

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, and the Village Hall foyer.

Vinted & Craft Sale

3RD MAY 2025
11AM - 1PM
ETON WICK VILLAGE
HALL

FREE ENTRY

I hope I find you all well.

At the end of March, we held a Bingo night - an excellent community evening so well attended that all the Bingo tickets sold out!!! The grand total of funds raised from your generosity on the night was £781, and I want to give a special thanks to Lindsay Pardoe for running the evening, John Mills the Bingo caller, and the committees of Eton Wick Village Association and Eton Wick Village Hall.

*The next amazing community event where we can all celebrate together is the grand reopening of the Eton Wick Library. Put **Saturday 12th April 10.00am – 3pm** into your diary. Ribbon cutting is at 10.30am. There will be refreshments available. This is one of the most anticipated events to happen in our village for a long time. Please do come along and show your support. I'm told you can use your old library card or register if you need to on the day, and someone will be on hand to help and show you what the library can offer you. The library opening has come about from the dedication between the Village Hall Trustee library working group, the Royal Borough of Windsor & Maidenhead, and Eton Town Council. I am sure we are all very grateful to all of them for making this happen. What is the saying? Teamwork makes the dream work!!!! 😊.*

You may have seen the Facebook posts about the 2025 Eton Wick hanging baskets and our request for people to sponsor? We've had a lovely response so far and will be able to hang even more baskets this year compared to last year. If you would like to sponsor one there is still time. The 'one off' cost is £91.20. This might sound a lot but for this price the company (Window Flowers) make the baskets, hang them for us, water them weekly for 6 months and then take them away. Please do let us know if you would like to sponsor one by contacting us as per the details below. You could follow the example of Tilstone Avenue residents who have joined forces to share sponsorship of a couple of baskets.

Finally, the planning for the Eton Wick Vinted & Craft sale is well under way. Put **Saturday 3rd May** into your diary **between 11.00am - 1pm**. We have stalls selling their own goods including honey, children's clothes, jewellery etc. We have the 'Vinted' area selling items collected over the last 3-months from people who have donated to us. Men's, women's and children's clothes, shoes, bags, toys, and household items. All good condition. We are also very lucky to be joined by the **Eton Wick Allotment Association** who will be holding their annual plant sale at the hall as well. There will be refreshments and a chance to browse and have a chat together. Please do come along and support the event.

- Does anyone have any portable clothes rails they could lend us for the day? Also, hangers please.
- Would anybody be willing to make some cakes or biscuits for the event?

If anyone wants to sponsor a hanging basket, donate for the Vinted sale, lend us clothes rails, give us hangers, or make sweet treats, they can contact us on: ewva_committee@outlook.com, message us through our Facebook page, or call/message on 07957 122856.

You can see there is a lot going on in the village which is only achieved by the community all pulling together. Whether it is through being on a committee, donating items for our sale, sponsoring a hanging basket, or attending one of the events and spending money, we all play a part in contributing to where we live 😊. Well done to everyone in Eton Wick.

Lucy Ludovici
EWVA Chair



The Grand opening of the Eton Wick Library is nearly upon us. On **Saturday 12th April 10.00am – 3pm** there will be a full library service offered by RBWM librarians and volunteers giving everyone a chance to come and have a look, register for the library or simply bringing your old library card with you to ensure it works and it up to date. There will be an official ribbon cutting ceremony at **10.30am** by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor who have been instrumental in supporting the library's reopening, along with RBWM Library Services and the Village Hall Trustees. At **10.35am** there will be story time for the children lead by a local author, or Lego activities for those who may not be able to sit still for so long. Refreshments will be provided – bacon rolls, tea, coffee, squash, and cakes. For all the children who sign up on the day they will be entered into a raffle to win one of two book tokens. Please come along and support this amazing addition to our village. See you all there 😊

On **Good Friday** (Friday 18th April) there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt 12-2pm** at the Village Hall. The first 100 children will have free admission. Following the hunt there will be tea, coffee, and hot cross buns upstairs in the Village Hall, open to everyone, with Easter themed arts and crafts for those who feel creative. A prize for best dressed Easter bonnet is on offer so get thinking and creating!!!!

We hope to see as many of you there for both events.

Lindsay Pardoe
Chair of the Village Hall



The Eton Wick Football Club are proud to announce that they will be awarded their Centenary Award at the home game on **Saturday 12th April**. The President of the Berks & Bucks Football League, and a member of their committee, will present the award at **1pm**.

Our game kicks off at 2pm and our opponents will be Taplow Swans. 🏈 🎮

Our last home game of the Season will be on the 26th April. Our two remaining games will be played away.

Helen Beckett
Club Secretary

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



ETON WICK WATERWAYS GROUP UPDATE - APRIL 2025

We are pleased to announce that we have been successful with our bid to the Rural Payments Agency (RPA) to fund the development stage for restoration of the Roundmoor and Boveney streams. The money for this fund comes from fines charged by OFWATT to Thames Water for unlicensed sewage spills in the previous years.

This will be a development project, mostly carried out by specialist contractors Cain Bio-Engineering and an ecology team.

The initial work will involve surveys, which will complement the data already obtained in the 2021-22 report. This in turn will lead to alternative proposals for the improvement to conveyance of both the Roundmoor and Boveney waterways and the impact on streams connected to them. Any designs that are proposed will be shared with the community. The contractor will also work with the environment agency and land agents to ensure that any proposals are acceptable to them. Once agreed upon, the relevant permissions will be sought and paid for from the funds made available from the RPA, and funding will be sought for the full delivery of the project.

At the same time, we have learnt more about the progress of the Slough sewage treatment upgrade, which will start later this year and is due to complete by 2029/30. The plans for this project will be shared with the village by Thames Water at a future community forum. We trust that the Slough treatment works improvement project, once completed, will deliver a significant reduction in pollutants plus increase storage capacity of untreated sewage at times of severe rainfall, with the aim of preventing any further pollution once works are complete.

Meantime we have the assurance of Thames Water that until the completion of their improvements, they will assist us by carrying out two cuts of the overgrown weeds annually. For this season they have agreed to monitor the river levels and weed proliferation during spring and inform us of the dates of their first intended cut of the summer, which will fall after June 15th (spawning season end).

The overall aim of the restoration project is to repair and prepare our streams and their wildlife for a better future, once the Slough Treatment improvement works are completed.

If you would like to be involved in the restoration project at this or a future stage, please contact us at EWVG-committee@outlook.com.

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>

Laura Regazzacci
EWWG



SAVE THE DATE - The Allotment Association plant sale will be on Saturday 3rd May at the Village Hall.

For any queries contact Susan Wheeler through Eton Wick Allotment Facebook page or email secretary@ewaa.co.uk.



**WILD
ETON WICK**

Like local biodiversity, Wild Eton Wick has felt the impact of recent decline, ill health and retirements from the strategy team meant our 2024 activities were restricted to assisting with future policy making as resilience planning. We thank those who participated in the recent consultation for the county wide Local Nature Recovery Network, the next stages of developing that strategy are now underway.

Considering how we can lend our voice at a local level to the Borough wide initiatives, the annual Wildlife Garden Awards are back, and applications are open. We'd love to hear from you.



**Celebrate nature in your
backyard... Enter the
Wildlife Gardens Awards
TODAY!**

www.wildlifegardensawards.org



The Wildlife Gardens Awards are a volunteer-led initiative supported by the 'Wild' organisations across the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead to encourage everyone to put wildlife at the heart of their outdoor space.

Embrace Wild Ideas for Your Outdoor Space! No matter the size, your outdoor space holds endless potential to support wildlife. Remember the awards are all about the essentials: Shelter, Food, Water, and Garden Management. These elements are crucial for creating wildlife-friendly spaces, whether it's a tiny windowsill or a sprawling park!

Ready to showcase your unique outdoor haven? Enter the Wildlife Gardens Awards and inspire others with your wild ideas!

Learn more at

www.wildlifegardensawards.org.

SAVE THE DATE

**A week of free events
28th July - 2nd Aug 2025**



Main event

**Friday 1st - Saturday 2nd Aug
Braywick Nature Centre SL6 1UU**

This spring we'll be managing some of the borders in Cooley's Meadow as they continue to support wildlife movement through our lovely village.

Plus, we will be present at the Braywick Nature Festival in August, where a whole host of wonderful events have been planned.

If you would like to get involved with wilding the edges on Eton Wick and championing biodiversity balance, please do get in touch, email wildetonwick@gmail.com

Claire Taylor
Wild Eton Wick



The April 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 website page.

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

John Connor
EW NHW



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.

We have a longer than usual Easter holiday break due to Easter Monday bank holiday. Our first session of the summer term starts on Monday 28th April and we look forward to welcoming existing and new members.

A selection of our craft activities during the last month are shown below ... and we do a lot more than crafting! Sports Hall activities include football, netball, dodgeball, indoor hockey, roller skating, and much more. Plus, with the lighter, warmer evenings we will be able to take our activities outside with rounders and cricket.



Helen Branscombe-Davies, EWYC

EWYC-Committee@Outlook.com

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



Eton Wick Scouting times have changed.

Cubs (age 8yr to 10.5yrs) Tuesday 6.45pm to 8.15pm - Beavers (age 6yr to 8yr) Thursday 6pm to 7pm

Amanda Garrett, EW Scouts

Eton Wick History Group

Wednesday 9th April 2025
7.30pm in Eton Wick Village Hall

Myths and Fairytales of Swans
Speaker ~ Daniel Keel



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

Sue Evans
EW History Group



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 - 25/00558/FULL – application validated 21 March 2025 – awaiting decision

69 Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6NE
Part single part two storey side/rear extension

Reference - 25/00561/FULL – application validated 12 March 2025 – awaiting decision

43 Alma Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JZ
Single storey rear extension

Reference - 25/00759/FULL – application validated 25 March 2025 – awaiting decision

9 Inkerman Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6LE
Part single part two storey side/rear extension following demolition of existing elements

Reference - 25/00811/FULL – application validated 27 March 2025 – awaiting decision

12 Inkerman Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6LE
Erection of a self-build chalet style replacement bungalow

Reference - 25/00852/FULL – application validated 31 March 2025 – awaiting decision

47 Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6LE
Single storey side/rear extension

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.**

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>



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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 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.

*Helen Branscombe-Davies
Secretary EWVA*

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.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

