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PARISH SAYS **NO** TO FRACKING



Pictured: local anti-fracking demonstration

At an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 24th January Eckington Parish Council voted overwhelmingly to oppose exploration for shale gas deposits within the Parish. The resolution debated and adopted was "This Parish Council will object to any hydraulic drilling and exploration for gas and oil, and fracking on any land within the Parish boundary".

This follows the announcement by the international chemical and manufacturing company INEOS that it wants to site an exploratory well in the Parish, less than half a mile from the village of Marsh Lane. This well will extract a core sample of rock for analysis to see if the rock is gas producing and therefore suitable for hydraulic fracturing (known as fracking).

The exploratory well rig will be up to 60m high (about the height of an electricity pylon) and will drill to a depth of 2400m, but will not run horizontally. Construction will take about three months and the rig will then be in place for up to three months. It will be capable of running 24 hours

a day, 7 days a week. There will inevitably be an increase in heavy traffic around Marsh Lane and a lot of noise during the construction and drilling phases, including high frequency noise, and as it will run overnight pollution from light.

There is considerable concern worldwide about the safety of the fracking process and many countries have banned it wholesale. Fracking involves pumping a large amount of water, sand and chemicals down into a deep well which goes down into the earth, and then horizontally along for up to 2km. The pressure created causes the rock surrounding the pipe to crack allowing the gas to escape and flow up the well to be collected.

The main concern of opponents to fracking is whether the process is safe. There are reported instances of pollution from leaks of the contaminated water used, and leaks of methane which is a greenhouse gas and may contribute to climate change. There have also been reports of earth tremors in areas that have been fracked.

The government currently supports fracking over safe and proven renewable energy technologies such as wind, solar and tidal.

Here in Eckington Parish there is an extremely active opposition both to the exploratory well and to the possibility of fracking in the area. Many of the local people who have turned out in their hundreds to meetings and protests are worried that this will industrialise the local countryside, and leave our villages blighted by heavy traffic and long term pollution of the water table.



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NEW:PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

One of the improvements to the Civic Centre in Eckington has been the creation of a Parish Office. We are now in a position to open the office to the public on a Wednesday morning between 0900 and 12 noon. The entrance is to the right of the main entrance.

Parishioners, with any query on Parish business, are invited to visit the office to talk to the Clerk on a face to face basis. You can still telephone 07715668815, email clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk or use the Contact Form on our website http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk/contact_us.html

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING & CIVIC CENTRE OPEN DAY

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Friday 21 April 2017 at 6.00 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is an opportunity for residents of the Parish to put any question on the operation of the Council.

Join us during the same day when the Civic Centre will be opening its doors to show the recent improvements.

For further details: Visit our website

Follow us on Facebook & Look on our noticeboards

Where can I find a Parish Newsletter?

Newsletters are available free of charge in a range of shops, pubs and community centres throughout the Parish.

We aim to hand deliver at least 1,000 copies to households across the Parish



Eckington Cricket Club's Community Clubhouse Facility



Eckington Cricket Club was created well over 100 years ago and has a long and proud history of cricket. The cricket club is thriving at its Staveley Lane ground with three Saturday teams and a Sunday team. The 1st XI plays in the Derbyshire Premier League, which is the highest possible standard of amateur cricket and apart from a South African overseas player, the 1st XI is made up largely of home-grown players. In fact, the development of junior cricket is something Eckington Cricket Club is renowned for and is widely regarded as the most successful club in Derbyshire for developing junior cricketers.

We're always looking for new players, especially juniors cricketers and we've some players as young as 5. Winter training is now underway and if you're interested in playing, as either a junior or senior player, please get in touch with us at eckington.cricket@outlook.com or call Tom Dawson on 07949372325.

However, this winter has been like no other at Staveley Lane as we've been building a new clubhouse. The former clubhouse was dilapidated and was falling down. With support from sponsors, plus Sport England

and Tarmac Ltd, we've been busy building a replacement clubhouse. The new clubhouse is now nearing completion and has been built by our own members throughout the winter months and has been a massive 'whole-club' effort. We expect the new clubhouse to be completed by March.

Andy Vaughan, ECC Chairman said "This winter has been an amazing journey and our members have bound-together to build the new clubhouse facility; it's heart-warming to see several generations of the same family building our new clubhouse. It's so much more than a new building for us and it's made much more special knowing that it's our cricketing family that is building it, brick by brick. I am incredibly humbled and very proud of all of our members who've put in so much effort".

As from April, the new Clubhouse will also be available for parties such as birthdays and christenings; we're keen for our new facility to be a community as well as cricketing facility. If you would like to hire the new clubhouse then please contact Andy Vaughan, 07904926313.

Please follow us on Facebook at Eckington Cricket Club Derbyshire

LAUNCH OF NEW ADVICE SERVICE IN ECKINGTON

Derbyshire Law Centre is pleased to be launching a new Housing and Debt Advice service in Eckington. Based at the Eckington Library on Market Street, the office will be open 9.30 to 4.30 daily for an appointments based service.

For further details please call into the Library

Advice services from Citizens Advice and the Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre are also available in Eckington.

MARSH LANE UNDER FIVES

Marsh Lane Under Fives is a small community pre-school at the Community Centre on Main Road, Marsh Lane. It was established in 1992 by Mrs Shaw, who now works at the local primary school. Many of the children who attended during the early years of the pre-school have since gone on to have their own children, and many of these children also attend the nursery.

The nursery has a strong link to Marsh Lane Primary School and this makes the transition into the school much easier. Although the nursery has a small outside area, the children often use the grounds at the primary school, which helps them become more familiar with the school and the staff.

The staff at Marsh Lane Under Fives believe that every child deserves the best start in life. They provide a high standard of care and education for 2, 3 and 4 year olds and were inspected by Ofsted in 2016. The Ofsted report said the setting is 'good' and that 'the staff are well qualified and have a good understanding of how children learn'. Quotes from Ofsted are 'The staff plan enjoyable and engaging activities', 'Children develop

strong and emotional attachments with the nursery staff who demonstrate real warmth and patience with them' and 'Children are provided with purposeful, challenging activities that are linked to their developmental needs and interests'.

The staff/child ratio at the nursery is well above the minimum and the space is open plan. The staff are all level 3 qualified and trained in paediatric first aid. There are a range of activities, both indoor and outdoor, including mud kitchen, outside sensory area, role play to develop imagination, baby clinic, a quiet area, literacy area, crafts, and play with sand and water.

There are currently spaces for all three age groups and childcare vouchers are accepted from parents/carers. Opening hours, term time only, are Monday 9.15-3.15, Tuesday 9.15-12.15, Wednesday 9.15-3.15, Thursday 9.15-12.15, Friday 9.15-12.15. Contact the pre-school on 01246 434234 or find them on Facebook 'Marsh Lane Under 5's Pre-School – playschool'.



Pictured: Indoor Garden, Play Farm and Sensory Play





Market Street Improvements and Civic Centre

Pictured: Welcome Archway and Clock Archway



Pictured: Welcome Archway and Clock Archway

Remember when there was a big open trench along Market Street as Yorkshire Water updated its pipework? At that time the Parish Council allocated £10,000 for a town centre project. At the Eckington Summer Festival in July 2015 we talked to local people and asked for ideas about how we could spend this money. It took a long time but, due to the dedication of a small group of councillors, we now have two arches to welcome and decorate our town centre. And they are not finished yet. As soon as the weather improves, stonework will complete the bases of both arches.

The renovation of Eckington Civic Centre is nearing completion.

Externally you can see the new signage and cladding. Internally, changes include: a new Parish Office has been created (see Page 1 for opening hours), the smaller hall has been re-carpeted and painted and the floor of the main hall has been cleaned.

Further changes will take place and you can see it all on Friday 21 April when the building will be open to all. Look out for more details and visit www.eckingtonciviccentre.org.uk.



Metal Detecting

The Parish Council has given permission to a Mosborough resident to carry out metal detecting activities on the triangle field adjacent to Eckington Cemetery. The keen metal detector is a member of the National Council for Metal Detecting. He is very interested to see what local history can be uncovered and has agreed to provide the Council with information about the nature of any finds.

Renishaw Methodist Church

A Renishaw Methodist Church member knitted 55 angels in the period before Christmas. One evening, during the week prior to Christmas, these angels were fastened to railings in and around Renishaw with a gift tag fastened to them. These tags had the following words printed on them 'This gift of love is from Renishaw Methodist Church; please take me home I am free. Have a Happy Christmas.' By the following day each one had been taken and hopefully enjoyed by some family within the village.

PARISH GRANTS

Recent grants include: Eckington Town Team to support the highly successful Christmas event and to Community Unite for the free screening of I, Daniel Blake in the Civic Centre (both pictured)

Details of how to apply for a Parish Grant can be found on our website <http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk/NewGrantAid/newgrantaidapp.php> or contact the Parish Clerk on 07715 668815 or clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk



Lemon Cream Dressing

Brighten up snacks and salads

- 1 tablespoon oil
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon grated lemon rind
- 1/4 teaspoon sugar
- 3 tablespoons single cream
- 1 pinch salt

Mix and enjoy. *Recipe from Cllr Brian Ridgway*

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

MAKE SURE YOU'RE IN



County Council Elections

On Thursday 4 May 2017, elections will be held to elect County Councillors. The County Division of Eckington and Killamarsh covers the whole of the Eckington parish and returns 2 councillors.

To be eligible to vote in this election you must be included on the electoral roll. You can register at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

If you are not sure whether you are registered you can check by contacting Electoral Services at elections@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk or 01246 217068 or 217069.

Councillors' Surgeries

District and County Councillors will be available on the following days/times.

There will no longer be a specific representative from the Parish Council at these sessions but any Parish Council related issue will be passed on.

The contact details of all Parish Councillors can be found in this newsletter

Eckington Library

10.00 am to 11.00 am

Saturday 1st April

Saturday 6th May

Saturday 3rd June

Green Lawns Community Centre

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Saturday 6th May

Ridgeway Sports and Social Club'

11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Saturday 8th April

Saturday 10th June

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Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

We still have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Eckington South ward. This vacancy will be filled by co-option.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor please contact the Clerk on 07715668815 or clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk

NED Local Plan Consultation

As part of the consultation on the Local Plan for North East Derbyshire a drop-in session has been arranged in the Civic Centre on Thursday 23 March 2017 between 4.00 and 7.00 pm.

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