



# EYNESHAM ECHO

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### New lease of life



Major improvements at Oxford Road play area are nearing completion. Work began on 11 June and should be finished in time for (most of) the school holiday, though planting is being delayed until autumn.

The new park will

include a 25 metre zip-wire, large sandpit area with sit-on digger, ground-level trampoline, mounds with bridge and slide, seating and more.

The total cost will be just over £140,000.

The project has been achieved in partnership with West Oxfordshire District Council. WODC who helped secure funding from two new housing developments in the village, to add to the Parish Council's existing play area budget, and has played an invaluable role with design and management.



Equipment and installation have been supplied by Blakedown Sport & Play who have a reputation for high quality, safe, challenging and interactive playgrounds. Plans and equipment were subject to careful consultation with local residents (including young users), the Police and Oxfordshire Playing Fields Association. Parish Clerk Malcolm Anderson said: "Local residents

came up with plenty of suggestions and we've tried to take on board as many of these as possible. The park will cater for a range of ages and I'm sure it will provide a great place where they can meet and play together."

The Play Area Committee continues to explore options for improving the



skateboard area and has not forgotten Witney Road. Chairman Richard Andrews said: "We're always interested to hear from parents and carers, as well as young people themselves. Please get in touch with your comments and suggestions."

### The QE II Fields Challenge



Council and community joined hands in another Diamond Jubilee celebration on 7 July 2012, as Parish Council Chairman Gordon Beach and Carnival Queen Eloise Sheffield unveiled a new plaque at the Sports Pavilion. Oxford Road Playing Field (south) is now officially Queen Elizabeth II Field. The QE II Fields Challenge is an exciting grassroots legacy programme to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Follow-up plans to upgrade the Pavilion kitchen involve a more substantial contribution from the Council – watch this space!

### Recreational Grants

As part of the developer contribution linked to new housing in the village, a total of £150,000 was earmarked for an all-weather pitch 'or other recreational facilities'.

The Parish Council has invited any organisation within the village which wants to improve recreational facilities to submit its plan by 20th August. Their proposals will then be assessed before wider public consultation.

### Rights of Way

The Footpaths Committee took part in the pilot of the Double Diamond Jubilee Footpaths project for the County Council, but sadly the project has been cancelled due primarily to personnel changes and cost.

However, the Committee members have come away with some ideas for using the definitive map along with photographs to illustrate all the footpaths in the parish. The spreadsheet of all the paths is due to be completed by the Committee members very soon, and will be passed to OCC with details of any work required to remove obstructions, repair damage, improve signage, etc.

As usual we welcome feedback and input from residents and will follow up anything which might be raised. They are also taking photos and yours are welcome too!



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**The Beacon Lighting Ceremony** was attended by several hundred people in the square who joined in singing traditional songs led by Father Martin Flatman in very good voice!

Thanks to the burly firemen who scaled St Leonard's tower, to Robin Saunders of Evenlode DIY for setting things off in style, and to John Richards for recording the event in another local newsreel - now at Eynsham Online



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Very much a village celebration with folks gathering to eat lunch, watch the Morris men and later the Beacon Lighting ceremony

Thanks to the unsung heroes and heroines who shifted furniture, made cakes, etc, and the Co-op store for provisions.

### The Big Lunch

Rain prevented the open-air lunch in the square but hundreds of folks packed into St Leonard's church and shared lunch.

Later after the Morris men had danced tea and cake was served.



Morris men in the square © Carol Phipps



Sue Greenwood & Jan Holland - Masterminds behind the 'Big Lunch'

### Diamond Jubilee Collection

This special collection is in aid of Eynsham Consolidated Charity which makes grants to local people in need, hardship or distress. ALL funds raised will go to ECC as the cost of the 'Big Lunch' and the Jubilee Beacon are being met elsewhere. Please contact the clerk. Robin Mitchell 20 High Street Eynsham OX29 4HB to donate. Cheques should be made payable to Eynsham Consolidated Charity

## Abbey Fishponds

Steve Lord and Tim Jordan have re-pointed the wall on Station Road.

Ron Hollis, walking there with his dog Ellie, disturbed what he later identified as a smooth snake in the undergrowth at the fishponds. It was possibly more frightened than the dog!



## Best Kept Village?



Welcome to the Parish Council's new grounds-man, Stephen Painter.

Inevitably, following the handover, some areas of grass may be missed at first. We are trying to catch up on these as we hear about them so please tell the Clerk if you are aware of any – contact details on page 4.

## Verge spraying

The Council's annual spraying of weeds around the village is under way. It covers kerbs and gutters for most streets and is generally held up only by wind or rain. The contractor usually works early in the morning and uses a knap-sack spray to deal with traffic-congested areas. The approved chemicals work through translocation through the leaves; in consequence they will have no effect on saplings so property owners need to take responsibility here.



## Your garden - our footpaths.



Plants of all kinds are flourishing in the rain! While trimming and weeding the garden, please get out and check your boundary too. The footpath outside your property is part of the public highway so an overgrown hedge is an obstruction in the eyes of the law.

This child is getting a close up view of someone's overgrowth!

## Fly Posting

However worthy your event, it is unlawful to attach posters, notices or adverts to buildings, street furniture etc. **Persistent offenders can be prosecuted.** The Parish Council has asked West Oxfordshire to take action once again, especially in the Conservation Area. You have been warned!



## Vehicle Parking -

Notice from Thames Valley Police Whilst picking up and dropping off the children, some vehicles are being parked in such a way that they are causing an obstruction to other road users.

- It is an offence to cause obstruction of a public road.

- Vehicles must not park closer than 10 meters to a junction.

Please find somewhere safe and legal to park whilst dropping off and picking up your child / children.

Please have more consideration for other road users.

[Legal provision: Road Vehicles (Construction and Use)

Regulations 1986, reg 103 and s42, Road Traffic Act 1988

and s137 Highways Act 1980]

## Solar panels

-The Parish Council is considering installation of 55 solar panels on the roof of the Village Hall, as part of its contribution to green energy. Solicitors for the Parish Council and the Oxford 'hub' are talking about lease and installation but \*no\* progress to report; let's hope it makes the October issue

## Come and Play!

There must be things you want to keep – or change – in Eynsham. The Parish Council is heavily involved in leisure matters, as this issue shows. Why not look in and speak your mind? Most committees meet only 3 or 4 times a year; and you'd be very welcome to join one informally without any call to join the Council. Please help us get it right! The meeting dates are on the notice boards but have a word with the committee contacts anytime.

## Want to earn a few pence?

This is an appeal for help with delivering the Echo (a small payment is made) and keeping the notice boards up to date. Please contact the Clerk for further information (see page 4)

## Paul Wilding - New Parish Councillor

I moved to Eynsham last year with my wife and son, and we are also expecting a second child at the moment.

Having grown up in Witney and spent the last 10 years living in Oxford, I have a strong connection with the local area. My wife and I feel like we have settled in very well in the village, and anticipate remaining here for a considerable amount of time. We would expect our little boy and any subsequent children to attend school locally, and so feel we have a real stake in the community.

I work in local government, for Oxford City Council as the Housing Benefits Manager. On a personal level, I find the idea of having a role in maintaining and improving the local community something that would be rewarding.

## Edward James - New District Councillor

Edward is 39 years old and was at Oxford University where he read History. His family have long ties with Eynsham.

Edward and Tammy live in Chilbridge Road and they have one son, Luca, aged eleven and a new baby daughter Vivian.

Edward is a solicitor and is a partner in an Oxford firm of solicitors. He has been an advisor to the Citizens Advice Bureau and also helps Barnardo's with their charitable Will writing scheme.

Edward has a special interest in the provision of services to the elderly as well as planning matters and preserving our countryside and rural way of life.

*Edward takes over from Margaret Stevens who has served a notable four terms (16 years).*



Sue Osborne



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