



EYNSHAM ECHO

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Annual Parish meeting



The Annual Parish Meeting took place on 20 April at the Village Hall with over 50 people in attendance. The lively discussions covered diverse issues and concerns such as car parking, tree management, planning applications and recycling. The Royal British Legion has agreed to requests to permanently leave open the War Memorial Site, initially on a trial basis to assess any vandalism.

The Parish Council was asked to consider problems caused by builders' vehicles being parked on the road during a development and the proposed increase in minerals to be extracted from the local area.

Dovehouse Come and Play

The new play area was officially opened on 7 May by Elly Podbury who won the competition to name the Play Area. The opening was attended by dozens of families and the children had a fantastic time on the new play equipment.



We hope that it will be popular for years to come. There is still work to be done on some landscaping and, at the time of writing, we are still awaiting the litter bins and benches to be installed. The Parish Council would like to thank all those people who contributed, both the organisations that awarded financial grants and the many local people who so willingly gave their time and skills.

And now that it is open

A residents group has continued after the consultation to help look after the area. Our first concern is to minimise risk of vandalism and nuisance. Unfortunately Eynsham isn't immune from bad behaviour and we want to be prepared in case trouble happens. After advice from the local Crime Reduction officer, we will monitor activity and keep the police informed. Our

response will be:

- to illegal activity - violence, damage, under-age drinking - phone 999 and expect a response to match the threat.
- to people hanging about late into the night and being a nuisance – phone 08458 505 505
- keep a log of calls and note any 'late-night' use – e-mail or telephone Richard Andrews details Page 4. We will then ask police to patrol the area at suitable times.

However we can't see everything and would very much appreciate everybody who lives nearby taking a 'zero-tolerance' approach to possible trouble (though please don't put yourself at risk by intervening directly). Please call the police and / or let us know what you have seen and help keep our play area a happy place.



St Leonard's Churchyard

St Leonard's Church are carrying out a survey of Eynsham churchyard, in order to update the records and to establish which plots have not been used.

Most graves have memorials, which identify the name and details of the person / persons buried there. However, some plots have no memorials. These may be 'reserved' plots, or they may be used but unmarked – or they may be empty and available for future use. This applies mainly to the lower, newer section of the churchyard.



If you know of friends or family buried in an unmarked grave in the churchyard, please contact The Administrator, Church Office, 21 High Street, Eynsham OX29 4HE, telephone 01865 883325 or email stleonards_stpeters@btconnect.com

Thanks to Donald Richards for the picture.

Dovehouse Trees

The Parish Council discussed the trees behind Dovehouse Close at its meeting on 4 May. Cllr Richard Andrews suggested a management plan to encourage trees and bushes to bush out at the bottom, to thin and coppice to fill the gap.

The cost of all the marked work would be £9,600 (£6,000 for the 2 meter strip and £3,400 for the thinning).

It was suggested to firstly cut the large trees; and Council resolved to budget £4,000 to remove 4 or 5 trees.

The arboriculturalist will be asked to attend a site visit with Cllr Andrews and Cllr Marion Sheppard, to quote for specified large trees rather than the 2 meter strip.

Farewell and thanks to Leslie



The Parish Council were very sorry that Leslie Gerrans has decided to retire from the Council and to take time for her other many interests.

Leslie has been a Parish Councillor since 1990, recently as a member and Chairman of the Planning Committee, a member of the Senior Committee, St Leonard's Churchyard Working Group; and Parish Council representative on the Allotments Association.

Leslie said, "I joined the Council because I was interested in the village and wanted to know and help with how it worked. Since arriving here in 1973 I have got to know so many people, how much our community depends on them – in fact, what is village life.

With my interests ranging from gardening, schools, churches and the villagers, old and young, I love living here and do what I can to maintain village life.

As a member of the Parish Council's Planning Committee I am well aware of the good and bad of development proposals and hope I made the right decisions."

We are delighted that we will still keep in touch with Leslie as she has agreed to continue to serve as the Parish Council's representative on the Bartholomew Education Foundation and Eynsham Consolidated Charities. We would like to offer our thanks to Leslie for all she has done and our best wishes for the future.

Parish Council Vacancy

Following Leslie's resignation there is now information on the notice boards showing how a poll can be called.

If there is no request for a poll the Council will co-opt to fill the vacancy.

If you would be interested in applying to fill the vacancy, just keep an eye on the notice boards from the first week of June for information on how to apply.

Transport needs Survey

Our thanks to the many who contributed to the Transport Needs Survey. All the contributions have been sent to the Oxfordshire Rural Community Council who are collating the responses and will then use them to raise the transport needs of the community with the County Council.

Our new District Councillor

Larry Poole is our new District Councillor; here is what he had to say to the Echo.

"I have been connected with Eynsham for some 12 years, through membership of the Eynsham Roadrunners, and June and I finally moved into the village from Yarnton in 2001. We both got stuck into quite a few of the many village activities and have got to know a lot of people here. I live only a five minute walk from the Co-op but it rarely takes less than 20 minutes to get there as I seem to meet so many friends on the way!

With the help of nearly 2000 people, I was delighted to be elected a District Councillor in May 2010. Along with my other two Lib Dem colleagues, Margaret Stevens and Richard Andrews, I hope to be able to serve our community effectively in the coming years. I can't promise I will always get results, but if I think you have a reasonable case, I will take it up with WODC and pursue it energetically. I look forward to getting to know many more of you."

Changes to the Echo

We recently asked for your view of the Echo; what you liked and any further developments you may wish to see. Our thanks to all those who have responded. Having taken account of the comments received we have decided to make a few changes.

We currently produce the Echo bi-monthly, but have decided to produce it four or five times a year, but to be flexible in producing additional editions if necessary. We will give more detailed reporting of issues that are likely to be of high concern to the village and only include community notices if there is available space. More general information will be covered on the Parish notice boards and in the monthly Bulletin.

Final Line up for the Carnival

On Saturday July 3, Eynsham will be welcoming a whole host of fantastic acts for the 2010 Carnival, including Titan the Robot, the American Civil War Society, the Ambassadors of Borrowwash Marching Band, the Oxford Entertainers, a Climbing Wall and Mr & Mrs Mouse, not to mention the biggest and best ever Craft Fair with workshops for everyone to get stuck in and have a go! This year's Carnival Queen is Lucy Fisk, with Natasha Lazarus as her Deputy and India Antell, Trinity Davis, Thea Powell and Libby Partlett as her attendants. Why not beat the queues on carnival day by getting your tickets in advance at Evenlode DIY and Eynsham Post Office (they're cheaper too!). For more on this visit; www.eynshamcarnival.com.



Fishponds Update

This winter we were very lucky to have young volunteers from the Wychwood V programme helping us to keep the ditches and paths clear.

On 1 May Wychwood CAT



(Countryside Action Team) along with some volunteers from the village came to reinstate the footpath between the Harvey's House Mound and the Chilbrook. The path was gradually moving further away from its original route. The volunteers from Wychwood CAT were visited by David Cameron during his visit to the village where he joined in with the work.

We are extremely grateful to all volunteers for their work and particularly for the support from the Wychwood Project.

Thanks to Jane Bowley for the picture.

Energy saving – Planet saving

Green TEA: saving energy, saving money, saving the planet! Here are a few ideas from our Energy group.



Switch to a Green Energy supplier. Green TEA has a scheme to supply electricity and gas for the same price as your local supplier and invest 100% of your bill in clean forms of power; TEA also receives a donation for each customer who signs up, to help with local energy saving projects.

Pick up information on cutting your bills by improving

insulation and other energy saving tips at our Energy Stall at the Eynsham Swapshops on 19 June and 16 October also at our regular Saturday GreenTEA Café (884119).

Our website has more information.

<http://www.eynsham.org/teahome.html>

Eynsham Medical Group

Will be closed for their annual training away day this year on Wednesday 16 June. On this date Eynsham Medical Centre will be closed all day and Long Hanborough surgery will have locum cover for urgent medical need only. The dispensary at Long Hanborough will be closed for requesting repeat prescriptions. To avoid disappointment please order and collect your prescriptions in the week commencing 7 June. Any items ordered after this week will not be available to pick up until 17 June or later, taking into account the two working days notice that we require to process them (NB 16 June will **not** be counted as a working day). The pharmacy will be open as normal for collection of medicines already ordered, and for acute prescriptions on the day. They will not be able to deal with any repeat prescribing queries that require access to your medical records.

All staff other than the pharmacist will be a locum and therefore unable to answer routine enquires. Normal service will be resumed on 17 June

Eynsham front garden competition



A late spring, and a change of date, turned the tables for this year's Front Garden awards and several regular winners missed out.

Best Enclosed Front Garden

1st Gerald & Ita Sacks School House, Station Road
2nd Ian & Janette Miller 8 Newlands Close

Best Open Plan Front Garden

1st Roy & Monica Allen 34 Dovehouse
2nd Graham & Carol Davies 11 Queen's Close

Best House Front

1st Renée & Kerry Fisher 11 Cassington Road
2nd Martin & Frances Flatman St Peter's House, Abbey Street

A big thank-you to all who helped organise this event, and also commiserations to all that made an effort to make their gardens look their best but still didn't win. At least you can feel that Eynsham is just that little bit better for the work you've put in.

If you'd like to get involved, please contact the co-ordinators Jean Towns 01865 880430 or Pam Breeze 01865 880725

Eynsham Directory Updates

- Page 18 **Women's Institute secretary** - now Anne Wrapson 01865 882120
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- Page 25 **Outdoor sport** - new group Just Jog Thursday 10:00 at Bartholomew Sports Centre, contact Debbie Cameron 07827 949155
- Page 31 **Cafés, Pubs and Restaurants** - Spiceorama is now Kardamon Lounge 01865 881384
- Page 34 **Electrical Goods & Services** - new firm RS Services, The Workshop, 66 Mill Street 01865 881313
- Page 36 **Health & Wellbeing** - Bamboo Pilates moves to 1 Abbey Street from 1 June (07521 669845); Jane McDonald (holistic massage); Helen Matkin (kinesiology) and Rosalind Jones (Osteopath). James Thirlwall (acupuncture) has left.

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

Local rights of way

A reminder to everyone who uses our local rights of way - please report any problems you encounter with broken stiles and gates, missing sign-posts, impassable vegetation, etc. either to the Clerk or to Sue Osborne, contact details on this page.

It would be helpful if you could get in touch before 22 June, when the Footpaths Committee meets again. The final inventory will be passed on to the County Council - which is responsible for maintaining rights of way -with a request for the repairs to be implemented.

May parade

The annual Primary school parade took place on 6 May, more pictures at Eynsham Online



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The deadline for the next issue is 14 July 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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