



EYNESHAM ECHO

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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Your Parish Council

Parish Councillor Vacancy

After many years service to the Parish Council Trevor Green has decided it is time to hang up his councillor hat. There is now a vacancy on the Parish Council and if you would be interested in finding out more about becoming a parish councillor and what the role involves, please contact Sue Lee - Parish Clerk.

Parish Council meetings

All meetings take place in the upper room in the Bartholomew Room in the Market Square. However, if you would like to attend a meeting and would have difficulty in using the stairs to reach the upper room, the Council will relocate the meeting to the lower room. Please let Sue know if you wish to attend a meeting and would like this arranged. The Council wish to ensure that their meetings are open to the entire parish. All Parish Council meetings – full council and committee meetings are open to the public – and the agendas for the meetings are displayed on three village notice boards at least three clear days before the meetings and on the village website.

Play Areas

The new item of equipment - Supernova - at the Oxford Road play area has proved to be very popular with users – the Parish Council is delighted that so many people are enjoying using it.

Works have continued to make the entrance to Witney Road play area more user friendly and hopefully after a few teething problems the new gate is in full action. Due to vandalism, the springing chicken has been removed but it will be back in a few weeks time. A new litter bin is also on order here to replace the one that was burnt out recently. There has been a considerable increase in vandalism on this play area in recent months and suggestions have been made that the surrounding vegetation should be cut back to improve visibility from the road. Any comments on this suggestion would be appreciated – contact Sue – Parish Clerk. Complaints regarding the condition of the planting at the entrance to this play area have also been received. The Parish Council apologise for the condition and will ensure that it is regularly looked after next season.

The entrance to Wytham View play area is to be altered to improve the access area – this work is planned to take place over the next few months.

If you have views on any of the play areas in the village please let Sue – Parish Clerk – know so she can pass them on to the Play Area committee (contact details on back page.)



Notice Boards

The Parish Council have purchased 3 new notice boards for Witney Road, Mill Street and the Bartholomew Room. These should be in place by the time you receive your newsletter. They have an open section for public notices and a locked section for the Parish Council.

Planning Applications

At the WODC planning committee meeting on Monday 20 October the planning application for Cottsway off Merton Close was recommended to be granted subject to conditions. As yet the Council have not been advised of the conditions imposed and they are not available on the WODC website. The Parish Council will ensure that they are published on the village website – www.eynsham.org.uk – as soon as they are available.

East Eynsham – the Parish Council have been advised that the Environment Agency have registered objections to these plans but as yet no communication has been received from the consultants or WODC with regard to the application.

War Memorial

The Parish Council have been successful in obtaining a grant for restoration works to the War Memorial. In the new year, it will be professionally cleaned and some hard landscape work will take place around the memorial to improve the area.



Transition Eynsham Area?

The increasing number of articles on climate change in the media have made us conscious of the problem and its implications for our future. Not so widely understood, perhaps, is the phenomenon of 'Peak Oil' and the diminution in supply of oil and other fossil fuels, forecast to start as early as 2010.

These twin threats to the future of humanity have led residents of some cities, towns and villages to get together and devise their own plans for resilience. The movements are called 'Transition Initiatives' and 65 have already been declared in such places as Bristol, Totnes, Nottingham, Leicester, York and Canterbury. Oxford and Witney are in the planning stages.

Explanations can be found at the following websites:
www.transitionculture.org, www.transitiontowns.org,
www.transitionnetwork.org

I am hoping that residents of the Eynsham area will want to embark on this hopeful venture and I would be pleased to hear from individuals with enthusiasm and commitment in order to form a starter group.

Rosalind Kent
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Eynsham Friends of Douglas House

Present another **Fun Folk Night**

With music & singing from Dave Townsend, PS (Phil & Sophie) and Eynsham Morris & friends with Compere - Bob Buckingham – at Eynsham Village Hall on Saturday, 31 January 2009 at 8.00pm. Doors open 7.15pm.

Tickets £7.50 available from Evenlode DIY, or call 01865 880393 or 01865 375130

Licensed bar, rolls and a raffle!
All proceeds to Helen & Douglas House

Eynsham Garden Club

Members are warmly invited to bring a guest to our Christmas Party on Wednesday, 10 December at 7.30pm in Eynsham Village Hall, when we promise food, drinks and entertainment at an inflation-busting price of £2.50 per head. Please book by Sunday, 7 December – have a word with any committee member or contact Verity Hughes, our Treasurer direct on 01865 880243.

Our first meeting of the New Year takes place in the Village Hall on 14 January 2009 at 7.30pm. Do come if you can – the AGM is always brief and the mystery speaker is worth turning out for. If you have a motion for the AGM (deadline 31 December) or any other queries, please call Pam Breeze on 01865 880725.

Yarnton & District Angling Club

Yarnton and District Angling Club is your local, friendly way to enjoy a good day's coarse fishing. For those who also enjoy friendly competition, there is a year-round competition schedule. Venues include competitions on the prolific British Waterways "Super Water" reservoirs at Boddington and Clattercote as well as the club's own water, a stretch of River Thames at Cassington. Parking is convenient and access is an easy walk across water meadow. Member working parties ensure a comfortable bankside. The club has its own website at www.ydac.co.uk where the match schedule, results and club information can be found.

New members are very welcome. Annual membership (May to end April) is only £15 for Adults, £7 for over 65's and free for under 16's. Memberships from Xmas Eve to end April cost £10 and £5. Permits must be carried at all times when fishing - club water or matches.

Permits are available from: George Thomas, 7 Azalea Avenue, Kidlington, 01865 460614. Nick Collier 01993 703920. RS Baits, fishing tackle shop, in High Street, Eynsham, 01865 883366. Predator Angling Centre in The Kidlington Centre, High Street, Kidlington, 01865 372066.

Pupils in Fire Station Takeover

Lucky children from Eynsham Primary School took over Oxford's Rewley Road Fire Station for the day on 7 November. A group of 14 pupils acted as instructors for Oxfordshire County Council's Junior Citizen programme to mark the national '11 Million Take Over Day'.

The youngsters directed County Council representatives and other special guests in role-playing exercises designed to raise awareness of community safety issues. Working with Risk Reduction Officers, the pupils were practicing how to lead the exercises and gave their views on how to improve the Junior Citizen programme at the end of the event.

Participants included Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Community Safety Judy Heathcoat and Chief Fire Officer John Parry.



Recycling at the Swap Shop

At Eynsham swap shop on Saturday 18 October, a huge number of people came to see what they could take off someone's hands - for free! Over 200 people arrived to offer items they no longer needed, or to take away free goodies. We weighed the items chosen and taken to new homes. It amounted to over 500 kg - that's the weight of about seven adults. These things might otherwise have ended up in a landfill site. Heavy or large items were given away via notices displayed on the day.

Eynsham Area Waste Watchers (EAWW) aim to hold a swap shop every six months. This autumn's event led to about double the amount of swapping compared with last spring. If you'd like more info or to join the team of helpers please contact Liz Bickley.

We were grateful to receive financial donations towards the costs of running the event, from those who obtained a bargain. We also thank Blenheim Colour for providing posters.

You are invited to a
CHRISTMAS GIFT EVENING

at the
THE QUEEN'S HEAD

Queen Street, Eynsham. Join us for a glass of mulled wine, mince pies and some stress-free Christmas Shopping!
TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Beautiful, Unusual and Affordable Gifts for Family and Friends, from Stocking Fillers to that Special Present.

Telephone 01865 881229 for further information.

Litter FREE

Eynsham Baptist Church is working with the community to keep our village LITTER FREE. We will meet at the Baptist church to collect picking-up equipment at 2pm then come back at 4pm for tea and cakes.

The dates are:

Sunday, 25 January 2009, Sunday, 22 February 2009 and
Sunday, 29 March 2009

Come and join us for this worthwhile cause and have fun. If you want to know more telephone Eileen Mace on 01865 880393.

Eynsham Open Gardens 2009

Eynsham gardens will be opening again next year. Please can anyone who is interested in opening their garden or helping organise the event please contact Pat Whitlock on 01865 880368 or email pat@blencolour.com



Circle Dance

In

Eynsham Scout Hall

On Mondays from 1.30pm - 3.00pm
Come and learn some fun dances from around the world.
No experience or partners necessary.

No booking.

No termly fees.

Pay £5.00 per session.

Contact: Mary Perryman

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Walkers - Don't forget

If you are out walking off the turkey on Christmas Day, the path through Twelve Acre Farm is CLOSED. It will re-open as usual on Boxing Day.

Bartholomew Sports Centre

The gym opening times are now 9 – 12pm then 3.15 – 10pm during the week, but 9am – 10pm over the school holidays. Weekends are 9am – 5pm.

In the new year we are looking to offer more options to the local community for all ages and abilities. More details to come soon.

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Flooding to Station Road

The Environment Agency, Oxfordshire County Council and West Oxfordshire District Council are currently investigating the causes of flooding in Station Road. The possibility of creating a small flood storage area and installing an overflow pipe under Station Road is being looked into.

Flood Warnings

Early next year, houses at risk of flooding in Eynsham will receive a direct mail-out from the Environment Agency about our Flood Warnings Direct service. Households can sign up to receive a warning when the river Thames reaches a trigger level, giving you time to prepare in case flooding occurs. It is possible to sign up in the meantime, by calling Floodline on 0845 988 1188.

Guidance on preparing for flooding, can be downloaded from: <http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/pdf/FLHO1007BNET-e-e.pdf>

Christmas Tree Chipping

West Oxfordshire District Council will be providing a Christmas tree chipping service in Back Lane car park on Saturday 10 January 2009 from 1–3.00pm. Bring your tree along to be chipped and then used as biomass.

The deadline for the next issue is 14 January 2009. Items for inclusion should be sent to Sue Lee, Parish Clerk, 19 Bradshaw Close, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SA. Telephone 01869 347652, email: eynsham_pc@btinternet.com. Lots of information and updates are available at Eynsham Online: www.eynsham.org.uk.

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