

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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Hi all

We've had an amazing community filled month which has been received so well by everyone.

The library opening was such a joy. So many of us turned out to see it finally opening again after being closed for so long. There were bacon rolls, cake, tea and coffee alongside the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, Councillor Mark Wilson and the chair of the Village Hall Lindsay Pardoe doing the official opening. Inside was story time with the children by a local author, plus games and a raffle for the children to win one of 4 book tokens. The day was blessed with beautiful weather and the sun shining. It was a very good feeling.

The following week, on both Good Friday, and Easter Saturday were Easter Egg Hunts at the Village Hall, and the Sports & Social Club. These were well attended by the community. Some of the photos of a large chick are a sight to behold. Everyone got involved which made for two very lovely events.

We have put the order in for the hanging baskets, but also three large planters. We had to alter our order slightly and so made the decision to have slightly less hanging baskets but add three planters for the Bell Lane area by the shops. These will be quite spectacular when established. The plastic flower towers will be removed soon. The one on the corner of Eton Wick Road and Princes Close will be replaced by three smaller planters (made by a local person) which will be full of flowers when established. We have decided to remove the three flower towers as they are proving very difficult to manage. They need huge amounts of plants to fill them properly, and then rely on people watering them, sometimes daily, if we are lucky enough to have a good summer. For six months of the year they are quite ugly. The three planters on Bell Lane, and those on the corner of Eton Wick Road and Princes Close can be planted up with winter flowers for much less cost. They should be much easier to manage, especially as the company who supply the baskets and planters will water them weekly throughout the summer and maintain them for us.

If anyone would like any part of the plastic tower planters for their garden or allotment then, please do let us know as we will be taking them away in a couple of weeks.

A full list of all those who contributed to the baskets and planters will be in the June newsletter. They are being installed mid-May.

I have been asked by Susan Mayo and Janet Armfield to say a very special community thanks to the person who crochets the post box toppers. I think we are all very grateful to whoever they are to take the time to design, crochet, and put them on the post box. The one to commemorate VE day is particularly brilliant and moving (photo takes pride of place at the top of this newsletter). Thank you from us all.

Finally, if anyone would like to join the Eton Wick Village Association, please do message or email us. We are always looking for people to come along and help or share ideas. We are a friendly bunch who like nothing better than plan things while drinking Prosecco (or other beverages!). The more Prosecco the more adventurous our ideas are!!!! 😊. If you would like to talk it over to see what is involved, then we would be happy to chat to you. Our email is ewva_committee@outlook.com or through the EWVA Facebook page. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, then also please do let us know.

Lucy Ludovici
EWVA Chair



Congratulations to Eton Wick Football Club on receiving their Centenary Award from the FA

On Saturday 12th April, Eton Wick Football Club were presented with the Football Association Centenary Award, marking 100 years of grassroots football in the Eton Wick community!

Congratulations to all involved!



Helen Beckett
Club Secretary



We are pleased to announce that the Water Restoration Project mentioned in the last newsletter is now underway. Ecologists conducted surveys of the 'baseline habitat' in and around the Roundmoor and Boveney streams. The data they submit will be used by the main contractor when submitting their plans to the Environment Agency later in the project. This will be followed in May by morphology and topographic surveys of both waterways. Residents may see surveyors out on the field taking measurements in this period.

On the last weekend of April, our own volunteers took samples of crustaceans such as freshwater shrimp and more importantly mayfly larvae down by the two bridges on the Boveney. These give us some idea of the current condition of the stream, since they are baseline species (low on the food chain). We also measured nitrate and phosphate levels of the water. All these measurements are recorded and can be used by ecologists to monitor the health of rivers.

The Boveney Stream is already becoming very congested with weed and the level of water is rising. This is entirely predictable, and most unfortunate that Thames Water has not yet acknowledged this inevitability. The rising level of water has nothing to do with output from the treatment works, and unless it rains heavily in the next month, we can assume that it is due to the weed overgrowth. Unfortunately, despite many pleas to the Environment Agency, we are not permitted to clear weed from waterways due to the fish spawning season, which ends on June 15th. We will be exerting pressure on Thames Water to send in a team to clear the Roundmoor and Boveney of excess weed immediately after that date. Our volunteers will also be clearing debris from the Colenorton and Common Ditches from the 15th of June. Meantime we are always on call if residents notice any debris that has fallen into the river and risks blocking the flow. We undertook some branch cutting and log removal over the last weekend of April and informed the landowner of a larger fallen willow on the Boveney that we were unable to remove ourselves.

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>

Laura Regazzacci

EWVG

A new sport for Eton Wick !



Eton is known for its own unique sports. At the College, there is the Wall Game, Eton Fives and Eton's own version of football. But, for the last 18 months, a new game has landed and is played in our own Eton Wick Sports Hall.

Saturdays 10-12 am. Beginners welcome. Fun sociable atmosphere!

Subs £4/hour with coaching provided at no extra charge!

For many, the name Pickleball will mean nothing. In America there are now 13.8 million players, including celebrities and former tennis greats, such as John McEnroe and Andre Agassi. In the UK the sport is being introduced at sports and tennis clubs, with great success.

Pickleball is somewhat of a “cuckoo” sport as it can share badminton court markings. This has helped the sport develop rapidly, as no special courts need to be built. It is played over a net that is 0.86m high, using a ball similar in size to tennis, but made of plastic, with holes in. These holes allow the ball to travel fast, but not very far, making for a great rally-based game. The racquet, or paddle as it is called (not to be confused with Padel, which is another great, but different sport) is, at first glance, like an over-sized table tennis bat.

Pickleball is a great game for players of all ages and, as it is played in doubles, makes it very sociable. Whilst the size of court doesn't allow for much running, you still get a good “sweat on”, thanks to the constant involvement of all players.

Introductory sessions at Eton Wick will be held during the next few weeks. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bryn Lee on brynlee10@gmail.com.

Eton Wick Football & Social Club

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 more information on forthcoming social events.

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

Stacey Ray
Club Treasurer



Membership of our Eton Wick Neighbourhood Watch continues to grow, and thank you to those who have joined recently.

Neighborhood Watch is the largest volunteer-led crime prevention charity in the country, working in communities to support them in being safer, more resilient places to live. They provide resources, projects and networks that support volunteers and communities to work together to prevent crime, raise awareness around safety initiatives and community resilience, and connect neighbourhoods. For more information on NHW across England and Wales do visit <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/> and together we can make our community a better place to live.

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

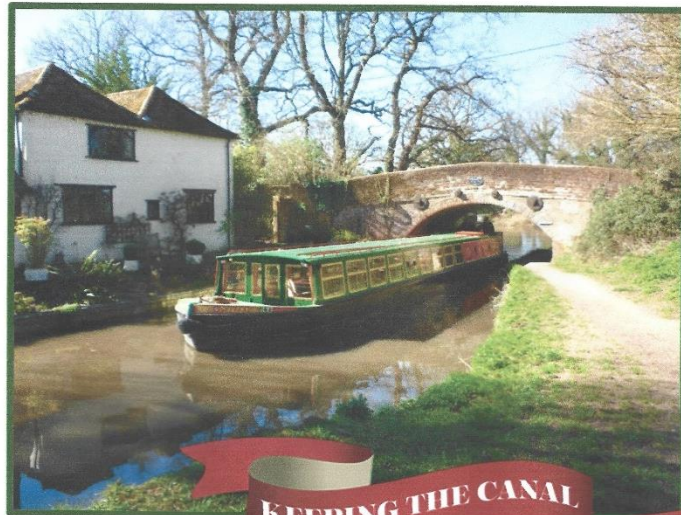
<https://ewva.org.uk/ew-neighbourhood-watch>

John Connor
EW NHW

Eton Wick History Group

Wednesday 28th May 2025
7.30pm in Eton Wick Village Hall

Basingstoke Canal
Speaker ~ Roger Cansdale



KEEPING THE CANAL
ALIVE AND VIBRANT

Entrance Fee £4 which includes light refreshments.
Raffle ~ £1 per strip. Cash only for both please.

Sue Evans
EW History Group

YOUR DOG CAN SCARE OR HARM FARM ANIMALS

STAY SAFE - USE A LEAD
AROUND LIVESTOCK
BUT RELEASE
YOUR DOG IF
CHASED BY CATTLE



WHEREVER YOU ARE
CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG
BAG IT AND BIN IT

Dorney Common

The cattle are now back on Dorney Common, and we will soon have ducklings, cygnets, goslings, and others crossing the road.

All dog poop must be picked up, bagged, and binned. Dog poop can contain the parasite *Neospora Caninum* which causes diseases in livestock resulting in abortions and other health problems in cattle.

A fundraiser - Help Protect Our Cows – is raising money to buy reflective collars for the cows. <https://gofund.me/b12bb7e4>



PLEASE
DRIVE
SLOWLY



Planning
Applications

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 - 25/00885/FULL – application validated 22 April 2025 – awaiting decision

24 Colenorton Crescent, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JN

Single storey side/front extension, single storey rear infill extension and alterations to fenestration.

Reference - 25/00886/CPD – application validated 1 April 2025 – awaiting decision

24 Colenorton Crescent, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JN

Certificate of lawfulness to determine whether the proposed hip to gable, 1no. rear dormer, 1no. Juliet balcony and 2no. front rooflights is lawful.



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 February 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.

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.



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.**

Weddings at Eton Town Council Chamber

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



For more information visit the Eton Town Council website - <https://www.etoncouncil.gov.uk/weddings/>



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

LAST MINUTE NEWS

Thank you so much to everyone who came to the Eton Wick Vinted & Craft sale on Saturday 3rd May in the Village Hall. We were overwhelmed with the positive kind comments you gave us on the day and on our socials. It was a pleasure to see you all, chat, have a laugh and pick up some bargains while eating cake. We have an awesome community in Eton Wick and between us we raised approximately £800 on the day.

ALL of this money will be put back into the community in some way.

Thank you again ❤️

CONTACT DETAILS FOR VILLAGE SHOPS & LOCAL SERVICES

The Village Pharmacy – 01753 863575

South Meadow Surgery, Eton – 01753 864545

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

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

Eton Driving School – 07904 184451

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 • 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

