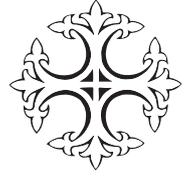


# Eynsham News



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## The Green Revolution Starts Here

For Eynsham's Big Green Week this September, local artist, Jane Tomlinson exhibited three of her paintings with powerful environmental themes in the Eynsham Art Window. Jane says: "we must each take our own small revolutionary steps. Imagine if millions of us made small changes in our lives right now...That adds up to an enormous difference!" Find out more ways to get involved with the 'green' activities going on in the village all year round on p2 and see more of Jane's work at [janetomlinson.com](http://janetomlinson.com)

## Village Buzz

### Big Green Week

Unfortunately, we aren't able to report on 'Big Green Week' until the next edition, as it fell right across our publishing schedule.

If you or your children are interested in being involved in many of the 'green' activities in our village use Eynsham Online ([eynsham-pc.gov.uk](http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk)) to get involved with local groups like:

**GreenTea**—a group all about helping people to make the transition to a more sustainable lifestyle, one which is less dependent on burning fossil fuels. The emphasis is on grassroots action and building a more resilient community, enabling us to live within our planet's resources.

**Eynsham Nature Recovery Network**—a network of individuals, community groups, local businesses and councillors in Eynsham and the surrounding parishes dedicated to understanding, protecting and restoring our local nature in all its diversity.

**Eynsham Coop** also now has one of their new soft recycling bins that you may have seen the advert for on television. It's a blue bin, by the check out and they'll accept packaging such as bread bags and crisp packets from any brand—full info at <https://coop.uk/3hcuwoM>.

### Mischief is Mounting

Eynsham's undercover love bombers, the Mysterious Mothers of Mischief continue to spread joy and mayhem around the village. Over 1400 surprises have now been dropped—from random letterbox gifts like seeds and bubbles to doorstep deliveries of special treats. They've even roped in a scruffy scarecrow, Sally Shenanigans, to aid them in their sneaky endeavours. August's fundraising quiz and raffle at the White Hart kindly hosted by Rich Craven and Dave Crabtree, with compere Martin Flatman, boosted their coffers by a further £280. Thanks to all the eager eggheads who took part, and to our local businesses and bakers for their

support. Funds are now running low—so if you'd like to see more of their mischief, donations to Mavis Hooplah's online appeal are much appreciated at <https://bit.ly/38PjsJA>.

To nominate someone for a surprise—to give thanks for the things they do, or spread some cheer—or if you'd like to suggest a mission, e-mail [mischief@aol.com](mailto:mischief@aol.com) or DM the Mysterious Mothers of Mischief on Facebook.



Credit: SWpix

### World Cycle Tour in Eynsham

Oxfordshire hosts The Women's Tour professional cycling race on Monday 4 October. From the start line in Bicester, the riders will head south to Oxford and Culham before turning north through Abingdon then to Eynsham, passing over the toll bridge and right towards Bladon between 12.30-1.30pm, before finishing up in Banbury. You can view the full journey the riders will take on the route map; timings are uncertain at present but get out to cheer them if you can!

### Christmas Boxes are Back!

Eynsham Community Larder was established in Spring 2020 to help residents of Eynsham and its surrounding villages weather the economic challenges presented by the Coronavirus crisis. Thanks to the generosity of individuals, businesses, and volunteers, as well as some successful grant applications, Bob and Pam Thiele and the volunteer larder team now supply around 40 local households with weekly food boxes.

Bob says, "Last year, thanks to your support, our Christmas Boxes Appeal raised an additional £5000, which enabled us to give Eynsham Food Vouchers (to spend in Eynsham's excellent independent food shops, pubs and eateries) and children's gifts

(including Curiosity Boxes, books, toys and Amazon Vouchers) to everyone supported by the larder. Each household also received a hamper of Christmas snacks, treats, and essentials.

"We would love to make sure that the adults and children currently benefitting from the Larder's regular service (and anyone else identified as in real need in our community) receive some extra support again to make Christmas as merry as possible. Donations are welcomed at <https://bit.ly/3DSDGAt>."



Astra

### Dog Watch

by Andrew Dilger

Slowly, the world is opening up. There's life in the village of Eynsham again. Our pandemic puppy, Astra, is nine months old and growing in size and confidence. On our walks, she now pulls hard to venture further afield. Her spirit of exploration is strong.

To the north of the village, she's navigated the maze of Millennium Wood. On the southern fringes, she's seen the sun rise over the Polar Technology building. She's romped around the cricket field of the far east, trying in vain to catch butterflies.

But to the south-east, at the still empty and phantom toll booth, she planted her front feet and wouldn't go any further. We all have to draw the line somewhere. Together, we gazed down the B4044 as it wends its way towards Oxford. The big city. Pre-pandemic, in heavy commuter traffic, they say it used to take hours to get there.

## Sponsor's Feature

If lockdowns have meant you've let your fitness slide (or if spending a lot of time on the sofa wasn't anything new for you!) then perhaps the **Bartholomew Sports Centre** is the place to start a journey to a healthier, happier new you...



# All for Sport and Sport for All!

We are a charitable social enterprise for all the community. We exist to make community services and spaces better for everyone and to improve the health and wellbeing of local people.

Like many other businesses in Eynsham it has been a very challenging period to navigate our way through the pandemic. Our principles remain as strong now as they have always been. We are looking to provide the very best service to everyone in Eynsham and the surrounding areas.

One of the key areas we are looking at presently is our offering to under 16s in Eynsham. We now run junior gym sessions between 7am and 8.30am before school starts as well as after school from 3pm-5pm. At weekends we offer free badminton drop-in sessions between 9am and 11am and junior gym sessions all day during our opening hours. Our junior memberships are just £19.

We offer a wide range of fitness classes for adults too which includes HIIT, Body Conditioning, Pilates and Power Pump. These are held at 7.45am Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11am on Saturday mornings.

Our memberships come with no contract and no hidden extras. You'll enjoy inclusive access to the gym, as well as discounts on fitness classes, racquet sports and crèches. So, there are plenty of ways to have fun, socialise and change your health for the better.

If that wasn't reason enough to join, the profit we make goes back into the business, unlike other leisure centres. It's thanks to your support that we're able to improve our facilities and services for the whole neighbourhood.

So, when you join Better, you're not just looking after yourself, you're looking after the health and wellbeing of everyone in the community.

**If you have any enquiries, then please come in and speak to one of our friendly team or e-mail: [William.James@gll.org](mailto:William.James@gll.org)**  
**We look forward to seeing you soon.**

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**BETTER**

## From around the village

### Disappearing Flowers

One night at the start of September two green heritage pots (plus geraniums) were taken from Jane Huggs' front garden in Tilgarsley Road. Have you seen them, planted with geraniums, dumped somewhere? All leads to [janehuggs@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:janehuggs@hotmail.co.uk)



### Where have all the weeds gone?

*Sandra Jinks reports*

We have started to brighten up our village square by weeding between slabs & around trees, sweeping up debris, emptying flower pots & refilling with peat free compost, fertilizer & spring bulbs, retaining the bay trees & a few pieces of herbs, ready for top planting of colourful perennial plants. The five council pots on Mill St. were refurbished in the same way.

Huge thanks go to the team Robin & Gill (Evenlode DIY), Verity & Shirley (Garden Club) Jessica (Eyn Heroes), Martin who could not refuse me, and of course Dave & his trailer having managed time away from a busy Peace Oak Association Weekend. And thank you for all the donations we received too.

### Run Wytham Woods

The rescheduled Run Wytham Woods 10K and 1 Mile Fun Run, sponsored by Siemens Healthineers, will take place on Sunday 10 October. Limited places remain for this autumnal challenge through glorious woodland—register now at [runwythamwoods.org](http://runwythamwoods.org)

Race director, Andy Goodwin and the Eynsham Community Primary School PTA hope that this year's race will raise over £8000 of much-needed funds for the school. If you're not

racing, and could spare a couple of hours to help with marshalling, registration, start & finish lines, car parking or clear-up, contact [andygooders@hotmail.com](mailto:andygooders@hotmail.com)



### Friendly village, friendly faces

Free ice creams on a warm Sunday afternoon in August—members from the Eynsham churches had a good time getting to know residents of Thornbury Green, many of whom were completely new to the village.

**Eynsham Baptist Church** now have regular Sunday services at 10.30am. Singing is back on the agenda, though mask-wearing is encouraged for the protection of others. There are some special services planned over the next few months too: Sunday 26 September, 10.30am, Harvest Service. Sunday 10 October, family-friendly service at 10.30am, then at 3pm a session of 'Songs of Praise' for those who like to be more traditional. Sunday 17 October 2021 at 3pm, 'Messy Church', on the playing fields. Saturday 30 October, 10am–12 noon, One World Week Sale, on the Market Square. Sunday 7 November, family-friendly service at 10.30am, then at 3pm a session of 'Songs of Praise'. To know more, Tel: 01865 882203, or email [eynsham.baptists@gmail.com](mailto:eynsham.baptists@gmail.com)

**St Leonard's Church** (CofE) are now holding Sunday Morning services at 10.30am (masks are required), with the 'Bump to One' parents and babies group every Monday from 10.30-12. For up-to-date information, go to [stleonardseynsham.org.uk](http://stleonardseynsham.org.uk), or call Louise Parker on 01865 883325.

**St Peter's Catholic Church** hold Sunday Mass at 10.00am, and a more reflective Saturday Mass at 5pm. More details at [stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

All three Eynsham churches currently offer some kind of 'streaming' of Sunday services—

use the contact details above for further information.

### Drop In Re-opens

The Friday 'Drop In' is a chance to get together with friendly faces for a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake with a good natter and a catch up. It's now running again every Friday morning from 10.30am till 12 Noon at St Leonard's Church. Everyone is welcome. For info contact Michael Northcott 01865 880299 or Jenny Howard 01865 880852

### Eynsham Open Gardens

*From Organiser, Martin Flatman*

Once every two years before the Lockdown a small group of people organised a weekend when some of the beautiful gardens we have in our village were open to the public.

If we are to do this in 2022, we need to start planning this Autumn. I am now too old to carry on running this, so I am hoping someone else might step forward to co-ordinate this group. You do not have to be a gardener, just have some talents at organisation and planning. If you think you could do this please contact me and I will link you up with previous members of the group to see if something can be set up—[frmartinflatman@gmail.com](mailto:frmartinflatman@gmail.com)

### O.K. Choral...

Eynsham Choral Society began their in-person rehearsals again on 14th September at 7.30 in Eynsham Primary School and continue to take place every week at the same time and place. If you'd like to join group the details are on [eynshamchoral.org](http://eynshamchoral.org) or email [info@eynshamchoral.org](mailto:info@eynshamchoral.org)

### Social & Sports Club is Open!

The Eynsham Social and Sports Club is now open, Monday-Saturday 7pm-11pm and on Sunday, 12noon-4pm and 7-11pm. They've had lovely new carpets put in throughout and anyone interested in becoming a new member will receive a warm welcome. They have a programme of regular events from bands to bingo and snooker to Aunt Sally—they're all listed weekly on their Facebook page.



### **Fix It For Free**

Eynsham Repair Cafe has relaunched with events this July and September, and was popular as ever, with nearly 60% of items brought along being repaired at the first event or shortly after! They are looking for more volunteers and in particular someone with Portable Appliance Testing experience, or someone who would be interested in learning how to test items! If you can help please contact [repaircafeeynsham@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeeynsham@gmail.com)

### **Inspiring the Next Generation**

Have you ever wanted to sleep in a tunnel of sharks or under a space rocket? How about spending the weekend abseiling, climbing and whizzing down a zipwire? How do you fancy helping girls to build their confidence around a campfire or surfing off the Gower Peninsular? If it sounds like your kind of thing, how about volunteering with Girlguiding? Eynsham Guides and Rangers are looking for new leaders to join our friendly team. If you would like more information visit [girlguiding.org.uk](http://girlguiding.org.uk) and get in touch by email [eynshamdistrict.girlguiding@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamdistrict.girlguiding@gmail.com).

### **Run With Us**

Eynsham Road Runners are a club of over 180 members who meet every Wednesday at 6.30pm at the Eynsham Sports Pavilion on the Oxford Road for paced runs. They have 8 pace-lead groups ranging from a social walking group, then an 11-minute mile running group through to the fastest 7.5-minute mile group. They head off into the lovely Eynsham countryside for distances of around 4 to 6 miles.

They also have training sessions on Tuesday evenings with a qualified coach and run ‘You Can Run’ courses (similar to ‘Couch to 5k’) designed especially for new and returning

runners. On 28 November they hold their main 10k race of the year.

They’re a friendly, welcoming club and would love to see you. Find out more: [eynshamroadrunners.org.uk](http://eynshamroadrunners.org.uk) or email at [eynsham.err@gmail.com](mailto:eynsham.err@gmail.com)

### **Police Availability**

Thames Valley Police front counters in Kidlington and Witney have now closed. The nearest remaining office is Oxford, open 8am-8pm seven days a week. The number for non-emergency calls is still 101—in an emergency always dial 999. You can also report a range of crimes, issues and incidents online—options at [bit.ly/TVP-report](http://bit.ly/TVP-report)

TVP say, “The changes do not affect police officer numbers nor the number of police bases so you will not experience any difference to officer visibility in your local community.”



A young Norman

### **Norman Butler-Miles**

*5 November 1940–29 June 2021*

From a young lad, Norman wanted to work in farming. Whilst he was at school, he would work weekends and holidays for Bill Hoskins, of Abbey Farm in Eynsham. At 13 years old, he was awarded a farming scholarship at Burford School where he became a boarder. When he left, he worked for Bill Hoskins full time and, under the mentorship of Will Savings, learnt many skills including how to lay hedges and plough a straight furrow.

After 5 years in Devon, Norman was drawn back to Oxfordshire, first working at Curtis-Horn, agricultural engineers, and then for B.

Buckingham and Sons at Five Elms and Barnard Lodge Farm, where he stayed 11 years. He then became self-employed, mainly undertaking fencing, general agricultural and forestry work and delivering day old chicks for PD Hooks hatchery. Some of his forestry work was for the Eynsham Park Estate and included planting 2 areas of deciduous woodland in Broadmarsh Woods which continue to grow strongly today. Norman was very proud of everything he had achieved through his working life. As we all know, he loved to tell stories about this but he also was very generous in sharing his knowledge and skills with younger generations.

Norman was a great believer in the ethos of Country Markets and supported Eynsham Country Market for many years, especially after his retirement. He supplied free range eggs from his chickens which ran freely at his land at Barnard Gate. He also tended a large garden and supplied surplus vegetables, tomatoes and flowers.

In later years when he was not in such good health he supported his wife, Sue, in all she did for the Market and was a great help in setting up and dismantling Markets both in the Church Hall and when we had outside Markets. He and Sue also were dedicated deliverers of Eynsham News to Barnard Gate from the beginning until they moved away in recent years.

After over 50 years in their bungalow at Barnard Gate, Norman and Sue decided to move to a bungalow in Pitton on the edge of Wiltshire to be near their daughter. Although Norman was not to be there long he really enjoyed his time in his new home, especially the garden. He also met many new friends in the village and enjoyed riding round the village in his mobility scooter.

He will be greatly missed by his family and all his many good friends.

### **Eynsham 10k**

*28 November*

Eynsham Road Runners hold their main race of the year. Info at [eynshamroadrunners.org.uk](http://eynshamroadrunners.org.uk)

## Love Thy Neighbour

Whether you're lying low, under the weather, self-isolating, in need of a hand, or just looking for volunteers to support a community project, Eynsham Heroes and Eynsham Good Neighbour Network are still here to help. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you need anything, or would like to volunteer.

E-mail Eynsham Heroes at [eynshamhelp@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamhelp@gmail.com), for help with shopping, prescriptions, or errands—or call the Eynsham Good Neighbour Network on 07443 564516 who can also help with minor household repairs, tidying the garden or just a friendly chat.

For support with food call Bob Thiele at Eynsham Community Larder on 07738 063083. Donate to the Larder collection baskets at Co-op, Spar, The Market Garden and Tesco.

For transport to medical appointments contact the Eynsham Car Scheme on 07469 764174



Roti

## Lost Loved Ones

Who would steal a family's puppy (or cat)? If you've seen media reports on the massive increase in dog theft during the pandemic, you'll know it's quite a few people. And it doesn't just happen if the animal is left outside a shop. Apparently, dog-nappers will now target a pup playing in a back garden, particularly if that garden belongs to a breeder.

I'm not aware of any dog thefts in Eynsham over the past eighteen

months, but it does make you think about the importance of living in a village where people are out to help each other, not to take advantage.

Shared spaces like the Eynsham Community Facebook page can help a lot with the immediate problem of lost pets—and cats wandering off (or being stolen) is a harder issue to tie down than dogs.

Sophia has been trying to find out what has happened to their cat, Roti, for the last three months. If you have any information, please contact Sophia at [Loaf5@hotmail.com](mailto:Loaf5@hotmail.com) or 07989826162.

Roti is a street cat rescued from Dubai. She has a very distinctive coat and face shape and is very friendly and good at begging for food. She was very used to this sort of life prior to being brought over to the UK. The last sighting of her was at The Oxford Nursery on Thursday 1 July 2021.

Eynsham News is published every two months, so it is not a good way to advertise the immediate issue of lost pets—use word-of-mouth, put up posters locally, and use social media (like the Eynsham Community Facebook group).

## Helping Hand

It's been a particularly testing couple of years and many people have been hit financially—if you're unfortunate to find yourself in hardship then the Eynsham Consolidated Charity can make money grants, help to provide items or services, or back-up help from other quarters. There's also the Bartholomew Education Foundation which provides grants to people under 25 for books, equipment and travel needs.

You can apply for yourself or for someone else in need of help by writing to the Clerk, Robin Mitchell, 20 High Street, Eynsham (OX29 4HB), or email at [eynshamcharities@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamcharities@gmail.com). All enquiries are dealt with in absolute confidence. You can find more information at <https://bit.ly/3heolR1>

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## Ongoing Developments

### Oxfordshire 2050

The city and district councils are working together to produce a new strategic plan. It will set out the quantity of new development in Oxfordshire to 2050 and identify broad locations, with policies relating to climate change, environmental quality, infrastructure, development, urban renewal, and much more.

Review and comment online [oxfordshireopenthought.org/oxfordshire-plan](http://oxfordshireopenthought.org/) or pick up a copy in Eynsham Library comment by post to the Oxfordshire Plan Team by Friday 8 October.



## Gateway to Oxford

Construction of the new 'Oxford North' began in August, following the City Council's grant of outline consent for the 64-acre masterplan and detailed consent for the first phase of development. The initial works cover; an A40 'transformation', a link road between A40 and A44, a temporary junction on the A44, labs and offices, landscaping, temporary car and cycle parking, and temporary paths to the canal and park & ride.

The developers, Thomas White Oxford, say: "These enabling works lay the ground so that future development parcels will be able to come forward without further significant earthworks being required'. More information and updates at [oxfordnorth.com](http://oxfordnorth.com)



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Hello!

My name is Helena. I moved from Sweden to England in 2010 to study and decided to stay after my studies. I now live in Eynsham together with my husband and three children. We came here in October last year and we love it!

My company is called Swe-Draw Creative, and I draw graphite portraits, paint wall-art and children's paintings, print children's blankets and personalised clothes, paint mugs etc. I take on commissioned work and I also have some pieces up for sale in shop.

If you're interested to see what I do, or would like to place an order, please do take a look at my webpage [Swedrawcreative.com](http://Swedrawcreative.com). If you have any queries, you can contact me on there or send me an email on [helena@swedrawcreative.com](mailto:helena@swedrawcreative.com)



## Council News



### Park & Charge Coming to Eynsham

Ross Macken, Vice Chair EPC

Have you ever been tempted to buy an electric vehicle (EV) but worried about how to charge it? I have exciting news for all our Eynsham residents: a state-of-the-art Park and Charge system will be installed in Back Lane carpark later this year. This will allow anyone with an EV to charge it rapidly, right in the heart of the village.

From November, we will have 12 EZ Chargers in the carpark, all of which will accept payments via contactless or an app and can be booked in advance. This is one of the most sophisticated rapid charging systems available and the chargers will be remotely monitored, allowing for any faults to be detected and resolved quickly. The chargers have been funded by Oxfordshire County Council and are popping up across the county—I visited something similar in Bicester and was impressed.

We hope this new charging facility will encourage more of our residents to make the switch to an EV, especially those who may have been put off by a lack of off-road parking to ensure they could charge from home. The shift away from fossil fuel-powered vehicles to EVs is an essential part of the UK becoming carbon neutral and addressing the climate emergency. More locally, it

will help make our village cleaner and greener, which is becoming a more critical consideration as we face developments on all sides of our parish.

The Great Big Green Week is just coming to an end, which included an EV demo session. Hopefully some of you made it down to find out more and have been tempted to make the switch. If you're considering it, this autumn might be the right moment to get yourself an environmentally-friendly vehicle. Find out more on [parkandchargeoxfordshire.co.uk](http://parkandchargeoxfordshire.co.uk).

### A Mother's Love for Eynsham

Tricia Crowley, EPC

When my son was small, my mother—then in her eighties—travelled from her home in Australia to help my family after I'd had knee surgery. Each morning, she walked my son to Eynsham Community Primary School. She came home one morning after having done some shopping in the village on the way back—she adored the Farmer's Market—and said, with a big smile on her face: “when you are old, life doesn't get much better than being able to walk your grandson to school”. My mum was both wise and honest. She loved Eynsham; she loved being able to roam freely. I hoped then, over 15 years ago, that the walkability and sociability of Eynsham could be preserved for many more generations to come.

The village and the area now face many incoming developments, which inevitably bring additional traffic and pressure on local services and streets. The memory of my mother's joy is one of the reasons why I'm so passionate about all the activities that seek to preserve and protect the village and promote biodiversity and sustainability of the environment despite developments. I want to keep the village safe for all residents to ensure everyone feels able to use our pavements and public spaces. I want to keep the surrounding environment diverse and protected to safeguard the green spaces that many make use of.

At the Parish Council, we have

various plans in process to these ends. This includes the greenbelt project and the incoming electric vehicle charge points. We hope to hold a consultation later this year on speed limit reductions to ensure that road sharing is encouraged and elderly people, like my mother, still feel safe to walk their grandchildren to primary school. We are also involved with the Salt Cross Garden Village development plans, which are progressing rapidly.



There are many community groups with even greater enthusiasms for keeping Eynsham safe, and making it a great place to live, work and visit. For example, the Eynsham Runners are concerned about fast roads placing their runners at risk, and thousands of hours have already been put in by BikeSafe members to create a community path between the village and Botley to allow for greener commutes. Green TEA has long been active around the village helping people transition to a more sustainable lifestyle—one that is less dependent on burning fossil fuels—while the Nature Recovery Network recently highlighted the efforts of many locals via their series of Tiny Talks. You can catch them again on YouTube.

### Library Opening Hours

Libraries across Oxfordshire are getting back to their pre-pandemic opening hours and Eynsham library is open most days, however they aren't currently offering access during unstaffed hours.

Monday:	9.30am-1pm, 2-5pm
Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	1-5pm
Thursday:	1-5pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	9.30am-1pm
Sunday:	Closed

The Royal British Legion's traditional role in Eynsham is to run the Poppy Appeal and lead the village's Act of Remembrance in the Square on Remembrance Sunday. We also observe the Silence in the Square at 11am on the 11 November in those years when it doesn't coincide with Remembrance Sunday. This year, Silence in the Square will be observed on Thursday 11 November, with Remembrance Sunday on the following Sunday, 14 November. At this stage it has not been confirmed exactly what can and cannot be done on either day but be assured that we shall try and do something on both days as we did last year.

Julie Jordan has kindly agreed to organise the Poppy Appeal again this year—details below.

## Royal British Legion at

# 100

Founded 100 years ago this year, the Legion's aim was to support those who had suffered from service during the First World War and to honour those who died, on the annual date of Remembrance fixed as 11 November. Since then the Legion's remit has been to provide the same support for those who have served in the armed forces during peace and the many conflicts since then. Our War Memorial lists those members of the village who have lost their lives in both the First and Second World Wars but there may well be others connected with Eynsham who served and possibly died or were injured in those other conflicts.

The armed services' involvement in Afghanistan is 'over', but both serving

and ex-service personnel are still likely to need assistance from the Legion and other charities for many years to come.

We hope that the Eynsham branch of the Legion will continue to play its part, BUT to do so, we urgently need new and younger members to augment the labours of the few of us oldies left holding the fort! If you feel able to help, please contact one of us noted below. In particular, we are short of a full-time Standard Bearer. Ginge Ayres, who lives for part of the year in Hong Kong, will, we hope, be back from there to help us over Remembrance in November. If you felt that you would like to carry out this important role for the branch, we should be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Branch Secretary, Mrs Eve Hollis, 01865 880550 or Branch Chairman, Brigadier Mike Stephens, 01865 881340.

### Poppy Appeal

*From Julie Jordan*

Both enamel and paper poppies will be available in as many shops and businesses around the village as possible from 29th October. To mark the Legion's 100th anniversary, I also have some special limited edition anniversary badges available for a suggested donation of £4. Please feel free to call and buy one from me at 22 Back Lane from now onwards.

If you're able to help with this year's Appeal, delivering boxes to businesses in the village and collecting them in again, I would be most grateful. I can be contacted on 01865 880042 for further info. Thanking you all in advance for supporting RBL.



## Events Reports

**After a year off in 2020, another of the annual village institutions was resurrected this September. The Eynsham Village Show saw around seventy people competing with 350 entries in almost ninety classes ranging from 'Bucket of Compost' to 'Home Brewed Beer' and from 'Garden on a Plate' to 'Basket of Mixed Vegetables'.**



Dahlias by Tyler Webb



By Mark Watson

### **Hatwell's Fun Fair Returns**

*From Mark Watson*

On 29 July, Hatwell's Fun Fair returned to Eynsham, although not as large as they had hoped for. They had planned to be in Eynsham for what would have been Carnival Weekend as usual, but weren't allowed to because of Covid restrictions and the wild flower meadow on the playing field, so had to arrange a smaller fair on a new date at short notice.

The Fair was confined to their winter headquarters near Freeland during lockdown and Debbie Hatwell told us that the pandemic had been "Absolutely horrific. This is only the third time we have been out to do a fair in 18 months."

It had been really tough for the Showmen's families to be off the road for so long but Debbie said "It was wonderful to be back." She also wanted to thank all the local people who had supported them and hoped to be back with the full Carnival Fun Fair next July.

### **Carry On Croqueting!**

A different season but nonetheless interesting and rewarding so far. Members have returned in force for our usual rollup sessions and we have now started a rollup session on Wednesday evenings.

The Club has won the Southern Federation Golf Croquet league (Northern Area) winning 5 out of 6 games. Our latest recruit, Chris Pomfret from Eynsham, proved to be a strong contender in our Grass Roots competition and eventually beat Paul Cotterell in the final. Chris then went on to play in the National Grass Roots final at Watford where he came 3rd overall, a fantastic achievement!

Follow us on Facebook and at [eynshamcroquetclub.org.uk](http://eynshamcroquetclub.org.uk)

# That's Show Business



Mixed veg by Fay Taylor

Fay Taylor and her dedicated team worked hard to put the show together in record time and with extra Covid-precautions to ensure Eynsham people of all ages could enjoy some serious competition in the vegetable, flower and baking classes, or a bit of fun with animals made from vegetables and the funniest shape fruit or veg. Cups and shields are presented in some classes and for the most points overall in the show, and this year two of the prize cups were dedicated in memory of village show stalwarts, Colin and Shirley Fisk, who we've lost in the past two years.

The show will be back again next year, with the class list released on Eynsham Online in the months beforehand. If you've not entered before, then why not give it a go—there's something for everyone. And if you're not feeling competitive, then you can just turn up to admire the talents of your neighbours and enjoy the tea and cake!



Bob Thiele presents award to Arthur Banks

## Events Diary

### Eynsham Cinema

24 Sept, 7:30pm, Village Hall

We're back and start the season with the film *Official Secrets* (15) starring Keira Knightly and Ralph Fiennes. It follows the true story of Katharine Gun who defied the government and leaked a memo to the press concerning Britain's help in blackmailing United Nations council members to vote in favour of the Iraq War. For more details see [countryscreens.co.uk](http://countryscreens.co.uk)

### Harvest Service

26 Sept, 10am. Eynsham Baptist Church

### Eynsham Litter Pickers

26 Sep 2021 2-4pm on the Village Square

With Covid still in mind, we now meet in the grounds of Eynsham Baptist Church, to collect equipment and arrange routes. Newcomers are very welcome as ever. Enquiries to Pam Breeze: 07971 174434

### Eynsham Arts Group

30 Sep 2021 7:15-8:45pm The Music Room

A talk and demonstration of Collagraphic Printing by Janet Lueck. All are welcome, non-members pay a small fee at entrance.

### Blood Donor Sessions

1 Oct, 1:15-3:30pm and 4:15-7:30pm Village Hall. Do something special and help someone in need! Contact Centre 0300 123 23 23 or just turn up at the Village Hall.

### Eynsham Shirt Race

2 Oct, 2-10pm

Unfortunately, not at Eynsham Carnival as usual, but the race is on, restrictions permitting. Watching, running or pushing, it's great fun! If you've never entered before, this could be the one for you. Get making those costumes and prams. Eynsham Morris will also be dancing and there may be other activities on the day. More details ASAP on social media.

### Eynsham Acoustic Club

3 Oct 2021 8-10pm in the garden of the Swan Hotel.

### Women's Cycle Tour 2021

4 Oct, in Oxfordshire

The race will cross Swinford Toll Bridge, turn right at the roundabout and make its way towards Bladon on Lower Road. This should happen between 12.30-13.30, but get updates from [womenstour.co.uk](http://womenstour.co.uk)

### Full Council Meeting, Eynsham Parish Council

5 Oct 2021 7:30-9:30pm  
at the Village Hall

Eynsham Parish Council welcomes you to join its monthly meetings; agendas are published the previous week and stipulate items for discussion and agreement.

### Midnight Traveller

9 Oct, Cassington Village Hall. Doors open 7:45pm, film starts 8pm

Refugee Compassion presents a film by Hassan Fazili. Over 15s only. Refreshments on sale. Tickets available from [refugeecompassion.org/midnight-traveller](http://refugeecompassion.org/midnight-traveller)

### Gatehouse Volunteers

10 Oct 2021 9am-2pm

New Covid-19 arrangements are now in place, please call 01865 604262 for more details.

### Run Wytham Woods 10K and Fun Run

10 Oct, from 10:30am, Parking and Start in Wytham Village

Ongoing restrictions forced the cancellation of many of Eynsham Community Primary School summer fundraisers, but the PTA committee remains optimistic that this rescheduled event (sponsored by Siemens Healthineers) will take place. Get your training shoes on for an autumnal challenge through glorious woodland. Limited places—register at [runwythamwoods.org](http://runwythamwoods.org).

### Eynsham WI Harvest Supper

12 Oct 2021 7:30-9:30pm at St Leonard's Church Hall.

### Eynsham Garden Club

13 Oct 2021 7:30-9pm at the Village Hall. Speaker: David Cropp on Gardening in the Time of Change; a talk on the challenges.

### Music Appreciation Classes

13 Oct, 'Musical Migrations', 10:30-3:30pm at The Swan, Acre End Street  
10 Nov, 'Less is More?'

No technical expertise needed. Cost £15 each, or £28 for two. Lunch is available. For details and bookings call Peter Fry on 01993 359189.

### Eynsham Cinema

22 Oct, Eynsham Village Hall 7:30pm

DREAM HORSE (PG), with Toni Collette and Damian Lewis. Jan Vokes, a Welsh cleaner and bartender, decides to breed and rear a racehorse. Her unlikely investment plan pays off as the horse rises through the ranks and competes in a national championship. For details of forthcoming films go to [countryscreens.co.uk](http://countryscreens.co.uk)

### Evening of Music

23 October 2021, in the Village Hall  
An evening of musical entertainment, showcasing local performers and talent, hosted by the Rotary Club of Eynsham and raising funds for charity. Watch out for further info on the line up and how/where to get your tickets.

### One World Week Sale

30 October, 10-12pm, on Eynsham Market Square

The Eynsham Churches are holding the One World Week Sale in aid of local and international charities.

### Bartholomew Players

#### Von Ribbentrop's Watch

24-27 Nov 2021. Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham, OX29 4QW  
Doors open: 7pm, Performance: 7:30pm  
Price: £10.00 (no concessions)  
Available: online from [ticketsource.co.uk/bartholomewplayers](http://ticketsource.co.uk/bartholomewplayers), in advance from Denise Santilli, 07721 744020, [bart.players@gmail.com](mailto:bart.players@gmail.com), from Evenlode DIY in Eynsham or on the door. [bartholomewplayers.co.uk](http://bartholomewplayers.co.uk)

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