



# EYNESHAM ECHO

## PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

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### Your village needs you!

Following the elections in May twelve candidates have been elected onto the Parish Council, leaving three vacancies. The Council will now consider co-opting three additional members. If you want to contribute to a better village by filling one of these vacancies please contact the Parish Clerk, details on the back page.



### Gravel threat fades

Hansons have notified us that they intend to withdraw their application for gravel extraction in the Cassington / Eynsham area, which was submitted in August 2007 and was due to be determined by OCC next month.

Fred W Wright, Chairman of Eynsham and Cassington Gravel Committee, comments as follows:



"The Gravel Committee, supported by the Eynsham Society and the two Parish Councils, has opposed this application since it was submitted to Oxfordshire County Council in 2006-7. During the intervening time Cassington Road east of the roundabout has become more important for local recreation, with the cricket and croquet pitches and dog walking etc. The threatened land has also returned to agriculture.

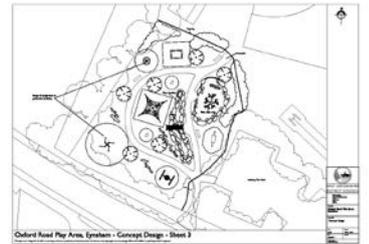
"Our conclusion is that we have won another battle but we must still be wary of a future new application after the new Minerals and Waste Framework comes into operation in 2012 or later. Public consultation on its proposals is expected later this year and its submission to Government will then follow. At the present time Cassington, Eynsham and Yarnton are included in it for

possible minerals and clay production.

The full story is available on the website: <http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/>

### Oxford Road play areas

The Play Area Committee have confirmed that the refurbishment of the Oxford Road Play Area is now at the detailed planning stage.



The Oxford Road (South) Playing Field is to be renamed in 2012 as the Queen Elizabeth II Field. This change of name opens up exciting opportunities for grant aid. The Queen Elizabeth II Fields Challenge is an exciting grassroots legacy programme to mark the two



great events that are taking place in the UK in 2012: Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the London 2012 Olympics. You can see further information about the Queen Elizabeth II Fields and Fields in Trust on the websites, [www.qe2fields.com](http://www.qe2fields.com) and [www.fieldsintrust.org](http://www.fieldsintrust.org)

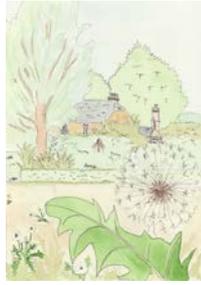
### Fishponds Update

Verity Hughes has brought us up to date with news from the Fishponds committee. Once again our thanks to Wychwood 'V', the young volunteers of The Wychwood Project, for the work they do on our site. This season they have removed the elm saplings which obscure the view of the road on exiting the car park, cleared the bank of the Chilbrook of vegetation near the Playing Fields so that the brook is accessible. They are now in the process of clearing the old Chilbrook below the dam of the reeds which are slowly choking it.



## Footpaths Update

Sue Osborne, chair of the Parish Council's Footpaths Committee, has been in touch with OCC's Countryside Service (which is responsible for maintaining rights of way) to follow up some problems raised by parishioners and highlighted from the footpath survey carried out last year.



Assistant Field Officer Luke Dawson has a very pleasing report:

Footpath 152/5, which leads from the A40 south-east across the field to Wharf Farm, had been planted over, making it inaccessible. The landowner has now been contacted and the path has now been reinstated. Footpath 206/2, the very steep slope leading down from the southern bypass to the kissing gate is potentially dangerous. Dan Weeks, Field Officer for the area, has made successful contact with the landowner and some steps are scheduled for installation within the next 6 months.

It has been decided not to sign the footpath across the recreation ground from the Sports Pavilion, joining footpath 206/3, for the time being. On Footpath 206/32 a tree was growing next to the river bank south of Eynsham Mill, forcing people toward the river. This has now been removed and a waymarker post has been installed, directing users across the driveway in front of the mill itself.

As ever, if you come across any obstacles or hazards on any of your local paths, please don't hesitate to contact Sue who, along with the other members of the Footpaths Committee, will do what they can to get them put right. More walkers, reporters, artists and photographers are always welcome! Please get in touch.

Our thanks to Sarah Bannerman for the Bitterell image.

## Welcome back

The Parish Council welcomes back Andy Mosson as a member of the Parish Council. Andy had this to say for himself. 'I have been a resident of Eynsham for nearly forty years so nearly qualify as a resident. This is my second stint on the Parish Council having completed twelve years in the past.



My working life is spent in the NHS where I am Technical Manager for the Oxford Kidney Unit responsible for the team ensuring safe operation of all the dialysis machines within a fifty mile radius of Oxford. I have always been a keen cricketer and play squash regularly, suffering the aches and pains accordingly, who said that sport was good for you!'

## Website news



The Village Hall feature at Eynsham Online has been much expanded and improved, with material kindly supplied by Roy Wilkinson of original architects SWA. And the slideshow will probably include several images from the anniversary celebrations by the time you read this!

Anyone's photos can now appear at Eynsham Online – subject to vetting, of course. This could be an exciting opportunity to expand the coverage of big events like Carnival – and indeed for local groups, though they may still need clearance from parents / carers to publish photos of children.

All you need to begin with is an online photo sharing account – just get in touch for further information. There's a contact form at the top of every page at Eynsham Online. We promise a credit for every image published.

## Carnival Time

Time for a reminder that the biggest event of the year in Eynsham happens on the 2nd July. This year's Carnival promises to be a great day out with Stuntmen, rocking bulls, performing dogs, an expanded craft fair, punch & Judy, funfair and goodness knows what else. All this for a fiver on the day or get them at Evenlode DIY or the Post Office and save a pound a ticket. For more information take a look at the carnival website. <http://www.eynshamcarnival.com>



## Shared ownership housing



Coming soon for shared ownership are eight brand new homes at the Swinford Green development. You can buy an initial share in your home and pay a discounted rent on the rest. There are three, three-bedroom houses and five, two-

bedroom houses in Hazeldene Close. To register your interest in these properties please contact the Sovereign Living Sales Team on 0845 602 1618 or email [living@sovereign.org.uk](mailto:living@sovereign.org.uk).

## Eynsham Youth club update

Bartholomew School in Eynsham has been working closely with local partners including councillors to develop a sustainable proposal for the future of youth provision in Eynsham. Bartholomew School is developing detailed proposals to maximise use of the building for school use in the day with youth provision in the evenings. Local partners, including the Parish Council, are involved and intend to bid for initial start-up funds from the Big Society Fund to get the project going. The Cabinet approved the transfer of the young people's centre on the Bartholomew School site at its meeting at its meeting on May 24.

Cllr Louise Chapman, Oxfordshire County Council's Cabinet Member for Children, Education & Families, said: "We're delighted that progress is being made to provide a sustainable future for young people in this area and we're working hard on the rest."

## Bus pass review

As you may be aware on 1 April 2011, Oxfordshire County Council became responsible for the overall management of the Concessionary Travel Scheme in the county. However, bus passes are still currently issued by local District Councils on an agency agreement until 31 March 2012. In order to develop plans for this service from 1 April 2012, Oxfordshire County Council are looking at ways to standardise the application and card-issuing process. To ascertain public opinion on any potential changes they are consulting on the application process for Concessionary Fares from 6 June 2011 until 10 July 2011. For more details call 01993 861090.

## Digital switchover

This September, the analogue television signal will be switched off forever and replaced with a digital signal. Your TV equipment will need to be digital-compatible, otherwise you will not be able to watch TV! If you already have Freeview, Freesat, cable TV, or satellite TV you don't need to worry, you're



already digital-compatible. If not, you'll have to convert your TV, which can be as easy as connecting a digital box to your existing TV. Remember, every TV you want to watch after the Switchover will have to be converted. Remember, help is available at very low cost or no cost at all, depending on your circumstance. You can contact Jayne Bullock at Oxfordshire Rural Community Council on 01865 883488.

## GreenTEA Working Group

At Green TEA (Transition Eynsham Area), 'we are looking at ways we can make a difference at a local level. Our area covers Long Hanborough to Standlake and all the smaller villages between Oxford and Witney. We are looking at the possibility of starting a car-club in Eynsham; in addition, we seek a smaller village, not currently well served by public transport, which would be suitable for a shared taxi scheme. GreenTEA are taking part in an initiative to improve facilities for cyclists. If you are interested in any of these ideas or would like to join our team please contact Amanda on 01865 301 535 or Debbie on 07776 208 227'.



## Diabetes

Have you been recently diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes? Do you know someone with Type 2 Diabetes? Your local NHS provides free education for people with diabetes who are registered with Oxfordshire GPs. If you feel you or a member of your family would benefit, contact the Community Diabetes Service on 01869 604091 and ask about diabetes2gether and diabetes4ward or email [diabetes2gether@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:diabetes2gether@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

## Eynsham Choral Society

The society has a performance of Haydn's Creation from scratch with conductor Alison Wilson. Sing-in at St Leonard's Church, Eynsham on Saturday 18 June 2011, 2-5 pm, performance at 6pm.

Details at <http://www.eynshamchoralsociety.org.uk> or contact Margaret Owen 01865 455492: email [meowen@ntlworld.com](mailto:meowen@ntlworld.com)

## Eynsham Consolidated charity

If you are suffering hardship or distress the Eynsham Consolidated Charity can make money grants, help to provide items or services, or back

up help from other quarters.

The Bartholomew Educational Foundation can help with money grants to people under 25 for books, equipment or travel. You can apply 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, or email at [rmitchell@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:rmitchell@tiscali.co.uk)

For more information look under Charities on the local Groups page at Eynsham Online.

### Blood donors needed

There is a blood donation session going ahead at The Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham on Friday 1st July. To book an appointment please call 0300 1232323 or visit [www.blood.co.uk](http://www.blood.co.uk). Please make every effort to attend the session, your donation is vital. Why not encourage your friend to come along, new donors are welcome.



Concerned about rising fuel prices? Looking for a way to lessen their impact on you? Well, we have the answer: Oxfordshire Car Share. The scheme is completely free, and there are no obligations involved in using the service. Register today at: [www.oxfordshirecarshare.com](http://www.oxfordshirecarshare.com)

### New District Councillor

At the May elections Peter Kelland was elected as a West Oxfordshire District councillor serving the Eynsham & Cassington electoral ward. Peter replaces Richard Andrews who will continue to serve on the Parish Council.



### Posters on notice boards

If you can spare the odd moment we need volunteers to keep the noticeboards up to date in Mill Street and Witney Road. If you think you can help please contact the Parish Clerk. We have noticed that some people are ignoring the maximum size of A5 so, a reminder that anything larger is liable to be removed!

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### Don't forget!

The Village show is back! Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September  
And don't forget for more on these stories and much more visit Eynsham Online.  
<http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/>

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