



# ECKINGTON PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## News from the Parish Council



The last few months have seen some changes at the Parish Council.

Firstly, we welcome Cllr Jeremy Kenyon to the Council as a representative for Eckington North. Jeremy (pictured) was successful in the by-election held in September.

As many of the regular users of the Eckington Civic Centre will know we said goodbye to Kath Barker (pictured) who has been working for

us as Cook and Centre Manager for many years. We wish Kath all the best for the future.



## Passing of Jack Dargue

Eckington Parish Council mourns the passing of ex Cllr Jack Dargue who died in August 2018.

Jack served the people of Eckington for many years as a Parish and District Councillor. After doing his time with the Sherwood Foresters he went onto work on the railways in the local signal boxes. On joining the Parish and District Council (he chaired both) he worked tirelessly for many years to support the local communities in which he lived.



Supported by Cllr Ridgway, Jack spearheaded the original Eckington Regeneration Project which saw the formation of Eckington Business Centres 1 & 2. Dozens of businesses in Eckington Centre benefit from his foresight and leadership. The Southgate town centre of houses, shops and businesses are part of his legacy and without Jack they would not be the Civic Centre which serves the Community in so many different ways.

A man of few words but great integrity. Thank you Jack.

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## Where can I find a Parish Newsletter?

Newsletters are delivered with the Doorsteppa to most households in the Parish. In other areas the newsletter is delivered by volunteers. Newsletters are also available in a range of shops, pubs and community centres throughout the Parish.

# Christmas Tree Festival 11th to 16th December 2018

Following on from the success of last year's Christmas Tree Festival at St Peter and St Pauls Church, the event is to be held again between 11th and the 16th December 2018.

Last year there were twenty four trees representing many local groups. If you would like to decorate your own tree and provide some information about your group to those who visit the Church contact Reverend Andrew Walker 01246 432196



## 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 07802724972

*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 Parish Council will again be running the grit project whereby free grit salt, 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 Ros Bullimore 07715668815 or Jane Marsh on 07802724972 ASAP.

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## Natural Eckington Calendar 2019

The Council received over 100 entries showing just how beautiful and interesting our local area is. A public vote to select the twelve winning entries took place online and in the library in September. The three winners attended a Council meeting in November to receive their prizes.

The winning photograph, 1st Reflections Ford Pond by Mick Tennant, is pictured here.

It will make a perfect gift for Christmas.

On sale now £5 with all profits going towards local charities.

Copies available at Eckington Library, the Business Centre and at the Civic Centre



# Update on Fracking

The Parish Council has stood out against shale gas exploration and the exploratory drilling planning application at Bramley Moor Lane, Marsh Lane. The Parish Council has also submitted its objection to Government which would see shale gas exploration given permitted development rights and allowing companies to drill exploratory drills without having to submit a planning application.

Eckington Against Fracking has issued the following information

**“On 16 August 2018 the Planning Inspector granted INEOS planning permission to sink an exploratory well to search for shale gas with a view to extract gas through hydraulic fracturing at Marsh Lane.**

Despite arguments from Eckington Against Fracking and Derbyshire County Council that there would be too much night time noise, large increases in traffic and unacceptable impacts on the green belt the Inspector found that harm to the local communities would be outweighed by

the benefits to the economy and energy supply. Throughout the inquiry we were not allowed to talk about fracking as this is just an exploratory well; yet to extract any gas more wells would be drilled and fracked, the effects to the community of this was not taken into account.

The permission allows INEOS to build a well pad and drill for 3 months to test the shale. Should they find what they want they will seek permission to drill horizontally and frack, probably on the same site within 5 years. They hope that this will lead to many more well pads and hundreds more wells in our area but we are determined to stop them.

We expect that nothing will be happening on site for at least 6 to 12 months until planning conditions have been met.” [www.eckingtonagainstfracking.com](http://www.eckingtonagainstfracking.com)

**Eckington Against Fracking meet at 7.30 pm on the 1st Thursday of each month at Eckington Miners Welfare Club, Pipeyard Lane, S21 4FA.**

## Marsh Lane War Memorial

The Parish Council has been concerned for some time about the condition of the Marsh Lane War Memorial.

Over time the names of the fallen have become eroded and we are in danger of losing this fragment of history. The Council has endeavoured to find a company that can restore this lasting memorial, but it has not been easy. We now hope that we can start the work although this will not be completed in time for the 100th anniversary of the WWI Armistice.

We will include an update in our next edition in the New Year.



# Parish Council Grants July to October 2018

## The Council agreed the following assistance to local groups

### July 2018

- to underwrite the costs of the Natural Eckington Calendar
- to water the planters at the gateway to the villages on behalf of Eckington Town Team



### September 2018

- to award £100 to St Matthews Church as match funding towards the cost of converting the winding mechanism on the church to clock to an automatic system
- to buy sports equipment for use by the Eckingtonian Social Club. The equipment will also be available for all community groups in the parish



- to fund the hire of the Civic Centre for the Eckington Town Team Christmas event

### October 2018

- to award £200 to the 209th Ridgway Guides towards the cost of an international trip to Switzerland to visit the Guide World Centre



- to fund the hire of the Civic Centre for children's Christmas Party organised by Eckington Children's Centre

**“We have had a great summer at the Youth Group, we attend Sheffield pride in July which was amazing, holding our newly created youth group banner we got the opportunity to march alongside other lgbt groups from Sheffield.**

We have also managed to secure some more essential funding for our activities to continue, one of which is to be a trip to Manchester with a meal in China town- as requested by the group members.

If you know a young person who is questioning their sexuality, gender or simply out and proud then please get them get in touch, we would love some new members”

Contact Esther Fisher on 07474228303 or Jonathan Flower from the Eckington MAT team.



# Eckington brownies raise funds for RSPCA

Earlier this year Eckington Brownies held a bingo night and raffle to raise funds for the RSPCA Animal Centre in Chesterfield. They raised £200 towards the renovation of the shelter and as a special thank you, were given a VIP tour of the facility (see attached photo). The fundraising was part of a friend to animals badge that also saw girls raise funds for and find out about the work of Guide Dogs for the Blind as well as learn how to take care of pets.

We have twenty girls in the group and a waiting list of girls wanting to join. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, either on a weekly basis or sharing a particular skill, we would love to hear from you. [Eckingtonbrownies@yahoo.com](mailto:Eckingtonbrownies@yahoo.com)



## REFUSE COLLECTIONS OVER THE CHRISTMAS and NEW YEAR PERIOD

Please note that there will be no BLACK bin collections over Christmas week (24th to 28th December). There will, however, be three consecutive black bin collections in the New Year. Collection dates over the Christmas/New Year weeks are listed below, but please be aware Burgundy bin collections due on Christmas Day will be collected earlier than usual on Saturday 22nd December

### ECKINGTON : MARSH LANE : RIDGEWAY : SPINKHILL : TROWAY COLLECTION DAY BIN

Saturday 22nd December 2018 : Burgundy bins (brought forward from Christmas Day)  
Wednesday 2nd January 2019 : Black bins  
Tuesday 8th January 2019 : Burgundy and Black bins (extra collection)  
Tuesday 15th January 2019 : Black bins

### RENISHAW COLLECTION DAY BIN

Monday 24th December 2018 : Burgundy bins (normal day)  
Monday 31st December 2018 : Black bins  
Monday 7th January 2019 : Burgundy and Black bins (extra collection)  
Monday 14th January 2019 : Black bins



# ELECTIONS 2019

On 2 May 2019 there will be elections for Eckington Parish Council and for North East Derbyshire District Council.

To be eligible to vote in these elections, or in any other election or referendum, you must be included on the electoral roll. You can register at [www.gov.uk/register-to-vote](http://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote)

Anyone included in the Register of Electors can apply for a Postal Vote.

You can apply for a Proxy vote if you are unable to get to your polling station on election day (a proxy is someone who votes on your behalf).

If you are not sure whether you are registered, you can check by contacting Electoral Services at [elections@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:elections@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk) or 01246 217068 or 217069. If you would like to apply for a postal vote or a proxy vote the forms can be downloaded

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

**DON'T LOSE IT**



## Parish Council Meetings

**4 December 2018**

**8 January 2019**

**5 February 2019**

**5 March 2019**

7.00 pm in Eckington Civic Centre

Members of the public are welcome to attend and 15 minutes is allocated at the beginning of the meeting for residents to raise matters with the council.

Council and Committee Agendas and Minutes can be found on the Parish website.



# Environmental Enforcement

The NEDDC environmental enforcement team were in the town centre on 5 October and have served 3 fixed penalties (£80) for littering this morning in Eckington. The team will be back.



Festive Season is upon us come and join us for Christmas lunch with Bingo and live guitar vocalist Steve Gray singing songs from the Rock and Roll years Wednesday 19th December

Soup and a bread roll, Turkey with all the trimmings, Christmas pudding or Gateaux followed with tea/coffee mints and a warm mince pie £12.50

**Bookings recommended**

## Councillors' Surgeries

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

### Eckington Library

10.00 am to 11.00 am  
Saturday 1st December  
Saturday 5th January  
Saturday 2nd February  
Saturday 2nd March

### Marsh Lane Green Lawns Community Centre

11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Saturday 5th January  
Saturday 16th March

### Ridgeway Sports and Social Club

11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Saturday 9th February  
Saturday 6th April

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.

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## Parish Councillors

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# Events at Eckington Civic Centre



**Breakfast with Santa and cookie decorating with Mrs Claus**

**Saturday 22nd December 9:30am-12pm**

£10 per child - including gift

Advanced tickets only for this event

## New Years Eve Party

**Monday 31st December**

**7.30pm-till late**

£20 per person including buffet



## Music Masters Cabaret Night

**Friday 8th February 7.30pm**

£12.50 per person, with optional pie and peas dinner at the interval £6.50 per person



## Weekly events also not to be missed!

Mondays 7pm Modern and Old Time Dance social event

Tuesdays 10:30am-12:30pm Curling suitable for all abilities

Tuesdays 7pm-10:30pm Boogie Nightz Jive, learn to Jive with instructors, no partner required

Wednesdays 12:30pm Parish residents over 60's lunch, raffle and bingo

Thursdays 12:30pm Luncheon club open to all with raffle and bingo

**Don't forget the newly refurbished Civic Centre is also available to hire for parties, weddings, christenings, corporate events, proms and much more! with 2 rooms, fully functioning kitchen and a licensed bar we have everything you need!**

ALL THIS AND MORE AT ECKINGTON CIVIC CENTRE! POP DOWN TO SEE WHAT OTHER EVENTS WE HAVE COMING UP OR FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

**[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ECKINGTONCIVICCENTRE](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/ECKINGTONCIVICCENTRE)**