

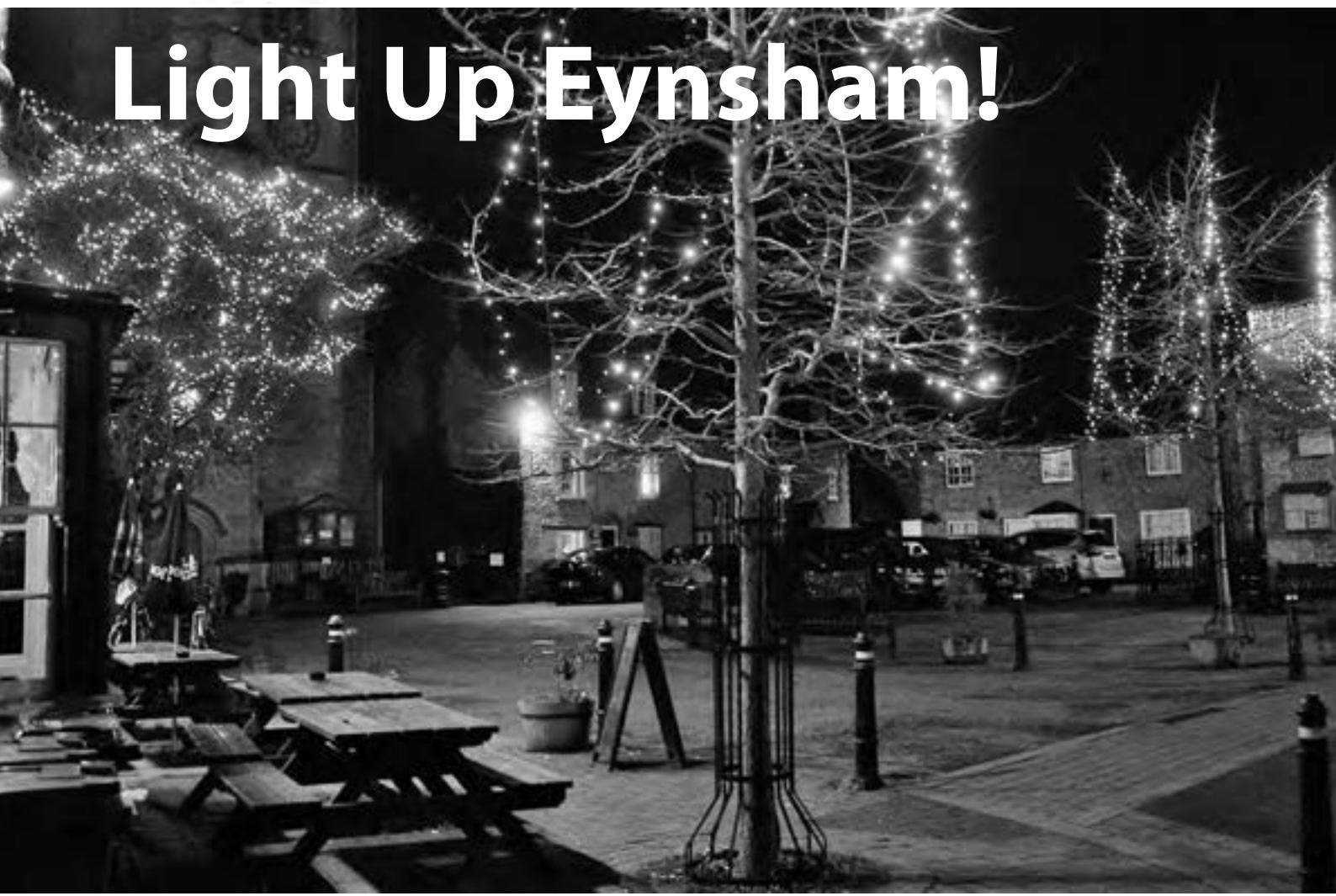
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Council & Community

NEWS

Issue 34 – December 2018 – January 2019

Light Up Eynsham!



Eynsham Community Primary School will be hosting Eynsham's very own Christmas lights event in the Square from 17:30 on Friday 7 December. All welcome for some local festive cheer!

The festivities will kick off with a kids' lantern procession down Mill Street to the Square, where community and school choirs and the Eynsham Morris will perform carols and Christmas songs, before a very special guest is invited to turn on Eynsham's enchanting Christmas lights!

Mulled wine, hot chocolate, mince pies and hot dogs will be served in The Bartholomew Room – or why not make an evening of it with food and drink in The Red Lion?

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*Your invitation to join in creating a new community tradition –
image © Ian White*

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Children taking part in the lantern procession should gather outside the library at 17:20 for procession down Mill Street to the Square at 17:30. You can buy LED lantern-making kits at the School and at Eynsham Library or make your own. Please note, children remain the responsibility of a supervising adult during the procession.

Proceeds (including a percentage of takings from The Red Lion) will go to Eynsham Community Primary School PTA to help fund much needed resources for the children. We are always looking for new ways to raise funds for our wonderful school and would welcome ideas or donations from the wider community. Questions? Suggestions? Contact eynshamprimarypta@outlook.com

Life has been incredibly busy and exciting at Eynsham Primary School, adds acting head Ginny Bayliss. I feel proud to be part of such a wonderful school and getting to know the different members of our community. It has been a fun filled start to the year so far and I have been incredibly impressed by all our children and the progress they have made. Each week has seen exciting opportunities for our children including Greek, Roman, World War II, Viking and Victorian Days!

The school is holding an open morning on Friday 7 December at 09:15. This will be a chance to hear about developments and for a tour of all the classrooms. If you are a prospective parent and would like to find out what life is like at Eynsham, please call the office on 01865 881294 or email office.2209@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk



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Local stories, snaps and snippets are always welcome – and corrections also, thanks! Next issue will be out on 28 January – copy deadline Friday 11 January, though advance notice really helps if you'd like some room to spread.

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Grand designs

Parish and District Councillor Carl Rylett reports

On 25 October West Oxfordshire District Council held a 'Community Forum' in the village hall – the first in a series of events to consult the public on the Garden Village. Invited guests from the village and wider area were put into groups and asked to come up with the success criteria for the project with the purpose of contributing to a vision statement. Later events, I am told, will get into more detail on subjects such as education and the environment.

My personal feeling is that there was no opportunity to get into any detail. Also by focusing solely on success criteria, no chance was given to address concerns, so some kind of SWOT analysis [strengths, weaknesses, opportunities & threats] would have been better, to consider threats (to existing Eynsham village and the Garden Village) as well as opportunities. I am asking for this to be rebalanced in future meetings.

The key thing I am stressing at WODC is the involvement of the community at every stage before important decisions are made. It will be a long process, with submission of the master plan expected in winter 2019. The next column shows the different workstreams with latest plans for the Park & Ride.

From the sidelines – the Editor observes

Consultees were disappointed to find that WODC has still not accepted some basic facts. A 'garden village' in this area can never be a standalone settlement (as required by the government funding prospectus); nor can any development here enhance the existing habitat. Plans for a naming competition seem to trivialise the issues at stake. Since Office for National Statistics housing targets for the county have fallen from 100,000 to 23,000, the entire viability of the Local Plan must be a concern.

Surprising as it was to find Grosvenor Developments involved as facilitators (working together is no bad thing after all), it also raises an eyebrow to learn that the Parish Council is engaging with Grosvenor independently. What do EPIC and WODC think of this?



Improving Transport along the A40 Corridor

'Oxfordshire County Council will be seeking your views on its proposals for A40 improvements from Friday 30 November 2018 to 1 January 2019. The detail design and plans for the Eynsham Park & Ride and A40 eastbound Bus Lane scheme will be on display as well as the concept designs for further infrastructure improvements.'

- 1 December Cassington Village Hall 15:00–18:00
- 3 December Eynsham Village Hall 16:30–20:00
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Electoral Services: WODC, 01993 861410

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Gas: enquiries 0845 835 1111, leaks 0800 111 999

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Noise: WODC, 0151 3432945 (24 hours)

Pest Control: WODC, 01993 861000

Planning: applications WODC 01993 861420

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Power Cuts: 105

Primary School: Beech Road, 01865 881294

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Eynsham Parish Council Clerk Katherine Doughty writes

SPORTS PAVILION: The current building on Oxford Road has worn well over the years considering its use and basic building standard, however the Council now needs to plan its replacement. We are pleased to advise that SWA Architects have been appointed to undertake the first design phase of the project. They have some great ideas how a new two-storey, multi-functional building could be designed to meet the needs of the community for many years to come. *We would therefore like to invite all current hirers, prospective users or interested residents to a public meeting at the Pavilion on Tuesday 18 December at 19:30 to meet the architects and provide input to the project. We look forward to seeing you there!*

Consultation update

Dennis Stukenbroeker – Chair, EPC Planning Committee

Your responses to West Oxfordshire District Council's consultation on its proposed 1,000 home West Eynsham 'strategic development area' – with WODC adopting many of the proposals in the parish council's draft neighbourhood plan – are now available at westoxon.gov.uk/spd

111 real residents took the time to write in with detailed, and quite long, responses – notwithstanding a pervading cynicism regarding WODC and the reality of Oxford's unmet need which Eynsham is supposed to cater for. Almost 60% of those in favour chose to adopt, or adapt, Eynsham Planning Improvement Campaign's (EPIC) three-page template letter, with many adding their own personal comments. Trends included...

People want good quality, affordable houses for local people and key workers – of low carbon and even passivhaus standard. There is a resistance to big builder estates and most of all to 'pastiche' designed houses. There was surprising support for high density housing, to minimise the amount of countryside built upon.

People want the infrastructure in before houses, with an emphasis on walking and cycling. They want healthcare facilities and were concerned about where a new primary, if not a secondary, school should go. But not on the Bartholomew School playing fields, a view supported by Oxfordshire County Council. There was also support for local shops, not chains or 'convenience retail', and for a flexible community centre.

While many people did not want development south of Chilbridge Road, respondents were divided as to whether a spine road south from the A40 should

connect with Stanton Harcourt Road to provide a western bypass.

These aspirations were not necessarily shared by the builders who responded: they all want a spine road connecting the A40 with Stanton Harcourt Road but are not enthusiastic about funding infrastructure first. Berkeley Strategic Land, who say they control a large part of the West Eynsham site, did not think a local centre would be 'viable' and was reluctant to fund more than the 1.5 form entry primary school referenced by WODC – a view shared by the rest, including Goldfield Estates and Pandora Properties, which controls 20 acres adjoining the A40; and Vanderbilt Strategic, which controls Corlan Farm. No mention of healthcare. And as for pastiche houses, the builders say don't be prescriptive. Oh, dear.

Developer funding

Katherine Doughty – Parish Council Clerk

Most development has an impact on, or benefits from, existing infrastructure such as roads, schools and open spaces. These impacts may be mitigated by planning 'obligations' – commonly secured under **Section 106** of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended). The local planning authority may require a developer to enter an obligation to undertake works, provide affordable housing, fund additional services, etc.

Any planning obligation must meet the tests of being necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms; directly related to the development; and fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

When the Parish Council responds to large-scale development applications as a statutory consultee, it reserves the right to secure funding for use in the community if the application is approved. EPC is putting in place a new system whereby committees consider and draft a list of projects which could be sent to the District Council to secure the S106 funding.

While committees are well-informed through regular risk assessments, volunteer maintenance activities or general liaison with the community, they may undertake consultation events where your input is needed on specific options/ideas. The Finance & General Purposes Committee will review each committee's S106 project list and recommend the list to Full Council for submission to the District Council as opportunity arises.

Why wait for consultation? Parish Council decisions can be far-reaching and expensive – and your Council tax is at stake, as well as developer funds. Parish councillors have volunteered to represent the community, so take the chance to put your views across whenever you can. Catch them around the village, ring them or email: their details are listed on all the public notice boards – Ed.

Educating Eynsham

Councillor Richard Andrews writes

There may be 3200 new homes in the Parish in 15 years – so where will the primary schools be? Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) plan school places using tried and tested formulae based on the number, type and completion date of new homes; developers pay towards the costs of providing places.

The existing site is too small to expand to three forms per year so, without spare capacity nearby, a new school or fewer houses will be built. The Local Plan means new houses will be considered together and Policy EW2 includes a new school; our Neighbourhood Plan also expects a new school.

The Parish Council has always wanted a new school given the distance from the existing school and the need for a ‘local centre’ to the west. However, no school is a possibility, so we addressed this in our recent ‘consultation’ on the western development. The assertion that EPC propose expansion of the existing school is ‘fake news’.

The NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, after checking by a qualified planning inspector, is now nearing the end of its 6-week local consultation on 16 November; but late submissions can be accepted.

Comments will be reviewed and amendments made before the Parish Council gives final approval. After that WODC will take it through the next stages of consultation and examination. If it passes those stages WODC will arrange a referendum for local residents to accept or reject it.

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees

FISHPONDS: Regular visitors to the Fishponds will have noticed that Shirley’s Spinney (near the playing field entrance) has been damaged by over-zealous strimming. I am very sorry this has happened – but the contractors responsible will replace the saplings so we hope that the spinney will recover and re-establish itself very soon.

I am planning a working party on Sunday 2 December from 10:00 to clear the dipping platform, move hoggin from the car park, put down woodchip,

repair the drystone wall, clear overgrown vegetation, etc. If you would like to muck in, please bring loppers, wheelbarrows, shovels, secateurs – and a hot flask! – and wear stout boots and gloves. Biscuits will be provided. If you would like your name added to my ‘volunteer list’, please get in touch.



FOOTPATHS: The Parish Council has commissioned another circular walk map, a six-miler this time, which takes in the outskirts of Freeland and Church Hanborough. It runs through some of the beautiful, undulating countryside to the north of Eynsham which will disappear for ever if the new village is built there – *this artwork © Eric White*. The map will be available on the website to print and take with you; and I hope as many people as possible will walk this route while the lovely, unspoilt views can still be seen.

I have forwarded residents’ reports about obstacles and overgrown vegetation on our footpaths and rights of way to OCC’s Countryside Service. I’m pleased to say that some have been cleared already. The more action we take to alert OCC to these issues, the more likely they are to be dealt with; so please continue to contact me or other Committee members – or report directly and upload photos (always helpful) on OCC’s public rights of way map at tinyurl.com/oxon-prow

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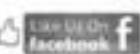
I made the case for greater use of technology in my response to the Oxfordshire health bosses' recent consultation. I therefore welcomed the news that the Department for Health will be investing an extra £20.5 billion into the NHS. The first example of this step forward will be the new NHS app, due for national rollout in December. Using the app, patients will be able to book GP appointments, access the NHS 111 service and view their GP record – all in the palm of their hand.

I have also pressed for closer working between health bosses and planning authorities. We live in a growing area; and our health services should be growing to match this need. For the first time, organised by me, health and planning authorities are working closely together, to ensure that the crucial health services we need are provided at the same time as new homes. I will keep working to make this happen.

Unfortunately, the experience of Eynsham Medical Group has been far less happy. Practice manager Teresa Young, responding to WODC's supplementary planning document for West Eynsham strategic development area, said: 'We find it incongruous that provision of additional schools and cemeteries is included in your plan, but the medical requirements of those additional families moving into the area have been completely overlooked.'

EMG's concerns about the proposals for West Eynsham were supported by the NHS Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, which oversees local health services. You will find the regular Patient Participation column on page 11 – Ed.

The advertisement features the logo 'mh eynsham ww dental care' in a stylized font. Below the logo is the text 'Outstanding, Convenient Dental Care'. To the right is a black and white photo of a smiling man. On the left, there is a list of services: 'Experienced, caring team', 'Accessible local location', 'Easy Parking', and 'Monthly payment plans From £15.91'. At the bottom, the contact information is provided: 'Tel: 01865 880047' and 'www.eynshamdentalcare.com'.

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I was talking to someone about this piece, he got very excited and started listing all the good things of Eynsham. He finished off with 'We even have an undertaker, so you can die here too!'



THE ONLY THING MISSING IS YOU: Rob ('Sam') Brown of Evenlode DIY gave his 157th blood donation in September. Why not look in at the Village Hall on 21 December and follow his example? 13:15–15:30 or 16:15–19:30. Enquiries 0300 123 23 23 or just turn up.

Evenlode DIY were very proud to receive an award for allowing Sam to provide cover for Eynsham Fire Station. 'We couldn't do it without your patience when Sam is off on firefighting duties,' says Trish. If you're interested in becoming a part-time firefighter yourself, pop down to Eynsham Station for an informal chat any Tuesday evening between 19:00 and 21:00 or call 01865 881 337.

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES: The recent closure of Eynsham News on High Street was a blow to several readers who relied on the delivery service. Cumnor's roundsman Mr Gill is willing to take on deliveries in Eynsham, though this won't be cost-effective without a certain level of interest. You can contact Mr Gill on 01865 326625 (with answerphone).

OUR THANKS to all Eynsham shops and offices that hosted Poppy appeal boxes and products; thanks also to generous buyers and to the distributors for their time. We hope to report how much was raised in our next issue.

Spooky stories



Congratulations to the charity shop in Newland Street on another stunning window display for Halloween last month

EYNSHAM LIBRARY was delighted to welcome 13 children with assorted parents and carers on 26 October for our Halloween story and craft event. We started with the classic 'What's in the witch's kitchen?' with changing pictures by Nick Sharratt, before making super-scary bouncing bats. A brief pause for a snack, then a few more stories, some scarier than others, before it was sadly time to leave! Thanks so much to my staff for making this possible and thank you to everyone who came. Keep an eye open for future events! Clare Rednall

'MY BOYS really revelled in Halloween trick or treating. It may not be an occasion that everyone enjoys but the system of putting a pumpkin (or similar) outside, if you are taking part, seems to work very well: children know whose house they can visit and whose they can't. The fabulously decorated houses, the complimentary mulled wine, homemade scary finger biscuits and music all made for a special Halloween – not least because children were walking around happily in groups, mostly with adults close by, simply having fun. Every child who knocked on my door was pleasant, friendly and polite and I think that deserves a mention. Feeling safe in our village when it's dark, and enjoying a shared community experience, is a big part of what makes Eynsham special... and it's why we need to preserve it! I hope everyone had a similar experience.' Gemma Barry

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An official statement from St Leonard's follows

THE CHURCHYARD AT ST LEONARD'S

Eynsham now only has a few spaces remaining for the burial of ashes. The church has been working with the Diocese to examine possible solutions to the lack of burial space within the village and is currently exploring the re-use of a small part of old burial ground, in order to address this need. If you would like to know more about the proposal please phone the church office between 09:00–13:00 from Monday–Thursday on 01865 883325 or email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

Those people who have previously reserved graves will be unaffected by the proposal and will still be able to be buried in the churchyard.

GREENS FUNERAL SERVICES director, Annie Green, says 'We are supporting and working closely with St. Leonard's Church, to examine the solution to the extremely urgent situation, regarding the closure of the churchyard. With no available cemetery or burial ground, apart from proposals put forward by Eynsham Parish Council for three new cemeteries, if housing developments around the village can go ahead!

'As I have stated in previous posts, any current or future burials, would have to be referred to the councils of Oxford or Witney, for availability in their cemeteries, which would then incur out of parish fees for Eynsham residents. However even this situation is not guaranteed, as these councils have limited availability.

On the streets

Although Taylor Wimpey finished Hazeldene some 6 years ago, they never finished it to a high enough standard for adoption by Oxfordshire County Council. And an OCC email to them back in November 2017 got no response. OCC suggested that we residents put pressure on Taylor Wimpey ourselves. We started early in August and it worked! After meeting OCC officers, Taylor Wimpey have begun the remedial work, including replacing various sections of sub-standard tarmac paths. Then we shall only need approval of our pedestrian bridge across the stream. Never say a group of ordinary people cannot make things happen!
Martin Flatman

THORNBURY ROAD: The Parish Council reports that the street names for the new development off Thornbury Road have been approved. They were selected from the names of village benefactors on the 'charity boards' which hang in the upper Bartholomew Room.

Patients' corner

Thanks again to Graham Maynard for his regular report

Every year, scientists at the World Health Organization try to predict the types of influenza virus that are going to cause infection in the next season, then laboratories around the world take months to produce the injections to counter the predicted strains. Sometimes the scientists get it wrong, but generally do a pretty good job.

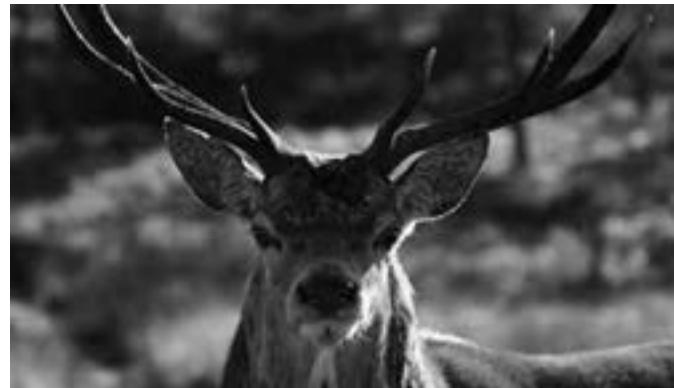
If you have a cold you may feel miserable but you can usually struggle through. Influenza is very different: you will probably feel exhausted, have a very high temperature and ache all over. Moreover, if your immune system is weakened you're far more likely to get life-threatening complications, and that's why some of us are offered the vaccine free by the NHS. All over-65s are eligible, as are those with long-term medical conditions like diabetes or nervous system conditions such as Parkinson's. If you're pregnant you're at much higher risk of complications that could harm you or your baby, so you'll be offered the vaccine free too, as are children aged 2-3 and in primary school years 1-5.

The NHS don't pay for this for fun, they pay because influenza in at-risk groups can be life threatening! Please make sure you protect yourselves and your loved ones.

Moving on to Cogges Surgery and Eynsham Medical Group (EMG). You probably know that, in the summer, the doctors at Cogges gave notice of terminating their contract. The Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) responded by trying to find a local practice that might be willing to take on the work. EMG expressed an interest, believing it would be good for the wider West Oxfordshire community and could eventually benefit existing patients.

The Patient Participation Group supported EMG's decision *providing it did what it said on the tin* – bring benefits to existing patients! How could this be? Well, a bigger practice footprint should allow greater flexibility, by offering appointments at Cogges as well as at Long Hanborough. The move might also attract more NHS funding for local services and clinics, such as physiotherapy. The approach also chimed with emerging arrangements for primary care in the enlarged 'Eynsham Village' and lastly, variety being the spice of life – even for medical staff, it could make recruiting a little easier.

To confuse matters, the Cogges partners later decided to continue with their contract! Obviously, the CCG is committed to ensuring sustainable primary care and the Cogges dithering threw doubt on this so the CCG told the partners that they would have to complete the same process as other potential providers; and this is now underway. A decision is expected in early December: watch this space!



(Rein)deer aren't just for Christmas, says Sandy Helling

We've been eating venison for the last 400,000 years. Early hunter and gatherers disguised themselves with animal hides and stalked deer using flint tipped spears. Back then it is believed that 70% of the diet was made up of deer/venison.

Now, in the 2010s, venison is championed as a healthier and greener alternative to beef. We have learned how to farm but not domesticate venison. Farmed venison grazes in its natural environment, eating mainly grass and not grains. They semi hibernate in winter, needing less grass when there is not much about. This means their digestive system emits less methane – a greenhouse gas on everyone's radar at present. Nutritionally, venison is much lower in fat than any other red meat and considerably higher in iron – so what's not to like.

Venison makes a fantastic stew, curry, tagine, sausage, grilled rack and pot roast to suggest just a few options. Venison, blackberry and sloe gin casserole (or pie), braised red cabbage and dauphinoise potatoes for a hearty winters evening dinner with friends – just saying...

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From the archives

Below, Advent at FlowersTalk in December 2008. The Eynsham Image Archive is still open to contributions – have a word with Joan Stonham or use the Contact form at the foot of every page at eynsham-pc.gov.uk/image-archive-groups.aspx



Over to you

Release tension in your limbs with this seated yoga routine, approved by the NHS, which you can do throughout the day, including at work at your desk. Perform each move slowly and smoothly; and breathe deeply and regularly.

*Below, Sarah Medina brings a timely perspective to the season as she wishes us **A MINDFUL CHRISTMAS***

Christmas can be an intense time. The run-up, with all the planning, shopping, wrapping and decorating. The day itself, with the excitement, the cooking, the excesses that assault all the senses. The hustle and bustle of festive events... Added together, it can all become quite stressful.

Being mindful is paying attention to what is happening in our body and mind, and around us, at any point in time, and reflecting on how it makes us feel. How can we have a mindful Christmas? Here are a few ideas.

From our Christmas decorations to our festive food and drink, our gifts to our social calendar, there is always room for comparison – and competition – with others. If we notice this happening, let's reflect... There will always be people with 'more' than us. And is it really satisfying to know that we have more than others? Let's just let it all go.

How do we 'fit Christmas in' to already busy lives? With difficulty! If we notice we are trying to do too much or be perfect, let's pause. Remember: we can only do our best – and our best is good enough. Let's be gentle with ourselves.

It can be more than Rudolph's nose that glows red when we're stuck in traffic jams and shopping queues. If we notice we are getting hot and cross, let's think for a moment. We're all in the same boat! Most people are also trying to do good, positive things as Christmas approaches. Let's think kindly towards them.

Every day, let's take moments simply to breathe, feel – and find, in those pockets of silence, the steps we can take to enhance peace and well-being – at Christmas and always.

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Step at a time

Baffled by the bin selection? Panicking about plastic? Eynsham News is here to make life easier!

DAY BY DAY: Relax about your food waste – you can now use any kind of plastic bag, newspaper or kitchen roll to line the kitchen caddy. One vital tip is to keep batteries out of bins, as they can start fires in collection vehicles. Plastics recycling is complicated and latest guidance is to ‘bin’ things if in doubt. You’ll find a handy guide at westoxon.gov.uk/plastics

FESTIVE RECYCLING: Extra recycling can be put out in black boxes, open cardboard boxes or clear bags. Extra food waste can be left out in your kitchen caddy for collection too. Garden waste collections are suspended on 25 December and resume on Wednesday 9 January 2019.

FREE IN EYNSHAM is an active Facebook group (over 800 members), keen to help things stay out of landfill – and maybe do someone else a good turn too. Whether you’re moving home, making way for Christmas toys or clearing outgrown clothes, the group seems quite successful in finding new homes for most things – a selection of young adult books was snapped up in minutes recently. It’s a great way to recycle or upcycle unwanted items and people are very friendly.

PASS IT ON! The County Council has launched a 12-month re-use trial at Dix Pit Household Waste Recycling Centre, 10 minutes’ drive from Eynsham. Have a word with a member of the team before placing items in the skip. Anything deemed reusable will be put aside then sent for auction by site operators FCC Environment, with income generated contributing to running costs. Dix Pit is open 08:00–17:00 all year round, though weekdays 08:00–10:00 and 15:00–17:00 are quietest.

END OF THE ROAD: Oxfordshire is using the latest technology for energy recovery too. 300,000

tonnes a year of non-recycling (grey bin) rubbish is burnt in a huge top-of-the-range incinerator run by Viridor at Ardley and creates enough electricity to power a town the size of Banbury. GreenTEA members had a fascinating visit but you can arrange your own and we’d recommend you do, says Sue Raikes. The incinerator is the last chance to make something of stuff we throw away. Almost everything that comes out is used, even the ash is used as a base for roads. ArdleyEREducation@viridor.co.uk

Surviving Winter



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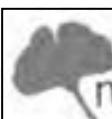
THE EYNSHAM CONSOLIDATED CHARITY exists to help local people in need, hardship or distress. Every January the trustees make cash grants to needy individuals to help with their heating costs.

The Winter Fuel Payment, which everyone who is eligible receives automatically in December, is not means-tested. Not everyone feels that they should receive it; but the payment could help someone else in real need to meet their fuel bills, so the trustees invite anyone who wishes to donate their payment to send it to the Charity.

Any donations of the Fuel Payment will be used to help those who may struggle to meet their fuel bills.

Payments can be sent to the Clerk, Robin Mitchell, by cheque payable to ‘Eynsham Consolidated Charity’ and addressed to 20 High Street, Eynsham OX29 4HB, or to the Charity’s account: sort code 09-01-51, account number 25159404. Please note new email address for enquiries: eynshamcharities@gmail.com

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People

50 men from Eynsham were killed in World War One. Residents young and old have paid tribute, individually or collectively – to them and to others far away

LOOKING BACK: Eynsham WI's tribute to the fallen took the form of a striking poppy display in the Market Square – this photo © Ian White. It was the culmination of many people's hard work since January this year. Knitters and stitchers from Eynsham, Wootton Bassett, Kidlington, Yarnton and as far as Portugal created around 5,000 poppies for us to sew onto the nets. We are very grateful for this amazing effort. Thanks to Eynsham Fire Brigade who helped to erect the display and to 1st Eynsham Scout Group and the Parish Council for their support. *Christine Batts, Chairman Eynsham WI*

On Armistice Sunday 11 November members of the Parish Council planted a sapling on land at Hawthorn Road. The engraved plaque records that it was 'planted on the Centenary of the Armistice in remembrance of all in this community whose lives were changed by World War One'. On a more ephemeral note, the 'Eynsham rocks' – hand painted and set down beneath the Market Cross in the Square during the week beforehand – reflected acknowledgement by younger residents.

LOOKING FORWARD: Fund-raising in aid of the Royal British Legion appeal for veterans and their families began in June. A most enjoyable vintage afternoon Tea Dance, supported by the Leggett School of Dance and The Swan (with cream and jam donated by the Cream Tea Society of all things), raised £612 in all. A skydive in October with the Red Devils display team raised a magnificent £725 for Amy Jordan's effort – and a double-page spread in November's Legion magazine.

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Don't be a dinosaur!



GreenTEA members had a fascinating visit to Ardley waste recovery centre to catch up on the latest technology – read more on page 13. The dinosaur is made entirely of waste, in recognition of the dinosaur footprints that were discovered when the site was originally dug out.

EYNSHAM IN BLOOM Front Garden & Business Front Competition 2018: Our judge Rachael Cassar presented trophies and certificates to the winners and runners-up at September's Village Show. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this another successful and colourful competition and to Rachel for her friendly, knowledgeable commentary.
Sandra Jinks

NOT QUITE FAMOUS: Eynsham residents get up to the strangest things. Would you believe there was an active parrot association back in 2003? If you have a wacky hobby (or you know someone who has) we'd love to start a new series! Please send in your suggestions – our contact details are on page 2.

A winter walk

Drizzle persists beyond a day of rain.
Though sheep move warily away, one stays;
two horses shod in sodden blankets raise
their heads to look and lower them again.

Water rises cloudily in the brook.
Woodpecker bolts; a flash of egret wing;
the heron resumes its grey wandering –
'they flee from me that oft-times me forsook'.

But now a mobile rings enquiringly.
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Nigel Pearce, January 2018

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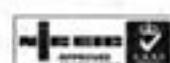
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Recreation



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EYNSHAM CHORAL SOCIETY Christmas concert is Handel's 'Messiah' with soloists and the Oxford Players orchestra, conductor Stuart Dunlop. Saturday 8 December in St Leonard's Church at 19:30. Tickets £12 from Evenlode DIY or email eynshamcs@gmail.com

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EYNSHAM MORRIS carol evening will take place on Tuesday 18 December at the Queens Head, starting at 20:00. Getting there earlier to get a good spot is recommended, it was pretty packed last time. Boxing Day will start in the Square at midday. We then move to the Queens Head, the White Hart and finish at the Newlands Inn, where there will be singing and music after the dancing is over. It's hard to say when we'll arrive at each pub, but we usually finish up at around 16:00. *Toby Goss*



PEACE OAK ASSOCIATION: On a very wet Saturday 6 October, 50 people attended the official opening of the wonderful two-acre space managed by the POA. Entry is via Cobbett's Close, off Newland Street. The land is being transformed into a shared growing space, orchard, forest garden and, above all, a lovely green area for quiet enjoyment. It is named after an oak tree planted on the field to commemorate the end of WWI.

The orchard and facilities are being funded and developed by our members. In addition to working parties, there have been social events, including a wassail, Easter Egg hunt and summer picnic – more are planned.

If you join the POA you can visit at any time. Membership is £8 a year, £10 for a family. Please contact Kate Ferrier: 01865 881224/email kateferrier45@gmail.com or sue.raikes@appleinter.net or visit bit.ly/eynsham-POA

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SANTA IS COMING: We are now preparing for the Christmas season and helping Santa to get his sleigh ready for the annual tour of our local villages. Here is his itinerary – we will publish more details at Eynsham Online nearer the time:

- Friday 7 – Eynsham Lights event
- Monday 10 – Eynsham East: Hazeldene, Dovehouse Close, Wytham View
- Tuesday 11 – Eynsham West: Merton Court, Witney Road
- Wednesday 12 – Stanton Harcourt
- Thursday 13 – Freeland
- Monday 17 – Eynsham Central: Acre End Street, Mill Street, Newland Street, Queen Street
- Tuesday 18 – Cassington Village event
- Wednesday 19 – Long Hanborough
- Thursday 20 – Eynsham North: Spareacre Lane and groves.

WEST OXFORDSHIRE RAMBLERS meet at Back Lane car park on Tuesday 18 December at 10:30 for a leisurely 5 miles/8 km circular walk around Eynsham, with mince pies provided free of charge and a pub stop at the end. Non-members welcome. *Enquiries: 01865 880105*

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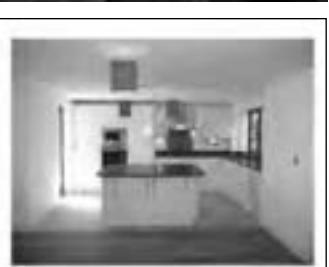
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23.30 Carols by Candlelight

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Christmas Day – Tuesday 25 Dec

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Christmas Eve – Monday 24 Dec

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08:30 Holy Communion

10:00 All Age Christmas Celebration

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THE THREE CHURCHES

Thursday 6 Dec – Oasis Carol Service

14:00 at Eynsham Baptist Church

Monday 10 December

13:30 Christmas service at the Day Centre

Wednesday 12 December

19:30 Carols at The Swan

What's on

All events, dates and times are printed in good faith but please confirm them on posters or online

November



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- 25 **Gatehouse Volunteers:** home-made sandwiches & cake for the Oxford shelter – also warm gloves, caps and scarves. Enquiries: 01865 881346
- 25 **Litter Pickers,** Village Hall 14:00.
Please note change of venue this month
- 26–27 **Overnight Road Closure,** Witney Road/Spareacre Lane. Enquiries: 0345 310 11 11
- 28 **Arts Group,** Music Room 19:30.
Christmas party
- 28–30 **Bartholomew Players** – see page 17
- 29 **Oxford Organic Group,** St Leonard's Hall 19:30. *AGM and organic bring & share supper.* Enquiries: 01993 868693
- 30 **Primary School PTA,** 17:00–19:00. Xmas Fair

December

- 1 **GreenTEA Café,** Eynsham Emporium 10:30
- 1 **Freeland Orchestra** – page 5
- 5 **Eynsham Society,** Village Hall 20:00.
Christmas Party. Enquiries: 01865 880563
- 6 **OASIS Carol Service,** Baptist Church 14:00
- 6 **History Group,** St Leonard's Hall 19:15.
Talk by Liz Woolley, with seasonal refreshments
- 7 **LIGHT UP EYNSHAM!** – cover story
- 8 **Choral Society** – page 2
- 11 **Women's Institute,** Back Lane 18:15.
Christmas Party. Enquiries: 01865 882011
- 12 **Garden Club,** Village Hall 19:30.
Christmas Party
- 18 **Ramblers' Group** – page 17
- 18 **Eynsham Morris** carol evening – page 16
- 19 **Carers' Group,** Eynsham Emporium 11:00
- 20 **Country Market,** St Leonard's Hall 09:00.
Last of 2018; we return in February
- 21 **Blood Donors,** Village Hall – page 9
- 26 **Eynsham Morris** – page 16
- 30 **NO Litter Pickers** – *please turn up in January!*



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6 **Gatehouse Volunteers**:
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 shelter – also warm gloves, caps and scarves.
8 **Women's Institute**, St Leonard's Hall 19:30:
 Louise Parker, *Seasonal Paper Crafts*.
11 **Eynsham News** copy deadline – *page 2*
10 **Garden Club**, Music Room 19:30. AGM.
 Enquiries: 01865 880342
16 **Carers' Group**, Eynsham Emporium 11:00
17 **History Group**, St Leonard's Hall 19:15.
 Deborah Hayter, *Oxfordshire enclosures*
25 **Community Cinema** – *opposite*
27 **Litter Pickers**, Baptist Hall 14:00

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