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I have now taken over as Parish Clerk to Eynsham as Jackie has decided it is time to hand over her files and spend more time with the grandchildren and golf clubs! I am clerk to several Parish Councils so have some experience, but in this job there is always something new to challenge you!

I worked for OCC for many years, most recently running the Adult Education Centre in Bicester, but took a gap year in April 2006 to go backpacking in the Southern Hemisphere which was a fantastic experience. However you always have to come back to the real world, and I am now looking forward to dealing with any issues and problems you may have in Eynsham, and celebrating the thriving community that I have found already. Please contact me if I can help in any way and I will do my best. If you get the answerphone please leave a message and I will get back to you.

Sue Lee - Parish Clerk

As many of you know, Jackie Heath retired as Clerk to the Parish Council at the end of June. Jackie has been clerk for 8 years and during that time has overseen many changes in Local Government and the way in which parish councils operate. She has worked tirelessly to make things run smoothly despite the best efforts of councillors on occasions. One of the major parts of her role is to keep members on the straight and narrow – no easy task!

More importantly she has become a major figure in Eynsham life. She has been involved in many village activities and I know from many of you that you have appreciated the assistance that she has given. The job means that you are constantly on call and the hours worked are not always the ones you would choose. In her last week in post we found ourselves attending the playing fields at midnight when we would have preferred to be in bed.

Jackie will be missed by all and on behalf of the Parish Council and everyone who lives in the village, I thank her most sincerely for all she has done.

Gordon Beach
Parish Council Chairman

Carnival "Thank You"

The Eynsham Carnival Committee would like to say a huge thank you to all those people who turned out to attend this year's carnival, despite all the rumours flying around that it had been cancelled!

This year has been extremely tedious for the committee with WODC telling us we required a premises licence and then imposing more and more new conditions to it. A copy of these can be found in the library for those of you who may find they have a few hours to spare to do some "light" reading! And yes, you will find it IS true that there had to be a grass inspection!!! Somehow one of our committee members DID find the time and climbed through mountains of paperwork to ensure that we did comply with them all. Thank you Simon.

Sadly, this year for the first time in the history of the Carnival, Hatwells Funfair was unable to attend. Jimmy Hatwell had felt that the ground was just too wet to bring his heavy vehicles onto the grass. Doing so would have damaged the field far too much. After discussing the situation with both the Carnival Committee and the Playing Field Association it was decided that in the interest of safety the fair would not take place. This decision was not taken lightly by any of us, bearing in mind that it is Jimmy and the rest of the fair owner's livelihood.

So despite all these problems, when the day itself arrived it brought with it glorious sunshine which thankfully encouraged everyone to come out and join us. So far we have had many favourable comments, however if you would like to pass comment or make suggestions for next year, please either contact a member of the committee or visit our website at www.eynshamcarnival.com.

Julie Jordan - Carnival Chairman



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

Eynsham Community Initiative

The steering committee for the Eynsham Community Initiative would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for completing the numerous questionnaires that we have bombarded you with and for taking part in this and other activities associated with this exercise. We would also like to convey a special thanks to Eynsham Parish Council for their support and to the many businesses that helped with the posting boxes for the collection of the questionnaires.

After two years of intensive work, the Eynsham Parish Plan has now been published. Copies have been sent out to a wide range of interested parties. These include the following: David Cameron MP - Oxfordshire County Council - West Oxfordshire District Council - Eynsham Parish Council - Thames Valley Police - Bartholomew and the Primary Schools and the three Churches.

As well as these key strategic groups, copies have also been sent to number of recreational and specialist groups within the community. This is not forgetting those who made a contribution to this report. Copies will be made available to them at some of the following the points in the village: Eynsham Library, The Emporium, Eynsham Medical Centre and Rainbow House.

As you know from previous communications, this project started out under the banner of The Market Towns Initiative but has since developed along the way into our own community initiative. An Executive Summary and Action points can be seen on the one page insert enclosed. A complete range of Action points can be seen in the full report indicating there is still a lot to do to enhance our already thriving community; but if we are to propel this success, this community spirit into the future, we now know what needs to be done, and where. This will only happen with the good will and support from the community.

The range of actions identified in this report are both wide and varied; they range from physically doing something, like the clearance of the Wharf Stream, to forming pressure groups to address a critical issues like, reduce traffic flow and parking, increased police presence, or finding something for our young people to do.

Already we have seen some encouraging signs, some developments that are already taking place. For example, the creation of a business forum is now firmly in established with the potential of creating a viable business network. Also from the survey, the committee is actively pursuing funding to support Trevor Johnson and David Millar's mission for the Wharf Stream

For the steering committee, this has been both an interesting and rewarding exercise and we would stress that the views expressed in the report are the collective views that have been put forward from this survey. **Once again, thank you.**

CELEBRATION

January 2008 celebrates

300 years of education in Eynsham

50 years of Bartholomew School

40 years of Eynsham Primary School

We feel that this certainly calls for a celebration and as such would like to plan a series of events for January 2008

A meeting was held last week to launch the ideas and what we now need is your help and ideas. The proposals put forward covered many creative areas such as; drama, dance, music, textiles, history and a memories and photo exhibition as well as celebratory events like a Gala Dinner at Eynsham Hall, tours of the school sites in the village and Cheese and Wine with a Big Band, to mention a few!

In order to realise some or all of these events we need people with expertise or interest in an event to plan and run it. We also need a finance officer to raise some funds from local sponsors, press officer, memories gatherer and anyone else who feels that they would like to support others but not take the lead. However the most important aspect of the events is that they should include the whole community with participants from tiny tots to adults in a variety of venues across the village.

The next meeting will be on Monday 17th September at 7pm in Bartholomew School Lecture Theatre when a timetable for the events will be decided so that venues can be booked and preparations commence.

Please attend even if your offer of help is limited due to prior commitments. You will be most welcome so please contact Sandy Kruger (sck1475@bartholomew.oxon.sch.uk) with any questions you may have or to offer support prior to the meeting. Thanks in anticipation.



EYNSHAM FRONT GARDEN COMPETITION 2007 WINNERS

Congratulations to all winners and a big thank you to all that made an effort to make your garden beautiful for the event and those of you who were preliminary judges.

Thank you also goes to JHW Gardens, FLOWERStalk, Evenlode DIY, Fieldfare Nurseries, Church Hanborough and Blenheim Colour for their support and sponsorship.

BEST ENCLOSED FRONT GARDEN

1 st	Irmgard Smith	2 Newland Close
2 nd	Ken & Lynda Webb	2 Thornbury Rd
<i>Highly Commended:</i>		
	Trish Wilkinson	18 High Street

BEST OPEN PLAN FRONT GARDEN

1 st	Monica & Roy Allan	34 Dovehouse
2 nd	Barbara & Jack Corfield	1 Willows Edge

BEST HOUSE FRONT

1 st	Larry & June Poole	16 Queen Street
2 nd	Vera Hibbert	2A Queen Street

BEST BUSINESS FRONT

1 ST	Beech Court Nursing Home	37 Newland St
2 nd	Greens Funeral Services	21 High Street

**THE EYNSHAM
OPEN DAY
FOR GROUPS, CLUBS
AND SOCIETIES.**

September 22nd 2007 3pm - 7pm
date for your diary

This is an ideal opportunity for all groups, clubs and societies to present their activities to the people of the village. The forum will be held in St Leonard's Church hall on the above date from 3.00pm – 7.00pm. The idea is to hold a sort of "Freshers Fair" so that people living in the village, especially for those who have recently moved in can find out what's on offer. There are over 90 clubs and support groups in Eynsham. If you run any kind of activity this is your chance to be noticed. Bring a leaflet, put up a display or just turn up and chat. For further information please contact: Joan Stonham on 01865 881732 or Chris Roles 01865 880674 or details on Eynsham on line (www.eynsham.org.uk)

Royal British Legion

The Mens Section of the RBL are hosting a talk on *The Somme Battlefields*, by Father Martin Flatman, on September 5th at 7.30 pm at the White Hart.

Overhanging Growth

With our wet and now warm spring/summer weather there has been abundant growth this season and this has been causing problems with drivers' sight lines and pedestrian rights of way. Bob Adams (Oxfordshire Highways) has asked if local landowners and residents can make sure that anything growing on their land does not cause any such problems by cutting back offending growth. Buses need clearance of about 4.8m and tree owners are legally obliged to ensure this is provided, and likewise footways should have a clear height of 2.5m.



Eynsham Parish Council needs your views!

The Eynsham Parish Council Traffic Advisory Committee met on Tuesday 10 July and has a couple of issues that they would appreciate feedback on from you.

Firstly, a request has been made for the consideration of 2 additional bus stops on either side of the A40 between Tescos and the Eynsham roundabout. OCC Highways are going to have a look at this idea but it would be good to know if you would use the proposed new stops if installed so we can get an idea of the possible level of use.

Secondly, the issue of the enforcement of parking on the Tuer was discussed and the suggestion made that a no motor vehicle order be issued for the road and bollards erected at each end. We would appreciate hearing your views on this idea so we can discuss it at the next Parish Council meeting.

If you have views on either of these matters please let Sue, the Parish Clerk know on

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Eynsham Village Show 2007

Come and support your village at this annual event
At the Village Hall & Scout Headquarters, Back Lane
Saturday 15th September

Entries 9.30 - 10.45 Public Viewing 2 - 4.30 pm
Entry forms are available from Evenlode DIY, the library, Cornucopia or the Country Market from mid-August, or from www.eynsham.org



100 mile Charity Fun Day

Sunday 12th August 4pm - 8 pm
Starting at the White Hart Eynsham

To run 1 mile for charity (£2 adults, £1 children)
please phone Tony on 01865 880368
or just come along and have some fun!

Attractions include BBQ, Aunt Sally, golf game,
treasure hunt, raffle and much more

THE BIG WILD READ at EYNSHAM LIBRARY

On Wednesday 4th July, Eynsham Library was host to a very special visitor, the Bookstart Bear. He came along to the monthly Rhyme Time where local children got to meet him and sing songs and rhymes and have juice and biscuits afterwards. As well as the public, we had visits from the 3 local pre-schools: Eynsham Pre-School, Acre End Pre-School and Cassington Pre-School. All the children, including the babies together with parents and teaching staff all had a great time. Hopefully the Bear may come back again in the future.

As well as our special visitor, we have launched our summer reading scheme for children. This year it is called the **Big Wild Read** and is all about the environment and wild life. Children have between now and 8th September to read 6 books, and collect sheets of stickers and other fun items. There are also tree tokens to collect and all tokens from all the children Taking part in the Big Wild Read will count towards new trees being planted in the UK woods. Stephanie the manager will also visit the local primary schools to give a short talk about the Big Wild Read. For more information pop into Eynsham Library and ask the staff.

Eynsham Playbus Service moves to Long Hanborough

The weekly playbus will no longer be coming to Eynsham on Mondays. This is due unfortunately to very low turn out. The playbus will instead be visiting Long Hanborough on Mondays, from 9th July.

Cassington Playgroup is looking for a new supervisor and assistant from September.
Supervisor: Mon to Fri 9 – 11.30 term time. £8.20 - £8.40 per hour plus paid planning time. NVQ level 3 Diploma in Pre-School Practice or equivalent required, plus at least 2 years relevant experience.
Assistant: 2 mornings 9 – 11.30 term time. £5.90 - £6.30 per hour. NVQ level 3 Diploma in Pre-School Practice or equivalent desirable but will accept someone willing to work towards a qualification.

For details and an application form please contact Vanessa Gregory, 59 Eynsham Road, Cassington OX29 4DJ, Tel 01865 731348.
e-mail: ness@dev-software.co.uk

Adult Learning Classes at Bartholomew School this autumn include Yoga, Photography, Drawing & Painting, Jewellery, Embroidery, Computing & Web design, all sorts of dancing, several languages, Saturday workshops and more.

Brochures covering the whole of Oxfordshire will be delivered in early August and enrolments begin on 14th August. Tel 0845 351 0646 to enrol or obtain further information.

NEED, HARDSHIP OR DISTRESS? The EYNSHAM CONSOLIDATED CHARITY can make money grants, help to provide items or services, or back up help from other quarters.

EDUCATIONAL GRANTS - DO YOU QUALIFY? The BARTHOLOMEW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION makes money grants to people under 25 - for books, equipment, travel, etc.

You can apply, either for yourself or for someone else who may be in need of help. Write to the Clerk, Robin Mitchell, at 20, High Street, Eynsham (OX29 4HB). All enquiries are dealt with in absolute confidence. The next meeting of the trustees is on Monday 13 August, when all applications will be considered.

Visit the Eynsham Village Website – www.eynsham.org - for more information on the grants available from both charities (look under “Community”).

Dog Fouling is a problem again at the moment, particularly in the Churchyard, the Fishponds and Station Road. It is not pleasant for those visiting these areas to be dodging little parcels left behind. There are plenty of dog bins around the village – all you need is your little plastic bag!



Green recycling scheme for Yellow Pages

West Oxfordshire householders are being encouraged to go green and be in with the chance of **winning £50** by recycling old copies of their *Yellow Pages* at special banks across the District.

Designated *Yellow Pages* recycling banks will be set up by West Oxfordshire District Council at different locations during August and September for people to drop off their 2006/07 directory when the new 2007/08 edition is delivered to their homes.

Two lucky recyclers will be picked at random to receive £50 cash. *All people have to do to be entered in the prize draw is write their name, address and telephone number on their Yellow Pages before depositing it in one of the banks.*

Cllr David Harvey, Cabinet Member for Environment, said: “*Yellow Pages* cannot be recycled through the normal weekly household recycling collections because of the dye used in its production, and that is why we are encouraging as many people as possible to drop off their old copies at these designated banks. It was a great success when we ran the scheme last year and we hope it will do even better this year.” All of the old directories will be recycled into newspapers and magazines. Last year, more than 14 tonnes – **equivalent to the weight of nearly 3 elephants** – of *Yellow Pages* were recycled as a result of the scheme.

Banks will be labelled with bright *Yellow Pages* stickers and Eynsham's will be located in the Car Park, Back Lane.

You can read the Parish Council minutes in the library or on the Eynsham Website www.eynsham.org.uk

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