



Our Village Magazine

EYESCAN

Issue 149 February 2024

From the editor....

Welcome to Eyescan

2024 has some very exciting plans for Eye and I do hope you can join us to celebrate!

Each edition of Eyescan is completed by volunteers and I would like to share my thanks for everyone who play a vital part in the content in each edition.

I am very lucky that we have some very keen photographers in the village and are spoilt for choice to pick a front cover each quarter.

Dale McKean took this editions fabulous photo which marked Remembrance Sunday.

We are in the early stages of planning the Eye Festival which will be held on Saturday 6th July at the Manor Community Centre. This will be first outdoor event since Covid and we would love to see everyone support it. More details will follow in our next edition.

I hope you enjoy this edition of Eyescan and please feel free to get in touch.

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

2024

We have said our goodbye to 2023 and we can now look forward to what 2024 will bring, and I wish you all the very best.

Community Centre Roof

I am sure that you are aware that we need a new roof over the whole of the Community Centre. The current roof is leaking in several places, in the Main Hall, and the floor has suffered water damage. The cost of a new roof is expensive, which is why this cannot happen until the next Financial Year April 2024 -March 2025. We have received approval for a temporary metal sheet covering over part of the Hall and I am hopeful that this will commence in January. I know the metal sheeting will not look pretty, but I hope you will understand that we have to prevent the water damaging any more of the building.

We are all fully aware that we are in a Conservation Area, and the new roof will be tiled, but with a different tile to the current roof.

Village Events

Further in this issue you will find reports and photographs of our Autumn Events - Halloween Disco, Christmas Bingo, and the Village Christmas Tea Party, I would like to record here our thanks to all who helped with these events, and to all of you who supported us.

Post Office

We are still hopeful that we can have a consistent weekly Post Office on Tuesday mornings, in the Community Centre. It is over a year since I stopped them coming because their equipment kept failing, and they did not turn up. A number of people therefore had wasted journeys to the Community Centre. The fault has now been found with the incoming telephone line, and I have been assured that once this is rectified, they will return.

Community Support Hub

This should have returned in early January, following the Christmas / New Year break. It is held on Tuesday Mornings at the Community Centre, and (see above) the Post Office will be in the same room when they return.

Easter Egg Bingo

Look out for our poster in this edition for Easter Egg Bingo Friday 22nd March

Adrian



Neighbourhood Watch Eye & Eye Green



2024

I wish you all the very best for 2024, and hope that together we can make it the year that expands on the number of Neighbourhood Watch members in Eye and Eye Green. I also hope that this is the year that both the lonely, and those who need help find Neighbourhood Watch can bring them some comfort.

Scams

The Christmas period has seen a big increase in the number of scams, and unfortunately in the number of people who have been caught out, and suffered loss. How to safeguard yourself - If the scam is in written form (any email or letter), do check very carefully the wording. There are often spelling mistakes, or minor errors in the addresses, one digit wrong in the postcode. If you feel that you need to check further don't use the suspect email to do this, contact the company via your own address book, letter or bill heading. When you are satisfied this is a scam please report it. If you receive a telephone message, that raises your concerns, take your time, do not allow yourself to make a hasty decision, tell them to ring back the next day to give you time to think, and follow it up.

Royal Mail

Current there is a scam circulating using the 'Royal Mail' name. Unless you are already dealing with the Royal Mail on a personal matter, I would advise you ignore any emails bearing their name.

Street Coordinators

Would you consider becoming a Street Coordinator with Neighbourhood Watch. We have areas of our village without someone who can maintain contact with the NWM in your street. A monthly NHW Newsletter is produced, and sent via email to all Street Coordinators, who can then pass the information on to their members, generally by simply sending the email forward. Help can be given to increase the number of members in your location.

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Adrian Martin - Village Coordinator
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A vibrant blue poster for an Easter Bingo Night. At the top, a pair of white rabbit ears with pink interiors is centered. Below them, a white banner contains the text 'EASTER BINGO' in bold blue capital letters. Underneath the banner is a yellow shape with the word 'Night' written in a blue cursive font. To the left of this shape are three bingo balls with numbers 22, 33, and 36. To the right are two more bingo balls with numbers 8 and 9. The background is dark blue with falling gold coins and small white stars. At the bottom, two white rabbits with pink ears are peeking over colorful Easter eggs. Several bingo balls with numbers 1, 2, 3, 8, and 9 are scattered around the rabbits.

EASTER BINGO

Night

Make sure you have your rabbit ears and lucky charms ready for our Easter Bingo Night!

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Winter Events

Halloween Disco

The Community Centre was transformed on 27th October for the Halloween Family Disco. Well done to Lillian and her team from the Youth Centre, who spread blood, spiders, cobwebs, and all manner of other decorations, to make the hall an amazingly scary place.

Standing on the door I was able to marvel at the time and effort, no to say the imagination that everyone took to dress up and look the part.

As usual another great disco from Hayden Short, its almost impossible not to have brilliant evening when Hayden is on the turntable.

Great Music, Great Refreshments, and over 100 people enjoying a fantastic evening, - What's not to like.



Christmas Bingo

First a big thank you to everyone who donated raffle prizes for this event, and to all who helped in making this a very successful evening.

This was a first for us at Christmas, in the wake of the always successful Easter Egg Bingo. Thank you to all of you who came along to support us, because we are very aware that time and money is in very short supply at Christmas.

We need these fund raising events to help pay for essentials beyond Staff Salaries and Utility costs, so we really appreciate your support.

Easter Egg Bingo will be back on Friday 22nd March 2024

Christmas Tea Party

This is the second year that we have held a Village Christmas Tea Party. We want to hold a party event to celebrate the festive season, and having a proper Tea replaced the previous Lunch which fell out of favour.

Thank you to all who came, for your support, and your kind comments that you really enjoyed the tea, and look forward to next year.

The array of Christmas jumpers made the judging difficult, so the winner was decided by audience applause (and cheering).

A last minute replacement was needed for our entertainment, as a bad throat left our singer with no voice, but we were able to secure Alpha Duo to come and provide us with an hour of popular Christmas music and song. We thank them for stepping into the breach.

Brain power was tested with a new Christmas Quiz, but a table quiz of festive anagrams did not prove much of a challenge. Must make them harder next year.

The free Bingo (just three houses) proved popular, with three people all winning at the same time.

I want to thank all the members of the small team who prepared a full afternoon tea, decorated the tables, and of course cleared up afterwards.

See you next year ?



Halloween Disco



Eye WI



Happy New Year to all WI Members. We do hope you will continue to support our group in 2024 - our new programme is taking shape and we will have a variety of speakers/demonstrations.

Our speaker last November was unable to be with us so we had fun playing Beetle. We all enjoyed a cream tea at Blue Diamond garden park.

In December we had our usual Secret Santa and a couple of quizzes along with some refreshments.

In the New Year we are celebrating our 93rd Birthday with lunch and some entertainment. Our speaker in February is Sue Jakeman who talks about her late Aunt Peggy Spencer, and there is a competition for a 'pretty brooch'

March is our AGM and we are hoping for some new faces on the Committee.

In April there will be a talk on the Carr Dyke Soay sheep with the competition being for a hand knitted item.

We are always happy to welcome new Members and if you would like to come as a visitor for a couple of times the fee is £4. We meet on the second Thursday of every month at the Leeds Hall at 2pm.

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Eye Youth Centre and Library PCC Review for Closure

Eye Village residents were extremely concerned to hear last November that Peterborough City Council is even considering the closure and sale of its Youth Centre and Library building.

The Old Girls School a Historic building in Eye Conservation Area has Article 4 protection for its outside structure; it has been used as a Youth Centre and Library for 61 years following a new school being built in the 1960's due to the growth in the village.

After finding out about the review of the building Dale McKean and Lilian Muxlow started a petition to save the building and for the Eye Senior Youth Club that was closed 5 years ago to be re started by the City Council given the significant government grants that have been made available with a deadline of 2025.

Within a week the petition had 673 signatures these were handed into Peterborough City Council by Dale and Lilian on Wed 15th Nov these were checked and the verified number was 648 which meets the threshold to discuss at Full Council Meeting.



Photo David Lowndes

Our MP Paul Bristow had already signed the Petition and called for a meeting outside the Youth Centre and Library on Friday 17th Nov, some great comments and discussion was held giving the Council Officers and Councillor present a much better understanding of the importance of the Youth Centre and Library to Eye village residents.

On the 20th December Dale and Lilian met with The Council Leader Cllr Farooq and Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Governance and Finance Cllr Howard, they handed over the additional Petition signatures collected, this brought the total to 1,517 objections. They also raised the many concerns about the potential closure.

Thank you to all that helped with signature collection for the petition to keep Eye Youth Centre and Library building open and to get the Senior Youth Club re started.

On the 2nd January Dale and Lilian took the Council Officers and Deputy Leader around the Youth Centre and also Manor Farm Community Centre pointing out the current facilities and Issues of the potential closure and relocation.

Eye Youth Centre and Library

PCC Review for Closure

We have been assured that no decision has been made and there is much to review, they will be consulting and working with the users going forward. The next steps are

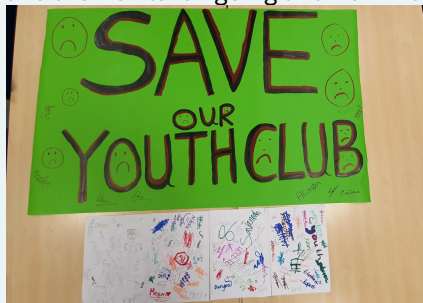
- Dale McKean formally presented the Petition at the Full Peterborough City Council Meeting on the 24th January 2024 and following a 40 minute debate it was agreed that it would go forward to the Cabinet Meeting in Feb 24.
- The Asset review recommendations (Including Eye) will be going to the PCC Scrutiny Meeting on 30th Jan.
- Then PCC Cabinet on 12th Feb.

Council Meeting on the 21st Feb 24 for discussion.

By Next Eyescan we should know a lot more, any news before then will be put onto the 2 Village Facebook pages.



Lilian Muxlow who has been working with the Youth in Eye Village for over 40 years and has been running the Junior Youth Club on a voluntary basis for the last 18 years, said. 'I have been contacted by so many previous youth members saying how important the Youth Club was for them and how much they enjoyed it and so many now have their children going and how much fun they have'.



Eye Santa Sleigh 2023

Wow! What another amazing turnout from the village. Thank you to everyone who came out to support Santa on his tour of the village. The support we receive from everyone is amazing and truly heartwarming. Without the support, what we do would not be possible.

We managed to raise a whopping £2560 in total by running fundraising events during the year and then doing the sleigh tour for the 3 nights in December. We have donated this money to Elliott's Army, which was our chosen charity for 2023.

This charity is close to many and touches many hearts to those in the village. Many of you may have known Elliott personally. Elliott was diagnosed with Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphoma in October 2019, aged 5. Elliott fought ALCL like a superhero but sadly lost his battle in 2020 and passed away four days before his 6th birthday.

His memory lives on with a specially named fund, which helps towards research into ALCL. Elliott will always have a special place in the village. He will always be our very own superhero.

Elliott's Army are also aiming to build a park area in the village in memory of Elliott. The team are hoping that they can get supported funding for this, but if not, then they will also aim to start fundraising for this under Elliott's specially named fund. We wish them every success with this journey and keeping our fingers crossed that the memorial park will go ahead successfully.

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Eye Santa Sleigh 2023

The Sleigh team enjoys bringing the Christmas spirit to the village, and we will continue to do this for as long as possible. We will continue to fundraise during the year, which builds up funds for the pot and also helps with maintenance of the sleigh. We are aiming to make some alterations to the sleigh for 2024 and have already started seeking sponsorship from local businesses in order for this to be possible. We are asking businesses to donate £50 each, and they will have their logo printed on an advertisement board on the trailer of the sleigh. If this is something you are looking at supporting, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you know any of us personally. Alternatively, you can message us directly via our Facebook page: Eye Santa Sleigh

We wish you all a Happy New Year. We look forward to running different events during 2024 and aim to keep the smiles going throughout the whole year. Keep a look out on our Facebook page for updates. We will also advertise posters around the village for anything we have going on. We have not yet confirmed a chosen charity for 2024, but we will announce this as soon as we decide

Thank you once again. Happy New Year to you all from your sleigh team.

Emma and Alex White / Sam Deegan / Hayden Short and Ralph Deegan.



Christmas Carols at The Old House

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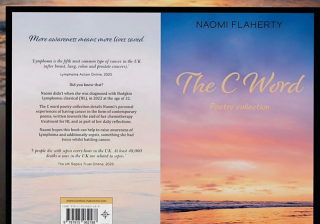
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Eye Dog Photoshoot

By Steve Dytham



In August I was approached by Keely Mills of Peterborough Presents and asked if I would be interested in leading a Photoshoot of Eye resident's dogs with the aim of creating a display of photographs for inclusion in the Eye Open Exhibition which was held at the start of November. I gratefully accepted. We then contacted Acorn Lodge who were very accommodating in our request to use their paddock/exercise field for the photoshoot.



The Friday prior to the photoshoot was the wettest day of the year with torrential rain all day so there were concerns whether the event would go ahead. Fortunately it did, albeit a dull drizzly day and a wet field with some large puddles – not ideal for me as I needed to be at eye level with the dogs to take the photos – kneeling, sitting or laying on the grass. The dogs loved it !



The photoshoot was from 10am until 2.30pm and each dog was allocated a 20 minute time slot. In total there were 13 dogs to photograph, a wide variety of breeds, sizes and ages – but all were enthusiastic and keen to be there.

Each owner was asked whether they would prefer a portrait style photograph or an action shot. The facilities in the paddock at Acorn Lodge were ideal for the photoshoot – a safe enclosed area, plenty of space, dog agility equipment, and some balls for the dogs to chase after. I then proceeded to take “a lot” of photos.



Since I was at ground level some of the dogs took a keen but friendly interest in me and my camera – much to the amusement of the spectators. The phrase “never work with children or animals” came to mind!

I then edited the photos in preparation for the Exhibition held at the

Leeds Hall. It was great to meet up with the owners again and present them with A4 photo prints of their dogs.

I had a stand exhibiting A4 prints of all the dogs that took part in the photoshoot. It was good to chat to the exhibition visitors about the photos, the dog photoshoot itself,



and the events of the day. It was nice to receive the positive feedback.



I enjoyed the whole experience, and a big thank you to Peterborough Presents and Acorn Lodge for making it all possible.

St Matthew's Church



HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM ST MATTHEWS CHURCH

Christmas is behind us and we welcome in the New Year. The Wreath festival was very successful and the exhibits were creative and colourful in depicting the theme of Puss in Boots. A steady flow of visitors passed through the Church throughout the weekend and helpers were on hand to prepare and serve them with a wide choice of food and cakes, we are most thankful to them all for giving up their time to help.

Eye Primary School end of term Christmas services were delightful as always, led by Rebecca Bright and Reverend Ann Ballard. The children's singing and the song choices were beautiful. Well done everyone for a memorable occasion.

Christmas Eve Carol Service was well attended , it was a pleasure to see you all and our thanks go those who organized and participated in making it a lovely evening.

Meanwhile there are still things to plan for events for fundraising and fun and games to have by all. Parochial Church Council meetings for the general running of the Church matters and service patterns and dates plus Clergy cover for all situations inclusive to everyone of us. Again it will be nice to see you at any time at any service or other occasions.

St Matthews is the village Church for everyone as are the grounds which the Parish Council care for, sadly I noted a dog poo bag throw on the southern foot of the Tower wall. It is about 40 metres from a dog bin on a post. Worse still the grass is littered by dog owners who don't bag at all. Children walk and play on the area and we have to diligently check the grounds for Wedding photo sessions or fundraising events. Please be reasonable and pick up after your dog. Think how it would ruin a lovely day for someone getting their clothes fouled. Let us all be vigilant when someone is fouling what is ours and ironically theirs too.

God Bless your year ahead, may he keep you all in good health and your homes safe.

Wishing you Peace and happiness,

Roger, Chris and St Matthews PCC

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Please join us for a
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Eye Green Nature Reserve

You may have seen Froglife wardens out and about on Tuesdays working on the reserve. Currently we are focusing on restoring some of the finger ponds that are in the north of the reserve. This restoration will benefit the protected Great Crested Newts that live on the reserve. These wonderful creatures spend most of their lives terrestrially (on land) however need ponds to breed, lay their eggs and once hatched the larvae live in water until large enough to absorb their gills and make their way onto land.

The restorations we are doing involve removing vegetation around the finger ponds as they need light to ensure oxygenating plants can grow and this increases the health of the water and what can live in it. Please avoid letting your dogs jump in these ponds as these protected species are delicate creatures and too much activity can lead to newts abandoning that pond to breed in.

Any "spot on" tick or flea treatments can also harm the insect population of the pond which disturbs the ecosystem of that pond and a food source for amphibians.

We have also been restoring the "Bowling Green" area. This grassy field was overgrown with scrub and brambles, but we are almost there with clearing this to create a wildflower meadow to support pollinators and other invertebrates which are the food for amphibians and reptiles as well as providing suitable shelter for them. This has taken longer than anticipated as we keep finding Toads out and about in the grass due to the warm autumn and having to use hand tools to keep them safe. Part of the meadow we will sow wildflower seeds and other parts we will continue to mow and remove scrub until the wildflower seeds already in the soil will start to regenerate. This usually takes a few years to establish however with the sown seeds we should see a wonderful display of blooms this summer.

A big thank you to our volunteers who come out in all weather to maintain their local reserve. If this is something you would like to do, we have volunteer days on Tuesdays between 10am and 3pm however any time that you can give is gratefully received. Please contact me on clare.middleton@froglife.org for more information and to give you a meeting point for you to join us.



Jade, Trainee Reserve Warden cutting back scrub on the "Bowling Green"



A Toad uncovered by the scrub clearance

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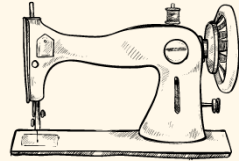
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Save Eye Library and Youth Club



I was saddened at the recent news that the Eye Youth Centre and Library was among the list of 79 Peterborough City Council Assets that could potentially be sold.

When I went to visit the Centre, I heard how Lillian - who runs the youth club, had been working with the young people in Eye Village for more than 40 years and has been running the Junior Youth Club on a voluntary basis for 18 years!

The campaign to save this much loved youth club and library started last year when local man Dale McKean set up a petition. I signed the this back in November and which got over a thousand signatures!

I am backing this campaign 100%. I think the Council will eventually back down, it will be cheaper and easier for everyone if they did this now rather than later.

There was a big show of support for this campaign back in November when I joined residents in Eye as they came out to show their outside the centre.

Youth clubs offer an opportunity for young people to get together, make new friends and socialise.

It often gives children and teenagers a sense of belonging in their community, providing a safe space for them to learn and keep out of mischief.

This venue is crucial for these services to carry on being provided in Eye.

I won't stop campaigning for the Eye Youth Centre to be taken off the list of assets that could potentially be sold, it is important to young people and families in this village and has my full support.

Paul Bristow MP



Ward Report

Councillors Steve Allen & Rylan Ray together with Paul Bristow MP and John Peach our candidate in the forthcoming Council Elections placed Giant Poppies along the High Street for Remembrance Day.

Cllr Nigel Simons and Cllr Steve Allen spoke at the December planning meeting objecting to the proposed composting facility at the Biffa site. Unfortunately the cross party committee, in their wisdom, decided to go with the Council Planning Department recommendation for approval.



Cllr Allen spoke at the December Council meeting to highlight how essential the Youth Club and Library are to the village and that they both should be removed from any threat of sale or closure.

We will be arranging a Village Litter Pick in March again this year in conjunction with the Great British Spring Clean. Date and Details will be notified by our Councillor Social Media pages and on the village Notice Boards.

Cllr Nigel Simons will be standing down at the May Council Elections, and we welcome John Peach as a candidate. John as many will know is a very experienced local Government campaigner and is currently Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner. I am sure residents will join us in thanking Nigel for his service to the Eye Thorney & Newborough Ward.

Steve Allen, Rylan Ray, Nigel Simons & John Peach



Community Social Carpet Bowls Club

Our group meets on a Wednesday morning to play carpet bowls. We begin at 10.30 until 12.

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Business spotlight.....



Pioneer Caravans

Pioneer Caravans is a well known family business with over 80 years experience. Based in Thorney Road, Eye Pioneer was the brainchild of Ernest and May Allison, great-grandparents of the present family who ran a transport company in the 1940's with their two sons Ted and Les. This began the family legacy towards the company that you see today, firstly, by opening a residential park on the Thorney Road site. The Park still exists today, located behind the centre at Eye, where up to 100 homes are permanently occupied by their owners with a mixture of retired and young families, some of which have lived on the park for over 40 years and seen many coming and goings.

Positioned on the main A47 the site also had a busy petrol station which serviced the community and many local characters from the village. The old canopy remains and has become a landmark, in the early nineties the Eye bypass was constructed and the difficult decision was made to close the petrol station after fifty years due to the lack of passing trade.

The land was later bought by Ted Allison's son-in-law John Norris who, with his wife Thelma, ventured into caravan sales and were joined in the following years by their children to help run the growing business and is still run by the family today.



Over the following decades Pioneer Caravans continued to expand their operations, opening a large indoor showroom at Eye with the outdoor show area today housing over 100 new and used touring caravans, together with motor homes, as well as a large accessory shop, storage compound and service centre. There are static caravan display areas situated behind the showroom and two peaceful holiday parks situated in Norfolk at Heacham and Cromer. Pioneer has grown over the years it now employs 42 people and this has only been achieved through the effort of the entire team.



Over the last few years, the business has invested in new offices at its Heacham holiday park and a complete refurbishment of its Eye showroom, adding car charging facilities and a defibrillator which is easily accessible in our main carpark. With further, future investment planned to continue driving the business forwards and cement their commitment to the Eye village.

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George Matthews Friendship Club

I hope you all had a good Christmas and have a very good New Year. We all enjoyed our Christmas lunch at the Milton Golf Course and the Christmas party. The food which the members supplied was enjoyed by all especially Joyce's Mince pies and tarts and Carol's Christmas cake (not mine I hasten to add).

We have Dave Pinion talking about his Antarctica trip, also Geraldine and her choir. Brian Parsons with his brain training, Spalding Ukelele, Sally Macdonald George is coming back to give us another of her talks which we have all found interesting, Terry with his great ideas to keep us busy, bingo and quizzes and lots of other interesting afternoons.

We hold Bingo on Wednesdays at 7.00 and Coffee Morning on Friday at 10.00

If you need any information contact Carol on 01733221027 or clarkec84@yahoo.com.



We are looking for players to join our Under 10 squad (who are in school year 5)

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The Parish Council website can be found
on www.eyeparish.org.uk

Meetings

The Parish Council meet usually on the 3rd
Thursday of the month (except December)
in the Leeds Hall at 7pm.

There is a 10 minute session at the start of
the meeting for members of the public to
attend and discuss anything of concern.

Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan for Eye is moving
forward, more slowly than we would like but
it is important to get it right so it's of a
benefit to our village. We have now
employed a consultant to assist us and we
will be starting to work with him in the New
Year.

Eye Parish Council Meeting Dates 2024



Thursday 15th February
Thursday 21st March
Thursday 18th April
Thursday 16th May
(Parish Council Annual
meeting & Annual Meeting
for Parishioners)
Thursday 20th June
Thursday 18th July
Thursday 15th August
Thursday 19th September
Thursday 17th October
Thursday 21st November
Thursday 5th December

Leeds Hall

The Leeds Hall is in the High Street at the centre of the village and is available to hire to local groups as well as to the community for children's parties, birthday parties, family parties, weddings, christenings, exercise classes, coffee mornings and more.

The hall can seat 130 people, has disabled access, a disabled toilet as well as a small stage and a projector and screen.

The hall is licenced for alcohol, has a fully equipped kitchen with cooker, hob, microwave, water boiler, dishwasher and cutlery and crockery.

Please contact the clerk to look at the facilities and to check availability – Email eyeparishcouncil@btinternet.com or leave a message on Tel 01733 222037



Police Surgery

The first police surgery for quite a while was held in the Leeds Hall on 7th December from 5-7pm and several people came along to voice their concerns to our local officer – PC Main.

The next surgery in Eye is at the Leeds Hall on Thursday 29th February from 5-7pm. There are also surgeries being held in Newborough on 25th January and in Thorney on 18th April which residents of Eye are invited to attend.

Here comes Summer

Let's hope for a nice warm spring and summer. Our planters have been recently planted up for spring and should be flowering well in the spring.



Eye Open Space Group – Manor Farm Park

A fairly quiet time of year at the moment and it's great to see a few brave individuals using the outside gym equipment, and of course all the youngsters using the facilities including Skate Park, Zip Wire and children's play area. This year's Church 'Pantomime Themed' Wreath submission by Lilian Muxlow for the Group was Jack in the Beanstalk and Sleeping Beauty.



We are still having incidents where glass bottles have been smashed around the park and its facilities. Please for the safety of our children and pets do not bring glass bottles and drinking glasses onto the park.

Anti-Social Behaviour incidents and criminal damage being done in the park is still a problem, this is just a small number of individuals that are spoiling the park and its use by villagers and the children.

Please clean up after your dogs and do not allow them in the pond as it has a rubber liner and spot treatment used on pets is very toxic to pond life.

Dale McKean
Chairman Eye Open Space Group



Waterfowl Sanctuary

The Waterfowl Sanctuary held a fundraiser at the Leeds Hall. This took place in the beginning of December which was very popular!

The charity raised **£376.10** and would like to thank you for being a part of it's success. More events to come in the Spring and Summer months, keep your eyes peeled!





Peterborough Presents

Happy New Year from Peterborough Presents! In 2023 we supported over 35 makers and artists from Eye to exhibit over 75 pieces of artwork at the Leeds Hall at the beginning of November with over 250 people visiting the weekend exhibition, it was a proud moment to help showcase such a wide range of skills and amazing talents. Leading up to the exhibition, three Eye creatives led successful workshops, Amy Prebble with wild clay making, Gabi Gentile with paper craft and Steve Dytham with a doggy photo shoot, more on that in this edition. Which was a great way to lead up to the exhibition and focus in on these artists and their approaches.



Now its 2024 and Peterborough Presents will be launching a new Light Up Eye Lantern Parade for the late Autumn, so keep your eyes peeled for that. But to warm up, we are working with Eye to create Peterborough's first 'Window Wanderland'. Which is a national project that has lit 100's of towns and cities throughout the UK. It's a magical evening walk around the village and an opportunity to enjoy colourful displays in the windows and gardens of Eye neighbours and businesses. There will be a map for people to follow, a treasure hunt and even hot chocolate.

If you are from Eye and can spare a window and are willing to have it lit up for three nights in March the 7th, 8th and 9th, then please sign up and then Peterborough Presents will help you to create a display. These can be a single candle lit in memory of a loved one or Harry Potter. Anything goes!

Please email keely.mills@neneparktrust.org.uk to sign up. Or go to www.peterboroughpresents.org.uk
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Eye Youth Clubs

Eye Junior Youth Club is open Fridays 6.30 – 8.30pm during term time for 9 to 12 year olds, attendance is 60-70 and 80 on a Disco event, a big thank you to all our volunteers, we have held discos, karaoke, variety of craft events, bingo, in addition to the usual activities such as pool, outside football, large rope skipping, game stations and much more, we have a Tuck Shop to purchase sweets and drinks.

We also welcome 16 –18 year old volunteers who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

The Volunteers and Youth get involved in the Community including raising funds for a New Youth Shelter in Manor Farm Park, and events such as the Lantern parade, Platinum Jubilee and Kings Coronation. For the safety of the children please do not drop off or park outside the Youth Centre or in the parking bays.

All new members will need a Parent/Carer to attend and complete a registration form. Would you please remind your children that once inside Youth Club we are responsible for their whereabouts so they will not be allowed to leave early unless they have either written permission or we can get hold of the parent via the number we have on their registration form. So please let us know if your details change.

We are still in need of more parent volunteers If you would like to help please talk to Lilian at Youth Club or call or text her on **07712482821** – this doesn't mean every week, we have some helpers once a fortnight or 3 weeks but we need some more regular reliable people. We also welcome 16 –18 year old volunteers who are doing their Duke of Edinburgh awards.

We are awaiting the City Council to initiate the reopening of the Senior Youth Club.

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Tuesdays - 27th February, 26th March, 23rd April, 21st May & 18th June at **Woad Court / Tintern Rise , The Crescent 9-9.30am**

Friendship Club

We welcomed in 2024 with readings of poems - some written by our members – some well-known, some thoughtful some funny, giving us a very entertaining hour or so. We then engaged in discussions over the work and support the local Neighbourhood Watch, followed by informative information about E-Cops, (who work together with the local Constabulary, pointing out scams, how to protect your passwords and even how to protect our homes).

We are a small, friendly bunch!

If you would like to join a well-established friendship group; make some new friends, enjoy free tea, coffee, biscuits, as well as a range of quizzes, games, presentations, and craft demonstrations going forward throughout 2024 - please come and join us.

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Eye Community Runners

Everyone at Eye Runners hope you all had a great Christmas.

Just after the last edition of Eyescan went to press over 45 members took part in the Peterborough based Great Eastern Half Marathon which this year took in a loop around the Cathedral grounds just before the finish. In addition to the ECR runners we also had twenty members helping to marshal the race looking after the runners at the start and finish.

Since the last edition members have competed in three of the winter Frostbite league races with three more before the end of March. The club has also taken part in the 25th Hereward Relay, a four-stage event over 40 miles between Peterborough and Ely, Stamford Santa Run, Nene Park based Bauble Bimble and Pumpkin Plod, George Munday 10k, in aid of the Royal British Legion, Langdale and New York marathons, Valencia Half Marathon, Ely



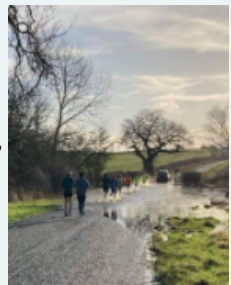
New Years Eve 10k, Northern Lights 10k in Tromsø and many more. We continue of course to support various parkruns both locally at Ferry Meadows, Snowden Field, Crowland and Manor Field Whittlesey as well as further afield in places such as Dublin, Puolarnaari (Finland), Northside Beltline (Atlanta USA) and North Wollangong in Australia.



To help mitigate the mince pies, cake and drinks, some of us joined other local clubs for friendly runs on Boxing Day and New Years Eve in aid of charity. One of the photos shows a couple of members going to the new water feature at Folksworth whilst taking part in the New Years Eve friendly run. With the start of the new year we are introducing monthly club runs starting and finishing at the community centre usually on the first Sunday on the month, so if you see a

group running through Eye on a Sunday please give us a wave.

Eye Runners have another 'Couch to 5K' (C25K) programme planned to start on Tuesday 12th March and lasting 9 weeks, totally free of charge. The aim of the programme is to help you to run 5K – around 3 miles from a base of zero. Please contact the club for further details.



Eye Community Runners once again donated and decorated a Christmas tree which stood outside the church. We hope many Eyescan readers will have seen and enjoyed it.

On a personal note, I was honoured to be presented with an award for Services to Athletics and Running at the Eastern Region England Athletics awards ceremony which took place at the end of November.



Our Races / Affiliated events for 2024:

- Eye 10k & Fun Run – Sunday 12th May
Entries now open at www.eye10k.co.uk
- Eye 5k & 3k Junior Race – Wednesday 12th June
<https://www.peterboroughgpseries.org.uk/>
- Eye Charity Race – 4th July – Date TBC
- Green Wheel Relay – Sunday 2nd June – entries now open at www.greenwheelrelay.org.uk
- Great Eastern Half Marathon Sunday 13th October
<https://www.peterboroughgpseries.org.uk/>

Members of the team are now:

Getting ready for the many spring and summer 10k, Marathon and Half Marathon races and with members running in the London, Manchester and Edinburgh marathons amongst others, not forgetting the many half marathons booked so lots of training plans already in motion. If you have entered a race or just starting to run and need someone to train with and help motivate or get some advice then give us a call or drop an email. Come and see us at the club, you know you want to. We really don't bite!

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Meeting Days, Places and Contact

Seniors – Tuesdays – 7pm at Nene Valley Community Centre, Candy Street, Oundle Road, Peterborough.

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		Sequence Dancing 7:00PM - 10:00PM	Peterborough Society of Model Engineering
	Tuesday	Jo Jingle 9:00AM - 11:45AM	Community Hub 10:00AM - 2:00PM
		Slimming World 5:00PM - 6:45PM	
		Zumba 7:30PM - 8:30PM	Yoga 6:30PM - 7:30PM
	Wednesday	Carpet Bowls 10:30AM - 12:00PM	Painting for Pleasure 10:00AM - 1:00PM
		Jeans Tea Dancing 1:00PM - 4:00PM	
		Martial Arts 4:30PM - 6:30PM	Committee Meeting 7:00PM - 9:00PM 3rd Wednesday of the month
		Five Jays Dog Training 7:00PM - 9:00PM	
Thursday	Zumba 7:00PM - 8:00PM	Luncheon Club 11:30AM - 1:30PM	
	Dance Classes (Salsa) 8:20PM - 11:20PM	Friendship Group 2:00PM - 4:00PM	
Friday	Babies and Tots 9:45AM - 11:30AM		

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