



Eynsham

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Village Buzz

Carnival Time – 6 July

by Suzie Chadwick

The 76th Eynsham Carnival is nearly upon us and there's a lot of activity to make this year the best ever. The theme this year is 'The Olympics'. Dress up as weightlifters, athletes, swimmers, runners, your favourite Olympic event or just don a hat with the Olympic rings on top!

The Carnival now has a new Chair – Peter Feakes – and he would love this year to be even more fabulous than last year. So, FUN, FUN, FUN, for all ages. Buy your tickets now or put it in your diary for 6 July.

The big events of this year's Carnival will begin at 11am with performances by Eynsham Morris Dancers, moving round the village – just follow the bells. Then the Shirt Race and the Parade whose routes this year are slightly different.

The Shirt Race – 12.15pm

✧ Bartholomew layby ✧ Swan
✧ Social Club ✧ Jolly Sportsman
✧ Red Lion ✧ Queen's Head
✧ Newlands ✧ White Hart

Eynsham's famous Shirt Race features home produced, non-motorised vehicles (can be a pram) and teams of two. The aim is for the pusher to consume half a pint of ale (or lemonade) at each of the pub stops, switching with the passenger for the next leg. Lots of support and cheering for the contestants is a must. Trophies are given for the fastest men's team, the fastest ladies team and the fastest mixed combo team. There are also prizes for the top five best vehicle/costume designs. Spectators should aim to be on the route about noon. And if you want to join the fun there's no advance entry requirements, just sign up on the day, though your vehicle MUST comply with the rules which you can check out on eynshamcarnival.com/shirt_race/index.htm or on [Facebook.com/EynshamShirtRace](https://www.facebook.com/EynshamShirtRace)

The Carnival Parade

12pm float judging – Surgery Car Park

✧ Surgery Car Park ✧ Acre End St
✧ The Square ✧ Thames St
✧ Mill St ✧ Newlands ✧ Queen St
✧ Playing Field

In this year's Carnival Parade, you will see a Carnival King as well as a Queen. The parade begins from the doctor's surgery carpark and finishes at the playing field. If you would like to be a part of the Parade or promote your own float speak to the organisers. Details are found on the Carnival website: eynshamcarnival.com/parade/index.htm

The Carnival Field

Once the Race and the Parade reach the Playing Field, the afternoon fun will begin with a funfair and many traditional rides and competitions. There will also be events like Total Wipeout, rope wars, gun dogs showing off their skills, a pet contest by Muddy Puddles, go karts, crazy golf and much more. If you fancy quieter moments, there will be a Craft Marque, food stalls and a bar supplied by Stewart from the Jolly Sportsman. Anyone wishing to exhibit or have a stall, please contact: stalls@eynshamcarnival.com

Tickets: There are THREE ways to get your tickets this year.

1. In advance, from Evenlode DIY, Eynsham Cellars and the Post Office
2. In advance using this QR code



Advance ticket prices are £5 adults, £4 seniors over 65, £3 children over 5
3. From 11.30 on the day, from outlets in the Square, on Oxford Road and various gates onto the Carnival Field. Cash preferred but some gates will have a card payment option. OR using the QR code above at any time. On-the-day ticket prices are £6 adults, £5 seniors over 65, £4 children over 5.

Volunteers are still needed. Choose a start time and length of time, e.g. 10am for 2 hours. Times required will be between 5am and 8pm.

This year's carnival will be greener and as we are hoping for a sunny day

please bring your own water bottles to fill with water from a tap on the field.

If you are interested in sponsoring, you can download the sponsorship packages from eynshamcarnival.com/sponsors/index.htm.

For more information go to the main carnival website: eynshamcarnival.com/index.htm

Planting the future

Did you realise that the Wharf Stream meadows, called 'The Neyotts' and 'Changeable Furlongs,' have been leased by Eynsham's Nature Recovery Network (NRN)?

Members and volunteers are now engaged in restoring hedging, plants and wildflowers to ensure that the meadows regain their full vitality. At the last working party, wheelbarrow loads of mulching materials were spread and three hundred wildflower plants put in the ground. The plants should have gone out in autumn '23, but early floods meant they had waited impatiently on the potting benches all winter. Watch out, soon, for blooming Yellow flag irises, purple and yellow Loosestrife, Meadowsweet, Dropwort, Devil's-bit scabious, narrow-leaved Water Dropwort and Ragged Robin – all of them have been lovingly sown and nurtured by NRN's Plant Propagation Group, as well as by friends from **FarmAbility** and **Bridewell**.

Coming up soon... **22nd June – Midsummer's Day in the Meadows, 17th Aug – Scything meadows and potting on, 22nd Sept – Potting on, planting out.** Go to nature-recovery-network.org to find out more.

Worried about costs?

Are you, a neighbour or relative worrying about how to manage the cost of living? Are you under 25 needing help with educational costs?

Eynsham Consolidated Charity and The Bartholomew Educational Foundation provide small to medium sized grants to residents who need financial help.

Apply via the clerk, Catherine Barton: email eynshamcharities@gmail.com, or write c/o The Bartholomew Rm, The Square, Eynsham, OX29 4HW

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Around the village



→ The White Hart Quiz Massive

White Hart are Oxfordshire Pub Quiz League Champions!

By Jon Young

After 18 weeks of play during the Winter League, Eynsham's White Hart team took down their first county championship title in 10 years. The season was a topsy-turvy affair featuring a heated head-to-head rivalry with Hook Norton's Sun team (who ultimately took 2nd place).

With "tabletop quizzes" marking the end of the winter season and the start of the summer one, the White Hart now look ahead to defending their title.

About the Oxfordshire Quiz League: Each season, two leagues (a 4-team Premier League and a 9-team Championship) take on each other over weekly head-to-head pub quizzes. More info can be found on the Oxfordshire Quiz League Facebook page.

Eynsham pub quizzes

Looking for some pub quiz fun in Eynsham? These are the current quizzes you can turn up to and play.

Red Lion: 2nd Wednesday of each month. **White Hart:** Rich Craven's quiz, 1st Wednesday of each month. **The Swan:** Music Quiz, 2nd Monday of each month.

The Swan: Rotary Club Quiz, 4th Monday of each month

New Football Club Website

Eynsham Association Football Club has a brand-new website, www.eynshamfc.co.uk

Here you can find out all about teams, coaches, results and fixtures and see the range of sponsors who choose to support local grassroots football in Eynsham.

Play for Eynsham in 2024-25

Eynsham Youth has had 8 teams playing across 9 age groups this year and is looking to expand further in the 2024-25 season.

James Clark says, "We are looking for players for the new season starting in September. Do you have a potential player for a new U10s (Year 5 at Primary School) or our potential new U9s team (Year 4 at Primary School)? If so, get in touch on eynshamyouthfc@gmail.com. Eynsham AFC is committed to grassroots football and wants to offer young players the chance to play football together, walk to training in the village together and represent the village at home games here in Eynsham with our fabulous Eynsham supporters."



→ Chips from a sponsor

New Season Sponsors

Do you think you could help support local grassroots football by sponsoring a team kit or training tops? We can in return offer the thanks of the entire football club, share our thanks publicly via our website and other great publications like the Eynsham News. Every sponsor has a dedicated hyperlink from the Eynsham AFC website on www.eynshamfc.co.uk. Sponsorship starts at £199 going up to £499 so if you are interested in linking up with a team contact us and you can also be part of Team Eynsham.

Eynsham AFC sends Thanks

Eynsham AFC have a range of local

businesses who generously support them—OQEMA, Talmages Domestic Appliances, Howe and Co Fish and Chips, Taylors Cotswold Construction, Sartorelli's Pizza, KD Architectural Design, European Electronique and Penny and Sinclair Estate Agents. You can find links to all their sponsors on www.eynshamfc.co.uk and links to their respective websites. Please do support these generous local businesses where you can.



→ Eynsham Community Choir

Spring and summertime singing

by Sarah Medina

It's always a good time to join the Eynsham Community Choir in the Baptist Hall on Thursday evenings: 7:15pm for a cuppa and 7:30-9:00pm for singing. Open to all, really relaxed, with no pressure to sing in our occasional concerts (although they're lots of fun!). Since our last update, we have performed at a highly successful Rotary Club charity fundraising event alongside the inimitable Woodentops. And we have hosted the Big Spring Sing workshop in the Music Room for a joyous afternoon of communal singing. Watch out for future events, including a possible involvement on Carnival Day. Check our Facebook page for news, photos and videos. You can find us here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/246324555163945/> More info: www.emilyschoirs.co.uk Contact: Emily Marshall, 07969 522368

Bartholomew Players—please join us!

Denise Santilli reports: Fancy acting with one of Oxfordshire's leading amateur dramatics groups? We are looking for new talent to join our friendly group. Experience is valuable but not essential. We are particularly keen to attract men in their 20s, 30s,

40s, 50s, but everyone is welcome. If we can boost these demographics within our membership, a big raft of new plays becomes available for us to perform.

After our latest production—the cold war drama “Pack of Lies” in mid-May—we shall be meeting informally in the function room of the Red Lion at 7.30pm every Wednesday until the end of June to read plays. This will enable us to assess potential plays and cast for our autumn production, which will be staged in the village hall 27-30 November. Why not have a look at our website bartholomewplayers.co.uk/ and then come along to one of our sessions? We can't wait to meet you!

The Chosen

from Lucy Badger

Over the past winter at St Peter's Church, we screened all the episodes in Season 1 of *The Chosen*. It was great to welcome all those who came to watch this emotive historical drama of the life of Jesus with us. We are taking a break over the summer but please watch out for new episodes in the autumn.



→ Image: Sue Chapman

Remember the Gravel Lorries?

Construction lorries thundering through our streets were a familiar sight in the early 1970s but can you—or your family—lay hands on any more old photos?

Members of the Eynsham Society are keen to add more illustrations to their 'origin story', since their

evidence to a 1974 planning enquiry almost single-handedly put paid to any bid for western development for almost 50 years. Results from their traffic census on major routes in and out of the village particularly impressed the inspector; and one photo of people with clipboards counting passing cars and lorries by the entrance to the Playing Field, is especially well remembered but mislaid...

This, or any other photos, from their David & Goliath struggle would be most welcome! Please contact Jolyon Cox on 01865 880563 or secretary@eynshamsociety.org.uk



→ Andy Goodwin

A personal message from Andy Goodwin

“Today on 3rd May, I was elected by you as District Councillor for Eynsham, Cassington and South Leigh. As I watched the ballot papers opened late into the night it struck me the importance and honour of representing our villages.

I would like to thank the community of Eynsham for your support and faith in me. Eynsham is a great place to live, a welcoming friendly community, a perfect place to raise your family, make friends and grow. I will endeavour to do my best, listen and help where I can, thank you, Andy Goodwin M.07969 441 321, E. andy.goodwin@westoxon.gov.uk”

10,000 Thankyous from Eynsham Foodbank

This month will see the Foodbank make its 10,000th delivery.

This has only been possible due to the amazing team of volunteers and the fantastic financial support we have received from individuals and organisations in Eynsham plus some charity grants. Without such support we simply cannot function.

In the last 4+ years we have supported some 240 households and at present have 50 recipients of our service. Our running costs average about £10 per household so we need some £500 per week to continue operating. All our volunteers give of their time (and petrol!) without any payment.

A special thanks to all those who took up the invite to make a regular commitment via standing orders: This has become a vital source of funding.

Once again, the Eynsham community has demonstrated its ability to aid those in need.

If you think you might like to join the volunteers—as a shelf stacker, a food box packer or a delivery driver then please contact Bob Thiele on 07450 328530.

If you would like to support us financially our account details are Eynsham Good Neighbours Network, S/C 40-35-34, A/C No. 14162870

Your News

Eynsham News is a bi-monthly community newsletter, delivered free to every household in the village. It would not exist without input from all kinds of people in the village. You are always welcome to get in touch with your ideas, news, views and events by email to editor@eynshamnews.org.uk.

If you don't have access to email, you can now write to us with an old-fashioned pen and paper. Just label your envelope 'Eynsham News' and drop your submission off at Eynsham Library on Mill Street, either through the letterbox or to a member of the team who will kindly pass it on to us.

The deadline for material for our next edition is Sunday 7 July

Get outdoors



History all around us

Fr. Martin Flatman of the Eynsham Museum team unveils his research on the old farms that occupied the village during its early years.

Who would have thought that the Market Garden building was once 'Wintles' bustling farmyard filled with animals and equipment? In fact, if you walk around Eynsham, you may notice the remains of at least ten working farms that once populated the village.

For example, to the left of what is now the Post Office is the remains of a large, thatched cottage. It's all that is left of the Middle Farm. John Lopes Road was the site of Middle Farm's buildings, though nothing now remains.



Farming was so important that there was a cattle market in Swan Street (at the back of Old Farm on the corner of Abbey Street) and the Square in front of the Red Lion was once four times the size it is today! The Co-op and all the houses round it just weren't there, nor were the houses where Lyalls Café and Jesse's Art Shed now stand. This was because the Square was where the Market was held every week, when all the farms around Eynsham, not just the 10 in the village, bought and sold much of their produce. Want to find out about the other

farms? We'll be showcasing some of the history of Eynsham's farms in a new exhibition in the museum at the Bartholomew Room. Come along to see old photos, information, and some rare finds!

Going for Gold!

By Hannah Shaw

From litter picking to charity shopkeeping, this year many more students at Bartholomew School have been busy completing their Duke of Edinburgh awards, and helping the community in Eynsham as they go.

Participants take part in the award at Bronze, Silver and Gold level and spend time developing a skill, physical activity, going on an expedition across the countryside, and volunteering - among them lots of students at Bartholomew have volunteered in Eynsham, contributing by helping out nature and the Peace Oak Orchard, running clubs and social or sports groups, keeping the village clean, or supporting local charities.

Izzy is going for Silver

Izzy Marsh is completing Silver DofE and volunteers by helping in the Small but Mighty Theatre. Izzy helps for an hour a week by caring for the children, helping them build their confidence and develop their acting skills: "I take the kids into groups to help each child individually with the task and help ease the pressure off the director. I started in February 2023 to do Bronze DofE and after DofE I continued because I liked helping. I now still do it and am completing Silver DofE, I have done it for over a year."

Inspiring? There are lots of ways you, too, can get involved in volunteering and make a difference in the community. Looking at the Eynsham Online website is a good place to start. eynsham.org.uk/cat.aspx?n=charities-and-projects

If you are aged 14-25, many schools, colleges and organisations run the Duke of Edinburgh programme, for more information ask your school or visit the website dofe.org

Plots and Gardens

by Nick Clapton

Container gardening

Not everyone benefits from having a good area of garden available for growing flowers, fruit and vegetables, or even for having a lawn for children to play on.

If you only have a paved area, a patio, or even a balcony, plan carefully to make the most of container gardening. Pots, be they terracotta, plastic, resin, metal, are not the only containers possible. Anything from an old bucket with a hole in it, an old sink or even a worn-out pair of wellies can work.

The key to success is spending a bit of time researching the do's and don'ts. For example, if the pots you choose are too small for those 'mini apple trees' you'd like to grow, well, your chances of success are not very high. And if you don't have a plan for regular watering, crops in pots will very easily dry out and perish. Those two issues may be easy to understand, but there are more 'technical' ones too—for example, if you only have space for one small fruit tree, what are its chances of getting pollinated? But you can overcome that one by using a self-fertile variety. So, again, it's down to some good research.

On the 'plus' side, fruit and vegetables in pots can be placed in the right sunny position and are quite easy to protect early in the season if frost threatens (but assess carefully whether that large plot is too heavy to move by yourself!).



You will also do better if you plan to use the right compost in your container—ericaceous compost for the right 'acid' soil for blueberries, and in general don't expect regular 'multi-

purpose' compost to last beyond one season. And beware, container growing can still suffer from garden pests. Nick says, "I strongly advise treating your containers with a proprietary vine weevil killer. These nasty bugs are an utter menace, their larvae munching away at the roots of plants, which then collapse and die."

With a bit of forethought, careful potting, regular watering, and watching out for garden 'pests', you can use containers to grow strawberries, salad crops, tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers and so on—but also fruit like apples, pears, blackberries and even a grape vine. And on a summer evening, your patio will be filled with the scent of healthy plants.

Of his own garden, Nick says. "I keep seasonal containers simple: there is little to beat a plain terracotta pot filled with scarlet pelargoniums (for a sunny spot), or red begonias or bizzy lizzies (for a shady one, though white ones might show up better). Deadheading is necessary, to keep them flowering, and regular watering

also, but little other care is required, if you start with good compost.

I generally mix multi-purpose half-and-half with a soil-based one, like John Innes no. 3.

"Containers can also be used very effectively for long-term planting. In Oxfordshire we are nearly all on alkaline soil, so I have had several camellias, azaleas and pieris in pots of ericaceous compost for many years. Occasional re-potting is necessary (or at least the renewal of the top few inches of soil with fresh compost), and regular feeding, but they do very well. Many other smaller shrubs can be happy in a large pot, including roses, hydrangeas, cistus, and the smaller phormiums, and my hostas are all in containers and are much less nibbled than they otherwise would be. Agapanthus also enjoy pots, since being pot bound encourages them to flower. A layered planting of snowdrops, miniature iris, tulips, and daffodils can provide spring colour for many years (do this in the autumn, the larger bulbs at the bottom, the smaller ones towards the top. Once

flowering is finished, the pot can be tucked away till the next year)."

Eynsham Play and Activity Day

Friday 26 July, 11am-3pm

Free entrance, free activities for all the family and for all ages.

✧ Go Kart Party ✧ Body Zorbing
✧ Muzo Akademy II ✧ Climbing Wall
✧ Junk Modelling with Art Avalanche
✧ Smoothie Bike ✧ DIY Face Painting
✧ Fabric Upcycling with Groovy Su
✧ Giant Bubbles ✧ OCC-TYSS Youth Zone
✧ Tricky Trails Biking
✧ Toddler Ride on Vehicles ✧ Muddy Feet ✧ Arts & Crafts and more!

Oxford Road playing field (Pavilion side). Please note, NO childcare is provided at the event and this event will be photographed. There is NO parking on site. Food & refreshments will need to be purchased or please feel free to bring a picnic.

Info: T 07436 270267, E. martin.gillett@oxonplay.org.uk, W. oxonplay.org.uk

This event is funded and supported by Oxfordshire Play Association.

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Councillor Myth-Busting

What's stopping you joining us?

We know from many of our Councillors that the role is not what they expected. Likely it's not what you expect either. Let's debunk some myths:

Do I have to stand for election?

Elections are held every four years (the last was 2023) but the Council can recruit new Councillors to fill vacancies between elections. It's a relatively quick and informal process: start by having a chat with our Chair and attending a meeting.

I just won't have the time—I have a job too!

Most Councillors also work full time and many have families and hobbies too. Our meetings are monthly, on Tuesday evenings. Anything else Councillors undertake is voluntarily.

I know nothing about local governance.

No one does before they join. Our Councillors are helpful—feel free to ask questions. Anything technical, procedural or policy-based will be overseen by our Clerk.

I don't think I'm the right kind of person for the Council.

Anyone who lives or works in the Parish and cares about the community is ideal. The more diversity we have on the Council, the easier it is to do what's best for the community.

I doubt I'm eligible.

You probably are. The full eligibility criteria is on our website but generally you just need to be 18 or older, a British/Commonwealth/EU citizen and be living or working in the area. If you're thinking about it, email us on epc.comms@eynsham-pc.gov.uk for a chat.

What others say: A Parish Councillor in the Financial Times

“Our agenda isn't world-beating, but that's the point. The sole purpose of the council is to serve residents...We simply want to make life here as safe, comfortable and happy as we can.

With only scant funds, we can't throw money at a problem. But we can listen and try to craft a good outcome for everyone.”

Why more executive careers should start in a Parish Council, Margaret Heffernan, The Financial Times, 15 April 2024, <https://ft.pressreader.com>

Our Councillors say:

“We're united by a common desire to serve the community—it's an inspiring group to be a part of.”

Cllr Milly Chen

“I really enjoy learning about what is going on in the village and the surrounding areas.”

Cllr Beth Partlett

“Being involved with village activities can be hugely rewarding.”

Cllr Andy Mosson

Dates for your Diary

28 May Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm

***18 June Full Council Meeting 7.30pm**

***16 July Full Council Meeting 7.30pm**

*All meetings take place at the Village Hall. Links for watching remotely are available in the agenda on the website. Members of the public are always welcome. *To be confirmed*

A Note from the Chair



Previously, I mentioned the High Court ruling against the Government's Salt Cross Garden Village (SCGV) APP inspection.

We now know more about next steps. The Government inspector will conduct a further hearing focused on Policy 2, Net Zero Carbon Development and any items that are closely linked, such as viability. This is expected to take place later in 2024. Until then, planning work is effectively on hold.

Have you spotted that the Eynsham Park and Ride is nearly complete? It won't be operational until the A40 bus lane can be constructed, a project which is still awaiting decisions from OCC and Homes England (funders of the work). We expect an update shortly and anticipate that the scheme will be scaled back to reduce costs.

Our main article this month is about joining the Parish Council. We are always delighted when someone approaches us expressing an interest and we usually start the process with a chat over a coffee; it's painless! We're currently low on Councillors, which does restrict how much we can achieve for the community. Considering it's an election year, it's worth mentioning that Councillors do not need to be affiliated to a political party—none of our Councillors are currently. Our Councillors are entirely focused on doing what's best for our community

Finally, if your group or organisation is looking for some space to meet, get in touch with us about the Village Hall. There are two great spaces available to hire, the main hall and a smaller hall alongside it. Contact Stephanie on bookings@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

From the Clerk's Desk



Over the last couple of months, the Council has reviewed its projects for the current year. Priority projects are:

- Rebuild Sports Pavilion (with Eynsham Parks charity)
- New Burial Ground
- New Equipment for the Dovehouse Close Play Area
- In-house grounds maintenance
- Liaise with landowners re. Wharf Stream Way
- New developments Stewardship Plan
- Reduce HGV traffic throughout the village
- Eynsham Art Trail Project
- Village Hall improvements
- Update Eynsham Neighbourhood Plan

Some of these projects are ongoing from last year while others—such as tackling HGV traffic, Village Hall improvements and the Art Trail Project—are new.

Land for a new Burial Ground has been identified and agreed in principle, but further progress is delayed by planning obligation agreement work which will take some time to resolve. The Council continues to push Oxfordshire County Council (landowners) to do what is right for the community, now.

There is a need to scale back the approved designs for the Sports Pavilion due to expected costs. We received some feedback from residents on what they'd like from the new building at our recent Annual Parish Meeting but we'd welcome more input from anyone who was unable to attend. Email me at epc.clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk with 'Sports Pavilion' as your subject.

Meet a Councillor: Ann Partlett



When did you become a Councillor?

I joined Eynsham Parish Council in September 2022. A couple of friends who are already on the Council have been trying to persuade me for a while, so I decided to give it a go.

Why did you want to join?

I joined because as I was born in the village; it's very important to me and I wasn't too happy with some of the changes that were happening.

What has been surprising?

How friendly, supportive and very hard working all the other Councillors are. They are patient too—I ask a lot of questions! I always thought it would be very intimidating to be on the Council, but it isn't at all.

What do you like about Eynsham?

Eynsham is a great village with a friendly community and we need to try and ensure it stays this way, while doing what we can around biodiversity and looking after our green spaces—this is one of the things that is most important to me.

What do you do outside being a Councillor?

I work for Barclays Bank in Oxford. In my spare time I enjoy playing badminton, dancing, walking and generally trying to keep fit or spending time with my family.

What do you enjoy about being a Councillor?

There has been a lot going on since I joined. It can be challenging, but it's been very interesting—it certainly gives you a different perspective!

Contact Ann on:
ann.partlett@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Events Preview



→ Find the Eynsham Museum on the Square

News from the Museum

by Steve Parrinder

The last day of the exhibition on 'Eynsham's Lost Railway' was on 27 May. However, don't despair if you still hadn't got round to seeing the remarkable working model of Eynsham Station and its environs as they were in 1958.

A new exhibition on 'Rural Eynsham' incorporates the model into the story as the coming of the railway in 1861 significantly contributed to the decline of the village as an isolated, largely agricultural, and self-contained unit, opening new possibilities for its residents; this was given further impetus by the expansion of road transport from the 1930s onwards.

Amongst other things the exhibition will include a photographic display of Eynsham's farming and development over the years, a video of some of Eynsham's surviving farm buildings (see Father Martin Flatman's article), artefacts of rural trades and occupations, maps, a jigsaw puzzle and, of course, the model railway!

The exhibition opens on Saturday 13 July and continues every weekend and Bank Holiday, 11 am to 4 pm, until Sunday 27 October.

The museum is run by volunteers and free to visitors, but donations are very welcome to help the charity pay its bills and plan for the future.

Spring/Summer Craft sessions at the Peace Oak

by Les Swarbrick

For those of you who have never visited the Peace Oak and the grounds around it, the Peace Oak Association owns and looks after a 2-acre field off

Cassington Road with its entrance through Cobbetts Close. It is a beautiful site with mature trees, an orchard of apples and fruit, wildflower meadows, a pond, a small vineyard, willow creations and more. Following on from the success of the craft sessions last year, there is a new selection of crafts for you to try your hand at.



→ Making a salt/jam pot

7 June, 7-9pm

Making a salt or jam pot, with Alison Holmans

21st June

Leather boxes with Will Banks

5th July

Greenwood Carving with David Knight

19th July

Straw Work with Penny Maltby

19th July

Fun with nettles with Janet and David

2nd August

Willow Work with Willow Coppice

To book any of these sessions, go to peace-oak.eventcube.io Priority is given to members, but anyone is welcome. At each of these sessions there will be a fire to sit around and chat, even if you are not doing any crafts.

If you would like to pop down and see for yourselves what is at the Peace Oak, you would be very welcome to have a look around; families or individuals, all ages. Ignore the members only sign on this occasion!

The Peace Oak has regular sessions where members contribute to the upkeep of the land, and special days such as an Apple Drop in June where we'll be thinning the apples to ensure a good crop later in the year.

For more information about becoming a member, contact PeaceOakOrchard@gmail.com



→ Morris Minor Police Panda Car

More Than Meets the Eye at Oxford Bus Museum

By Frank Collingwood

Did you know that Oxford Bus Museum contains much more than just buses? In addition to the superb bus collection, there are collections of staff uniforms and ticket machines, a restored 1881 horse-drawn tram and old photographs of Oxfordshire. Look out, too, for the Morris Motors Museum, which features 20 Morris cars and plenty of photos of the original Cowley factory.

Finally, the bicycle collection features the first bike ever built by Morris (on display until September), a replica 1821 hobby horse, and a BSA Airborne folding bike used by WWII paratroopers!

Dates for the diary

Sunday 9 June: Historic Cycle Day
Sunday 16 June: Dads get FREE ENTRY on Fathers' Day
Sunday 14 July: Classic Car Day
Free heritage bus rides at 12.15 p.m. and 2.15 p.m. on the first and third Sunday of the month and Bank Holidays until September.
oxfordbusmuseum.org.uk

The Mysterious Death of the Marchesa Pallvicino

A Sherlock Holmes Murder Mystery presented by Eynsham Rotary Club

Saturday 8 June, 7pm, Eynsham Village Hall, Ploughman's Supper, Bar, Raffle. Tickets £18 from Eynsham DIY, Roy Wilkinson 01865 883917, Philip Spencer 01865 881025, or trybooking.com/uk/DJCQ

Events Diary

See more at [Eynsham Online](#)

Eynsham Art Group

27 June, 7:30pm in The Music Room,
A talk by Hannah Vickery,
expressive artist.

Eynsham Shirt Race and Carnival

6 July

Eynsham Repair Café

3 July, 2pm at the Scout Hall
This is a change of venue.
Normally available—sewing, (creative)
darning, small electrical repairs and
tool sharpening. Sometimes wood
repairs and bike repairs. Arrive early
to avoid disappointment! Drinks and
cakes are available while you wait

Garden Club

8 June, trip to Coughton Court house
and garden in Warwickshire
Contact Simon for further details
Also Weds 12 June, 7.30pm in the
village hall
A talk by Howard Drury
“Encouraging birds in to your garden”
Members and visitors welcome to
both (£5 for visitors for the talk)

Run Whytham Woods

9 June
Details at [runwhythamwoods.org](#)

Bridewell Gardens Open Days

9 June, 14 July, 15 Sept 11am-4pm
Entrance: donation £5 for mental
health. A pop-up café, plants,
produce, organic sparkling wine
from our vineyard for sale
Bridewell's walled garden & organic
vineyard are at OX7 3DT

Plant-Based Cookery Demonstration

15 June 12pm, at the Cherry Tree Cafe
The Cherry Tree Café will also run
a plant-based BBQ

Evidence-based Weight Loss

15 June, 4-5:30pm in Eynsham Scout
Hall (Free entry)
An amazing film from world-
renowned author Dr. Michael Greger,
who shows how to lose weight with
a wholesome plant-based diet.

‘In Steam’ themed event— ‘Environmental Day’

16 June at Combe Mill, OX29 8ET
Also 16 July, ‘Wildlife by the Evenlode’
10.30am to 5.00pm.

Combe Mill is a late 19 century
restored water mill by the River
Evenlode. All the machinery will be
running—come and see the
blacksmiths in the forge and make
a poker. Tea room will be open, BBQ,
gift shop, tombola and raffle
Dog on leads most welcome. Parking
free. Adults £9.00, seniors £7.00,
accompanied children FREE

The Mikron Theatre

28 July, 2pm at Eynsham Cricket Field
Food available, ‘posh’ sandwiches
and the bar will be open. This event is
a donation theatre, no booking, please
bring your own seats. Mikron Theatre
have been performing in Eynsham
annually for over 30 years.

Regular events

Bump to One

Mondays from 10.30am to midday in
St. Leonard's church. For mums-to-be,
and mums with kids up to age 1

Zumba® classes in Eynsham

Wednesdays at 9.30am and Fridays
at 7.30pm (term-time), Baptist Church
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book, £7 on the door. Everyone's
invited! Info: bethstephensonsemail@gmail.com

Walkie Talkies

Mondays 10-11.30am (term time),
St. Leonard's Church Hall
Local playgroup led by volunteers
from St Leonard's Church, who
provide support to parents and young
children. Suitable for 0-4's. Only £1
donation per family!

Eynsham Choral Society

Tuesday evenings at Eynsham
Primary School
Details at [eynshamchoral.org](#)

Warm Welcome Wednesday

From 10.30am to midday,
St Leonard's Church
Company and conversation

Busy Bees baby & toddler group

Every Friday in term, 9.30-11am,
Baptist Church Hall
£2.50 per family, including drinks
and snacks.

Eynsham Community Choir

Thursdays 7:15pm for tea, 7:30pm-9pm
singing, Baptist Church Hall
No experience necessary. More info:
emilyschoirs.co.uk

Eynsham Library Opening

Monday:	9.30am-1pm, 2-5pm
Tuesday:	Closed
Wed/Thr/:	1-5pm
Friday:	1-7pm
Saturday:	9.30am-1pm
Sunday:	Closed

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Eynsham Baptist Church

Main Sunday event at 10.30am

Lombard Street, Eynsham OX29 4HT
eynshambaptistchurch.co.uk,
Tel: [01865882203](tel:01865882203) Email: eynsham.baptists@gmail.com To book the church hall, call [07554012535](tel:07554012535) or email: rccarley@outlook.com

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Main Sunday event at 10.30am

On the Market Square
stleonardseynsham.org.uk
Church Administrator: Louise Parker
Tel: [01865883325](tel:01865883325) Email: stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com
The Church Hall can be booked for events

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Sunday Mass at 10am

Abbey Street, Eynsham
Witney OX29 4HR
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