

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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Photo by Rob Jones

Hi Eton Wick

Welcome to the May edition of the monthly newsletter. We've had some lovely feedback about it so thank you to everyone who has emailed or messaged us. It has already increased in length due to the amount of information that we think you may like to see. For instance, there are links to the current planning applications in Eton Wick that you can access quickly and have your say on. We have also included links to trade and businesses. As ever, if you would like to include something about your group or business then please do email us.

Before I talk about other things, I'd like to introduce you to the committee. There are four of us altogether. I am the chair of EWVA and have lived in the village for 16 years or so. Helen Branscombe-Davies is the Secretary of EWVA and has lived in the village since 1999. Helen is responsible for putting this newsletter together, the information posts on the Facebook page, updating the website, and loads more which she quietly gets on with. Next is Alison Hill who is the Treasurer of the three community groups, EWVA, Youth Club and the Waterways, and has also lived in the village since 1999. Finally, but responsible for the most visible event, is Janice Caldwell who organises the Christmas lights in December. EWVA would not work without any of them, so whilst I write the Introduction as Chair (and get the lovely emails sent to me), I am very aware that the three of them run the show.

So, what's happening in May?? Please do come along to the community event on Saturday 11th May at the Village Hall between 1-3pm. There will be loads of different groups showing what they do with information on how you can join and get involved. There will also be a plant sale, outside the Village Hall, run by the Allotment Association. Refreshments will be provided.

I mentioned last month that we would be putting out a community wide survey with several questions so you can give us your thoughts and opinions alongside any suggestions you can make for the village. Please look for the link to the survey in the next newsletter. The link will also be on the EWVA Facebook page. We will hand deliver to all properties in Eton Wick, and additional copies will be available in the Pharmacy. Please do take a couple of minutes to complete it. This is your chance to have your say about what is good, and what is not so good in our community.

Finally, you may have seen on the EWVA Facebook page a request to the community to fund hanging baskets for the village centre. If you have been to Eton High Street recently you will have noticed their beautiful hanging baskets. We would like to have a similar scheme in Eton Wick by adding floral baskets to our village centre to add a bit of colour and to promote a feel-good factor. EWVA have the funding for the brackets needed to secure the baskets and we have a company who will look after the baskets through the summer. What we need are further individuals to sponsor individual hanging baskets. We are aiming for eight lampposts with two hanging baskets on each. We already have got funding for 10 baskets and need a further 6 to get to 16. Window Flowers, (the same company that supplies the beautiful baskets in Eton High Street) supply the baskets at £86 each. This includes the hanging of the basket, watering for the season, and disposal in about October. Once paid for there is nothing for us to do but enjoy them. If anybody would like to sponsor one, then please do let us know via our email ewva_committee@outlook.com or message us on our Facebook page. We will also be replanting the flower towers in the village in the next week or so.

Please do let us know what you think of this newsletter and give us feedback. We very much hope to see you on Saturday 11th May at the Community Event in the Village Hall. Maybe we can have a chat?

Lucy Ludovici
Chair of EWVA

'Thames Water sewage floods my garden as dead fish float by – it's disgusting'

SAVE BRITAIN'S RIVERS

Residents of Eton Wick in Berkshire claim that they regularly see dead fish floating along the stream by their back gardens



Stephen Pitcher standing next to Roundmoor stream (Photo: Stephen Pitcher)



EWVG volunteers will continue to assist residents with specific waterways issues, plus look after the Colenorton and Common Brooks where they border Eton Wick land this summer. Recent volunteer activity has included litter picking along the Thames working with colleagues from the Windsor River Watch group.

Cllr Mark Wilson will be working with Slough Borough Council to provide some sort of walkway for the Asda Footpath this summer if flooding occurs.

The RBWM Council unanimously agreed a motion presented by Mark, calling upon the Leader of the Council to write to Thames Water, The EA and the Secretary of State for Defra to i) ensure the Roundmoor and Boveney streams are suitably maintained this year, ii) improve the infrastructure so that all sewage is contained within the Treatment works and that the streams can be maintained all year round, and iii) ensure that permits are tightened so only fully treated water is ever released into the streams.

EWVG are planning a bid for government 'waterways restoration' funding that, if successful, will lead to works to reduce flooding and bank erosion of the Roundmoor and Boveney over the following two years. This fund is derived from fines paid by Thames Water for pollution incidents.

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



We have received a strong message in recent years that our Eton Wick community places a high priority on the safety and security of our residents. This is why we have set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme for our village.

We need coordinators for each road in the village or we won't be able to get the scheme fully up and operational. The time commitment is minimal following set up.

We would like to understand why residents are apprehensive in becoming involved with the NHW, perhaps you know and could let us have your thoughts. Contact John Connor via the EWVA Facebook page.

To try and further promote the scheme, John will be at the forthcoming Community Participation afternoon at the village hall on Saturday 11th May. John would like to meet as many of you as possible, hear your concerns and discuss your observations on the current state of our collective security or just pick up a window sticker to display on your premises to show that an active NHW is now in our village. John will be joined by Valerie Pike the Chair of Windsor and Ascot NHW whose experience will cover questions you might pose that we have not yet been able to.

<https://ewva.org.uk/>



The next Eton Wick History Group meeting will be on Wednesday 29 May, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be a "A Stroll in the Park" presented by Peter Holman.

Visit the website for lots more information on Eton Wick over the years.

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



Our History Group website provided these fantastic photos of the Eton Wick Horticultural Show in the 19th century! The first show was held on the afternoon of Wednesday 21st August 1878 in the orchard which we now know as Wheatbuts. The 2024 Horticultural Show will be on Monday 26th August at the Village Hall.

On May 11th, at the Village Hall Community Participation Day, Eton Wick Allotment Association will be holding a plant sale selling a range of seedlings including tomatoes, flowers, and house plants, plus some gardening equipment like bamboo canes. The money raised will go towards the repair of the roadways around the allotment site.

For more information on the Eton Wick Allotment Association visit the Eton Wick Village website, link below.

<https://ewva.org.uk/ew-allotment-association>

The newly redecorated Eton Wick Football & Social Club is not just great value, it brings regular community activities and live music to our village. Forthcoming dates for your calendar:-



Friday 10 May – Afternoon Tea from 2-4pm

Saturday 11 May - Live music with The Grafters from 8.30pm

Sunday 26 May - Family Disco & BBQ from 3pm

Friday 28th June – UB40 Experience, Reggae + more with Kevin Ali Swoish from 8.30pm

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

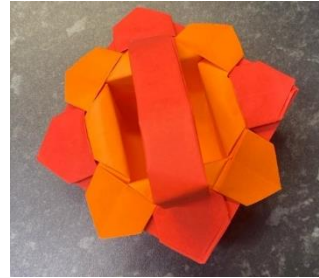
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The youth club welcomes new members, ages 8-14, and although attendance levels are not where they were prior to the temporary move to Eton Wick First School (Sep 2023 to Feb 2024) the club is starting to see the return of some familiar faces now that they are back at the Village Hall. Subs only £1.50 per session and a great value tuck shop. No additional charge for any activities.

Recent activities include sumo wrestling, indoor football and netball, dodgeball, painting, origami Easter baskets, edible Easter nests, loom band creations (yes they have returned to popularity!), and much more.



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



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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 (email EWVA_Committee@outlook.com).

PLUS, we can add a local trader's section to the bottom of this e-newsletter so get in touch, let's talk 😊

The schedule of regular bookings for our Village Hall is shown below. For full information visit the village hall website <https://www.etonwickvillagehall.com> or call 07949 147846.

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Mon	Adult Ballet & Stretch 11am – 12 noon Susan Handy 07515 270432	Indoor Bowls 2 – 4pm Chris 01753 863190 Dave 01753 863710	Yoga/Pilates 6 – 7pm & 7.15 – 8.15pm Michelle Jones 07791 346298
Tue	Pilates Classes 9.30 – 10.30am Simona Stojkova 07917 103 856		School of Traditional Karate 6.30 – 8pm Ashley 07963 433643
Wed	Body Conditioning Classes 9am Michelle Jones 07791 346298		History Group 7.30pm 4 or 5 events a year Eton Wick Village Assoc. 8pm 4 or 5 meetings a year
Thu	Art Group 10am – 12 noon Sandra Drummond 01753 857492		Susan Handy School of Dance from 4.30pm Susan Handy 07515 270432
Fri	Fit Steps 9.45am Michelle Jones 07791 346298	3.45 – 4.15pm 4.30 – 5.15pm 5.15 – 6pm Enchanted School of Dance - Marianne 07702 268 729	Junior Theatre 4 – 6-year-olds Senior Musical Theatre 6 – 10-year-olds Senior Dance 6 – 10-year-olds
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.

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



Don't forget to come along to the Community Participation Day at the Village Hall on 11th May.

**Community Participation Afternoon
in Eton Wick Village Hall
Saturday 11th May 1pm ~ 3pm**

- View photo albums of bygone years with the Eton Wick History Group
- Little dance displays from pupils of the Susan Handy Dance School
- The Art Group displaying examples of their work
- Info on Bat Rescue Berkshire
- Indoor Bowls Club
- Eton Wick Neighbourhood Watch Scheme
- Wild Eton Wick
- Eton Wick Village Association
- Eton Wick Youth Club with crafts and fun activities
- Eton Wick Waterways Group
- Plant sale from the Allotment Association

Entrance is free ~ Something for all ages! Please pop in and support these local groups and find out more about what they do. You or other members of your family may be interested in joining them!

Or arrange to meet friends in the tearoom ~
light refreshments provided by the Village Hall Committee

If you are not familiar with our Village Hall you could take this opportunity to look around and perhaps enquire about hiring it for a special event, or even start-up your own weekly group.



ROYAL BOROUGH OF
**WINDSOR &
MAIDENHEAD**
WWW.RBWM.GOV.UK

The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM) and Achieving for Children (AfC) are proposing changes to the School Transport policy. They state that they want the policy to be fair to all residents and schools in the Borough, whilst ensuring transport assistance is still provided to the most vulnerable students.

They are considering the following changes from September 2024 and would like public views on their proposals to change to the way school transport assistance is provided for young people over 16 years of age with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

To see further details of the proposal and to give your views please complete the consultation form - link below. Deadline for consultation is Monday 13 May 2024.

<https://www.rbwm.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/consultations/education-consultations/school-transport-consultation-2024>



To keep you informed we will bring you details of planning applications for Eton Wick, with links for your convenience. 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.

Reference – 24/00598/Full – application received 11 March 2024, validated 4 April 2024

RCCG Praise Embassy, Haywards Mead, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JN

Part two storey, part first floor front extension, two storey side extension with encased fire escape, enlargement of the existing first floor and alternations to fenestration.

Reference – 24/00766/Full – application received and validated 27 March 2024

9 Stonebridge Field, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PS

Garage conversion, single storey rear extension and hardstanding following demolition of existing conservatory.

Reference – 24/00785/Full – application received and validated 28 March 2024

Eton Wick Methodist Chanel, Alma Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6JZ

Change of use from Methodist Church use Class F1 to an office use Class E(g)(i).

Reference - 24/00882/Full – application received and validated 10 April 2024

20 South View, Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PF

Works to pre-existing outbuilding incidental to the main dwelling (part retrospective).



It would be great to have your feedback and suggestions, and please email [EWVA Committee@outlook.com](mailto: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.

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

*Helen Branscombe-Davies
Secretary EWVA*



ETON
TOWN COUNCIL

One of the six cherry trees planted on Haywards Mead in 2024 by Eton Town Council who are responsible for maintaining the football pitches and both village playgrounds (Haywards Mead and Stockdales).



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

<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



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