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Eckington

Parish Council

Chairs Report to the APM

Report presented by the Chair of the Parish Council to the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 April 2016

A year of change bringing optimism in many areas of the Council. The change brings its own difficulties and like any other organisation your Parish Council's resilience has been tested.

Our core business of administering to the communities of Eckington Parish has continued unabated. Members have been nominated to sit on various bodies including School Governing Bodies, Charities and liaison groups.

As well as having a wider presence, your Council has supported, through financial grants and donations, a number of projects ranging from the local cricket clubs, and coffee mornings, to the annual summer festival. We have been pleased to support the summer activities programme for the young people of the Parish and long may it continue.

Changes of personnel are always bittersweet times, and as we say goodbye to some who have worked in our team for many years, we look forward with optimism.

The retirement of the Civic Centre Manager has seen members of the existing team step up to the plate.

Changes to the Civic Centre Building itself are in the pipeline with ambitious plans that will help to revitalise the Town Centre. You will hear more about that in the coming months.

We've said goodbye to Philip Wheelhouse our well known handy-person and wish him well in his well earned retirement. We will soon see Peter Staniforth, Clerk to the Parish Council retire to take many happy holidays. Both those positions have been filled and we will look forward to working with Paul Burdett (handy-person) and Rosalind Bullimore (Clerk). We also have with us Charlotte Mitchell our Marketing and Events Coordinator. If there are any groups who have events or activities happening in the Parish please contact her (details on Page 4).

On behalf of the Council and its officers I wish to say thank you to all who are active in supporting the people of Eckington Parish. We have formed many partnerships throughout the last twelve months and we look forward to meeting many more of you in the next twelve months.

Brian Ridgway

Details of the Council's income and expenditure for 2015/2016 can be found on Page 2



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This newsletter will also be available on the Parish Council website:
www.eckington-pc.gov.uk



Parish Community Grants

In March 2016 the Parish Council awarded a grant of £100 to the Freedom Community Project which operates in Renishaw. Laura Marshall was presented with the cheque by the Chair of the Parish Council at the April Council meeting.

The Parish Council operates a community grant scheme. Details of how to apply can be found on the Council's website or by contacting the Clerk.

Presentation of Long Service and Retirement Awards 21 April 2016



Katherine Barker,
Head Cook, 30 years



Peter Staniforth, Clerk
(retired), over 10 years



Philip Wheelhouse,
Handyperson (retired),
over 10 years

Parish Councillors back to full strength

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May the Council co-opted Carolyn Renwick to fill the vacancy in the Marsh Lane and Ridgeway ward. Eckington Parish Council consists of 17 councillors covering 4 wards across the Parish. Full contact details are shown on Page 4.

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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 Market

There has been a tradition of a Friday market in Eckington since at least 1845, when as well as a regular market for goods such as butter and eggs, there was a cattle fair in April and October, and a fair for hiring servants in November. In 1879 a market hall with over 70 stalls was built on Southgate and was successful for a number of years, but by 1900 it had been turned into a furniture store and then in the 1920s into a cinema. In the late 1950s there was a market where the library now stands.

The market in its current form on Market Street started in December 1981 and continues to this day. Regular long-standing stall holders include Dave 'the egg man', Andrew with his colourful flower and plants stall and Joan and Bill who sell a wide variety of bedding, throws, household textiles and pet beds. Other stalls include Charlie's extensive tool stall with everything from a bow saw to a fly-swat, Steve and Ann with household goods and cleaning materials, Diane with plants, hand-made cards and bird boxes, and two clothing stalls which provide a range of garments at excellent value.

The market runs from 9am until 1pm on a Friday, with set up for traders from 7am. Pitches cost £6. A charity stall is available free of charge for registered charities.

Eckington has plenty of free parking and a number of cafes which make for an excellent Friday morning at the market!

Eckington Parish Council is making 2016 the year of the market so watch out for promotions and market related events!

If you are interested in trading as a regular stallholder please contact the Parish Clerk on 07715663946 or clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk for details. New stallholders are always welcome.



Grants 2015/2016

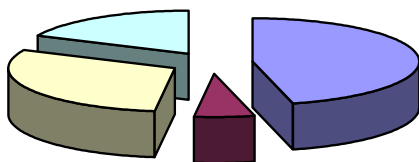
April	Unemployed Workers Centres	1000
	Citizens Advice Bureau	3100
May		
June	Sheffield Conservation Volunteers	300
	Summer Youth Programme	2000
July		
August		
September		
October		
November		
December	Eckington Cricket Club	100
	Eckington Town Team	100
	UFI 1100	
January		
February		
March		
Total for year		7700

Administration	7%	35598
Employees	33%	181049
Grants	1%	7700
Civic Centre	15%	78603
Buildings	12%	65631
Play areas	4%	21839
Cemetery	3%	18022
Environmental	1%	4781
Vehicles	2%	12494
Allotments	0%	1134
General	0%	2479
To reserve	21%	111461

Eckington PC for y/e 31st March 2016

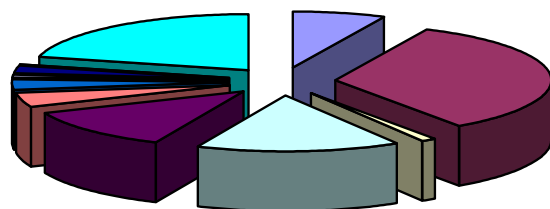
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Precept	46%	250000
Support Grant	6%	30783
Fees & charges	30%	160008
Sale of property	18%	100000
		540791

Where the money came from



■ Precept ■ Support Grant □ Fees & charges □ Sale of property

.... and where it was spent



■ Administration ■ Employees ■ Grants ■ Civic Centre
 ■ Buildings ■ Play areas ■ Cemetery ■ Environmental
 ■ Vehicles ■ Allotments ■ General ■ To reserve

JOIN IN THE ONLINE CONVERSATION ABOUT BOOKS #DERBYSHIRE READS

Readers are being encouraged to share their recommended reads and get more out of their local library with Derbyshire County Council's new online book club. The council's library service suggests a topic for the #DerbyshireReads Facebook group each month and asks members to come up with books on that theme. Since it launched in February themes have included 'Books successfully adapted to film' and 'The best twist in a book' which have generated a range of reviews at the end of each month.

The library service already runs thriving Reader Group and Book Chat networks but some people find it difficult to go along in person due to work or other commitments. The new #DerbyshireReads group gives people the chance to recommend their favourite book, pick up ideas from other readers and borrow titles they wouldn't have normally thought of from the comfort of their own home at any time.

The classic 'Rebecca, by Daphne Du Maurier and the thriller 'One Step too Far' by Tina Seskis have so far featured amongst readers' favourites and choices for books with

a good twist include 'The Chemistry of Death' by Simon Beckett and 'The Use of Weapons' by Iain M Banks.

Recommended books can be borrowed or ordered from any Derbyshire County Council library and some can be downloaded via its eBook service. Residents can take part in #DerbyshireReads on the county council's libraries Facebook page at www.facebook.com/DerbyshireLibraries They can find out more about the council's Reader Group and Book Chat networks at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/libraries and about eBooks, eMagazines and eAudiobooks at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/ebooks



Eckington Civic Centre Update

The plans for the external alterations have been approved and the Parish Council will meet shortly to appoint a contractor.

It is anticipated that work will start in June and we look forward to a completion date of the end of August. It is hoped that the impact on bookings will be kept as minimal as possible.

If you have any questions about the project please contact the Clerk or Events and Marketing Co-ordinator (details on Page 4)

Friends of Eckington Cemetery

Would you be interested in joining a Friends of Eckington Cemetery Group? A Friends of Eckington Cemetery group could complement the Cemetery team by publicising the cemetery as an open, green space full of birds and other wildlife as well as an important part of Eckington's heritage. Such a group could organise guided walks, open days, special events and may be able to raise funding to restore the Chapels of Ease.

Eckington Parish Council runs the cemetery on Sheffield Road with a dedicated team headed by the Cemetery Superintendent. At the moment the Cemetery is looking beautiful with fresh spring green leaves on the trees and a scattering of primroses and other spring flowers.

If you're interested contact Cllr Christine Gare on christinegare@hotmail.com or 01246 435593



Update on Town Centre £10k

Some time ago the Parish Council allocated £10k to be spent on a project in Eckington Town Centre. Following a consultation event at the Summer Festival, held in July 2015, a small working group of councillors, led by Cllr Sam Beecher, has been working to turn some of those ideas into a reality.

The projects taken forward are:

Town Centre Archways

Approvals are being sought to erect two archways (one to include a clock) on either side of Northgate House

Revamp the Friday Market

There have been some difficulties in moving a project forward but we are hoping to draw on the expertise of our new clerk to help us bring this project to fruition.

Eckington Summer Festival

2 July 2016 - 1.00pm to 7.00pm

The Festival Committee is busy putting the final plans together of this year's festival which is bigger and better than last year. There will be lots of activities and entertainment for the whole family including Riffler, Absent Average, past and present winners of Eckington's Got Talent, S21, Dancedaze and new for this year a dog show. There will be a fancy dress competition with the theme 'animated characters' to be judged by Anna, Elsa and hopefully Spiderman. Other attractions include fairground rides, live hot and cold food stalls, a bar, craft stalls and much more!

Entrance is free to all, so why not come and join the fun?! The event is to take place on the Eckington Junior School field at the rear of Stead Street, S21 4FL.

For additional information visit the website eckingtonfestival.com, like us on Facebook (Eckington Summer Festival) or follow us on Twitter @eckingtonfest

See the Parish Council stall at the Festival. Find out what we do. Meet your councillors. Have your say on how we spend your money.

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Eckington Over 60s Club

The Eckington Parish Over 60's Club meet every Wednesday 11:30am - 4.00pm at the Eckington Civic Centre. A day of Bingo, entertainment, money draws and socialising.

On occasion, organisations attend to provide demonstrations such as First Aid (provided by Csals) and this year we will be celebrating the Queen's 90th Birthday with a "Street" Party on Saturday 11 June 4:00pm - 7:00pm

New members are always welcome.

For further information, contact the Secretary of the club, Anne Wylds - 01246 435404

COUNCILLOR'S 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.

District and County Councillors will be available on the following days/times along with police officers from our Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Eckington Civic Centre 10.00 am to 11.00 am

Saturday 2nd July
Saturday 6th August
Saturday 5th March
Saturday 3rd September

Green Lawns Community Centre

11.00 am to 12.00 noon
Saturday 16th July
Saturday 11th September

Ridgeway Village Hall 11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Saturday 11th June
Saturday 6th August

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