

# ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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## A Good Start for Children in Eckington Parish

### Eckington Children's Centre

is based at 88 Southgate, Eckington and covers the areas of Eckington, Renishaw, Marsh Lane and Ridgeway. The centre is there to provide advice and support to parents and carers with children under the age of 5. The Eckington Multi-Agency Team (MAT) is also based in the centre and can provide help and support for families with older children.

The centre holds a health clinic on a Monday afternoon, where the Health Visitors are in attendance. This is a great place for new parents to weigh their baby, get support from the Health Visitors and see the Children's Centre. Other groups in the centre are Bumps to Babies for parents/carers with babies up to 12 months old and Little Explorers for the 1 and 2 year olds.

Baby massage is also held; this is a wonderful way to learn techniques that may help calm your baby.

Other courses are run at the centre: Positively Me, a course to help boost parents' self-esteem and Positive Parents, which looks at child behaviour and coping strategies.

Eckington Children's Centre can assist with appointments with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB), with a dedicated CAB worker assigned to the centre to help with benefit checks, applications and appeals, debt, housing, employment and more.

If you have any questions or want to know more about the Eckington Children's Centre and what it can offer you, please get in touch by ringing 01629 537169.



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The newsletter is compiled by a group of parish councillors: Cllr Austen; Cllr Herring; Cllr Hunt; Cllr B and J Ridgway. If you would like to make any comments on the newsletter please contact us. Contact details can be found on Page 4.

### 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

## Ridgeway Under Fives



Provides fun, friendly groups for young children in the heart of Ridgeway village. The groups are welcome to all under fives and attract many children from within the parish of Eckington and other surrounding areas.

The highly regarded Pre-school offers high quality, government funded care and education, in a friendly, safe and stimulating environment, for children aged between 3 and 5 years. Fee paying places are also available for 2 year olds. The pre-school is open five mornings a week during term-time between 9.30am - 12.30pm. (continued on page 2)

## Marsh Lane Under Fives

At Marsh Lane playschool we pride ourselves on providing outstanding quality care and education in a warm, friendly and welcoming play based environment.

We provide care and early years education for children aged two and a half to five years.

We work in partnership with parents and carers to support children in their learning and development. (continued on page 2)



## Don't Go Without a Christmas Dinner

**Are you vulnerable, elderly or celebrating Christmas alone?**

A group of volunteers will deliver Christmas dinner, plus all the trimmings, straight to your door.

To register your interest, contact Jane Marsh on 01246 432782

*This project is funded by Eckington Parish Council*

## Stay Safe in the Ice and Snow

Do you struggle at winter time when the weather deteriorates and snow falls? Eckington UFI will again be running the grit bin project whereby a box of free grit salt, paid for by Eckington Parish Council, is given to the elderly or vulnerable in the parish.

We will soon be delivering the grit in time for the worst of the winter weather. To register your interest please contact Jane Marsh on 01246 432 782 ASAP.

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### Ridgeway under 5's continued.....

Parent and toddler groups are run on Wednesday and Friday mornings during term-time and are a great place for those who care for children under 3 to meet new friends and have a chat whilst your babies and toddlers enjoy themselves.

The Wednesday toddler group also follows a special pre-school music group designed to get your little ones singing, dancing and playing.

The Pre-school is located at Ridgeway Sports and Social Centre and the Parent and toddler groups and music group are at St John's Church, both located on Main Road in Ridgeway.

For more information on the Pre-school and Toddler Groups please ring Jacqui on 07815 796173 and for more information on the Wednesday music group please ring Nicol on 07590 189150.

### Marsh Lane Under 5's Continued.....

We are an independent playschool that follows early years foundation stage guidance and framework and this provides assurance that our provision will keep children safe and help them thrive. We were awarded an outstanding status in our inspection by Ofsted in 2010.

We are open Monday to Friday in term time, from 9.15am to 12.15pm and are based at the Community Centre on Main Road in Marsh Lane.

For further details please contact 01246 434234 when the playschool is open or Zoe on 0775 550 5321.

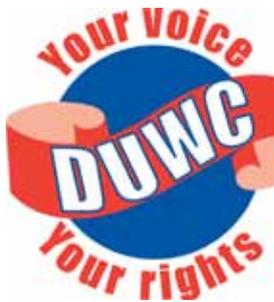
## Help is at Hand

Do you need free, confidential and independent advice on issues relating to

Benefits/Credits

Filling in Forms

Representation at Tribunals



Then come along to our advice sessions at:

Eckington Business Centre, Market St

Every Monday 1.30 – 3.30

Home visits are available where necessary.

Telephone advice 01246 231441



Many people on Jobseekers Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance are experiencing problems with benefits being stopped by the Jobcentre

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET A SANCTION

**CHALLENGE IT!** – YOU MAY RECEIVE A LETTER STATING YOU HAVE A SANCTION. THE LETTER MAY NOT GIVE AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY.  
– ASK FOR A WRITTEN EXPLANATION.

**ASK FOR A MANDATORY RECONSIDERATION** – DON'T LET THEIR DECISION GO UNCHALLENGED – YOU HAVE ONE MONTH TO ASK FOR THE DECISION TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN.

**APPEAL THE DECISION** – IF THEY DON'T OVERTURN THEIR ORIGINAL DECISION MAKE AN APPEAL TO AN INDEPENDENT TRIBUNAL.

**SEEK HELP** – IT'S IMPORTANT TO KNOW WHAT TO CHALLENGE – **SO SEEK ADVICE.** APPLY FOR A HARDSHIP PAYMENT, INFORM THE COUNCIL REVENUES OFFICE AND KEEP SIGNING ON EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE NOT GETTING PAID.

**REMEMBER** – IF YOU GET A SANCTION THE NEXT ONE WILL BE LONGER. **SO CHALLENGE IT.** THEY ARE OFTEN ACTING OUTSIDE THEIR OWN PROCESSES AND REGULATIONS

*DUWC has received financial support from Eckington Parish Council*



## Advice on your doorstep

If you have problems with employment, benefits, tax credits, debt, consumer issues, pensions, housing or anything at all have you thought of asking for advice at the Citizen's Advice Bureau?

Citizen's Advice Bureaux, nationally, started during the war in response to people seeking advice on re housing after being bombed out of their homes or assistance with coupons and rationing. We celebrate 75 years of advice giving this year and our services are as vital today as they were all those years ago.

With the support of Eckington Parish council, North East Derbyshire CAB has been giving advice from Eckington library for many years. We run a drop in service on Fridays from 10.00 till 2.00.

We also offer appointments from Eckington Health Centre on alternate Wednesday afternoons and Emmett Carr surgery, Renishaw on Thursday mornings. You can arrange appointments via the surgeries. We also see people referred from Eckington Children's centre.

### Advice at your fingertips

**0844 848 9800 - AdviceLine**

**For General Advice: Lines open 10am - 2pm, Monday to Friday**

**For Debt Enquiries: Lines open Thursdays 4pm-6pm for debt enquiries only**

**Text the word "ADVICE" followed by a space and your query to 80800**

**[www.nedcab.org.uk](http://www.nedcab.org.uk)**

**[www.adviceguide.org.uk](http://www.adviceguide.org.uk)**

## Don't know what a Credit Union does?

Call in and let us tell you how we can help you to plan your finances and access affordable credit.

Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire Credit Union is looking to reach out into our local communities and ensure that more people know about our services and understand what makes us different. We are a not for profit community bank, run by local people (including many volunteers) for local people. We are authorised by the Prudential Regulation Authority and the Prudential Regulation Authority giving the same security as any high street bank.

### We offer:

- A safe, easy and ethical way to save
- A variety of loan products to suit all budgets
- A Family Loan Scheme that can be based on child benefit payments (max £500)
- Junior Savers Schemes in local schools and at our Soresby Street office

**Our office is at 4-6 Soresby Street, Chesterfield  
Tel: 01246 278833 [www.cnedcu.co.uk](http://www.cnedcu.co.uk)**

## Derbyshire Law Centre

The Law Centre, based in Chesterfield, provides free specialist legal advice and representation to individuals and groups in Derbyshire. The Centre can usually help with legal problems concerning:

- Employment
- Housing
- Debt
- Immigration
- Community Care
- Hate and Harrassment

The Centre office is located at 1 Rosehill East, Chesterfield, S40 1NU and is open Monday to Friday 9.30am – 4.30pm

**Telephone 01246 550674 Text Box 0845 833 4252**

**[www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirelawcentre.org.uk)**

**Freephone for advice – 0800 707 6990 (charges from mobiles apply)**



## More than just emergency food provision

A simple food parcel, together with correct signposting, advice and support can lead to a whole new realm of hope. New Hope Food Bank based in Killamarsh has committed to providing emergency food provision to individuals and families, providing them with three meals a day for seven days.

Service users cannot self refer but are directed to us via one of our pre approved referrers. All parcels are delivered direct to the service user's home within a six mile radius of Killamarsh, which includes the whole of Eckington parish, for up to four food parcels. If the client is still in crisis after four food parcels we will in certain extenuating circumstances extend this period.

New Hope strives to ensure that the emergency food provision is just the beginning. The food addresses the immediate need but it is not our only objective. Our aim is to ensure that if our service users are not already getting the support they need are forwarded to one of our referrers. In Eckington parish that might be Adult Social Care, The Children's Centre, NEDCAB, Rykneld Homes or NEDCC housing options.

As a voluntary organisation the food provision given is solely reliant on public food donations. These donations are collected from donation bins that are found in local supermarkets who kindly allow us to house donation bins in their stores. In Eckington you can donate at the Co-op and the Library.

Items suitable for donation include: UHT Milk, Coffee, Sugar, Biscuits, Rice, Pasta, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Seasonal Treats, Nappies/Wipes, Toiletries

**Any further information can be found on our website  
[www.newhopefoodbank.org.uk](http://www.newhopefoodbank.org.uk)**



## Poet's Corner

I, Eckington

Forget your crooked spires! You can keep your Woolly mammoths, I don't need no Saxon gold!

I am woman waiting for the bus, old man smoking outside the bookies. The Leader rattling through your door. I am dry leaves blown on brambled tramways, scrambling like kids; sounds of men making scythes and sickles beside the Moss to pack on carts, take to the canal,

I am timber cruck and concrete tip; the footprint of Mick Jagger's nan's house under the civic centre car park. I am copied from an Italian oil, hung in church, gazed on by Sitwells. I am fresh bread at Kemp's, fork handles at French's. I am old as coal, crisp as this moment.

Alison Riley

## The Eckington Friendship Club

is a charitable organisation which provides recreational activities for the benefit of people who live in this area. Membership is open to Ladies and Gentlemen from age 50+ for a subscription charge of £3 per month. Each member receives benefits in the form of parties at Christmas and on club Anniversaries, outings to places of interest in the summer months and refreshments on club nights. The Club meets in the Friendship Hall, Berry Avenue, Eckington.

Activities on club nights include social conversation with other members whilst enjoying refreshments followed by cards, dominoes and bingo.

For further information contact Lorna Hoe on 0114 248 2292

## Parish Councillors

### Eckington North

Councillor Jane Austen	01246 433001
Councillor Jane Marsh	01246 432479
Councillor David Ridley	01246 434789
Councillor Christine Gare	01246 435593
Councillor Catherine Tite	07918799540

### Eckington South

Councillor Clive Hunt	01246 432206
Councillor Darren Herring	01246 434983
Councillor Joan Ibbotson	01246 435289
Councillor Kane Deffley	07857268163

### Marsh Lane and Ridgeway

Councillor John Woodruff (Vice Chair)	01246 432632
Councillor Steve Pickering	01246 435817
Councillor Andy Dye	0114 2483046

### Renishaw and Spinkhill

Councillor Brian Ridgway (Chair)	01246 430035
Councillor Jacqueline Ridgway	01246 430035
Councillor Christine Poxton	01246 433978

## The Eckington Parish Over 60's Club

has been running for over 32 years. We meet in the Civic Centre on Wednesdays from 11 am onwards.

The Civic provides excellent reasonably priced lunches. We usually play Bingo, have raffles, informative talks and sometimes we have an Entertainer.

We organise Day trips, sometimes holidays and short breaks eg Turkey and Tinsel!, pea and pie suppers, Christmas Dinner Party and New Years Eve Buffet party and an Anniversary Tea Party in March. The parties include entertainment, bingo and raffles. The only condition for these is that members HAVE FUN!!

We recently lowered the age limit to 55 and this has encouraged some younger people to join us. The fees are 50p to join and £2.00 per month thereafter.

For further information ring Anne Wylds on 01246 435404

# AGE Concern

Chesterfield and District serves older people in Chesterfield, Bolsover and Northeast Derbyshire. We provide an information and advice service covering a range of topics affecting older people. For example: money and benefits; costs of care; estate planning etc. This service can be accessed via

visiting our offices, Monday-Friday between 10-2, by telephone, or by email. We also have a large stock of leaflets covering a range of topics.

We also offer an advocacy service to support older people and their families in making difficult decisions, meetings with other professionals, to ensure that people are fully involved and understand decisions which are being made concerning them.

We also offer the Care Line telephone befriending service to lonely and isolated older people in order to provide regular friendship and social contact, as well as enabling people to access local clubs and groups in the area.

**Our office is at 87 New Square, Chesterfield, S40 1AH**  
**Telephone: 01246 273333**

**Email: [enquiries@ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk)**

**Website: [www.ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk](http://www.ageconcernchesterfield.org.uk)**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on the above should you require any assistance.

## SURGERY DATES

### Eckington Civic Centre

Date	Time		
3rd January	10.00am	to	11.00 am
7 February	10.00 am	to	11.00 am
7 March	10.00 am	to	11.00 am

### Green Lawns Community Centre

17 January	11.00 am	to	12.00 noon
14 March	11.00 am	to	12.00 noon

### Ridgeway Village Hall

14 February	11.00 am	to	12.00 noon
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