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All together now...



story Sarah Medina, photo © Sandy Hellig

We start this issue with the happy news that our very own Editor, Joan Stonham, has been awarded a High Sheriff's Award for contributions to community life in Oxfordshire. She received her award at a special ceremony at Oxford Town Hall in April. It recognizes the exceptional work Joan does that helps to keep Eynsham informed, connected and a true community.

Joan has given freely of her time and energy for many years, and her knowledge of village life is second to none. Joan manages not only the Eynsham News, but also Eynsham Online, and has produced six editions of the Eynsham Directory too. Through her efforts, she makes sure that we in the village are kept informed about news and events; charities, clubs and societies; businesses; and public services.

Ever humble, Joan was aghast at the idea that we, the Eynsham News committee, would wish to recognize her wonderful achievement with this piece. Not for a second would we let it go, however – as we, with you all, would like to shout from Eynsham's rooftops...

Congratulations, Joan! We're proud of you!

It's all about teamwork, says Joan, once the blushes have faded. Eynsham is the most 'connected' place I've ever come across – it's a total joy to be part of and all I've ever done is help to reflect it back.

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GET IN TOUCH! Local stories, snaps and snippets are always welcome – and corrections also, thanks! Next issue will be out on 29 July – copy deadline Friday 12 July, though advance notice really helps if you'd like some room to spread.

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A contribution from local MP Robert Courts. Contact him via 01993 225020 / robert@robertcourts.co.uk

It was impressive to see the number of young people across the UK who recently stood up for what they believe in – the need to protect our environment. This ‘climate change strike’ was not without controversy, but it successfully and powerfully raised awareness of this hugely pressing issue, highlighting the immediacy with which we must tackle it.

I am therefore proud that the UK is a world leader in tackling climate change. It is a welcome fact that since 2010, the UK has reduced its greenhouse gas emissions by 25% – which represents the best performance of any G7 nation – and remains at the top of the G20 leader board for its long-term decarbonisation rate. Our dedication to addressing climate change is also evidenced by our leading role in the landmark Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The government has invested more than £52 billion in renewable energy in the UK since 2010. The Industrial Strategy and Clean Growth Strategy identify and target the huge potential opportunity for the UK from clean growth and transition to low carbon economy, while the National Adaptation Programme 2018–23 sets out a strategy for dealing with the effects of a changing climate. The government has also agreed to support and expand offshore wind; and made the historic commitment to close all coal-fired power stations by 2025.

This good work is making a real difference: last year, the UK saw a record amount of power generated from renewable sources, with over 30% of our power consumption served by renewable energy supplies – thereby diminishing our dependence on fossil fuels.

I appreciate that many would like to see the UK increase its ambition on climate change, and Parliament will of course play a vital role in this. In a recent debate about UK progress towards net zero carbon emissions, I highlighted an opinion poll which has found that 72% of the public are either very concerned or fairly concerned about climate change and ... would therefore welcome more parliamentary consideration of this important issue. The Climate Change Minister agreed; and I look forward to seeing more parliamentary time dedicated to the future of our climate.

Climate change is an issue that must be addressed nationally and internationally; but we must also address it locally in our communities. I therefore hope you will all consider: what one thing can you do to tackle climate change in your community?

There is no room for complacency, while 2.6 million British school-children live in areas with dangerous levels of air pollution. Toxic air is linked to lung infections, asthma and dementia; representing an even greater threat because it is invisible.



Cars are ruining our lives, says George Monbiot, and a switch to electric cars addresses only some of the issues. Yet our transport planners focus relentlessly on road building, paying only lip-service to more sustainable transit strategies. Do they really think that a 1,000 space car park north of Eynsham will improve our air quality?

The Environment Agency now warns of unprecedented flood risk and calls for a change in approach. It is hard to envisage how an additional 3,000 houses will improve the chances for low-lying ground around Eynsham.

While members of EPIC and concerned individuals continue to engage with the planners, there must be hope. ‘Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.’ – Margaret Mead



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If anyone else wishes to take part and has not received an invitation, or can spare an hour to be a marshal, please contact me, Kathie Tanner: 01865 880994 or eynshamflowerfestival@btinternet.com



Local councils

Fuller contact lists appear in alternate issues only, to make best use of space. The Eynsham Directory is always available (and continuously updated) at Eynsham Online. For enquiries about the next print please contact the Parish Council Clerk

EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL (EPC)

Chairman Gordon Beach: 01865 880979

Clerk: Katherine Doughty: 07956 901622

EPC generally meets in the Bartholomew Room, The Square, and you are welcome to attend. Agendas are posted online and on the public notice boards; here are dates for the next few weeks:

- Communications Committee 4 June 18.30
- Traffic Advisory Sub-Committee 4 June 19.30
- Planning Committee 11 June 18.30 (if required)
- Full Council 11 June 19.30
- Play Area Committee 18 June 18:30
- Fishponds Committee 18 June 19:30

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New face at WODC

DAN LEVY has lived in Eynsham for 15 years. He says it was a great place to bring up his children: an ideal combination of friendly village, with lots of pubs and shops, and – despite the obvious issues with the roads – good transport links. It will face lots of challenges over the next few years, as new houses are planned. Dan is committed to ensuring that there are enough affordable homes and that infrastructure is built before the houses. He cycles for pleasure and transport and will keep pushing for improvements to our active travel facilities.



Dan is a senior manager with a large multinational company and an avid Stockport County supporter. He relaxes by cooking, propping up the bar at the Queens Head, running and cycling. 'I look forward to working for the people in Eynsham, Cassington and South Leigh,' he says, 'and hope people will contact me with any suggestions or issues. It is important that the District and County Councils look after the interests of the inhabitants and not just those of property developers. I am grateful for the voters who have trusted me to stand up for them.'

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FROM THE CLERK'S DESK, 10 May: Parish Council Clerk Katherine Doughty presents an overview of 'other' work completed, in progress or planned as part of her role. Email her at epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

It's the start of a new Council following the recent election period and the start of a new Council year. As there were 10 councillor nominations for 15 available seats, those members were declared elected and no Parish Council election took place. Councillors are nominated to committees and representative roles at the Annual Parish Council Meeting. With 10 councillors nominated for 15 available seats, the Council will be working hard to meet increasing demands. We represent the village on planning development issues /applications/consultations; work with the police and other authorities on activities of concern; inspect and maintain the 3 play areas and the skate park; look after the Fishponds; inspect and help keep clear the public footpath and bridleway networks; regularly cut the grass areas... the list really does go on and on. So if you are interested in becoming actively involved in one or more of the above areas, please contact the Clerk to discuss councillor co-option.

The Council would like to thank retiring Council members Andrew Bickley, Dennis Stukenbroeker and Richard Andrews for all their hard work over previous years.

COMPLETED

- **Bus shelter cleaning:** four shelters have been jet washed, with a view to another clean being undertaken later in the year if necessary. *Ironically, after a brief reprieve, the only route that calls at these stops is to be withdrawn at the end of May – Ed*
- **Internal Audit:** The Council has undertaken an independent Internal Audit as part of its usual annual processes. External audit procedures, undertaken by Moore Stephens, will commence in June/July when notices are published accordingly.

CURRENT

- **Pavilion Rebuild:** The revised plans are to be considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee on 21 May. All new public buildings are required to be 'nearly zero energy compliant' which means the Pavilion has to be efficient at retaining and generating energy.
- **Bartholomew Room Refurbishment:** We anticipate receiving tenders for consideration at our July Parish Council meeting. Funding streams for both property projects will need to be fully explored.
- **Play Area Inspections:** Written inspection reports are now produced weekly by Ubico. If

you do happen to find a fault, please phone/email me with details. We are aware that some of the wooden play equipment at Dovehouse Close Play Area is starting to show signs of wear and we are looking to undertake repairs asap.

PLANNED

- **Defects Survey:** We are looking to have this undertaken at the Pavilion in the coming weeks to assess whether it remains safe to use.
- **Urgent tree maintenance work** will be undertaken at the allotments and minor maintenance of two trees at Dovehouse Close woodland area.

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees

The carved bench on the Wharf Stream Way has been installed close to the weir on the banks of the Thames. It looks fantastic and provides lovely views whichever side of it you choose to sit on. Many thanks to the artist, Will Glanfield, for creating such a superb piece, and to the team of hardworking helpers who joined him for the installation. We hope you enjoy using the bench and the art trail itself – see www.tinyurl.com/wswmap

'In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks'
– John Muir

Members of the Footpaths committee are undertaking the biennial walk of all the rights-of-way in the parish this year in order to check for problems with broken stiles, footbridges, obstacles, overgrowth, etc. If you see anything you'd like to report, good or bad, please do get in touch.

The Parish Council has received reports of horses being ridden along the footpaths in the playing fields and the Fishponds. Please be aware that horses are restricted to bridleways and byways: it is an act of trespass against the landowner if a horse is ridden on a footpath.

FISHPONDS: The water in the pond has recently been tested with a kit from Earthwatch FreshWater Watch scheme and it was found to have a very good ecological status: the test result for nitrates and phosphorous was zero, which is very encouraging indeed. Lots of tadpoles were spotted, along with a newt and other fauna, so the pond is very healthy.

Some dog owners have recently been picking up the mess left by other people's dogs, which is above and beyond the call of duty and very much

appreciated! Thank you to all you 'pickers' out there; we are also aware that many people litter-pick around the Fishponds on a regular basis: your efforts do not go unnoticed.

Planning updates

Katherine Doughty – Clerk to the Council

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN: On 7 March, the Parish Council confirmed its choice of Deborah McCann (of 3 possibilities) to act as Independent Examiner for the Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan. The examiner has confirmed she will be undertaking an early review of the submission material and the representations. She will then advise on her anticipated timetable and whether a hearing will be required as part of the examination. We are likely to hear back from the District Council imminently regarding the next steps.

LOCAL APPLICATIONS: The Council will consider The Red Lion's recent application for its proposed new signage on the front of the building which is arguably easier on the eye than the previous design (19/01178/LBC & 19/01176/ADV). Also for consideration in May is the erection of a detached building at 29 Clover Place (19/00852/OUT) which is proposed by Cottsway Housing Association. I am aware of parking concerns on that bend which comprised with a new dwelling, may make the area tricky to safely navigate.

At the April Parish Council meeting, residents discussed concerns regarding the erection of a dwelling on land south of 39 Witney Road. The Council strongly objected to the application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and poor access for existing and future residents amongst other issues. At the time of writing, the District Council is yet to make a decision on the application.

The District Council has recently approved an application for demolition of an existing dwelling and erection of new replacement dwelling at 2 Clover Place (19/00056/FUL). Parish Councillors were pleased with the high quality of the proposed design.

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 eynshamcharities@gmail.com

On a lighter note...



Your editor could not resist this recent online gem

Among the major landmarks in the history of this great profession, one stands out. Never mind Letchworth, Abercrombie's plans, the Green Belt, the Walkie Talkie (well, definitely not that), and that appeal decision in Grotton's famed Mildred Avenue Conservation Area.

Forget Milton Keynes, the Buchanan Report, Parker Morris, that Statutory Instrument about graveyards, or the Government's latest attempt to avoid dealing with the housing crisis. It was The Grotton Papers which changed the course of planning for a generation; which shifted the Paradigm; and which (some would argue) made John Prescott possible.

Since it was published in 1979, our calculations suggest that this year marks its fortieth anniversary. And in order to celebrate this millstone [sic] the RTPi has placed the Grotton Papers on its website. It enables everyone in the world to read, laugh, learn and flourish in response to its wit, intelligence and remarkableness –and rest assured that, if you think things are bad today...

PLAY & ACTIVITY DAY Friday 26 July

11:00–15:00: Oxfordshire Play Association plan to deliver another event at Oxford Road Playing Field in Eynsham, following the success of earlier events in 2013 and 2016. We wonder if you would like to attend, to promote what you can offer to the local families, children and young people while providing a playful activity for the families to enjoy. Please contact Martin Gillett if you would like to be involved: call 01865 779474 or email martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk

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Patients' corner

Summer comes and with-it other delights! Graham Maynard reports from the Patient Participation Group

The Blandford fly is a 2–3mm bloodsucking black fly that lives near areas of water such as here! It is so named because it bit many people in Blandford Forum (Dorset) during the 1970s. Since then it has moved north and, as the weather gets warmer, there are likely to be more cases here: so some advice how to avoid bites and what to do if you get bitten.

The NHS recommend people to cover up and use insect repellent when near rivers and streams. The flies fly low to the ground and normally bite ankles and legs. Blandford fly bites can produce a severe, localised reaction around the bite. Symptoms include:

- Oedema (swelling)
- Blistering

Doctors suggest the following treatment:

- Clean the wound with soap and water and dry gently
- Don't scratch the bite, as this can lead to infection
- Creams that contain camomile lotion, steroids or anaesthetic can soothe the pain, as can an antihistamine tablet. Antihistamine creams are not recommended, as they can cause skin reactions
- Do not apply cream or ointment to broken skin
- Cover large blisters with a dry dressing.

You should seek medical advice if you have:

- Discomfort, swelling or red lines in the groin or armpit
- A spreading redness or hotness around the bite, which lasts longer than three days
- A high temperature that persists
- Otherwise there is no need to call a doctor.

Next, a change in the system for recalling patients for review. Invitations will now be sent out in your birth month, to spread workload throughout the year. Some invitations may therefore be earlier than expected. GPs are also using online tools for some conditions, which may allow a review without an appointment. If relevant to you, links and information will be sent in text messages or letters. Please note the online tools are optional, you can still attend the surgery as normal if you prefer.

The surgery is also using text messages increasingly to communicate with patients so, if you have a mobile number and are not sure they have it, please inform the surgery. You can update your contact details via the online form at eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk

News in brief

BARTHOLOMEW SCHOOL: The new building to replace the old 'tower block' will open at the beginning of June. We then start work on the new reception and courtyard area. Despite the movement restrictions because of the building works, and at times very inclement weather, our students continue to behave just as we've come to expect. Their responsible and sensible behaviour make me and the staff very proud.

Beth Bedford, Headteacher's PA since September 2004, is leaving to take up a new challenge and we wish her well in her new role. She will be sorely missed by so many people whom she has helped, supported and guided over many years. *Craig Thomas*

CONGRATULATIONS to The Oaks assessment home off Merton Court, which has just received a 'GOOD' Ofsted judgement in all areas! The Oaks provides assessments and shared care to children at risk of coming into care. Initial feedback was that direct practice with children and leadership was strong. Work with one child was described as 'beautiful' and overall work with children as 'aspirational.' The Oaks also consistently receives fantastic feedback from the families they work with, which is a real credit to Sandra Curley and her team.

EYNSHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL: 'Stay and play' sessions for parents and toddlers continue from 09:45–10:45 on Thursdays until 13 June: £2.50 including a snack and a drink: call 01865 881294 or email office.2209@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk



EYNSHAM FIRE SERVICE: Our 24 hour treadmill challenge on 6–7 April in Eynsham Square raised £1500 in aid of Bowel Cancer UK. Thank you to everyone who supported us, we couldn't have done it without you!



Manager Becky Reynolds joined 'Outstanding' Eynsham Pre-school a year ago. With the help of an incredibly passionate team of early years specialists, she has brought in a curiosity-based approach to learning that focuses on nurturing wonder and confidence in the 2–5 year old children who attend, through both indoor and outdoor play. She has gradually replaced plastic toys with natural and recycled materials and created a cosier feel... the Pre-school is transformed! For information or to plan a visit, email manager@eynshampreschool.org

WELCOME to new business arrivals JACK FM on Oasis Business Park, Mercy in Action charity shop in Mill Street and Istanbul Barber on High Street. We look forward to becoming (even) brighter and better informed; saving yet more stuff from landfill; and enjoying a new grooming experience to the face.

EYNSHAM POST OFFICE: And a warm welcome back for Hitesh & Anita, restored to the heart of the village after 11 weeks' battle behind the scenes. They asked us to share this message with our readers...

We are extremely grateful for the wonderful community support during our closure. It is great to be back and to see you all again. We cannot thank you enough for all the beautiful flowers and messages since reopening, it is a pleasure to be part of such a caring village. Hitesh, Anita, Ann, Punam, Trisha & Kushal

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EYNSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD CAR SCHEME

—new volunteer Posy Parrinder reports

Just before Christmas last year, I became a new co-ordinator, arranging volunteer drivers to take clients to hospital and other medical appointments. After a bit of a 'baptism of fire' – the hospitals all seemed keen to clear their lists before the holidays! – I have settled into the role.

There are currently four of us so we each hold the Scheme mobile phone for 3 to 4 weeks at a time. We take calls from clients and arrange their transport with one of our 23 amazing volunteer drivers.

Often our clients are already anxious about their diagnosis and treatment, some are quite frail or have mobility problems. They are invariably very pleased that, at least, they can have the worry of how they are going to get to the John Radcliffe/Churchill/Nuffield, etc. lifted from their shoulders. If relatives cannot help, they might be facing either a long and complicated bus journey or an expensive taxi ride. All we ask is a small donation to cover driver expenses. Our drivers too are always pleased to help people who have difficulty moving. The scheme has a wheelchair and aids for getting in and out of cars.

In the short time I have been doing this I am impressed at the dedication and kindness of our drivers. They go out of their way to accommodate clients, often for quite long appointments and braving the A40 traffic! They say however that interesting conversations can make the journey seem shorter. They also tell me how rewarding they find volunteering and how much the Car Scheme means to our clients. Many of our clients rely on our help for regular weekly or even twice weekly trips, mostly to the local medical centre.

Demand for the service has increased by 20% in the last six months. Some weeks we are rather stretched but, so far, I have not had to turn anyone away.

We want to keep it that way and are keen to recruit more drivers and/or co-ordinators such as myself. **Could you possibly help?** You would be greatly valued and appreciated! You can specify days & times when you are available, what type and length of drives you can do and how frequently – it is up to you. Contact us on the scheme phone number if you would like to volunteer:

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That is also the number to call if you are a new client wanting transport to your medical appointments.

Greater Eynsham



'I remember when all this were fields'

Pat Atkins – © photo above – has an unrivalled view of building work at the foot of Thornbury Road. She recalls with fondness the wide space, fauna and flora but seems remarkably unfazed by life on the edge. It's probably a matter of perspective. The District Valuation maps for 1910 show nothing but allotments and fields between Chilbridge Road and Old Witney Road; while the total absence of an 'A' road between Barnard Gate to Cassington still prompts a nostalgic sigh.

Bad experience with Taylor Wimpey at Hazeldene has not improved at Thornbury Green, says Cllr Gordon Beach. Residents endure daily breaches of planning conditions – © photo below. Lorries rat run through the village to & from the site and much of the work which should have been done at the outset is still not complete. Help from OCC and WODC has been poor and the state of the roads leading to the A40 gives major cause for concern – which does not bode well for the thousands of houses that are due to be built in future.



PAVEMENT PARKING: the government has launched an inquiry into this widespread abuse. 'For those with visual difficulties, who use mobility aids, or need to navigate footpaths with children, unpredictable hazards such as cars represent a potential danger; [while] councils face additional costs to repair surfaces which are not designed to take the weight of motor vehicles.' Deadline for written evidence was 14 May; updates to follow.

Group Updates

ALLOTMENT ASSOCIATION: We are generally pleased to record the allotments as a very safe place. However, following a recent raid on sheds in Stanton Harcourt, we have had two raids for tools on our allotments, with damage to the access gate as well as to the shed. If anyone has any information, please contact me or our local PCSO, to whom the matter has been reported. Some plot holders have been kind enough to pay random visits in the evenings and we are reviewing site security. A note of thanks to Andrew Bickley: a most excellent parish council rep who worked hard throughout his tenure, including helping us with our fabulous deer fence. He will be missed! Andy Swarbrick



GreenTEA members hosted an overnight stop for the Stroud Earth March for Climate Justice on 9 April. The group were on their way from Stroud to London to join the Extinction Rebellion in their campaign for the government to tell the truth about climate change and to declare a climate emergency. The next day, our members accompanied them on their walk from Eynsham to Oxford, around Farmoor Reservoir and the new wildlife area, and joined the demonstration at Carfax in Oxford. There are more photos and stories from the pilgrimage at changeinnature.org/blog/pilgrimage

MONDAY CLUB: Eynsham Day Centre has received a welcome £3,262 from the County Council's Sustainability Fund for 2019/20. Thanks to our hard-working volunteers and the generosity of the public, our Good Friday collection at Swinford Toll Bridge raised a very significant sum as well. This will be put towards arranging a day out for our members and continuing to provide a varied entertainment programme. We were blessed with gorgeous weather but also with the help of Paul Batty at the toll bridge along with several members of Eynsham Rotary and Good Neighbour Network. We are grateful too for the help of Hitesh and Anita at the newly re-opened Post Office (hurray!), who very patiently counted and banked all the proceeds. *Jane Johnson*

Over to you

Sarah Medina takes over this page – starting with an invitation to tackle part 1 of *The Eynsham Quiz!* Check your answers on page 18.

1. When was Bartholomew School founded?
2. What is the name of our local toll bridge?
3. When does the Morris dancing season begin?

BUSY BEE PUZZLE: Unscramble the letters below and write the names of these local insects. Then use the letters in circles to work out the mystery insect! Check your answers on page 18.

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50-WORD STORIES: We warmly invite adults and children alike to contribute a 50-word story set in Eynsham, and we'll publish the best stories on this page in future issues. Here's a starter for... 50!

She went out to gaze at the moon and the stars, but low over Mill Street, east to west, loomed an immense dark shadow, ghostly quiet. She covered, cautious; crept back into her own four walls and pictured men in uniform in aircraft in another time never to be forgotten.

Please email your 50-word stories to sarah.eynshamnews@gmail.com or deliver to Cornucopia Cooks, 1 High Street (opposite the Co-op).

ELDERFLOWER CORDIAL: This is the perfect time to do a little foraging and make your own delicious elderflower cordial – this photo © Helen Peacocke. Kids will love helping you to collect the flower heads from in and around the village, and making the cordial is simplicity itself. It's the taste of summer in a glass!



- Collect about 30 elderflower heads and shake them lightly to remove any tiny insects that may be resting there.
- Heat 1kg sugar in 1.7 litres of water to dissolve; and allow to cool.
- Add 56g citric acid (available online and from many chemists); two strips each of lemon, lime and orange peel; and the elderflower heads.
- Cover and leave to steep for 24 hours, then strain through muslin or a clean tea towel and decant into sterilized bottles.
- Enjoy with still or sparkling water throughout the summer!



Thank you very much to Jessie Whealy of Jessie's Art Shed for this issue's delightful colouring corner, full of spring life. Remember: you can download and print the picture from our website at eynshamnews.org.uk

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reminiscent of our lovely Eynsham gardens...

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 Kind words are the flowers;
 Kind deeds are the fruits.

Opportunity for all



Got some things that need a little TLC and you no time or skills to fix them yourself? Don't throw them away, bring them to a Repair Café and volunteers will have go at fixing them! Helen Gavin is involved in one of these in Oxford and would like to start running them in Eynsham. She'd love to hear from anyone with fixing skills (sewing, mechanical, electrical, IT etc) who might be part of this great initiative, helping people keep things for longer, save money and reduce our carbon footprint. Call 07811 922502 or email helenhgavin@gmail.com

VILLAGE SHOW 2019 is on Saturday 14 September in the Village Hall and Scout HQ – and the Class List is online already at bit.ly/eynsham-VS

You now have 16 weeks to plan your sowing and growing, practise your baking, take photos and create beautiful pieces of art and craft. There are all the usual favourites as well as some new ideas... We really look forward to seeing what you come up with! Do spread the word about this lovely Eynsham event. *Fay Taylor*

YELLOW SUBMARINE is an award-winning Oxfordshire charity that believes people with learning disabilities and autism deserve to live life to the full. And in 2019 they celebrate their tenth birthday! Several Eynsham residents attend activities at the Witney hub – from evening social clubs and breakfast clubs to a traineeship in the YS café at Witney Leisure Centre. 'We're always grateful for support from the local area,' says volunteer manager Miriam Chappell. 'Our volunteers are amazing! They might be helping members prepare for a day at college, socialising at a club, or supporting work experience. Many volunteer around their work or studies – there's something for everyone!' To get involved, please email miriam@yellowsubmarine.org.uk



BOXERCISE! Our three hours of Boxercise on Sunday 14 April raised just over £500 for Ovarian Cancer Action. Thanks to GLL for use of Bartholomew Sports Centre, as they helped make the event happen. *Heather England*

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People



It takes all sorts, says Barholomew Players' Chairman Gareth Hammond. Backstage of another triumphant production, he tells us more. Photos © Cereta Drewett

GH: Barholomew Players is Eynsham's amateur dramatics company, founded in 1975, and putting on two plays a year since then. We even have one member who has been with the group from the beginning – that's 44 years – and you can still see him on stage, as well as doing other stuff like collating our programmes, running our website and designing our sets. We are proud of our community involvement and have given thousands of pounds to local charities over recent years.

What has been your involvement with the Players?

GH: I joined in summer 2005 and have been chairman for over 10 years during that period. I usually act but have also directed and taken other backstage roles.

How many members do you have?

GH: Not enough! We have about 20 members and fewer than half live in Eynsham. The others come from surrounding villages, as well as Oxford and Witney. Frankly, if we can't attract more members, we will find it very difficult to continue to operate, let

alone maintain our high standards. As we all age and some members who have been the mainstay of the company for years move away, it puts quite a strain on the rest of us. We need more men, more women and particularly more young people (under 50!).

Isn't it a big commitment?

GH: It can be. However, if you want to act and are worried about learning lines, you could just take a small part. If you'd rather be backstage, there are roles like stage management, set-building, lighting and sound where you only need to get heavily involved in the run-up to performances, so you don't need to be at rehearsals every week. Ultimately putting on a show is very rewarding. But it's a bit like your local pub: if you enjoy the fact that it's there but never go, don't be surprised when it closes through lack of custom. If you want live theatre on your doorstep, I urge people to get involved!

Visit our website barholomewplayers.co.uk



Regular reviewer Paul Stammers adds, 'I've seen numerous BP productions over the years – comedy, serious and quirk – and been impressed not only by the way they have got stronger in delivery but seem to have no problem with attracting a stream of new talent.'

JENNET BLAKE: Eynsham Croquet Club was sad to learn of the death of their founding member in April, says Roger Booth. She was undoubtedly the driving force behind the Club's creation in 1996; and its successful establishment over the next 10 years was largely down to her initiative, dedication, hard work and enthusiasm for the game. The history is recorded on our website at bit.ly/eynsham-cch

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A tough act to follow



After 13 amazing years as your Eynsham PCSO, it's time to move on and I will now be covering Woodstock area, says Helen Keen – photo © Ian Wright

Eynsham has been a great place to work, I've learnt so much in my time here and it will always hold special memories. I will miss my regular visits to the Country Market and drop ins on a Friday, catching up over a cuppa and biscuit. I have always enjoyed spending time with the children at the primary school. May Day parade and Eynsham Carnival are my favourite days of the year so I am pleased to be still attending in 2019. Thanks also to the people in Eynsham churches, I have met some truly lovely people here. Whilst I'll no longer be your dedicated PCSO, I am still a West Oxon resource and am sure to be sent to Eynsham now and again. Your new PCSO will be Lucy James, please say hello to her if you see her around.

Lucy says, 'I have already met many of you and am looking forward to carrying on Helen's excellent work, adding value to this thriving community. I am married to a born and bred Eynsham lad so I know the area pretty well!'

MICHAEL DAVID JINKS 22-09-1938 – 12-08-2018

The family would like to invite friends, neighbours and those who knew Michael from Eynsham Roadrunners and Oxford Mail sports & social club to a ceremony in the Peace Oak Field behind Cobbetts Close, off Newland Street, on Saturday 20 July at 14:00. Michael and I were resident in Cobbetts Close from April 2018 and among the first members of the Peace Oak Association, so we shall be placing a bench there made by Peter in his memory. There will be a drink with light refreshments accompanied hopefully by local music. Some special words for the occasion will be delivered by all faiths minister Francis Grant. There is only limited parking for cars within the field – please let me know if you need this. It is important that you RSVP to Sandra by 15 July: 01865 884280 or email sandrajinks@btinternet.com

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Recreation

EYNESHAM CARNIVAL returns on Saturday 6 July. Acts on the field this year include highly skilled fire performers, circus entertainer Jason Maverick and the bleating marvellous Sheep Show! K9 Playtime Academy dog show will also run (providing it's not too hot). Bring along your furry friends to perform in the arena on Carnival day!

Bunting goes up the week before, but with the high-sided traffic not all streets can be decorated. So this year we'd like to challenge Eynsham to join in, please decorate your houses and make the village a riot of colour!



Fast becoming a tradition, Rope Wars tug of war is on for a third successive year, with men's/mixed and female-only events running side by side. Register your team with eynshamropewar@outlook.com before Carnival day and come to the draw night on 29 June from 19:00 in the Newlands pub.

Can you spare just one hour on Carnival day? We still need your help! enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com



EYNESHAM COUNTRY MARKET celebrated 35 years of trading on 2 May with a special birthday cake, made by one of our producers and cut by our longest serving producer and founder member, Mary Evans.

Our regular Thursday markets continue in St Leonard's Hall from 09:00–10.30. Then on 18 July we mark the movement's centenary with an evening market and a barbecue in the garden behind the Hall. Hope to see you there! *Judith Bowden*

EYNESHAM CRICKET CLUB are set to continue their legal battle with HMRC at the Royal Courts of Justice in London from 17–19 June. The finding against ECC at the First Tier Tribunal has been overturned and the club are now getting another day in court to argue their case.



More information will follow – but to get up to date with the legal battle and enjoy some cricket coaching, come to the cricket ground any Friday evening from 17.30 to late. Coaching on Friday evenings is for juniors 5–13 year olds followed by coaching for our highly successful ladies cricket team, all abilities welcome especially newcomers. Bring your own food to cook on the club BBQ and enjoy a drink from the bar, a great way to start the weekend.

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EYNESHAM HISTORY GROUP: on Wednesday 5 June we plan a full day visit to 'The Vyne' National Trust house and garden near Basingstoke, leaving Eynsham by coach at 09:00 and returning at around 18:00. There are still places available on a 'first come' basis. You will be most welcome to join us to visit this interesting former Tudor house and 17th-century family home, which has recently had a £5m roof repair. The cost is £14 for National Trust members and £26 for non-members. For bookings or enquiries please contact Philip Spencer on 01865 881025 or email spencer633@btinternet.com



EYNESHAM MORRIS: Have fun, keep fit and make new friends! Please come and join your village dance side – this pic © Ian White. We are urgently looking for new members to keep this tradition alive, though we are still an all-male side. You are eligible if your parents were living in Eynsham when you were born, if you live here now or have ever lived in Eynsham. Why not come along for a no-obligation taster session? Please contact us @eynshammorris or secretary@eynshammorris.org.uk

EYNESHAM PRE-SCHOOL are organising Eynsham 'Garage Sales' on Sunday 30 June from 10:00–13:00. Host a stall from your own front garden and we'll direct customers to you from our gazebo in The Square! Pitches are £10 for a spot on the map and a 20-word listing: email your name, address and text to admin@eynshampreschool.org

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OASIS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS: We look forward to welcoming you to the Spring Tea Reunion on 30 May from 14:30–16:00 in the Baptist Church Hall. Meet the friends you made in August 2018! This year’s brochures and booking forms will be available from 6 June at Eynsham Library, Evenlode DIY, the 3 Eynsham churches and St Peter’s, Cassington. Booking opens in the second week of June and forms should be returned to Evenlode DIY. *Jane Hale*

WEST OXFORDSHIRE RAMBLERS meet at Back Lane car park at 19:00 on Tuesday 18 June for a leisurely 6 miles/9.7 km circular walk to Pinkhill Lock, then along the Thames Path back to Eynsham for a pub stop. Non-members welcome, enquiries: 01865 880105.

The walled garden and vineyard at Wilcote (OX7 3DT) will be open on Sunday 23 June and 28 July from 14:00–17:00. Entrance by donation (£5 / adult suggested). Teas and cakes, Bridewell organic sparkling wine, plants and preserves for sale; dogs on leads welcome. Enquiries to 01993 848238 or visit bridewellgardens.co.uk



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Busy Bee puzzle: butterfly, bee, wasp, fly, spider, ladybird, horsefly, midge, ant, moth, beetle

Mystery word: grasshopper

What's on

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

May



- 25 **Manouche & Promises Auction**
in aid of Eynsham Pre-School, Village Hall 19:00
- 26 **Litter Pickers**, Baptist Hall 14:00
- 29 **Arts Group**, Music Room 19:45.
Claire Florey-Hitchcox, *Lino and Wood Cuts*
- 30 **OASIS Spring Reunion** – *opposite*

June

- 1 **GreenTEA Café**, Eynsham Emporium 10:30
- 5 **History Group**, outing – *page 17*
- 9 **Run Wytham Woods** – *page 3*
- 11 **Women's Institute**, St Leonard's Hall 19:30.
Alpacas and the world of fabulous fluff
- 12 **Garden Club**, Village Hall 19:30. Mick Poultney,
Growing Under Cover
- 18 **Ramblers' Group** – *opposite*
- 19 **Carers' Group**, White Hart 11:00.
- 23 **Gatehouse Volunteers:**
home-made sandwiches & cake for the Oxford
shelter. Enquiries: 01865 881346
- 26 **Eynsham Society**, The Talbot 18:15.
Guided walk over Eynsham's water meadow with
Catriona Bass
- 26 **Arts Group**, Music Room 19:45. Kieron Stiles,
Interpreting Landscape in Oils
- 28 **Community Cinema** – *page 20*
- 29–30 **Arts Group Summer Exhibition**,
Bartholomew Room 11:00–16:00.
- 29 **Rope Wars Draw** – *page 16*
- 30 **Litter Pickers**, Baptist Hall 14:00
- 30 **Eynsham Society**, Garden Party 18:00–20:00.
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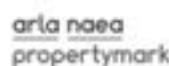
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- 1-7 Arts Group Summer Show,
Bartholomew Room 11:00-16:00
- 6 EYNESHAM SHIRT RACE & CARNIVAL –
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- 6-8 Flower Festival – *page 4*
- 7 Acoustic Club, The Swan 20:00
- 9 Women's Institute, Sports Pavilion 19:00.
Garden Party. Enquiries: 01865 882011
- 17 Carers' Group, White Hart 11:00
- 17 Garden Club, Summer Party, Village Hall 19:00
- 18 Country Market, Centenary Celebration –
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- 20 Michael Jinks – *page 15*



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These listings are open to all community groups and we welcome photos too. Other pages are always open for stories and snippets, comments and corrections – see page 2 for contact details. Next issue will be out on 29 July – copy deadline 12 July. We reserve the right to edit contributions.

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