

EYNSHAM ECHO

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Dovehouse Close trees – We want your views

The Parish Council has agreed to consult residents about proposed work on the trees that separate Dovehouse Close from the B4449 road.

The Council has been asked to consider removing trees that were within 2 meters of the boundary fence of the properties and to carry out a maintenance thinning where appropriate. A tree surgeon has marked the trees that would be involved in this work if it was carried out. The Orange has been used to mark the thinning of the woodland. These trees would be removed in order to promote the development of the remaining trees. Pink is used to mark all the trees within the two meter boundary. If this work is done all trees within two meters of the fence at base would be removed except hawthorn which would be pollarded at 6 feet.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting takes place on Tuesday 20 April at 19:30 in the Village Hall, Back Lane. Do come if you can. This is a chance to find out what key organisations in the village have been doing on your behalf in the last 12 months.

This year there will also be a slideshow of recent events. Everyone is welcome.



We are pleased to report that work on the Play Area, previously called Wytham View Play Area, has now commenced. It is hoped that the Play Area will be open in early April 2010. There will be an official opening ceremony on Friday 7 May 2010 at 3.30pm.

We would love to see as many people as possible at the opening ceremony.

Further details at Eynsham Online www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Transport survey

The 11 and 18 bus services through Eynsham are subsidised by Oxfordshire County Council. The Parish Council is conducting a Transport Needs Survey in conjunction with Oxfordshire Rural Community Council as part of the County Council's review of its subsidy of these services.



As these reviews only take place every four to six years, this is your chance to express your views and say what transport services you rely upon.

The survey consists of a simple form with questions about your transport use and needs as well as asking for your comments on the transport services in Eynsham. We also want to hear from you *whether or not you use public transport*. If not, why not? The more comprehensive the survey the better the County Council can consider the services Eynsham needs.

Survey forms are available from the Library on Mill Street and Eynsham Medical Centre, Back Lane car park, and can be returned to the boxes provided. The form can also be printed or downloaded from the Parish Council website www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk and sent freepost or by email to the addresses on the front of the form. Completed forms should be put in the boxes or sent to ORCC by 19 April 2010.

Echo Reader Survey

Our thanks to all those who responded to the Reader Survey in the last edition of The Eynsham Echo. The final date for submission of comments was the end of March, but we always welcome any comments you may have. We are now in the process of considering the comments and any actions we need to take as a result.

Meanwhile a monthly bulletin is also available to email users – just send your email address to: online@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Fishponds Update

This year's winter work schedule is almost completed. Harvey's House Mound and the bramble patch have been strimmed. The purpose of strimming the Mound is two fold; firstly keeping the nettles at bay will encourage the wild flowers and secondly it is now far more obvious as an archaeological feature. A safety barrier has been built where the Chilbrook has been undermining the bank. Young trees to replace the diseased chestnuts along the north path have been planted and the crack willows at the playing field end have been pollarded. They were becoming dangerous in that they might "crack" at any time. Pollarding them will prolong their life and the new growth will soon spring up.



Our thanks to Verity Hughes for the photograph

Wharf Stream update

The Wharf Stream Team have completed the safety felling of the willow copse and have left a number of trees to 'pollard'. In accordance with advice we cut some trees last year to ensure they would shoot and become pollard. They did, so this year, we cut down all the dangerous trees to the approved pollard height. Neither OCC, PC, EA or Bus Co. were interested!

We intend to erect a wood fence, similar to the one on the south side of the road and behind it plant an hawthorn hedge. The copse is a 'Managed Woodland' area with a 'Keep Out' sign to discourage despoiling of the site.

This spring we shall try to widen the stream in the vicinity of the bridge and continue to manage the stream as best we can for the benefit of parishioners and others. I am informed that canoe clubs may use the landing stage and stream to access the Thames.

Artweeks

Don't miss the Artweeks exhibitions – glass, mixed media, painting and drawing, ceramics and pottery, photography & digital art – showing from 22-31 May at 10 or more venues in Eynsham, with full details and preview images at Eynsham Online.

Pick up an Artweeks Guide from the Library to plan your excursions around the county.

Eynsham History Group

15 April 2010 - 7.15-9.15pm at the St. Leonard's Church Hall we have a talk by John Leighfield on Maps of Oxfordshire. Visitors welcome.

Further details from Doreen Hockedy 01865 880 919

Titan returns to the Carnival

Already confirmed for the Carnival and back by popular demand is Titan the Robot. To contrast with this futuristic performer, the Carnival will also be showcasing the fantastic American Civil War Reenactment Society. The next Echo will have full details of all the acts for July 3rd and we will unveil the names of the Eynsham Carnival Queen 2010 and her attendants.

More on this at www.eynshamcarnival.com.

Stagecoach Update

Following the Stagecoach consultation on their S1 and S2 services, the new timetable will start on 28 March 2010.

The Real Time Information system at bus stops is supplied by Oxfordshire County Council. All Stagecoach buses have satellite tracking equipment fitted but they are aware that correct predictions are not always displayed on the signs and text messages. They are working with Oxfordshire County Council and the system manufacturers to sort out the bugs in the system.

The Biscuit Club – Parenting Class



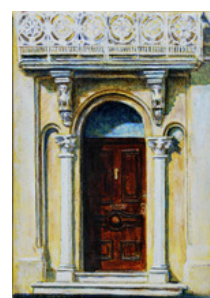
Sue Rous is a paediatric nurse who has been facilitating courses for parents of 2-6 year olds for the past two years.

The Biscuit Club course is one session each week for 7 weeks (term time only). The aim is

to help parents learn new skills in parenting so that they build a better relationship with their child and have more respect for each other.

The new course starts on Thursday 22 April 9.30am to 11.30am at the Bartholomew Room, Eynsham.

Eynsham Art Group - Spring Show



The Eynsham Arts Group spring exhibition runs from 22nd to 31st May at the Bartholomew Rooms Eynsham, coinciding with Artweeks. Come along and meet some of the artists and browse through a selection of original paintings, prints & cards for sale.

Adult Learning

A 5 week Botanical Painting course starts at the Pavilion on Wednesday 28th April 2010 from 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

This will be followed by a further 5 weeks starting on 9th June. Both will be held from 1-3 pm and will cost £40 for 5 weeks. If you are interested in enrolling please telephone 0845 351 0646 quoting KD09T223C for the first course and KD09T224C for the second.

Eynsham In Bloom

Don't forget the Front Garden Competition 24 and 25 April 2010

Preliminary Judging for the front garden competition will take place between the 6 and 18 April, with Final Judging on 24 and 25 April. Don't miss it!

Eynsham as Orchard

Eynsham as Orchard has evolved from the Eynsham Green TEA initiative, with the aim of promoting the planting and nurturing of fruit trees, nuts and berry bushes around the village.



Nick Mottram, from the Wychwood Project, advised the group that an incremental approach was best, and we've included his suggestions in our plan for 2010.

Anyone interested in getting involved in this project should contact Sue Raikes on 01865 464021.

Eynsham Garden Club

The club meets on Wednesday 14 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Richard Fishbourne from Herefordshire will be talking to us about 'Natural pond creation; a look at designing and building natural water features and the life they support'. On 12 May we will have an evening visit to Bridewell Organic Gardens; and our Summer Outing to Wakehurst Place is on Saturday 19 June.

Any queries please call Pam Breeze on 01865 880725 or eynshamgardenclub@hotmail.com

Local Walks

The Parish Council Footpaths Committee is making an inventory of broken stiles and gates, missing sign-posts, impassable vegetation, etc. The completed inventory will be passed to the County Council, which is responsible for the maintenance of rights of way, with a request for the repairs to be implemented.



Keeping rights of way in good condition is a never ending task that we are all involved with so please get in touch if you'd like to help. Detailed maps are at www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk under the heading 'tour'.

If you know the path number, you can report directly to Daniel Weeks tel 01865 810225. If not, please contact Sue Osborne Chair of the Committee 01865 880285. Sue will also be delighted to receive any photos you take, to add to the slideshow at Eynsham Online.

Keep on recycling!

Sharp-eyed residents have noticed that Eynsham's carefully-sorted recycling is often mixed up and put into what looks remarkably like – but definitely isn't - the dust-cart which empties the wheelie-bins.

Recycling and rubbish are collected separately as sending as little as possible to landfill keeps Council Tax down. Please keep recycling as much as you can!



Eynsham was an early adopter of kerb-side recycling – residents separate recyclables into boxes and collectors put the sorted materials (at the kerb-side) into separate compartments on a special vehicle.

The alternative is to collect all the recyclables in one vehicle and then separate them out in a specially built sorting plant using a mixture of technology and human operators. It still isn't possible to separate food waste and other messy stuff from recycling by machine and it's not something people should be asked to do – yuk! Residents still need to keep recycling separate from waste but then all the recycled material is collected together.

This is wasteful and inefficient so the contractors often substitute the other type of vehicle and mix the recycling materials together – co-mingling in the jargon - which is what residents see and mistakenly think that the recycling is being taken, with the waste, to landfill.

The most important thing residents can do is to sort recyclable materials from the waste. Using separate boxes for different materials will help a bit if kerb-side sorting is used, but it isn't absolutely essential.

Keep on recycling!

Rotary in Eynsam

Rotary in Eynsham are meeting every 2 weeks on the 2nd & 4th Tuesdays of each month in the White Hart Inn. Rotary is open to women and men, and all are welcome. A news letter is now available on 'Eynsham Online'.

For more information please contact Tony Robinson 01865 880145, Terry Glossop 01993 881923 or Philip Spencer 01865 881025

Bartholomew Community Theatre

After 22 years of performing 33 shows, the final curtain has fallen for Bartholomew Community Theatre.

We would like to thank everyone in Eynsham who came to support us. The remaining funds are being distributed between charities chosen by each member of the Society.

Eynsham Directory Updates

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Quiz nights now monthly

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Tuesday of the month @ White Hart

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01865 880182

Page 29 **Art & Artists** – new entry Janice Hume,

01865 464230

Page 35 **Food and Drink Suppliers** –

new entry Eynsham Cellars, 43 Mill Street

01865 884405

new entry - Natural Bread Company,

1 Mill Street 01865 882116

Page 36 **Health & Wellbeing** –

new entry Helen Matkin (kinesiology),

35 Newland Street 01993 704067

Copies of the Directory are still available in Eynsham Library, Medical Centre & Post Office and the 3 churches

Bridewell Organic Gardens Open Days

6 June, 18 July and 12 September from 2pm to 5pm

Rarely open to the public, this one and a quarter acre walled garden with adjoining organic vineyard at Wilcote near North Leigh provides a sanctuary for people who are recovering from and living with a range of mental health problems. This year there is an opportunity for you to visit the gardens on the dates above. The garden includes a large fishpond, an avenue of roses and fruit trees, vegetable beds, a knot garden,

an herb wheel, a rockery, a soft fruit cage and greenhouses. Besides horticulture, activities at

Bridewell include bee keeping, woodwork and blacksmithing as well keeping chickens and

ducks. Please call in one of our open afternoons and discover the magical garden and enjoy some homemade tea and cakes. www.bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk. Or info@bridewellorganicgardens.co.uk



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Public Notice Boards

A brief reminder to all village organisations – any 'permanent' notices should be no bigger than A5, to maximise use of the space. Posters larger than this will be removed.

The deadline for the next issue is 14 May 2010. Items for inclusion should be sent to Parish Clerk Malcolm Anderson, 13 Bailey Road, Oxford, OX4 3HU Telephone: 01865 716943 email: clerk@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Items submitted after the deadline will not be included.

Lots more information and updates are available at Eynsham Online: www.eynsham-pc.gov.uk

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