Standlake - Eynsham				
Tuesdays and Fridays				
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Pinkhill Cottage, Standlake	10.05			
Northmoor (Red Lion)	10.11	10.46	12.46	13.18
Bablock Hythe, top of lane		10.49	12.47	13.19
Bablock Hythe (Ferryman)	10.15			
Stanton Harcourt (Harcourt Arms) [also Flexneys]	10.21	10.53	12.53	13.25
Sutton (Sutton Lane)	10.22	10.54	12.54	13.26
Eynsham (Red Lion)	10.27	10.59	12.59	13.31
Eynsham (Red Lion)	10.30	11.02	12.30	13.02 13.34
Sutton (Sutton Lane)	10.35	11.07	12.35	13.07 13.39
Stanton Harcourt (Harcourt Arms) [also Flexneys]	10.36	11.08	12.36	13.08 13.40
Bablock Hythe (Ferryman)		11.15		13.47
Bablock Hythe, top of lane	10.39		12.39	13.11
Northmoor (Red Lion)	10.43	11.19	12.43	13.15 13.51
Pinkhill Cottage, Standlake		11.25		13.57
Standlake (Bell Pub / Post Office)		11.26		13.58

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Eynsham Neighbourhood Car Scheme provides a service to residents in the village who need to get to health care appointments and are unable to use public transport or call on family and friends.

At present, we have a total of 22 drivers signed up to help. Sitting in the Oxford traffic, trying to park at the hospitals, followed by an uncertain wait until patients are seen – why do they do it? Volunteer driver Kaye Pritchard points to the value of helping others and at the same time doing something you enjoy. She says:

'I love driving, and for many years drove for WRVS Meals-on-Wheels, until this service was stopped. I'm glad there is this scheme, so I can continue to provide help whenever possible.

'Admittedly, it is not always a fun thing. Some people who use the scheme are very ill, and it can be distressing to hear of their problems. Mostly, though, people keep very positive in the face of adversity and one hears some really inspiring stories too.

'Traffic can be a nightmare, so it's important to allow enough time for this - even if it means one has to then sit around for a long time at the hospital. I always take a good book, and read whilst I wait, and the time just flies. I'd urge more people to join this scheme, particularly the newly retired, who are wondering how to fill the days: it's important to keep busy, for one's own health!'

Interested in using the scheme or becoming a driver? Ring one of our co-ordinators on 07469 764174.

Can we help?

Bartholomew Educational Foundation and Eynsham Consolidated Charity make grants to local people. The next Trustees' meeting will be on 5 September. Please write beforehand to Robin Mitchell, Clerk to the Trustees, at 20 High Street OX29 4HB or email robinmitchell255@gmail.com

Getting curious



Renée Watson talks crocodiles, fire and mind control...

On 26 May our humble village became a sizzling hub of science as Eynsham Primary School put on an extravaganza of hands-on science activities and shows. Having run the Oxfordshire Science Festival for many years I could hardly believe the quality and extent of the event, not to mention the 600 odd people who came to enjoy getting their hands and minds busy!

I will confess, I am a science addict, so you can imagine my delight when I was asked to do my fire show as part of this great event. It was such a joy to see the faces of parents and children alike lighting up (pardon the pun!) with fascination at my coloured fire and fire tornado! The feedback from the event was so positive, I hope the school, and indeed the village is incredibly proud to have hosted such a brilliant event and I certainly hope it won't be the last of its kind!

Eynsham may not be widely recognised as a hub of science and technology but there is in fact a lot going on here. Of course we have Siemens, which is right at the cutting edge of magnet, engineering and healthcare technology. We also have companies making blood pressure devices, engineering firms and materials experts, not to mention the IT and architecture businesses!

I too have recently launched a science outreach and education business, The Curiosity Box (you might have seen the signs on our HQ behind the Co-op). We are on a mission to get science happening in every household by delivering fun science and maker activities to families of primary school aged children each month. This is about discovering the science in your everyday, in your home laboratory, exploring the world around you and having quality family time around something fun (and secretly educational). We are looking for local families to be our testers and also local people to help us pack the boxes with love, have a bit of a laugh with us and top up the piggy bank a little. We would love to hear from you! www.curiosity-box.com

Refugees welcome

Who are we? We are a group of people in Eynsham who would like to give welcome and support to refugees or asylum seekers who come to live in our area. We have grown by word of mouth to a loose network of about 80 people and we are linked with the three churches.



Who do we support? There are now six refugee Syrian families in Witney supported by WODC as part of the Government's resettlement scheme and people in Eynsham have generously donated furniture, household goods and money so that they can move into a proper home. Asylum Welcome in Oxford is supporting the families; and volunteers with teaching experience from Eynsham & Witney will be helping them learn English.

Some asylum seekers arrive in Oxford, fleeing persecution and wars in their own country often after traumatic journeys. Asylum seekers cannot work or claim benefits and many end up sleeping rough. Fortunately Asylum Welcome and Refugee Resource offer them support, company and counselling. Once in the UK they may apply for "asylum" and if this is granted by the Home Office this means they are allowed to stay, work and if necessary claim housing benefit.

What can we do? We will continue to contribute to Asylum Welcome's Adopt a Room scheme to equip kitchens for families due to arrive in Oxford in the near future. Eynsham has also set up a new A-Cycle-Welcome project, so we are looking for donated bikes which we will get serviced and give to refugees and asylum seekers in both Witney and Oxford.

Finding a place to live is a major challenge for refugees and asylum seekers. Host Oxford is a scheme to link people who can offer a room with an asylum seeker as a guest. But even when refugees are assessed and granted leave to remain they often have great difficulty finding rented accommodation because of high rents and the up front costs of deposits, etc. We are setting up a fund to help. **And we are looking for anyone with rented accommodation in Eynsham or elsewhere.**

And how you can help? So there are lots of ways you can be involved. We are looking for someone to co-ordinate the collection of bicycles, and a bookkeeper to keep us organised. Teachers and Arabic speakers are needed in Witney. And we have a Just Giving page so you can make a donation... If you want to know more about any of these ways to help, please contact Sue Raikes at sue.raikes@appleinter.net

Over to you

Red kites and gulls

No need to be putting food out for larger wild birds, says the RSPB

Larger birds such as gulls and red kites in Oxfordshire do not need supplementary feeding. They are very good at finding food, whether natural or supplementary. Although some people find it an amazing spectacle to see these birds, they could associate people with food; and not everyone is comfortable with such large birds flying close to people – and seagulls in particular become a nuisance.

Walking the dog

Always take a doggie bag, says Jennie Cook

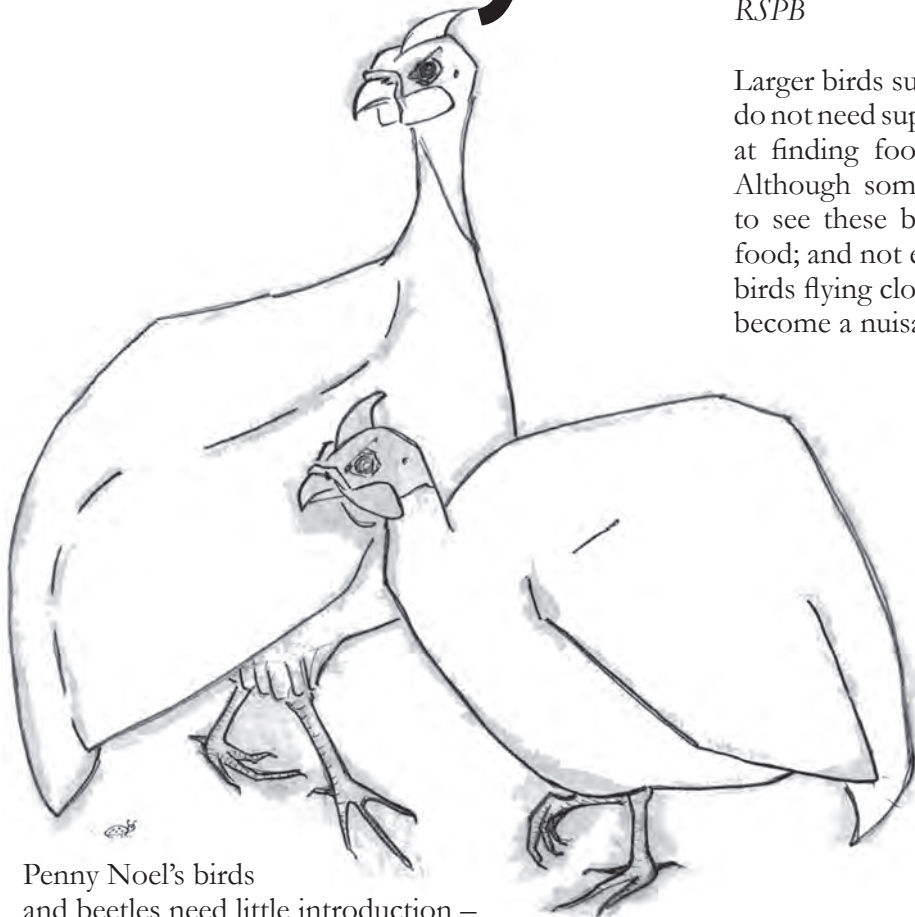
As a dog owner/walker I feel very guilty when I see continued reports of dog poo left for others to walk in. I hate it when I walk in it, it is smelly and in particular it is unhealthy to us humans. Please think of your children, it can cause blindness.

It isn't a pleasant pastime but if we want to own a dog we must get used to it. I don't enjoy picking it up, especially when it's not from my dog, and I am totally fed up with picking up poo of other dogs because

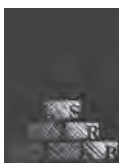
of the laziness of others. There are plenty of poo bins in the village so there is no excuse.

It's a shame that we can't have a dog warden, who could ask us to show our poo bags. That might sort out a few non caring owners. Most owners are responsible and we are all getting fed up with the few.

Come on dog owners/walkers. Please be responsible and pick up after your pooch, we have a lovely village and it is spoilt by the uncaring few. However, we are all tarred with the same brush. This is why I feel so guilty.



Penny Noel's birds and beetles need little introduction – drawn from her earlier life and recent studies, they captured many hearts. This preparatory sketch of quail is also available to download from the Colouring Corner at Eynsham Online. An exhibition and sale of artwork, materials and books is being held in Penny's memory on Saturday 23 & Sunday 24 July 10:00–18:00, proceeds to the Oxfordshire Association for the Blind.



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Eynsham in bloom



EIB winners received their trophies and certificates at Community Day 2016. Sandra Jinks reports

Best Enclosed Front Garden

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- First: 39 Hanborough Close
- Runner up: 5 Dovehouse Close
- Judge's commendation: 124 Dovehouse Close

Best House Front

- First: 34 Hazeldene Close
- Runner up: 34 Dovehouse Close

Best Business Front

- First: Market Garden
- Runner up: Charity Shop

Our judge Stephen Baughan of Aston Pottery explained we can all make a difference to our village by working on our gardens, house & business fronts; and recent studies show that gardening can lengthen your life! His individual positive assessments of the winning gardens were much appreciated; we are very grateful for the time, interest and knowledge he brought to our competition. Thanks also to Ian White for the photos; Evenlode DIY for engraving and Mille-Fleurs for decorating the trophies; Lorna Marrison for producing the certificates; and all who helped this happen again.

It's time to get planning! Planning for this year's Eynsham Village Show, which will be held on Saturday 24 September in the Village Hall and Scout HQ.

Hopefully, by the time you read this, we will have had something that resembles a summer (writing this at the end of June it still seems conspicuous by its absence) and the vegetables and flowers are beginning to put on a show. Look out for our Class List around the village and online at www.eynshamvillageshow.info

We shall have all the usual classes, which have been so well supported in the past, and of course, a new challenge for the men's cookery class as well as something different for the children.

Hopefully, as we advertised the photography classes at last year's show, you've been out and about snapping away and we can't wait to see the results – c'mon, let's give the photography judge an even tougher time this year!

Fruit, vegetables, garden flowers, cookery and baking are all our traditions, remember too that the youngsters in the village are also encouraged to take part. They can enter in any classes and their own Children's classes (except where there's an age restriction) too. Please do encourage them, whether you're a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, or a youth group leader. The children's entry numbers have reduced over the last few years and it would be a shame to lose this important part of the community for the show.

We need a bigger showing in the floral arrangement section too – so, time to dig out the vases and give it a go! I hope to see lots of you on the day. Oh, and good luck! *Fay Taylor-Ball*



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People



There was much nail-biting beforehand – would weather spoil our 70th Carnival celebrations? No chance! As ever, the parade and shirt race brought fun and colour to the streets and the arena, while new entries to the sideshows ranged from a baby crocodile and snakes to the hilarious Sheridan the Sheepdog.

Mark Watson of BBC Oxford and Eynsham village opened the afternoon and provided continuity throughout. Extra special guests were six carnival queens from the last ten years and two from the 1940s: Pat Burton (1947) and her sister Joan Harris (1948) joined by Faith Hughes (2006), Jasmine Kidd (2008), Lucy Fisk (2010), Eloise Sheffield (2012), Rebecca Singleton (2014) and Georgia Truby-Smith (2015).

The display on Eynsham Carnival through the years attracted lots of interest (the book by Martin Harris is now on sale at Evenlode DIY). Arena acts included a Tanzanian acrobatic team; a motorbike, quad bike and car stunt show; the Leggett Dancers who invited friends and family to join a cha-cha; and a car rescue demonstration from Oxfordshire Fire & Rescue.

Clive Tanner, chair of the Carnival Committee says “Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was a happy, fun-filled day. Thanks to all who came along or entertained the crowds and the helpers back-stage too.”

Prizes for floats and fancy dress

- Class 1 and John Peachey Shield: Winner 1st Eynsham Beavers, Cubs and Scouts *Star Wars*, 2nd Eynsham Primary School *May Queen and attendants*
- Class 2 and Annual Challenge Cup: Winner the Hayes family *Beatrix Potter*, 2nd Friday Friends *The Eynsham Circus*, 3rd Singleton family *Mystery Machine*
- Class 3 and Jokab Safety Trophy: Winner Eynsham Rotary Club *Then and Now*, 2nd Oxford Media Factory/Freeland Guides *Tribute to the Beatles*, 3rd Angela Leggett Leggett Dance School
- Class 4 Donna Jones Trophy: Bryan Duffield *Eynsham Loyal Jousters*
- Class 5 Mixed Groups 2–9 persons: Winner *Cupcakes and candles*, 2nd Chris Roles and Pascal Lee Roles *Robin and Friar Tuck*, 3rd *Princess and Pea*
- Class 6 Children up to 7 years: Winner Penelope Hutson *The Hungry Caterpillar*, 2nd Helena Hutson *Unicorn*, 3rd Ella Ahmet *Rainbow Dash*, 4th Darcy Beesley *Super Girl*
- Class 7 Children aged 8–12: *Emojis Emymis* – Dylan O’Neil, Marie Broadman-Dempster, Fraser Muir, Abby O’Neil (one prize shared).
- Class 8: no entries.



Many thanks to Ian White for the photos



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This & that



BARTHOLOMEW PLAYERS scooped two prizes at the Oxfordshire Drama Network festival of one act plays in Abingdon last month. Their entry of Neil Simon's California Suite – Visitors from Philadelphia won the Colin Dexter Rose Bowl for best Magic Moment and the David Coates Punter's Prize (chosen by the season ticket holders). *Denise Richards reports.*

We entered the same play at Wallingford Drama Festival and were awarded Best Overall Production. Gareth Hammond, Claire Johnson and Ellina Mikhailova put on a fast paced, riotously funny and quick-witted performance, expertly directed by Debi Lisburn-Diacon. She appears here with (L-R) Claire, Ellina and Gareth and our stash of silverware!

Don't miss the chance to see your local, award-winning amateur dramatic group in our next production from Wednesday 30 November to Saturday 3 December at Eynsham Village Hall. Save the dates now!

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Christian Aid will use our money to help some of the very poorest people in the world – people like Feroza from Bangladesh. Feroza lost her home seven times because of flooding, before Christian Aid helped her to raise it up on an earth plinth. Now when the rains come, she can stay safe – and so can her children, cow, goat, ducks, chickens, vegetables and even the worms in her composting wormery! Every year, Christian Aid gives practical help to people in the greatest need – so the money we can spare to help them really does make a difference. *Catherine Baker*

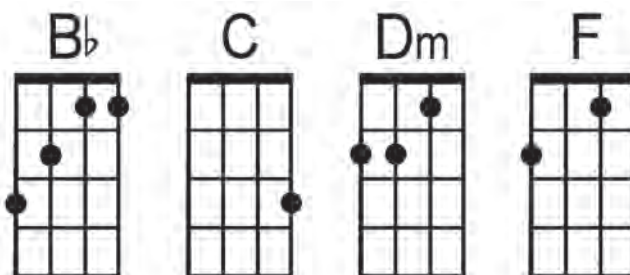
EYNSHAM DAY

CENTRE fashion show on 18 May was a great success – the photo shows EDC coordinator Linda Young with Eynsham's latest incarnation of the



Green Man, Derek Malin. The Bladon children's choir gave an excellent performance of songs from the shows, which was much appreciated by the capacity audience.

The fashions were all donated clothes, modelled by Day Centre staff and friends. The evening was jointly in aid of Day Centre funds and Marie Curie Cancer Care. The Morris Men had also raised money for the Day Centre and over £1200 was raised for the funds. *Eve Hollis*



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EYNSHAM HISTORY GROUP has another great programme of speakers and subjects lined up for the autumn term. All meetings take place in St Leonard's Hall at 19:15 for 19:30. *Contact Nigel Swietalski: 01865 882400*

- 15 September Debbie Dance, Work of the Oxford Preservation Trust
- 6 October Julie Godson, The Water Gypsy of the Thames
- 20 October Shaun Morley, Victorian Friendly Societies
- 3 November Graham Tremelow, British Poster Art
- 17 November John Richards, The History of early BBC radio
- 1 December Liz Woolley, Jam, Beer and Marmalade: Victorian food industry in Oxford.

The Eynsham Record

Eynsham has a lot of history. Some we can see around the village; some we can hear from neighbours and friends; almost all of it can be found in the *Eynsham Record*. One of the first things we did when we moved here was to get a complete set of *Eynsham Record*, which has been published annually by Eynsham History Group since 1984.

It really is great fun to read and can come in pretty handy for pub quizzes. When did the Y arrive in the place once called Ensham? Why is Spareacre Lane so called and was it the same place as Sparrowacre? When was the primary school burnt down? Where was the water tower in Mill Street? How many abbey fishponds were there? And so on. All issues carry 'Then and Now' pictures and it is interesting to see how much things have changed (photos of Bitterell in No 18) or how little (photos of Market Square in No 20).

For me it has been essential reading on the community in which we live; but I recommend it to anyone and everyone with an interest in Eynsham. Indeed a complete set would make a rather nice present for Christmas or some other occasion. Copies can be obtained from Pamela Richards (6 Abbey Street) or at any meeting of Eynsham History Group.

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Carnival Day! Another very successful Carnival in which Rotary Club of Eynsham both helped and participated. The double float celebrating the 70 years of the Carnival, one representing 1946 and one for 2016, produced by members, came in first place, leading the field in a fun and interesting turnout.

Our thanks to outgoing President Kevin Timms for a very successful and happy Rotary year and we look forward to another good year under the presidency of Terry Glossop. We shall be holding our annual Race Night on Friday 14 October. Venue to be confirmed, but we hope lots of you will join us for this fun event.
Tessa Hammond

SUMMER JUDO: This year the holiday course is back in Eynsham, from Monday 1 – Wednesday 3 August at the Primary School. More details and booking form are at www.oxfordshirejudoclubs.co.uk or in the Post Office, enquiries to Jonathan on 07967 349864.

UNDER-13s PLAYERS REQUIRED – Eynsham Youth Football Club. Training starts 21 July at 18:30 on Oxford Road Playing Fields. Please contact Robbie Watson on 07980 620566 or Sam Siret: 07748 808299.



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What's on July



23-4 **Art Show/Charity Sale**, Bartholomew Room
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NO Litter Pickers in July or August

25-9 **Cave Quest**, Primary School 09:00-12:00

29 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 19:30.

Annie Wootton, *Papier mâché*.

August

6 **GreenTEA**, Eynsham Emporium 10:30-12:00

7 **Gatehouse Volunteers**: 01865 881346

7 **Acoustic Club**, White Hart 20:00:
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9 **Helen & Douglas House**, The Talbot 19:30.
Quiz night.

10 **Eynsham NAG**, Bartholomew Room 19:00

16-18 **August Oasis**, Village Hall

16 **Eynsham Futures**, Bartholomew Room 19:30
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17 **Carers' Group**, Eynsham Emporium 11:00.

18 **Garden Club**, Village Hall 19:30.
Roger Umpelby, *The good the bad and the ugly*

20 **South West Tough Mudder** – cover story

23 **Big Friendly Read**, Eynsham Library
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September

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- 4 **Acoustic Club**, White Hart 20:00:
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- 13 **Women's Institute**, St Leonard's Hall 19:30.
Julia Miles, *Rag bags & Cocktails*. Enquiries:
01865 882011
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Debbie Dance, *Oxford Preservation Trust*.
Enquiries: 01865 882400
- 17 **Swap Shop**, Sports Pavilion 10:00–11:30
(sorry, no electrical items this time).
Enquiries: 01865 881095
- 20 **Eynsham Futures**, Bartholomew Room
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