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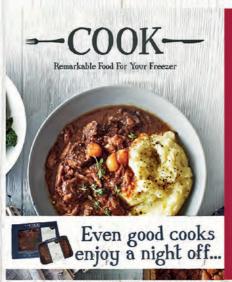


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Chair's Chat

Ros Rivaz - ECA Chair



This is always an interesting time of year with schools going back. The autumn weather is with us with its beauty, although the cold and dark characteristics don't suit us all!

In a couple of weeks, Eton's Christmas will begin in earnest as we dress our street and homes for the annual Switch-On event. This highly enjoyable event is an Eton Calendar staple and also encourages visitors to come to our High Street for Christmas shopping. "There are not as many shops as there once were", I hear you say! Let's be sure to support those that are here, as we all see the on-line shopping trend having an effect.

Before the Christmas event, there is the poignant Remembrance Day and all the events that surround this important date. Rotary club have given us 200 purple crocuses to plant at Barnes Pool, creating a lovely opportunity for volunteers to assist in the planting.

We have had Street Cleans, Exhibitions, Pub Quizzes and Talks and have been successful in achieving more maintenance and physical improvements to our Town, working with RBWM and Eton Town Council. Of note is the Heathrow Expansion leaflet which enabled hundreds in our community to object to the proposals which would allow more noise, pollution and disruption. We have had more challenges than hitherto in Eton requiring the Police and Community Wardens' support. Thank you very much to the committee, ETC, RBWM and the Heathrow team, the Police, RBWM wardens and their superiors. The Eton Information Centre is open. Success! Another wonderful group of people to

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thank for the idea, development and the successful running in Barbara's capable hands!.

Forthcoming Eton Community Association Meetings

Wednesday 4 December, Wednesday 15 January & Wednesday 26 February
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Town & Gown

Haroon Shirwani - Head of Volunteering, Eton College

'Everyone is so nice!' That was my first impression of Eton and, fifteen years later, the sense of 'everyone' seems to be getting bigger and broader.

It's been amazing seeing how different parts of the local community can link up for the common good. Recently, I took on the running of our long-established volunteering programme. We have a particularly lively range of joint activities with Eton Wick First School and Eton Porny First School. Good ideas bounce back and forth – from Latin clubs to science workshops, via mural painting and environmental action – and it's remarkable how busy people like Karen Waller, Katherine Russell and Kate Hilton are so quick off the mark to turn these into shared projects through which everyone learns a lot. Ros Rivaz and other leading lights of the ECA keep finding new opportunities for us all to work together. The town-wide Spring Clean was such a success that we now have one in Autumn too. The Information Centre is open and thriving, and the volunteers there are kindly finding ways for Eton pupils and staff to lend a hand.

My main responsibility is placements – weekly volunteering commitments, mostly undertaken by lower sixth formers ('C Block') but increasingly available to others. We call this Community Engagement, and we work hard to make it a two-way process with our many local partners in Eton, Slough and Windsor. These include schools, day centres, libraries, charities, theatres and other organisations such as Swan Lifeline, Slough Council Parks Service and the Jubilee Riverside Centre.

My colleague Misha Mehta is responsible for projects – these usually start as an idea suggested by an individual pupil to do something good locally, with Misha mentoring them to help it take shape. We call this Social Action, and recent projects have ranged from an Under 13 Cricket tournament for local schools to brass music workshops for beginners.

Misha and I are lucky to work alongside a whole cast of superstars – staff and pupils at the College, local residents and businesses, and organisations in Windsor and Slough – who are too numerous to name and who run a range of fabulous projects which bring a lot of good to the local and broader community. If you would like to take part, please get in touch! Email:

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Haroon Shirwani (standing) taking a workshop on the history of Eton



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Brothers in Arms

Leonie Bryant - Eton Resident



On the 14th March, I attended a talk held in the magnificent décor and grandeur of Eton College School Library which also serves as a War Memorial by aviation historian and author, Andy Saunders, outlining the formidable mission that two former Eton boys, Antony and Basil Fisher,

carried out on the fateful day of the 15th August 1940, one of which was never to return.

The Fisher Brothers were avid pilots from a very young age, having owned their own single-engine plane and flew to Lake Como on a regular basis. Their experience had therefore clocked up many flying hours compared to their comrades who had relatively little, when called up for action.

On the 15th August, the largest attack by the Germans to date had been launched and with battle in the skies raging above the South of Britain, they both did their best to counter-attack the enemy. Unfortunately, through a local eye-witness account, Basil was hit by shell fire, he managed to bale out, but his parachute had caught fire mid-air, devastatingly sealing his fate. His brother, Antony returned to an almost destroyed RAF base, not knowing he had lost his brother, amongst everything else. Such a captivating but sad story, one which will stay with me simply for their bravery that day. (A full account can be read below – courtesy of Sarah Warren, School Librarian).

Not only did we have this compelling story given to us by an expert of the subject, we got to meet Antony's sons, Basil's nephews, (Basil) Mark and Mike. We were also able to handle their personal possessions, a flying hat and goggles as well as other protective equipment.

Squadron Leader ANTONY GEORGE ANSON FISHER, A.F.C., R.A.F.V.R. Flying Officer BASIL MARK FISHER, R.A.F.V.R. (left in photo opposite)
Killed in action, 15th August 1940, aged 23.

Amongst the 26 Old Etonians who are known to have fought in the Battle of Britain, there were two remarkable brothers.

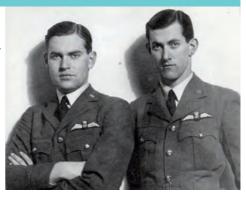
Before WWII, both brothers developed an avid interest in flying, and owned a singleengined aeroplane that they used to fly to Lake Como. At the outbreak of war, they therefore had some 200 hours on their licences, whereas some young pilot had as little

A tribute to commemorate the 80th Anniversary

of the start of World War II

as nine before they flew into combat. They were already commissioned in to the RAFVR and called to full-time service soon after war was declared. After completing training, both brothers joined 111 Squadron.

On August 15th 1940, the German's mounted the largest attack thus far in the war, attacking the South of England across the Channel. The Germans flew 2,000 sorties on that day, targeting airfields, industrial sites and ports on a front of 500 miles. So many pilots appeared on radar



that the operators could not distinguish between incoming formations. A Daily Express reporter watching the vast horde wrote that numbers were so great 'as to make an aluminium ceiling to the sky'. Fighter bases from Croydon, where Antony and Basil were based, to Martlesham Heath in Suffolk were badly hit.

The day became a disaster for the Germans, becoming known as 'Black Thursday', and 62 machines of the Luftwaffe did not return to their bases. However, the Spitfire and Hurricane pilots did not have it all their own way, and the RAF lost 34 aircraft and 13 fighter pilots, including 23 year old F/O Basil Mark Fisher.

An eyewitness account made by Mr. Tom Alwyn of Greenwoods Farm where Basil's aircraft later crashed, tells of RAF fighters attacking a formation of German aircraft, where a Hurricane heading west broke away, trailing smoke and flames. It was then seen to turn sharply to port and the pilot baled out. Unfortunately, his parachute was on fire, and he was seen to hit the ground near Selsey gasholder at 5.15pm. The aircraft was seen to dive, swoop, turn and bank erratically several times before it crashed into a barn.

Antony Fisher returned to base, only to find that it had been virtually destroyed by an attack; he had lost not only his brother that day, but all his possessions, including his flying logbook.

Basil was buried in Eton (St. John) Church cemetery, at the heart of the school he had so loved, and where he had been a member of Pop and Captain of the First XI cricket team only five years before.

Antony Fisher was posted away on 24th August 1940 to 8 Flying Training School, and later awarded the Air Force Cross. After release from the RAF in 1945, he had an extremely successful career in farming and founded the Institute of Economic Affairs. He was knighted in July 1988, and died later that year.

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My Bedroom!

Peter Martin - Eton Resident

In the article on Byways and Alleyways, p.29, in the last issue it was asked why a chimney would straddle an alleyway, pictured again right, and can anyone explain – well I can! It was the chimney to the fireplace in the room behind that wall which was my bedroom from 1942 till 1963.

My parents owned the shop and premises at 92 High Street, Eton where they traded as undertakers, cabinet makers and upholsterers, a family business since circa 1835.

The cabinet making and upholstery side was mainly for Eton College and College boys' parents to whom we supplied "Boys Sets". Every new boy had to have a set for his room consisting of a bureau (burry), ottoman, brush box, boot box and window and bed curtains in a material of their choice. There were 3-4 retailers supplying these for Eton College



and the sets used to be brought back when the boys left, refurbished and sold again. The original green economy!

Above the shop a staircase runs from the first floor to the only room on the second floor and in an old volume of "buildings of interest" it is mentioned that "this staircase has a very fine example of a William and Mary balustrade banister rail with finely carved and shaped supports". Unbeknown to the author was the fact that my father in an act of modernisation had cut the whole thing down and replaced it with battens covered with all new ribbed hardboard. For those of you who can remember the early 1960s DIY programmes on BBC TV this material was the "cure all" used by the presenter Barry Bucknell.

My father died in 1963 and the business closed down, the end of an era through four generations. To keep my mother occupied and to generate some income we re-opened the shop selling second-hand furniture and later a few antiques. This continued with my help until my mother died in 1967 and my wife and I moved to our present address in Eton. We sold the property in 1968 for the princely sum of £5500.

What a Stink!

Peter Eaton - Barnes Pool Project Lead

When looking for the source of the Barnes Pool watercourse we came across a couple of manholes in the Brocas hedgerow which had lead name plates on them with John Roe CE and Eton College on them. This led to me doing some investigations into John Roe and internet searches revealed he was an eminent civil engineer who became Surveyor in Chief for the Metropolitan Commissioners of Sewers, developing flushing sewers and that his advice had been sought for the drainage of Eton and Eton College. College archives revealed an 1842 report, plans and a host of letters. The report was on the poor drainage of Eton at that time and his proposals to improve it and a flood relief scheme.

From the report it was apparent that the sewage from property on the western side of the High Street fed into ditches which were covered to go under the High Street near Porny School and then open again on the east for properties to discharge into them. The legitimate outflow of these ditches should have been into the river near Tangier Mill however, the Mill owner had stopped it up therefore the ditches only cleared by the action the river flooding. These ditches must have had quite an odour about them especially in summer. It appears Eton College sewage found its way to the east end of the natural watercourse we are now calling the Barnes Pool watercourse again with little flow and becoming known as the Black Ditch because of its disgusting state.

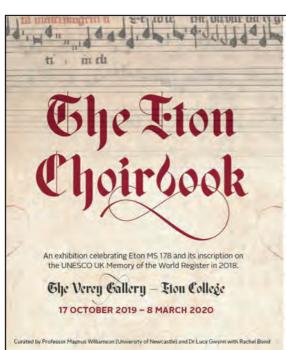
Roe's proposal was to replace the ditches with brick culverts to allow the sewage of the town to flow to the Thames by means of a flushing system using water from the Thames,



With its inlet at the west end of the Brocas, Barnes Pool was used as part of the flushing system for College with the gate that was used to allow the pool to fill still visible just inside the outbound culvert. A price of £63-16s-2d was given to excavate and clear ditches from Barnes Pool to the Brocas Clump, I am afraid it cost a lot more this time! It appears this was the source to flush most of the town's culverts. A letter from Roe to College in 1844 says it

would be cheaper, presumably referring to maintenance, to cover the Brocas ditch with a 2ft.6" brick culvert, however he obviously didn't consider it becoming fully blocked as it was when we started the project.

So 175 years ago the first flushing sewage system for Eton and the College was developed using the watercourse that originally made Eton the island town.



The Eton Choirbook is a treasure-store of music and a beautiful instrument of worship, created between 1500 and 1504 for use at Eton College Chapel. Through its survival, this manuscript gives us access to a musical tradition and form of worship that was disrupted and almost obliterated by the Reformation.

This, the first exhibition to focus on the Choirbook, examines its material and historical context. It also explores the development of Renaissance sacred music in this country, as traced through the Choirbook's pages and other rare examples of music from this period, never before seen alongside the 'queen of Tudor Manuscripts'.

Open every Sunday 2.30 - 5.00pm. Also by appointment, Monday - Friday 10am - 4pm.

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In His Presence

La Stacey Vicar, St. John the Evangelist Church

Your Parish Church

Did you know that St John the Baptist is the parish church for Eton? This is where the people of Eton are invited to worship Sunday by Sunday and where you have the right to be baptised or married, or even bid farewell!

Behind this church is a small, but useful, community room. Built in 1959 it has served us well, but now there are some things that

rather urgently need doing including:



improve insulation and heating - create more space for activities and storage - provide a wheelchair accessible toilet - create a separate kitchen space - provide consultation room and office – replace parts of structure that are no longer serviceable!

Our aim is that the new church community room will be an even more useful space for the community. Already we use it for Sunday school, baptism and funeral teas, wedding preparation mornings, toddler group on Tuesday, Thursday coffee morning, children's school activities and Family Drop-in on Tuesday mornings during school holidays.



We want the new building to provide a better space with good facilities to support what we are doing today, but also to invite a wider use, increasing our support for and interaction with the local community.

If you have any ideas of groups who might find this space useful, or who would like to work in partnership with us to set up community projects, do let me know at revlastacey@gmail.com

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

Bookworm from Eton Library Mary Skelly and Anna Fallgren Supervisors



We have had another successful summer in the Library with local children taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge. The theme of this summer's challenge, 'Space Chase', was inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to read for pleasure in the long summer holidays to avoid the summer reading dip. We know that children who read books often at age 10 and more than once a week at age 16 gain higher results in maths, vocabulary and spelling tests at age 16 than those who read less regularly. We love seeing how excited the children are about visiting the Library during the summer holidays.

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When we are writing this we are looking forward to finding out who will win the Booker Prize 2019. Will it be the eagerly awaited 'The Testaments' by Margaret Atwood or will it be 'Quichotte', the latest book by Salman Rushdie? Or will the winner be any of the other four amazing books on the shortlist? Whichever is your favourite, you can borrow them all from Eton Library.

By the time you read this, planning for Christmas will be well underway in the Library. The Eton Christmas Lights Switch On and Parade takes place on Thursday 14h November. The Library will be open in the evening and there will be a craft event for the children at 5.30PM.

Pop in and say hello, we look forward seeing you in the Library!

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. Please check with library. Community Warden: 1st Tuesday every month 11.00-12.00 Story, craft and rhyme time. Please enquire at the library.

Craft Event for Children at the Library on the Evening of the Christmas Lights Switch-on Thursday 14th November from 5.30pm

Naturewatch - Mistletoe

George Fussey - Curator, Eton College Natural History Museum

As Christmas approaches our thoughts may turn to Mistletoe, though its place in our culture almost certainly pre-dates the Christian era. It is a semi-parasitic plant that grows on trees with characteristically leathery leaves and white, sticky, spherical berries. It photosynthesises with its green leaves but it also lives partly off the tree into which it sinks its specially adapted roots. It has tiny flowers from February to April and berries from September into January. The characteristic tight ball-like growths result from the fact that its stem repeatedly forks into two.

Widely distributed across southern England and Wales, it is spread from tree to tree by birds which feed off the white berries and then wipe the viscous material, including the seed, off their beaks and onto branches. It needs a mild, humid climate and trees with relatively soft bark. Mistletoe will grow on a range of hosts, but the usual host trees are Lime, Apple, Hawthorn and Willow. Most Mistletoe for sale these days is imported from northern France, especially from Poplars in Picardy and the orchards of Normandy and Brittany.

As Richard Mabey notes in his excellent book, Flora Britannica: 'Looking at mistletoe



against a low winter sun – the great tresses glistening the colour of tarnished brass, the tiers of twigs like wishbones, the whole plant's unearthly vitality in the lifeless trees – it is not hard to imagine how it became one of the most revered plants of early herbalists.' No wonder, then, that in the Middle Ages, it was credited with magical powers and credited with the power to improve human fertility.

Mistletoe is used pharmacologically to treat a variety of conditions such as high blood pressure and recent evidence suggest that at low doses extracts stimulate the immune systems whereas high doses have been used in the treatment of malignant tumours. I hasten to add that self-medication is not to be recommended but kissing underneath it should be safe enough!

A striking infestation of Mistletoe growing on this Horse Chestnut at The Timbralls in April 2019

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: q.fussey@etoncollege.org.uk or by phone on 01753 370602 or visit www.etonnhm.com



Diary

Nov			
10th	10.55 – Remembrance Service – St. John the Evangelist, Eton		
14th	18.00 - Christmas Carols – Eton College Chapel – followed by procession to		
	19.00 – Christmas Lights Switch-on – Jubilee Square		
29th	21.00 – Organ Recital – College School Hall		
Dec	2100 Olgan Rechai Gonege Gentool Haii		
1st	14.15 – ECMS Children's Concert – College Music Schools		
	18.00 – Community Carol Service – College Chapel (Tickets not required)		
•••••	20.15 – Band Concert – College School Hall		
4th	18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices		
8th	15.00 – Advent Carols – St. Mary Magdalene, Boveney		
•••••	20.15 – School Concert – College School Hall		
15th	16.00 – Family Carols – St John the Baptist, Eton Wick		
24th	16.30 – Christingle – St John the Baptist, Eton Wick		
Jan	······································		
15th	18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices		
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26th	18.30 – Eton Community Association meeting – Eton Council Offices		
Regular Events			
Council Office – Eton: Tues – Fri – 08.00-13.00			
Charte	ris 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 – 19.00 - 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 (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 – 11.00 & 16.30 Services - St. John the Baptist, Eton Wick)		
	dy 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		

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

To keep this mini-magazine going we need your stories of your interests, your families association with Eton past or present, the history of your home or street or your observations around Eton. Email: editor @etoncommunity.co.uk

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	Heatherwood Hospital	01344 623333	
	St. Marks Outpatients	01628 632012	
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	Non-Emergency	101	
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In the 6 months since the local elections there has been significant progress made behind the scenes in updating Eton Town Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations to ensure that the Council is properly administered and conforms to all the latest standards, including GDPR. This process has been led by the Mayor, Councillor Ron Lewandowski, Deputy Mayor, Councillor George Fussey, the Town Clerk and a small team of councillors representing both Eton and Eton Wick. Updating administration is an essential requirement of local government to ensure proper governance and whilst the changes in practice might be considered of a minor nature, it is nevertheless a worthwhile exercise.

Front of house, the Council has been busy working with Eton Community Association and other stakeholders in the town in improving the lives of residents and tourists alike. The recently-opened Eton and Eton Wick Information Centre in the High Street and ongoing maintenance issues at Barnes Pool has absorbed much of the Town Clerk's time,

especially with the very dry summer which caused extravagant weed growth in the brook and the newly-planted shrubs on the banks and the open spaces. Thanks to our regular contractor Excellent Plants Ltd of Maidenhead, we were able to introduce a watering regime which ensured that the plants did not suffer unduly and the weed growth was contained. Regular meetings of the Eton Action List have continued and many improvements to the town have resulted from this pro-active approach to identifying problems and reaching solutions.

Looking ahead, the Council will continue to align itself with the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead in its opposition to the Heathrow 3rd runway, a stance which has received widespread support from local residents. The Council is set to follow a biodiversity strategy, again aligning itself with the Royal Borough which is in the process of setting out its agenda on this important issue.

Eton Town Council will continue to fight hard for the interests of both Eton and Eton Wick and residents can be assured that any issues will be progressed with vigour.



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Eton Porny School

Katherine Russell Head Teacher

A new academic year has certainly begun with the usual busy-ness of getting back into our routines. This year I start my new role as Director of Primary within the Slough and East Berkshire Multi-Academy Trust (SEBMAT) whilst remaining Headteacher at Eton Porny.

I have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming our children and families back into school alongside Mrs Emma Stanford Smith, as she starts her new role as Head of School. This year we welcome 3 additional members of staff to our team – Miss Emer Earley, Miss Sarah Boyle and Mrs Kim Davis.

Our Early Years children have transitioned well into school and are now into the full swing of learning. They are happy, settled and confident and certainly keen to develop their independence.

Hopefully some of you will have seen our children in the older years out and about engaging with their new projects in and around the local community. Year 1 visited the Eton Natural History Museum, where Mr George Fussey and some of the Eton Boys did an exciting trail all about dinosaurs; Year 2 explored the local area with a trail of the town and received a visit from David Bullock (local PCSO) to talk about 'people who help us'; Year 3 tested out their pizza making skills with the Chef at Pizza Express; Year 4 conducted a test to see how clean their teeth were. You can keep up to date with all of these exciting learning opportunities on our school Twitter account @EPFirstschool.

Kid's Play - My Eton Highlights Henry age 6

I like going to the library in Eton. They have exciting books and children's seats and sometimes they have colouring in. I like borrowing books to read at my home.

I like going to Barnes Pool. It has an exciting bridge and it's a secret entrance to a grassy area on the other side of the road. There used to be stepping stones but the bridge is better because you can play pooh sticks.

I like the café Fresh n Fine because of the new milkshakes made of actual chocolate bars. It's run by a Turkish couple called Sybil and Sam. They are my friends.

I like Tudors the shop. It also has milkshakes made of actual chocolate. I'm pleased by them. I'm also friends with the shopkeepers.

I like the doctors' surgery. It is nice. They help me to feel better when I'm poorly. I'm pleased with them.

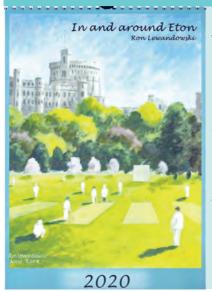
Eton Pre-School



September always sees lots of new beginnings for the preschool with new children and their families but this year we have also embraced lots of changes for our business too. We have had a bit of a rebrand and you will

notice our updated logo all around Eton with our new banners and adverts as well as restyled uniform for both the staff and the children. We have also updated our social media, check out our twitter page @eton_preschool and our website etonpreschool.org. This week has also seen us filming a promotional video for the preschool which was a fascinating experience for the children. The results will be out to see soon and you'll be able to check it out on our website in the near future.

Make a Date



Thankfully our Town Councillors decided not to follow the recent trend of posing naked for a local calendar for the Information Centre; however, one has used his artistic talents to help produce an Eton Calendar. Our new Mayor, Cllr. Ron Lewandowski, is an amateur artist and he has kindly donated 12 of his paintings of local views to be used for an Eton calendar for 2020. It is currently available from the Eton & Eton Wick Information Centre in Eton High Street with the proceeds helping to fund the Centre.

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Eton within the Borough

Samantha Rayner RBWM Councillor for Eton and Castle

Thank you so much for welcoming myself, Cllr Shelim and Cllr Bowden to Eton. Since our election in May to represent you in The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead Council it has been a great honour to meet so many residents and discover what a remarkable and unique place Eton is.

We have been working on individual case matters as well as community issues that affect everyone. We would like to thank Eton Town Council and Eton Community Association for working with us.

It's been an absolutely glorious summer in Eton this year. The whole town has been looking stunning. Thank you to all the businesses in the High Street who have looked after it. The hanging baskets and flags give a truly British welcome to visitors.

The Eton Tourist Information Centre has been opened for its first summer. Ros Rivaz, Barbara Hunt, Douglas Hill and all the great volunteers have really established the shop and it's become a much needed resource to resident, visitors and businesses. This has been a brilliant community project between the Royal Borough providing the finances to renovate and set it up, Eton College giving the building rent free for an initial period and the community (businesses, charities and individuals) funding the running costs and the wonderful volunteers who have the passion to welcome the visitors and tell them about our fabulous town and village of Eton and Eton Wick.

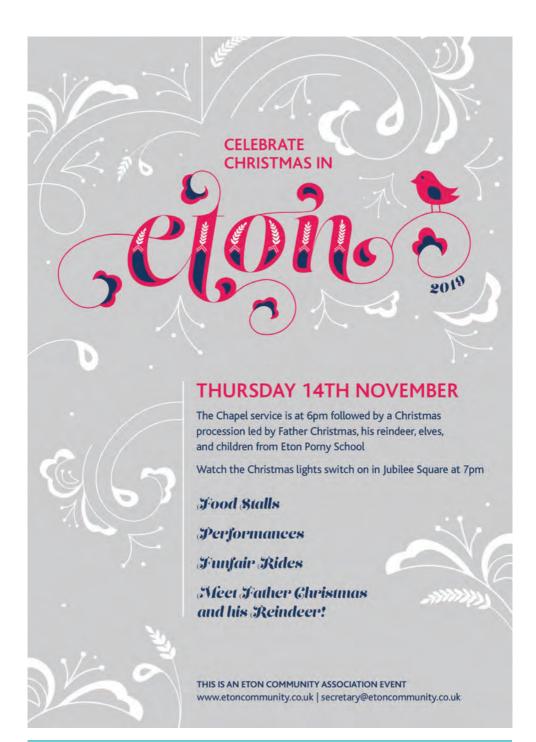
Ros, representing Eton Community Association, and I had a wonderful time exploring the delights of gardens in Eton to award the Royal Borough Garden in Bloom competition. It was delightful to see how many talented gardeners we have who bring joy to Eton with the beautiful displays for everyone to enjoy. I hope all the recipients are justly proud of their awards.

The Eton Library has recently seen an investment to update it and make better use of the space. The Royal Borough staff who run it are always delighted to help residents with library and council matters. They are a wonderful team who enjoy helping and sharing their passion for books.

Finally if anyone would like to get in touch, please do so. It is always a pleasure to work for our community.

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High Street Curiosities

Derek Ledger Eton Resident

Strolling up the High Street there are several interesting elements that are mostly above eye level but which often remain unnoticed. There are almost as many architectural variations as there are buildings and it is interesting to speculate on the apparent lack of planning approvals that were needed in days gone by that allowed this seeming hodgepodge. Even the alignment of the buildings varies, and some are set back from the road edge more than others. This all results in a quaint and picturesque street full of character.



The well known HOVIS sign above Number 45 has been there for a great many decades, long before the introduction of plastics and fibre glass. I thought that it must have been made of wood, but closer examination revealed that the letters were metal and created in a mould. The gold paint is now beginning to fade but the sign still retails its original character. The Hovis company has reaped many years of free exposure of its name. Some countries have a signboard tax but seemingly not in the UK or

the sign would have disappeared a long time ago.

A little further up the High Street and on the opposite side is Turks Head Court, much admired by tourists who take innumerable photos of the little flower bordered lane and the pretty cottages framed by the archway through the ancient building. Hardly noticed are the three black inconspicuous carved heads at the end of the first floor wooden beams. Is one of them, or possibly all three, the Turks Heads that gave the little lane its name? They certainly look in keeping with most people's perception of what an ancient Ottoman Turk might have looked like. One of the carvings has horns and hoofed feet and might have been an attempt at the recreation of Beelzebub, who knows? They are certainly worth a closer look.



Opposite Eton Court is a typical Georgian residential building with a stucco ground floor and red brick upper stories. Between the first floor windows is a golden sun dial attached to the wall in a vertical position. It is quite attractive and gives the façade of the building some character, but it does not serve its purpose to give an approximate indication of

the time of day. The sun only shines on it in the afternoon and then the pointer giving a shadow onto the dial face shows a time that is several hours distant from reality. Was it ever intended to indicate time to the observer or was it just an attractive motive added to decorate the otherwise somewhat austere façade of the house? To the observant pedestrian our High Street holds many interesting features to be seen and perhaps investigated as there are centuries of curiosities that we pass every day but which often remain largely overlooked.



CSK Dragon Boat Race

Justyn Turnball - Director CSK

Following a successful auction bid at the Eton Community charity dinner, CSK Architects (aka team 'The Dead-heads') set off on a rainy Sunday morning in June to take part in the Marlow Dragon Boat festival. A strong and enthusiastic paddle team of 10, plus one excellent drummer, we were however no match for the duly competitive and experienced rival dragons and after a number of heats we came a very respectable last place! Our self-purposed head gear comprising tall yellow crowns surrounded with wild grasses may not have aided our aerodynamics as we glided down a very windy River



Thames but we did succeed in being awarded the accolade for 'best dressed team'. Our well-fashioned head-gear along with our on board Climate Emergency banner certainly made a statement for all watching from the water's edge. Thanks to all at Tag-events for a well organised and fun day out.





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A Roaring Success

William Chalmers - Eton College Student

Eton College has sponsored a lion for the Lions of Windsor charity exhibition (www.lionsofwindsor.org), which began on 10th August and ran till 27th October. I was given the opportunity to paint this lion, named Henry, and since a theme of the event was "Pride" we chose to paint alumni of Eton College that we thought best reflected this.





I researched through Eton College's archive of photographs, portraits and busts in order to find suitable images and we eventually settled on Ian Fleming, Joseph Banks, Hubert

Parry, Percy Shelley (on the lion's right side) and Hugh Laurie, Arthur Wellesley Duke of Wellington, George Orwell (on the Lions Left side). It was difficult to choose just seven Old Etonians to represent the school but I believe these men show the diversity of characters that have come from Eton.

Having created a 2D digital rendering of what the lion might look like to find a suitable composition, I projected the images onto the side of the lion, which help overcome the challenge of drawing onto a curved surface. I adopted a graphic painting style to make the images legible from a distance.



The other lion in Eton (pictured above) was sponsored by Cote Brasserie. Named Albert this one was painted by artist Rose Hill.

The Lion sculpture trail that Eton's Lions were part of will have closed by the time you read this article but there is **Roar Goodbye weekend on the 9 & 10 November** at the Ex-Fenwick store, Windsor Yards. This is a ticketed event. See www.lionsofwindsor.org for details. The lions will then be auctioned on the 28th November at the Runneymede Hotel & Spa in aid of charities. See www.lionsofwindsor.org for details.

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Liliana Illes - Service Manager

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