

# The Wick 4-Weekly

What, When, Where, & Who of Village Life

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Check out this month's village news, and share your news items with us –

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Flower Tower June 2024

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*Hi there. Welcome to the July newsletter.*

*Hopefully, you have all received the survey which we have been talking about over the last 3 months in the newsletter. It has been hand delivered to all households in Eton Wick so everyone will get the chance to have their say about our village. We're going to keep the returns boxes in The Village Pharmacy and Hair by Us for another week so please ensure that you drop off your completed survey forms. Alternatively, you can complete the survey online by using the link below or scan them back to us in an email. We will look at them all mid-July, and then let you know what the various comments/suggestions were, probably in the August edition.*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/X9L5H2D>

*You may have seen the poster from the 1<sup>st</sup> Eton Wick & Boveney Scouts appealing for people to attend a meeting on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm at the Scout Hut, Haywards Mead to save their group from closing due to lack of volunteers. Please do go along and see what you can do to help them. Volunteering comes in all shapes and sizes, whether it be on the committee in more of a back seat role or helping with the children on the evening they meet. I know they would be thankful for your help.*

*The Corner Café at Bell Lane is being transformed as we speak, and Umit tells me he is working hard to open in July. Once we have an opening date, we will help Umit to spread the word around and get as many people there as possible.*

*That's it from me this month.*

*Enjoy the sunshine.*

*Lucy Ludovici*

*Chair EWVA*

*Date for your diaries - Eton Wick Christmas light switch-on will be Saturday 30 November 2024*

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This ends the second week that the contractors have been clearing weed from the Boveney on behalf of Thames Water. The weed growth has been much denser this year due to the constant sewage releases in the spring, but their work is showing positive results in the Boveney, where river levels are already down by up to 70 centimetres in places. The Boveney is now flowing faster and gradually lowering the flood levels further upstream. However, full results will only become apparent once the weed has been cleared along the entire length of the Boveney and Roundmoor, which will take another 2-3 weeks.

This is of course only a temporary solution to our annual sewage and flooding problem in Eton Wick, which will only be resolved once sewage is no longer released into our waterways. In the meantime, we are keeping up the pressure on the Environment agency to make an exception to the rules on spawning season in future years, because the high level of nutrients from the sewage treatment works causes excessive weed growth, which in turn causes a blockage upstream and the sewage problem is not going to disappear until major improvements have been forced upon the water company by the government.

If the weed could be cleared six weeks sooner, we would not be subject to the sort of flooding that riparian homeowners have experienced this year. Residents should keep up the pressure on the environment agency, local authorities and parliamentary candidates to resolve the flooding issues sooner, instead of waiting for disaster to strike in the future.

Environment Agency incident hotline – call 0800 80 70 60 (24-hour service)

Please contact us at [info@etonwickwaterwaysgroup.org](mailto:info@etonwickwaterwaysgroup.org) if you would like to join us in campaigning or volunteering in any capacity. Plus, find us on the village website, link below.

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



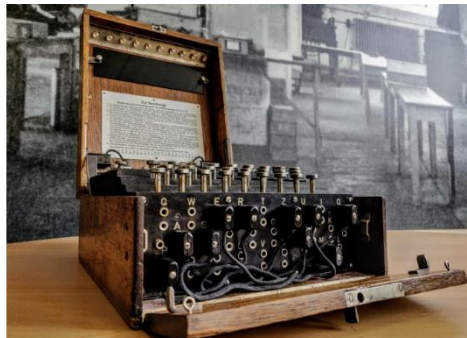
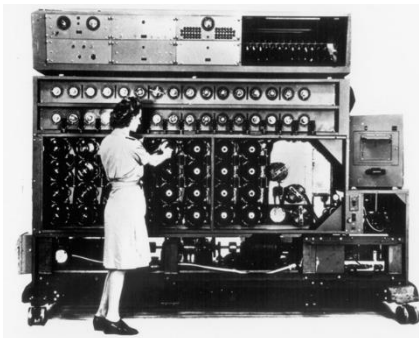
Thank you to our newest volunteer road coordinator, and it is great that member numbers are slowly growing. We are however still without coordinators for many roads in the village and we won't be able to get the scheme fully up and operational unless more volunteers come forward. The time commitment is minimal following set up.

If you would like to understand more, find out how to get involved, please contact John Connor via the EWVA Facebook page. Visit the village website which has a section dedicated to NWH.

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



The next Eton Wick History Group meeting will be on Wednesday 31 July, 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The talk will be a "The Miracle of Bletchley Park" presented by Gillian Cane.



Following the July meeting, the Eton Wick History Group will take a short summer break, returning in the autumn. Visit the website for lots more information on Eton Wick over the years.

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



Our tie die activity was a great success ! The colourful creations of our members were taken home by one of our volunteers to wash and dry so they were ready to collect the following week.

We have enjoyed gorgeous weather for club sessions

so far this summer term, enabling rounders and other team sports to take place outside whilst a range of creative crafts, plus “Just Dance”, “Wii Sports” or similar activities are available in the main hall. Our members can also choose play table tennis, table footie, snooker, or just chill on the sofas with friends. The roller disco will definitely make return visits !

Plus, we are planning some cookery activities this summer whilst we still have access to the kitchen. Our members love cookery activities.



On 24<sup>th</sup> June they made super-size cookies, some of which made it home to be enjoyed by family members but most were eaten whilst still warm ! We finished what was a very warm evening with water balloons outside on the playing fields.

Subs only £1.50 per session and a great value tuck shop. No additional charge for any activities.

If you can spare a couple of hours on a Monday evening during term time to volunteer, please contact us. We will have to restrict attendance if we have too few volunteers.

[EWYC-Committee@Outlook.com](mailto:EWYC-Committee@Outlook.com)

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



On Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September, a group of six village friends (Carly Foster, Simon Kane, Lindsey Siddall, Dan Gillard, Tracey Tierney, and Cian Tierney) will be cycling 55 miles from London to Brighton to raise money for Eton Wick Youth Club.

Money raised will be used to treat EWYC members to a trip out to a theme park, adventure activity/day, or Christmas panto.

Thank you in advance for your contribution which will mean so much to the young people in our community.

Read more here <https://gofund.me/92ee7efa>

Come along to the Eton Wick Football & Social Club, open Wednesday to Sunday every week. It is great value and brings regular community activities and live music to our village. 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 and soccer events.

The Club Rule Book and Accounts are on the Club noticeboard for members to read, and the AGM will be held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.

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

For our scouts to continue they need volunteers !

# SAVE OUR SCOUT GROUP!

**WE NEED  
YOU!**

[berkshirescouts.org.uk](http://berkshirescouts.org.uk)  
**#SkillsForLife**

We would like you to join us for drinks and nibbles to find out how you can help us to continue Scouting at 1st Eton Wick & Boveney.

When: Monday 8th July 2024

Time: 7:30pm

Where: 1st Eton Wick & Boveney,  
Hayward's Mead, Eton Wick, Windsor,  
Berkshire, SL4 6JN

Please RSVP to: Kelly Fricker

Email:

[kelly.fricker@berkshirescouts.org.uk](mailto:kelly.fricker@berkshirescouts.org.uk)

Telephone: 0118 2069760

We look forward to meeting you.



If you're voting at a polling station in the General Election on Thursday 4 July, remember you must show an accepted form of photo ID to polling station staff before they can give you your ballot paper. It's the law.

Polling stations will be open 7am to 10pm, and the Sports Hall in Eton Wick just behind the Village Hall is the polling station for this election.

What ID is accepted?

A wide range of photo ID are accepted, including a UK, European Economic Area (EEA) or Commonwealth passport; a UK or EEA driver's licence; and some concessionary travel passes, such as an older person's bus pass or an Oyster 60+ card. The Resident Advantage Card is not an accepted form of ID for voting.



## Local Crime Incidents

Please find below the incidents reported in Eton and Eton Wick during June. If you have any information around these incidents, 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.

### 11 June – Indecent Exposure - Footpath parallel to the railway line, which exits on Meadow Lane, Eton

An 18-year-old girl was walking home from school when a male exposed himself to her and was carrying out a sexual act. This was reported when she got home, and officers are now doing regular patrols in the area to search for anyone matching the description.

### 11 June – Theft from Motor Vehicle – Meadow Lane car park, Eton

Tools taken from a work van parked in Eton.

### 11 June – Theft from property - Atherton Court Eton

Tools taken from a building site in Eton.

### 2 June – Theft from Motor Vehicle - Eton Recreation Ground

Vehicle broken into and gym bag taken.

### May and June – Wildlife crime along the Thames Eton and Windsor

Multiple attacks on wildlife along the River Thames, most notably to swans. This is being conducted mostly it seems by youths using catapults, and the injuries inflicted are serious. TVP are aware of the issues and take such criminal activity incredibly seriously. Please call in and report any sightings of individuals carrying catapults or those who are engaged in such behaviour. In addition, the Central Windsor team are conducting regular patrols in those areas where incidents have occurred in Eton and Windsor to disrupt and deter the behaviour.

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.

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>	<b>Evening</b>
<b>Mon</b>	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
<b>Tue</b>	Pilates Classes 9.30 – 10.30am Simona Stoikova 07917 103 856		School of Traditional Karate 6.30 – 8pm Ashley 07963 433643
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Thu</b>	Art Group 10am – 12 noon Sandra Drummond 01753 857492		Susan Handy School of Dance from 4.30pm Susan Handy 07515 270432
<b>Fri</b>	Fit Steps 9.45am Michelle Jones 07791 346298	3.45 – 4.15pm Junior Theatre 4 – 6-year-olds 4.30 – 5.15pm Senior Musical Theatre 6 – 10-year-olds 5.15 – 6pm Senior Dance 6 – 10-year-olds Enchanted School of Dance - Marianne 07702 268 729	
<b>Sat</b>		*Available for hire	
<b>Sun</b>		*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.



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.

**Reference - 24/01335/TPO – application validated 17 June 2024 – awaiting decision**

Southview Cottage, Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PG  
Pollarding of Poplar trees to reduce height and spread.

**Reference - 24/01397/Full – application validated 19 June 2024 – awaiting decision**

47 Victoria Road + Boveney Woodcraft Workshop, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6LY  
Three new dwellings to the rear of 47 Victoria Road following demolishing of existing workshop.

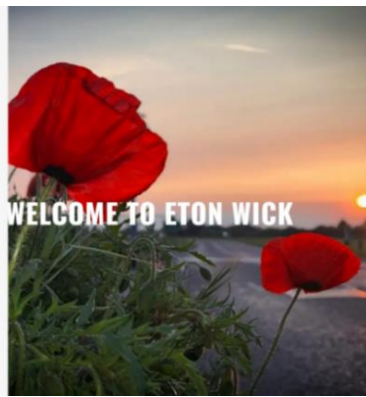
**Reference – 24/01412/ADV – application validated 14 June 2024 - awaiting decision**

Crown Farm, Eton Wick Road, Eton Wick, Windsor SL4 6PG  
Consent to display a large non-illuminated post-mounted sign.



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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. 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 Eton Wick Pharmacy and Hair by Us in the village centre. You could pick up a copy for them to help them keep in touch 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 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*



Pride Postbox Topper June 2024

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR VILLAGE SHOPS & LOCAL SERVICES

The Village Pharmacy – 01753 863575

Hair By Us – 01753 831957

Jade Garden Fish & Chips + Chinese Takeaway – 01753 850991

South Meadow Surgery, Eton – 01753 864545

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) – or call 0300 123 2040



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