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*'At the going down of the sun...' A blaze of light as the long, hot summer draws to a close –
photo © Peter Emery, 6 August 2018*

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We shall remember



WI members and friends have been busy over the last few months, knitting and crocheting poppies of all shapes and sizes. We are now meeting regularly to mount and prepare them for a very striking commemorative display for the Square in November: shown L-R are Christine Ashmore, Valerie Johnston, Diane Roles and Jane McHarg, who kindly provided the photo. If anyone has been kind enough to make poppies for us and has not yet returned them, please let me have them at 3 Millmoor Crescent or ring me on 01865 882011 and I will collect them. Our thanks to everyone who has contributed. *Ann Wotherspoon, Secretary Eynsham WI*

For further details of Eynsham's WW1 Remembrance events see page 18 – Ed.

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Garden village

West Oxfordshire District Council's new Local Plan identifies land to the north of Eynsham for a new village of around 2,200 homes with its own facilities, including a business park. First update from WODC below; a fuller report from the Parish Council follows on pages 6–7.

CONSULTATION: Early consultation on issues to be considered took place over the summer (22 June to 3 August), aiming to help inform an 'Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village' Area Action Plan.

FEEDBACK: More than 200 residents, stakeholders and interest groups responded. Over 1800 comments have been extracted on a wide range of issues – housing, the natural environment, transportation, culture and heritage, sustainable design and construction, transportation and much more. The comments are now available to view online at westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

The Council is grateful to all those who responded, as their comments will help shape the future planning and development of the garden village. A summary report of the consultation responses will be published in due course.

NEXT STAGES: Along with the consultation responses, specialist advice is being sought to contribute to the development of options for the Garden Village. Once an options paper has been formulated, the District Council will consult on the proposals. You can register for updates at westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

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Local stories, snaps and snippets are always welcome – and corrections also, thanks! Next issue will be out on 26 November – copy deadline Friday 9 November, though advance notice really helps if you'd like some room to spread.

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eynsham futures

Cllr Richard Andrews explains how Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan relates to the District Council's development proposals for the north and west of Eynsham

Our ENP is still relevant, though overshadowed by other 'consultations'. The Garden Village Area Action Plan consultation (now closed – see opposite) draws heavily on the ENP. Anything that ends up in the final AAP has the same effect as the ENP so that would be 'job done'. The current West Eynsham consultation (deadline 21 September) also draws on ENP material; but the result won't have the same force, so we want our plan as backup.

*Do send in your comments – the Parish Council's response is available as a guide at Eynsham Online if you click on the **Have Your Say** icon.'*

It is a difficult situation with WODC rushing out detailed plans before their own Local Plan is signed off. Most benefit of the ENP comes from work everyone put into preparing the plan, providing the basis for WODC documents and guiding the Parish Council in working with developers to get the best outcome in each situation.

Since our original neighbourhood plan was rejected by the Examiner, it has been redrafted and we have obtained a grant for an independent planning expert to make sure we pass the next examination. So far, he has confirmed that what we have done is basically sound; he will send us a detailed report in due course.

We don't have specific Garden Village or West Eynsham policies but there are some for a brand-new village on our patch and for sites big enough for 'Strategic Development Area' status as these are very special circumstances. All 'recommendations' for matters outside our direct remit are made to the Parish Council who are asked to 'seek to ensure' that what we want, happens; this is apparently acceptable wording while content is the same as before.

Now WODC have the green light for their Local Plan, we will have less trouble getting ours through.

The next stage of the process will be a 'local' consultation where you can make comments – which we will include, or explain why we can't include, in the plan. The 6-week consultation will start as soon as the current WODC one ends. You will find details at Eynsham Online or you can phone 01865 880106 if you need help.

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SUNDAY SERVICE with Junior Church 10:30; Songs of
Praise 2nd Sunday of month 15:00.



Everyone Welcome

Monday 24 September 2018
13:30 Harvest at the Day Centre
in the Village Hall

Eynsham Baptist Church
Sunday 23 September 2018
10:30 Harvest Service
Leader and Preacher: The Revd Zoltan Biro

Monetary gifts to the Baptist
Missionary Society (BMS).
Gifts of produce suitable for donation
to the North Oxfordshire Food Bank
and The Gatehouse Project for Oxford's
homeless will be most welcome, please.

*The service will be followed by a Bring
and Share Lunch in our main hall.*

St Peter's Catholic Church
Weekend Masses for Harvest CAFOD (The
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)
Fast Day
Saturday 6 October 17:00
Sunday 7 October 10:00

*The money we save from fasting will be sent to CAFOD
to help feed the poor and hungry of the world.*

St Leonard's Church of England
Sunday 30 September 2018
9.00 Harvest Holy Communion
10.45 Harvest for All-Ages

*Focus on 'The Porch' (project for the homeless
and vulnerably housed adults in Oxford)*

Thanks to everyone who supported August Oasis for senior citizens, the three days of fun and fellowship provided each year by the three Eynsham churches but open to all. Once again, the event was great success – you'll find a report on page 11.

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Cllr Emery alerted us to an oversight in our last issue: 'can I please point out that Richard [Andrews] stood down and I took his place (as if that were possible!) as Vice Chair' – Ed.

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Corrections

Allotments: Andy Swarbrick, 07789 995111

Bridewell Organic Gardens: apologies to anyone who was misled by the dates in our last issue – we do the best we can with what we're given!

Harris's Corner: as our last issue went to press, Ellie Sanderson expected her bridal store to be in place by September. Some things just don't work out.

Halls for hire

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White Hart Function Room:	01865 883093

From the archives



Children of Acre End Playgroup helping to take some of the offerings from their harvest festival to the Oxford Produce Shop where they will be sold to help less privileged children overseas. L-R: Patricia Saunders, Polly Bannister, Laura Carr, Diggy Hodges and Tom Lloyd. Photo © Sue Chapman for Oxford Times, 1974.

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BUILDING MATTERS: Contractors are needed to inspect and report on the Bartholomew Room structure before funds can be obtained and work programmed. Some stonework and guttering needs replacing plus possible improvements to the roof. This will be an ongoing project over the next year or so. *For a longer report on the Sports Pavilion please see page 7 – Ed.*

GRANTS FOR GROUPS: Does your club, charity or voluntary organisation need financial assistance? Eynsham Parish Council allocates up to £2500 a year in grants to local groups of this sort. Amounts paid are usually from £100 to £400. This year, grants were made to Eynsham Good Neighbour Network (£400), Acre End Pre-School (£400), Oasis (£325) and Eynsham Churches Holiday Club (£250). The deadline for applications to cover 2019-20 is 1 December 2018. You can contact the Clerk to have an application form posted / emailed, or download one at Eynsham Online – bit.ly/2PSIDAs

TREE MAINTENANCE: Quotes were reconsidered at September's Council meeting, because of large variances between contractors. Residents along the woodland boundary of the B4449 in Dovehouse Close will be notified when the work is scheduled.

TREE PLANTING: OCC and the Woodlands Trust are offering free native saplings to commemorate the World War I centenary. I am looking to obtain a small commemorative tree for the Parish Council's verge at Hawthorn Road. More details to follow in due course.

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees

FISHPONDS: Bright green duckweed has returned on the surface of the pond, due to low water levels; unusually high temperatures and sunlight; and the high level of nutrients in the water.

The Freshwater Habitats Trust has advised that this is perfectly natural and harmless; and it gives cover to minute water fauna. A pond-dipping exercise found mayfly larvae, dragonfly larvae, water beetles, shrimps, snail-eating fly larvae (who knew?), slaters (related to the woodlouse) and other organisms, all thriving amongst the duckweed – of which there is more than one type. There are also ducks and moorhens dabbling about, which is great. The weed doesn't affect the oxygen levels in the pond and it should reduce in

winter. We plan to leave it where it is, ensuring a 'wild' water habitat rather than an overly-managed one.

You will also have noticed a new litter bin by the picnic bench on Harvey's House Mound. Now we must hope that everyone who enjoys socialising there will use it!

FOOTPATHS: The Footpaths Committee always welcomes feedback on our public rights of way. Several issues recently flagged up on the Eynsham Mill Walk – tinyurl.com/eynsham-mill-walk – have resulted in some clearance of overgrown vegetation and a reminder to one landowner to reinstate the footpaths across that land. These things can take time, as resources are very stretched, but persistence usually pays off in the end.

Do continue to let us know where maintenance is required. You can also highlight a problem and upload photos (always helpful) on OCC's public rights of way map tinyurl.com/oxon-prow

Planning update

Dennis Stukenbroeker – Chair, Parish Council Planning Committee

Well done everyone who responded to West Oxfordshire District Council's Garden Village Area Action Plan 'Issues Paper' Consultation. WODC logged 244 responses. And 190 responses were from real people.

There were 34 replies from other local authorities, government quangos, developers, special interest groups, utilities and businesses – including an objection from Kentucky Fried Chicken to a proposed restriction on the proximity of hot food takeaways around schools. The Issues Paper and all the responses can be viewed at westoxon.gov.uk/gardenvillage

I was impressed by the quality of most people's responses. They were knowledgeable and thoughtful, showing the issues had been studied and a general working knowledge of the Parish Council's emerging neighbourhood plan. All those previous WODC and OCC consultations and the Eynsham Futures campaign really have created an informed electorate. Politicians beware.

I was surprised by the level of resistance to the Garden Village. Nearly 94% of respondents were seriously critical of all or parts of the proposed development, or just plain objected to it. People do care about where they live. They worried about the impact the Garden Village, just across the A40, would have on Eynsham. Many objected to the loss of accessible countryside and biodiversity, including the Site of European Importance at City Farm. Many also

said it wasn't a real 'garden village' as it didn't follow garden village principles.

They want more homes – but genuinely affordable ones, for local people who need them, environmentally sustainable and in the right places. They care about their overburdened health care and schools; but also considered the wider issues of shortages of staff and whether nurses, teachers and other essential local workers could afford to live and work in the area.

Respondents were sceptical about how real Oxford's 'unmet need' now was and many questioned the business case for a 'science park'. I have been told by the agent for many of the landowners, Grosvenor, that it shares similar reservations.

Predictably, many respondents complained about the A40, often with recent anecdotal examples. Some mentioned nothing else, even though the A40 is not under the control of WODC and therefore was not really part of consultation. OCC, which controls the A40 and is planning a 1000-car park & ride (which respondents saw as pointless) and one-way bus lane part-way to Oxford, devoted only two pages of their 39-page response to the A40, implying it was going to proceed with its plans regardless of the impact that development in Eynsham, Witney and Carterton would have on the already overcrowded A40.



There was also criticism that the Garden Village consultation did not take enough notice of WODC's proposed additional 1000 homes west of Eynsham – in the sinister-sounding 'Strategic Development Area' (SDA). Now, you well-informed residents can. The consultation for this is open until 21 September. Just go to westoxon.gov.uk and follow links to 'Get involved in new Eynsham development'. But this time, please pay a bit more attention to proofreading and punctuation, folks.

*Councillor Richard Andrews adds, 'The current West Eynsham SDA consultation also draws on Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan material, but the result won't have the same force, so we still want our ENP as backup. Do send in your comments – the Parish Council's response is available as a guide at Eynsham Online if you click on the **Have Your Say icon.**'*

Sports report

Cllr Richard Andrews writes... The pavilion on the South (QEII) Playing Field is used as a changing room by the football clubs who play on the field and as a public room with a kitchen available for general hire. The building is over 40 years old and is in quite poor condition, though the kitchen was upgraded in 2011. The changing rooms have hot showers but no heat; the meeting room is heated but poorly insulated, so is expensive to heat.

The most recent 5-year survey (March 2018) highlighted significant issues with the walls, the roof and possibly the foundations; maintenance is estimated at £114,000 over the next decade. In the last 6 years we've spent an average £16,813 pa against an income of £7,430 pa. This includes some major expenditure, most recently the car park resurfacing, but the building is a significant cost to the community with the football clubs the main beneficiaries.

Rather than continue spending on a building past its prime, the Parish Council has decided that it should investigate a possible replacement. This will cost far more than our current make-do-and-mend approach; but there are often grants available for new buildings, rather than upkeep.

We shall need to obtain a costed design and planning permission before we can apply for grants. The professional fees involved are up to £15,000 – so about as much as we spend on the building every year. We have just under £10,000 set aside for pavilion refurbishment which we can put towards these initial costs.

The brief for the new building is a much more attractive meeting space for renting out, along with modern changing facilities for the football clubs. We'll also assess the running costs and income from a better building against the grants available, to create a fully costed long-term plan. If all goes well, this will be an attractive resource for the village rather than a financial burden.

It's possible that project won't be viable in terms of available grants or potential income. This would be a real problem for the football clubs, of course, but the Parish Council will keep you informed as the project progresses.



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Bright ideas

Thanks to PCSO Helen Keen for passing on these simple steps to take as the evenings draw in, to keep your home secure when you're out

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- Lock doors and downstairs windows, plus any upstairs windows accessible from a flat roof.
- If you have a house alarm, be sure to set it.
- Keep car keys, ID cards, etc., out of sight and away from access via windows/letterboxes.
- Lock away any garden tools which could be used to break in.
- Register your valuables with immobilise.com and bikes on bikeregister.com

The recent arson in Back Lane car park was tackled impressively fast but no crime is victimless. Is it clinching evidence in the long campaign for CCTV coverage? Tell us what you think – see page 2 for our contact details. Ed.

Making a difference



Many thanks to Community First Oxfordshire for this story and © image.

For the second year, CFO were pleased to take part in the MAD 'Make A Difference week' organised by Oxfordshire Council for Voluntary Action. This involved approximately 50 students from Bartholomew School, Eynsham, volunteering with 13 charities around Oxfordshire.

Community First welcomed four students, who worked on our community led housing project supporting community engagement activities. They talked to people in Templar Square, Cowley about their housing needs; and visited several community groups across the City to talk about housing. The results of these activities will feed into the project we are leading on for Oxford City Council.

The whole experience was a positive one. It's great to have extra resource but the perspective, knowledge and enthusiasm that the students bring is hugely valuable.

Patients' corner

Thanks to Graham Maynard for his regular report

HELP NEEDED: Have you recently had, or are you about to have, a baby? Because we would like a little help from a couple of people who have experience of maternity services in Eynsham. We at the Eynsham PPG (Patient Participation Group) exist solely to ensure that patients experience a high quality of care. We have done a lot of useful work since we started a couple of years ago, but we need mums to understand maternity issues.

The PPG is made up of eight 'patient' volunteers and the Practice Manager. One of the GPs normally attends our meetings, which are held in the Eynsham practice every other month and take less than 2 hours. So, if you fit the bill and would like to help by offering a little of your time, please contact Graham Maynard on 01865 882761, email graham.maynard1@ntlworld.com or mobile 07710 228827 (Babies welcome, so no problem there!)

FEES FOR PRIVATE WORK: One or two people have asked us about the need to pay for some medical services. The NHS contract with GPs covers what are known as General Medical Services and these are provided free; but other services like travel vaccinations, private medical insurance reports and reports for an employer must be paid for in the same way that you would pay for any other professional service.

Moreover, time spent preparing reports or writing letters takes GPs away from providing patient care and completing even the simplest of forms requires detailed checks of patients' records as inaccuracy can have serious consequences. For this reason, what might appear to be a quick task may take quite a while and cost more than you were expecting, so we recommend checking the charge first on the surgery web site. Sorry but that's the law and it can't be avoided!

THE MONDAY CLUB: Amongst other things, recently, we helped Carers Oxfordshire publicise the one-day 'Carers' event held in the village hall: they tell me that it went well with good attendance. Now we are trying to assist the Monday Club (see their feature on page 14) which is open to any member of the community aged over 60 who enjoys good fun, good company and a nice meal. It's run by some lovely people especially for 'Eynshamites'... so why not try it?

SHAME ON large white lorry registration number AV17 UGH parked on double-yellow lines at Harris's Corner around 11:00 on 31 August – endangering pedestrians/turning traffic and delaying the S1 bus. We have photos!

Back to the future



Best wishes to Jonathan and Lucy Bowden (shown above) on 25 September as the Market Garden crosses the road into The Emporium – where it began as a weekly stall in 2009

Room to spread means an even wider range of wholefood items, alongside the local fruit and veg. Look for a bigger deli counter, plants and flowers, gifts and cards, plus a comprehensive range of Sesi refills. Lucy is especially proud that Eynsham will have the first zero-waste shop in the county. The café remains under Corin's management for the time being, with local groups welcome as ever.

We were sorry to see the closure of Harrison's snack shop in The Square – the first 'Safe Place' in Eynsham – and wish Charmaine Watson all the best for the future. The corner of High Street/Thames Street has been restored to a single unit (does anyone remember the Londis store?) and is now available for rent – contact david@pimms.tv

Thanks to chiropractor Alan Craft for patiently collecting litter from someone else's party as he walks his dog around the fishponds and the playing field (on a lead). And yes, he takes his doggie bag home too.

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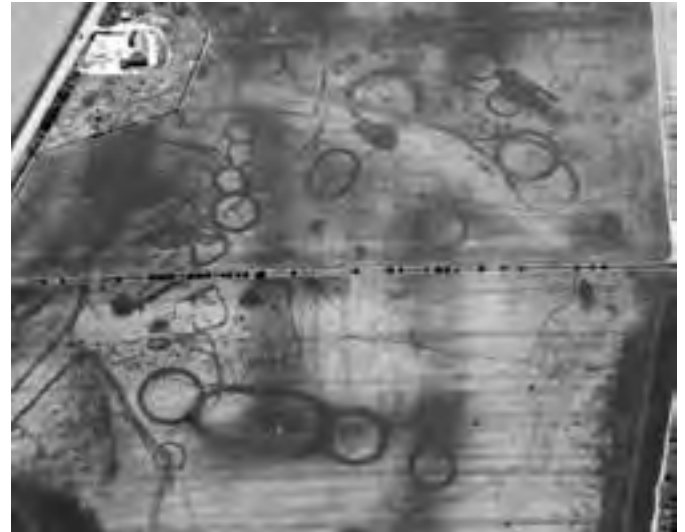
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Home front



Prehistoric ceremonial landscape near Eynsham © Damian Grady/Historic England. This summer's heatwave has been particularly good for aerial archaeologists... The cropmarks reveal buried remains of later prehistoric (circa 4000BC–700BC) funerary monuments, together with settlement. This site (off the B4449 Stanton Harcourt road) was known about and is protected as a scheduled monument, but there are features, such as a circle of pits that have not been visible for years.

Completed story!

We asked you to continue a description of someone opening a door and were really impressed by the quality of your responses! The following is our winning entry:

'ANXIETY' by Nigel Pearce (63)

I knew the risks when I agreed to do this. At least, I thought I did. No matter how much preparation you do, how many nights you lie awake thinking of all the possible outcomes, you never really know what will happen until the moment you put the plan into action. I am at that moment now. My feet are on the stairs, and I'm watching them move up the dusty wooden slats, feeling disconnected from what I'm doing as if I'm at home watching this on TV. Maybe my brain is relieving me from the sense of being in control, because I can't turn back now, even if I wanted to – it's already too late.

My hand stretches out and grasps the door-handle, trembling slightly. I turn the knob and push the door open...

... and there's nothing on the other side, just blackness and the sense of an abyss beyond the threshold. It's like that door on the platform of a London Underground station with a sign saying, 'Danger: void behind door.' So were those wooden steps an escalator, and the dust just dirt on the tracks crackling with the approach of a train. Because I can feel a dry, hot wind blowing in my face.

No, that's ridiculous. I'm not in the city, but in a group of old barns in the middle of farmland, climbing up to a hayloft. Aren't I?

Now I can hear voices, two men in what sounds like a fairly heated exchange, slightly too distant for me to make out the words. It's vitally important for me to know what they are saying. My plan depends on it. I decide to step over the threshold, come what may, fearing the worst. But after a moment of terrifying suspension I land unhurt, prone on a soft surface, face down.

Total darkness. It's just been a trap all along, a ruse to lure me into their power, whoever they are. I push myself up with my hands. If I am in a barn, there may be an outdoor light somewhere. I need to find a switch, and everything will become clear.

Then a strange memory begins to filter into my consciousness: I've been in this room before. But my sense of direction has completely gone. I set out in what seems at first to be the right direction but find myself somewhere wholly unexpected. If I can get to a wall, I can follow it round until I find something I recognise and orient myself, find the light switch. Groping with uncertain hands, nearly knocking over half-known items on shelves, fearing the clinging touch of spider's webs, I finally reach a switch and turn the light on.

I am in my bedroom, a hot summer breeze is coming through the window, and the voices are from a radio next door.

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Our independent judge, Gabriel Schenk, comments: Nigel has written a piece that continues the tone of the opening segment whilst adding new elements and a twist at the end. Some of the descriptions, such as 'dirt... crackling with the approach of a train' are beautifully written, and deftly evoke the setting and feelings of the speaker. I particularly liked his oneiric narrative, bringing the reader into the speaker's confused and disorientated mind and building to an eventual realisation.

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We also have two honourable mentions, available to read on our website eynshamnews.org.uk

- The first, by **Santi Ospina** (13), demonstrates an expert control of sentence length and vocabulary to heighten and maintain tension. There is also a strong female role – sadly lacking in many other fantasy texts – and an ending that is both funny and rewarding.
- The second honourable mention is 'Psycho' by **Donald Coleman** (89), which takes the story in an unexpected (but completely fitting) direction and conveys a strong sense of character through pitch-perfect narrative voice and dialogue. Donald is a versatile writer, submitting many other stories as well, each one entirely different.

August Oasis

Jane Hale reports on three successful days provided by the three Eynsham Churches – a time of fun and fellowship for all

I would like to pay tribute to the voluntary team of helpers who enabled everything to come to fruition so calmly and efficiently. They were not even phased by the electricity tripping out three times in the kitchen before lunch on Wednesday. Everyone was deliciously fed with a hot, two course meal each day.

Attendees had the opportunity to find out how to make butter with Derek Malin and were entertained with his stories while others made a circuit which lit up their hand made cards with Renee of The Curiosity Box.

Oxfordshire Museum Services came twice with different Remembrance Boxes, which had those taking part talking about the memories from their childhoods or of when they were young adults.

Some fantastic pictures were created during the collage workshop with Sue Raikes and Laraine Saedi. While fingers were challenged on Thursday with Japanese origami led by Ryoko Wakataka (below).

We had very interesting talks in the afternoons from Don Chapman, telling us about his book 'Wearing the Trousers: Fashion, Freedom and the Rise of the Modern Woman', and from Ian Scott Hunter, recounting his memories of working as a footman at Buckingham Palace.

On the last afternoon, all participants enjoyed joining in with the musical finale from Larry, John and Paul followed by the daily tea and cake.

Thanks to everyone, volunteers and participants, who all helped to make it such a success.

This year's OASIS Carol Service is on Thursday 6 December at 14:00 in Eynsham Baptist Church and is followed by tea and cake. We look forward to seeing you there.



Over to you



It's a pleasure to introduce this gargoyle from Beth Wood, inspired by a visit to St Leonard's Church. Do you recall the people whose faces inspired them? You can print out a bigger version at eynshamnews.org.uk

EYNSHFEST: Respects and thanks for all the hard work that went into this big event on 28 July. They thought of everything – only to be sabotaged by a downpour after weeks of heat and drought. Congratulations also to the team who persisted with the raffle. The final sum raised, £516, goes to Eynsham Youth Club and Sands stillbirth and neonatal death charity.

GRANTS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE: *Eynsham Consolidated Charity* can make grants to relieve need, hardship or distress. *The Bartholomew Educational Foundation* can make grants to students, apprentices, etc. aged under 25.

The trustees meet four times a year, in February, May, late August or early September, and November. If you need help, or know of someone who needs help, or want more information, write to the Charities' Clerk Robin Mitchell at 20 High Street, Eynsham OX29 4HB or email robinmitchell255@gmail.com

A good read

Thanks to Steve Pritchard for drawing our attention to The Singleton Chronicles

Melvin Starr is an American, a frequent visitor to the UK, who decided on the strength of a visit to friends that he would write a book based in Bampton. He is now on his tenth in the series!

They are about a young man, Hugh de Singleton, who comes to Oxford to study medicine after the plague but decides to study surgery. He ends up as bailiff to Lord Talbot at Bampton castle and uses his surgeon's skills to solve murders in the area, very much in the style of Cadfael.

What is fascinating is that Eynsham is involved in the plots on many occasions and especially the Abbey. In one the body is found floating in the fish ponds! The research that Melvin Starr has done into our area is amazing, especially from several thousand miles away, and I thought that the people of Eynsham would love reading about its history.

The first book in the series is called 'The Unquiet Bones' and is available in paperback and download. I have asked the library to see if they could get them.

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'EYNESHAM' (in Chinese!) *Eynsham Echo Issue 81 – June 2003*

Richard Newnham was recently required to translate our village name into written Chinese. In Chinese script the nearest match was Eye-en-shan. The characters all come with meanings, so it was a matter of choosing which to go for. The Chinese enjoy doing this and they take care to pick characters with a flattering or positive message. Therefore Eye-en-shan means 'Love-and-Cherish Mountain'.

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Fox news



National Lottery funding will help Brits uncover the heritage of Reynard the Fox, a distant Dutch cousin of some of our most well-loved characters – Anne Louise Avery explains

The Bodleian Libraries of Oxford and the University of Bristol, working with Eynsham-based educational outreach charity Flash of Splendour Arts, have secured National Lottery funding to explore the heritage of Reynard, in a project looking at the heritage of medieval Anglo-Dutch relations.

The project will see a landmark exhibition at the Bodleian Libraries combining literature, film, theatre and culture in the winter of 2020. Children with special educational needs and disability (SEND) in Oxford and Bristol will be trained in animation and filmmaking by Aardman Animation, the Oscar-winning studio behind Wallace and Gromit and Shaun the Sheep.

In addition to these activities, two books will be published for younger and adult readers re-telling Reynard's stories and heritage; and Oxford will celebrate 'Reynard the Fox week' in 2021.

'North Sea Crossings' is a hugely ambitious collaborative project and we hope that it will blaze a trail for real accessibility and innovation within university outreach.

GreenTEA festival

Contact Sue Raikes by email: sue.raikes@appleinter.net

Come and join us for GreenTEA's annual festival at the Village Hall on Saturday 29 September from 12:00 till 16:00. Despite a difficult growing year, we hope to have lots of apples to juice and give away. And do bring your own apples for expert identification. New themes include repair rather than waste; and electric vehicles. Everything is for all ages, and all free!

We'll start with a vegetarian bring and share, sit down meal at 12 noon, so we can enjoy each other's food and share ideas and recipes – all welcome! Bring your favourite low carbon food and maybe a bottle.

The theme of *The Future of Eynsham* reflects our desire to engage with the challenges and opportunities for our much-loved village. Let's ensure that whatever development happens in Eynsham we fight for the highest possible eco standards in new housing, for locally owned renewable energy and opportunities to grow, harvest and enjoy the green spaces. Do come and share your ideas.

Fundraiser needed!

The Eynsham News print run covers every home and business in our parish. At present it is financed solely by businesses in the parish. Businesses are choosing many marketing and advertising options these days, so we are exploring new funding streams to keep up. Can you help?

We also need a new treasurer. Please contact Sandy if you'd like to be a part of this great resource – details on page 2.

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People



I do like Mondays, says Grace Brown – there's no time to be bored at Eynsham Day Centre. Photo © Eileen Mace.

Once, when I was younger, there were not enough hours in the day. Alas, those days are gone! Now I am getting older and some days can seem very long. Occasionally a friend or family member drops in for a 'cuppa' but mostly I can't do much at all. Then someone said 'Why don't you go to the day centre. You can try it out for a morning or a day and if you don't like it you don't have to go again?' So, I got in touch with them and the day was arranged.

I didn't know what to expect but there was someone waiting for me, asking did I want tea or coffee and taking me to a table where there were a few other people and a plate of biscuits. I sat down and started chatting with the people – some of whom (to my surprise) I already knew. It was then time for very gentle exercises (for those who could do them) accompanied by music and very easy.

Then it was 'make and do' time. My favourite pastimes are painting and making cards but if you have a favourite hobby that can probably be arranged.

There are, of course, very helpful volunteers ready to assist us if we need it. We make things to celebrate special days like St Valentine's Day, Christmas, Easter, St George's day or other events which come along. *Grace recently designed and painted the backcloth for 'A Day at the Seaside' in Eynsham Day Centre, enjoyed by one and all.* We then sat down to a two-course meal, beautifully cooked (as it always is).

After the meal there are various entertainments, singing with a lively singer or a group, dancing if you wish, a mixture of floor games played from your seat; and sometimes children from the pre-school pay us a visit and give us a glimpse into their world – the list goes on.

Around 2:15 pm it is time for tea and cakes to finish off the day and I never want to come home. What more could you ask for than fun, laughter and friendship; and the lovely people who volunteer their time to help make sure we get it. If you have been to OASIS (page 11), our Monday Club is very similar, so you could enjoy a day out every week!

Basia Schofield, the new co-ordinator of Eynsham Day Centre says: 'I'm very excited to be working with our lovely members and a team of fantastic volunteers. I'm busy planning new projects, engaging activities and maybe even a new name! Our 'Monday Club' is great fun and if you feel it might be a place for you, do pop in to see what a wonderful time we have here, or contact us.'

- Eynsham Village Hall, Mondays 10:00–14:30
- Phone: 07340 750773
- Email: daycentreeynsham@gmail.com

ENJOYED CARNIVAL? Did you know that planning for 2019 will start in the next few weeks?! However, we can only continue to run this village event if more people come forward to HELP, *especially on the day.* Just an hour or two helping us set up, run a stall or clear away at the end of the day would really make all the difference. Email enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com or come to the first meeting on 20 September, venue TBC – email us!

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Through the ages

Members of Eynsham Baptist Church have been celebrating the 200th anniversary of our building this summer – *Angie Cox reports*. ‘Walking through the Ages’ in the Carnival parade, we had adults and children dressed in costume from the last 200 years. They ranged from Victorian workmen to suffragettes, flower power right up to the 21st century. Much to our amazement, we won our category.

We also used the occasion to invite the village community to our next celebration on 14 July. We held a barbecue in the square, which was well attended, but we also had refreshments and an exhibition in the church itself. We wanted to share some of the history of the place and give them a flavour what we do today.

We had a slide show of past events and ministers. There were photographs of weddings, infant dedication and baptisms alongside images of fashion shows, wreath making and messy church. It was an opportunity to see the baptistry open. Many people come to events in the church hall but not many see the church set up for a baptismal service. There was a chance to read about the beginnings of the church, with two or three young men and a lot of help from the church at New Road in Oxford.

It was wonderful to share some of the church’s story with the many people who ventured up the drive. We would like to thank all those who came and joined us in our celebration. Everyone will be welcome to the One World Week sale on 20 October too –more on page 17.



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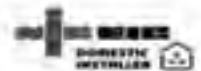
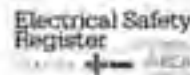
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Recreation

BARTHOLOMEW PLAYERS: Chairman Gareth Hammond has presented a cheque for £300 to Eynsham Primary School PTA as their share of profits from the 'Safari Party' charity supper show in May. The school will put the money towards refurbishing their classrooms.

Our next production will be 'Dangerous Corner' by JB Priestley, running Wednesday-Saturday 28 November-1 December in the Village Hall with another charity supper show on the Friday night. An intriguing piece of theatre, with a clever twist at the end. Tickets are available in advance from Evenlode DIY or Denise Santilli: 07990 537462
bart.players@gmail.com

If you want to do something different and fun – come and join us! We meet from 19:30-22:00 every Wednesday at Eynsham Village Hall. And open auditions for the May 2019 production will be held in October – look out for the announcement!

EYNSHAM COUNTRY MARKET: What a busy Sicilian food evening on 30 August, we were run off our feet! So lovely to see our regular customers, along with many new ones, welcoming the chance to have fresh Sicilian food for dinner (thanks to Irene Naso and Corin Willett) and buy our produce at the same time. Watch this space for the next event!

We also launched our new order system, whereby customers can order by Tuesday noon for collection on Thursday between 17.00 and 20.00 in Eynsham, Freeland or Long Hanborough. *Enquiries to Judith Bowden: 01865 435343*
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MATURE MOVES exercise class is still running from 11:00 to 12:00 in the Scout Hall on Thursdays during term time – first class free, supported by Age UK. Why not try it out? Olwen Radburn: 01993 773 432

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EYNSHAM HISTORY GROUP autumn programme offers yet more fascinating talks. All meetings in St Leonard's Hall on Thursdays at 19:15 – visitors welcome. *Nigel Swietalski: 01865 882400.*

- 20 September Graham Twemlow, 'Art and Design in the Chilterns'
- 4 October Tony Hack, 'The Wiltshire Medieval Graffiti Survey'
- 18 October Keith Crawford, 'Wesley and the Non-Conformists'
- 1 November Ruth Buckley, 'Anglo Saxon Oxford, Part 2'
- 15 November Joanna Snelling, 'Of Bees and Books – 500 years of Corpus Christi Library'
- 6 December Liz Woolley, 'Leisure and Entertainment in Victorian & Edwardian Oxford' – with seasonal refreshments.

Fledgelings Sing – 'Stay and Sing' musical fun for all under-fives, from babies to four-year-olds and their carers at the Scout Hall on Wednesday mornings 10:30-11:30 during term time. A variety of songs, lots of actions, colourful props and a guitar, then the children get to enjoy free play with the toy musical instruments while the adults have a natter over a cup of something. Session after the summer break are now under way. *Contact Marie Mills at fledgelingsing@gmail.com*

PEACE OAK ASSOCIATION OPEN DAY: Come and visit our beautiful site on Saturday 6 October (entry from Cobbetts Close, off Newland Street) and find out how this hidden gem is being preserved for ever as an orchard, for shared growing spaces, for education and quiet enjoyment. We shall be open to all from 12 noon to 16:00 to show you our unique collection of Eynsham's own apple trees. Try your hand at juicing and tasting and discover the comforts of our new compost loo!

And if you like it you can join as a member – then you can visit at any time and help us to plant, harvest and enjoy the fruits of our labour. Single membership is £8 a year, family membership (two adults and children under 18) £10 a year. *Sue Raikes: sue.raikes@appleinter.net*

ROTARY CLUB OF EYNSHAM: Join us for an uplifting evening on 20 October watching 'Finding Your Feet' with a cast of national treasures including Joanna Lumley, Celia Imrie, Imelda Staunton and Timothy Spall – see poster on page 3. A two-course supper is included in the £12.50 ticket price, so come and have a fun and relaxing time. All profits will go to local charities, such as new changing facilities at the playing field.



MAGIC AND MAYHEM! Girls from 1st and 3rd Eynsham Brownies enjoyed an exciting weekend at Foxlease, Girlguiding's activity centre in June. They tackled climbing, archery, fencing, juggling, magic tricks and science experiments. And after adventuring all day the Rainbows and Brownies camped together under a giant big top tent. For many girls this was their first night away from home as part of their Girlguiding journey.

This year, Eynsham Brownies and Guides also took part in a sleepover at the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham; and their 'Space' theme came first in category at Eynsham Carnival – this photo © Colin Turner. Girlguiding offers adventure, fun and friendship and a chance to gain life skills: visit girlguiding.org.uk

We are always looking for more helpers. Please get in touch if you'd like to get involved. Sinead Andrews (Tawny Owl) 1steynshambrownies@googlemail.com



ONE WORLD WEEK: Sale & Coffee Morning on Saturday 20 October in the Baptist Church 10:00–12:00. All welcome.

There will be Christmas cards, paper and gifts from Traidcraft, Save the Children, Oxfam, Sobell House and Baphumelele Home in South Africa. *Angie Cox*

VILLAGE TENNIS: Thanks to Bartholomew School, tennis courts have been made available for all! Full details online at bit.ly/2MDUZOV or contact...

- Edward Large, Excel tennis: 07734 059769/ edward.large@exceltennis.co.uk
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WEST OXFORDSHIRE RAMBLERS meet at Back Lane car park on Tuesday 18 September at 10:30 for a leisurely 6.5 miles / 10.5 km walk along the Thames path to Oxford, returning on the S1 bus – with a pub stop. Non-members welcome. *Enquiries: 01865 880105*

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This year Remembrance Sunday falls on 11 November. There will be no separate ‘Silence in the Square’, as Eynsham’s traditional non-denominational Act of Remembrance on 11 November will take place at 10:55 in front of the War Memorial. This will be preceded by the usual parade of uniformed groups starting from the Scout Hall in Back Lane and leading to their church parade service in St Leonard’s at 10:00. The church congregation leaves the church at 10:45 to be joined by the congregations of the other two churches and as many members of the village as possible to observe the two-minute silence in memory of all those who have given their lives in war in service of their country.

In addition this year, to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of the 1st World War, in the early evening there will be activities in the square and in St Leonard’s Church culminating in a reading of the Roll of Honour at the War Memorial and snuffing of candles at about 18:55 as the Legion arranged in 2014. At 19:05 the bells will be rung along with those in churches throughout the county. The Women’s Institute (with support from the knitting members of the Legion!) are preparing a netting veil of knitted poppies to be draped over the cross by the Bartholomew Room – see page 2.

The members of the Eynsham Branch of the Royal British Legion hope that you will join them for at least one, if not both, these events.




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- 15 **VILLAGE SHOW & Front Garden Awards**
15–23 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 10:00–16:00.
Autumn Exhibition
- 18 **Ramblers' Group** – page 17
- 19 **Carers' Group**, Eynsham Emporium 11:00
- 20 **History Group**, St Leonard's Hall – page 16
- 26 **British Legion**, Village Hall 19:30
- 26 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 19:30.
Alice Walker, *Critique of Members' Work*
- 28 **Community Cinema** – page 20
- 29 **GreenTEA Festival** – page 13
- 30 **Litter Pickers**, Baptist Hall 13:45

October

- 4 **History Group**, St Leonard's Hall – page 16
- 6 **GreenTEA Café / Swap Shop**,
Sports Pavilion 10:00–11:00
- 6 **Peace Oak Association Open Day** – page 16
- 7 **Acoustic Club**, The Swan 20:00
- 8 **Age UK info**, Eynsham Emporium 10:00
- 9 **Women's Institute**, St Leonard's Hall 19:00.
Harvest Supper & Auction
- 10 **Garden Club**, Village Hall 19:30.
Timothy Walker, *Euphorbia*
- 13–21 **Art Show & Sale**, Bartholomew Room
10.00–16.00. *Students of Alice Walker*
- 14 **Gatehouse Volunteers**:
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shelter. Enquiries: 01865 881346
- 17 **Carers' Group**, Eynsham Emporium 11:00
- 17 **Eynsham Society**, Village Hall 20:00.
Members' Meeting
- 18 **Allotment Association AGM**,
White Hart 19:00
- 18 **History Group**, St Leonard's Hall – page 16
- 20 **One World Week Coffee Morning** – page 17
- 24 **British Legion**, Village Hall 19:30
- 26 **Community Cinema** – page 20
- 27 **Charity Film Night** – page 3
- 28 **Litter Pickers**, Baptist Hall 13:45
- 31 **Arts Group**, Bartholomew Room 19:30.



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- 28 **Community Cinema** – opposite
- 25 **Gatehouse Volunteers:**
home-made sandwiches & cake for the Oxford shelter. Enquiries: 01865 881346
- 25 **Litter Pickers, Baptist Hall** 13:45

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