

The Wick 4-Weekly

What, When, Where, & Who of Village Life

Check out this month's village news, and share your news items with us –

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Printed copies of this newsletter are available from the Village Pharmacy, the Corner Café, Hair by Us, Eton Wick Football & Social Club, the Village Hall foyer, and the Library.



Festive greetings to you all.

What a very busy month November was.

We started with the Eton Wick Fireworks which were, as usual, superb. Fortunately, the weather dried up for the evening, and the crowds came in force. The Eton Wick Youth club children created the guy, spending a lot of time painting his cloak and stuffing him with newspaper. His head and shoulders were actually far too big for his hat so next year he will have to slim down a bit!! All the money raised was donated to the Eton Wick library. As usual the people of Eton Wick were immensely generous, and the total raised was £2,700. That is incredible and we should all be very proud of our community for this. Some of the Village Hall Trustees are responsible for ensuring the library is funded year after year and so this money will be a huge bonus to the fundraising.

The next event was on Saturday 21st November for the Village Hall Christmas bingo. As usual a wonderful crowd attended from the village. We always manage to squeeze everyone in, and at the end everyone stays to help clear up and put tables and chairs away. There were loads of prizes for a line, a full house, plus we had a raffle and treasure map. The total raised was £1,152 which is astonishing. It was a great evening.

Finally, there was the Christmas light switch on. We now have some additional lights funded by the community through various events – four lamppost snowflake lights. We had singing from the children at Eton Wick First School, and dancing from ERA Academy School of Dance. What a joy it all was. How lovely to see the kids braving the cold doing their thing and entertaining us. We had a visit from Santa, and all the children were able to meet him as he handed out sweets and glow sticks. The lights went on at 5pm, synchronizing with the Village Hall switch on. After this there was mulled wine and mince pies at the Village Hall and a chance to warm up and have a chat. It was a very lovely evening. Our thanks go to Janice Caldwell who arranges the lights each

year, and a bunch of volunteers who help shake buckets, give out sweets, serve the refreshments and tidy up. £175 was raised in donations on the night. It was a truly lovely evening and a great way to start the festive season.

In December there is Panto with the Youth Club children at the Theatre Royal Windsor, and a Christmas party for the younger ones at the village hall. We have the third annual volunteers get together at the social club next weekend.

On Friday 5th December there is afternoon tea at the Sports & Social Club between 2-4pm. Entry fee is £5. There will be mulled wine with mince pies, cake, and a raffle, plus singing from the children from Eton Wick First School and carol singing.

So, I'll just take this opportunity to wish you all Happy Christmas. I hope you all have a lovely time whatever you are doing. If in 2026 you fancy getting involved in any of the voluntary groups in the village then please do let us know.

There won't be a newsletter in January, but we will be back in February.

Happy Christmas everyone.

Lucy Ludovici, EWVA Chair



OLDER FOLKS CHRISTMAS BOXES 2025

Fellow Wickers It's time to pledge a box or two!

There is no right or wrong way to make up a box - think harvest festival with a Christmas theme. As for the contents the only thing we ask is nothing perishable. Suggestions:

Tea - coffee - sugar - tins of soup - meats fish – biscuits - mince pies - chocolate bars – word-search books - Christmas crackers ... the list of possibilities is endless.

.... maybe a Christmas card from your family to theirs

Then arrange to drop them off at the GREYHOUND PUB the week commencing Monday 15th December - however no later than Thursday 18th December - we plan to distribute them on Friday 19th December from 2pm onwards.

If you would like to nominate someone, look out for the FB post from the Christmas Box team and DM them with the name and address of your nominee. Please inform your nominee that that delivery will be on the afternoon of Friday 19th December after 2pm.

Many thanks in advance and happy box making.



The Christmas Fair will take place on Saturday, December 6th, from 11am - 1.30pm. It's set to be a great event for all the family, with festive food and drink, entertainment, tombola games, our extremely popular raffle draw, and for the first time ever we'll be opening the doors to Santa's Workshop!

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help out so far!

But to run the fair, we still need more support from parents, please sign up to volunteer here:

<https://volunteersignup.org/FRPL7>

Raffle tickets will be on sale at various points after school this week. We've got loads of great prizes up for grabs, including family days out and restaurant meals. Make sure you get your ticket!

Bookings for Santa's Workshop at the Christmas Fair are officially OPEN! Tickets are £8.50 and £7 for siblings.

This all-inclusive price includes: Storytime with Santa, including a gift + North Pole passport, giving your child access to ALL activities in the workshop.

Christmas crafting activities including bauble decorating, biscuit decorating, bracelet making, reindeer food, card designing and more! Christmas carnival-style games, and some magical surprises!

Pre-booking is available here: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofetonwickschool/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=107781>

Please take a note of your child's time slot. Children must be accompanied in the workshop, adults and babes in arms go free.



Eton Wick Waterways Group update December 2025

We are currently looking for volunteers to join our river monitoring group, collecting water samples and counting riverfly species once a month on the Roundmoor. The data collected will be validated and can be used as evidence of pollution or improvement to our waterways.

Two of our volunteers recently attended a training session – this is Julia’s comment about the course.

“I registered for the training with the Eton Wick VOLLIES, where I have volunteered for years. The course was run by Thames 21, a charity whose data links into the national Riverfly Partnership, which is made up of organizations such as angling clubs, conservation groups, scientists, watercourse managers, concerned about the health of our rivers. Citizen scientists around the country have been a vital part of this initiative, regularly testing samples of their local water.

We learnt what we as local volunteers would be involved in and how our results will be validated. I found that river flies are invertebrates that spend most of their life cycle in a river or stream and are the heart of the ecosystem. They are called the canaries in the coal mine of water quality. When they are affected by pollution, fish and other vertebrates will suffer. There were video clips of different types of nymphs, and we learnt how to tell them apart and record our findings. Equally important was grading them. The ones you would find in poor quality water to those only found in pristine conditions.

We worked in pairs, taking turns with the net, kicking up the sediment in the water, which was then tipped into a large dish. We sorted the nymphs out into a segmented tray. I was amazed at how many nymphs we had caught. What is more I could identify most of them.

I would recommend the training to anyone interested in the life in our waterways.”

The Urban Riverfly project will record the fish and invertebrates in our streams and rivers. We need more trained volunteers, as well as general helpers to take water samples at the same time monthly using a ‘HANNA’ kit, which will measure pollutants accurately. Evidence from both monthly surveys will help support any claims about pollution in our rivers. The surveys would appeal to all ages.

For information about volunteering to monitor local river water quality, please contact us at:

EWVG-committee@outlook.com

Find us on the village website, and on Facebook, links below.

<https://ewva.org.uk/ew-waterways-group>

<https://ewva.org.uk/https://www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG>

You can check at any time to see if effluent is being discharged into rivers by using the Thames Water sewage discharge map: <https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>

Environment Agency Update

You can now report some environmental problems on GOV.UK via the Environment Agency’s new online reporting service, ‘Report an environmental problem’, which makes reporting more convenient and accessible to everyone.

Alongside their telephone incident hotline, the new online service will offer you an additional way to report environmental problems that are within the Environment Agency’s remit, instantly on any device. Copy the link below to your phone to use when you see an incident that needs reporting.

https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/report_an_environmental_problem

Other ways to report environmental problems

Online: Visit <https://www.gov.uk/report-environmental-problem>

Phone: call the national incident hotline on 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)

Useful Info: <https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engagementhq.com/your-watercourse-rights-and-roles>

Thames Water Update

There have already been several instances of water pollution from the Slough Sewage Treatment Works this autumn/early winter. Thames Water report known incidents using the EDM map, which can be found here:

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/edm-map>

To learn more about Thames Water's incident reporting, check out the link below:

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/about-us/performance/river-health/storm-discharge-and-event-duration-monitoring>

Laura Regazzacci, EWWG



Dear Residents,

With the festive period just around the corner, the Eton Wick Neighbourhood Watch would like to share a few simple reminders to help everyone—particularly our older neighbours—stay safe and confident over the weeks ahead.

Opportunistic crime can happen anywhere, so please take a moment to ensure your home is secure by keeping windows and doors locked, even when you're inside.

Treat any unexpected phone calls, emails, or texts with caution, especially if they ask for money or personal details. If something seems unusual, trust your instincts: take your time, check the information, or speak with someone you know before taking any action. If you come across anything that looks out of place, please let the police know by calling 101—or 999 if it's urgent.

Eton Wick is fortunate to have a strong community spirit, and thank you for helping keep our lovely village safe. By looking out for each other, we can all enjoy a calm and cheerful festive season.

Eton Wick Neighbourhood Watch Team

Eton Wick Allotment Association



Wishing all our plot holders a very Merry Christmas and a good growing year for 2026. If anyone is interested in an allotment plot, please contact the secretary at secretary@ewaa.co.uk

Eton Wick Football & Social Club

If you would like to become a member of EWF&SC, please see bar staff for a membership form.

We have great facilities and activities:

- Bingo every Wednesday at 8pm start
- Poker every Thursday 7.30pm start
- Sky Sports and TNT showing all sports not just football!
- Dart board and pool table
- Hall Hire (see bar staff for form)
- Live Music Nights

Our opening hours are shown below:

- Monday & Tuesday – closed
 - Wednesday & Thursday – 4pm to 10.30pm
 - Friday – 4pm to 11pm
 - Saturday – 12 noon to 11pm
 - Sunday – 12 noon to 9.30pm
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Christmas
Afternoon Tea

Friday 5th December
2pm til 4pm

**ETON WICK FOOTBALL AND
SOCIAL CLUB**

Mulled Wine and Mince Pie
Tea/Coffee £5

Glass of Prosecco £3

Cake available

Eton Wick First School Singing
and Carols

Quiz and Raffle

Kids Squash and Cake £2

Everyone Welcome!



Tickets for the Christmas Raffle are now available to buy from the bar, cash only please, £2 per square.

See the EWF&SC FB page for more information on forthcoming events.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/391970034327592/>

Charlotte Doore, Club Secretary



The Wick is a super friendly, relaxed, and inclusive club. We welcome ages 8-14, with sessions starting at 6pm and running until 7.45pm every Monday during term time on the ground floor of Eton Wick Village Hall and the attached Sports Hall. Subs only £1.50 per session plus a great value tuck shop. No charge for any activities.

Following our request for young adult volunteers, we have recently welcomed Yasmin to the core team and hope to recruit more team members in 2026 to broaden our range of activities.



Christmas Biscuits created on Monday 24 November, with baubles, lanterns and Christmas cards still to craft before we break up for festive holidays with our last 2025 session on Monday 15th December.

An enormous THANK YOU to the Fireworks Committee and the London to Brighton fundraising cyclists whose donations have supported our activities and events for the past 12-18 months. Special festive thanks to the cyclists whose generosity is enabling us to take our members to the Panto at Windsor Royal Theatre on Friday 12th December.

Contact Helen on 07764 821130 or email EWYC-Committee@Outlook.com or message on FB.

<https://www.facebook.com/EWYouthClub>

Helen Branscombe-Davies, EWYC

Weddings at Eton Town Council Chamber



Eton Town Council Chamber is a licensed venue offering an affordable and truly unique setting for smaller bespoke ceremonies.

bookings@etontowncouncil.gov.uk

Anna 01753 860377



Eton Wick Village Hall

2025 has been an incredibly busy year for the Village hall. We gathered a new committee of trustees at the beginning of the year and each settled into their new roles over the coming months. In April we opened the Eton Wick Library back up again which is going from strength to strength. We have had a number of really lovely community events in the hall. Bingo is always a very well attended evening and lovely to see such a lovely bunch of residents. We had the Easter party for the children of the village, and the overwhelmingly brilliant afternoon tea for VJ day. The fireworks committee nominated us to receive all the donations from the evening and we received £2,700 from the money donated by the community. This is a massive bonus to the fund raising each year for the library to stay open. We have a Christmas children's party on 14th December which has sold out.

It has been a great year for the Village Hall. I would like to thank each of the trustees who have been a great support to the hall, but also the other people and groups who continue to be a great source of help to us.

Happy Christmas to you all.

Lyndsey Pardoe, Village Hall Chair

Upcoming events in the Village Hall for your diary

Childrens Christmas Party – Sunday 14th December 2-5pm with special guest Father Christmas.

See the EWWH FB page for more information on forthcoming events.

<https://www.facebook.com/EtonWickVillageHall>

Regular hirers and their contact details

Mon		Indoor Bowls 13:00 – 15:00 Chris 01753 863190 Dave 01753 868710	Yoga 18:00 – 20:15 Michelle Jones 07791 346298
Tue	Pilates 09:30 – 10:30 Simona Stojkova 07917 103856		Karate 18:30 – 20:00 07963 433642
Wed	Boot Camp/Keep Fit 09:00 – 10:00 Michelle Jones 07791 346298		Step Class 18:45 – 19:30 Michelle Jones 07791 346298
Thu	Art 10:00 – 12:00 Sandra Drummond 01753 857492		Susan Handy Dance 17:00 – 21:00 07515 270432
Fri	Fit Steps 09:45 – 10:45 Michelle Jones 07791 346298	Art 10:45 – 13:45 Sandra Drummond 01753 857492	Enchanted Dance 15:30 – 18:00 07702 268729
Sat	Available for hire*		
Sun	Available for hire*		

If you are interested in any of the groups/classes, please contact the organiser directly, details above.
(*Please note it can be necessary to book months in advance to hire the hall for a Saturday or Sunday.)



For details of local planning applications, the link below takes you to the “Find a planning application” page of the RBWM website.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/planning-and-building-control/find-planning-application>

You need to enter the reference, shown below, to find details for each individual application, or you can type Eton Wick into the location search bar and view a summary of all current applications. Only applications currently awaiting decision are shown below, please visit the website to view applications for which decisions have been made.

Reference - 25/02893/FULL – application validated 3 November 2025 – awaiting decision

38 Tilstone Close, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6NG

First floor side/rear extension, single storey rear extension, alternations to fenestration and replacement rear terrace with steps.

Reference - 25/03025/FULL – application validated 17 November 2025 – awaiting decision

Crown Farm, Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PG

Laying of hardstanding and use for open storage and parking (retrospective).

Reference - 25/03097/FULL – application validated 25 November 2025 – awaiting decision

Crown Farm, Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PG

Laying of hardstanding and use for open storage and parking (part retrospective).



Our local police team cover Windsor Central, Eton + Eton Wick as shown on the map.

A crime map can be viewed on the police website, and you can zoom in and click on each to see the type of crime that was reported. Currently the map shows up to end September 2025 activity.

If you have any information around any incidents shown on the police website, or would like to report a different incident, please call 101 or visit the police website - <https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/> If it is an emergency, please call 999.

Below is a link to the email address to sign up to get ‘TV ALERT’ emails with crime prevention advice and neighbourhood updates. Please register for information relevant to where you live and in what you are interested.

[Home Page - Thames Valley Alert](#)

You can view the crime map, plus report ASB and other non-emergency crime on-line, using the link below:

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/area/your-area/tvp/berkshire-east/windsor-central/about-us/top-reported-crimes-in-this-area>



Are you a village resident and local trader? A beautician, plumber, builder, carpenter, electrician, mechanic, hairdresser, gardener, financial adviser, or something else.

Do you want to advertise your services to our community?

If yes, contact us for space on the Village website.

EWWA_Committee@outlook.com



If you have a neighbour who is not online, please let them know they can collect paper copies of this newsletter from several locations in our village centre including the library. You could deliver the newsletter to someone who is less mobile to help them stay connected with local information.

If you are a member of a local group that would like to be included in this newsletter, please do get in touch. Our mission is for this newsletter to be all-inclusive, collaborative, and mutually supportive ... representing our whole community.

We include useful local information links at the end of the newsletter for your information and convenience. Thank you for reading.

Helen Branscombe-Davies, Secretary EWVA



CONTACT DETAILS FOR VILLAGE SHOPS & LOCAL SERVICES

The Village Pharmacy – 01753 863575

South Meadow Surgery, Eton – 01753 864545

Eton Wick Library - 01628 683890

Eton Wick Post Office (located inside Nisa) – 01753 863631

Eton Driving School – 07904 184451

Nails to Tails Dog Salon – 07395 107050

Jade Garden Fish & Chips + Chinese Takeaway – 01753 850991

Royal Spice – 01753 830260

The Greyhound – 01753 868633

Pipedreams – 01753 865682

Ella's Party Shop – 01753 378418

Little Me Preschool and Wrap Around Care – 07526 303103

GingerJolley Pre-School – 07716 664933

Feet by Clare (registered foot health practitioner) – 07961 020269

Hair By Us – 01753 831957

PMU Windsor (Permanent Make Up - operates from Hair by Us) - pmuwindsoruk@gmail.com

Kelleyway Carpentry Services – Carpenter/General Builder – 07900 642270

More information on the “local retailers and businesses” page of the village website, link below:

<https://ewva.org.uk/local-businesses>

USEFUL LINKS

Eton Town Council

<https://www.etoncouncil.gov.uk/>

RBWM Report-It

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/apply-pay-report/report-it>

Thames Valley Police - Report a Crime

<https://www.thamesvalley.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>

Local Bus Services

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/transport-and-streets/public-transport/bus-routes>

<https://www.thamesvalleybuses.com/services>

<https://www.slough.gov.uk/buses>

RBWM Highways Works

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/transport-and-streets/roads-and-pavements/council-works-highway-week>

For all local roadworks, including work by utility firms visit One Network

<https://one.network/>

Household Waste Collection Information + Bin Collection Day

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/environment-and-waste/recycling-and-rubbish/household-rubbish-collections>

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/binday>

Thames Water – Report a Problem

<https://www.thameswater.co.uk/help/report-a-problem#/view-and-report-problems>

Reporting environmental incidents, including pollution and damage to the natural environment.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-an-environmental-incident> - or call the 24/7 hotline 0800 80 70 60

Age UK may be able to provide you with direct support. The services and facilities on offer vary from area to area, but can include: • information and advice • help at home schemes • befriending schemes • advocacy services • handy person schemes • nail-cutting services • transport schemes • help with claiming benefits • exercise classes • day centres.

www.ageuk.org.uk – or call 0800 169 6565

Citizens Advice have a national network of centres offering free, confidential, and independent advice, face-to-face or by telephone. Visit the website for full information and to find the nearest Citizens Advice Bureau.

www.citizensadvice.org.uk – or call 0800 144 8848

MoneyHelper - gives impartial information about financial products and services and offers tips on everyday money management.

www.moneyhelper.org.uk – or call 0800 138 7777

Action Fraud - National reporting centre for fraud and internet crime. Use the online fraud reporting service and get a police crime reference number. Call the helpline for advice on preventing fraud and how to report it if it happens to you. www.actionfraud.police.uk – or call 0300 123 2040

