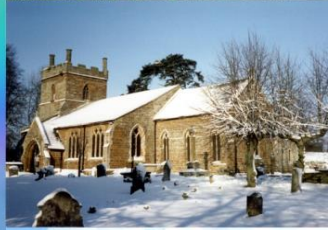
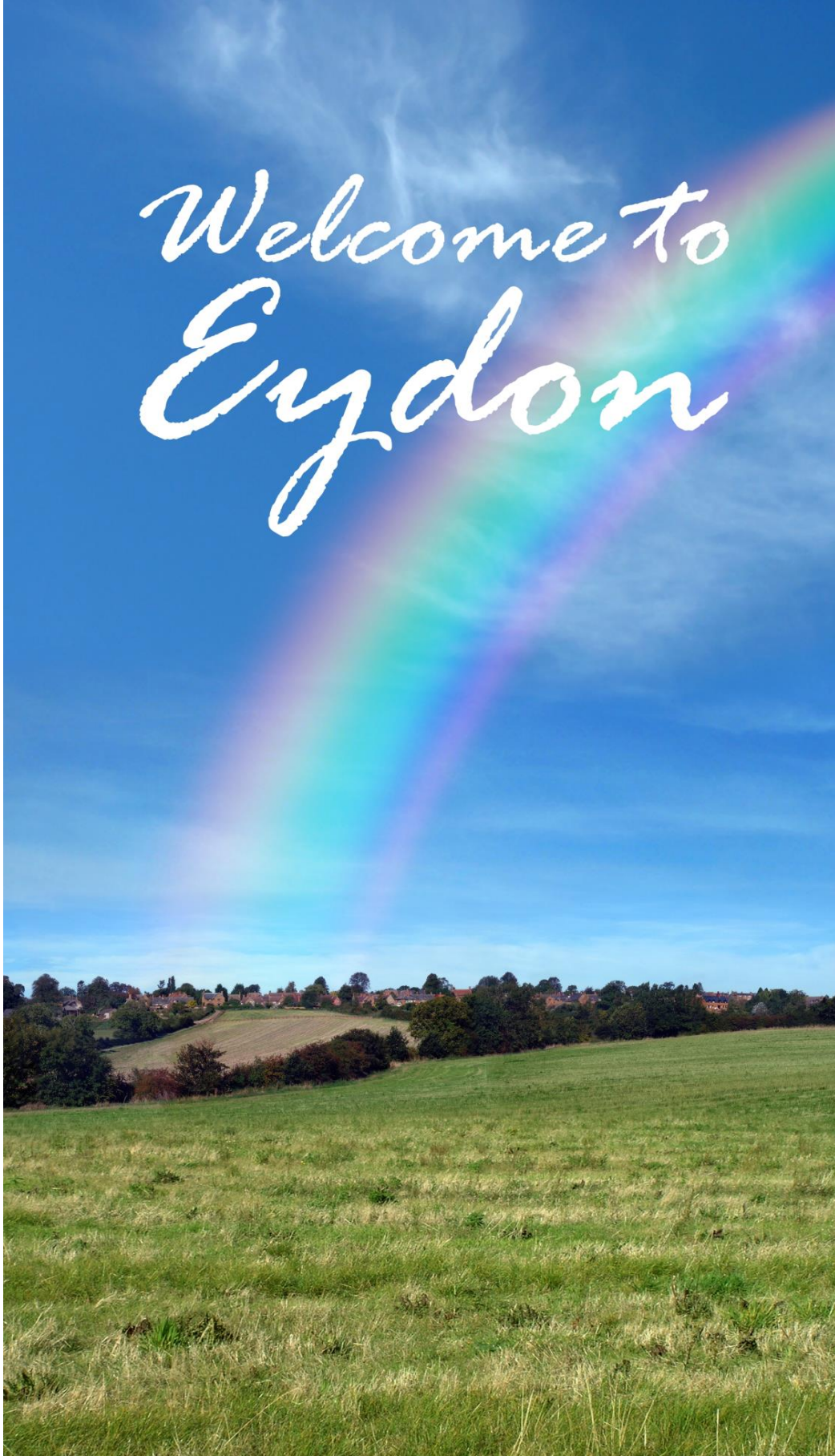


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POLICE

EMERGENCIES and for any incident in progress – Dial 999

OTHER CALLS (non-emergency) 101

CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555 111

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

DEDICATED NHW number for reporting crime information or non-urgent suspicious activities 01604 432436.

n.b. for NHW reporting this number takes preference over the 101 number

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH Co-ordinators: - *This position is currently open.*

DOCTORS

BYFIELD MEDICAL CENTRE, Church Street, BYFIELD

<https://www.byfieldmedicalcentre.co.uk/>

Partners: Drs. R.S. Harvey; M. Nawaz

Tel. 01327 265841

Open: 8.30am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday

Repeat Prescriptions: Repeat prescriptions will be issued at the doctor's discretion and are normally for patients on long-term medication. Requests may be made by:

Depositing your request in the collection box in the surgery.

Posting your request to us.

Logging into Patient Access using the details provided by the practice and ordering online.

There is a dedicated email address for repeat prescriptions it is: byfieldscripts.k83031@nhs.net

Please only use this if you are unable to access any of the other options above.

PLEASE ALLOW 72 hours (working days) FOR YOUR MEDICATION/PRESCRIPTION TO BE AVAILABLE.

You can then collect the medicine yourself or if you ask for it to be put in the "Eydon Box", it will be collected by one of a rota of volunteers and then delivered to your door during Wednesday afternoon.

Out-of-Hours: If you require urgent medical attention when the practice is closed, please ring 111 - the NHS 111 Service.

You will be assessed, given advice and directed to the local service that can help you best. This could be A&E, an Urgent Care Centre or Minor Injuries Unit, an Out-of-Hours GP, Community Nurse, Emergency Dentist or a Pharmacist

CROPREDY SURGERY, Claydon Road, CROPREDY

Drs. Barry Tucker, Elena Galt & Rebecca Cameron (01295 758372)

Web Site: www.cropredy-surgery.co.uk

Out of Hours Service by NHS Direct on 111

N.H.S. WALK-IN-CENTRE

Nearest is at Horton General Hospital, Oxford Rd, Banbury Tel: 0300 304 7777

Open 24 hours, 7 days a week.

CHEMIST

POPSON'S PHARMACY & Post Office

40 Station Road, WOODFORD HALSE (01327 260393)

Open: Mon, Tues & Fri. 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 6pm
Wed & Thurs. 9am - 1pm & 2pm - 5.30pm
Saturday. 9am - 1pm

VETERINARY SERVICES

AVONVALE VETERINARY CENTRE (www.avonvets.co.uk)

88 Coventry Street, SOUTHAM. (01926 812826)

and at RATLEY, Banbury. (01925 670501)

KENWOOD VETERINARY SURGERY

6 Station Close, DAVENTRY. (01327 702819)

WEST BAR VETERINARY SURGERY

19 West Bar, BANBURY. (01295 262332) and at

16 Station Road, WOODFORD HALSE. (01327 262016)

(Woodford surgery opens for pre-booked appointments Monday to Friday from 4pm - 6.30pm)

BEECH HOUSE VETERINARY SURGERY

Beech House, Bell Plantation, Watling Street, TOWCESTER. (01327 354477)

TOWCESTER VETERINARY CENTRE

Burcote Road, TOWCESTER. (01327 350239) & Equine Centre (01327 811007)

POST OFFICES

WOODFORD POST OFFICE

Now Located at Popsons Chemist; see page 3

BYFIELD POST OFFICE (in Co-Op Store)

29 High Street, BYFIELD (Tel: 01327 263975)

Open: Mon to Fri 9am to 5.30pm; Saturday 9am to 12.30pm.

ELECTRICITY

Power loss / Emergency (24 hour): 0800 056 8090

General enquiries (Central Networks): 0800 096 3080

TELEPHONE – BRITISH TELECOMMUNICATIONS

(There is a traditional red public phone box at the northern end of the High Street close to the junction with Hill View and Preston Road)

Service & Sales: 0800 800150 7.30am to 10pm Mon – Fri; 8am to 9pm; 8am to 8pm
on Saturdays & 9am – 6pm Sundays.

Faults: 0800 800151 24 hours & 7 days a week

CHURCHES

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, EYDON.

Rector: Rev. **TBC**, The Rectory, Church Street, BYFIELD (01327 260204)

Churchwardens: Sue Yates, 59 High Street, EYDON (01327 260503)

Barrie Griffin, 10a Lime Avenue, EYDON (01327 261716)

The usual pattern of Services:-

First Sunday of the month - a non-communion Family Service at **10.30am**

Second Sunday - Parish Communion at **9.00am**

Third Sunday - All Age Communion at **9.00am**

Fourth Sunday - Holy Communion (1662 Book of Common Prayer) at **9.00am**

On a Fifth Sunday there is a Benefice Communion at **10.00am** in one of the five villages in the benefice (Aston-le-Walls; Boddington; Byfield; Eydon or Woodford Halse)

See Notice Boards, Eydon Village News or visit www.achurchnearyou.com/eydon

METHODIST CHURCH, The Green, HINTON, Woodford Halse.

For information contact: - Rev Janet Jackson, at 42 Stroud Close, Banbury. (01295-709958)

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, Main Street, ASTON-LE-WALLS.

For information contact: - The Very Rev. Mgr. S. Healy (01295 660592)

VILLAGE SERVICES & VISITING TRADESPEOPLE

BUS SERVICES FROM EYDON

Eydon is served by ABILITY (Northants) which is a subscription service where you book a journey 24 hrs or more before you need it. For details or to register ring 01327 604123 or 07799 522097 or visit the website at www.abilitycic.org.uk

BUS SERVICES FROM WOODFORD

There is an hourly service from Woodford to Banbury (including Morrison's & Horton General Hospital) and Daventry or Rugby. See timetables at www.traveline.org.uk or contact Traveline on 0870 6082608 or timetables are available from Bus & Rail Development Team, Northamptonshire County Council, Riverside House, Riverside Way, Bedford Road, NORTHAMPTON, NN1 5NX and from Libraries or Tourist Information Centres.

PUBLIC HOUSE – The Royal Oak

6 Lime Avenue, EYDON (01327 263167)

Open: Monday to Friday: 12noon - 2.30pm & 6.00pm - 11.00pm
Saturdays: 12noon - 11.00pm
Sundays: 12noon - 10.30pm

Meals served from 12noon - 2.00pm & 7.00pm - 9.00pm every day, except Sundays and Mondays. Sundays meals served from 12noon - 2.00pm. No food served on Mondays.

MILK DELIVERY - Jon Taylor Dairy Ltd (01926 641717)

Milk, Groceries etc. deliveries to your door early on Monday, Wednesday & Friday mornings or go to <http://www.milkandmore.co.uk/home> to register with Dairy Crest.

COAL DELIVERIES

M. Davies Ltd, Badby Lane, Staverton, DAVENTRY. NN11 6DE. (01327 872877)

K.G.Smith & Son, 11 Forest Road, Hartwell, Northants. (01327 898074)

OIL DELIVERY – Internet Consortium

Yelvertoft Oil Buying Consortium for local villages: www.yobco.co.uk

BUTCHERS HOME DELIVERY- Marriotts

32 Station Road, WOODFORD HALSE (01327 260488)

Telephoned orders for meat & gen. groceries delivered

BUTCHERS VAN - David Mumford

High Street, CULWORTH (01295 760212): Meat, general groceries, fruit and vegetables.
Van stops at various places around village on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons.

NEWSAGENT - Bobby's News

(Newsagent's shop providing daily newspaper delivery in Eydon)
38 Station Road, WOODFORD HALSE (01327 260253)

FISH MONGER'S VAN - Quality Fish

The fish monger calls, with 'quality fish from Grimsby fish market', in the village on THURSDAY MORNING. Stopping at the junction of Manitoba with the Byfield Road around 9.45 and also in High Street at the bus shelter around 10.00. Contact details are :ROBERT HILL 07578 195979 or email: robhill74@me.com if you have a specific request or would like more information.

FISH & CHIPS – Howe & Co

A mobile chip van calls on a Monday evening stopping in Manitoba and Lime Avenue by the pub. You can pre-order, before 15:00 on 01296 712226 and track the van (Van10) on www.howeandcofishandchips.co.uk

LIBRARY

There is a small library situated in the church.

SOUTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNCIL – ALL SERVICES

Springfields, TOWCESTER, NN12 6AE

Main Switchboard 01327 322322. All services.

Opening times Mon-Thurs 8.45am – 5.15pm. Friday 8.45am – 4.45pm.

ALSO SOME CUSTOMER SERVICES are available at

Brackley Library, Manor Road, BRACKLEY Tues – Fri. 9.15am to 12 noon.

For: Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates payments; arrangements for Bulky Waste Collection; Bus Passes; make appointments for visits by Benefits Officers or Pest Control Officers; queries about refuse & re-cycling.

OUT OF HOURS EMERGENCY SERVICES

Environmental Health emergencies 0800 160 1022

Housing emergencies 0800 177 7001

RE-CYCLING & REFUSE COLLECTION – S.N.C.

A kerbside collection of wheelie bins & boxes is made every Wednesday morning – most residents put them out the night before, as time of collection can be variable. If possible, please do not obstruct the pavement or leave the bin out longer than necessary since they can be a problem for wheel and pushchair users as well as those with a visual impairment.

The black bins which are for household waste and the black re-cycling boxes are collected one week and the green wheelie bin for compostable waste and the green re-cycling box the next. Wheelie bins may not be emptied if overloaded with heavy materials or overfilled so that the lid will not close. (S.N.C. Direct Line for info. about refuse collection 01327 322273)

BULKY REFUSE COLLECTION – S.N.C.

South Northants Council will collect items of free standing furniture and domestic white goods from households for a charge of £27 per collection. You can have up to 6 items of waste collected on each collection.

To book a bulky waste collection call 01327 322344 when payment can be made over the phone by credit or debit card or you can download a '[Bulky Waste Request Form](#)' from the SNC website (www.southnorthants.gov.uk) and send it by post with your cheque.

ABANDONED CARS

Phone 'ELVIS' 08456 121 999

DEAD ANIMALS ON ROAD

Phone S.N.C. Environmental Health 01327 322344

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – ALL SERVICES

County Hall, NORTHAMPTON, NN1 1DN

Main Switchboard 01604 236236

Highway problems: 08456 011113 "Street Doctor" for reporting potholes etc.

RE-CYCLING FACILITIES - SOUTH NORTHANTS COUNCIL

FARTHINGHOE RE-CYCLING CENTRE

(OFF A422, 1 MILE WEST OF FARTHINGHOE – TEL: 01295 713782)

ACCEPTED:

All household items which are suitable for re-cycling including garden waste which can be composted, rubble, wood & plastic furniture in good condition, soft furnishings & mattresses with a valid fire label, fridges & freezers, bathroom fittings, cookers, washing machines, scrap metal & waste engine oil, Tetrapaks, plastic bags/sacks/wrapping, glass & plastic bottles, food & drink cans, cardboard & paper, domestic & car batteries.

NOT ACCEPTED:

Rubbish, general waste, soft furnishings and mattresses without valid fire label, carpets, gas cylinders, wood, polystyrene, asbestos or anything which cannot be re-cycled.

OPEN: April to September: 09.00 – 18.00 – 7 days a week
October to March: 09.00 – 16.30 – 7 days a week

CLOSED: Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year Day + afternoon of Christmas Eve.

VANS: May be permitted to offload goods which can be re-cycled.
Phone site to check or ring S.N.C. 01327 322344

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

RECYCLING & WASTE CENTRES - N.C.C.

TOWCESTER, Old Greens Norton Road (01327 353006) **Closed** Tuesdays & Wednesdays
DAVENTRY, Brown's Road, off Staverton Road (01327 877539) – Open 7 days a week
NORTHAMPTON, Sixfields, Weedon Road (01604 582682) – Open 7 days a week

ACCEPTED:

Household waste and goods for re-cycling including fridges & freezers

NOT ACCEPTED:

Trade Waste, Gas bottles & cylinders, hazardous waste

OPEN: April to Sept: 08.00 – 20.00 every day
Oct to March: 08.00 – 18.00 every day
Christmas Eve: 08.00 – 14.00

CLOSED: Christmas Day, Boxing Day & New Year's Day

PLEASE NOTE: VANS & PICKUPS ARE GENERALLY PROHIBITED FROM ENTERING THE SITES. If HOUSEHOLDERS USE VANS THEN STAFF MAY INSPECT CONTENTS AND LOADS WHICH ARE CONSIDERED TO BE TRADE WASTE WILL BE DIVERTED TO ALTERNATIVE FACILITIES WHERE DISPOSAL IS CHARGED FOR TO MEET LANDFILL TAX COSTS. IF IN DOUBT PHONE THE SITE FIRST OR PHONE N.C.C. (01604 236617) FOR OTHER MEANS OR PLACES OF DISPOSAL

VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS & WHO TO CONTACT IF YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

This scheme is operated under the umbrella of Eydon Parish Council, in conjunction with Northamptonshire Police. The aim is crime reduction and prevention.

Please ensure that your homes are secured when you go out; also garden sheds and garages, to avoid loss of tools and equipment. Remember, each time you leave your vehicle to lock it, or if open for unloading, even for a short while, take the ignition keys with you. This is especially important for farm vehicles, or ones with tools and equipment in them. Take special care of sat nav devices, do not leave them on display and try to remember to wipe off tell-tale marks on the windscreen when leaving the vehicle.

The success of Neighbourhood Watch depends on all residents keeping their eyes, and ears open, and we ask you to report any suspicious activity, however trivial it may seem, to either your local co-coordinators or to the police. Sometimes the smallest piece of information – such as part of a car registration – is sufficient to help the police solve crimes as they compile information from many sources. Also, should you be unfortunate enough to be a victim of crime, please let your local coordinators know as soon as possible **after** you have informed the police. We will then help the police by asking people in the village, via our group email, if they have seen or heard anything that might be relevant. We aim to maximise the chances of remembering vital information that might lead to the police making arrests. We stress that we only issue incident details that you are happy for us to pass on.

For more information about Neighbourhood Watch, NOMINATE A NEIGHBOUR (a scheme to help vulnerable people deal with unexpected or unrecognised callers at their door), or Neighbourhood Alert Scheme where you can control which alerts you receive, and the level of information visit: <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/join>. To be added to our group email where we pass on news of local incidents, please contact one of the local coordinators.

For non-emergency calls call the police direct on **101** or for incidents in progress call **999**.

EYDON VILLAGE NEWS

Eydon Village News, which is funded by the Parish Council, is a team event, run by volunteers who collate, edit and lay out your contributions. After printing, it is distributed around the village by volunteers who in all weathers walk round to deliver the newsletters to your door towards the end of each month. The closing date for news items (and photos) is usually the 3rd Friday of the month, either by email (evn@texprep.co.uk) or post to TEXPREP 6 HALLS LANE, BRACKLEY NN13 6AN indicating any posted article is for inclusion in EVN.

EYDON LADIES

Eydon Ladies meet on the 3rd Wednesday of every month and ladies from Eydon and surrounding villages are welcome. The meetings are usually at 8pm in Eydon Village Hall with some open meetings when non-members are welcome (including men!).

A varied programme is arranged each year with speakers, demonstrations and events to suit all tastes and interests. Information, including the current year's schedule and short reports of what we have done recently, can be found at <https://eydon-village.co.uk/organisations/eydon-ladies>

Contact: Sally Stretton 01327 264489.

EYDON EDUCATIONAL TRUST FUND

(Registered Charity No 309866)

The trust was set up in the village in 1985 and has an annual income of approximately £350 which can be used to promote the education of young people under the age of 25. They, or

their parents, must be residents of Eydon who are in need of financial assistance towards educational fees, expenses, scholarships etc. whether in primary, secondary or further education. This can also include educational travel or assistance with the purchase of special clothing, tools or instruments in readiness to enter a trade or profession upon leaving their place of education.

The Trustees usually consider applications in the autumn at the commencement of the new academic year and the closing date is publicised in Eydon Village News. If you wish to apply, you can then write with information about the course you are pursuing, enclosing details of the costs or expenses with which you need assistance, or you may contact one of the trustees to confidentially discuss your needs and how to apply:-

carol.henson@eydon-village.co.uk

EYDON VILLAGE HALL (Registered Charity No 1125650)

The Village Hall, situated on the High Street serves a valuable purpose as a meeting place for the various village organisations and is also used throughout the year by many residents for private functions..

The Hall is run by a committee made up of representatives from the organisations that use the Hall and other volunteers. The hall is maintained by revenue from hire charges, the annual village fete (shared with the church) and other fundraising events. A part time caretaker, committee members and, where necessary, contracted tradesmen carry out maintenance of the hall. In addition, some village residents have given freely of their time and expertise to carry out valuable maintenance work for which the committee are very grateful.

The Hall is available for hire for private or public functions. An alcohol license is available.

Bookings: The Village Hall Secretary, Elaine Partridge evh@eydon-village.co.uk

EYDON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council generally meets in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on the second Tuesday of each month (except August) and members of the public are entitled to attend. Although they cannot participate during the agenda of the formal meeting, there is usually an opportunity at the start of the meeting for residents to comment on agenda items, raise any new issues or ask questions about matters of local concern. Simple matters may be resolved during the subsequent meeting but more complex or contentious issues, especially if expenditure is required, may have to be placed on the agenda for the next monthly meeting.

The Council requests that residents, or their visitors, do not park cars close to a road junction or on the pavement so as to cause an obstruction to wheel and pushchair users. For the same reason please try to avoid obstructing the pavement with your wheelie bin and re-cycling boxes – don't put them out too early and take them in as soon as possible after they have been emptied. If you have a dog and exercise it in the village please clear up after it – there have been many complaints in the past about dog fouling and it is an offence subject to 'On the spot Fines'. There are four bins for dog waste – one on the Green by the Millennium stone, another at the northern end of Lime Avenue near the entrance to the footpath to Manitoba, on High Street by the telephone box and by the pedestrian gate at the sports field.

Contact the Parish Council's Clerk Andy Hartley by email clerk@eydon-village.co.uk regarding street light problems also street furniture and burial ground matters. The Parish Council website can be found at www.eydon-village.co.uk where you will find a list of councillors, budget, accounts, minutes and other information.

EYDON PLAYERS AMATEUR DRAMATIC SOCIETY

Founded in 1989 and based at the Village Hall in the High Street, Eydon Players regularly provides the village with live entertainment. There are usually two public productions each year; a play or musical in May and a pantomime in early December. These are well supported by the village, the pantomime being very popular with families. Rehearsals take place at the Village Hall on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Drama apart, the Eydon Players also support village fetes and children's charities and there is an active social side to the society. Regular annual events are a members' fund-raising/social evening, a dinner in January/February, a Garden Party in July and a barbecue in August and these are open to guests and prospective members. Visits are also made to other groups' productions and to other events of interest.

Contact: Hon. Secretary Gary Denby (01327 261716) or go to our web [site http://eydonplayers.co.uk](http://eydonplayers.co.uk) for full and up to date information about the society.

EYDON FIRST WEDNESDAY CLUB

This club has been running in the village for many years and meetings are open to people of all ages from Eydon or surrounding villages. As the name indicates, meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month in the Village Hall starting at 2.30pm.

There is usually a speaker, and the programme is arranged with a wide range of talks or demonstrations, often illustrated with slides. A monthly raffle is held together with a "Bring & Buy" stall. Each meeting concludes with time to socialise and for a cup of tea and biscuits or cakes as a special treat. An outing is usually arranged in the summer months and a Christmas Lunch is part of the programme. Want to know more or join in? Then please check the next meeting date in your Eydon Village News and just come along.

Contact Chairman, Richard Forsyth 01327 264236

EYDON HISTORICAL RESEARCH GROUP

EHRG is a small informal group of villagers who are interested in finding out more about the history of Eydon and its inhabitants. The group meets informally once a month to compare findings, to help one another with problems and to share resources and it aims to publish results in Research Report Booklets, occasional Supplements to Eydon Village News and other publications.

In 2007 EHRG launched a major project, with the help of Lottery funding, to create 'Eydon's Photo Archive' to copy and preserve images of Eydon and its inhabitants. The group has organised several exhibitions in the Village Hall to display the results of this project as it grows to include new photographs provided by current and former residents or their families. Many of the photos are now included on the EHRG website www.eydonhistoricalresearchgroup.org An aim is to discover all about the people in the photos, so as to preserve the histories of the people shown. If you have photos in your family album, of Eydon people and places in the past, please get it touch with one of the Group members so that they can copy them for the archive. www.eydonhistoricalresearchgroup.org

If you are interested in the local history of Eydon with a view to research and the writing and publication of your work as part of a group project then come along to one of our meetings, usually on the last Tuesday of the month at 8:30 p.m. No experience necessary, just an interest in Eydon's past.

Contact: TBC

EYDON GARDEN SOCIETY

The Eydon Garden Society organises a seed and compost order for the benefit of its members, who receive a copy of Dobies Catalogue in October each year. By buying as a member of a group, large discounts are available. In May, the society usually holds a Bring & Buy Plant Sale outside the Village Hall.

Contact: Sue Yates (01327 260503) for more information.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION - EYDON (BYFIELD) BRANCH

The branch members meet on the last Wednesday of each month at a suitable venue in one of those villages. The Legion is open to all and is not restricted to ex-service personnel although the aims of the legion are to remember those who have lost their lives in the service of their country and provide emotional, financial and social support to ex-service people and their dependants in time of need. Anyone who shares these aims may join the branch.

The branch has a varied programme and each year meets socially on three occasions. Wives/partners are cordially invited to the summer and Christmas social evenings and to the annual dinner. There are normally three meetings with a speaker, by no means exclusively on military topics. The remaining meetings deal with branch and legion matters.

Contact: TBC.

EYDON MUMMERS

Eydon Mummers make their only appearance of the year at the Royal Oak (and sometimes a repeat performance at another local hostelry) on Boxing Day lunchtime to enthralled audiences. Each year's Mumming is based on Eydon's own traditional play and 'developed' by the Mummers during the odd one or two rehearsals. Thanks to the generosity of the audiences a generous donation is made to a local or national charity before the Mummers return to sleep in their cavern under Barnett's Hill until called back to life in time for the next Christmas.

Contact: TBC

Royal Oak Morris, Eydon's own mixed Cotswold Morris team, dance at local pubs and fetes, and further afield at folk and dance festivals both in the U.K. and abroad.

Royal Oak begin their dancing out year by participating at the traditional St George's Day meet with other teams in the area and go on to greet the dawn in another traditional gathering in Brackley Market place on May Day at 5.30 am! The rest of the year starts at a more reasonable time at pubs and fetes around the area. To find out where Royal Oak are dancing (or to book us to dance at an event) please look on our website at www.royaloakmorris.org.uk. New members are always welcome so come along and talk to any of the Morris.

EYDON COMMUNITY SPORTS FIELD (Registered Charity No. 1125652)

Eydon Community Sports Field (ECSF), which is between the cemetery and the Old Rectory on the Culworth Road, is a sports facility which, since 2005, has been owned and available for use by the whole community and its visitors. It is predominantly a grass field with a cricket pavilion, toilet, play space, an equipped play area, multi use games area, seating and cricket nets and is currently used for cricket, football, athletics & sports zone activities. In addition there is an informal play space and an outdoor leisure area.

During the cricket season the field is used on some Sundays by the Cricket Club for matches. The field is available for organised sports for the whole community such as 'Kwick Cricket'; Football; Rounder's etc and for several years has hosted the "Eydon Olympics". There are football and rugby nets available for children to use at any time. The field is used as a focal point for community activities such as the "Best Feet Forward" sponsored walk. The play area for young children was installed early in 2008 and a multi-use games area, used for 5 aside football, basketball, netball and cricket, was constructed in 2009.

Contact: Contact: Barry McRoberts, Chairman (01327 261068)

EYDON CRICKET CLUB

Cricket has been played in Eydon almost continuously since 1877, and the Village Team plays on the excellent Sports Field just off the Culworth road.

A competitive season of Sunday cricket is arranged by the Club with some two dozen matches booked each season with at least half of them played 'at home'. Details of the matches are usually available in The Eydon Village News

The Club continues to co-operate with the Sports Field committee in helping to create a living sports field which is open to the entire village to enjoy. The continued success of Eydon Cricket Club, including the maintenance and upkeep of the much commented on and enjoyed ground, is a high priority to all involved.

You are invited to support Eydon Cricket Club in the form of playing, watching, supporting fundraising activities or giving your time, skills, expertise and match sponsorship etc.

Contacts: John Grindlay (01327 260303) or Barry McRoberts for further information.

EYDON BELL RINGERS

The bells in the tower of St Nicholas Church were re-hung in a new steel frame in 1981 when a sixth bell was added to the five older ones, some of which are of historic value dating back to the 17th century.

A dedicated band of men and women, currently numbering 8 and from all walks of life within the village and from further afield, get together once a week and on two Sundays a month to ring them. Practice night is Tuesdays from 7.15pm until 8.30pm and we try to ring every 2nd Sunday prior to the 9 o'clock service and for all main Christian Festivals. We also enjoy the occasions when we are asked to ring for local weddings, as we can entertain the guests before and after the occasion.

If you are aged between 11 and 80 and would like to learn this very English traditional art of "Change Ringing", then come along any Tuesday evening and you would be made most welcome. Initial instruction would be on a 1-2-1 basis. So please come along and have a try.

Contact: Geoff Stretton at 12 Lime Avenue, Eydon; Telephone 01327 264489 or email g.d.stretton@hotmail1946.com

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST NICHOLAS

We continue to seek to serve Eydon village with a regular pattern of services and we hope that the village particularly enjoys our Christmas programme of worship. In each month there is a Family service (non-communion) at 10.30am on the first Sunday; Parish Communion at 9.00am on the second Sunday; Family (All Ages Communion) at 9.00am on the third Sunday and Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) at 9.00am on the fourth Sunday. The service on a fifth Sunday is usually a joint service at 10.00am with our fellow churches in the benefice at Aston Le Walls, Boddington, Byfield and Woodford Halse. Please check notices in Eydon Village News or notices around the village or speak to one of the contacts below. We continue to share responsibility for the Village Fete each year.

The church is fitted with a sound enhancement system incorporating an induction loop and is in good repair with paths in good order so that access for wheelchairs and pushchairs is easy with a removable ramp to overcome the single step down into the church. It is normally unlocked during the day which is appreciated by both residents and visitors. We've moved forward over marriages and blessings in St Nicholas; firstly we've now a link with Crockwell Farm so that couples having receptions there can include a church marriage blessing within their day's celebrations and secondly, for those living in the village, some second marriages can now be held in St Nicholas – even though this is subject to discretionary guidelines.

Our priests are both very happy to visit people in need – those facing crises or bereavement, or those wanting to discuss baptism, confirmation and marriages. Please contact them directly or via one of the churchwardens if you would like a visit.

We know that it is quite a challenge to support the children and families in our worship, partly because there are now many other pressing demands being made on family time – especially on Sunday mornings. However, some families remain undeterred by this, especially (but not only) in the younger age bracket; and we appreciate their attendance, particularly at the Family service.

Contacts: Churchwardens: Sue Yates, Oriel House, 59 High Street, Eydon (01327 260503 – sueeyates@aol.com) or Barrie Griffin, 10A Lime Avenue, Eydon (01327 261716 -) or additional details available at www.achurchnearyou.com/eydon

EYDON BOOK READERS GROUP

The group has been meeting in the village for several years and reads a wide variety of books to be discussed at meetings which are relaxed, lively and informative. Members choosing the books usually select them from their own favorites or from recommendations or book reviews. In addition DVD meetings are occasionally held to review books which have been made into films.

If you would like to come along – you will be most welcome, and you could suggest some new authors for us to try. The times and venues for meetings do vary, so please check with: -

Contacts: Sue (01327 261068) for more information.

EYDON WALKING GROUP (E.W.G.)

The Eydon Walking Group is a gathering of likeminded people who enjoy the three "E's" of Exercise, Education and Eating. It is a non-affiliated group (with no fees) that draws on local residents and adjoining villages from Culworth and Woodford Halse plus the occasional friends of our members from Buckinghamshire and the USA. Since its commencement in January 2009 there has only been one cancelled gathering due to snow!

The EWG meets on the second Tuesday of each month with the specific details for each walk circulated in the Eydon Village News and an email circulation to all interested parties. The start time is usually 10am meeting at the bus stop on High Street now known as Walking HQ. Most walks are of an average distance of 5 miles with an average attendance of 12 out of 21 known members.

Within the group we have created a 'sharing culture' in that members will volunteer to lead a particular walk, part of which is the enjoyment of locating a suitable hostelry for lunch. The educational element has included walking the local 'War of the Roses' and Civil War battlefields and the village associated with the 'Gunpowder Plotters' of Guy Fawkes fame.

If you are interested in the three "E's" please contact us. This invite also includes those who may only wish to join us as 'social members' at the nominated hostelry.

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EYDON CYCLING GROUP

Eydon village offers a small cycling group, known as "ECG" (Eydon Cycling Group), open to anyone who is keen to cycle and enjoy the open country lanes surrounding Eydon, all ages welcome. Distances cycled are approximately 12 to 15 miles and, led by an experienced cyclist, are a great way to help get fit and stay in shape. The group meets every Sunday morning at 10am outside the village hall and rides last a maximum of 1 hr 30 mins. If anyone is interested, contact Sue Jobbins on 01327 261802 for further information.

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