

Massive thanks to the Eynsham Heroes network for delivering Eynsham News again – now in new slimline format. Grateful thanks also to Foremost Print, which is currently printing free of charge; and to the Rotary Club of Eynsham which is standing by with financial support as needed.

Keep up the good work!

Nature Recovery: workshops postponed but do join us on Sunday 5 April, 10:00-10.30 for Eynsham's first Great Garden Bird Watch – and weekly until we are allowed out! More info online at bit.ly/GNRP-events
Catriona Bass

St Leonard's Plant Sale: keep on sowing and growing! If we can't make 2 May, we may be able to sell safely via other means. All proceeds to new church centre fund. *Caroline Cayzer & Elaine Sugden*

VE Day 75 years on: exhibition is postponed but reminiscences & photos are still welcome for a future date! Thanks for all your help so far. *Martin Harris*

Business updates

Evenlode DIY: 01865 881392 to order & pay by card; door service only at shop; deliveries Monday-Friday to vulnerable or isolated. Please leave name & number *only* on answerphone.

Eynsham Co-op: 01865 881351 to order & pay by card, now delivering around the local area – many thanks to those who have offered help

Eynsham Dental Care: regular appointments on hold but we continue to care for our patients. In emergency, please phone 01865 880047 or visit eynshamdentalcare.com

Golsby Butchers: 01865 881219 to order & pay by card or email golsby.butchers@gmail.com Open Tuesday-Saturday 07:30-13:00 *only*, then delivering

Lloyds Pharmacy: 01865 881283 now open Monday-Friday 10:00-13:00, 14:00-17:30; Saturday 10:00-13:00, 14:00-16:00

The Market Garden: 01865 604571 no changes to report this week.

The Spar: call 07772 234029 to order & pay by card, delivery Monday-Friday 13:00-14:00

Volunteer deliverers needed for Barnard Gate and City Farm! Please email eynshamhelp@gmail.com with your address and mobile number. Home deliveries of the newsletter are subject to weekly review. It will go online towards the end of each week in any case, to print off for neighbours with no internet access – assuming they agree this of course: eynshamnews.org.uk



Eynsham comes together

It's been another busy week for the *Eynsham Heroes* community Coronavirus support network, with around eight help requests arriving each day and a continuous stream of volunteers stepping forward. We are also hearing heart-warming tales of neighbours looking after each other (at an appropriate distance). As terrible as this situation is, it's lovely to hear of neighbourhood bonds being made and strengthened.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, we have now raised over £1800 on our GoFundMe page for *Eynsham Good Neighbour Network* and the Eynsham emergency food bank, to help fulfil requests from those in the most need as this difficult period progresses.

Lloyds pharmacy is back up and running, food stocks are (mostly) back in the shops, The Market Garden is keeping people in fruit and veg, wine is flowing from Eynsham Cellars, Golsby Butchers is taking orders, takeaway food delivery services abound... we seem to be entering a new state of relative normality.

We know that there's still a long way to go but we hope the people of Eynsham know where to turn if the going gets tough.

If you are vulnerable or self-isolating, there is someone on your street ready to help with shopping, medication, essential supplies or just a chat...

- Call 07443 564516 Monday to Saturday 09:00-18:00, or email eynshamhelp@gmail.com to request or offer help
- Find 'Eynsham Volunteers - Corona Virus Help' on Facebook
- To join your neighbourhood WhatsApp group email eynshamhelp@gmail.com with your address and mobile number
- For help from Eynsham emergency food bank (or to contribute), call Bob Thiele: 07738 063083
- Donations welcome for our community support fund at bit.ly/eynsham-CSF

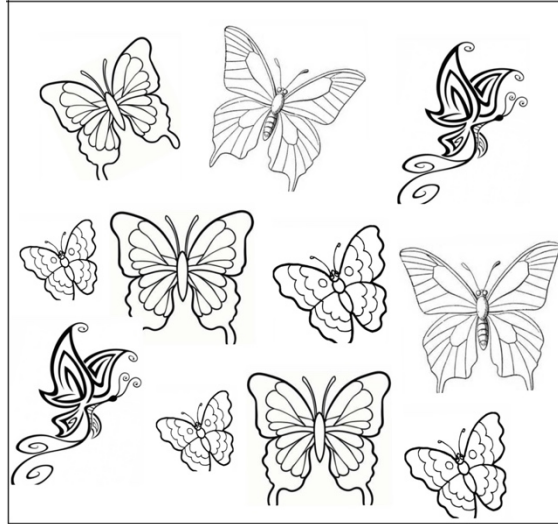
Over to You!

Beautiful butterflies ...

With spring now advancing, butterflies are beginning to join us in our gardens and countryside. Have you spotted any yet through your window, in your garden or on your daily walk? Did you know there are 59 butterfly species native to the UK? The vowels are

missing from the names of these 12, all of which can be spotted in our part of the world. Can you complete them? (*See below for answers.*) You may need to do a little research! When you know what they look like, you'll be able to spot them more easily.

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Now colour in this butterfly picture! You can print it full-size at eynshamnews.org.uk.

And why don't you create your own butterfly art, too? You can use pencils, crayons or paints, and embellish your butterflies with glue and glitter, stickers, ribbon ... let your imagination flow!

... and further signs of spring...

Thank you to Robert Crocker of Glebe Farm for this extract from his March diary on his Farming with Nature page. To read more, go to bit.ly/farming-today

... Clouds of blackthorn flowers in the hedgerows gleam pure white against a dark sky and everywhere there the frantic activity of birds. The dawn chorus is a delight; the wren is first to rise, with a diminutive call signalling to the blackbird and countless great tits that it is time to sing. In a matter of minutes, the air is ringing with a symphony of bird song led by a sole song thrush perched on the highest branch of a cherry tree ...



Photo of cherry blossom by Ian White, with thanks.

For the littlies ...

We know it can be hard to keep little ones entertained, especially with social distancing measures in place. Each week, we'll try to include an activity idea to give you a small helping hand! *This week, with thanks to the Manager of Eynsham Pre-School, Jackie Taylor, a simple recipe for homemade playdough:*

- 150g plain flour
- 50g salt
- 1 full teaspoon oil
- A little water, as needed
- A few drops of food colouring

* Mix everything together and knead well. Works well with pastry cutters. Butterflies and flowers, anyone?!

... and for those whose littlies are elsewhere

Due to social distancing, parents who are working from home may be finding things tricky. Other family members, such as grandparents, may be finding the distancing hard, too. Here are some ideas to connect – and help each other – whilst living apart:

Parents can help children to phone relatives, or to send them texts or even a string of emoticons!

Relatives can read a poem, a very short story or a chapter in a book to the youngsters – and/or get them to read to you. This works on the phone as well as on video chats.

Courtesy of Lindsay Battle: For video chats, put a few objects on a tray. Talk about them, then cover with a cloth. How many objects can the child remember?