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*A visit to the proposed Garden Village site, reported overleaf –
image © Katherine Doughty*

Step outside!



The fastest and easiest way to improve your mood is to spend a few minutes with nature, recent research has confirmed. Spending just five minutes in a green environment can bring fresh perspectives and renew your energy – in fact, the first five minutes are the most effective. Almost any patch of green will do the trick.

So, consider stepping outside for a few minutes next time you take a break. You might come back a lot happier.

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A special place

*As shared with Parish Council Clerk
Katherine Doughty*

On a sunny Wednesday morning at the end of February, I joined a walking tour of the land north of the A40, site of the planned Garden Village.

It was a beautiful day, which really brought home to me the richness of wildlife there. We were surrounded by the song of skylarks and yellowhammers, buzzards flying overhead and a woodpecker hammering away in the distance. Off the beaten track is a small lake, a habitat for ducks and geese, and surrounded by bulrush.

The area is such a fantastic haven for wildlife thanks to the careful stewardship of the farmland using traditional organic techniques. City Farm on the northern edge of the site, is particularly rich in plant life, where instead of artificial fertiliser, nitrogen-fixing plants are cultivated on a 3 to 4 year cycle to provide nutrients for the crops. For me, a priority must be preserving whatever is possible of this wonderful landscape.

Parish councillors' comments are guarded at present in view of the imminent elections: more details on pages 7 and 17 – Ed

Still working for you

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GET IN TOUCH! Local stories, snaps and snippets are always welcome – and corrections also, thanks! Next issue will be out on 17 May – copy deadline Friday 10 May, though advance notice really helps if you'd like some room to spread.

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EYNSHAM NEWS NEEDS YOU!

The Eynsham News print run covers every home and business in our parish. At present it is financed solely by businesses in the parish. We know businesses are choosing many marketing and advertising options these days. We too are exploring new funding streams, to keep up with the likelihood of rising print costs plus inevitable increase in housing.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Please contact Sandy Hellig if you'd like to be a part of this great resource – details on page 2. Below, outgoing treasurer Tom Smith explains how Eynsham News has worked for him – our thanks for his support.

'I took over the treasurer role 3 years ago whilst in the early years of my financial advice business for two reasons: firstly to be able to give back to the local community and secondly to allow me to get to know the local businesses so I understood how I could help them and conversely see if they would be able to help my business grow.

'During these years I have made many contacts and feel that my business is now becoming well known within the local business community. However, with a heavy heart I must now move on as the business has got considerably busier and I simply do not have the time, especially as the main period as the treasurer is early April, which clashes with the end of the tax year, a very busy time for me with clients ensuring they are using their ISA & pension allowances for that year.'

The lost words

This award winning book by Robert Macfarlane, with beautiful illustrations by Jackie Morris, is a magical book of poems, intended to be read aloud. It was inspired by the removal of words like acorn, bluebell, conker, kingfisher and otter from the Oxford Junior Dictionary. The natural world is conjured up and comes alive – reconnecting children with nature.

A successful Crowdfunder campaign to provide a copy to every primary and special school in Oxfordshire – and over 30 other areas of the UK – is now expanding to resource packs, themed trails, etc.

Next, a project for the Garden Village site? Check out @LOxfordshire for the Eynsham connection! – Ed

Eynsham churches

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

www.stleonardseynsham.org.uk

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SUNDAY SERVICES Holy

Communion 09.00, Morning Service

10:45, Evening Service 18:00

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

www.stpeterseynsham.org.uk

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SUNDAY SERVICE Sunday Mass

10:00

Saturday Mass of Sunday 17.00

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Church 10:30; Songs of Praise 2nd

Sunday of month 15:00.

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Childcare: Health Visitors, 01993 881887

Chiropody: Baptist Church Hall 2nd Monday, 01865 880871

Dentists: 4 Cassington Road, 01865 880047

Dogs: WODC, 01993 861000

Electoral Services: WODC, 01993 861410

Fire Station: Station Road, 01865 881337; emergencies 999

Flooding: early warning 0345 988 1188; sandbags WODC 01993 861000 (out of hours 01513 432945)

Gas: enquiries 0845 835 1111, leaks 0800 111 999

Good Neighbour Scheme: free volunteer help at home, 07443 564516

Grass Cutting: Parish Council, 07956 901622

Hazeldene Close: roads & street lights Taylor Wimpey, 01235 541900; open spaces Remus, 0121 766 1480

Library: 30 Mill Street, 01865 880525

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Neighbourhood Watch: 07833 696643

Noise: WODC, 0151 3432945 (24 hours)

Pest Control: WODC, 01993 861000

Planning: applications WODC 01993 861420

Play Areas: Parish Council, 07956 901622

Playing Fields: Management Committee Sue Brown, 01865 464267

Police: incident reporting 101, emergencies 999

Post Office: 39 Mill Street

Power Cuts: 105

Primary School: Beech Road, 01865 881294

Recycling: District Council, 01993 861025

Road Repairs: Oxfordshire Highways, 0345 310 1111 – emergency reports only

Social Care: (OCC), 0345 050 7666, emergencies 0800 833408

Sports Centre: Back Lane, 01865 731090

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Halls for hire

*Photos, maps and lots more info at
Eynsham Online – Venue Hire*

Baptist Church Hall: 07900 066471

Bartholomew Room / Sports Pavilion:
07956 901622

Cricket Pavilion 07872 103262

Scout Hall: 01865 881787

Social & Sports Club: 01865 881234

St Leonard's Hall: 01865 881690

Tolkien Room & garden: 01865
881613

Village Hall: 07935 832702

White Hart Function Room: 01865
883093

*The Village Hall kitchen now has a
commercial dishwasher, available to
hirers of the hall at no extra cost. We
also have an accumulation of forgotten
clothing and similar items! Please
contact the secretary Eve Hollis with a
description if you think it may be
yours: 07721 004646*

Back in time

The makers of the hit BBC2 series 'Back in Time for Tea' and 'Back in Time for School' are looking for a new family to immerse themselves in the past. Do you have memories of, or family connections to, the countryside and village life? Families must be UK residents and have a minimum of 3 children, ideally aged 8-plus. For more information and to apply visit **walltowall.co.uk**

Public services

*Eynsham Parish Council Clerk
Katherine Doughty reports on recent / current work.*

ROUNABOUT SPONSORSHIP:

The National Association of Local Councils has given us legal support in principle to undertake a scheme on the B4449 roundabouts. This will allow sponsors to have suitable signage, funds from which will enable the roundabouts to be refurbished, planted with shrubs and regularly maintained. Please contact the Clerk if your company / organisation would like to register an interest.

PRECEPT / BUDGET: Details have been signed off for the coming financial year and can be found in the Finance area of our website at bit.ly/2PSIDAs

PAVILION RE-BUILD: The Council is due to meet SWA Architects and stakeholders to consider the revised plans following some initial feedback. The current design includes a first floor which can be divided into two areas and used for events, classes, etc; a balcony overlooking the playing field to the south; and a disability lift. The

ground floor will have 4-6 disability compliant changing rooms, referee rooms, a lobby area and lock-up storage units to the rear.

DEVELOPMENTS TO WEST AND NORTH:

We continue to represent the community with the ongoing development consultations and meetings. *Comments from parish councillors are guarded at present in view of the imminent elections; other voices on page 17 – Ed*

ELECTIONS: Parish Council elections will be held on Thursday 2 May. We are a very busy council of 15 members with individual interests or specialisms, who work together to progress the Council's priorities. In view of ongoing projects and the volume of development proposals, a commitment and willingness to work for the community is key. Members attend one or two committees, each meeting 2-4 times a year, in addition to the Full Council meeting, held in the Bartholomew Room at 19:30 on the *second* Tuesday of the month with effect from 14 May. Please see eynsham-pc.gov.uk

PLAY & ACTIVITY DAY: By popular demand, we are working with Oxfordshire Play Association to hold another event on Friday 26 July. Please contact the Clerk if you would like to attend, to promote what you offer to local

families, children and young people and provide a fun activity for families to enjoy. We are also holding a **skateboard workshop / demonstration** at the Skate Park on the same day courtesy of King Ramps. Put the date in your diary – details to follow!

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING:

Please also note this public meeting at 19:30 on 23 April at the Village Hall. Village organisations are to upload their annual report to the website for distribution at the meeting.

GRANTS FOR GROUPS: Does your club, charity or voluntary organisation need financial assistance? The Parish Council allocates £2500 each year for grants to local groups of this sort. Amounts paid are usually between £100 and £400. You can download an application form from our website or contact the Clerk to have one posted or emailed. Deadline to apply for a grant covering financial year 2020-21 is 26 November 2019.

This year, the Council approved grants to Eynsham Good Neighbour Network (£400), Eynsham Baptist Church 'Funky Friday' (£300), Three Churches Holiday Club (£200), Oasis (£275), Oxfordshire Play Association (£500), Eynsham Litter Pickers (£150), Royal British Legion (£150)

and West Oxfordshire Citizens Advice Bureau (£250).

Our great outdoors

Sue Osborne – Chair, Fishponds & Footpaths Committees

The final piece on the Wharf Stream Way art trail should have been installed by the time you read this, weather permitting. It is in the form of a carved bench, by artist Will Glanfield, sited on the bank of the Thames close to the weir, between points C and D on the downloadable map at www.tinyurl.com/wswmap

Please do enjoy the trail, which highlights and illustrates much of Eynsham's heritage.

The part of Footpath 206/7 which hugs the north bank of the Wharf Stream between Siemens and the footbridge has recently been cleared so that the correct route can now be followed. It was previously very overgrown and the path meandered through the field, from which the stream can't be seen. Do go and walk along the cleared stretch if you can: the views of the pretty waterway are lovely; there is lots of wildlife to be seen; and in doing so you will be helping to keep the path clear.

Following the Fishponds working party in December, when a small section of the dry stone wall along

the northern edge was restored, many of you will have noticed that the work has continued apace. A much longer stretch has now been completed, which is fantastic, and I'd like to thank the small band of volunteers who are turning out regularly to do it – it's transforming the area and is certainly very much appreciated by all who enjoy the Fishponds!

The worn-out boardwalk at the eastern edge of the site should be replaced very soon, following the consideration of several quotes by the Parish Council.

Planning update

Dennis Stukenbroeker – Chair, EPC Planning Committee

When the large red lion appeared on the front of the eponymous pub in the Square, it was a Marmite moment for Eynsham residents. And it didn't have planning permission. A retrospective application (18/01307/ADV) by then owners, Heritage Leisure, has been refused by West Oxfordshire District Council.

Planning officer Kelly Murray said, 'The large wall painting, due to its size, bold, stencilled design and bright red colouring, is prominently visible from the street scene and appears as an alien, distracting and visually incongruous feature in its setting, being unsympathetic to

the character and historic interest of the host building and failing to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the surrounding Conservation Area'.

Eynsham Parish Council also objected to the lion on the Grade II listed building but thought it might be OK if it was a bit smaller and they brought back the hanging baskets.

The Red Lion was bought from Greene King, along with hundreds of other pubs, by Hawthorne Leisure, which has since been bought by NewRiver Real Estate Investment Trust, which now owns 650 pubs, as well as shopping centres, around the country.

The Planning Committee meeting in March was like old times. Instead of applications and endless amendments by big builders for hundreds of houses, the Committee just looked at a half dozen applications by real people in the village for changes to their own homes. There were applications for three new dwellings in a garden in Elms Place and for a self-contained annexe and garage in Tanners Lane. Otherwise it was extensions in Hazeldene Close and Witney Road, the extension of a dormer window in Evans Road and the renovation of a kitchen in a 1720 listed building in Acre End Street.

All planning applications can be seen online at
westoxon.gov.uk/planning

The County Council continues work on its proposed Park & Ride and bus lane, with the business plan still unpublished. The Parish Council has reiterated its 'concerns at the irreparable damage the proposed development will cause' and 'remain unconvinced that the Park & Ride is in the best location to ensure maximum modal shift from car to bus'. Meanwhile, the Stagecoach route 11 bus serving Eynsham, Freeland, Long Hanborough and North Leigh (formerly subsidised by OCC) is to be withdrawn with effect from 29 April – Ed

GRANTS FOR LOCAL PEOPLE: Eynsham Consolidated Charity can make grants to relieve need, hardship or distress. The Bartholomew Educational Foundation can make grants to students, apprentices, etc. aged under 25. The trustees meet four times a year, in February, May, late August or early September, and November.

If you need help, or know of someone who needs help, or want more information, write to the Charities' Clerk Robin Mitchell at 20 High Street, Eynsham OX29 4HB or email eynshamcharities@gmail.com

Patients' corner

Thanks again to Graham Maynard for his regular report

In this issue, three important messages from the surgery. Firstly, it would be helpful if patients took more notice of their chronic disease reviews, especially for asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD). I know lots of people think they are managing their conditions well, but it's always worth attending a review by a clinician because the professional may be able to highlight things that you aren't aware of.

Next, partly as an efficiency measure but also to speed communication, the GPs are increasingly texting patients with results of tests or requests to make an appointment. Most of us seem happy about this but a few are not. The reasons that the GPs are using texts is because they are quick, so you get the information sooner than if the surgery had to ring and you also can read the message at your leisure; moreover, the surgery saves time as staff don't have to relay messages from the doctor. Obviously, if you would still like to speak to a GP, you can contact the practice and arrange a telephone appointment; but in most cases the text should contain all the information you need.

Lastly, the surgery has reluctantly decided to stop providing an ear irrigation service. Ear irrigation is something that practices have hitherto provided without reimbursement but, in recent years, there has been an significant increase in the workload of their nursing team, for example blood tests, ECGs, NHS health checks, dressings, injections, spirometry (measuring how much air you can breathe out in one forced breath); so they need to create time for the nursing team to do this essential work. Patients who need help with managing ear wax problems can obtain a self-care information leaflet from local pharmacies or online (have a look at [nhs.uk/conditions/earwax-build-up](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/earwax-build-up)). Armed with this, most people will find that they are able to resolve their problem.

Did you know that people who actively commute – walk, cycle or take public transport – have a lower BMI and absorb less pollution than car drivers? asks Parish Cllr Tricia Crowley. You need never wait for the S1 bus if you check live departures on your smartphone. Register the number of your favourite stop and text it to OXONTIME.

CHILD HEALTH CLINICS for 'Bumps, Babies and Bouncers' continue on Fridays 13:30-15:00 at the Village Hall. Outside those times you can contact Health

Visitor Claire Larsen at Long Hanborough: call 01993 881887 or oxfordhealth.eynshamwoodstockhv@nhs.net
Messages left after 16:00 may not be answered until the following day.

A new chapter

Eynsham Community Primary School is busy building stronger links with the community

This term has seen Ginny Bayliss appointed as the substantive Head teacher at Eynsham Primary school. Since arriving last year, Mrs Bayliss has made significant changes which have brought about further improvements in relation to teaching, learning and behaviour. She has been developing the curriculum to engage and enthuse the children and continues to create exciting opportunities for the children. Examples of this include an author visiting the school during World Book day and working with the local industry to develop the children's knowledge in Science.

Mrs Bayliss is passionate about working with the community of Eynsham and has been impressed with the support from local community groups. The school are visiting the nursing home, day centre, the pre-school and the library, helping to make the community links stronger and providing depth of learning to the children. Staff members have also

been visiting toddler groups in the area to get to know the future Eynsham pupils.

If you are a parent of a pre-school aged child, we would welcome you to visit the school to see the changes that are taking place here. The school is holding a nursery open morning on 25 Thursday April at 09:15 with a Head Teachers welcome. There will be a 'stay and play' session for parents & toddlers every Thursday (during term time) from 9 May – 13 June 09:45-10:45 for all 2-3 year olds: £2.50 including a snack and a drink.

Please contact the school for more details on 01865 881294 or office.2209@eynsham.oxon.sch.uk where you will receive a warm welcome.

Talking parking

Thanks to Sandy Hellig for the latest update from the Eynsham Retail Group

Eynsham Retail Group has been discussing with Parish and District councillors – and informally with many of our residential neighbours – the possibility of marked parking bays that will be time limited during office hours, Monday to Friday. The response to date has been overwhelmingly positive.

Our primary aim is to ensure reasonable access to our shops for

all in Eynsham and the surrounding villages.

We are requesting four sets of double parking bays in total – outside shops on the High Street and Mill Street as well as one marked loading bay.

The procedure for this to go forward involves, amongst other things, an official consultation. Before this happens, we are interested in your thoughts so please pop into our shops to find out why we feel the timed bays are necessary and share your feelings on the matter.

We look forward to talking parking!

NEWSPAPER DELIVERIES:

Newslink, based in Witney, now offer home delivery to Eynsham – weekends only if you wish – and you can try the service for 8 weeks with no delivery change. Call 01993 702382 or email info@newslinkwitney.co.uk

EYNSHAM POST OFFICE:

Heartfelt sympathies and best wishes to Hitesh & Anita, following the horrific break-in at their shop in the early hours of 2 February. I'm sure every reader will join in hoping to see them and their comprehensive service back at the heart of the village soon – Ed

Home front

An official statement from St Leonard's church

With the existing St Leonard's churchyard having no new burial spaces available there has, for some time, been a considerable strain on space for burials in Eynsham, with no obvious solutions forthcoming. To provide an interim solution, in consultation with the Diocese of Oxford and the Parish Council, we have been exploring the possibility of reusing parts of the churchyard.

We have initially identified a suitable part of the churchyard, the northwest corner, where there have either been no previous burials or where the burials are over 100 years old and are unmarked. In time we will look to free up more space by extending this area. Prior to doing so we will attempt to contact any existing descendants of marked graves. We will then apply to the Diocese for permission to remove the gravestones in this area, which will be respectfully placed at the side of the churchyard as a lasting memorial.

If you have any questions or concerns about our proposal please contact our administrator in the church office on 01865 883325 (Monday-Thursday morning) or

email

stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

'A place to grow'...

West Oxfordshire District Council suggested that it would be helpful to reiterate the role of the community in developing an Area Action Plan for the garden village. Here is their contribution

Thoughts and ideas to help formulate the Oxfordshire Cotswold Garden Village are being drawn from a number of sources and voices.

At the heart of a collaborative design approach is a Community Forum established to enable local community group representatives to openly discuss aspirations and ideas.

Working collectively, everyone can have a role to play in developing homes for all: connecting to and complementing local villages, towns and people. Find out more at Oxfordshire Cotswolds Garden Village website
thegardenvillage.org

The Forum has visited the Bicester Graven Hill self-build community featured in the Grand Designs programme and Elmsbrook built with eco-town principles. Other developments (Cambourne and Trumpington Meadows in Cambridge and Letchworth and

Welwyn Garden Cities) have also been visited.

Oxford Brookes Urban Design 2nd year students are studying the Garden Village for their master planning module and will be discussing their ideas with the Community Forum. There will also be design workshops in May to look at design options for the Garden Village.

Discussions, ideas, expert reports and workshop results will all contribute to an Area Action Plan Options paper which the public will be consulted on this summer. Consultation responses will inform an Area Action Plan which the public will be consulted on before submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

We look forward to continuing to engage with people and organisations to achieve the best outcomes for existing and new communities associated with the proposed Garden Village.



Oxfordshire 2050 is part of a £215m Housing & Growth Deal agreed by the Oxfordshire Growth Board with the Government, now being formed by all authorities in the county. A 'call for strategic

location ideas' is open until Friday 12 April at oxfordshireplan.org

Greater Eynsham

Fr Martin Flatman walked out of last month's Garden Village Community Forum, refusing to be complicit in the process: 'getting us involved felt more like softening us up'. He pointed to the A40, the elephant in the room; the lack of coordination by our county and district planners; and the pretence that this will be separate from Eynsham. A statement from other residents follows

While Eynsham struggles to cope with the impact of 160 houses being built at Thornbury Road, plans for another 3200 are progressing. EPIC and other groups, along with the Parish Council, are working hard to get the best possible outcome for Eynsham – but it is not easy!

We have walked the garden village site and explored its treasures, attended three community forums and three study tours (including recent developments in Bicester and Cambridge and the original garden cities at Letchworth and Welwyn Garden City), attended other meetings and given detailed feedback and constructive suggestions.

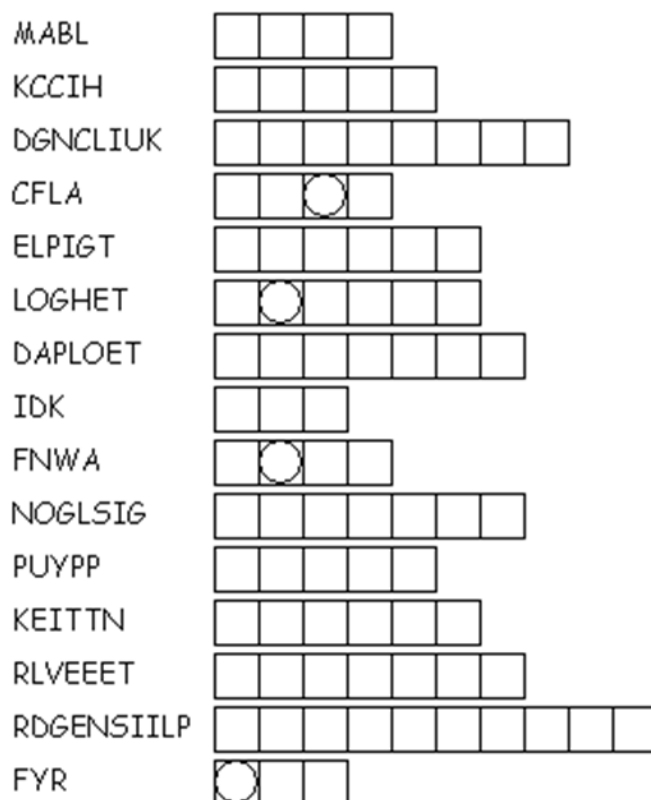
However, we really wonder how our views will shape the future as, despite our best efforts, WODC seems to regard the community forum as a talking shop and is unwilling to provide us with written information, records, conclusion or actions – or even a list of attendees. Many of us have expressed concerns about the superficial level of discussion, lack of transparency and need for independent facilitation. WODC says it is not obliged to deliver the forums which are outside the formal consultation process. We need a strong, effective and well informed voice; but Eynsham residents seem to be a minority in this process and numbers are falling as disillusionment grows. We continue to ask for independent facilitation of workshops but despite some positive noises it is still far from clear how this will work.

West Eynsham has slipped below the radar with so much attention on the garden village; but it will affect us even more directly. Meanwhile the developer Berkeley Strategic has appointed a masterplanner and there may be more community planning workshops. This is all a lot for us to deal with and of course we keep saying that the whole of Eynsham should be planned together. WODC recently announced an extra £150k which

could be used to ensure that the transformation of Eynsham is managed with vision, independence and transparency to benefit the entire community. We are still waiting to hear how this will be achieved.

[Signed] EPIC, The Eynsham Society, City Farm Management Company, GreenTEA

Over to you



Unscramble these words for baby animals; then take the letters from the circles and unscramble them for one last little creature. Thanks to Sarah Medina for this puzzle – answers at eynshamnews.org.uk

CONVERSATIONS WITH

READERS: Thanks as ever for your comments and queries – our last issue produced a bumper bundle. Good news for a start: you can happily recycle Eynsham News once you've read it (and cut out anything you want to keep). We've thought of using recycled paper but the environmental benefits are debatable, as our printer explains below.

'For all the talk of local recycling, paper manufacture involves giant cargo ships ferrying pulp across the world – then shipping recycled paper back – because we've no commercial paper mills left here. It's an international industry, with more profit to be made from sales to Australia and the Far East than to the UK... so we end up with local shortages and prices continuously rise.'

Now, a hat trick of errors to confess – what should we do without your eagle eyes?

- The giant frieze masterminded by Peggy Garland was for the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977, not 2007 as stated. Apologies to Don and Sue.
- The photo of the tug on the frozen Thames was taken by Brian McCreadie on 11 January 1982; and the man on the deck was Mick Marshall.

- The Carers' Group still meets at 11:00-12:00 on the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

BIGGER AND BETTER? Would a large print version of the Eynsham News be helpful to you, or to any of your family and friends? It can easily be produced on a regular basis, if we can find an acceptable format. From discussion with some of with our older residents, we've registered that one typesize may not suit all; that 'sans-serif' font may be preferred; and that text may be better left-aligned, instead of spreading across the column.

Print and distribution are even trickier, though community spirit has triumphed in the past! Please contact Joan Stonham if you're interested – details on page 2 – or check our demonstration issue online at eynshamnews.org.uk

News in brief

ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE:

GreenTEA members were delighted to see Eynsham Parish Council adopt a climate change policy in March. What can *you* do to help with the most serious problem ever to confront mankind? Come along to our AGM and find out! In addition, Prof John Whitelegg will give a talk on sustainable transport; and Councillor Laura Price a talk on a local transport solution. Afterwards,

a bring & share supper. If you would like to attend the supper, please bring a dish (savoury or sweet) and possibly a bottle as well. We hope to see you on Wednesday 10 April at the Scout Hall, 48 Back Lane (opposite the car park) at 19:00 sharp! *Ros Kent*

ADVANCE NOTICE: Station Road will be closed from 27 May to 8 July 2019 inclusive, for 'excavation and water mains connection works'. The alternative route is via Acre End Street – Oxford Road – B4449 and vice versa. You have been warned!

The COMMUNITY INFORMATION NETWORK now comes to Eynsham Day Centre once a month, to give help and support to the clients and others in the village who contact us. Thanks to Eynsham Emporium for hosting our Information Drop-ins for the past year or more. If we have any sessions with colleagues I know where to come, as you do a great cuppa! *Stephen Mott*

VILLAGE SHOW 2019 is on Saturday 14 September in the Village Hall and Scout HQ – and the Class List is online already! You now have almost six months to plan your sowing and growing, practise your baking, take photos and create beautiful pieces of art and craft. There are all the usual

favourites as well as some new ideas – and after lots of feedback over recent years, we have added Garden on a Plate... for adults!! We really look forward to seeing what you come up with! Do spread the word about this lovely Eynsham event. *Fay Taylor*

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



Parish and District Council elections take place on 2 May from 07:00-22:00 in the Village Hall. If you are not already registered, you should apply by 12 April – it takes only a couple of minutes. Find your National Insurance (NI) number, then call WODC on 01993 861410 or visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

Thirsty for change? Whether you're a climate change protester or desperate to lower the voting age or you'd jump at a chance to bend the ear of your elected District Councillors, then Saturday morning 13 April at The Swan is the place to be. Drop in from 11:30-13:00 for coffee and cake, hosted by Eynsham & Villages Labour Branch.

Come and drop by to chat with your local Liberal Democrats. District Councillor Carl Rylett, our prospective parliamentary candidate Charlotte Hoagland and Dan Levy, our candidate for the

upcoming District elections, will be at the Bartholomew Lower Room in The Square to answer your questions on Saturday 13 April from 13:00-15:00. Look forward to seeing you there.

*Other political parties have been approached for information, with no response as we go to press. GreenTEA suggests you ask **every** candidate, at parish or district level, their views on the climate emergency – Ed*

People

CROQUET has been played in Eynsham since 1996 with many Eynsham residents taking advantage of the two first class courts at the Cricket Club on Cassington Road. Golf croquet is easy to learn and can be enjoyed by all abilities, it does not take long to enjoy the friendly club sessions. And unlike cricket, rain (or snow) does not stop play! Find us every Tuesday and Saturday from 14:00-16:00 and Thursday from 10:00-12:00. Our Open Day is on Saturday 13 April from 14:00-16:00, come and give it a try.
Roger Booth

You may have tried your hand at temporary court at the Eynsham Carnival last year. 2018 was a very successful year for the Club. Both

Associations and Golf Croquet players won through to National finals. We ran a very successful and enjoyable internal league for Golf players whilst the highlight of the year was undoubtedly the inaugural competition for the Brian Hitchin trophy. We hosted several taster evenings for local organisations including Eynsham Rotary, when a healthy competitive spirit was enjoyed on a sunny evening followed by refreshment in the Newlands Inn. If your club is looking for a different challenge, contact us via the website eynshamcroquetclub.org.uk

EYNSHAM CRICKET CLUB Nets continue 27 March and 3, 10 and 17 April at Bartholomew Sports Hall, from 20:00-21.30. All players old, current and new welcome! We also have a sign up night at the club on Friday 26 April 17:30 to 20:00 for juniors, families and seniors; do come.

ECC now has a thriving ladies' section too. If any ladies in the village fancy some exercise and the opportunity to learn how to play the game then come along, you will be made most welcome. No previous cricketing knowledge is required, you're sure to have fun with a very friendly crowd. In winter they practise on Friday from 18:00-19:00 at Bartholomew Sports Hall. From the end of April outdoor practice will take place on Friday

from 18:00 at the cricket ground at School Piece Field on Cassington Road. After the cricket you can enjoy a drink and make the most of our regular Friday night BBQ.

Contact Cindy Creasey: 07717 436833

WEST OXFORDSHIRE

RAMBLERS plan two bluebell walks this month, starting on Saturday 20 April in Back Lane car park at 10:00 for a 9.5 mile circular walk through Wytham Woods, with lunch at the delightful village shop. Non-members welcome, assistance dogs only, enquiries: 01993 881880. On Sunday 28 April we meet at 09:30 for a 13 mile circular walk via Freeland, East End, Combe and the Hanboroughs; and a pub stop – enquiries to Graham Williams: 01865 881005

RUN WYTHAM WOODS 9 JUNE:

Rise to the challenge! Sponsored by Siemens Healthineers, inspired by local runners, we have designed two beautiful woodland trails set in ancient Wytham Woods: a tough 10k loop, for runners who want a little bit extra; and 1 mile fun run, a mini-challenge for your whole family! We hope you will enjoy the experience and come back every year! Funds raised will be donated to Eynsham Primary School PTA. Registration, etc at runwythamwoods.org

TENNIS IN EYNSHAM: Whether you want coaching, improved fitness, learning a new skill or just recreation, there are new sessions on Saturdays and Sundays for everyone to get involved, thanks to Bartholomew School, local people and the Parish Council. Children aged 4-16 are catered for in age-specific groups and will have a great time in these fun and educational lessons. Adults of all ages and abilities can join multiple different sessions with organised coaching, learn to play doubles, get fit with Cardio Tennis or turn up and play recreational tennis – all with no joining fees, low cost and all equipment provided. For more information call 07734 059769, email info@exceltennis.co.uk or visit Excel Tennis Academy exceltennisacademy.co.uk/eynshamcommunitytennis

JOHN STUART RUSSELL

March 1948-February 2019

The village marked the untimely death of yet another ‘character’ last month. John was familiar to many of us in different roles – as a painter and decorator and a mean musician (mouth organ, 12-string guitar and more); latterly a frequent sight on the footpaths with his trademark hat and Nip the dog and a regular in every pub.

Recreation

CARNIVAL: Congratulations to our new queen Zoe Holman, deputy Amber Greenaway and attendants Harry Holman, Ella Rose Lawrence, Siena Greenaway and Poppy Smith, chosen on 9 March. Now, can you spare one hour on Carnival day, to help manning ticket desks and gates? If you are a community group we can reciprocate in kind! Get in touch at enquiries@eynshamcarnival.com

EYNESHAM ARTS GROUP has grown to 50 members but I think has kept the friendly, inclusive atmosphere in our 5 years with Eric White as chair. His relaxed and genteel way of introducing guests and speakers removes any pressure or nervousness; and a relaxed audience learns and participates, as proven every month. His own status as an established and well-liked artist has helped increase the visits to our exhibitions too. He has certainly earned his retirement and time to paint in France. We are pleased that he is continuing his membership and I shall try to follow his example as Chair. We welcome all to join us on the last Wednesday of the month at 19:45 in the Music Room – visitors now £3. *Jane Hale*

BARTHOLOMEW PLAYERS' production of 'And Then There Were None' by Agatha Christie runs from Wednesday to Saturday 15-18 May; tickets £10 (concessions £9) at Evenlode DIY or on the door; and the usual fund-raising supper show on Friday. First night, pre-show talk on 15 May at 18:00 'Agatha Christie: her life and local connections' by Judy Dewey, tickets £5 from bart.players@gmail.com

BOXERCISE! There will be 3 hours of Boxercise on Sunday 14 April 11:00-14:00 at Bartholomew Sports Centre, to raise funds and awareness for Ovarian Cancer Action. Live DJ, raffle, cake sale. All pads/gloves provided. Booking is required, £10 donation. More details from Heather at henglandpt@hotmail.com

BRIDEWELL GARDENS Seasonal plant sale on Saturday 13 April from 11:00-14:00 with a variety of herbaceous perennials at reasonable prices. Do come along and support our charity which promotes gardening for better mental health. Please note, this is a plant sale ONLY and the gardens will not be open to visitors; open days are on 19 May, 23 June and 28 July.

EYNESHAM COUNTRY MARKET: If you find it hard to get to our normal Thursday morning markets

in St Leonard's Hall from 09:00 to 10.30, why not come to one of our special evening markets? The next event is Easter Goods on 11 April where you can sample Simnel cake and Easter biscuits from 18:00-20:00. We will have all our usual produce on sale including cakes, biscuits, savouries, preserves, honey, eggs, vegetables and craft items. We look forward to seeing you again.

Judith Bowden

EYNESHAM GARDEN CLUB:

Come along to our 20th annual Plant Sale in The Square on Saturday 11 May from 09:00-noon. This year we are delighted to be joined by members of Eynsham Country Market, selling a selection of their wonderful produce and providing refreshments in the Bartholomew Room. Grab a horticultural bargain, maybe a rare plant, bedding 'geraniums', or tomatoes for your greenhouse: there is something for everyone – and all at prices far below any nursery or garden centre. Expert advice also available from our knowledgeable members. Find out more at

eynshamgardenclub.co.uk

EYNESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

PTA invites team of 4-6 to a Curry & Quiz Night (proudly supported by The Queens Head & Eynsham Cellars) on Saturday 27 April at 19:30 the Village Hall; £10pp

including dinner. Taste wines, test your musical knowledge and challenge those brain cells to become the reigning Eynsham champion, whilst supporting a great local cause.

EYNESHAM PROBUS will be holding the first of this year's FREE coffee mornings at Eynsham Village Hall on Tuesday 23 April – all welcome. The talk will begin promptly at 10:30. Our speaker is Alan Grace, former broadcaster and now archivist / historian for the Forces Broadcasting Service. His talk is entitled 'From a Harem in Algiers to a Portacabin in Afghanistan – 75 years of Forces Broadcasting'. It promises to be a very interesting talk. *David Jones*

EYNESHAM CHORAL SOCIETY

spring concert takes place on Saturday 11 May at 19.30 in St Leonard's Church. They will be performing choral music by Purcell, Bruckner and Mozart, with professional soloists and the Oxford Players orchestra conducted by Stuart Dunlop. Tickets £12 from Evenlode DIY or from choir members. For more information see

www.eynshamchoral.org

EYNESHAM WI: If you think the WI means boring meetings and jam making you have never come to Eynsham WI! In 2018 we took part in Laughing Yoga, enjoyed a talk

from a mouth artist and admired his amazing paintings. We celebrated our 95th birthday with the Riverhead Ceilidh Band and Ian Scott-Hunter told us all about life behind doors at Buckingham Palace. We had walks, played skittles and enjoyed our garden party.

For 2019 we have a talk on alpacas, an amazing magician and a session with an antiques expert. Our varied programme includes harvest supper & auction and a Christmas party too. All this plus free tea, coffee and biscuits, a raffle and a competition every month. There is also a chance to meet friendly ladies with diverse interests and ages – not all of us are over 50! You will get company, support and make new friends. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month in St Leonard's Hall at 19:30. Just come along and join in or if you need more details ring Ann on 01865 882011.

Easter at our Churches

All are welcome to any of these services / events

Good Friday 19 April 10:00

THE THREE EYNHAM CHURCHES

Ecumenical Service in The Square followed by coffee and hot cross buns in Eynsham Baptist Church

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Abbey Street, Eynsham

Palm / Passion Sunday 14 April

Saturday (for Sunday) 17:00 Mass

Sunday Mass 10:00

Maundy Thursday 18 April

20:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose

Good Friday 19 April

15:00 Solemn Passion

Saturday 20 April – 20:00 Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday 21 April – 10:00 Mass

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

The Square, Eynsham

Palm Sunday 14 April

09:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:45 Morning Worship

Maundy Thursday 18 April

20:00 Tenebrae (from the Latin for 'shadows'): *a communion service in gathering darkness as we reflect upon the betrayal and arrest of Jesus*

Good Friday 19 April

14:00 Last Hour of the Cross

Easter Day Sunday 21 April

09:00 Holy Communion (BCP)

10:45 Easter Family Communion

NEW EVENT Easter Monday 22 April

10:30-12:00 Easter Family

Activities: *Easter-based crafts, hot cross buns, egg hunt*

EYNSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH

Lombard Street, Eynsham

Maundy Thursday 18 April

12:00 Communion

19:30 Reflections and Communion

Good Friday 19 April

19:30 A quiet reflective service

Easter Day Sunday 21 April

08:00 A quiet reflective service and Holy Communion followed with breakfast

10:30 Family service and Holy

Communion to celebrate Easter.

There will an Easter egg hunt for children after the service.

What's on

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

March

23 Songs for Springtime, St

Peter's Church 17:45

27 Arts Group, Music Room

19:45. Sally Wyatt, *Abstracted Landscapes*

31 Gatehouse Volunteers: home-made sandwiches & cake for the Oxford shelter. Enquiries: 01865 881346

31 Litter Pickers, Baptist Hall
14:00.

April

4 History Group, St Leonard's Hall 19:15. Carl Rylett, *Podcasts* plus AGM & refreshments

6 GreenTEA Café, Eynsham Emporium 10:30

9 Women's Institute, St Leonard's Hall 19:30. Annual meeting with games & nibbles

10 GreenTEA AGM and talks
climate change

10 Garden Club, Village Hall
19:30. Priscilla Frost, *The Open Garden Scheme*

11 Evening Market, St Leonard's Hall – *page 21*

12 Blood donors welcome,
Village Hall 13:15–15:30 and
16:15–19:30. Tel: 0300 123 23 23

13 Croquet Club Open Day –
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17 Eynsham Society, Village Hall
 20:00. Ivor Porter, *Wings over*
America. Enquiries: 01865 880563
17 Carers' Group, White Hart
 11:00
23 Probus Coffee Morning,
 Village Hall 10:00
23 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING,
 Village Hall 19:30
24 Arts Group, Music Room
 19:45. Kieron Stiles, *TBA*
26 Cricket Club, sign-up night –
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26 Community Cinema
27 PTA Curry & Quiz Night –
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28 Litter Pickers, Baptist Hall
 14:00

May

2 PARISH & DISTRICT
ELECTIONS – *page 17*
4 Green TEA café, Eynsham
 Emporium 10:30
5 Acoustic Club, The Swan 20:00
10 Eynsham News copy deadline
11 Choral Society, Spring concert
 – *page 21*
12 Gatehouse Volunteers: home-
 made sandwiches & cake for the
 Oxford shelter. Enquiries: 01865
 881346
11 Garden Club Plant Sale, ECM
 stall & refreshments. Enquiries:
 01865 880342
13 Eynsham Charities – *page 10*
15-18 Bartholomew Players –
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19 Ramblers' Group – *page 19*
26 Litter Pickers, Baptist Hall
 14:00

*These listings are open to all
 community groups and we
 welcome photos too. Other
 pages are always open for
 stories and snippets, comments
 and corrections – see page 2 for
 contact details. Next issue will
 be out on 27 May – copy
 deadline 10 May. We reserve the
 right to edit contributions.*

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