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NEW PARISH COUNCIL

On 3rd May, in an uncontested election, your new Parish Council was formed. Its inaugural meeting was held on 8th May.

Welcome to our three new members – Jackie Tinson, Jonathan Miller and Eliot Taylor. You will find their contact details in the new list.

A farewell and thanks for their input into the Council to Chris Roles, Paul Dhesi, Gerry Barwell and John Mittell – all of whom did not stand for re-election this time, for various reasons.

Mr Gordon Beach was re-elected unanimously as the Chairman and Mr David Rossiter ditto as Vice-Chairman.

In addition, due to the retirement of Mr Rossiter as one of your District Councillors, Mr Richard Andrews was elected to West Oxfordshire District Council.

We are still, however, three members short for the Parish Council and we would like to extend a plea to anyone out there who feel they would like to commit a few hours to developing and taking care of your village. One meeting per month at 7.30 pm, on the first Tuesday of the month is when we meet. Come a long and sit in on a meeting to see what is discussed. You can make a difference!

We would particularly like someone to represent Barnard Gate.

For more details please contact the Clerk:
Jackie Heath 01993 813224 (until 30th June)
From 1st July Sue Lee– contact details on page 4 at the end of the newsletter.

A goodbye from him and a goodbye from me! (not strictly the correct quote)

This is my last edition of the Echo. Many of you will be aware that I am retiring as your Clerk on 30th June.

It has been a privilege to serve the village over the past (almost) ten years and I would like to thank all the Parish Councillors, past and present, who have been so supportive over the years. I have let myself become fully immersed in the well-being of Eynsham and there is no doubt that I am going to miss it. I have made many personal friends over the years.

Those of you who know Tony (my husband) will know that he also has put in many hours as grass cutter extraordinaire and maintenance man. Hence the title. Without him at my side my job would have been so much more difficult. All good things must however, come to an end and we feel that now is the time to let the reins go and play more golf.

My thanks also to all staff members, again past and present, who have worked so hard to keep the village looking so good and ensuring your buildings are clean and well cared for. Over the years you have been a tremendous help.

A very warm welcome to the new Clerk, Sue Lee. Some of you may already know her as she covered for me during my illness after my neck operation. I know that I am leaving the village affairs in very capable and caring hands. Sue's details are at the end of the newsletter.

Our house in Bladon is named ACT II and it is with not just a little sadness but also some excitement that we embark on ACT III.

Jackie Heath

Why not visit the Eynsham Website? www.eynsham.org.uk

Eynsham Short Mat Bowls Club

The establishment of a village hall in Eynsham brought many and varied opportunities. At the outset one far sighted resident saw how the new space could be used as a specific venue, similar to that which he had enjoyed in North Leigh. So Eynsham Short Mat Bowls Club was born.

Initially about forty five joined, entering rapidly into the spirit of the game whilst finding easy companionship among so many new friends. From a mixed bunch of apprehensive beginners, five years on, the club has progressed through homespun competition in foursomes, pairs and singles, to friendlies against other clubs in the area and, much more recently, participating in the West Oxfordshire League; at the time of going to press, Eynsham Eagles are heading that league!

Often it takes time to feel really at home in a new club. Not so at Eynsham. From day one a new member becomes part of the family. Anyone new to the area, or new to the game of bowls, is assured of a warm welcome and will probably find the best introduction to the game at one of the Clubs social "roll-up" sessions held on Thursday afternoons (2—4 pm) and on most Tuesday and Thursday winter evenings (7—10pm). Prospective members are invited to have three "taster" sessions at nominal cost before committing themselves to full membership. All that is asked is that players bring flat-soled shoes or comparable slippers to wear on the mats.

More Info? Please speak to Amanda Davies (Club Secretary) on 01993 779182

EYNSHAM WHARF STREAM:

The audience at the recent showing of the film "The History Boys" in the village hall were treated to the wonderful Evenlode DIY commercial along with some excellent still photos of the Swinford Bridge Area taken by Mollie and David Harwood. Before I recognised some of the scenes, I was thinking "what a beautiful place, I must visit it sometime".

With Phil Nobes and Darrin Rolez I am trying to get the Wharf stream opened up, that is, the fallen trees removed and some cutting back of foliage to enable canoes and small boats to launch near The Talbot and gain access to the Thames. We are looking for a small sturdy boat for us to work from, so if anyone can loan, sell or give a boat, we shall endeavour to keep the stream open and free of rubbish.

(I have asked John Richards to show the photos again at the next film performance in the Village Hall – to see them is worth £3 ... so the film will be free!)*

David Miller

***The next film showing at the Village Hall is "Miss Potter" starring Renee Zellweger On Saturday 16th June at 7.30 pm**



EYNSHAM HISTORY GROUP

Summer outing
to Sulgrave Manor, near Banbury.
Ancestral home of the Washingtons in England

Wednesday 13th June 2007

This outing is open to E.H.G. members and non-members
Programme:

- 1.00 pm Coach leaves village car park in Back Lane
- 2.00 pm Arrive at Sulgrave Manor, conducted tours of the manor, gardens and shop open. Tea and cake served during the afternoon
- 5.00 pm Coach leaves Sulgrave Manor
- 6.00 pm (approx) Arrive back in village car park

Cost £15 inclusive Booking forms from Michael Farthing 32 Falstaff Close, Eynsham OX29 4QA
Tel: (01865) 883805

Our next summer outing is on Wednesday 25th July 2007 to Merton College, Oxford. This popular afternoon visit now has a waiting list, but if you want to make an enquiry then please give Michael Farthing a ring

SUMMER TREATS - HOSTED BY SERENITY TOO!

On June 30th at Eynsham Pavilion from 2pm - 5pm we are hosting a *Summer Treats* event in aid of The Childrens Hospital part of the registered charity The Oxford Radcliffe Hospitals Charitable Funds Charity No. 1057295.

This event will feature Serenity Too!, Pheonix Cards, Usbourne Books, Virgin Vie, Party2Go, The Wright Gift and many more.

We hope to see you at the event. www.serenitytoo.co.uk

Eynsham Pre-school

Eynsham Pre-school is situated in the grounds of Eynsham Community Primary School. The Pre-school has recently decided to make alterations to the service it provides. The setting will now offer parents/carers the opportunity to extend their sessions by providing a Lunch Club at which children will be able to eat a packed lunch (provided by parents/carers).

From the beginning of the Term 5 (April 2007) Pre-school opening times and fees will be as follows: -
Monday – Friday (morning and afternoon)

Morning Session	9.15 am – 11.45 am	£6.50 (free with Nursery Education Grant)
Lunch Club	11.45 am – 1.00 pm	£3.50
Afternoon Session	1.00 pm – 3.30 pm	£6.50 (free with Nursery Education Grant)



Please note that afternoon sessions will finish promptly at 3.30pm to enable parents/carers to collect older siblings from the primary school.

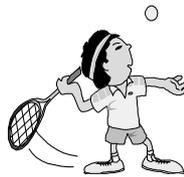
We can also offer wrap-around care for those children attending the morning session (9.00am – 1.00pm) at the Primary School Foundation Unit. Children will be transferred to the Pre-school by Foundation Unit staff. Parents/carers can then collect their children from the Pre-school at 3.30pm.

We believe that these changes offer the flexibility parents require. Children can attend any combination of the above sessions (subject to availability). This also represents excellent value for money with a full day costing £10.00 (with Nursery Education Grant) and £16.50 (without Nursery Education Grant).

If you wish to take advantage of any of the changes outlined above or would like to arrange a visit please speak to a member of the Pre-school staff on 01865 883893 or telephone Teresa Seeney on 01865 882622 (until 7.30pm).

Cassington Tennis Club

Did you know that Cassington has 2 tennis courts? Why not join now for the 2007 season!
Fees are: £25 adults, £20 juniors, £40 families



Please contact Matt Lloyd on 01865 881617 or at Amber Lea, Bell Lane, Cassington.
The courts are used on a "first come first served" basis.

Committee appeals for members for Allowances Panel

West Oxfordshire District Council is looking to appoint two people to be members of the Panel which considers allowances for councillors. Duties will include making recommendations to the Council regarding the allowances that should be payable to councillors.

The appointment is on a rolling basis with the term of office up until the end of March each year. The Panel has a key role to play in helping to ensure that democracy in the District continues to be accountable.

Panel members can not be members of any local authority. They should possess the relevant knowledge, skills and abilities that will enable them to make a meaningful contribution to the process.

Further details and an application form are available on the Council's website www.westoxon.gov.uk or telephone 01993 861521
or e-mail: keith.butler@westoxon.gov.uk. The closing date for the receipt of applications is Friday 8th June 2007.

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