

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 – EWVA Committee@outlook.com



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Dear Eton Wick

Happy Spring to you all, and welcome to the first edition of a monthly newsletter focusing on our village community. We are working in partnership with all village groups highlighted in this communication to bring you current community information in one place. Whether it be fund-raisers, social events, or general information and updates. Plus, we will have a section for village trades people to advertise and raise local awareness of their services.

The newsletter will be published every month and will develop over time. If anyone would like to include their group or service on here, please email us on EWVA_committee@outlook.com. If anyone would like to make suggestions or give us feedback then again, please do email us. We see this as a central voice of the community, by groups run for the benefit of the community.

In a couple of months, we intend to circulate a survey to all residents of Eton Wick. The survey will have a series of questions to get your thoughts and suggestions and include a section for your comments and feedback. The survey will be delivered to each property in Eton Wick, be published on our website, posted on the EWVA Facebook page, and sent by email to this mailing list. We hope to follow this with a community meeting to discuss the findings of the survey and put suggestions into action.

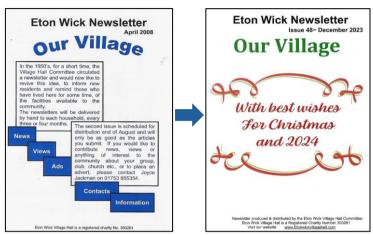
We hope you enjoy this first edition and find it useful.

Lucy Ludovici, Chair EWVA



The Eton Wick History Group returned after a short break with its first meeting for 2024 on Wednesday 10 April. The presentation "Four Bridges and a Ferry" with Josh Lovell was very well attended.

The next talk will be "A Stroll in the Park" with Peter Holman on Wednesday 29 May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. More information will be available nearer the date but put it in your diaries now.



Visit the website for lots more information on Eton Wick over the years including copies of "Our Village", the original Eton Wick newsletter, from the first edition in April 2008 to the final edition (No. 48) in December 2023. Our enormous thanks to Joyce Jackman for all 48 editions.

https://www.etonwickhistory.co.uk/



OUR STORY



TODAY

Today we live in unpredictable and ever-changing times. With the transformation of how people use the internet, communities are no longer restricted to geographical locations, and crime has taken on new forms.

To ensure we remain relevant when the pace of change is faster than at any time in our past, our focus now is on building resilient communities to tackle crime in all its shapes and forms and keep people safe across England and Wales.

We are proud to be the largest crime prevention voluntary charity in England and Wales today with upwards of 2.3 million members.

Did you know Eton Wick has a Neighbourhood Watch scheme?

We are looking for volunteers to become coordinators for their road and are delighted to announce that John Connor, a local resident with a passion for ensuring the safety and security of our community, is the Eton Wick NHW scheme coordinator. Visit the Eton Wick Village website and go to the NHW page for more information and a click here link to join our village scheme.

https://ewva.org.uk/



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Are you a village resident and local trader? Perhaps 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. We are also thinking about adding a local trader's section to the bottom of this e-newsletter ... watch this space!



Eton Wick has a thriving allotment community. It is a self-run and self-governing Allotment Association, that looks to stimulate every branch of domestic food, flower production, and recreation. The allotment site is located off Bell Lane in Eton Wick, using land provided by Eton Town Council and RBWM. Allotment plots are available to rent and to find out about available allotment plots, including joining the waiting list if no plots are immediately available, please contact the association by email: etonwickaa@gmail.com.

More news on their upcoming plant sale (May 2024) in next month's edition.



Visit the newly redecorated Eton Wick Football & Social Club, a great asset to our village with regular community activities and live music.

Dates for your calendar:-

- Friday 19 April Macmillan Charity Darts Challenge
- Saturday 11 May Live music from The Grafters from 8.30pm
- Sunday 26 May Family Disco & BBQ from 3pm

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

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



Eton Wick has a fantastic facility that is the Village Hall. To find out more information, including how to book, please use the link below.

Following a very successful event in 2022, the Village Hall Committee will be holding another Community Participation Afternoon in May, more information will be available shortly.

https://www.etonwickvillagehall.com



The Eton Wick Waterways Group (EWWG) is made up of residents of Eton Wick, local community groups and organisations and new volunteers are always welcome! Visit the Eton Wick Village website and the EWWG Facebook page for more information, links below.

Volunteer working group organisers are fully trained and supported by Thames21 to lead river clean-up activities. EWWG collaborates with local community riparian homeowners, Eton College, Dorney Court Estates, local environmental groups, the Environment Agency, Thames Valley Angling Association, Thames Water and the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead.

https://ewva.org.uk/

https://www.facebook.com/EtonWickWG



Summer term for The Wick starts Monday 15th April 2024. 6pm to 7.45pm for ages 8 to 14 with a range of creative, sporting, and fun activities available every week including a 90" screen for group gaming activities eg Mario Kart and Just Dance. Subs only £1.50 per session.

News Flash - the Sports Hall will be available to The Wick for the summer term and the club hopes to bring in guest activity leaders to broaden the range of options even further. Follow The Wick on Facebook for up-to-date information.

https://www.facebook.com/EWYouthClub



Eton Town Council is seeking to appoint a forward thinking and proactive Town Clerk to take responsibility for all aspects of the managerial, administrative, and financial operation of the Council, including acting as Responsible Finance Officer and Proper Officer. For full details visit the Eton Town Council website.

https://www.etontowncouncil.gov.uk/



We hope you liked our first village e-newsletter. This is work-in-progress and hopefully you have made it this far down to be reading this note.

It would be great to have your feedback and suggestions, and please email EWVA_Committee@outlook.com with any comments.

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.

Future editions will include a forthcoming events calendar and may offer space to local traders and businesses to promote their services. We include some useful local information links below for your information and convenience.

Thank you for reading.

USEFUL LINKS

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

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



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