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# Eynsham News



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# Carnival Special

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## Village Buzz



### Love the Carnival

The Carnival Committee would like to thank everyone who came out in such great numbers on carnival day—despite the drizzle! This event could not have taken place without the help of large numbers of volunteers and it was heartening to see the community rallying round to make it happen. Particular thanks to our business sponsors, community groups and individuals who provided so much support on the day.

Next year will mark the 75th year of Eynsham Carnival, and with some of our committee members due to ‘retire’ we need more help to make it one of the best yet. If you love Carnival and want to keep it going through the 75th edition and beyond please get in touch: [enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com](mailto:enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com)

Turn to pages 7-10 for a carnival photos pull-out special!

### Aelfric of Eynsham

*Martin Flatman explains the new blue plaque on the wall of the Bartholomew Room.*

Do look for the new Blue Plaque on the wall of the Bartholomew Room in the Square. It commemorates Aelfric, the first Abbot of Eynsham who arrived here in 1005.

Most people have never heard of this monk who started his career in Winchester and then became Abbot

of Cerne in Dorset in 987 before coming to Eynsham; but if you were to study Old English you would soon discover that he is one of the most important writers in that language. Indeed 15% of Old English Writings that we know of were written by Aelfric!



In a violent world where many stressed the wrath of God, Aelfric sounds very different. He writes: “The love that loves God is not idle. Instead, it is strong and works great things always. And if love isn’t willing to work, then it isn’t love. God’s love must be seen in the actions of our bodies.”



### Life at the Food Bank

Eynsham Food Bank is run by a growing team of volunteers. There are packers, delivery drivers, shelf stackers, box collectors, stock

collectors and food purchasers! Most days involve one or more of these activities. A typical week looks something like this:

**Monday/Tuesday:** Review new requests and changes to existing recipients; update team rotas; order non-food items (e.g. toilet rolls)

**Wednesday:** Collect fresh food produce from Oxford Food Hub. Check and collect from food donation points in Co-op, Spar and Market Garden. Unload along with supermarket delivery order at Eynsham Baptist Church, where all the packing is done.

**Thursday:** AM: Sorting and packing of fresh food into bags for families. PM: Pack each household’s order

**Friday:** AM: Collect fresh milk and add to each delivery. Deliver food parcels and then review future stock needs and shop for undelivered items

**Saturday:** Place online order for next week’s delivery

### Behind all this activity are the following statistics:

Since March 2020 when Eynsham Food Bank started they have delivered over 4,000 food parcels to over 150 households. And all this has only been possible because of all those who have volunteered to help plus all the donations received to cover the costs—both in food donations and money. Donations from both individuals and organisations within the community of Eynsham have raised over £22,000 for the Foodbank (THANK YOU!) and together with grants and other funding they have received in total some £37,000. Costs so far total £28,000. Currently they are supporting 44 households and their average weekly expenditure (100% on delivered items) is £450.

**Please send in items for our next edition before 11 September 2022**

# Pheasant Retreats

**Our sponsors for this issue, local lettings agent Pheasant Retreats, provide a bespoke and personal service for landlords and tenants. Managing Director, Eynsham-based Lynda Woodcock, explains how this is the perfect time to contemplate becoming a landlord or extending your portfolio.**

In recent months the rental market has been very busy and stock levels are currently running low. We're finding that properties are being taken without prospective tenants even viewing them and that they're willing to pay above the asking price. The rents we are achieving for landlords are at an all-time high and so we are in urgent need of more village properties to meet demand.

Pheasant Retreats have the knowledge and experience to help you, as a landlord, to build your investment portfolio. We are able to detail areas which are predicted to experience the highest increases in capital growth and assess rental values so we can ensure any investments you make are fully secure.

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**If you want to get in touch with Lynda to discuss your options, then you can call Pheasant Retreats on 01993 772555 or get in touch by email via [enquiries@pheasantretreats.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@pheasantretreats.co.uk).**



Lynda Woodcock

## From around the village

### No Magic Pill

We are lucky to still have our own pharmacy in the village even if you may have experienced some difficulties getting your medicines at times since the pandemic started. There is often some venting of frustration about Lloyd's on social media but also a lot of support for the hard-working pharmacists and assistants doing their best under testing circumstances. We wanted to find out a bit more about the difficulties they're facing so we approached LloydsPharmacy head office for comment and their spokesperson said:

“Our priority is to provide the best possible service and care to our customers and patients. We are actively recruiting for a full-time pharmacist at our Eynsham pharmacy but recruiting new pharmacists and pharmacy teams has become increasingly difficult; there is a sector-wide shortage of pharmacists, and the profession is listed on the Home Office's Shortage Occupation List.

“Legally a pharmacist must be present in the pharmacy for it to open and to give patients their prescriptions. Therefore, at times when a locum pharmacist can't be sourced in times of sickness and absence, our last resort is to temporarily close. The workforce challenges, which are not unique to LloydsPharmacy, are impacting our service levels and have resulted in patients waiting longer than normal. We are working together with other community pharmacy operators and the NHS to address the sector-wide workforce challenges.

“Our Regional Manager has met with local councillors to listen to the concerns of the community. We are working hard to clear the backlog and are deploying colleagues from other branches to manage the workload safely to improve the service in Eynsham and return to the high standards we strive to achieve. We deeply apologise for the impact

on the community and appreciate their understanding at this time.”

In the interest of the local community, the Parish Council met with Lloyds along with District Councillor, Andy Goodwin and Eynsham Medical Centre in June to develop some solutions to tackle the issues. The notes from the meeting, which residents may find insightful, can be downloaded from the Parish Council website: [bit.ly/3AH2GLQ](https://bit.ly/3AH2GLQ). While many of the actions will be handled by the healthcare professionals and their teams, the Council has offered to help the local Lloyds Pharmacy team create a Facebook page where weekly updates and helpful information will be shared. It's hoped that this will keep residents informed about the situation at the pharmacy and enable them to plan their visit accordingly.

The Council will also arrange a second meeting with all representatives in a month's time to assess progress and consider how to provide further help to remedy some of the challenges. This publication will keep you updated with any progress as the situation continues.

### Generation Nature

From the foundation year at Eynsham Primary School to MSc students at Oxford Brookes University, our young people are coming together in their groups to propagate and plant out wildflowers in Eynsham's new meadows for the Nature Recovery Network (NRN).

The Beavers have been working in St Leonards Churchyard and enjoying seeing the foxgloves they planted in the autumn, finally come into flower. While they danced in a downpour on Long Mead, they potted-on rare devil-bit scabious and planted out red and white campion.

Eynsham Primary School's youngest students sowed wildflowers for their new well-being garden, helped by local experts, ecologist, Anna Rowlands, garden designer, Nina Turner and Long Mead's meadow-maker, Catriona Bass.

Meanwhile Bartholomew six formers are also joining NRN in propagating

plants and carrying out water surveys for Eynsham as part of their work experience program.

And even Oxford Brookes MSc ecology students, who had a field trip to Long Mead in May, have caught the Eynsham wildflower passion and returned to pot-on some of the seeds sown by younger students.

### Brownie Circus

1st and 3rd Eynsham Brownies had an adventure at Girlguiding's "Magic and Mayhem" event, a fun-filled, circus themed extravaganza in the New Forest. As well as taking part in circus skills, science and dancing activities, the girls got the chance to sleep in a big top tent with 800 other girls.

### Eynsham Charities

In the last edition of Eynsham News, we thanked the outgoing Clerk, Robin Mitchell, for his outstanding service as Clerk to both the Eynsham Consolidated Charity and the Bartholomew Educational Foundation. Robin actually served as Clerk for 45 years rather than the 37 years mentioned previously. The Trustees would like to extend their grateful thanks for Robin's invaluable service over such a long period.

In need, hardship or distress? The Eynsham Consolidated Charity can make money grants, help to provide items or services, or back up help from other quarters.

Education Grants—do you qualify? The Bartholomew Educational Foundation makes money grants to people living in the village of Eynsham who are under 25—for books, equipment, travel, etc.

You can apply, either for yourself or for someone else who may be in need of help. Email the Clerk, Catherine Barton, at [eynshamcharities@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamcharities@gmail.com). All enquiries are dealt with in absolute confidence. Visit Eynsham Online: <https://eynsham.org.uk/> for more information

### Load of Rubbish

A resident of Old Witney Road has been in touch to express their dismay

at the amount of dog fouling that goes on in their road and the owners who don't pick it up. Although many owners in the village do pick up their dog's mess, the writer also wanted to make their case for returning to separate bins for dog poo and general waste which are now put in the same containers around the village.

They asked us to spare a thought for those queuing at bus stops where there is an 'awful stench' from the bins which is only bound to get worse in hot summer weather. Their friend had also seen evidence at Fishponds that the bins aren't emptied regularly enough which leads people to pile up dog poo bags next to the bins.

We brought the matter up with the Parish Council (EPC) who say that although responsibility for bins and emptying them lies with West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC), they did work with them closely on the 'Bin Rationalisation and Renewal Programme' earlier this year to remedy bin placement and emptying problems. The contents of the new 'dual bins' is sent to the Ardley Energy Recovery Facility as part of a move to direct 95% of municipal waste away from landfill. (There is an article about this on the Parish Council website.)

Unemptied bins and dog fouling can both be reported to WODC but if you'd like to talk to someone more local, the Parish Council are keen to hear from anyone in the village about any bins that aren't emptied frequently enough (and getting too full or smelly). You can email EPC's clerk, Katherine, on [epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk) or post your comments to the Village Hall in Eynsham, where the Parish Council has an office.



Derek Malin

## Planning dismay

In June of this year, the Oxford Mail carried a story with the headline,

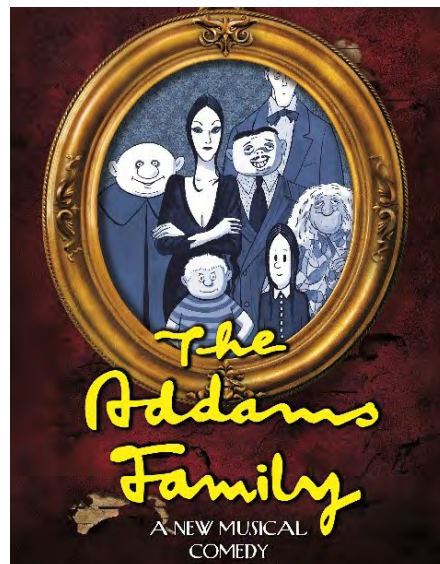
'Dismay as precious Jubilee hedgerow chopped to make way for park and ride'. Local resident, Derek Malin, was shocked to find that a hedge he planted to commemorate the Queen's Silver Jubilee had been cut down just before the Queen's Platinum celebrations.

And Derek fears that even more precious wildlife-rich hedges and woods around Eynsham will soon be chopped back as the area undergoes major development. Former cub scout leader and 'Green Man' for Eynsham Morris Dancers, Derek said 75 to 80 yards of hedgerow on Cuckoo Lane had been cut down to clear the way for the Eynsham Park-and-Ride.

If you are concerned about developments around the village, it's still not too late to have your say on:

- The 850-space Park-and-Ride, on the A40 eastbound
- The huge changes to the A40
- The construction of the 2,200 home Salt Cross Garden Village.

Start by looking at our Parish Council's website: [eynsham-pc.gov.uk/](http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/)



## Meet the Addams Family

Bartholomew students have enjoyed a tremendous number of enrichment activities this term, including the Year 7 Bath residential, Biology and Geography field trips, Sports Day, the Summer Music Concert, to name just a few. Following the pandemic these experiences have been relished by all. Exams have gone very smoothly and we have said our farewells to the Year 11 and 13 leavers, who were given a

fitting send off. We wish them all a bright, exciting and happy future! Year 6 students enjoyed their last transition day and we are looking forward to welcoming them to the Bartholomew family in September.

In exciting news from the Drama department, auditions will be held in the autumn for our next whole school production, music comedy, 'The Addams Family'. We are looking for sponsorship for this production from local businesses so if you are interested, please get in touch with Mrs Lambourne, Head of Drama at [office.4054@bartholomew.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.4054@bartholomew.oxon.sch.uk). Performances will take place just before Christmas.



New library design

Thank you to everyone in the local community who has supported the PTA fundraising for the new library. Refurbishment takes place over the summer and we look forward to showing you the results! Our whole school Open Evening for Year 6 students and their families will be on Thursday 22nd September. Please keep updated via our website.

## Making the News

We always welcome contributions to the Eynsham News, whether it's just an idea, an article or a whole series and we're always looking for more people to join our small team. 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, you can give as much or as little time as you'd like. Email: [hello@eynshamnews.org.uk](mailto:hello@eynshamnews.org.uk) to explore the options.



### Proper Proud

Following on from the “first turf cut” in the previous Eynsham News edition, here we have our fully constructed Croquet Pavilion, erected by volunteers from the club led by Tony, who assured us all he had achieved two builds of the same materials at home—although much smaller in proportion. Great support was had from members throughout, together with Cheryl’s bacon rolls and Jill’s cheese scones as welcome refreshments.

As you can imagine, we are thrilled with the result and enjoy showing it off to visiting clubs during home matches. It even seems to improve our play as our recent League Doubles match of eight games we only lost one to opponents from Winslow.

Afterwards we enjoyed a very friendly tea made more so as Winslow had won one of their games.

It was my very first league match and overcoming the nerves I enjoyed it enormously. Our winning strength carried on to our most recent match, fielding different players against Wingrave, with us winning 6-2.

Our new members from the very successful Open Day have settled in well and regularly are seen on the field improving their play. We now have 49 members—you could be the 50th—the first year the club has had so many members. If interested you will be made very welcome, just turn up Tues or Sat 2pm-4pm or Thurs 10am-noon.

### Jubilee Country Market

*Jane Dyson writes...*

Thank you to everyone who supported our special extended market on 2nd June, marking Her Majesty the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Many of our producers donned vintage dress whilst red, white and blue bunting fluttered in the breeze. We had themed produce including Queen’s Passion Marmalade (made with orange, lemon and lime with passionfruit) and Strawberry and Martini Jam, Martini and Passionfruit cake, Chocolate Biscuit Jubilee Treats and Coronation Chicken. We also provided jubilee cupcakes for all our customers and a free cup of tea and coffee. Since then we have continued to have busy Thursday morning markets and now serve teas and coffees from the Bartholomew Room.



Our next Saturday market will celebrate ‘Baking Around Britain’ on Saturday 24th September, 9.30am to 12pm in the Square. We will feature regional recipes and bakes as well as providing some of our ever-popular, regular produce including fruit and veg, fresh cut flowers and hand-made crafts.

We are always looking for new producers so if you fancy earning a little extra money by selling your home grown, home baked or hand-crafted goods at our local market, please contact Judith Bowden for more information at [eynshamcountrymarket76@gmail.com](mailto:eynshamcountrymarket76@gmail.com).

Alternatively, you can simply pop down to the market on a Thursday morning between 9am and 10.30am and meet our friendly team of producers—you will be most welcome.

### History Group Outing

This year’s Eynsham History Group outing is to the National Trust property of Mottisfont house and garden near Romsey, Hampshire on Wednesday 7th September. A full day visit by coach is planned, leaving Eynsham at 9am and returning at approx. 6pm. In addition to an interesting house and lovely gardens there are excellent cafe facilities.

We still have a few places available on the coach which will be filled on a ‘first come’ basis. The cost is £15 for National Trust members and £30 for non-members. To book a place please contact Philip Spencer on 01865-881025 or email to [spencer633@btinternet.com](mailto:spencer633@btinternet.com). It would be good to have you with us for another enjoyable outing after a two-year gap.



### Repair Café

Eynsham Repair Cafe is searching for a new coordinator/s. It’s a rewarding and sociable role, the events are good fun and it’s satisfying to send people away with something repaired that they might have thought irreparable. You’d not be alone, there is an experienced group of volunteers involved, we just need someone to bring us together!

Anna Parrinder will be running the next two events—Saturday 13th August and Saturday 1st October—and would love to show you the ropes—get in touch: [repaircafeeynsham@gmail.com](mailto:repaircafeeynsham@gmail.com)

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# Carnival Special



Many thanks to all those who contributed photos to our carnival special including Witney Photo Group, [eynshamcarnival.com](http://eynshamcarnival.com) and the official Shirt Race photographer, Yip Lau.





# Eynsham Car

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# Carnival Special



## Shirt Race Results

### Men's

- 1st No.16 Gavin Carter and M Butler
- 2nd No.11 Will and Ash

### Women's

- 1st No.102 Tara and Joanna
- 2nd No.103 Lucy and Bianca

### Mixed

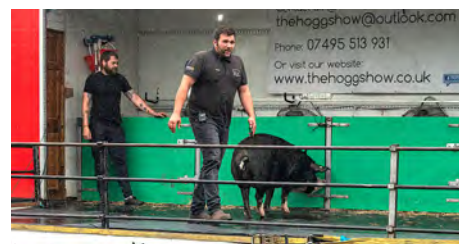
- 1st No.205 Emily and Thomas
- 2nd No.204 Paul and Chloe

### Fancy Dress

- 1st No.12 Snooker Table
- 2nd No.329 Happy Meal
- 3rd No.203 Ferrari No16 Car
- 4th No.208 VW Love Car
- 5th No.8 Madness Car

### Darnell's Nut Award

- No.19 Top Gun Jet



## Talking Points

# Choral Music Returns

*Liz Bickley writes...*

In mid-May, there was a long-awaited concert of choral music in the village with pieces that were new to many of us. Eynsham Choral Society sang Puccini's *Messa di Gloria* and Schubert's *Intende Voci Orationis* with magnificent Tenor and Bass soloists, all accompanied by a live orchestra, The Oxford Players. Hearing the flute, cellos, woodwind and other instruments ring out in St Leonards church again was a thrill. Performing in the choir was a joy to all those who had either avoided singing or sung at home in ECS's Zoom Choir during the covid lockdowns.

The choir was reduced in numbers following the hiatus we have all experienced. However, the audience who filled the church were very appreciative and noted that the sound

was undiminished in quality. The programme was much enjoyed. The challenge of singing several unaccompanied pieces, after a somewhat interrupted rehearsal period, due to upsurges in covid infections locally, was met with commitment and success.

We welcome new members when we resume in September—soprano, alto, tenor and bass (you can try out singing with us without commitment, and find out which voice is best for you).

We rehearse on Tuesdays in school term time at Eynsham Community Primary School from 7.30pm-9.30pm, from 6 September 2022. Please email [info@eynshamchoral.org](mailto:info@eynshamchoral.org) for more information, or see [eynshamchoral.org](http://eynshamchoral.org).

Finally—thanks to the local businesses who sponsor us by advertising in our concert programme, and to our patrons and audience. We hope to see you all again at the end of the year.



# Free Inspirational Courses

Cottsway is offering young people living in their homes the chance to take part in the next Oxfordshire Youth Young Leaders Programme—for free!

The housing association has secured funding to provide four places on the programme for people aged 14-21 to help them develop new skills and improve their career prospects, while having fun.

Vicki Paxford, Cottsway's Communities Manager, said "Successful applicants will take part in activities such as problem solving, climbing or raft building while learning

leadership skills, which they will then be able to put in to use in their community, school, college or youth group. It's a fabulous chance to gain confidence and really lift their CV!"

The next Young Leaders Programme starts in October and successful applicants will attend an induction evening, weekend residential course and a follow up study session in Oxford—a bursary of up to £75 will be available to support with travel costs. As part of the course, they also need to lead an activity or take responsibility for something new in their community, school, college or youth group.

Participants who successfully pass



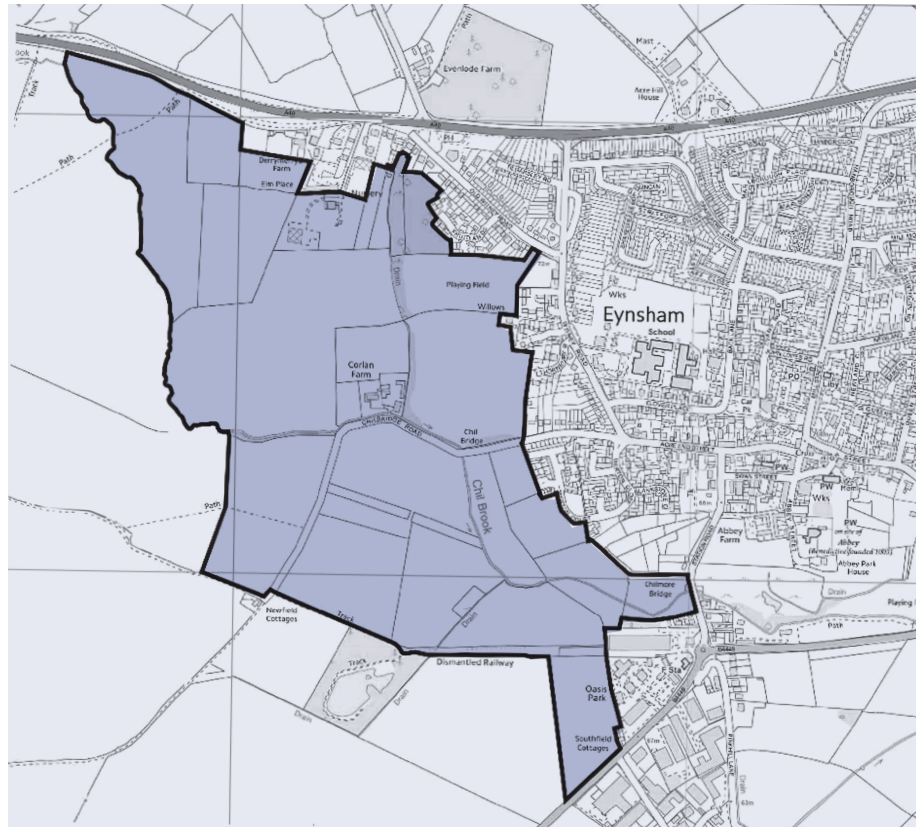
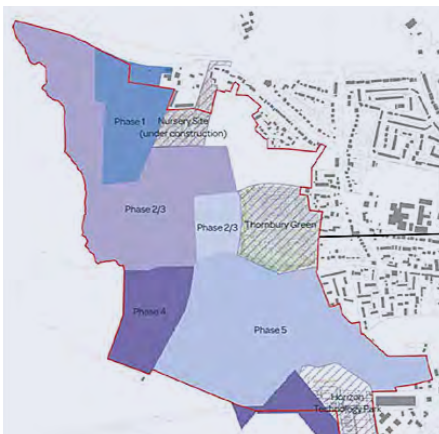
the course will also be invited to attend a graduation ceremony and could go on to train to be a Young Leaders Ambassador, learning new skills and gaining new experiences.

The deadline for applications is Friday 9 September 2022. For more information, and to apply, visit: [cottsway.co.uk/youngleaders](http://cottsway.co.uk/youngleaders)



# Update on West Eynsham development

The West Eynsham Strategic Development Area is currently in the planning stages. What do we know so far?



The West Eynsham Strategic Development Area (SDA) is the section marked on the maps above. The plan is to build 1,000 new homes, bringing the total to be built in Eynsham over the coming years to 3,200.

Residents may not have heard much about this development because the Garden Village (see more in the Chair's column) has dominated the West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) news. There was a public consultation for the SDA Masterplan in November 2021 and it has now—only recently—been approved.

## Access to the SDA

The Masterplan includes a Spine Road from the A40 to the Stanton Harcourt Road. This will be used for public transport and resident access only.

Each development phase will construct the necessary section of the Spine Road required. There won't be any direct vehicle access routes to/from the SDA into the village, but various pedestrian/cycle routes are planned, including a route via Thornbury Green to Eynsham.

## Timeline for Development

The SDA covers five parcels of land which are in four different land ownerships. A planning application for Phase 1—which includes 180 new homes—is currently being considered by the District Council.

The Parish Council and community stakeholders are now liaising with the developers involved for Phase 2/3 and Phase 5, which represents the majority of land to be developed. We are hoping

to influence and shape the design proposals to provide the best outcomes as possible for our green spaces, village access or quality of life. There will be a single planning application for these areas, but this has yet to be lodged.

## Long road ahead

As we well know, planning application processes take a long time and there will be many more consultations before the SDA is complete. We will keep residents updated on our website, on a page called 'Eynsham's Response to Development—Consultations'. And we will keep working hard to mitigate the negative impact of these developments and preserve Eynsham's community as best we can.

## A Note from the Chair



I'm using my first column as Parish Council Chair to express frustration over the Inspector's comments on the Salt Cross Garden Village Area Action Plan (AAP).

The AAP is the roadmap that all developers will follow when submitting planning applications for Salt Cross. A 'Garden Village' should be an exemplar development, built to the highest standards and deploying innovative approaches. This appears to no longer be true. After a year of deliberation and further updates by West Oxfordshire District Council, the Inspector recommends:

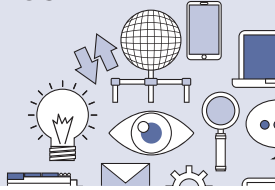
- *Diluting the wording from clear statements (e.g. '100%' or 'must') to phrasing such as 'wherever possible'. This would allow developers to side-step requirements*
- *Reducing the requirements for self-build, specialist housing and biodiversity*
- *Removing the Net Zero requirement*

The last of these recommendations is the most alarming. The UK has set a target for achieving Net Zero by 2050 and yet we continue to build homes that will require retrofitting to meet the target. It's a huge failing by Government and deeply disappointing for Eynsham.

Many of my fellow Councillors and residents also feel strongly about this. The Inspector's recommendations will be subject to a consultation and we urge residents to respond, making clear their dissatisfaction with this policy. We are also hoping to establish an organisation, linked to the Parish Council, to take responsibility for stewardship of all shared spaces in the village. Hopefully this will ensure a uniform approach in the future, helping us to better protect our environment and community.

Ross Macken

## From the Clerk's Desk



We are very conscious that the closure of Conduit Lane continues to be a huge inconvenience for the community, not least the less able who find the diversion route is difficult to negotiate. Planning permission for the widening and rebuilding of the wall—which is necessary to make the footpath safe for use—has now been approved.

Oxfordshire County Council has also confirmed that, when re-opened, the footpath will remain a Public Right of Way for pedestrians only (not for use by bicycles). Timescales for the work will be made available on our website once they are known—hopefully soon!

The District Council has recently undertaken a Bin Placement & Renewal Programme in our area. This has resulted in the removal of some bins, while others have been replaced with multi-use bins as part of a change to District Council policy. We continue to work with the District Council to remedy problems that may arise and encourage residents to let us know of any issues ([epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk)). While bin emptying costs will increase substantially from next year due to the programme, we recognise the community value that the convenience of street bins provide.

There will be no full council meeting in August, but residents are encouraged to keep in touch if they have any issues. Meetings will resume in September. Enjoy the summer, whatever plans you have.

Katherine Doughty

### Dates for your Diary – Meetings

**No meeting in August**

**20 September** 7.30pm Full Council

**18 October** 7.30pm Full Council

## Meet a Councillor Sue Osborne

### When did you join the council?

*I joined in 2006 because I wanted to learn more about the community and try to make a positive contribution.*

### What do you enjoy about it?

*I enjoy feeling like we are doing our best for this wonderful parish.*

### What has been the hardest aspect?

*Finding out how much there is to learn! The depth of knowledge and expertise within the Council and the parish itself is astounding and uplifting.*

### What the biggest misconception other people seem to have about what a councillor does?

*I think people sometimes forget that their councillors are volunteers. Also, that the Parish Council is not all-powerful. We try our hardest, but we don't have control over many of the bigger issues.*

### What issues are you most passionate about?

*I am keen to do whatever we can to protect our green spaces and make them more accessible for everyone where possible.*

### What was your profession?

*I worked with Periodicals Acquisition at the Bodleian Library for over 40 years, retiring in February 2022. It was an interesting and very satisfying job—no day was ever the same.*

### How do you like to spend your spare time?

*Walking!*

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Sue Osborne

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# Feeling unfit and frustrated?

Andrew Dilger reports on how two new clubs may be the answer.

**Boxfit** takes place in Eynsham Village Hall and Old Witney Road park.

- *Boxfit or Boxercise is based on training that boxers use to keep fit*
- *It's for men and women of all ages. Kids can do it, too*
- *You wear boxing gloves and hit pads or shadow-box an opponent*
- *Punches you learn include the jab, upper-cut, and hook.*

The charismatic coach, Karl Williams, knows just how much to push participants. There's also some pretty cool music to keep you motivated. One participant, Toni, says: "As a fifty-something woman, it gives me focus and a chance to meet new people. I always end the class feeling invigorated."

Contact Karl on 07575 032742 for more info.



**Taekwando** takes place at Eynsham Sports Pavilion.

- *Taekwando started in Korea; it means 'the way of kicking and punching'*
- *There are classes for ages 3-6, a family class (7+), and teens and adults (13+)*
- *You wear a white uniform or dobok*
- *Besides the moves, you learn confidence, focus, and self-control.*

Jordan Schreiber (aka Chief Master) is a black-belt instructor and all-round dude. At one demo I watched, even tiny kids succeeded in breaking plastic boards with their feet. 8-year-old Jack says: "What I like most is that the teachers are very kind and friendly, and they encourage us to do our best."

Contact Jordan on 07542 838659 or visit [www.try-ata.com](http://www.try-ata.com) for more info.

If you know of a fun way to get active in the village that you think other people might enjoy, let us know!



## Bus and Motor Museum

Frank Collingwood on summer opening and events...

Summer is here, so in August the Oxford Bus and Morris Motors Museum in Long Hanborough will be open on Saturdays as well as Wednesdays and Sundays.

Sunday 7 August is our Historic Cycle Day, which will be a fun day for all the family. There will be novelty bikes for visitors to ride (at their own risk!) including the pictured tandem, children's cycles and, for the more adventurous, even a Penny Farthing!

We have a collection of fifty cycles on permanent display. The earliest is an 1821 replica Hobby Horse, without pedals, brakes or gears and with wooden wheels resembling those on a farm cart. Other exhibits show inventions, which enabled the technical development of the Safety bicycle, which we recognise today. Many inventions were dead ends and commercial failures.

The collection contains nineteenth century tricycles and quadricles with different combinations of large and small wheels. In the 1890s some tandems had the riders sitting side by side so they could chat. Thus, these tandems were called 'companion' cycles. The fashionable long skirts favoured by Victorian ladies had previously made cycling impractical, but ladies did ride companions.

Volunteers will point out the more noteworthy cycles and highlight amusing aspects to interested visitors. An expert from the Veteran-Cycle Club has promised to attend and explain the finer details.

We believe that our collection is one of the top five cycle museums in the country, so if you have not seen it, you have a treat awaiting you on 7 August. More info at [oxfordbusmuseum.org](http://oxfordbusmuseum.org)

## Eynsham Churches

### The three churches are bringing back OASIS

This is a time for food, fun, and company for the over 60s. Tuesday 23 August, 10.15am-4pm in the Baptist Church Hall. Cost £8 per person or £15 for a couple. Booking is essential as numbers will be limited. Booking forms available from the library, DIY, or the churches. Further info from Maureen Thompson 01865 881808

### Eynsham Baptist Church

Lombard Street

#### Main Sunday event at 10.30am

[eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk](http://eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk)

01865 882203

[eynsham.baptists@gmail.com](mailto:eynsham.baptists@gmail.com)

To book the Church Hall:

07554012535

[rccarley@outlook.com](mailto:rccarley@outlook.com)

### St Leonards CofE

On the Market Square

#### Main Sunday event at 10.30am

[stleonardseynsham.org.uk](http://stleonardseynsham.org.uk)

Church Administrator:

Louise Parker. 01865 883325

[stleonards\\_stpeters@](mailto:stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com)

[btconnect.com](mailto:btconnect.com). The Church Hall can be booked for events.

### St Peter's Roman

#### Catholic Church

Abbey Street

#### Sunday Mass at 10am

[stpeterseynsham.org.uk](http://stpeterseynsham.org.uk)

Church Office: 01865 881613

The 'Tolkien Room' is available for hire: 01865 4236

Details of all events were correct at the time of going to press but may change. Please check with the organisers' social media before going. Send your events news for our October edition (about 70 words long) to [editor@eynshamnews.org.uk](mailto:editor@eynshamnews.org.uk) before 11 September 2022

## Events Diary

### See more at Eynsham Online

#### Queens Fest

Saturday 30 July

Queen's Head

12-hours of live music in aid of Oxfordshire Mind with over 13 acts plus DJ to top the night off. Giant raffle, glitter station, bunting and bubbles! Under 16s welcome until 7.30pm.

#### Litter Pickers

Sunday 31 July, 1.45-4pm

Meet in the grounds of the Baptist Church to collect equipment and arrange routes.

NB: no litter pick in August.

Enquiries to Pam Breeze: 07971 174434

#### Garden Club

Wednesday 10 Aug, 7.30pm

Eynsham Village Hall

Talk entitled, 'Trees, Shrubs and Hedges for Small Gardens'. Also a chance to book for the outing in September.

#### Repair Café

Saturday 13 Aug 2-4pm

Eynsham Village Hall

#### Evening Morris

Tuesday 30 Aug, 7.30-11pm

Market Square

Eynsham Morris will be joined for an evening of dance by their old friends from Charlbury Morris.

#### Eynsham Acoustic Club

Thursday 4 Sep, 8-10.30pm

The Swan Hotel

#### Garden Club Outing

Friday 9 Sep

Outing to John's Garden at Ashwood Nurseries. A 3-acre private garden set against the backdrop of the Staffordshire and Worcestershire Canal. Regarded as one of the finest private gardens in the UK. To book contact Simon on 01865 880342.

#### Ride & Stride

Saturday 10 Sep, 10am-6pm

Eynsham's churches will be taking part in the Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust Ride & Stride where you can sign up to a sponsored walk, cycle or horse ride in aid of your local church.

#### Eynsham Village Show

Saturday 17 Sep, 2-4.30pm

Eynsham Village Hall

The show is open to all, novice and experienced alike with plenty of categories to have a go at from flower and veg growing, to baking, crafts and photography—you're never too old (or young) to give it a go! Schedule available on Eynsham Online.

#### Great Big Green Week

Saturday 24 Sep–Sunday 2 Oct

Community groups, businesses, individuals, families and friends will be joining together to showcase and celebrate Eynsham's efforts to tackle climate change and protect our local environment.

### Please send in items for our next issue by 11 September 2022

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[www.monkeymusic.co.uk/area/bicester-bloxham-chipping-norton-kidlington-witney](http://www.monkeymusic.co.uk/area/bicester-bloxham-chipping-norton-kidlington-witney)

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Tuesday:	Closed
Wed/Thr	1-5pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	9.30am-1pm
Sunday:	Closed