

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 available from the Village Pharmacy, the Corner Café, Hair by Us, and Eton Wick Football & Social Club. Plus, soon to be in the Village Hall foyer.



Hi Eton Wick readers.

Hasn't it been gruesome weather; either freezing, high winds, or raining, and if we are unlucky then all three!!!

Well, let me cheer you up with info on some events that are planned, and you are all invited 😊

- ❖ *Change of plan! Our Disco, originally organised for Saturday 1st March, will be reorganised for later in the year to avoid a clash of events with the Eton Wick Football & Social Club, who have a very popular live music act booked for the same night. See their social media posts, and visit the Club, for more information and tickets. This is a great example of the support and collaboration we now have between community groups.*
- ❖ *On Friday 28th March we will be having another **Bingo** night at the Village Hall. More details to follow but it will be from about 7.30pm. Please put it in your diary now as this is usually a very well attended night. Bring your own booze and nibbles.*
- ❖ *You will see a EWVA Facebook post about a **Nearly New Sale** we plan to run in April. We are asking our community to dig out their 'preloved' men, women, and children's clothes, shoes, bags, accessories, children's toys and equipment, and home wear. All we ask is that the donated items are in a good clean condition, zips/buttons etc are intact, pockets are empty, and games/puzzles are complete with no missing pieces.*

Unfortunately, we cannot accept edibles or electricals.

If you have anything that you may feel is suitable, then please message us through our FB page, email us at ewva_committee@outlook.com or message us on 07957122856 and we would be glad to either pick it up from you or arrange a drop off.

- ❖ *Finally, and one of the reasons why we have been fundraising over the last few months, we are launching the **Hanging Basket 2025 sponsorship scheme**. We have counted the lampposts we would like to use for the baskets, and we would like to invite anyone who would like to sponsor one to get in touch. The baskets will be £91.20 each. This price includes the company, Window Flowers, making the baskets, putting them up where we have selected, watering them each week, and then taking them down in October when they*
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have finished. If anyone would like to sponsor one then please do let us know, again using the contact details through our FB, email, or the phone number as above.

Each person/business who sponsors one will be allocated their own basket so they can take personal pride in it and will be thanked in this newsletter.

That's it for now. If you can attend any of the events, donate to the preloved sale or sponsor a basket then we will be thrilled to have you help us. As ever please do get in touch if you have any queries.

Lucy Ludovici
EWVA Chair



Thames Water have informed us that they are sending a team of river experts to identify and remove any weed growth in the Roundmoor and Boveney streams next week, commencing February 3rd, and most likely continuing into the following week. It is clear to us that there is little weed growth at this stage, other than the reeds that are encroaching the Boveney at lower Tilstone Close and the upper Roundmoor north of the cattle grid. However, they may also be cutting back overgrown brambles and branches where these are preventing a natural flow, especially around the back of Colenorton Crescent. This should normally be the responsibility of those whose gardens border the river, and which have been allowed to cause a blockage due to neglect. We have asked Thames Water to avoid removal of bankside vegetation so that birds can nest and hide during the breeding season. This is especially important for moorhens as well as spawning fish.

We ask riparian residents to be aware that contractors will be working alongside their gardens and if necessary, report to us, rather than Thames Water, if any of the work causes concern. At the same time, we are all aware that any assistance that we can get to keep the streams running will mitigate to some extent the flooding and pooling of polluted water into our gardens and surrounding fields. We are told by Thames Water that they will review the situation in the spring with a view to the timing of a second cut of weeds. From our own experience, we believe this will be necessary as soon as the closed spawning season ends in mid-June.

Contact us on EWVG-Committee@outlook.com

Please contact us at EWVG-Committee@outlook.com if you would like to join us in campaigning or volunteering in any capacity. Plus, 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 incident hotline – call 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)

<https://engageenvironmentagency.uk.engageenthq.com/your-watercourse-rights-and-roles>



Eton Wick Youth Club meets from 6pm to 7.45pm every Monday during term time on the ground floor of Eton Wick Village Hall. Ages from 8-14, subs only £1.50 per session, and an excellent value tuck shop. No additional charge for any activities.

Our 2025 planning session will be after Youth Club on Monday 3rd February, so watch this space for more information shortly. Activities for 2025 will include some special events funded by the very generous donation received from the London to Brighton cyclists pictured.

Money raised at the Fireworks will help with hall hire, supplies, and equipment for our regular evening sessions. Our young members will benefit from every penny donated – THANK YOU everyone.

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





Eton Wick Village Hall

The new trustees have been amazing in taking on the many roles and responsibilities to ensure the smooth running of the village hall. They have been very hands on to save money due to financial constraints. We have a strong maintenance team, who have successfully taken on fire checks, electrical works, Christmas lights, and many other daily maintenance tasks. Our secretary has had an induction of fire with many back-to-back meetings that needed minuting. Another trustee oversees the cleaning, and they have successfully drafted a contract and recruited a local village resident to take on this cleaning role. We now have three people managing the bookings, email, and phone calls.

Our legal expert has been invaluable in negotiations regarding contracts and commercial leases.

We have renegotiated several contracts to ensure best value and are putting together a budget plan to try and rectify the overspend.

All new trustees live in the village and are very keen to reopen the library in Eton Wick. To this end we are prepared to offer it rent free and the key focus of our work this month is to establish the best way this can happen. We have met with Eton Town Council, Councillor Mark Wilson, and Councillor Jack Douglas, and are in the process of formulating an agreement. These meetings have been very positive with considerable support for the reopening of Eton Wick Library.

As soon as we have definite information, we will hold a public meeting at the village hall to make sure that we keep all residents up to date with clear communications.

We sincerely hope this last attempt to keep our Library open will be successful and thank all residents who have been in touch to support this proposal.

Lindsay Pardoe
Chair of EWWH



We look forward to welcoming everyone to our first Eton Wick History Group meeting of the year – The Profumo Affair.



The Profumo Affair was a major political scandal in the early 1960s.

Speaker: Nigel Smales

Wednesday 19th February 2025
7.30pm in Eton Wick Village Hall

Entrance fee £4 which includes light refreshments

Raffle £1 per strip

Please don't forget we are cash only

See you all on the 19th February

Eton Wick Football & Social Club

It is that time of year where membership subs are due from our current loyal members, and we would like to say thank you for your continued support.

If you would like to become a member of Eton Wick Football and Social Club, 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

Opening hours as 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

See the EWF&SC Facebook page for information on forthcoming social events.

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

Stacey Ray

Club Treasurer



The January issue of the Neighbourhood Watch newsletter is available on our village website, link to page below, and the newsletter download is at the bottom of the page.

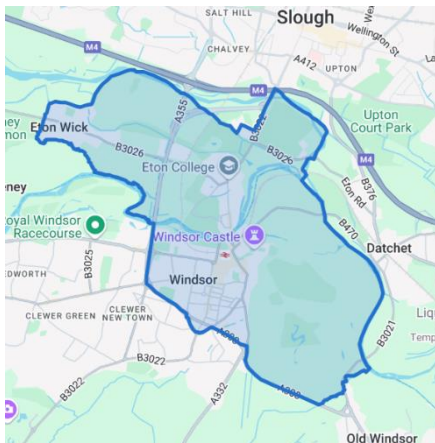
Our village NHW team continues to grow slowly, and welcome to our newest members. Together we will make a positive difference in our community.

<https://ewva.org.uk/ew-neighbourhood-watch>



Local Crime Incidents

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 November 2024 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.



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

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. Our local police sergeant posts bi-weekly updates on the neighbourhood team's activity.

[Home Page - Thames Valley Alert](#)

[Windsor Central | Your area | Thames Valley Police | Thames Valley Police](#)
– this is you can report ASB, and other non-emergency crime on-line.

Looking for local businesses to support the **Eton Wick C of E First School Summer Fair!** We're seeking raffle prize donations to help make this event a success.

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week

To start supporting, visit:
yourschoollottery.co.uk
and search for: Eton Wick CoE

QR code

GambleAware

The poster features the 'Your School Lottery' logo, the Eton Wick C of E First School crest, and three numbered balls (1, 2, 3) in a lottery-style arrangement.

If you'd like to contribute, please get in touch with **The Friends of Eton Wick School Charity** via email: friendsofetonwickschool@gmail.com. Your generosity will help the school and community thrive!



First wedding at Eton Town Council Chamber

Some of you may have seen something different happening at the Eton Town Council office in the High Street. Just before New Year, the first wedding was held in The Chamber, which is now a licensed venue offering a truly unique setting for smaller bespoke ceremonies.

The room, recently refurbished, was rearranged for the wedding and personalised with floral decorations, to compliment the historic setting. The wedding was performed by the registrars from RBWM and was non-religious. With 30 or so guests attending, the event was a great success, with plenty of beautiful locations for photos of the newly-weds outside The Chamber, along the High Street and on the bridge. After a celebratory glass of champagne, the celebrations continued in The Christopher Hotel.

More weddings are in the pipeline, so if you are passing by and you see people cheering, it may be Eton's next newly-weds emerging from under Queen Elizabeth Arch. For more information visit the Eton Town Council website - <https://www.etontowncouncil.gov.uk/weddings/>



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 - 25/00100/CPD – application validated 17 January 2025 – awaiting decision

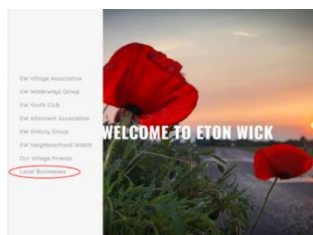
32 Haywards Mead, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JN

Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed single storey rear extension following removal of the existing brick outbuilding is lawful.

(No other new applications since the January newsletter.)



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Are you a village resident and local trader? A beautician, plumber, 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 Eton Wick Village website. PLUS, we can add a local trader’s section to the bottom of this e-newsletter, again please contact us if you want to promote your services to the Eton Wick community.

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Eton Wick Village Hall
Regular hirers and their contact details

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon		Short Mat Indoor Bowls 2 ~ 4pm Chris 01753 863190 Dave 01753 863710	6 ~ 7pm Yoga/Pilates 7.15 ~ 8.15pm Yoga/Pilates Michelle Jones 07791 346 298
Tue	9.30am ~ 10.30am Pilates		6.30pm ~ 8pm Ashley Jansen School of Traditional Karate 07963 433 643
Wed	9am ~ 10am Body Conditioning Michelle Jones 07791 346 298		The History Group 7.30pm (5 events per year) Eton Wick Village Association 7.30pm several times a year
Thu	Art Group 10am ~ 12 noon Sandra Drummond 01753 857492		Susan Handy School of Dance 07515 270 432 Modern & Tap Classes and Commercial and Theatre Jazz
Fri	9.45am ~ 10.45am Fit Steps Fab No partner needed. For all who love to dance and keep fit Michelle Jones 07791 346 298	[Private booking] Art Tutorials Two 8-week courses Spring & Autumn	Enchanted School of Dance 07702 268 729 Junior Musical theatre (4~6 years) 3.45 ~ 4.15pm Senior Musical theatre (6~10 years) 4.30 ~ 5.15pm Senior Cheerleading (6~10 years) 5.15 ~ 6pm
Sat	Available for hire *		
Sun	Available for hire *		

If you are interested in any of the groups/classes held in the hall, they would be pleased to hear from you. For more information or to book the hall please visit our website: www.etonwickvillagehall.com or phone 07949 147 846

***Please note it is often necessary to book months in advance to hire the hall for a Saturday or Sunday booking.**

If you have a neighbour who is not online, please let them know they can collect paper copies of this newsletter from multiple locations in our village centre.

*Eton Wick Pharmacy - The Corner Café - Hair by Us - Eton Wick Football & Social Club
Plus, available soon in the foyer of the Village Hall*

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 vision is for the 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.

Secretary EWVA - Helen Branscombe-Davies



Eton Town Council Chamber – now a licensed wedding venue

CONTACT DETAILS FOR VILLAGE SHOPS & LOCAL SERVICES

The Village Pharmacy – 01753 863575

South Meadow Surgery, Eton – 01753 864545

Hair By Us – 01753 831957

Jade Garden Fish & Chips + Chinese Takeaway – 01753 850991

Royal Spice – 01753 830260

Pipedreams – 01753 865682

Ella's Party Shop – 01753 378418

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

Little Me Preschool and Wrap Around Care – 07526 303103

GingerJolley Pre-School – 07716 664933

The Greyhound – 01753 868633

Nails to Tails Dog Salon – 07395 107050

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.etontowncouncil.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 • handyperson 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

