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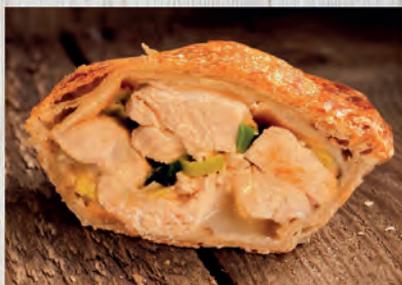
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Ros Rivaz - ECA Chair



What a busy few months! We have had Street Cleans, Exhibitions and the flags are up in our High Street. We have completed the gully replacements and the LED lamp replacements and much more. However, the huge excitement is that we have re-created Eton. Our island Town (Eyot = Island and Tun = Town) was officially recreated on 19th March 2019! The formal opening presided over by The Right Honourable The Lord Waldegrave of North Hill was attended by those who had contributed in very many ways, from playing in the brook before the silt fully blocked the watercourse... to jetting, digging and planting! Thank you to the project team: Peter Eaton, Derek Bishop, Philip Tilbury, George Fussey, Bob Austen and yours truly.

Our next major project is the Eton Information Centre. More of that anon.

Thank you to our former Ward Councillor, Malcolm Alexander and former Eton Mayor Derek Bishop. Both have supported our community unbelievably well and we can't thank them enough. Brexit may not have made progress, but in RBWM the revised Ward Boundaries and Council elections resulted in the 3 Ward Councillors for Eton & Castle Ward being Cllr Samantha Rayner, Cllr John Bowden and Cllr Shamsul Shelim. Congratulations go to all three and particularly to Cllr Rayner, who has been promoted to Deputy Chairman of Cabinet, Culture, Communities and Windsor (incl. Customer and Business Services). In our Town, the Eton Town Council have also agreed changes, most notably with Ron Lewandowski becoming our Mayor and George Fussey becoming Deputy Mayor.

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Peter Eaton, Editor

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Town & Gown

Bob Hutton - School Office Manager, Eton College

How many people can say that they have only had two jobs during their working life? I am one of them. I spent 22 years in the Royal Navy and I have just celebrated 25 years at Eton College. What has made me stay for so long in both of these jobs? Easy to answer – they have both been fun jobs. The Royal Navy took me around most of the world and has given me life-long friends; it also gave me the opportunity to follow my sporting interests (and to get paid whilst playing cricket and rugby!). Of course, there were times when it was difficult and frightening. Having an Icelandic fishing boat trying to ram us in high seas in the North Atlantic is not something I would recommend anyone experiencing; I am also a veteran of Operation Corporate, better known as the Falklands War. In 1982, whilst

-serving in HMS Antelope, we were attacked by two A4 Super tendard Argentinian jets. Two 1000lb bombs hit the ship – one of them entering the compartment in which I was at my Action Stations. Although neither of them exploded on entry, the damage caused was significant and it killed the young man next to me and injured the rest of us. Later on that day one of the bombs exploded and the ship sank. HMS Antelope lays as a war grave in San Carlos Bay in the Falklands Islands.



As for the current job, every day is different. It's a busy job, but it's very rewarding. Most people think that I only get to know the "naughty" boys; well, that is far from the case. My involvement with prizes, UCAS and generally just being in School Office means that I meet lots of boys (and staff, and the local residents, of course). I always try to interact positively with people – I think it's a very important part of my role. School Office is obviously central to Eton life and it works well because of the team that I lead. I have been lucky to have been blessed with some delightful work colleagues – one of which just happens to be my wife of 41 years. Of course, her support goes far beyond that of work; she has been beside me all the way. Retirement looms ever closer for us and I am looking forward to the next chapter of our lives.

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Peter Eaton
Project Lead

engineer responsible. Researching in the College archives revealed Roe was an eminent engineer and that the culvert was built in 1844 as part of a proposed drainage and flood alleviation scheme. Originally a substantial watercourse 75% is now within culverts.

Inspecting these manholes and those in South Meadow Lane revealed that the culvert was almost full of silt. The introduction by Group member Philip to Norman Grundon at this point was game changing as he in turn recommended The Tomato Plant Company to jet and clear the silt. Although a much bigger job than originally anticipated as it was not just silt but gravel, bricks and even a slab of stone removed all compacted over the years, they succeeded in clearing it.



We went on from that to clearing both sides of Barnes Pool and lowering the watercourse so that we could get about a foot of water under the pipe at the bridge. We took Norman's advice again and engaged the excellent digger operator, Steve Harrigan.

We engaged John Padwick Landscapes for the final stage of landscape construction with John and I collaborating on the design of the gardens and the vista west which is topped off by the oak bridge

designed and constructed by Derek Bishop. Some work is still to done to improve the brook in South Meadow when building work there finishes.

None of this would have been possible without the belief in the project of the Project Team, our then Councillor, Malcolm Alexander and the Borough's support along with that of Eton College, Baldwin's Bridge Trust and Grundon Waste Management.



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Newly Restored Barnes Pool Saves Life

.....100 years ago

Steve Hammans

One of those little historical curiosities came back to mind following hearing of the restoration of the Barnes Pool, Eton.

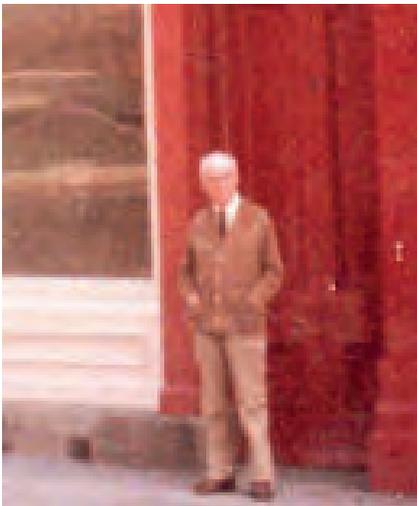


It once broke the fall of an Edwardian toddler who'd crawled onto the overhanging window sill before falling from the first floor of adjacent tailors' Tom Brown. With his period petticoat acting like a buoyancy-ring, the Barnes Pool unquestionably saved 2 year old Reg Hammans' life before he was quickly rescued in 1912.



Although not originally from this area I now live with my wife Leigh of Dunk Design, Windsor, in nearby South Bucks and heard the story many years ago from my aunt and what might have been doesn't bear thinking about really!

Grandpa passed away a long time ago but we have a picture of him standing outside Tom Browns on a visit from Norfolk in 1980 towards the end of his life and no doubt pondering that same question. I've passed by several times since and can thank my lucky stars the pool existed then. It's wonderful to see it's been restored.



Infant Reg was visiting his grandparents when the near-tragic incident occurred. My great great grandfather – John Henry Hammans – was once head tailor at Tom Browns. That's how Reg came to be there.

Reg himself did not continue in the family trade. Instead he was fascinated by electronics and the (then newly) developing radio and television industry. A pioneer of Ham radio, he joined the BBC, witnessing Chamberlain's return from Munich and King George VI's coronation; before becoming chief engineer at Granada Television after the war.

The Barnes Pool has therefore not only been given a new lease of life...it's saved one too!

Fifteen Arch Bridge

Derek Ledger - Eton Resident

It was only after I had been a resident of Eton for several weeks that I realised that there was a bridge on the road to Slough just north of the town. I found that it spanned a small stream which entered the Fellows Pond (also known as Leg of Mutton Pond because of its shape) and then emptied itself into the nearby River Thames. cursory investigation revealed that the bridge had replaced the original fifteen arch version that had been constructed centuries earlier to alleviate the frequent winter flooding of the low lying area, which had often marooned the town and the land route to Windsor in mediaeval times. The original fifteen arch bridge had been designed and constructed in the late 16th century to do just that. Brunel also had to build a multi arched viaduct to bring the branch railway line of the Great Western from Slough to Windsor Central station, principally to provide convenient rail access to the Castle.



Due to the increasing vehicular traffic to and through Eton, the original bridge had to be replaced by a wider one to serve this need. A new three arch brick bridge was built but this too proved inadequate and had to be widened in the mid 1930's to its present profile.

When I strolled up to the bridge to see if there were any remains of the original fifteen arch version, I discovered a haven of tranquillity and beauty next to the stream that flows under the

furthest span of the present three arched bridge into the Fellows Pond, and then on to join the main river a few yards later. On my visit on Easter Sunday it was a warm sunny day and I was impressed by the sight of bluebells and wild flowers among the lush grass, bushes and trees. It was an enchanting and serene sight. Having spent most of my life in the arid areas of the Middle East, the sight of such attractive surroundings was, to me, an almost magical scene. The absence of the young gentlemen of the College, away on Easter vacation, only added to the peace and tranquillity. I spent more than an hour just sitting and enjoying the vista.

On examining the brick wall that separates the slightly elevated roadway from the college playing field just north of the College buildings, I thought that some parts of it might have formed the abutments of the original fifteen arched bridge and which now serve as the boundary of the famous Eton Wall Game.



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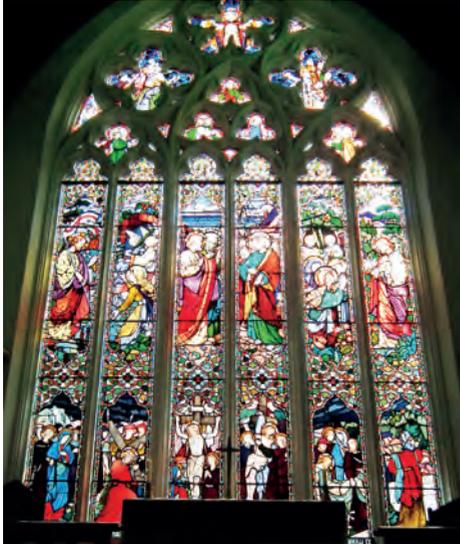
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In His Presence

La Stacey

Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Church



Have you ever seen this window? It is a magnificent example of Victorian stained glass. You can find it in St John the Evangelist Church, tucked away at the top of the spiral staircase as you go into the Doctors' surgery in Eton High Street.

At the bottom of the window you will see the dedication: installed in memory of Prince Albert in 1865. The writing is in Latin and I'm not going to try to reproduce the words and Roman numerals here! You can spot St John in green talking to the risen Jesus on the shore of Lake Galilee in the middle two panels. Along the lower section of the window you can see the story of Holy Week, the last week of Jesus' life. This is the story that led up to the resurrection, of course.



The most unusual thing about this window is that you can stand right in front of it – it starts at floor level. You can read the history of how this came about when you visit the church. Check it out on summer Saturday afternoons (church open between 2 and 4pm), or see it when you visit the Children's Art Exhibition due to be open from 12pm on Saturday July 13th to Wednesday 17th July with a special service at 4pm on Sunday 14th.

On October 13th at 3.30pm we are planning a concert to raise funds so that we can maintain this small part of Eton's heritage. 'Anything Goes!' A Miscellany of Words and Music. Roll-up, roll-up and get your tickets by contacting Katie on katiebroady110@btinternet.com or phone 01753 863377.

We are also planning to start a 'Friends of St John the Evangelist' group to help with the responsibility of looking after this spiritual space in our town. Let me know if you are interested in joining this group.

And one more thing, we are having summer afternoon tea in the church on Tuesday 23rd July at 3pm. Come and share a cuppa - and admire the window too!

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 Skelley and Anna Fallgren
Supervisors*



We are the joint supervisors for Eton library, (along with Old Windsor and Dedworth libraries). Anna will be on duty at Eton for two Tuesdays a month and Mary for two Fridays. Do call in to say hello.

The library is being refurbished. The old counter has been replaced with a modern POD; this has opened up the front of the library and window area. A new carpet has been laid, there is further work to be done. The window itself is in a dilapidated state and will shortly be repaired.

The self-service kiosk is very easy to use and staff will be pleased to show you. It can also take card payments over £1.

If you haven't been to the library for a while, come and see the changes that are taking place. We always get new books. Don't forget there are magazines and DVDs too. There are a range of e-resources most of which can be accessed from home using your library card and PIN. We have recently signed up for Press Reader which allows free access to the world's newspapers and magazines e.g. The Washington Post.

The Summer Reading Challenge "Space Chase"

This is a super scheme that encourages children aged 4-11 years old to continue with their reading over the summer holidays. It is free to join up, but the child will need a library card. It will begin on Saturday 13 July and finishes mid-September. This year's theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children are being asked to read six books to help our super space family track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! As they read library books, they will solve clues and collect special stickers to complete their mission folder. After reading their books they earn their Space Chase certification and medal. Can they find the aliens in time to save the day?

We are currently planning stories and crafts to tie in with this. Colleagues from the outreach team will be visiting local schools to encourage children to take part.

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 21/6, 19/7, 16/8, & 13/9.
Please check with library

Summer Reading Challenge starts Saturday 13 July
Community Warden: 1st Tuesday every month 11.00-12.00
Story, craft and rhyme time; Please enquire at the library

Naturewatch - European Eels

George Fussey - Curator, Eton College Natural History Museum

The Thames is the environmental lifeblood of Windsor and Eton and its wellbeing is unquestionably vital for the local balance of nature. It is good to remind ourselves that the ecology of the River Thames has not always been healthy or stable. In 1960s the Thames became so polluted that few fish species could survive and angling became a distant memory. The recovery of the river to its current healthy state is a real success story that we can all be proud of.

But pollution is not the only factor that affects planetary biodiversity and puts species in jeopardy. We are all aware of how illegal trade across international borders has been responsible for bringing species like the White Rhino to the very brink of extinction. But who would have thought that a once familiar fish, which goes by the scientific name of *Anguilla*, would be affected by the same factor?



The European Eel, once a staple of the Cockney diet ('Pie and Mash'), is an amazing species. It undertakes one of the longest migrations in the animal kingdom. After hatching in the Sargasso Sea (just south of Bermuda), *Anguilla* travels over to Europe. As tiny 'glass eels' (the name given to the silvery juvenile elvers) they migrate up European rivers, making the difficult

switch from a marine environment to a freshwater one. Then, after several years in rivers like the Thames during which they can grow up to 1.5m long, the eels migrate back to the Sargasso Sea to spawn and complete their life cycle.

Two factors have led to the Zoological Society of London declaring the European Eel as a flagship species for nature conservation, following in the footsteps of iconic species like the Giant Panda. The first is that modern rivers now have increasing numbers of barriers to migrating fish. These can take the form of weirs and hydropower turbines.

The second factor which has placed the Eel on the so-called 'red list' of critically endangered species is the trade in the juvenile eels which arrive in our estuaries. This is despite an international trade ban. Eels are highly valued in east Asian cuisine and many eel species have declined markedly in recent years. A kilogram of glass eels (numbering about 5,000 elvers) can fetch thousands of pounds. The Japanese reportedly eat 100,000 tons of Unagi, or eels, every year!

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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Diary

July

- 13th 12.00-17th 17.00 – Children’s Art Exhibition – St. John the Evangelist Church
14th 16.00 – Special Art Exhibition Service - St. John the Evangelist Church
17th 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices
23rd 15.00 – Summer Afternoon Tea – St. John the Evangelist Church

Sept

- 4th 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices
26th 19.00 - The Last Tour - A Talk by David Bullock – St. John the Evangelist Church

Oct

- 13th 15.30 – Anything Goes - Miscellany of Words & Music – St. John Evangelist Church
16th 18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices

Regular Events

Council Office – Eton: Tues – Fri – 08.00-13.00

Charteris Club – Lunch Tuesdays & Wednesdays - 12.00-14.00– Eton Wick Village Hall

Eton College Museums – Every Sunday – 14.30-17.00 –Free entry

Eton Town Council Meeting – 19.30 - 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 (regular services)

St. John the Evangelist, Eton (C of E) Services

1st & 3rd Wednesdays - 10.00 - Communion (said)

Tuesdays – 9.15-11.30 Community Bible Study

(Sundays – 9.30 & 11.00 Services - St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick)

Our Lady of Sorrows (Catholic) - Service – Sundays – 09.30

Apostolic Fellowship of Christ – Baldwin Institute

Sunday School – Sundays - 15.00; Bible Lectures – 2nd & 4th Sundays - 18.30

St. John the Evangelist Church

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Each Saturday from 6th July to 31st August
2.00pm till 4.00pm

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Useful Numbers

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	Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton Court	01753 542862	
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Council Offices, Eton		01753 860377	
Councillor (RBWM)	Malcolm Alexander	01753 850389	
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Eton Pre-School		01753 850842	
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		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 Maidenhead (customer care)		01628 683800	
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Since my last article in Eton Matters we have had the local elections and the European elections and the Council Offices have been busy with local residents coming in to vote. It has been a pleasure to say hello to many familiar faces as they pass by my office on their way into the council chamber to place their vote.

It was apparently quite a rare experience to actually have a town council election in Eton; it is more usual for the sitting councillors to regain their seats unopposed but on this occasion with two new candidates throwing their hats in the ring, it required an election. It was reassuring to see all our existing Eton ward councillors re-elected, which suggests that residents are generally happy with the status quo in Eton.

At the Annual Meeting of Eton Town Council on 14th May, Councillor Derek Bishop stood down as the Mayor and Councillor Ron Lewandowski was elected the new Mayor of Eton. Ron was previously Deputy Mayor and is from the Eton Wick ward. Councillor George Fussey was elected the new Deputy Mayor of Eton. It is custom with Eton Town Council that each role is filled by someone from either Eton or Eton Wick. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are elected annually although again, it has become custom that they remain in their roles for the full four year term of the Council, if they so wish of course. It is not unheard of for a Mayor to stay in post for more than one four year term.

Councillor Lewandowski is well known to many residents of Eton as he formally worked in the town before retiring last year. Councillor Fussey is a master at Eton College and is also well known in the town. In their hands it is safe to say that Eton Town Council will continue to serve the town with the dedication and professionalism that residents have come to expect.

Eton Town Ward Councillors:

George Fussey (Deputy Mayor)
Derek Bishop
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Michael Blightman
Malcolm Leach
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Eton Wick Ward Councillors:

Ron Lewandowski (Mayor)
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Eton Porny School

*Katherine Russell
Head Teacher*

Firstly I would like to start by saying how delighted I am to have been invited to join the Eton Community Association Committee. It is a privilege and pleasure for myself and the school and I am delighted to be able to be part of this community group.

The summer holidays are now not too far away and I know staff and pupils will be in need of a good rest, as this academic year has been a particularly busy one for Eton Porny with regard to 'Inspections'.

As many of you will know the school received a very positive OFSTED inspection back in October which we felt was a fair reflection of our school community. Additionally the school received its SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) Inspection visit in April 2019 and once again, the school achieved a securely good judgement. We are delighted with the outcome of the report which we know is an accurate and fair reflection of our whole school community as a Church school.

The full SIAMS report is available to read on our school website, but I would like to particularly draw attention to two of the key findings:

'Empowering leadership, embraced by everyone, has a strong inclusive approach to wellbeing and the importance placed on the individual. This embodies the school vision and enables everyone to be the person they were created to be.'

'The partnership with the churches and the community is now much stronger in this Christian family, nourishing the spiritual lives of all.'

Kid's Play - A Weekends at Gran's

Thomas age 6 and Fiona age 4

Gran lives in Eton. We like coming to stay. This time we stayed for 2 nights. We went for a long walk with our teddies, first down the High Street and there were some soldiers on horses. Gran said it was something to do with the Household Cavalry moving their barracks. They went into St John's Square and we followed them. Their manure stinks but Gran said she might collect some as it's good for the garden. We're not coming to stay if she does that.

Then we went through Weston's Yard and we looked at Medusa's head, which had been cut off by Perseus. We told Gran that Hermes lent Perseus winged sandals to fly, and Athena gave him a polished shield. She didn't know. Then we stood on Sheep's Bridge and went Leg of Mutton pond. Gran said she'll show us on a map why it's called that. We thought we saw a beaver's dam. We went under 15 arch bridge but there are only 3 arches. I think Gran can count so that's odd.



On our walk we went over so many bridges; Baldwin's bridge, Bishop's bridge (which is new and we like it), Sheep's Bridge, Skinners' bridge and Windsor Bridge.

The next day we went on secret adventures and daring exploits with our Uncle Paul and our swords, but they weren't very secret because we couldn't wait to tell Gran when we got back.

Eton Pre-School

Sue Clifford - Manager

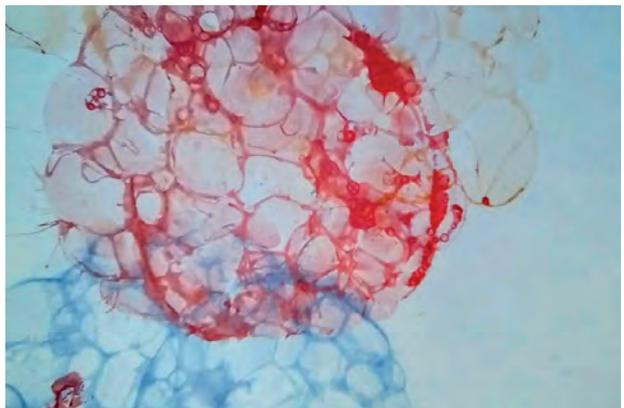
So at this time of year at Pre-school we are starting to say goodbye to those children going off to pastures new and beginning to introduce new children and their parents to the setting.

Some of our children will have been with us for over two years and we have got to know them and their families well. We have been through ups and downs, celebrated achievements and just watched them grow.

At Eton Pre-school we use an I.T. system called "Tapestry" on which we record the children's journey whilst with us which parents access through an App on their mobile phones. This gives them up to the minute information on what their little ones are doing but also replaying their stories makes me smile as I see how much they have changed.

We are very privileged to be a part of the first half of their life and I am constantly amazed at what they are able to do like producing beautiful artwork from bubbles!

Contact us at etonpreschool.org or give us a call on 01753 840852





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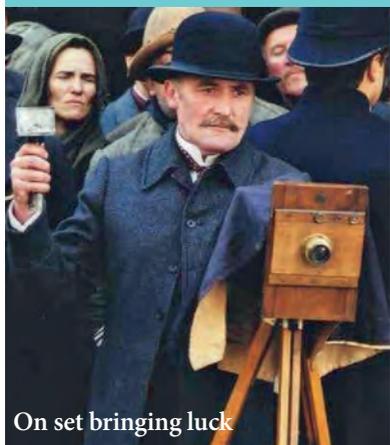
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Smoke and Mirrors

a Chat with Eton Resident John Keating



On set bringing luck

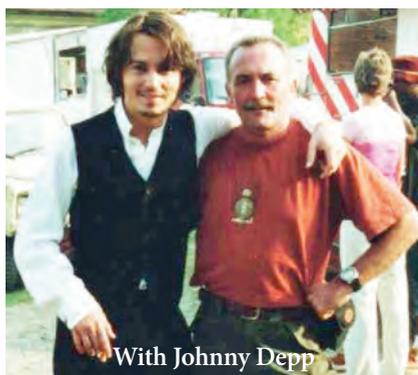
Did you know we have a film star in Eton? You might think of him as "John the Roofer" or "John the Painter" ...but just look at these photos! John had a fantastic career in Special Effects at Pinewood, Shepperton, Bray and at various studios abroad. There is a saying that John spread; that if the Special Effects man isn't in the film, it'll bring bad luck, so guess how many films John featured in? Almost all of those he worked on!

In Elizabeth (1998) starring Cate Blanchett in the title role of Queen Elizabeth I of England, alongside Geoffrey Rush, Christopher Eccleston, Joseph Fiennes, John Gielgud, Fanny Ardant, and Richard Attenborough, our very own John in Eton met them

all; he says every one of them was lovely and he doesn't say that about every film star!!

John's expertise is blood, smoke and mist amongst other effects. Argh! You know when light comes through the smoke or mist; that's John's particular speciality.... the effect in the trade is known as "atmos", short for atmosphere. We'd like to think of the sun coming through the mist when the hero and heroine meet, but think of that in the context of Jack the Ripper...

Those who came to David Bullock's wonderful talk about 'The Man Who Would Be Jack: The Hunt for the Real Ripper' may remember that John brought photos of himself with Johnny Depp and Robbie Coltrane. That was when John was developing special effects

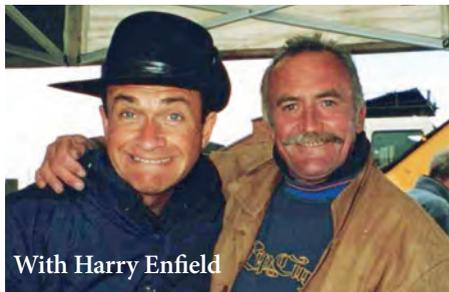


With Johnny Depp

for From Hell which is a 2001 American mystery horror film loosely based on the graphic novel From Hell by Alan Moore and Eddie Campbell about the Jack the Ripper murders.

In First Knight (1995) John worked with Richard Gere amongst others. This list goes on....

We'll never see John in the same way again....and if you have a children's party to organise, maybe you should ask John....



With Harry Enfield

Spring Clean

Vernon Li, Eton College Environmental Society

44 brave souls set out on Sunday the 24th of March for the Town Clean-up. Decked out in high-vis vests, gloves, and armed with the sturdiest of rubbish pickers, teams set out in pairs and threes to tackle the debris left on pavements, inside bushes, and strewn along roads.

Undeterred by such a momentous undertaking (and no doubt energized by the cheery morning weather), the team worked hard from 11:30 till 12:45, foraging amongst the fields of South Meadow and the Eton High Street to find a multitude of cigarette butts, cans, and even traffic cones. Our workers were rewarded with coffee, croissants and bacon butties after what amounted to over 40 bags of rubbish collected.



We would like to thank Mr. Shirwani, Leonie Bryant and Ros Rivaz for organizing the event so efficiently; a big thank-you also goes to the 13 Eton boys and 5 beaks who took on their particular tasks splendidly. Most importantly however, our gratitude goes to the Eton townsfolk who spent their Sunday morning making Eton a cleaner, and hopefully brighter, place for us all.



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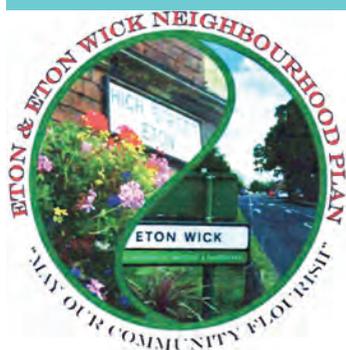
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Eton Information Centre



Where did the idea of an Eton Information Centre (EIC) come from? When developing the Eton and Eton Wick Neighbourhood Plan, many retailers, hostellers and residents suggested this, knowing that Eton has so much to offer.

What helps make the High Street sustainable? Footfall is critical, increasing steadily since the Eton Walkway was installed. We have seen a total of 1,052,783 in the first 4 months of 2019 compared to 1,034,996 in 2018 with Easter Sunday being the busiest with 15.5k of traffic. Eton College is the biggest attraction with their

museums and tours but good shops and hostellers are very important.

Who is paying for the Eton Information Centre? Eton College have allowed us to use the building, RBWM have given us £50K for refurbishment and set up (funded into a Community Interest Company) and we are raising or will be generating the rest! At



the recent Eton Information Centre dinner, which included holding a live and a silent auction, we raised some £16k. Thank you to all of those who contributed in so many ways.



What is a Community Interest Company (CIC) and why has RBWM insisted that the EIC is a Community Interest Company? A CIC is a company structure which is designed for using funds from many community sources on a not-for-profit basis. Most Borough Councils will not directly fund Information Centres as it is not a statutory requirement. Businesses that benefit from visitors attracted to the area generally fund these services.

Ros Rivaz,
ECA Chair



Who is running the Eton Information Centre? A great team of volunteers has been helping set it up. The CIC has 3 directors currently, Derek Bishop, Ron Lewandowski and myself. The day to day finances are being run by local finance guru Steve Hurrell and operations by Barbara Hunt, who recently retired from Windsor Information Centre after 23



years, 12 as manager. So we are in good hands and she is being helped by Douglas Hill and Sue Christodoulou and other volunteers will be involved too. If you are interested please contact secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk. Hopefully, we will be up and running by the time you read this.

What will be in the Eton Information Centre? Information about all Eton and Eton Wick attractions and Windsor will feature too. Excitingly, there are already a series of chats taking place with individual residents who have extensive knowledge of Eton and Eton Wick over many years. If you want to add additional facts

and data, please email secretary@etoncommunity.co.uk. In addition, we will sell cards, books and various Eton items. We expect to be offering tours and excursions similar to the Windsor Information Centre and we will highlight other local events and activities.

What are the highlights so far? Two things come to mind; everyone joining together to help and knowing that we can help others. For example; when thinking of auction prizes for the recent dinner, we thought Swan Support could benefit if we offered the opportunity to feed the swans out on the Swan Support boat, with the first £30 going to Swan Support and the remainder of the bid going to the Eton Information Centre.



EIC team passing over the cheque to Wendy Hermon of Swan Support

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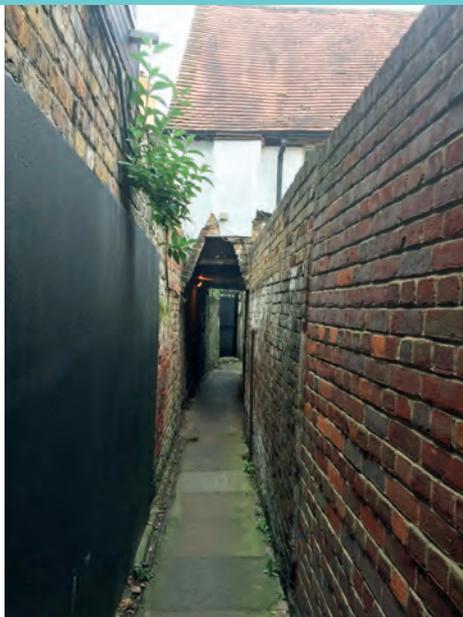
An Eton Resident

Do you know where the photo to the right is?

Who can explain why a building would straddle an alleyway and with a chimney directly over the alley? How strange! If anyone can find out the reason, please contact the Editor. We would love to know. What we do know is that it has been broadly like this for some time. The metal conduit for the electricity is old indeed. It probably doesn't date back to gas lamp times, but it is certainly tens of years old and probably more than 100. The Grade II listed building on the High Street to the left is described as "18th century re-fronting of an earlier house...".

And do you know where the photo below is?

What a beautiful piece of curved brickwork.



How old is it, do you think? We know that the building to the left is "of significant historic interest" described as "early 20th century building of red brick above stucco shop front with heavily applied new-classical detail". The building to the right is Grade II listed. Described as "late 18th or early 19th century house, now divided into shop and upper maisonette..."

What a strange place is Eton!

Do you know how many alleyways there are off Eton High Street? Nearest the river, the public access way in front of Eton Riverside, accessed through the Costa Coffee tunnel is the first of several on the east side, while on the west side, there are alleyways between 87 and 88 High Street, 92 and 93, Turk's Head Court next to 1. Turk's Head Court...and that is before reaching Jubilee Square!

People To Places

Kathy Barratt, Office Services Manager

Who we are and what you can expect



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