



Your Parish Council



Wytham View Play Area

The Parish Council organised a very successful Play Day with the WODC climbing wall as the centre of attraction – many thanks to Elaine Humphris for helping to get the wall out at the end of the morning! More than 100 people turned out for typical British weather to discuss plans for the area, enjoy face painting and origami and take part in football coaching.

Consultation on the plans for the area took place at the Pavilion in early September and the Council received many positive comments - local residents raised several queries which the Council will work with them to try to resolve over the next few months. The plans for the play area will be available on the website in the near future and work is due to start at the end of the year.

Open Day

The Council would like to thank all those who took part or attended this event. Over 60 groups had stalls along with displays of keep fit, Nordic walking, story sessions and the Morris Dancers. The Council hopes that the many visitors to the event found something that will keep them busy over the winter months. The new 2009 Eynsham Directory was available for collection at the event -copies can now be collected from the Library, Post Office or any of the three churches. If you are not able to collect a copy please let the Parish Clerk know - she will get a copy to you. Changes to the directory will be advised in each edition of the Echo – look on the back page for more information.



Parish Clerk

After over 2 years with the Council the Parish Clerk – Sue Lee – is moving on to pastures new. The Council are seeking a new clerk – look at the back page for more details.

Fishponds Update

In 2004 surveys were made of the birds, bats, small mammals, plants and pond life on the Fishponds and recently people have expressed interest in revisiting these surveys. If you feel qualified and would like to volunteer to undertake a survey the Parish Council would be delighted to hear from you. It would be good to know what difference the restoration of the site has made over five years. For more information or to join the occasional maintenance work parties over the winter please contact Verity Hughes on 01865 880243 or email verity@eynsham-pc.gov.uk

Village News

GreenTEA Picnic

Transition Eynsham Area held a bring and share local produce picnic in September with dishes made from local produce. It was fascinating to discover what is produced locally including a delicious Oxfordshire Rosé wine. GreenTEA Café informal meetings will be held at 'The Emporium' for four Saturdays starting on 12 September 10.30–11.30am. For further information contact Ros Kent on 01865 884119 or go to www.eynsham.org/teahome.html

Eynsham Garden Club

Eynsham Garden Club meet in Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, at 7.30pm.

14 October Brian Davies Winter Stems
11 November Mary Parker's Wildlife on your Doorstep

All are invited to join us – visitors welcome - £2 entrance. For details please contact Pam Breeze on 01865 880725 or eynshamgardenclub@hotmail.com

Eynsham in Bloom -

Front Garden Competition 2010 and Eynsham Open Gardens 2011

As many of you are aware, Pat Whitlock, who has been the main organiser of EYNSHAM IN BLOOM for the past few years, has moved out of the village. We are extremely grateful to Pat for all her hard work and effort in making these events run so smoothly.

Eynsham Library

Rhymetimes for babies and toddlers is held on the first Thursday of each month from 11.30am–12.00pm. Come along and sing rhymes, play musical instruments and meet other families. Look out for the Family Learning Festival in October.

Performing Wonders Drama is back!

A new class for children aged 7–11 in St Leonard's Hall, Eynsham, weekly on Wednesdays, from 5.00–6.00pm. Performing Small Wonders 3.40pm till 4.30pm in Eynsham Primary School Sports Hall for years 1 and 2 students of the school. For more information, contact Claire Page on 01865 464308 or claire@old-rope.co.uk

Bartholomew Community Theatre - Wednesday evenings

Long Hanborough Methodist Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. Anyone is welcome to join either to sing or to help backstage. For more information call Bob on 01993 882468.

The Biscuit Club

A free course for all parents of children aged two to six years of age starting in September on Thursday mornings. We have run two courses this year where parents have been able to receive and give ideas to others in the group. For more information please telephone Sue Rous 01993 881968 or discuss it with your health visitor.



Village Show

Helen Peacocke advised that 'With more than 120 people taking part, many entering more than one category, the Village Show was better than ever and a great example of our enthusiasm for a community event such as this. The jam section was particularly impressive, and the carrot cakes were scrumptious. My dog certainly enjoyed judging the home-baked dog biscuit section. After sniffing each bowl carefully, he was let off his lead and allowed to make for his favourite, which he chomped down with great enthusiasm'. Full details are available on Eynsham Online.



Litter Picking

It's litter pick up time again - 25 October and 29 November 1.45–3.45 pm at Eynsham Baptist hall. We hope to see old and new faces join our community clean up. Please telephone Eileen on 01865 880393 for further information.

Eynsham Neighbourhood Action Group – Parking Enforcement

The responsibility for parking enforcement is to transfer from the police to WODC, who will provide 'Community Wardens' to patrol the area. As a result of this all the old parking orders are being combined into one – the recent advert of this change in the Oxford Times will not alter the current parking regulations at all. The transition of powers should be seamless, and other than parking enforcement will, in the short term, result in no other changes. Your NAG will continue to monitor this and if you have any problems or queries please contact us either through www.eynsham-nag.org or through the police office in Eynsham.

August Oasis 2009

August Oasis was a very enjoyable event with more people than ever attending. Participants enjoyed a variety of activities ending with the always popular Gardeners' Question Time. A daily delicious home-made hot lunch was served and a daily short epilogue by a different member of the clergy gave food for thought! Thanks to all involved and to the Parish Council for their grant. The next event is the OASIS Carol Service in December – look out for the posters!



Eynsham History Group

Meetings will take place in St Leonard's Church Hall from 7.15pm. The autumn programme is:

1 October	Susan Ganter	The Gibbons Family of Eynsham
15 October	Lillian Wright	Lucy, Venetia, Charlotte - 17th century Ladies of the Stanley family and their connections with Eynsham
5 November	Marcus Roberts	History of the Apple
19 November	Robert Harris	The Oxford Motor Industry

A Camera, Bag of Clay and a Sheep

A creative exhibition and sale to be held in the Bartholomew Room on Saturday 5 December 10.30 am until 4.00 pm by local amateur artists.

News from Brize Norton

Essential VC10 night training will be taking place on 2 and/or 3 November during the hours of darkness.

Witney College students help on the Eynsham allotments

Over the summer holidays students from Abingdon and Witney college worked as Wychwood V volunteers to help to clear the footpath along the side of the allotments at Eynsham. The young people had worked with Wychwood V Project Officer Jane Bowley in the summer term and were delighted to have another go at bramble bashing and branch lopping. Jane said, 'They are such an enthusiastic group and so much fun to work with. Judging from their swings with the grass slashers some of them will make very good golfers'.

The group really enjoyed working on the allotments and admired the fantastic crops growing all around them. The allotment holders were very thankful that it was one job they didn't have to worry about so they could give more time to their vegetables and fruit.

Alex and James were particularly pleased that they cut down a tree that had been blocking the path. James said, 'I really enjoy working outside and doing something useful with my time' and Katie said, 'I hope we can come out again next holiday it has been great, especially using the shears'. They also enjoyed the variety of bugs, beetles and butterflies that they came across and took some excellent photographs for recording and identification.

Wychwood V is funded by the national youth volunteering organisation Vinspired, (www.vinspired.com) which is aiming to inspire a new generation of volunteers aged 16–25. For more information about the Wychwood V project please contact Jane Bowley on 01993 814131 or email wychwood.v@oxfordshire.gov.uk.



Eynsham Directory updates

- Page 10 **Police Office**—office in the Village Hall is now closed on Thursday.
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- Page 18 **Rotary in Eynsham** – all welcome: no 'business' experience needed!
- Page 36 **Hairdressers** – new firm Le Diva 57 Spareacre Lane 01865 883569.
- Page 38 **Personal Care**—Care with Care is at 5 Thames Street OX29 4HF.
- Page 40 **Solicitors** – new firm Beechwood Solicitors 1 Aelfric Court 01865 883344

Copies of the Directory are available in the Library.

New toilets open in Eynsham

Public toilet facilities are again available in Eynsham's Back Lane car park, thanks to West Oxfordshire District Council. The new modern facility is unisex with a self-contained toilet cubicle and baby changing unit. Vandal-proof materials have been used and it is coin-operated in a bid to cut down on misuse.

Eynsham Carnival

The Carnival Committee wish to thank Eynsham residents for making Carnival day one to remember. Months of preparation go in to putting it all together, but the hard work is rewarded when the whole village comes out to have fun. Planning for next year's programme is underway and if you would like to get involved contact us through the website www.eynshamcarnival.com or via email at eynshamcarnival@btinternet.com.

Eynsham Medical Group

Flu Clinics will start on Saturday 3rd October. Please contact 01865 881206 to make an appointment. Please note that these clinics are for seasonal flu vaccinations only and not swine flu vaccinations. For up-to-date information please visit www.eynshammedicalgroup.org.uk

Found

Eynsham Police have a ladies' bicycle found in Swan Street. To recover please visit the Police Office at the Village Hall, Back Lane in normal opening hours or ring 08458 505 505.

Eynsham Parish Council require a Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer

With effect from November 2009. The hours are 25 hours a week which are flexible, with occasional evening and weekend work. A job-share may be considered. The candidate should:

- Have good communication skills and be able to manage a small team.
- Be computer literate and have access to the internet and be able to work from home
- Facilitate the monthly meetings of the full Council and additional committee meetings.
- As Responsible Financial Officer have accounts and audit experience.
- Salary is in accordance with the Local Government pay scale points 30–34 (pro-rata) at a point commensurate with qualifications and experience. A home working allowance is payable.

Accounts Administrator

The Parish Council require an Accounts Administrator for 12–15 hours a month, working from home. Salary is in accordance with the Local Government pay scale points 26–29 (pro-rata) depending on qualifications and experience. The candidate must have:

- Financial experience of managing accounts, budgets and year end accounting and audit.
- Preferably experience of Omega accounts package or be willing to learn.
- Computer literate with access to the internet.

The 2 positions could be combined to one position.

Further information and an application form can be obtained from Mrs Sue Lee, Clerk to the Council, 19 Bradshaw Close, Steeple Aston, BICESTER, OX25 4SA or sue.lee@eynsham-pc.gov.uk.

Closing date for applications is 2 October 2009 and interviews will be held mid October.

The deadline for the next issue is 14 November 2009. Items for inclusion should be sent to Sue Lee, Parish Clerk, 19 Bradshaw Close, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SA. Telephone 01869 347652, email: sue.lee@eynsham-pc.gov.uk
Items submitted after the deadline will not be included.

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

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