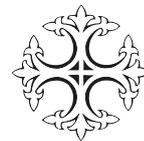


Eynsham News



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Monday Club is back, at The Day Centre in the Village Hall. See page 5

Village Buzz

Save the date!

Eynsham Carnival is back. The 2022 Carnival date is Saturday 2 July.

A big part of Carnival day is the Eynsham Shirt Race, and this message is from the organisers:

“It’s official! We are excited to announce Eynsham Shirt Race will be back in its normal place starting off Eynsham Carnival on Saturday 2 July.”

“Dust those carts off, get the fancy dress out and get yourself ready for what will be a great day. You don’t have to be a great runner or a great drinker, just someone who wants to have a bit of fun, is between the ages of 18 and 118 and wants to join in the festivities. We have ordered better weather than October, not sure it could be worse...”

“For anyone new to the village or who have wanted to do it before, come along and join us. If you need more info then please visit our Facebook page ‘Eynsham Shirt Race’ or email us on eynshamshirtrace@gmail.com”

Going the first—and last—mile!

The new community minibuses linking Eynsham and neighbouring villages are on the road!

You may have already seen the white First & Last Mile minibuses around the village. The service operates as the 411 to Eynsham, where it links to regular S1, S2 and H2 routes; then as the 418 to/from Standlake. Extra provision for Bartholomew students includes season tickets valid to 22 April. Full details are on their website: firstandlastmile.org.uk.

The team behind the service would love to welcome more volunteer drivers, with the possibility of paid employment on a temporary basis for some longer shifts. To find out more, please contact David Miles on 0758 492 7050 or email info.firstandlastmile@gmail.com

Long History of Village Charity

In the 16th Century wealthy people all over the country began to set up

charities to provide help for the poor and education for the young. Before the dissolution of the monasteries by Henry VIII this had mainly been provided by the Church. In Eynsham the first mention of a local education charity is in 1654, and by 1658 the St Thomas’s Bread Charity was already an amalgamation of several pre-existing small charities for the relief of the poor.

By his will (proved in 1701) John Bartholomew of Eynsham, a wealthy merchant, left money for the education of ten poor boys. The then Lord of the Manor gave land in the market place for the erection of a school house, and the Bartholomew Room was built there, funded by public subscription. The upper chamber of the Bartholomew Room, which was the original schoolroom, has wall plaques commemorating the donors of those funds. Several of the names are families still living in the village.

St Thomas’s Charity had as its main purpose to distribute bread to the poor ‘each week from Christmas until Lady Day’. It occasionally benefitted from donations for specific purposes (such as ‘for the poor on Good Friday’). Other small bread or coal charities, and educational charities (some a mixture of the two functions) were also established from time to time.

The administration of the Eynsham charities has a colourful history—in 1865 Vicar Bricknell refused to submit accounts for the previous six years and ‘came to blows’ at a trustees’ meeting. His opponents went to Court and made him render accounts under threat of imprisonment.

In 1853, the Charity Commission was set up to oversee the functions of the many charities which had arisen all over the country. A number of charities were functioning in Eynsham and the those that were for education were combined into one charity, named the Bartholomew Educational Foundation. The remaining charities, for the relief of need, hardship and distress, were amalgamated into the Eynsham Consolidated Charity. These two charities have continued to function ever since.

The Educational Foundation is

authorised to make grants to anyone living in the Parish of Eynsham who is under the age of 25 and who is in education. The Consolidated Charity is authorised to make grants to anyone in conditions of need, hardship or distress in the “Ancient Parish” of Eynsham—this includes most of Freeland, which was originally part of Eynsham Parish before it was constituted as a separate parish in the nineteenth century.

Today, the trustees of both the charities meet four times a year to consider applications for grants, but there are also arrangements to enable any urgent applications to be considered between meetings. Anyone wishing to make an application for a grant should apply to the new Clerk to the Charities, Catherine Barton, at eynshamcharities@gmail.com, or to 60 Dovehouse Close, Eynsham OX29 4EX.

Sheriff’s Award

Eynsham’s Nature Recovery Network (NRN) and the Thames Valley Wildflower Restoration Project, based at Long Mead, have been recognised for the work that they have done in conserving and restoring nature. They were among eighteen groups and individuals honoured with the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire’s ‘Climate Action Heroes Award’ for their various schemes.

It is widely recognised that Eynsham NRN’s mission of connecting enthusiasts and experts who live in the village, supported by local organisations and businesses, and all working together for a common good, has made a hugely positive and visible impact.



Imam Monawar Hussain, the High Sheriff of Oxfordshire, with Emily Terry, Catriona Bass and Alice Walker: Photo Chris Forsey, used by permission of NRN

Easter Hope

By Duncan Fraser, Vicar of St Leonard's
There is something wonderful about Spring. It is as if there is a growing excitement in the world of nature as signs of new life and growth return to meadows, gardens and hedgerows. Spring keys into our human need for hope; the months of winter are over and there are brighter days ahead.

In our world today we are more in need of hope than ever. After political upheavals, two years of pandemic and the traumatic conflict in Ukraine, we yearn for peace, wholeness and harmony in our global relations and in our local lives.

For Christians, amidst these challenges, the festival of Easter stands out as a beacon of hope, life and self-giving love. We will be remembering and celebrating the startling claim that the Christmas infant, Jesus, grew into a man who conquered death through the cross, and opened the way to his new way of living.

Everyone is welcome to explore this over Easter in any of the Eynsham

Churches. But however you spend the Easter weekend, all are invited to allow the colour, light and new life of Spring to lift your hearts and give you fresh energy to work together towards a brighter tomorrow.

Dead Man Walking

This was the headline on the IBC (Israel Broadcasting Corporation) website on the first Easter morning! 'Bad' Friday was earlier that week: a miracle-worker, God-in-human-form, Messiah, falsely accused and executed by the Roman authorities. Only later did it become 'Good' Friday when we realised how important his death was. Jesus losing his life so we could have eternal life.

Then came the remarkable event which completed the Easter story. Jesus not a dead hero, but a living rescuer. Alive then, alive today. He often makes an appearance at a local church near you—and in the lives of his followers!

Happy Easter!

Easter at Eynsham's Churches

All are welcome to any of these events

Palm Sunday, 10 April:

10am Mass at St Peters
10.30am Services at St Leonards and Eynsham Baptist
4pm Family Service at St Leonards

Good Friday, 15 April:

10am Ecumenical Service in The Square followed by coffee and hot cross buns in Eynsham Baptist Church Hall
2pm Last Hour of the Cross at St Leonards
3pm Mass at St Peters

Holy Saturday, 16 April:

8pm Vigil at St Peters

Easter Sunday, 17 April:

8am at Eynsham Baptist, a quiet reflective service and Holy Communion followed by breakfast
10am Mass at St Peters Resurrexit Sicut Dixit
10.30am Eynsham Baptist Easter Celebration with an Easter egg hunt for children
10.30am Easter Family Celebration at St Leonards

From around the village

Ladies' Day in Eynsham

The Bartholomew Players will be taking to the stage again at the Village Hall in May with a performance of Amanda Whittington's, 'Ladies' Day', a tale of four hard working ladies who head to the races for a drink, a flirt and a flutter!

Director Debi Lisburne Diacon says: "Amanda Whittington understands women and writes so well about their hopes and fears, high points and upset—all with a delightful touch of humour and some poignancy. We are so pleased to be back doing what we love and hope you will come and see this refreshingly honest play."

Unfortunately they aren't able to host the usual charity supper on the Friday evening, but instead will have a regular show on each of the four nights of the run from 18-21 May.

Tickets are £10 and available from Evenlode DIY, on the door, or from Denise Santilli on 07721 744020, bart.players@gmail.com, or online here: bit.ly/3twPG6q (If you buy your ticket online they'll be able to inform you in advance if covid causes any changes to arrangements).

Swap Shop is Back!

The Eynsham swap shop had to stop during the pandemic, so there hasn't been an event since autumn 2019 but it's back on Saturday 23rd April, 10am-11am in the Sports Pavilion, Oxford Road (donations from 9.15am–10.30am).

The Swap Shop is a community event to recycle items—you don't have to formally swap things. You can donate some items or come along and see if there's anything that you can make use of! There will be toys, textiles, kitchen-ware, tools, bric-a-brac, clothes, plants, books, small electricals and lots more! They ask for a 50p donation per adult.

Items that are not swapped on the day have to be disposed of—as much as possible is taken to charity shops and recycling centres. They cannot accept anything bigger than a chair or anything deemed to be DIY waste.

There's a notice board where large items can be advertised on the day.

Green TEA volunteers run these events—for more details or to get involved call Eleanor on 01865 881095.



Repair Café Success

Eynsham Repair Cafe's event on 26 February was its most successful yet!

Diverse items were brought in for repair ranging from a chainsaw, a Christmas snow globe lamp, a deck chair and a strung pearl bracelet.

Over 40 items were examined, of which some 70% were repaired on the spot. This included a total of 40.9kg of Waste Electrical & Electronic Equipment (WEEE) that was saved from landfill.

The event acts as a skill share too, with volunteers keen to share with people the skills they need to repair their own things. So if you want to learn how to repair that puncture on your bike, change a fuse in your lamp or darn your own socks come along to the next event: Saturday 23 April 2-4pm at Eynsham Village Hall.

Happy Birthday WI!

8 March 2022 marked the 99th birthday of the Eynsham Women's Institute. During its first year the WI had 109 members—not bad going for a small village as Eynsham was at the time. Although they don't have as many members today, the WI is still going strong.

On 12 April at 730pm they will hold our Annual General Meeting in the Village Hall accompanied by a talk on 'Tax, Care and Toyboys!' Any women who would like to come and see an organisation that has entertained women in Eynsham for nearly 100 years are welcome.

Eynsham Choral Society

By Liz Bickley

Eynsham Choral Society is up and

running again in person and we love making beautiful choral music and performing together. We hope you enjoy coming to listen to familiar and new music too.

We are delighted to have welcomed new members to the group, which rehearses on Tuesday evenings at Eynsham Primary School. We've risk assessed our activities and we were able to perform a low key concert in November 2021, performing some of the songs we had been learning during lockdowns, with piano accompaniment, as well as a few carols, for friends and family.

One choir member says: "The Tuesday night rehearsals are the highlight of my working week; I can't really read music, so I have to focus carefully and listen and rely on the friends around me. Together, under Stuart's fantastic direction, we make an amazing sound and sing some extraordinary music. It all just feels bright and shining."

We are preparing for our next concert with soloists and orchestra in St Leonard's Church on Saturday 14 May. The programme includes Puccini's *Messa Di Gloria*, Schubert's *Intende Voci Orationis*, *Pater Noster* by Verdi and Rossini's *O Salutaris Hostia*.

Tickets will be available at least a week in advance and you can request them via our website eynshamchoral.org or from Evenlode DIY, Eynsham.

Dog Watch

By Andrew Dilger

This is the final 'dog watch' so it's high time you heard directly from me, Astra the whippet, instead of the guy who holds my lead.

What does he know about Eynsham anyway? Can't he see there's no finer place than the Jubilee field & fishponds? I whine to go there every day. But why aren't I allowed anywhere else? In the butcher's, for example? I scrabble to get through the door, but each time I'm denied. Grrr.

Less meaty is The Market Garden, though I like the lady who runs it—Molly the Labradoodle. And it's near the village hotspot for checking doggy pee-mail: the corner of Mill Street and Newland Street. Sniff, sniff!

OK, I'll admit I quite like it here.

There are too many cars and cats, but some fun canines. The people are nice as well, but don't half get in the way. Maybe I'll stay.



Croquet Okay!

By Sandra Jinks

Eynsham has a lot to boast about, including the only croquet club in West Oxon! With four excellent courts in the glorious setting of the cricket field on Cassington Road, we enjoy socially good games year-round. This season we celebrate our 25th Anniversary.

Beginners are always welcome. I joined three years ago and I am now addicted and enjoy the technical & competitive aspects of play.

There are many opportunities to represent the club against other clubs in and around Oxfordshire or just have fun with inter club knockouts. "Pirates" is a fun alternative to the usual game—by hitting onto your opponent's ball you can take their accumulated score of hoops for yourself!

We not only play during daytimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, but also Saturdays to enable our younger members to take part. In summer we offer evening play.

We have an "Open Day" Sat 23rd April, 12-5pm Please come along and have a go, we only ask that you wear flat soled shoes. Search online for Eynsham Croquet Club or follow us on Facebook.

Day Centre Monday Club

By Mark Johnson

By the time you read this, we will have held two coffee mornings and our first full Monday back in the Village Hall in Back Lane. It's been a challenging time but we are delighted to be offering our full services again.

There is strong evidence that

indicates that feeling close to, and valued by, other people is a fundamental human need and one that contributes to functioning well in the world. Loneliness is understood to be one of the main influencers on poor health for older people, with demonstrable negative impacts on quality of life and well-being.

Day Centres help to bring people together on a regular basis and strong friendships are created, which does so many great things for health and well-being. Quite often, simply taking the time to listen has the greatest impact. Members tell us that they value being heard by people of similar ages, and by our team of volunteers. Conversation, therefore, plays a big part in the designing of activities and services that are delivered in the Day Centre.

We are very proud to offer this support to the elderly in our community; we are also grateful to the financial support we receive from our generous supporters. This ensures that we can keep our day-rate really low (just £8 a session including lunch).

We welcome new members, so do contact us if you have an elderly relative who might benefit; we offer a 'trial day' at no cost, so there's nothing to lose! Contact Karen Stay: 07887 974924 or visit eynshamdaycentre.com



Mosaic Open

North Leigh Roman Villa's beautiful 4th century AD mosaic will be open to the public for a day in the Easter holidays—Wednesday 13 April, 10am to 3pm—as it undergoes cleaning and conservation supervised by specialist English Heritage staff.

The site is free to enter and everyone is welcome to come along. There is no need to book. For more details about openings and access to the site (which can be arduous if you have mobility issues), please visit: bit.ly/3IQunDr

Like What You See?

Eynsham News is run by volunteers for the benefit of the village—we don't have an agenda and aren't tied to any particular group, person or business. Most of the stories in each edition come from news we've been sent, with some contributors being more regular than others.

If you think there is too much of one side of a story or there is other news in the village we should be sharing, please let us know. You can either send us details directly (editor@eynshamnews.org), or let us know who we should be talking to. The village is full of all kinds of people, of all ages, all backgrounds and having lived here for a few months or many generations—we want to make sure they're all well served and everyone is able to feel part of our wonderful village.

Trustees Needed

Healthwatch Oxfordshire is the independent champion for people who use health and social care services across the county. If you care about the way local health and care services are run and can spare some time to help get the right services to the people who really need them, please think about joining as a trustee. This is a voluntary role and a really exciting opportunity to make a difference!

To find out more about the role and how to apply see bit.ly/3pXYUaL

Making the News

Join our small, welcoming team creating and supporting the Eynsham News in just a few hours a month! We'd love to hear from you if you fancy doing some reporting or editing, or if writing isn't your thing maybe you're good with organising people and systems. Unfortunately, our wonderful coordinator, Victoria is leaving the village but that leaves the opportunity for someone new to join the team. We're a bunch of friendly people of all ages and backgrounds who want to support the village and keep the Eynsham News going—come and join us! hello@eynshamnews.org.uk



Bartholomew School Update

By Headteacher, Mr Craig Thomas. Plans for the redevelopment of the School Library are well under way. The importance of good literacy in promoting learning cannot be over-stated and the library is central to the School's passion for encouraging reading for pleasure as a means of supporting students' development. The library redesign is one of the key fundraising projects for the PTA this year. The funds received a boost through the celebrations of World Book Day, a non-uniform day. Staff and students alike were encouraged to dress up as their favourite literary characters and there were some fantastic efforts! In addition to the dress-up day there was a whole suite of reading-inspired activities across the week including a literary baking competition and literature-based quizzes. On one of the days students were treated at the beginning of each lesson to excerpts from Oscar Wilde's *The Canterville Ghost*. Bartholomew School admissions for September 2022 are once again over-subscribed, but we look forward to welcoming all the Year 6 pupils joining us for a second transition day. Keep updated with news and events taking place in the Bartholomew Community through reading their end of term newsletter, available on the website and Eynsham Online.

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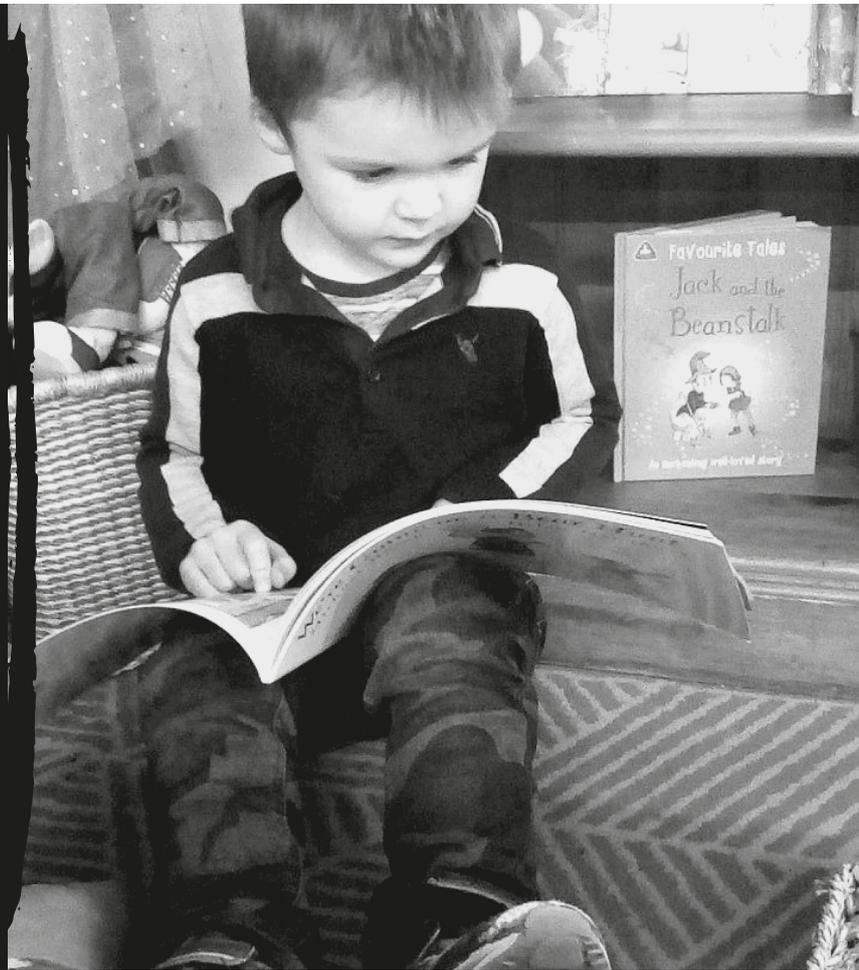
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BETTER

Signs of Growth

This term has got off to a busy start at Eynsham Pre-School with many celebrations giving the children an opportunity to learn about festivals and traditions including Chinese New Year, Shrove Tuesday and St David's Day. More recently we have celebrated World Book Day by dressing up and sharing our favourite stories followed by many art and craft activities.

The children have also been looking out for signs of spring as the season changes. They have been down in the woodlands for mini Forest School sessions, searching for the Gruffalo, climbing the 'unicorn tree', building dens and creating clay models.



History at Eynsham Primary

By Will Reeves

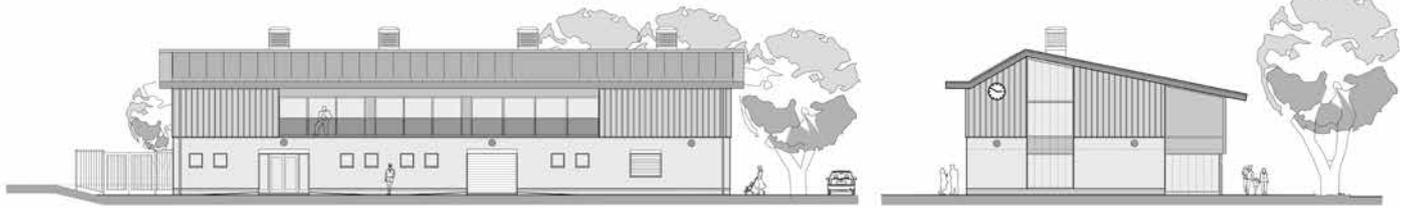
Our History curriculum aims to ensure that children have a chronological understanding and knowledge of how their history and heritage began, local and global, up to the present day. We intend for the children to understand where they've come from and the history that has shaped their current existence. To support their understanding of their place in the world, we explore how our local area has developed over time and make connections with different time periods in history.

Looking into our local area, we are lucky enough to learn in an Anglo-Saxon village. This is wonderful for our children to explore how history shapes our daily lives. Exploring the history of

our most historic buildings, we can see how the village has developed through time. Factoring the position and landscape around us, we investigate why this settlement was founded in the first place and how this will have helped develop it to the village it is today. Being so close to Oxford, our children can then study this historic city also. When we examine Oxford, we can compare its infrastructure and environment to that of other major cities. Due to its strong standing in history, we also explore how it has made an impact on not just British history, but also World history.

As you can see, we are producing some wonderful work that demonstrates the fantastic learning taking place in our school.





Sports Pavilion from Playing Fields (south elevation).



Sports Pavilion main entrance from Oxford Road (north elevation).

Preservation, Restoration and Creation.

What's the
status on two
much-loved
local buildings?

Alongside our many other responsibilities, the Parish Council owns and manages two key buildings in Eynsham. Both have been in need of attention for some time. Where are we up to now?

Bartholomew Room

Something of a local landmark, what we refer to as the Bartholomew Room was built in 1701 as the Eynsham Market House. The Parish Council acquired the building in 1983 and used the space for meetings. Recently, we re-located to the Village Hall (where we also have an office) to provide a more accessible meeting venue and allow for renovations on the historic property

This process has been lengthier and more expensive than anticipated. The condition survey was undertaken in 2018 and progress since then has been complicated by the discovery of new issues. But all work is now complete! We've replaced the majority of the Cotswold stone slates, increased the

accessibility by creating a large toilet and kitchen on the ground floor, and redecorated the upstairs meeting space. We hope it will now serve our community well for many years to come.

Sports Pavilion

A younger but no less beloved public building is Eynsham Sports Pavilion. Built in the 1970s, the building is on the cusp of a new era. We're planning a complete re-build, creating a new Sports Pavilion better suited to our growing, active community.

Planning permission has been granted by the District Council for a two-storey building with function space for up to 270 people. It will contain improved changing facilities and a range of social spaces, including large and small halls, a kitchen and a balcony area for watching outdoor activities in comfort.

We are currently finalising our business plan to start fundraising.

Funds are critical to this project; the expected cost is about £1.8 million and our Parish Council budget certainly doesn't stretch that far! We're establishing a working group to oversee progress, from fundraising to the finished product. If you're interested in joining this group, please contact the Deputy Clerk on epc.office@eynsham-pc.gov.uk.

Dates for your Diary

26 March 9am-1pm Community Event
5 April 7.30pm Full Council Meeting
19 April 7.30pm Annual Parish Meeting
3 May 7.30pm Full Council Meeting

All meetings are open to the public and take place at Eynsham Village Hall, with remote access available via Microsoft Teams.

Strategic Plan is now live!

Thank you to everyone who shared their views and helped shape our new –and first– Strategic Plan. You can view it on the website (<http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk>) or in Eynsham Library.

A Note from the Chair



This will be my last note as Chair; I intend to stand down in May. As a family, we have decided it is now or never to move away from Eynsham, where we have lived happily for nearly 40 years.

The village has changed greatly over four decades and faces significant change to come. Ultimately, if our views as a community are listened to and taken on board, these developments will add to the parish in many positive ways. However, for my wife and I, living through the disturbance ahead is not how we see our retirement years.

But I feel I am leaving a Parish Council in good shape. We have our first ever strategy in place and are making real progress against many of our objectives. There has never been a quiet time in my twelve years on the Council and this is not going to change in the coming decade or so. If you have the time and are keen to help shape how the community develops, please consider becoming a Councillor. It is a challenging but incredibly rewarding role.

Another great way to get involved with the community is by volunteering. We are blessed with many great voluntary organisations doing outstanding work on the community's behalf. By volunteering, you can learn something new, meet new people, and make a difference to the lives of others.

Thank you for your support over the years. I am confident that, regardless of my departure, the Parish Council will continue to serve and represent the community in the best way it can.

Nick

From the Clerk's Desk



We're rushing through the first quarter of 2022 in much the same way we ended 2021—very busy!

The A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor planning application (with its hundreds of pages) is being worked through to the best of our abilities in order to represent the concerns of Eynsham and Barnard Gate residents. In our response, we've raised issues that include an underpass/community severance; lack of information regarding biodiversity net gain; devastation of trees/hedgerows along the A40; a proposal to locate a Storage Compound within 20m of Dovehouse Close residents; an attenuation basin within the flood zone 2 adjacent to the B4449; and loss of trees and hedgerows at Millennium Wood, which is a designated Local Green Space in our Neighbourhood Plan.

While we welcome the public transport improvements, the proposals aren't in accordance with planning policies and therefore remain unacceptable to residents and potentially damaging to the environment. We will continue to push for better and do all we can to protect our local area.

The Council is upgrading its technology to modern-day standards and is evolving the way it holds its meetings. As the Omicron wave has eased, we have resumed in-person meetings at the Village Hall but will continue to provide a Microsoft Teams link for those who wish to join the meeting remotely. This remote option makes it easy to join the meeting and the discussions; we hope it will be a valuable change for the community and encourage more of you to take part as your views are critical to our decisions. Look out for the Microsoft Teams logo on agendas (located on Eynsham-pc.gov.uk) for the link to join the meeting.



Meet a Councillor Ross Macken

Why did you join the council?

I had contacted the Parish Council over an issue we were having near our house with antisocial behaviour. Shortly after the Clerk asked if I would like to join the council—so I did! That was November 2015.

What do you enjoy about the role?

I enjoy giving some of my time back to the village and meeting others in the community. Eynsham is a great place to live and I hope that, through our efforts, it may get even better.

What has been the most challenging aspect of the role?

It's taken a while to get used to how things have to be done on a Parish Council. Decisions are made either at full council or by one of the committees, which can be a lengthy process.

Why do you like living in Eynsham?

We're fortunate to have great residents and local facilities. We're surrounded by great countryside and the Thames, yet just a short bus journey away from Oxford city. I can't think of many places that can top that.

What is your profession?

For many years I worked as a manufacturing project manager for global medical companies, but more recently I've become self-employed.

How do you like to spend your spare time?

I love cars and bikes; I have a collection of unusual/fast vehicles which I enjoy tinkering with and driving. I also do a lot of DIY and always have a project of some sort on the go.

Contact Ross with any questions or concerns via ross.macken@eynsham-pc.gov.uk



Events Preview



Bridewell Gardens provides a mental health recovery service for West Oxfordshire, supporting people who have experienced severe and enduring mental illness. Bridewell is a creative and inspiring walled garden and vineyard where people can find hope in recovery, gardening and working with nature.

2022 public events include a plant sale in Bridewell's vineyard on Saturday 30 April (the walled garden will not be open during the plant sale) and open days on Sunday 15 May, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June, and Sunday 11 September. You'll be able to visit the gardens and learn more about Bridewell's work, gardening and working with nature to support people who have experienced serious mental ill health. There will be a pop-up café as well as a plant and produce sale. There is a suggested donation of £5 for entrance and dogs are welcome on leads.

Bridewell Gardens, The Walled Garden, Wilcote, Oxfordshire, OX7 3DT
(Do check a map before visiting as sat navs are not reliable.)

Have you been to Bridewell? It's worth a visit.



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Events Diary

See more at Eynsham Online

Music Appreciation Classes – Rhythm in Music

Wednesday 6 April, 10.30am-3.30pm
The Swan Hotel. No technical
knowledge is required – no tests!
For full details phone 01993 359189

Eynsham History Group

Thursday 7 April, 7.30-9pm
St Leonard's Church Hall
Mark Davies will talk on the History of
the Oxford Botanic Garden. Enquiries
to Nigel Swietalski: 01865 882400

Women's Institute

Tuesday 12 April, 7.30pm
Village Hall. AGM and talk on 'Tax,
Care and Toyboys.' All women welcome

Hedgehog Storytime and Craft

Wednesday 13 April, 2.30pm
Eynsham Library
All are welcome to this hedgehog
conservation themed event with
story-time and craft activities.

West Oxon Ramblers

Tuesday, 19 April, 10.30am, Meet at
Back Lane Car Park. A leisurely 5.5
miles walk to Witney via South Leigh
and Cogges, returning on the S1 bus.

Meet a Guide Dog

Thursday 21 April, 2-5pm
Eynsham Library. Come and meet 2
assistance dogs visiting with staff from
Guide Dogs for the Blind Association.

Swap Shop

Saturday 23 April, 10-11am
Sports Pavillion. 50p donation per
adult. Bring, take or swap books, toys,
bric-a-brac and more.

Repair Café

Saturday 23 April, 2-4pm
Eynsham Village Hall.

Croquet Club Open Day

Saturday 23 April, 12-5pm
Cricket Field, Cassington Rd
Come along and have a go!
Please wear flat soled shoes.

Litter Pickers

Sunday 24 April, 1.45pm
Baptist Church Hall. Please come
complete with masks. Newcomers are
very welcome – enquires to Pam
Breeze: 07971 174434

Eynsham Morris

Monday 2 May, 11am-11pm
Around the village.
Annual tour of the village starts in the
Market Square, finishing at The Swan
mid-afternoon, then in The Square at
6pm to finish at The White Hart.

District Council Elections

Thursday 5 May, 7am-10pm
Village Hall. One Councillor for
Eynsham & Cassington Ward of
WODC will be elected

Gatehouse Volunteers

Saturday 8 May. Enquiries to
Marie Bridge: 01865 604262

Flexicare Community Walk

Sunday 8 May 2022
Starting from Snells Hall, East Hendred.
In aid of Oxon charity, Flexicare. For
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Eynsham Garden Club

Annual Plant Sale
Saturday 14 May 9am-noon,
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reasonable prices

Eynsham Choral Society

Saturday 14 May 7.30-9pm
Concert at St Leonard's Church
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Ladies Day
18-21 May, doors open 6.30pm
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Grand Plant Sale

Saturday 21 May, 10am
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St Leonard's Church will be
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stpeterseynsham.org.uk
01865 881613

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Sunday morning service at
10.30am
eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk
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St Leonards Parish Church

Sunday morning service 10.30am
stleonardseynsham.org.uk
01865 883325

There are many other events during the
week, and all three churches have halls
for hire. Check for up to date information.

Details of all events were correct at the time of
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with the organisers' social media before going.
Send your events news for our May edition (about
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Before 8 May 2022

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