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I want to say that spring is in the air....at least the light evenings are back! With the challenge of the Gas Pipe replacement, our Town is a little more occupied than we would want, but as always happens with Eton, we all work together to make the best of it!

We have held so many events since our last Eton Matters, from the ever popular Christmas lights switch on event, to the ECA Christmas Dinner at The Christopher, to the pub get together at The Henry VI on Christmas Day, the pub quiz at The Crown & Cushion, the College exhibitions and most recently the Curry evening at the Golden Curry. Thank you to so many committee members and others for their organisational skills! Special thanks go from us all and from the Alexander Devine charity to Karen Waller, Stephen Gosnell and Paul Roach for organising the Christmas Lights Switch on event and thank you to our financial sponsors too.

We always have positive feedback about the ECA weekly Newsletter (or Shout Out, as we call it) and Eton Matters, so thank you to Russell and Peter particularly. Sign up at <u>www.etoncommunity.co.uk</u>!

The Eton & Eton Wick Information Centre goes from strength to strength; Barbara deserves a particular thank you! And our Borough Councillors, led by Cllr Samantha Rayner have achieved great progress for us too, from the support for the Information Centre, to fixing pavements, to choosing the winner of the Christmas Window Display competition. Well done to Murrays and to New & Lingwood, who were winner and runner-up.

I would like to thank the regular and guest contributors and the sponsors of this issue of Eton Matters, without whose generosity we would be unable to produce this mini-mag. The sponsors are: Kavanagh's Budgens, New & Lingwood, Hybert Design, Warren Property, J Manley Gallery, Richer Sounds Rhubarb and Custard, Vario Press, Beechwood Interiors, Eton Stationers, My Handyman, Eton Cycles, Salamandra, Leathergoodsrepairs, Eton College, Kelvin & Co and Dogknows.. Peter Eaton, Editor

Forthcoming Eton Community Association Meetings

Wednesday 8 April, Wednesday 13 May AGM & Wednesday 24 June All at 6.30pm at the Council Offices

Everyone welcome

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Town & Gown Tom Arbuthnott - Deputy Head for Partnerships, Eton College



I am Eton's Deputy Head for Partnerships, which basically means that I oversee all the work that Eton does to support education and community engagement across the UK. I was an Eton boy in the late 1980s, before deciding to make a career in state sector teaching. I worked in inner city Birmingham before starting up a city-wide outreach programme to raise aspirations across the city. When Eton advertised this job in 2016, I couldn't resist coming back – especially as I understand how much Eton contributes in a myriad of different ways. We can always do more.

There are three main fields in which I work.

First, I oversee Eton's relationships with its

partner schools in the state sector. We have a thriving partnership with Holyport College, and Etonians and Holyportians get together regularly at society meetings, social events and sporting opportunities. Teachers at both schools work together on making sure that we are educating our pupils as well as we possibly can, and we learn a huge amount from each other. We also sponsor a school in East London called the London Academy of Excellence, which achieved an amazing 37 Oxbridge offers this year – a massive increase from when it started in 2012, when only three students from the whole borough of Newham got an offer.

We are also founder members of the Thames Valley Learning Partnership, which brings together six state schools with two independent schools. We really believe that everyone benefits, particularly students, when schools of different types get together to achieve common goals. I am also a Director of SEBMAT, which is a trust including Eton Porny School.

Second, I look after our financial aid programmes. We want Eton to be open to talented boys from all financial backgrounds and from all over the country. I am visiting Clactonon-Sea, Scunthorpe, Sunderland and Hartlepool this month to encourage boys to apply, especially those for whom coming to Eton would be a life-changing experience.

Third, I work with Haroon Shirwani, our Master in Charge of volunteering, to make sure that Eton boys are a visible and meaningful part of the Eton community. Boys spend over 200 hours per week volunteering in primary schools, maths mentoring, visiting elderly people and in many other ways. We are always on the lookout for new opportunities: if you know of anything, then please do contact me on t.arbuthnott@etoncollege.org.uk.

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Gift of Speech

From a quiet corner of The Brocas, The Nuffield Dyspraxia Programme has helped over 100,000 children overcome a severe speech disorder

The gift of speech is something most of us take for granted. But for many



children verbal communication can be a debilitating struggle.

Life with a speech sound disorder can be cruelly difficult. It dramatically affects social and academic development and can have a damaging impact on mental health and life choices.

Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia, also known as Childhood Apraxia of Speech (DVD/ CAS), is just such a condition. It lies at the severe end of the speech sound disorder spectrum. It is characterised by difficulty planning the action of lips, tongue, jaw and airways in order to produce lucid speech. There is generally no evidence of damage to nerves or muscles. The child simply has difficulty producing individual speech sounds and sequencing them together in words. They know what they want to say, but can't plan and synchronise the movements needed to vocalise it. As a result, their speech is often unintelligible even to family members.

A little over 30 years ago ...

Back in the 1980s, a childhood friend of my sister was a speech and language therapist at The Nuffield Hearing and Speech Centre (NHSC) at the Royal National Throat Nose and Ear Hospital in London – a centre of excellence for the diagnosis and management of speech disorders. They had developed a programme to provide structured therapy for Developmental Verbal Dyspraxia.



In its early use at the Centre, The

Programme showed great promise and, purely through word of mouth, was in demand from speech therapists around the UK.

The Centre's Principal Speech and Language Therapist, Veronica Connery, asked if I could publish it and help distribute it to the wider speech therapy community. By that early

Anthony Allison Eton Resident

stage in my life, working in advertising and marketing, I had done very little for nothing and readily agreed.

I have since published the Programme for 30 years, through two editors, three editions, revisions, additions and the development of companion software. The current, third, edition (NDP3), by Dr Pamela Williams and Hilary Stephens, alongside the team at the NHSC, took us five years to create and was first published in 2004. The full pack is a prodigious set of resources and weighs around 16kg.

From severe disorder to confident speech NDP3 is aimed at English-speaking children. It works by eliciting speech sounds at



increasing levels of phonotactic complexity. That is, it starts with basic phonemes – the very simplest speech sounds – and puts them together to form vowels and consonants, then words, complex words, phrases and sentences. Therapy is a detailed and time-consuming process but outcomes are very good. As studies and clinical trials have shown, DVD/CAS may be among the most severe speech sound disorders but it is eminently manageable.

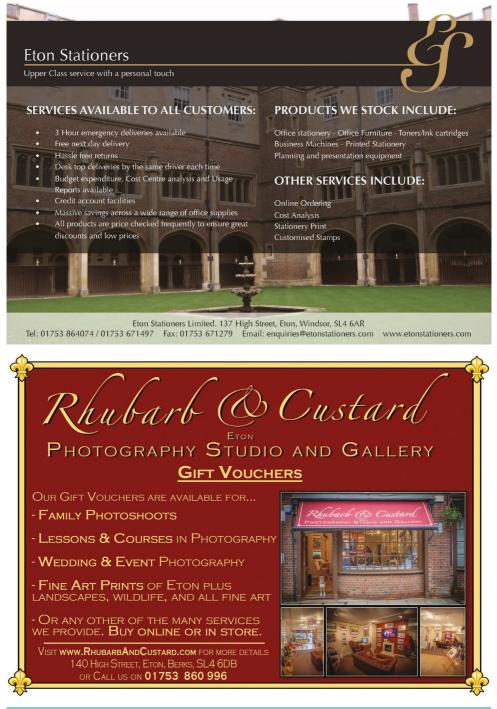
Therapists using NDP3 have shown that with early and effective intervention, generally over a number of years, children can produce speech clearly and effortlessly, although perhaps not unexpectedly, the funding to provide such intensive speech therapy is often very hard to come by.

A global programme run from Eton

Today, our resources are used by thousands of talented and dedicated speech therapists around the world - from the UK to Australia, America to Africa ... in fact, anywhere it's needed, from Sweden to Singapore, Kenya to Kuwait.

We run the Programme on a not-for-profit basis to make the resources accessible to as many people as possible. To put matters into perspective, in 30 short years we have helped more children earn the gift of speech than our esteemed local college has educated in its entire history, for a resource cost of around one month of the school's current fee income.

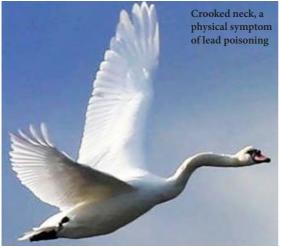
If you know a parent or carer of a child with a speech sound disorder, please refer them to our help and support page at www.ndp3.org/information-for-parents/.



We Saved Our Swans

edited from a story by Michael Tierney former Town Councillor and Mayor

In the 1970s and 1980s, and until I retired in 1997, I was a Town Councillor and Mayor between 1989 and 1993. It was when I received an issue of 'Eton Matters' some years after moving to North Wales that an article on Swans, written by the present Deputy Mayor, rekindled memories of the Council's involvement that brought about a new law to protect swans.



In 1984 I had to take our Labrador to a vet named Steve Cooke. Before having his Maidenhead practice Steve lived in Windsor using his garden as a refuge for swans found injured or unwell. I had noticed a dramatic decline in the number of swans at Windsor so asked Steve if there was a reason. He showed me an x-ray of a swan with seven pieces of lead shot lodged in his throat. Isn't there anything that can be done I asked and replying he said ideally there should be a ban on the use of lead shot on fishing lines.

Later that same week I attended the

Town Council's Environment Committee Meeting informing members of my visit to Steve and what he had said. I suggested that as a Council we should consider sending a Petition to the House of Lords, and suggested the following proposal: As a measure to protect swans, that consideration be given to introducing legislation to prohibit the sale and use of lead weights on fishing lines, on rivers, lakes and reservoirs in the United Kingdom (9th August 1984).

The committee unanimously agreed, and the matter was placed as an agenda item for the next Full Council on 4th October 1984. The Full Council also unanimously agreed the proposal and Leonard Evans, the Clerk of the Council, sent the petition to the House of Lords. It was immediately returned as unacceptable unless certain conditions were met. It must be written in Olde English, on Vellum and presented by a member of the Lords. We had three College Masters on the Council so the Vellum and Olde English were easily resolved, and the Provost, Lord Charteris of Amisfield, was delighted to present it.

The Council's petition was presented to a packed House of Lords. It was picked up by the Government, and a Law introduced that banned the manufacture and sale of the size of weights that swans swallowed. An excellent result initiated by our Town Council which has had immense benefit to swans following a chance visit to a local vet.

Before Your Very Eyes Eton Resident



Have you met Saiful? You will know him if you have because he will have performed some amazing magic and you will be left wondering how it's done. While working in a restaurant, the owner regularly brought in an Elvis Impersonator and after a while it had become a bit repetitive. That prompted Saiful to learn something that would be fun for the customers....and that's how it all stated!

In the 2 years that Saiful has been learning and improving, he has added masses of tricks to his repertoire. The other day he took a £20 note from me and changed it into a £50 note. I was so stunned that I asked if he could change it back into a £20 note. What a fool I am; I could have made £30!!! He took some old vouchers....and changed them into £20 notes in front of our eyes.

Pop into the Golden Curry in Eton most evenings, where he now works, and he'll be there. If you want to be sure,

ask Bobby the owner or any of the staff. Saiful will come and perform elsewhere if you need a magician.

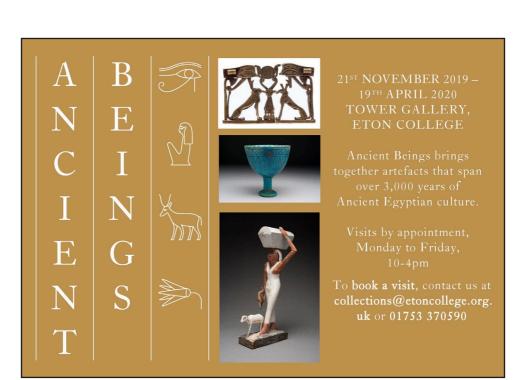
He entertained us brilliantly at a recent Eton Community evening at Golden Curry where Bobby treated guests to a 2-course meal for £10, as a wonderful contribution to our Eton community!



Christmas Displayed

On the 19th December Cllr Samantha Rayner was joined by ECA Chair Ros Rvaz and Eton Information Centre Manager Barbara Hunt to judge the Christmas Window Display Competition.

They are pictured here with winner Mike Murray of Murray's Hairdressers and Coffee Shop who won a cream tea for two courtesy of The Christopher Hotel. Runner-up was David of New & Lingwood's menswear shop winning a voucher courtesy of Tastes Delicatessen. 14 businesses took part in the competition making for a wonderful festive Christmas in our High Street shop windows.





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In His Presence

La Stacey Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Church



It's growing time! As spring starts tiny bright shoots emerge from dark soil and there's a smell of growth in the air, isn't there? The gentle stirring of spring was something I missed when we lived in Canada. One spring it went in the space of 2 weeks from minus 10°C and a snowstorm to plus 22°C and everyone walking round in T-shirts. All the snow-drops and daffodils and tulips and lilac all then galloped to grow and all flowered at once.

In my observation, understanding the faith Jesus taught is like that. For some people faith grows so slowly it is barely perceptible but one day flowers seem to emerge and scent the air around them, and for others faith comes all at once in a riot of colour and it feels like looking through a new colourful pair of spectacles.

I love this quote that a wise person has written: 'God keeps creating things from the inside out, so they are forever yearning, developing, growing, and changing for the good. ... Imagine God the creator breathing into the soil that became Adam (Genesis 2:7). That is the eternal pattern. God is still breathing into soil every moment!'

Changes happen as we grow and respond to life around us. We're working on changing the church room which serves the parish. In order to apply for grants to help with this we would welcome input from you to say how such a room could be of use to you or the groups you are involved with. Do let me know if you have any ideas (contact details in this magazine).

With spring blessings.

Benefice of Eton with Eton Wick & Boveney & Dorney

Good Friday Walk of Hope from Eton to Dorney

Meet at St John the Evangelist, Eton at 9.30am

Walk with us to St John the Baptist, Eton Wick and /or join

us for a service at 10.30am and hot cross bun

Continue our walk to St James the Less, Dorney for service at 12.30pm

See Diary (P.16) for seasonal and regular services. For information about our churches, activities and church history please see our parishes' web site: stjohnstjamesed.org.uk

Bookworm from Eton Library Mary Skelly and Anna Fallgren Supervisors



Eton library was closed for a couple of weeks in January in order to conduct structural repairs to the façade. Anna and I were delighted that so many of you called in to see us during the Eton Christmas light switch on when we opened the library for Gingerbread Decorating and refreshments. Our window display featured Oleg (Olaf's brother) who is learning to read and a good role model to encourage younger readers.

Many RBWM council services can be accessed online including applying for parking vouchers, missed and new bins, Green Waste, Planning and, of course, Library services: there are both e-Lending and e-Reference resources most of which can be accessed from your own computer / device.

The Britannica library provides safe, trustworthy information: junior (age 5-11), students (age 12-18) and adults. It is ideal for homework and projects. It is free to use with your library card. Go to https://www3.rbwm.gov.uk/ click on Libraries and Museums, choose online resources where you will find Encyclopaedia Britannica. Click on this to go to the web page where you will need to sign in to my Britannica using your library card.

The Eton book group has been reading "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Attwood.

The Republic of Gilead allows Offred only one function - to breed. If she deviates, she will, like all dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire - neither Offred's nor that of the two men on whom her future hangs.

The next book will be "Are You Watching Me?" by Sinead Crowley.

Liz Cafferky is on the up. Rescued from her dark past by the owner of a drop-in centre for older men, she soon finds herself as the charity's face - and the unwilling darling of the Dublin media. Amidst her claustrophobic fame, she barely notices a letter from a new fan. But then one of the centre's clients is brutally murdered, and another, more sinister note arrives. Running from her own ghosts, Liz is too scared to go to the police. And with no leads, there is little Sergeant Claire Boyle can do to protect her ...

Library Opening and Events:

Open: Mon - 14.00-17.00; Tues-10.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00: Fri-14.00 19.00; Sat-10.00-13.00 Eton Book Group: 18.00-19.00 Fridays every 4 weeks. Provisional dates: 27/3, 24/4 & 22/5 Please check with library. Community Warden: 1st Tuesday every month 11.00-12.00 Story, craft and rhyme time. Please enquire at the library.

Naturewatch - Ash Dieback

George Fussey - Curator, Eton College Natural History Museum

Much was made by all the political parties in December's general election about tree planting to mitigate the effects of climate change. Recently, even Donald Trump has committed to it! However, nobody mentioned the clear and present danger posed by a fungal invader to the 150 million Ash trees that are such a dominant feature of the British landscape. 125 million of these are found in woodland.



The fungus, Hymenoscyphus fraxineus, arrived from Asia into mainland Europe in 1990s. The first official report in Britain came from a nursery in Buckinghamshire in 2014 although research suggests that it was present in UK as early as 2004. The fungus blocks the movement of sap and causes symptoms ranging from leaf spots to branch dieback. Current estimates are that, once infected, some 70 – 85% of Ash trees will die with only a few resistant

individuals surviving. The rate at which trees decline once infected varies but a 10 - 15% loss of canopy in a year is typical. Some trees decline much more rapidly. The infection is spread by tiny spores which are produced by fruiting bodies from the stems of fallen ash leaves. The disease is now recorded from two-thirds of England's geographic area.

Apart from the loss of biodiversity and the change to the look and feel of our countryside, there are likely to be severe economic consequences. Some 4 million Ash trees are found in urban environments (4% of all urban trees) where the risk of falling boughs from diseased trees will present a risk to the public. In addition, Highways England estimate that there are at least 4 million Ash trees next to the road network, whereas Network Rail believe that there are approximately 400,000 Ash adjacent to railway lines. Many of these will need management in order to make them safe. Some counties like Herefordshire will be severely impacted. Mature Ash trees are thought to account for more than 50% of the non-woodland tree canopy. The last time anything like this happened in Britain was Dutch elm disease which killed something like 25 million trees in the 1960s and 70s and transformed the landscape.

The Eton College Natural History Museum in South Meadow Lane is open to the public every Sunday, from 2.30pm until 5pm. It is Berkshire's only dedicated Natural History Museum and is a family-friendly museum with over 16,000 objects. It has numerous displays featuring the wildlife of the Thames Valley. Contact us: g.fussey@etoncollege.org.uk or by phone on 01753 370602 or visit www.etonnhm.com

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8th	10.30 – Eton Spring Clean – Meet at Town Council Offices		
19th	12.00 – Lent Lunch – St John the Evangelist Church		
24th	20.15 – ECMS Choral Concert – School Hall, Eton College		
Apr			
8th	18.30 - Eton Community Association meeting - Eton Council Offices		
8th	18.30 – Shared Supper & Communion – St. John the Baptist Church, Eton Wick		
10th	9.30 – Walk of Hope – Start at St. John the Evangelist, Eton to		
	10.30 – St John the Baptist, Eton Wick – Service & Hot Cross Buns, continue to		
	12.30 – St James the Less, Dorney		
12th	5.45 – Sunrise Service – St Mary Magdalene, Boveney		
24th	10.30 – Combermere Barracks Visit – Pre-book with ECA Secretary		
May			
7th	19.00 – Dave Bullock Talk – St. John the Evangelist Church, Eton		
13th	18.30 - Eton Community Association meeting & AGM - Eton Council Offices		
June			
24th	18.30 - Eton Community Association meeting - Eton Council Offices		
Regular I	Events		
Council (Office – Eton: Tues – Fri – 08.00-13.00		
Charteris	Club – Lunch Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 12.00-14.00 – Eton Wick Village Hall		
Eton Col	lege Museums – Every Sunday – 14.30-17.00 – Free entry		
Eton Tow	n Council Meeting – 19.00 - First Thursday of Month - Eton Council Offices		
Library:	Mon - 14.00-17.00; Tues - 10.00-13.00 & 14.00-17.00; Fri - 14.00-19.00;		
	Sat - 10.00-13.00 Library Diary see page 13		
Churches	s (regular services)		
St. John t	he Evangelist, Eton (C of E) Services		
	1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 10.00 - Communion (said)		
	Tuesdays – 9.15-11.30 Community Bible Study		
	(Sundays – 11.00 & 16.30 Services - St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick)		
Our Lady	v of Sorrows (Catholic) - Service – Sundays – 09.30		
Apostolic	z Fellowship of Christ – Baldwin Institute		
	Sunday School – Sundays - 15.00; Bible Lectures – 2nd & 4th Sundays - 18.30		

Eton Matters - We Need Your Stories We need you to contribute to this magazine!

Tell us about your interests, any family associations you have with Eton past or present, the history of Eton or any thoughts and observations about the local environment. Email: editor@etoncommunity.co.uk

Useful Numbers

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Churches	St John the Evangelist (Vicar)	01753 852268
	Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton Court	01753 542862
Community Warden	Jake Hynard	01628 685636
Council Offices, Eton	Bob Austen, Town Clerk	01753 860377
Councillor (RBWM)	Samantha Rayner	07811 974442
Emergency	Fire/Ambulance/Police	999
Eton College		01753 370100
Eton Community Association	Chair	07734 073117
	Treasurer	01753 865647
Library	Eton	01753 860506
	24 hr renewal line	0303 123 0035
Eton Porny School		01753 861995
Eton Pre-School		01753 850842
Healthcare	Fast Medical Help, Non-Emergency (NHS)	111
Doctors	South Meadow Surgery (24 hr line)	01753 833777
	(Appointments)	01753 832332
Hospitals	King Edward VII Outpatients, Windsor	01753 860441
	Prince Charles Eye Unit, KE VII Casualty	01753 636359
	Wexham Park Hospital	01753 633000
	Wexham Park A& E	01753 634017
	Upton Hospital, nr Slough – Walk-in unit	01753 821441
	Heatherwood & St. Marks Minor Injuries units	01753 877805
	Heatherwood Hospital	01344 623333
	St. Marks Outpatients	01628 632012
Natural History Museum	Eton (curator)	01753 370602
Police	Crime in Progress	999
	Non-Emergency	101
River Authority	Environment Agency (gen. enquiries)	03708 506 506
	Floodline	0345 988 1188
Royal Borough Of Windsor And	01628 683800	
	24 hour line for key services – report illicit action	
	late night noise, dangerous structures, etc.	01753 853517
Swan Support		07968 868172



Taking Council Bob Austen, Town Clerk, Eton Town Council Tel: 01753 860377 email: clerk@etontc.uk



The past few months have seen a number of issues descend upon Eton, and Eton Town Council has been working hard to ensure that the interests of the residents and businesses of the town are protected and their comments and views given a proper hearing.

Eton Gas Works

The High Street is due to be closed for regular traffic from 3rd February for a period up to 18 to 22 weeks whilst gas mains are being replaced. Eton Town Council arranged meetings with RBWM and the gas contractor Cadent to seek assurances that the impact on residents and businesses is minimised. Cadent has responded positively to our suggestions and has been proactive in reaching out through publicity and face to face meetings with residents and businesses to explain the programme and allay concerns. In addition, Eton Town Council hosted a Drop in Session on Thursday 16th January.

Proposed Homeless Centre in Eton Square

This issue became apparent just before Christmas and not unexpectedly caused significant concern amongst residents of Eton Square, many of whom are of an age and are also living alone. Eton Town Council hosted a public meeting in December which gave Eton Square and other Eton residents the opportunity to raise their concerns with the RBWM councillors responsible. This initiative has been driven by RBWM and whilst most citizens harbour genuine sympathy and sorrow for those unfortunate people who find themselves homeless through life-changing circumstances, the view of the majority at the meeting is that homeless centres need to be sited in areas where there is minimum impact on local residential communities. The RBWM - managed John West Centre in Maidenhead is one such facility which follows this pattern.

At the time of writing this issue is still under consideration by RBWM, however residents have been given the assurance that no decision will be reached without further consultation.

Barnes Pool Restoration Project

The recent heavy rain and high River Thames water level caused the brook to break its banks and flood Barnes Pool, including the recently planted flowers and shrubs. When water levels reduced it was reassuring to see that Mother Nature looks after its own and there was virtually no damage done to the grass or foliage. It is anticipated that Barnes Pool will become a significant tourist hot spot in the spring and summer months; it is certainly worth a visit!



Eton Porny School Katherine Russell Head Teacher

At Eton Porny School we are educating the children about environmental concerns whilst empowering pupils to be change makers. We have been working on an initiative called 'Plastic Clever Schools'. With the support of the Eco-Squad and the Communications team, pupils and staff at Eton Porny have been putting our school values of community and collaboration as well as British values of individual liberty, democracy and rule of law into force. Eco-Squad and Communications team explain how they are doing...

'Firstly, we got everyone at school thinking about the impact of single use plastics through assemblies we wrote ourselves. Then, we counted the amount of single use plastic used on our school site and we were really shocked by how much we found! We fed back to the rest of the school and then decided to take action. We made links with Terracycle and we now recycle crisp packets and writing/colouring pens. Also, we thought about how we could tackle the use of single use plastic bottles so we debated whether to ban them from the school site and then took a vote. The verdict was hugely in favour of banning single use bottles so now we have encouraged pupils and staff to use a re-fillable bottle.'

We have also taken part in the Big Battery Hunt and have a collection point for recycling batteries at school too.

If you would like to recycle crisp packets, pens or batteries please bring them to the school office during our opening hours.

Kid's Play - Ummmm Delicious!



Gran said we could make bread, but she needed fresh yeast. She asked Giovanni in Tastes. With all the ingredients ready, here goes. Gran said her Mum chose the flowerpots from her Dad's potting shed and then they baked the pots in a very hot oven years ago. We still use those pots! The recipe is all in lbs and ounces. We don't know why pounds is shortened to lbs in the recipe. Anyway we warmed 1/2lb of mixed white and brown flour, mixed 1/2oz of fresh yeast with a teaspoonful of sugar, rubbed 1oz of margerine and a level teaspoonful of salt into the flour, mixed 1/8 pint of hot water with 1/8 pint of cold milk and added everything together. It was a gooey mess but when it was all mixed it was fun to knead it until it was smooth. We put it near the boiler for nearly an hour covered with a tea towel and it was twice the size when we went to get it. We divided into the pots, small chunks for small flowerpots and big chunks for big pots.

Gran put it in a really hot over at 450 degrees in old measurements (which we had to convert to modern numbers) and she tapped it with a knife after 20-30 minutes to make sure it sounded hollow inside, which means it's ready. Ummmm delicious with butter that melted!

Eton Pre-School Sue Clifford - Manager

At Eton Pre-school we like to provide our students with a wide variety of experiences and activities. This supports their development by testing out new skills and giving them opportunities to develop the ones they have already acquired. Alongside this, of course, they are learning teamwork and social skills, being part of a group and learning to negotiate with others. They become more tolerant and aware that not everyone may think the way they do. All of this is done through play.



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Eton within the Borough

Samantha Rayner RBWM Councillor for Eton and Castle

It has been a wonderful Christmas and New Year in Eton. It was great to be part of the festivities this year. I particularly enjoyed the carol service in Eton College Chapel and Christmas Lights switch on. A huge amount of work was undertaken by lots of community groups and businesses to make it really spectacular. The Royal Borough was really delighted to help.

The shops and businesses really showed Eton looking fabulous with their Christmas windows and it was a great honour to visit and judge the best window with Ros Rivaz and Barbara Hunt. Gail and Mike Murray from Murray's of Eton hairdressers won with their stunning window. The runner up was David Macklin at New and Lingwood with a most amazing display. Thank you also to the Christopher Hotel and Tastes Delicatessen for their prizes. Thank you to everyone who entered, it was difficult to choose.

Cllrs Bowden, Shelim and I have been working on our council case work for Eton and we have been very grateful to residents and community groups working with us on projects in a collaborative manner. There is always a wide range of things happening and each day is never the same. We particularly thank the Eton Town Council and Eton Community Association.

We have given £750 from our councillor contributions to the Eton Information Centre as we believe it is continuing to bring enormous benefits to the High Street and also show visitors the opportunity to visit places in Eton they may not be aware of. Everyone who volunteers and works there brings a huge passion to make it a success.

This spring will see an enormous amount of road works taking place through the High Street. There has been a lot of consultation with residents, businesses, Eton Community Association and Town Council. Cadent will be doing the works and Bernie will be their representative on site through the duration of the contract. Bernie has made many visits to Eton to understand and liaise with as many people as he can. If you have any questions please do speak to him. Bernie can be contacted on 07772 746691 or email bernie.ridsdale@triio.co.uk

Please do get in touch with me if you have any questions or issues. I will be very happy to help

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In Posterity Philip Tilbury - Former Eton Architect



In 1989/90, the old workshop in Gower's Yard, where molten lead casting was carried out amongst other activities, became too dilapidated to continue in use. The tenants at that time, the builders, Youngman and Cox, decided to

rebuild the block in a similar style but with a first floor. The old building had an oak frame on which the names of deceased employees were nailed onto the beams. This old oak frame was salvaged and reused in the new construction, and the nameplates were duly re-fixed.

When it came to the redevelopment of the Yard with St. John's Square in 2005, I stepped in to salvage the nameplates and kept them in Striblings' Office for posterity.

With our own lease now having run out and our practice relocated from Eton after 47 years in the town, I handed the nameplates to the ECA for safe-keeping, knowing they would find a good resting place.

Were any of the above names part of your family?

Let us know if you have a story to share of any of them to bring them back to life!

The names are: H. Burfoot – died December 1869 John Wheeler – possibly died 1871 ? Turner – died Sept 26th 1875 ?? – name painted over – died Sept. (possibly) 12th 1872 C. Shepherd – died September 22nd 1876 William Henry Wheeler – died September 21st 1877

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From My Window

My old acquaintance Abu Antar (see EM issue 10, July 1916) is still quite active on the river during the summer months when the warm weather seems to give him energy and ignites his amorous instincts. Like many of us he is no longer as young as he was, and it can be noted that his forays to chase the young ladies are now brief and of less vigour that in earlier years when he had more energy, determination and zeal.



I should explain that Abu Antar (left), as I call him, is an old cob swan who we often see on the river near the bridge in the summer months, he is very distinctive with raised wings, a neck that is curved right back against his body and beady eyes set in a face with a large black nose. He swims with recognisable jerking motions that, together with his other characteristics and his aggressive demeanour, make him easily identifiable to everybody, especially the young ladies of his

species who all start to retreat with increasing speed and frequent backwards glances at his approach. Sometimes they have to take flight to escape his clutches and this in itself is an interesting sight as swans need a long take off run before they become airborne.

Equally fascinating is the spectacle of swans alighting on water. They have a fairly long glide path and prepare for contact with extended legs and splayed web feet which act

as shock absorbers for the initial contact and subsequent slowing down which I have frequently noted is uncontrolled. On several occasions I have seen birds collide with others in the water and sometimes run into one of the bridge abutments when misjudging their landing approach and speed. A landing swan is very reminiscent of a Concord aircraft landing, the glide angle, extended landing gear and drooped nose are almost identical to a landing swan.



Derek Ledger - Eton Resident

The daily perambulation of the swans, geese and ducks from the firework ait and slipway near the French Brothers moorings above the bridge down to Romney Island is interesting as scores of swans, geese but fewer ducks these days glide down the river under the bridge letting the flow of water gently take them downstream. Social discrimination is strictly observed with no fraternisation whatsoever, except that on a few days last summer a lone Egyptian duck took up station among the geese, presumably being lonely but obviously colour blind. He was completely ignored and must have realised that he was not wanted and disappeared after a few days.

The nemesis of my wife has been a lone magpie that discovered her little fruit bushes on our terrace last summer. We had nurtured the raspberry and gooseberry bushes to the point where the fruit was almost ripe when the thieving magpie discovered them. In less than two days he had eaten all the gooseberries and had made significant inroads with the ripening raspberries. Our visions of a magnificent gooseberry pie had vanished, and my wife vowed to lay in wait to catch the thief. She never did of course, and the magpie still sometimes returns to perch on our terrace



railings and look longingly at the fruit bushes, now pruned back for the winter.

There have been several other inquisitive birds that visited us last summer including several pigeons who invariably left their visiting cards, even what looked like a raven which only stayed a few minutes before flying away, the periodic visits of swarms of hungry and aggressive gulls fortunately keep to the river, as do the increasing number of cormorants who perch on the warning sign before the weir and never seem to catch any fish, they too must be quite hungry. There is plenty to keep one from becoming bored even if one is not an avid ornithologist.



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Historical Commission David Coulthard - Tom Brown Tailors



Upon request from Mark Broadbent, of Fenix Carriages (and President of the Coaching Club, for whom we have made garments many times in the past), we were delighted by the commission of the Coaching Overcoat, and took great pride in working on such a distinguished project.

A key element was to produce a Coachman's Overcoat from the same era as the coach being refurbished, and therefore it was imperative that the historical accuracy of the garment was kept as true as possible to its original ancestor.

This led to lots of deep delving into historical records, searching through not only antique books on tailoring, but also archived designs, illustrations and drawings of garments worn in that era. Everything from the buttons, to the way the coat was fastened was kept as true to the original as possible - with each stage of the process being

evaluated for its historical accuracy, before proceeding.

We at Tom Brown were

honoured to accept and complete such an amazing and valuable project - being an organisation with 235 years of our history and heritage. We felt it was our humble duty to assist in keeping traditional clothing, and valuable memories from our past, alive.

The overcoat was completely handmade, and took over 50 hours to complete, from start to finish. A testament to Great British tailoring, and to our commitment to tradition.





Eton Spring Clean Sunday 8th March 10.30am to Midday Meet at Eton Town Council Offices All Equipment Supplied

At His Majesty's Service Ieva Poriete - Local Dress Designer and ECA Committee Membe

Discover the public and private face of our most exuberant king at the George IV Art and Spectacle Exhibition at Buckingham Palace until 3 May 2020.

George IV (1762 – 1830) was probably the most magnificent of British monarchs. He turned Buckingham House into a Palace, radically remodelled Windsor Castle, built the Royal Pavilion at Brighton and left a lasting legacy in the unrivalled collection of art that he formed as Prince of Wales and King. This included paintings, metalwork, sculpture, furniture, ceramics and watercolours, many of them by the finest artists and craftsmen.

During the summer of 2019 I joined the Covent Garden Minuet Company. We had the honour to be the performance entertainment for the opening night of the exhibition at Buckingham Palace. I was playing the character of Lady Elizabeth Marchioness



of Conyngham. Lady Conyngham was best known as the King's last mistress. In 1819, aged 50, she started seeing the then Prince Regent who was aged fifty seven. She saw him until his death, as King, in 1830 and she lived to be ninety two.



Eton Walkway Curtailed

From December 2019 to September 2021 for the duration of the development of the new Eton College Sports centre the full circular route of the Eton Walkway will be curtailed by the closure a footpath.

A revised circular route to the Burning Bush will be available but you will still be able to walk and return along Common Lane to the Sir Anthony Gormley's Edge II Statue and then on to the Herschel Observatory and similarly walk and return along Slough Road to the Eton Wall Game Wall.

Skinner's Bridge will be the only point on the full route that will not be accessible for the duration of the works.

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