



ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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CHAIRS REPORT 2016/17

The last year has been a very busy one for your Parish Council moving from a position of consolidation to a proactive and determined stance that has seen investment into the life and future of our Community. Using organisational skills which we had on board Councillors and Officers alike have forged links with many groups in our community to bring about change and investment. Many of you will have noticed material differences within the town which, with further additions, we hope will give characterisation and make our community more attractive to outside investors bringing services and infrastructure which we badly need.

The Civic Centre has itself undergone some considerable change and it is no small thanks to all involved in working for the Parish that the changes have come about. The Civic has successfully become a venue for theatre, film, live music and wicked nights of disco. Already the night time economy of Eckington is beginning to change for the better and we hope that by bringing entertainment to suit all in the Parish, during the day as well as the evenings, we will bring about a new optimism for the future. The Civic is now equipped for weddings and receptions and we feel very proud of what's been achieved in such a short time not forgetting the core business of the Parish Council administering to and supporting our communities within the Parish Boundary.

Ridgeway continues to receive help with their blooms and baskets and the village is a credit to those who work so hard. It cannot have gone unnoticed that Marsh Lane and Troway have received unconditional support for their local stance on Shale Gas Extraction. The Parish has been active in insuring that the Community Hall in Renishaw continues to serve its local Community and I am pleased to say it is now receiving many bookings. Marsh Lane Community Hall committee have our thanks for working so tirelessly and so successfully during the past year.

The Council now has its own web and Facebook page which is constantly updated with Parish news and announcements from partners, and other organisations. Please feel free to check out our notice boards and the opening hours of the Parish office as our venues become more accessible to all parishioners.

I have to thank all the Parish work force for putting so much effort into the last twelve months and I know that the next twelve months will be just as eventful. I would like to take the opportunity to thank Councillors for making some of the difficult decisions to bring these things about and for the contribution of staff members in supporting the way forward.

Cllr Brian Ridgway



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Grants 2016/2017

April	Freedom Community Project	100
	Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centres	1000
May		
June	Rainbows Playgroup	70
	Police & Crime Commissioner (youth programme)	1000
July		
August		
September	NEDDC - Chairman's Charity Fund	50
	St Matthew's Church WW1 Group	100
October	Oaks Community Church	50
	Marsh Lane TARA	50
	Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	100
November	Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice	20
December	Eckington Town Team	275
January	Eckington Town Team (hall hire)	200
February		
March	Eckington Festival Committee	1100
	Ridgeway Village in Bloom	100
	Total for year	4215



Parish Grants

Recent grants include: Summer Festival to help with the organising of the event in July 2017 (pictured) and Ridgeway in Bloom to help with their 2017/2018 programme.

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

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 Parish Council's Action Plan 2017/2018

Budget and Precept

Eckington Parish Council has agreed its budget and precept of £259,950 plus a support grant of £29,779 for the financial year 2017/2018.

Overall it is anticipated that income in 2017/2018 will be slightly higher than in 2016/2017.

Expenditure in 2017/2018 will continue to be carefully managed and steps will be taken to try to reduce the running costs and increase the revenue at the Civic Centre.

Main Priorities

1 Continuous Service Improvement

In 2015/2016 the Parish Council committed to work towards Local Council Award Scheme accreditation and approved a Digital Strategy. The Council will continue to pursue actions which improve the quality of, and access to, our services for the benefit of the residents of the Parish.

2 Eckington Civic Centre

In 2015/2016 the Parish Council approved plans to enhance the Civic Centre in order to contribute to the regeneration of Eckington Town Centre. Stages 1-3 of the renovation project were completed in time for the Open Day held on 21 April 2017. Funding has been applied for from Viridor Credits for the installation of solar panels and a new LED lighting system. Funding has been applied for from the BNED LEADER fund for improvements to the disabled toilets, artistes' room and back office, a new audio and lighting system for the main hall and annexe, an e-booking system and card payment system.

Update on Staveley Lane Planning Application

An outline application was approved in August 2014 for the development of 90 houses on an area of land accessed off Staveley Lane. Three applications have been received recently which if approved would allow the development to go ahead. The reserved matters application was considered and approved by the NEDDC Planning Committee in May.

3 Community Engagement

In 2017/2018 the Parish Council intends to improve its connection with its communities. A Parish Office has been created and this is open to members of the public 9am until 12 noon on a Wednesday.

Continuing Provision

The Parish Council's continuing provision includes:

1 Support for the Management Committees of the Community Halls at Marsh Lane and Renishaw and Spinkhill

2 Allotments

3 Cemetery

4 Market

5 Play Areas

6 Grant Scheme and Special Projects

There will be no reduction in service or provision in 2017/18.

Update on Fracking

Meetings continue to take place with INEOS holding another public consultation on 6 April and Eckington Against Fracking invited all local councillors to a meeting on 13 April. The planning application (CM4/0517/10) has now been received by Derbyshire County Council

The proposal is to create an exploratory well on the Bramblemoor Lane site including use of associated equipment, erecting temporary site cabins and creating car parking and vehicle access for a period of up to five years. Drilling is proposed to take place for approximately 10 weeks, 24 hours a day. At other times, work would take place between 7am and 7pm, Monday to Friday and 7am and 1pm on Saturdays, with no working on Sundays or Bank holidays. At its peak during the well and rig installation there would be a maximum of 30 HGV and smaller vehicles visiting the site each day. Further details can be found at derbyshire.gov.uk

COMMUNITY ALLOTMENTS IN ECKINGTON PARISH

Eckington Parish Council is looking for local groups who would like to run a Community Allotment. Community Allotments are run by volunteers to benefit local people and can provide improved physical and mental wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities. The benefits of gardening, green spaces and outdoor activity are well known, from older people and dementia sufferers to children discovering where food really comes from. Studies have shown that just 30 minutes of gardening every week improves mental health.

If you are involved in a community group, or work with people who may benefit from a Community Allotment and are interested in the idea of an allotment, contact the clerk at clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk or ring Roz on 07715 668815. You can find details of our allotments on the Parish Council website www.eckington-pc.gov.uk.



Eckington Parish Open Day

On Friday 21st April 2017, Eckington Civic Centre opened its doors to showcase the recent improvements. Local groups, charities and organisations were given the opportunity to raise funds and promote their activities. We also worked in partnership with Eckington Library, who provided story and rhyme sessions, a children's treasure hunt and a quiz for the adults about the buildings in the town centre.



The wedding suite, sponsored by local supplier 'You Can Hire' was dressed to impress.



Police and Crime Commissioner for Derbyshire, Hardyal Dhindsa cut the ribbon at a ceremony to welcome two decorative arches in the town centre (Pictured with Brian Ridgway, Parish Council Chairperson).



Eckington Civic Centre

Forthcoming Events

NEW Tuesday 9 May 1.30pm -3.30pm Kurling Sessions £2 (suitable for all ages and abilities) help available. No need to book.

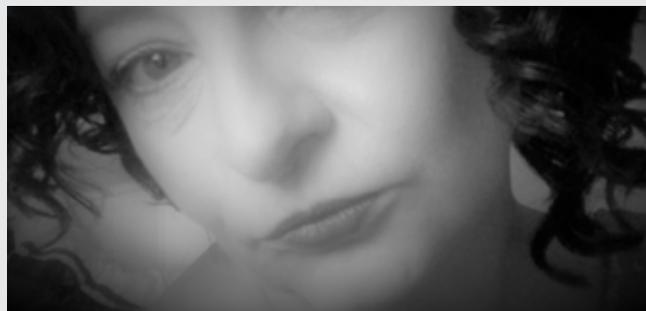
Tuesday 6 June 10.30am – 12.30pm FREE five week cooking course Provided by Rykneld Homes. There is such a thing as a FREE lunch the catch is you will be doing the cooking. No need to book.

Friday 14 July Friday 14 July Toby B and Ray playing Soul & Motown all on vinyl £5 doors open 7.30pm

Saturday 29 July DiVA - A new play by a Belper writer

The story revolves around Virginia Wilson, who, in 1960 and at the age of twenty went to Hollywood. All Virginia had was a handful of dreams and £20. In Los Angeles she found stardom in movies and television, huge wealth, eight husbands and a lifestyle beyond imagination. Now, defrauded by her latest husband and short of funds, Virginia has to return to England to work. On the first day of rehearsals a telephone call turns her world upside down.

Director Fliss Goldsmith said, "Great script, a great cast who are brave and talented and one or two surprises. It all makes for a great night out."



Friday 4 August Paul Taylor performing live Country Music doors open at 7.30pm Raising funds for Eckington Against Fracking

Saturday 5 August 12pm – 3pm Childrens Disco £5

Weekly Activities

Monday 7pm — 10.15pm Modern & Old Time Dance evening £3

Tuesday 11am — 12 noon - Yoga Class

Wednesday 12.30pm — Over 60s Club 3 course lunch, raffle and bingo (Parish Residents)

Thursday 12.30pm — Luncheon Club (everyone welcome)

Have something to Celebrate! Book a party at the recently renovated Eckington Civic Centre, lovely food and great people. Large hall and smaller room available for hire.

For further information or to make a booking contact:

Eckington Civic Centre

Tel: 01246 432770 Email: marketing@eckington-pc.gov.uk

RESULTS OF DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2017

Eckington and Killamarsh Ward - Turnout 28.68%

Candidate	Party	Votes	Elected
BLUNDELL James Anthony	Liberal Democrats	427	
CHARLES Diane Winifred Evelyn	Labour Party	2360	Elected
GOMEZ REANEY Cristian	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	503	
KENYON Jeremy Alan	Conservative Party Candidate	2109	
LEVICK Carmen	Liberal Democrats	368	
MOLLOY Beverley	UK Independence Party (UKIP)	359	
RIDGWAY Brian	Labour Party	2286	Elected
WELTON Richard David George	Conservative Party Candidate	1883	



Back to Full Strength Again

In April the Parish Council co-opted Esther Fisher onto the Council to fill the vacancy in the Eckington South ward. Esther works for Citizens Advice in Chesterfield and brings a wealth of experience in campaigning and activism.

Eckington Summer Festival

July 2017 - 10.00pm 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.

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 on Twitter @eckingtonfest

Eckington Parish Council at the Summer Festival

The Parish Council will be back again this year at the Summer Festival. Come and see what we have been doing over the last year and help us 'Name the Rooms'. Our refurbishment of the Civic Centre is well underway and we are now considering giving the 2 function rooms a name instead of referring to them as the Main Hall and the Small Hall. We have trawled the local history books and come up with some suggestions. Give us your vote to name the rooms by popular choice.

Police Surgeries

23 June 2017

5:00pm-6:00pm

Eckington Library, Market Street

For further details visit

<http://www.derbyshire.police.uk/My-Local-Police/North-Division/North-East-LPU/Eckington/Eckington.aspx>

Eckington/Eckington.aspx

For details of crime figures visit www.police.uk

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 July
Saturday 5th August
Saturday 2nd July

Green Lawns Community Centre
11.00 am to 12.00 noon

Saturday 8th July

Ridgway Sports and Social Club'
11.00 am to 12.00 noon
Saturday 9th September

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