



# ECKINGTON PARISH Newsletter

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## Celebrate Christmas in the Parish

The Parish Council, Eckington Town Team and the FOCUS Group are organising a series of events in the Parish in December. Here are a selection and we hope many of you will join in the celebrations.

**Eckington Town Team's Christmas Event from 12 noon on Friday 9th December**

Craft and Gift Fair in the Eckington Civic Centre with a variety of stalls. Refreshments available. Raffle tickets will also be on sale on Saturday 3rd December in the Co-op on Pinfold Street by kind permission of Central England Cooperative Society and the Manager, and in various shops throughout November and early December.

On the precinct and on Southgate there will be many more stalls, children's rides and other entertainment. The first of the main Street Entertainers will start their show at 5.15pm with two further performances and a DJ will keep everyone informed of what's happening where during the evening. Once again the Woodhouse Prize Band will play a selection of seasonal music under the big tree.

Please note there will be road closures from 2.30pm to 9pm which will make the town centre a safe environment for everyone.

**Eckington Focus Group Fridays and Saturdays in December**

Santa's Grotto included in the events in the Library Garden. Ask in the Library for more details.

**Eckington Parish Council**



### 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*

## Launch of the New Parish Logo

Following a design competition amongst local schoolchildren the Parish Council has chosen a new logo which is now featured in this newsletter. Over 300 entries were received and the winner of the competition was Georgia Witham who is in Year 11 at Eckington School. Georgia's entry was considered to be of a simple form but representative of the natural landscape within the Parish.

## Parish Grants

Several grants have recently been presented to local groups for activities in the parish. These include: Rainbows Playgroup (£70 - top); NEDDC Chair's Charity (£50); St Matthew's Church WW1 Group (£100); Derbyshire Police - summer activity scheme for young people (£1000); Acorns Toddler Group (£50 - bottom right); Marsh Lane TARA (£50 - bottom left).

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](mailto:clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk)



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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

# Dog and Grit Bins

The Parish Council receives numerous requests each year to provide additional dog and grit bins. The Parish Council has recently adopted a new street furniture policy which includes the provision of these bins. The policy can be found on the Parish Council website

## Dog Fouling

The Parish Council fund the provision of dog bins in the parish and pay for them to be emptied. If a dog bin is full or not available please use any litter bin to dispose of the waste or take the waste home and put in your black bin.

We all know that dogs can't read and it is irresponsible dog owners who spoil our pavements and footpaths. Not only that, our health can be endangered. Dog faeces carry harmful infections such as Toxocariasis which is a potentially serious infection caught through contact with soil or sand contaminated with faeces. This condition is mainly found in children between 18 months and five years and is often contracted in children's play areas and on the streets. Symptoms include eye disorders, aches, dizziness, nausea, asthma and epileptic fits.

If you see a dog owner who doesn't clean up after their dog, please contact North East Derbyshire District Council. Details that NEDDC need to know include: the name and address of the person in charge of the dog; a description of the dog; details of the date, time and place. Don't worry if you don't have all these details, but the more information you can give the more likely it is that action can be taken.

Contact NEDDC with the details as soon as possible, all information is dealt with in the strictest confidence and personal details will not be released to the offender. NEDDC will contact you to discuss your complaint and will keep you informed of what action we intend to take.

**Don't Stand For It - Report Dog Fouling online!**

## Macmillan Coffee Morning

Eckington Civic Centre hosted a Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning on 30th September. The event was a huge success with an astonishing total of £640 raised for Macmillan Cancer Support. Children volunteered from Eckington Junior School with donations of baked goods from staff, teachers and parents. They were a delight with comments from attendees such as "Polite, enthusiastic and cheerful".

Eckington Town Team volunteers sold home baked goods alongside EPC Councillors Austen and Ridgway. Attendees were very interested in finding out the recipes of Councillor Ridgway's scrumptious sugar free and vegan cake! (See recipe on Page 4)

The raffle was so successful that we ran out of tickets! Many thanks to all those who donated prizes. Big thanks also to Kemp's Crafty Bakery who donated a large box of their special goods!

Thank you to all those who came along to show their support as well as the EPC and Civic Centre staff for all their hard work. We hope to see you all again next year!"



**Yuk! dog fouling – Derbyshire County Council Campaign. Help to keep your area free of dog mess.**



You can display one of our weather-proof Yuk! signs. They can be attached to gates, fences, or displayed in a window.

The signs act as a reminder to the small amount of irresponsible dog owners to think of the health risks if they don't clear up after their pets.

Pick one up from any library or complete the form and we'll post a sign out to you. [https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/dog\\_fouling/default.asp](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/environment/dog_fouling/default.asp)

## Grit Bins

Grit Bins are provided throughout the Parish by the Parish Council and Derbyshire County Council. The grit provided is for use on the public highway only and NOT for private use.

More details can be found on the Parish's or County Council's website or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 07715668815 or [clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk)

## Eckington Town Centre £10K project

The purpose of the Parish Council's £10K project is to help revitalise Eckington Town Centre into becoming once more a thriving and successful shopping experience.

The first stage of this project has now been completed with the erection of two decorative arches. They have been positioned at the top and bottom of Northgate (Bus Station to Town Centre). The arch at the bus station end of Northgate will help to create a visible sighting from the road and make the passing traffic flow and pedestrians aware that this area is now an entrance to our market town. It will offer an attractive walkway down Northgate into the town area and our aim is eventually to turn this area into an attractive park where residents of Eckington can relax and pass the time of day. The other arch is positioned between Peak Pharmacy and William Hills. This will be of similar design but will incorporate a Town Clock

We have a long way to go but we must start somewhere to regenerate and attract more trade into our Town Centre.

**Cllr Sam Beecher**

## 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 project whereby a 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 Jane Marsh on 07802724972 ASAP.**

*This project is funded by Eckington Parish Council*

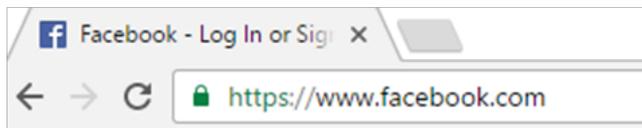
# ECKINGTON PARISH COUNCIL ON FACEBOOK

The Parish Council now has a Facebook presence. Visit us on <https://www.facebook.com/Eckington-Parish-Council-234923580230485/> or go onto the Facebook website and type "Eckington Parish Council".

Facebook is an online social network that helps you connect with family, friends, work colleagues and other acquaintances, wherever they are in the world – for free! You can share status updates, photos, videos as well as viewing what your family and friends are up to. If you've never signed up with Facebook before and would like to join for the first time, you can register an account in just a few steps. Facebook is free and always will be, so there will be no hidden costs once you join up.

Not sure what to do? Then follow these steps

## Step 1



Visit the Facebook home page by typing this address into your internet browser [www.Facebook.com](http://www.Facebook.com).

## Step 2

Enter the requested information into the fields. Facebook asks for your first name, last name, e-mail address, a preferred password, your gender and your birthday. Click "Create an Account" when finished.



## POPPY APPEAL LAUNCH IN ECKINGTON

A service was held in Eckington Town Centre on Friday 28 October to launch the 2016 Poppy Appeal.

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Brian Ridgway, opened the event by speaking some wonderful words about the appeal. Councillor Ridgway said "The fact that we are all gathered here in a town centre for one cause is an indication of how we have managed to keep our freedoms and to be thankful for their sacrifices for it." Alongside



Please note that screen information may vary dependent on your mobile device.

## Step 3

Follow the instructions given for the security check

## Step 4

Log in to your e-mail service to automatically find friends on Facebook. You can use Windows Live Hotmail, Yahoo!, AOL or another e-mail service if you choose. You can also skip this step by clicking "Skip this step."

## Step 5

Enter some profile information, such as the school you went to, the place you live and current employer. This is not compulsory however, it will help you find the people you know on Facebook and for them to find you. You can also click "Skip" to bypass this page.

## Step 6

Click "Upload a Photo" to put a photo on your Facebook profile page. Click "Browse" to locate the photo you want to use, and click "Open" to upload it. You can also skip this step by clicking "Skip."

## Step 7

You will now officially have your very own Facebook Profile. You can now do things such as update/post (publish) "Statuses". These are sentences you write/type about things like what you are doing today, where you are going, saying happy birthday to someone or simply asking other Facebook "Friends" a question. Anyone who is your "Friend" on Facebook will be able to see this status. They can also reply to it by "Commenting".

Although this can appear a little daunting at first, you will become a natural user in no time! Millions of people across the globe use this form of social media with millions of users from 13 – 113! So, no excuses, get connecting to people!

If you need additional help with getting on social media, there are several YouTube videos with tutorials that can help you step by step. Simply visit [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and type "Social media tutorials" into the search bar.

Barclays Bank also offer a Golden Eagles service that helps seniors understand social media a little better and learn how to use it to your benefit. Visit [www.barclays.co.uk/DigitalEagles](http://www.barclays.co.uk/DigitalEagles)

## Two of our community halls also have Facebook pages

<https://www.facebook.com/Renishaw-and-Spinkhill-Community-Hall-283807201955817/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Eckington-Civic-Centre-279438735737384>

<https://www.facebook.com/Eckington-Parish-Council-234923580230485/>

the Chairman were several Parish Councillors and staff as well as the Parish Clerk, Rosalind Bullimore.

Organised by Eckington Town Team along with The Royal British Legion Riders Branch, Eckington Parish Council applauds and supports their efforts to raise money and awareness for this worthy organisation.

Big thanks to the large turnout that came along to support the launch. Let's we forget.



## DATE AND WALNUT CAKE FOR DIABETICS AND VEGANS/VEGETARIANS

155gms dates  
55gms walnuts  
120gms raisins  
85gms margarine (vegan)  
185gms wholewheat flour  
Teaspoon of nutmeg  
Teaspoon cinnamon  
125mls water  
Teaspoon baking soda



Place dates and raisins into a bowl adding margarine and cook in microwave for approximately 3-4 minutes on highest heat till dates and raisins soft.

In a separate bowl add all your other dry ingredients including chopped walnuts.

Mix in the dates, raisins, water etc until all the flour has been absorbed by the liquid.

Place in a greased loaf tin. Cook on gas mark 4 (350/180) for approximately 45 minutes.

Check it's cooked around the 30 minute mark by putting a skewer in the middle of the cake and if it comes out clean then the cake is cooked.

Hope you all enjoy this as much as we do. Cllr Jacqueline Ridgway

## 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 3rd December  
Saturday 7th January  
Saturday 4th February  
Saturday 4th March

### Green Lawns Community Centre

11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
January - TBC see noticeboard for details

### Ridgeway Village Hall

11.00 am to 12.00 noon  
Saturday 3rd December  
February - TBC see noticeboard for details

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## Vacancy for a Parish Councillor

At the October Parish Council meeting the Council received and accepted a letter of resignation from Darren Herring. We would like to thank Darren for his work as a Parish councillor and wish him well in the future.

We now have a vacancy for a Parish Councillor in the Eckington South ward. This vacancy will be filled by co-option to be considered at the January or February meeting.

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

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