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Summertime



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*Hit that road, Jack,
And you'll never come back no more, no more.
Hit that road, Jack,
And you'll never come back no more.*

*A40, A40, you're so mean.
Busiest road that I ever seen.
Wherever we want to go,
All you ever say is 'No, no, no!'*

Hit that road, Jack...

*Garden Village, Garden Village,
Is this a bad dream
On the busiest road that's ever been seen?
Wherever you want to go,
A40'll just say 'No, no, no!'*

Hit that road, Jack...

*Went into Oxford,
Said I'd be home soon.
Left in May, wasn't back till June.
Whenever I wanted to go,
A40 just said 'No, no, no!'*

Hit that road, Jack...

*Kathy Peltan with apologies to
Percy Mayfield*

And the living is... uneasy, as major development plans hang in the balance – Parish Council vice-chairman Richard Andrews reports below. Meantime, however, the air is full of fragrance and birdsong; and village talent and ingenuity continue to inspire.

HEARINGS into the draft **West Oxfordshire Local Plan** started on 9 May. This will be the framework for development in all of West Oxfordshire up to 2031. It was delayed by a year because WODC failed to include enough houses last time; they have now added about 5000 houses, of which 3000 have been allocated to Eynsham. Many people and organisations have made comments about the plan and will want their say; it promises to be a long process. *Continues on page 2*

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Our day in court *continued from page 1*

Eynsham Parish Council and EPIC* have both made representations about defects in the plan where it is bad for Eynsham and, more importantly, where it won't actually deliver the houses it needs. Delivering houses is what the Inspector will want to see; if the plan won't do that he will probably ask WODC to think again.

The first three days of hearings were about the procedures used by WODC in preparing their plan, e.g. if they have been objective in making sound decisions. It was noted that some policies are based on decisions made behind closed doors and therefore not open to scrutiny, so WODC have been asked to explain further. WODC are also under pressure to show they can deliver enough homes for five years ahead; the pressure to build more homes sooner may well affect Eynsham.

As it is, a lot of clever planning lawyers will be trying to force WODC to change their Local Plan again. This would be bad from the District point of view, as developers have more freedom to build wherever they like until the plan is completed. In Eynsham's case, WODC is letting developers build almost everywhere, anyway, so it makes little difference.

* Eynsham Planning Improvement Campaign – page 13. EPIC supporters arrived with placards and banners at the start of the enquiry, which enlivened proceedings!

Carnival 2017

The 71st Eynsham Carnival is on Saturday 1 July. Put it in your diaries now!

CAN YOU HELP? From setting up and clearing away the field, to manning the ticket sales for an hour or two, the new committee are still looking for a few more volunteers to help out on the day – please email enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com

The Carnival family disco was a resounding success. Many thanks to all who attended. Congratulations to our new Carnival Queen Lilly King and Chloe Norris, her deputy. The attendants are Eloisa Mae Smith, Cameron Bell, Zoe Brunton and Mya Harris-Blucher.

Thanks to renewed enthusiasm and generous financial support, Carnival 2017 will run much as before, with the parade of floats, judging and prize giving, craft fair, food stalls, bands, arena acts and fairground. Floats wishing to enter the parade should be in Back Lane car park by 11:45. Road closures will be in effect from 11:00–14:00. More details on Facebook or at www.eynshamcarnival.com

Think you can tug hard? Ready to battle centre stage against the village's finest? Sign up for Rope Wars – our first annual tug of war – by Friday 23 June. Send your team details to enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com then come to the Queen's Head at 19:30 on Saturday 24 June to see who you are up against, as we draw the teams! Prizes for the winners and best dressed team.



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Local stories, snaps and snippets are always welcome – and corrections also, thanks! Next issue will be out on 31 July – copy deadline Friday 14 July, though advance notice really helps if you'd like some room to spread.

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Parking in Eynsham

Eynsham retailers group says 'Let's get it right!'

Local business owners recently expressed concern about the amount of parking in the village centre and its effect on trade. It seems a major cause of congestion is commuters from outside the village, who park near the bus stops and in the car park to then catch the S1 bus. These commuters seldom use the local businesses and make it difficult for the rest of us to park. It's also thought that the proposed Park-and-Ride will make things worse as it will not be a free service (whereas parking on our streets is free and unrestricted).

Help us to think about and plan for the future. We'd like to hear your feedback on the following ideas from our brainstorming session – and any other options you suggest.

- **Parking zones outside retail areas:** Time restrictions in front of local shops and businesses, perhaps to be self-policed (with polite notes) by residents and business owners.
- **Permit system:** Here, a larger area would be involved, with residents and business owners permitted to park on payment of an annual fee, but 'outsiders' would be subject to time restrictions.
- **Another car parking area and bus stop:** promoting Oxford Road playing fields car park with a new bus stop.

You can comment on the suggestions above at **Eynsham Online > Village Info > Shopping** – or drop us a line and post it through the letterbox at Cornucopia Cooks (opposite the Co-op). We look forward to your thoughts.



TOLL BRIDGE COLLECTION: because of the community's very generous donations on Easter Monday, we managed to raise over £2,400. This is an incredible amount to be able to hand over to The Fire Fighters Charity. Thank you so much from all the crew.

eynsham futures

Another update from Richard Andrews

WODC has continually dismissed our own Neighbourhood Plan (NP), because it had not been examined. Now it has had a 'Health Check' – a trial examination conducted by a real Inspector, who has advised us on the changes needed to get our NP through the real examination that will happen after a process of formal consultation.

Legally, WODC should work with Eynsham now we have 'brought forward' our NP while they are still working on their Local Plan. Currently, there is no working relationship when it comes to planning Eynsham's future. Even when we have spoken in the past, WODC have never considered our position – they just carry on doing what suits them, whether we like it or not! Interestingly, we have had more constructive discussions with developers than with WODC.

We are still going through the process of getting our NP formally adopted. WODC are making us prepare yet another document which, only last year, they advised us we didn't need. A WODC version of this same document, which should cover us, already exists. However, WODC have now paid consultants to tell us that their version doesn't count yet because *they* are still being examined! And so it drags on – but at least we are talking with them, in this case.



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Planning: applications WODC 01993 861420

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White Hart Function Room:	01865 883093

* Sue Butler has taken over here from Leslie Gerrans and says, 'I hope I can keep up her standards!'

Eynsham village show

Fay Taylor-Ball has a vital date for your diaries: Saturday 23 September

It seems no time at all since we were setting up the hall, welcoming exhibitors and guests and handing out trophies. Yet here we are, looking ahead to EVS 2017.

Here's a reminder of our photography classes, so you can get snapping over the summer:

- In flight
- The Cotswolds
- Blue
- Architecture
- It's all in the detail!



Remember, you can enter *as many times as you wish in any classes in the show*. We also hope to publish the 'craft' classes earlier this year, so you have more time to get creative.

So look out for posters and schedules and keep an eye on the website eynshamvillageshow.info and on our Facebook page. We look forward to seeing our regular exhibitors and visitors, and lots of new faces too!

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An introduction from our new Parish Council Clerk Katherine Doughty. All council contact details are listed on page 5

I hope that writing this will be easier than finding a half-decent photo from our family photos. Many are of me eating food, drinking wine, posing with my family pulling silly faces while I try to take a ‘sensible’ picture. In others, I’m at a potter’s wheel (you can see only half of my face) or in cycling gear (you wouldn’t really know it was me). So here is a fresh one from my home office desk in Minster Lovell – the view from my window is directly east (with St Mary’s Church spire in Witney and Wytham Woods in the distance).

The various unsuitable photos do, however, paint a picture of me. My husband and I have two children – Jack aged nearly 13 and Jessica aged 10. I enjoy baking, cycling in our beautiful countryside and gardening in my spare time. I’ve been working for 12 years as a qualified Clerk to Minster Lovell Parish Council, which I will be leaving to work for your Parish Council and be a part of your community. I am a member of Minster Lovell Playing Field Trust, who own and manage a play area behind the Village Hall. We are currently organising the installation of replacement play equipment for young children and have nearly all of the £27,000 needed. We anticipate that the project will be completed this summer.

I am very fortunate to have a job that offers great variety. I enjoy working in the area of planning and I know that Eynsham has challenges ahead in this area. Community projects such as Wharf Stream Way, which Rachel has taken part in, are particularly rewarding and I look forward to becoming involved in future projects. Thank you to all those who have already made me feel welcome and I look forward to seeing you around Eynsham soon.

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees and keen photographer (right)

FISHPONDS: Everything is burgeoning at the Fishponds. All the hard work by those marvellous volunteers back on that grim winter day at the beginning of the year is really paying dividends. Shirley’s Spinney is flourishing, although at the time of writing we could really do with some rain for the new plants (I hope I don’t regret committing those words to paper!). The freshly laid hoggin has really improved the paths throughout the site and the grass in the picnic area near the car park has grown back with a vengeance, which is a great result.

Two horse chestnut saplings have been planted and are doing well. The hope is that they will grow into magnificent trees to help offset the felling that was done. I am aware that there is a lot of duckweed on the surface of the pond itself, so I will be seeking advice as to whether it may cause any harm to the wildlife in the pond and, if so, how it should be treated.

It’s always great to see people out and about enjoying the Fishponds; please remember to put your litter and dog poo in the respective bins provided. Thank you!

FOOTPATHS: The groundwork improvements to FP 206/5, at the Thames Water Entrance and alongside the allotments, are now complete. The path has been levelled, widened and resurfaced; and many new shrubs have been planted, including a new hedge which will eventually disguise the ugly fencing around the substation. Many of these will produce edible fruit, including gooseberries and blackberries so, along with the apples and pears from the trees already planted by Green TEA, there will be some good foraging to be had in the future! I think the work is top-notch and really does justice to the Wharf Stream Way art trail.

Further to Eric White’s piece on page 2 of the last *Eynsham News* (issue 24), I’d like to draw your attention to the circular walk which runs from Eynsham to Freeland and Church Hanborough, much of which may eventually be built upon if the proposed Garden Village goes ahead. Please see tinyurl.com/eynsham-cwnorth for a map and directions. I’m hoping to add more pictures of this walk to the Eynsham Photo Map soon; and I’d urge you to walk this route, if possible, because, in my opinion, it is one of the most beautiful walks you can take from the village. As Eric says, ‘Cherish and enjoy this piece of countryside while you can.’

Someone has kindly cut the fencing which was causing a trip hazard at the ‘false entrance’ to FP 206/7, near the footbridge. I suspect this was the Wharf

Stream Elves' handiwork, but, whoever it was – thank you very much! Now we just need to reinstate the true path which hugs the bank of the stream itself...



'And shadie seates, and sundry flow'ring bankes, to sit and rest the walker's wearie shankes' – Edmund Spenser, The Fairie Queene

Planning update

Dennis Stukenbroeker – Chair, Planning Committee

'What does the Parish Council do, exactly?' I am asked. 'It holds meetings', I say. That usually gets a knowing nod and ends the conversation. Except when I throw in something else like, 'Do you know how much property the Parish Council owns?'

You can find out now by going to the Freedom of Information page at Eynsham Online – see tinyurl.com/eynsham-FOI. Eynsham Parish Council owns outright or leases over 38 acres in the village, all of it for the benefit of you, the residents of Eynsham.



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Dog Walkers: remember, no dogs on the north playing field. Dogs on leads on the south playing field (but not on the pitches) and Fishponds. Clean up after your dog and put it in one of the many dog waste bins provided by the Parish Council.

The Village Hall was built by the Parish Council on Back Lane following a complicated property swap in the late 1990s involving the Scouts and the old County Library. It is run for the Parish Council by the Village Hall Management Committee. Both the Village Hall and the Pavilion now have solar panels, saving ratepayers money on electricity.

Parents and grandparents will know about the three play areas built and maintained by the Parish Council on Old Witney Road, next to the primary school and at Oxford Road on the north playing field.

The Allotment Association has the benefit of eight and a half acres owned by the Parish Council. This is along the recently opened Wharf Stream Way, a joint project involving the Parish Council.

In 1981 the Parish Council bought the listed Bartholomew Room and Square for the village. This also includes the Eynsham Cross. The Bartholomew Room was renovated for use as the Parish Council meeting chamber. It is also, like the Village Hall and Pavilion, available for public hire.

Now, if we could only find some land for a new cemetery.

Your village AZ

Patricia Crowley – Chair, Communications Committee

Wouldn't it be great to have a full list of clubs & classes running in the village, including times and venues – along with Eynsham services, shops and opening times?

The Parish Council is publishing a new Eynsham Directory this autumn to provide exactly that. It will be delivered **free** to every home in the parish, thanks to welcome sponsorship from Abbey Properties and the Rotary Club of Eynsham.

Over to Eynsham groups and businesses, to make the most of your entries! You can do it all yourself at Eynsham Online, which will shape the print directory. You already have a classified listing there, with contact details and opening hours/meeting days & times, so please check them out and get them right – visit eynsham-pc.gov.uk

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A power for good

Thanks to Paul Stammers for another update from Bartholomew School governors

School funding is proving a challenge. Although the money is supposedly ring-fenced, headteachers are facing a range of extra costs. These include higher contributions to National Insurance and teachers' pensions, the effect of the National Living Wage, pay rises and the Apprenticeship Levy. On top of this, per-pupil funding is not rising in line with inflation. Such is the level of concern, West Oxfordshire headteachers have sent a letter to all parents in the district, to raise awareness of the situation.

Therefore, Bartholomew's governors and senior leadership team are hoping that whoever is in power after June 8 will undertake funding reforms, address shortfalls and provide capital so buildings are fit for purpose. However, the school's finances are in better shape than most, thanks to prudent budgeting.

On a happier note, Bartholomew has won an Educational Outcomes award again this year, in recognition of students' high attainment in the 2016 Key Stage 4 exams. Students' creative talent has also been showcased – the spring concert was a rousing success. Meanwhile, Bartholomew students were among the winners in a county anti-bullying week poster and film competition – see sample below.

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Last October, Eynsham Library re-opened its doors after a huge transformation, funded in part by the Friends of Eynsham Library. Now, it is a modern, light and airy space for everyone. Warm, welcoming and friendly, we offer fun events for families and a quiet working space, with free computer access and free wi-fi.

We have a wide range of books, from babies' board books to the latest bestsellers. And if there is a book you need which we don't stock, we can order it for you to collect at the library of your choice. We have DVDs, audio books, e-books to download and free access to magazines online.

And if you thought you couldn't get to the library during normal opening hours, you can now join up to access Open+, which means you can come into the library between 9.30 am and 11.30 pm any day of the week! You can manage your account online or use our Oxfordshire Libraries smartphone app, which allows you to reserve and renew your books easily, 24 hours a day.

To fire your children's imaginations, we run free weekly Rhymetime sessions for babies and toddlers, on Mondays at 2 pm. And we will be holding lots of events over the school holidays. Look out for a story time with the Dogs Trust and a special dinosaur/fossil event, as well as our popular Summer Reading Challenge.

I asked one of our customers how they felt about our library: 'I think the library is fantastic. Libraries are about equality as their services are available to everyone. You can access so much through the library; it helps keep you connected. More than just a room with books, a library is your doorway to the world.'

Couldn't have put it better myself.

Working together

'We rely on you to be our eyes and ears', says PCSO Helen Keen. 'We can't be everywhere 24 hours a day!'

As you may be aware, a 42-year-old Eynsham man was jailed for 42 months earlier this year for drug dealing in and around Eynsham.

This conviction came about as a result of information supplied by Eynsham residents. While it doesn't happen overnight, what you tell us does not get ignored or discarded. Your local Eynsham PCs and PCSOs could not be as effective without your help. Whatever your issue, please talk to us. You can do this in person or via email, mobile or even an anonymous letter.

You may have noticed an increase in scrap vans travelling around the village. This has gone hand-in-hand with an increase in theft from people's gardens – mainly metal items (washing machines, a fire pit and push bike, to name a few). As it's difficult for us to trace and identify your items, if found, may we ask you, where possible, to mark your property with your postcode; and, if it's something you value, to make sure it is stored out of sight?

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Home front

Lorna Reeves reports an exciting venture at Eynsham Youth Centre, with welcome support from Rotary

Cooking at Youth Club has always been a popular activity in both the senior and junior session – so popular that the young people decided they would like to produce their own *Youthy Cook Book*, tried and tested by young people for young people. The cooker we had was old, however, and did not cook evenly, and as all you bakers out there know this does not make for a very good cake!

So the youth workers put their heads together to think of ways to fund this project and contacted the Rotary Club of Eynsham in the hope they could help. After meeting with a committee member and sharing their plans, the Rotary Club very kindly offered to buy the Centre a cooker; and made a £50 donation to buy much-needed new cooking equipment and utensils.

The young people and staff of Eynsham Youth Club would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Rotary and all its members for sharing our enthusiasm to get young people cooking. Hopefully the *Youthy Cook Book* will be ready in time for your Christmas stockings!

Opportunity knocks

Anna Glynn introduces Flintlock Theatre, a professional company based HERE in Eynsham

We're working with The Music Room, Eynsham to devise ways to create cultural events and opportunities that benefit our community. To start with, in September a team will arrive to rehearse our production, *Four Score Years and Ten*, and we'll be holding an open dress rehearsal for Eynsham residents to enjoy. Over the coming months, we'll be updating you on ways to get involved and projects happening throughout 2018.

We want our team to be resident in the village for the duration of the project. **Would you like to join our digs list?** Actors tend to be fantastic, friendly house guests. They need a private room and it's great, but not essential, for them to have their own bathroom. They need access to a kitchen to make themselves breakfast and a meal in the evening and If they're welcome to eat with you or your family, even better! You can accept or refuse bookings according to your availability. Fees range from £70 to £90 rent per week, depending on the size and spec of the accommodation.

For more information, or to join the digs list, email anna@flintlocktheatre.com and, to find out more about us, visit flintlocktheatre.com



Sue Chapman reports, graphic © Sarah Couch

Thanks to the Friends of Eynsham Swifts – Sue Chapman, Sarah Couch and Hywel Edwards – our feathered friends will have 13 new possible nesting sites to suss out this summer and hopefully make their homes.

Thirteen Eynsham residents have invested in £30 RSPB nesting boxes and arranged for them to be tucked under the eaves of their houses in key sites around the village, an operation kindly underwritten by the Eynsham Society. Eynsham handyman Kenny Bowerman climbed the ladder to fix them. The boxes replace traditional nesting sites around the village, which have been lost as a result of roofing repairs.

If you look up in the right place in June and July, when the swifts are in full scream above Eynsham, you may be lucky enough to see them delivering crops full of insects caught on the wing to their hungry nestlings.

Wildlife in your garden



Resident photographer and wildlife correspondent Moth Clark responds to readers' queries; read more overleaf

In the last edition, I suggested putting out dry cat food for hedgehogs; and I've been asked about the danger of attracting rats. I'm afraid that's a difficult one.

We've been feeding our 'hogs for well over a year and haven't seen signs of rats, but I suspect it's probably a bad idea if you already have rats around – unless you want to try getting rid of the rats first! A shame, as our hedgehogs need help, but you CAN try just providing water in a very shallow bowl. It's at least as important as food to the hogs, and I've even heard of them coming just for water and turning up their noses at food.

A safe place indeed

Nicki Ginat tells of the welcoming reception Eynsham gave to her learning disabled child and considers an interesting way forward

Having been living with our family in the Middle East, the time came to plan my husband's sabbatical. A fellow academic, who had done his doctorate in Oxford and lived 'in a quaint village called Eynsham', pointed us in this direction. And, intriguingly, 'Eynsham', translated into my husband's language, means 'not there'. We were hooked!

I arrived in the village first, with my learning disabled and autistic child of eight. Where we had lived, I always felt that I had to remind people that I had a child with a disability. They seemed to feel awkward about even mentioning my disabled child.

On our second day in Eynsham, the Emporium-based florist pointed me in the direction of someone else with children with special needs in the village. This lovely person introduced me to a whole group of amazing families who also happened to have children with special needs. I felt as if I had 'come home'.

I soon realized how tolerant and inclusive we are as a society here. I no longer had to 'explain' my child; other people just 'got it'. My child, who attended Eynsham Primary School for just five weeks, ten years ago, is still remembered and asked after. I am ever grateful for this community.

Over the years, further progress has been made to help people with special needs. A friend and fellow parent of a child with a disability has been a champion of 'Safe Places' in the local area. Vulnerable people of all ages carry a card with a family member's contact number on it. If they feel at all worried whilst they are out alone, they can go to a Safe Place, identified by a nationally recognized logo. Someone there will call the family member for help.



The scheme is successfully up and running in Witney. My hope is that a shop or business in Eynsham will become a Safe Place for vulnerable people here. It is a perfect next step for a community that we already know to be kind and caring.

If you are interested in becoming a Safe Place, please call Kathy Liddell on 01993 358347.



Over to you

Keep fit, keep young – follow Eynsham Morris as the Eynsham year gets underway! Many thanks to Rolando Medina for this month's colouring corner – print it off full size at eynshamnews.org.uk

And if that's too energetic for you... try birding with Moth Clark

You've probably noticed that the swifts are back, screaming over the rooftops in their endless hunt for flying food, accompanied by swallows and martins. Especially if you are around the edges of the village, you might want to keep an eye out for another summer visitor (and one of my favourite birds!) the hobby.

If you're not familiar with them, hobbies are small falcons appearing slightly smaller than a kestrel. A hobby's markings are similar to a peregrine with a dark face mask, but their breast is speckled with dark vertical streaks rather than the horizontal 'bars' of a peregrine. Below that, they have an orange 'bottom'. They usually fly far faster than a kestrel and they certainly don't 'hover'.

Flying fast in the distance they look very sickle-shaped, like a swift (which as a matter of fact, they

sometimes hunt). You will probably need binoculars; but if you think you might have spotted one, watch carefully for slight 'pauses' in their flights, as they grab mostly dragonflies and other large flying insects in their talons and then eat them 'on the wing'. Thrilling! Over the last couple of summers, I've noticed them a few times around the village, for example around the Eynsham approach to the toll bridge.

Power to the people

Sarah Couch reports from the GreenTEA Energy Group

Do you have solar panels on your roof? Do you ever wonder how much solar panels are contributing to the county's energy? Find out by joining the People's Power Station, set up by the Low Carbon Hub. Just enter details of your panels and you will see how much energy you – and all the other installations – are generating. The community-owned solar panels on the Village Hall and St Peter's are there, as well as Bartholomew School and four houses. We know there are many more to add. The People's Power Station was launched here in Eynsham and we are proud to have been a pioneering community project: <https://peoplespowerstation.org/>

- The Village Hall panels generate 10,500 kWh, saving 5 tonnes CO2 a year. That's enough power for 175,750 slices of toast or 117,167 kettles of boiling water.
- Bartholomew's panels generate 33,317 kWh, saving 15 tonnes CO2 a year. That's enough power for 289,713 hours of telly or 66,634 fridges for a day.

So plug in your panels now! Even if you do not have panels on your roof, you benefit from solar power if you use the Village Hall, St Peter's Church or the Sports Centre. Look out for a new noticeboard on the Village Hall, with new facts every month.

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Here for you

An introduction to the Eynsham Patient Participation Group (PPG), made up of 11 volunteer patients from Eynsham Medical Group (EMG)

We were selected from the Virtual Patient Reference Group – an online group which is open to all EMG patients. Our role is to be an independent ‘bridge’ between EMG and other patients. Our responsibilities include:

- communicating regularly with patients;
- advising the EMG on patients’ perspectives regarding the quality of its services;
- being a critical friend of the EMG;
- encouraging patients to take greater responsibility for their own and their family’s health;
- carrying out research into the views of patients who use the EMG; and
- organizing health promotion events.



The PPG is currently creating a programme of work for 2017. This will include issuing a questionnaire about key aspects of the EMG’s service. Based on the questionnaire results, we will know what needs to be considered next. In due course, you will find copies of the questionnaire at the surgery and other key village establishments. In the meantime, here is a ‘taster’.

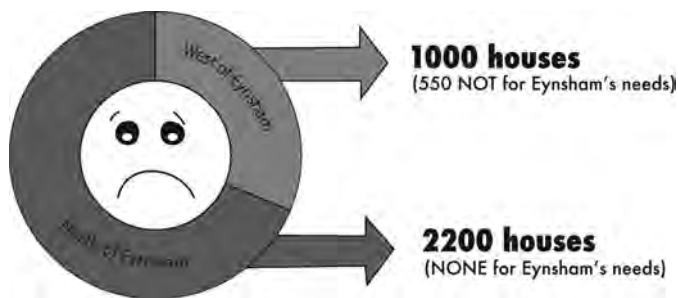
- How easy it is to **register** with the surgery?
- How easy is it to **contact** the surgery?
- How is the **appointments** system?
- How are the **services** provided by the surgery?
- How are the surgery **facilities**?

As you can see, our questions will be very broad and, we hope, very open: we really want to find out what you think is great about the EMG and what isn’t! We believe that we are fortunate to live in such a wonderful village and to have a GP surgery that tries to reflect this – but we know that things can always be improved and, with your help, that is what we are aiming to do!

If you would like to join the debate before the questionnaire appears, please feel free to email us at eynshamppg@gmail.com

Challenge and response

Our District Council is planning thousands of new homes and a huge business park for Eynsham. These plans would overwhelm Eynsham.



- Roads are already at breaking point.
- Schools, health & other services are under strain.
- Our countryside, wildlife and valuable agricultural land are threatened.
- Eynsham was not consulted on the new plans.

EPIC is an independent initiative dedicated to appropriate development that meets local needs. We are open to anyone who has ties to the village.



This is NOT a done deal!

We have time to change these plans. Your views matter! If you are concerned about the future of the village, we can keep you informed or offer you ways to get involved.

Visit the EPIC website – eynsham.me.uk – and keep up-to-date with the campaign. You can email EPIC at epic2031@gmail.com

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People



REMEMBERING JOSIE: *George Smith with his grand-daughters Lucia & Emma and daughter-in-law Melanie – Jennifer Harland reports*

Josie Smith's friendly hospitality towards her husband George's students was legendary and at the family's request head gardener Paul Lawrence planted an apple tree outside Trinity College chapel early last year. Because the pippin selected is best planted in pairs, the family was invited to plant a second tree last October. 'It is in Trinity's best compost' says George. The apple, a late fruiter, was deliberately chosen for students to pick when they return to Oxford in the autumn; thus Josie's reputation for generosity among those who knew her and loved her may be handed on to future generations.

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INTRODUCING DUNCAN FRASER

From the evening of Monday 15 May I will be installed as the next vicar of St Leonard's – joining the church family in sharing the good news and love of Jesus with all in Eynsham. My wife Carmen, my two children and myself have spent four years in Eastbourne whilst I have been serving my curacy. It is a beautiful place beside both sea and downs but we are thrilled to be coming to this equally beautiful part of the country.



We're not completely new to the area, having lived in Oxford whilst I attended theological college, so we realise this opportunity to settle in Oxfordshire for a longer period is a privilege. We're all looking forward to becoming part of the community here and have been bowled over by the warm welcome from the church families as well as the friendliness of those in the community we have already met. I am discovering there will be many opportunities to get to know you all in this active village: perhaps at a cricket match, a music concert or over a pint. Perhaps I may even see some of you at church! You will all be very welcome.

NEW KID ON THE BLOCK

Sarah Medina (right), a Derbyshire/Yorkshire lass with 27 years in the village, has joined the Eynsham News team as Assistant Editor. Do contact her if you want to share your story or get something off your chest – she's a truly brilliant listener and will write it up for you! Catch her around the village or email sarah.eynshamnews@gmail.com



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A fond farewell

As Jack and Sue Wastie reach retirement, we recognise their contribution to village life.

The Wasties are one of the two oldest families in Eynsham. Jack and Sue, however, met in Abingdon when Jack stopped Sue to ask for directions. Within two weeks, Sue had met Jack's parents, David and Kathleen. She had also been to the family garage, Wasties Motors, off the A40 by Eynsham. Sue knew straightaway that it was 'just right'. It was meant to be. Two years later, Jack and Sue were married and, last year, they celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their three children and four grandchildren.

Jack and Sue eventually took over Wasties Motors, with Jack mainly working on the shop floor and Sue running the office. Both put their hands, of course, to whatever was needed, including vehicle recovery. They worked quietly and seamlessly together, each one knowing what the other was thinking and doing. The hours were very long and the work was all-consuming, but it was a happy place and the whole team were like a big family. Friday-night card games at the garage were a regular feature!



In 2008, Wasties Motors closed; and Jack and Sue embarked on a new venture. Sue's research showed that people in the village wanted a shop that would supply car accessories and pet supplies. So they opened Crackerjax on Mill Street – Jack said 'We must be crackers to be starting up again!' and Sue responded, 'That's it... Crackerjax!'. They were soon selling a whole range of items, from coal and wood, to plants and compost, to eggs and potatoes! In fact, if a customer ever needed something that they couldn't find themselves, Sue and Jack would happily get it for them.

Nothing has ever been too much trouble for the couple. Their whole philosophy has always been about helping others, in whatever way they can. And, typically, as the time has finally arrived for them to embrace retirement, it is others that Sue and Jack are thinking about. They wish to thank everyone for their support and friendship over the years. 'We've really appreciated it,' says Sue, 'We're not just customers and shopkeeper. We're friends.'

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Recreation



Let's play croquet! A busy afternoon at our Open Day on School Piece, Cassington Road. Story and photo © Roger Booth

After a very dry winter, when we lost very few days due to weather, we opened the summer season in mid April. The summer courts have remained dry with none of the winter flooding seen in previous years and are in excellent condition. Having been well prepared by club members in autumn, they are running true and fast but not too fast.

Our first golf croquet friendly match against Harwell was very closely fought, with both teams equal until the last match which Harwell won on the 13th hoop. Despite the result, it was a good start to the season. Our fixture season is now filling up with league and friendly matches along with our internal competitions. A very successful Open Day was held on 13 May which attracted many new potential players.

If you missed the Open Day and are still interested in this very addictive game then come along to our club sessions for a try; you will be made very welcome. Golf croquet members meet on Thursday morning, Tuesday and Saturday afternoons whilst Association members play on Thursday evenings. More details from Tony Newport at tonynewport@msn.com or visit eynshamcroquetclub.org.uk



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EYNSHAM HISTORY GROUP visits Hanbury Hall on Wednesday 21 June. National Trust members are reminded to bring their membership cards. We are looking forward to a good midsummer's day outing and expect to be back in Eynsham around 18:00. For enquiries beforehand please call Philip Spencer: 01865 881025 (on the day 07876 540467).

EYNSHAM RECORD 34 – now on sale at Evenlode DIY (£4) – returns to Eynsham Abbey with articles on wall paintings and on floor tiles. Eleanor Chance discusses the location of Tilgarsley: 'a name heard more in recent months than for several hundred years'. Familiar village names put in an appearance (George Pimm and Roger Gascoigne); and we note the passing of EHG members Fred Bennett and Anne Wrapson. *Cate Foster, eynsham.record@gmail.com*

FREELAND ORCHESTRA and three wind groups are now based in Eynsham, meeting on Wednesday evenings in the Tolkien Room. Although the orchestra is for more advanced musicians, wind players of any age who can manage five or more notes are welcome to join WOL (West Oxfordshire Learners). The other two groups are WOW (West Oxfordshire Winds) and WOC (West Oxfordshire Clarinets); and all four groups can be heard on Saturday 24 June in St Leonard's Church at 19:30 in their Summer concert. Tickets £5 on the door.

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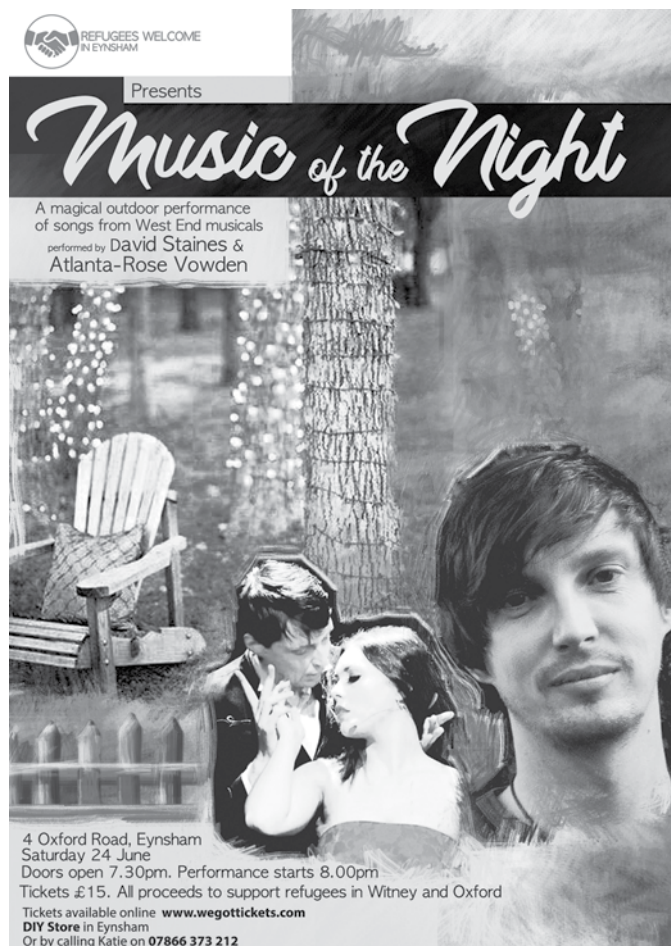
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Contact Marie Mills at fledgelingsing@gmail.com

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MUSIC OF THE NIGHT: Saturday 24 June at 19:30. What better way to usher in the Eynsham summer? The gardens at 4 Oxford Road have been thrown open to a special open-air performance in aid of Refugees Welcome in Eynsham. Singers Atlanta-Rose Vowden and David Staines will be performing the songs we all love from West End musicals. Refreshments will be served. £15 per ticket from Evenlode DIY, or online at wegottickets.com



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Young at heart?

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The race requires each two-person (politically correct!) team to 'run' the seven furlongs, which just happen to take in seven pubs – swapping pusher and rider at each pub, after indulging in a quick half. The race commences at 12:15 and the first team to reach the White Hart wins. Obviously. Any queries please email eynshamshirtrace@gmail.com

EYNSHAM SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

would love to see you, whether you're new to the area or to bowls! We play every month except August and our social 'roll-up' sessions are perfect for beginners. Just bring yourselves and a pair of flat-soled shoes or slippers to the Village Hall on Tuesday 19:00–21:00 or Thursday 14:00–16:00.



E S M B C

MEMORIES: This anthology of short stories and descriptions from students at Bartholomew School is now on sale as a Kindle e-book and a paperback. The anthology is a product of the Young Storyteller Project pilot, run in conjunction with the National Literacy Trust. All funds raised from sales will be used to support reading and writing initiatives.



THREE EXTRAORDINARY STORIES:

Eynsham Arts Group member Tricia West – professionally known as Sarah Caisley – has written and illustrated a children's book of comic verse, which she has insisted should be published and printed by English companies. Now it is not only available via Amazon, but also at Evenlode DIY, Eynsham Emporium and the Post Office.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE RAMBLERS plan a 6-mile leisurely walk to Pinkhill Lock and along the Thames Path, with a pub stop on the way back to Eynsham – non-members welcome. We leave Back Lane car park on 20 June at 19:00.

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 28 **Litter Pickers,** Baptist Hall 13:45

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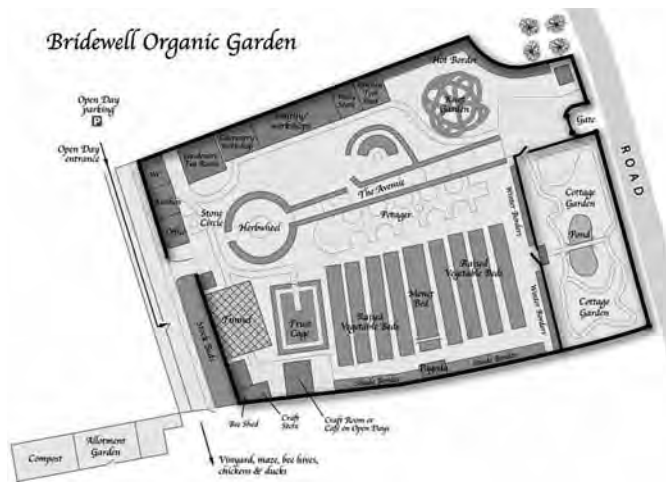
- 3 **GreenTEA,** Eynsham Emporium 10:30–12:00

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 13 **Women's Institute,** St Leonard's Hall 19:30.
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 13–14 **CIRCUS GINNETT** – see posters
 14 **Eynsham Garden Club** 19:30. Philip Aubury,
New plants from old. Enquiries: 01865 882417



- 18 **Open afternoon, Bridewell Gardens**
 14:00–17:00. Enquiries: 01993 868313
 20 **Ramblers Group** – page 18
 21 **History Group outing** – page 16
 21 **Carers' Group,** Eynsham Emporium 11:00.
 Enquiries: 07557 430875
 23 **Arts Group,** Bartholomew Room 19:30.
 Ann Lowe, *Following the Thread*
 24 **Freeland Orchestra & Wind Bands** – page 16
 24 **Music of the Night** – page 17
 24 **Rope Wars Team Draw** – page 2
 25 **Litter Pickers,** Baptist Hall 13:45.
 30 **Community Cinema** – page 18



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July

- 1 **EYNESHAM CARNIVAL!** See printed programme. Highlights include Eynsham Morris, Shirt Race, Parade of Floats and Rope Wars – opposite
- 1-3 **FLOWER FESTIVAL**, St Leonard's Church. This year harking back to memories of days gone by. Contact Helen Keen: helen.keen@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk
- 1-9 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 10:00-16:00. Summer Exhibition
- 7 **Garden Club**, Sports Pavilion 19:00. *Members' party*
- 7 **Human Story Theatre**, Village Hall 19:30. 'The Fourth Dog' tackles breast cancer, marital breakdown, family baggage & grieving – what could be funnier? *Tickets on the door – please pay what you can*
- 8 **Community Choir** – page 16
- 9 **Gatehouse Volunteers**. Enquiries: 01865 881346
- 11 **Women's Institute**, Sports Pavilion 19:00. *Members' party*
- 14 **Eynsham News** copy deadline – page 2
- 16 **Open afternoon, Bridewell Gardens** 14:00-17:00.
- 19 **Carers' Group**, Eynsham Emporium 11:00.
- 21 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 19:30. Sue Graham, *Hidden shapes and allusions*
- 21 **Community Cinema** – page 18
- 24-28 **HOLIDAY CLUB** with the Eynsham Churches at Village Hall and Scout HQ. Enquiries: 07808 297043/eynshamhc2017@gmail.com



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