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# **Epwell Parish Council Meeting – 13th January 2025**

These are notes only. For full details, please see EPC board and village website.

## **PROVISIONAL DATES FOR MEETINGS THIS YEAR:**

March 24th, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, September 8<sup>th</sup>, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

(All meetings are on Monday, apart from May, when the two Bank Holidays complicate things).

One member of the public attended.

**Public participation:** Village website. Currently the website has 3 administrators and it was suggested that one of them should be a member of EPC. This will be sorted accordingly

**Collapsed corner of building opposite village hall:** There have been concerns voiced over the stability of the corner of the barn. Highways came out and stabilised the building, and put barriers and warning signs around the area. The electricity wires have also been sheathed. This is all in preparation for repair work, which will take place in two or three weeks, once the weather improves.

## **Highways:**

- Flooding down by the green. Thames Water have carried out a repair on a pipe that was cracked by Voneus.
- The second flooding has yet to be sorted – investigations are ongoing.
- A new 'grip' has been created down by the Mill to alleviate flooding at the corner.
- EPC would like to encourage people to report potholes on Fixmystreet.com. It does get results.
- A resident has offered to spread salt in the village. The correct salt will have to be purchased.
- Silver birch. OCC to be contacted about concerns as to the siting of this tree, which they planted.
- The Thames valley sewage pump failed in the recent rain, but has now been fixed.
- The stream on Cranes Farm lower field has now been cleared, which should help the water flow more easily.

**Defibrillator/CPR training:** There have been requests for training to show how the village defib works. EPC is arranging an evening in February: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> in the village hall, 7 – 9pm. Please contact Nicola Rudge if you would like to come along as we need to have an idea of numbers. The training will be done by Andrew McEwan from Shutford. He has already run courses in 3 local villages and is keen to cover more areas.

**Advance notice:** The Annual Parish meeting will be on Thursday May 15<sup>th</sup>. This is not a parish council meeting; it is a chance for village organisations to give an update on their status and progress. Everyone in the village is invited to attend – you never know, you might learn something new about your village!

## Epwell Village Hall News.

Happy 2025 from Team EVH!

We have not yet started planning our events for the year, but would like to remind you about the monthly Whist get togethers, usually on Tuesday evenings. A fun evening to get together with friends and maybe learn a new skill. The regular monthly coffee mornings continue this year, kindly organised by Allison. Any profits go to a chosen charity, as agreed by those who attend.

Also, it is that time again. Yes, the Six Nations is back! As before, the hall will be open if anyone wants to come and watch on the big screen. In the past, people have only wanted to see the England games, so those are the ones we will be showing. If anyone wants to watch any of the other matches in the hall, please contact Donna or Vic.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February: Ireland V England.

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February: England V France.

Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: England V Scotland

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March: England v Italy

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Wales V England.

The times are yet to be confirmed, but will usually be around 16.45pm.

The charge will be £5.00, as before.

Crisps/chocolate available for £1.

Please bring your own drinks, glasses will be provided.

PS: If you do take bottles along, please take them all home with you. Glass is not collected from the village, so any bottles left behind have to be taken to the tip by someone.

KEEP A LOOK OUT FOR FLYERS, POSTERS, AND NOTICES ON THE EPWELL EXCHANGE FOR UP-AND-COMING EVH EVENTS.

## **DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING EVENING.**

**Arranged by Epwell Parish Council.**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February, 7pm to 9pm at the Village Hall.**

**Come along and learn how to access the de-flib and how to use it in an emergency.**

**The more people who know, the safer we will all be.**

**Please let Nicola know if you plan to attend, as we need to know numbers and space is limited. If necessary, we can do two evenings.  
([nicola.rudge@icloud.com](mailto:nicola.rudge@icloud.com))**

## **ST. ANNE'S CHURCH NOTES**

### **Epwell and Wykeham Benefice services for February and March 2025**

#### **February**

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Benefice service at <b>Sibford</b>
Sunday 9th	10.30am	All Age Family service
Sunday 16th	9.45am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	9.45am	Holy Communion

#### **March**

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Benefice service at <b>Shutford</b>
Wed 5th	10.00am	Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes (Ash Wednesday)
Sunday 9th	10.30am	All Age Family service
Sunday 16th	9.45am	Holy Communion
Sunday 23rd	9.45am	Holy Communion
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Mother 's Day service

#### **April**

Sunday 6th	10.30am	All Age Family service
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In addition to Sunday services, Morning prayers take place on Mondays 9am for c. 20 minutes in the beautiful side chapel. Holy Communion is every Wednesday at 10am with the Rector. Please check in the weekly pew sheet in the church, or on the notice board at the church gate, for up to date news on all services.

Although it seems an age ago now, thank you to all those who came to support us at the Christmas Fair in the church back in November. Thanks to everyone's generosity we raised £1000 for St Annes.

As a change to the traditional Nativity, Service on Christmas Eve Dawn entertained us with a unique mixture of readings, poems and sketches to celebrate the season. Calling on the talents of villagers young and old with the traditional carols, accompanied by Andrew and Anna on their violins whilst setting the crib scene, it was a lovely evening and made everyone feel ready for Christmas.

#### **Mothering Sunday**

This year the Mother's Day service will be held on Sunday 30th March at 10.30am; everyone is most welcome and there will be refreshments following the service.

## EPWELL WALKING GROUP

At 10.30 for an hour or two on the last Monday of each month we gather at the Village Hall for a walk around the surrounding area. We gauge time, speed and distance by agreement and according to who comes along. Many of us also have an ache or may not have the time to go too far!

Please bring good footwear: sticks are sometimes helpful. Dogs are welcome but may need to be on leads and we need to be aware of where cattle and sheep are grazing.

Any enquiries please call Allison Pollard. 01295 788529

**Dates for 2025:** 24 February, 31 March, 28 April, 26 May, 30 June, 28 July, 25 August Bank Holiday TBC, 29 September, 27 October, 24 November, 29 December TBC.



### Epwell Village Hall Hire Charges 2024

Category	Per Hour		1/2 day or Evening		Full Day	
	NR	ER	NR	ER	NR	ER
<b>ER-Epwell Residents. NR-Non Residents</b>						
<b>Main Hall - Use of other Facilities</b>						
Private Individual	£8.00	£6.00	£25.00	£20.00	£50.00	£40.00
Celebrations, Parties, Weddings, Funerals	£10.00	£8.00	£30.00	£25.00	£60.00	£50.00
Business Hire	£12.00	£10.00	£40.00	£30.00	£80.00	£60.00
<b>Main Hall - No other Facilities</b>						
Standard - Regular Users	£7.00	£5.00	£22.50	£17.50	£45.00	£35.00
Private Individual	£7.50	£6.00	£25.00	£20.00	£50.00	£40.00
Meeting Rooms - Use of other Facilities	£6.00	£5.00	£22.50	£20.00	£45.00	£40.00
Meeting Rooms - No other Facilities	£5.00	£4.00	£20.00	£16.00	£40.00	£30.00
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* Access to Hall for preparation or just use of Toilets can be agreed						
* Special terms can be agreed for Charitable Event use of the Hall						
* Any damage to Hall, Fixtures, Fittings or Equipment must be paid for						
<b>Visiting Shows, Exhibitions etc</b>						
Amateur	£10.00		£40.00		£64.00	
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## **Epwell Trust**

The Epwell Trust administers 11.4 acres of land which is rented out in two agricultural tenancies. The rental from the tenancies provides monies to be used, should help be necessary for Epwell and its residents.

If anyone knows of a situation where help for a resident may be needed, then please contact any member of the Trust listed below. All conversations will be held in the strictest confidence.

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## The Village Website <https://epwell.com/>

The village website has been completely revised, with a home page for news plus a feed from the Village Facebook page, later sections on village organisations and activities, a diary of local events, a section on parish council matters, useful information on services and businesses, an on line version of the Epwell Echo and a history of the village.

Do have a look and if you wish send comments and suggestions by email to [editor@epwell.com](mailto:editor@epwell.com)

## **Epwell Village Assistance - EVA**

Set up to help out where needed. If you need help, please contact any member of the parish council.

If you would like to offer help, please contact:

**Gavin Lloyd Thomas** [gavinlthomas.glt@googlemail.com](mailto:gavinlthomas.glt@googlemail.com) 01295 788771

'Something To Look Forward To' Charity fund raising appeal

'Something To Look Forward To' is a charity that benefits people affected by cancer, who are also suffering as a result of loss of income due to their illness. The charity provides positive things to look forward to for these individuals and their families, as a result of gifts or experiences generously donated by companies and individuals.

'Strictly Oxford' supports 'Something to look Forward to' and is a dance competition for complete beginners. Everyone will be learning to dance in just a few weeks and this will culminate in a competition at the Christian Life Centre on the Cowley Road in front of family and friends on March 1st. All couples are raising money for 'Something To Look Forward To'.

This year Marie has volunteered to join the dance competition and has 7 weeks, with her fellow partner, to aim to reach the standard of professional dancers - no pressure then! Luckily she has a background in ballet, tap and classical dance but not ballroom dancing, which is a very different skill.

Wish her luck and dig deep in your pockets for the charity - here is the link to her fund raising page.

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/fundraising/marie-strictly-oxford-2025>.

<https://somethingtolookforwardto.org.uk>

Many thanks for your support Marie.



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## Yarn Hill House — news from old residents

On the 1st of November 2024, sisters Jean Collins & Hazel Robinson came to revisit Yarn Hill House and Cottage with Jean's son, Ivor and daughter in law, Marianne.

They grew up here when it was known as Yarn Hill Farm and included the House and Cottage as well as the Hovel (our barn) and 2 other barns (now houses) along with about 120 acres.

The family came to the farm in 1941 and left in 1961 when Hazel was just 22; she still lives close by in Tysoe.

After more than 60 years since they left, it was great to host them for tea, show them around and hear their stories of what it was like to grow up here. They plan to return when the lavender is out in the summer.

A photo from their visit is below this article.

Peter and Carolyn Koch de Gooreynd



# Chris Smith

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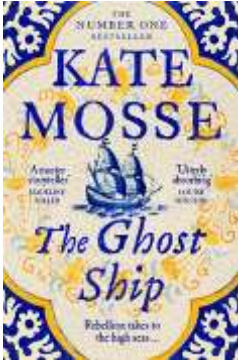


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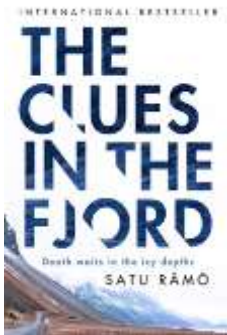
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### The Ghost Ship by Kate Mosse



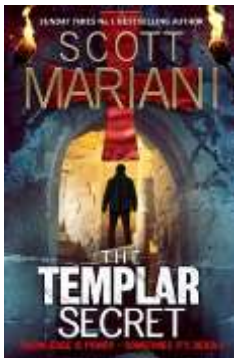
A swashbuckling ride upon the high seas with the latest generation of Mosse's Huguenot family attempting to escape persecution in France. This is the third in the Joubert trilogy and the writing is as precise and exciting as ever. It is a tale of adventure and buccaneering, love and revenge, stolen fortunes, piracy and hidden secrets on the high seas. The surprising heroine fulfils her childhood dream of taking command of a ship, but not just any ship, one that through science applied to look like magic, attacks the slaver vessels along the Barbary coast forcing them to ply their trade elsewhere. Mosse is always meticulous in her research and this novel concerns a time period not often written about. The characters are strong, with dangerous secrets to hide, and the sense of living in France as an outsider adds to the atmosphere and tension in the story.

### The Clues in the Fjord by Sato Ramu



Hildur Rúnarsdóttir is the only detective in the Westfjords, Iceland's most sparsely populated region. Her new partner is Jakob, a police trainee on secondment from Finland, has chosen the remote internship in part to escape his own issues. When what initially appears to be an avalanche victim turns out to have been murdered, the region's reputation as a crime backwater changes. Other bodies turn up, both locally and in the capital Reykjavik and it soon becomes apparent the victims are linked, but how? Family trees become an intrinsic tool for investigators, and even in such a small, close-knit community, there are still surprises around lineage.

### The Templar Secret by Scott Mariani



I remain unsure whether I want to include this book with its guns and battles, wrecked cars and a hero who seems immortal due to his own highly honed skills, but it is a good story. So, suspending disbelief and skipping over the sections where the gun battles or incredible driving skills are described in way too much detail, this book explores the power of religious tensions. The narrative explores why seeing a set of symbols scratched on the wall of a crypt in southern France leads to a car chase resulting in the death of a close friend of the hero Ben Hope. Ben is faced with uncovering a mystery that may strike at the heart of Western civilisation, and which just might be the one secret that could take him down.

Clare Lee

## EPWELL SOCIAL LIFE—2025

In the depths of January, when the cold days and even colder nights grip you with their Jack Frost fingers, it is hard to tear yourselves away from your warm and cosy homes, maybe enjoying interesting programmes on the television, a special stamp collection, knitting or reading. Well, as February and March approach, maybe we can introduce you to a few activities that are currently active in Epwell and also some suggested clubs and ideas that are work in progress. Also not forgetting Allison's walks described on page 6.

### **MARY'S YOGA SESSIONS - EVH - EVERY THURSDAY EVENING 7.00PM TO 8.30PM**

A few of us meet up each week in the EVH where I hold yoga sessions. If anyone would like to join our sessions and is feeling like a good stretch and total relaxation, then do join us. It is suitable for beginners, and it is lighthearted and good value at just £1 per week. This charge is just to cover the cost of the rent of the hall. If you would like to join, please contact me. Mary White on 07500 334 895

### **NIGEL'S WHIST DRIVES**

#### **NORMALLY THE FOURTH TUESDAY OF THE MONTH at 7.00pm**

Nigel has been arranging whist drives in Epwell since April last year and they have been very successful. They are normally on the fourth Tuesday in the month and Nigel also takes a few people to the Long Compton monthly whist drive which is in the middle of the month. It follows that quite a number from Long Compton attend and enjoy the Epwell whist drive as well; this is a real advantage as it means there is a fortnightly whist drive for everyone to enjoy.

The cost is £5.00 for the whist drive and £1.00 per raffle tickets.

Normally there is 5 tables playing, however some times this is extended to 7 tables. Above is a photo of the last whist drive held on the 14th January.



### **Pub Meetings in Shutford run by Christian**

#### **The George and Dragon on the last Thursday of the month at 18:00.**

A group of Epwell friends meet monthly at the George and Dragon in Shutford at 18:00 on the last Thursday on the month. The next meeting is 27th February.

## CHRISTIAN'S EPWELL GARDENING GROUP

**EGG (24th of FEBRUARY, MONDAY at 19.30 for a kick-off meeting).**

Quite a few residents of Epwell have lamented the lack of social interconnection in the village, especially since the Covid years, and these comments remind us of the EGG and how interesting it would be to reignite the group again. EGG used to meet every other month, managed trips to many lovely gardens and heritage houses, organized interesting lectures, flower shows, plant sales, plant exchanges, walks and our amazing once a year Epwell Open Gardens (pictures below).

In this era of computers, iPads, mobile phones, WhatsApp etc, many of us feel that it is important for people to come together face to face. So, maybe using EGG as a meeting point, we can take the opportunity to talk about other activities such as hobbies, art, music, singing, dancing or acting. We could start a wild flower or Epwell embellishment and dig deep into Epwell Archives with Epwell Veterans.

Epwell Village Hall is so convenient, with no need to travel and so many opportunities to extend EGG to embrace other activities.

If you are interested in (re)joining EGG, please come to the Epwell Village Hall, for an informal meeting on the 24th of February, Monday at 19.30 when villagers will be able to join in transforming EGG into an interesting bimonthly meeting. If there is interest to pursue this project, we intend to hold the first, introductory meeting on Monday the 17th of March at 19.30 when enrolment will take place.

It would be helpful to know, in advance, who will attend on the 24th of February.

So please, let me know by emailing [clejeune069@btinternet.com](mailto:clejeune069@btinternet.com) thank you and I hope you will be able to join us.

### **Christian Lejeune**

#### **Previous EGG Activities**

##### **VISITS**

Broughton Grange, Bridewell Therapeutic Garden, Waterperry Gardens, Edgcote Gardens, Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Kiftsgate, Rousham House and Gardens and Highgrove Gardens.

EGG members also visited the garden of David Jones at Farnborough which included a talk of his career relating to gardening. David was the former head gardener of the City of London and a contributor to Gardeners Question time.

##### **TALKS**

Steve Brookes Broadcaster and Author – The Greatest Gardening Tips in the World

Tim Newcombe – Warwickshire Beekeepers Association

Andrew Baxter – Tea Gardens in Edgehill

Alasdair Lowe – Farming and the Environment

##### **EVENTS**

Open Gardens, Flower and Produce Shows, Pop up Café and Plant Sale, Bulb planting round the village of Epwell, Flower Arranging Demonstration by Jo Hawkins and Christmas Wreath making workshop.

The Epwell Gardeners Group also made donations to various Charities



**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNINGS IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
2ND WEDNESDAY 10.30-12.00**



The Coffee Mornings on the second Wednesday each month are a great chance to catch up with friends. The group started post Covid and has now been running for almost three years. There is a much appreciated team who provide regular bakes generously given. Donations are given for a local charity or other charity of particular interest to those who come along. December and January's donations of £46 were given to Katherine House.

We have had occasional visitors who are often staying nearby who have spotted the posters for the event and drop in as a chance to meet people and pick up some local knowledge from us. Recently our local village Police Officer, Jayne Langford, called in as a way of making contact in the village and hopes to come another time to a weekend event where she could make herself known to a wider group. We look forward to seeing you!

Allison Pollard 01295 788529

**Dates:** 12 February, 12 March, 9 April, 11 June, 9 July, 13 August, 10 September, 8 October, 12 November, 10 December.

**New York Salad recipe contributed by Matthew Platt**

Inspired by some fantastic quality pastrami from Tysoe Stores - thick tender slices, nice and pink.

Start with a generous quantity of freshly washed and spun rocket or watercress (or both), seasoned with a pinch of salt and pepper.

Add big chunks of the pastrami, fresh parmesan shavings cut with a potato peeler and blobs of mustard mayonnaise - one part French's American mustard to three parts Hellmans.

Just before serving, top each plate with a freshly poached egg, cutting into the runny yolk completes the dressing and elevates this simple salad to a delicious new level.





EXTRACT FROM THE VILLAGE ARCHIVES — with thanks to Suzanna Kaye, who has shared, on pages 17 and 18, extracts from the first edition of the Epwell Echo in May 1986

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## Parish Council Elections

THREE CANDIDATES FOR FIVE PLACES IN PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION

WHEN NOMINATIONS CLOSED FOR THE ELECTION OF THE NEW PARISH COUNCIL, ONLY THREE NAMES HAD BEEN PUT FORWARD FOR THE FIVE PLACES. THERE WILL THEREFORE BE NO POLL AT EPWELL ON MAY 8TH FOR THE PARISH COUNCIL. THE THREE WHO WILL BE RETURNED UNOPPOSED ARE MRS. CHRISTINE BAKER, MR. ERIC KAYE AND MR. PETER NEAL. MR. KAYE AND MR. NEAL ARE MEMBERS OF THE PRESENT COUNCIL OF WHICH MR. NEAL IS CHAIRMAN. MRS. BAKER WILL BE A NEW COUNCILLOR. A NEW ELECTION WILL BE REQUIRED FOR THE TWO VACANCIES; THE DATE OF THIS WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY; IT IS LIKELY TO BE AT THE END OF JUNE OR IN JULY. EPWELL MUST FIND TWO PEOPLE TO FILL THESE PLACES. ALL RATEPAYERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO STAND. FURTHER DETAILS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM THE CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (MRS. WOODLEY, WHEELURIGHT'S COTTAGE, PHONE SWALCLIFFE 519).

### WHAT THE PARISH COUNCIL DOES

EPWELL HAS ALWAYS BEEN FORTUNATE IN HAVING AN ACTIVE, CARING AND CONSCIENTIOUS PARISH COUNCIL WHICH IS IN EFFECT THE VOICE OF THE VILLAGE AND IS THE BRIDGE BETWEEN VILLAGERS AND THE DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILS. THE PARISH COUNCIL HAS FIVE ELECTED COUNCILLORS AND AN APPOINTED CLERK, AND IT USUALLY MEETS IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON A MONDAY EVENING ABOUT EVERY TWO MONTHS. DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE POST OFFICE AND ON THE NOTICE BOARD ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE. VILLAGERS ARE WELCOMED ALTHOUGH, APART FROM THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING, THEY CANNOT PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE. HOWEVER, EPWELL HAS FOR A LONG TIME ADOPTED AN "OPEN" PERIOD FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION AFTER THE MINUTE BOOK IS COMPLETED. ANY MEMBER OF THE VILLAGE CAN OBVIOUSLY CONSULT A COUNCILLOR PRIOR TO A MEETING IF HE HAS AN ITEM HE WISHES INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. IT IS HOPED IN SUBSEQUENT EDITIONS OF THIS NEWS SHEET TO GIVE DATES AND DETAILS OF MEETINGS AND ITEMS WITH WHICH THE COUNCIL IS DEALING.



### Editorial

EPWELL ECHO HAS BEEN STARTED SO THAT EVERYONE IN EPWELL CAN BE INFORMED OF ALL THE EVENTS WHICH ARE TAKING PLACE IN OUR VILLAGE. IT WILL APPEAR SIX TIMES A YEAR ON 1ST MAY 1ST JULY 1ST SEPT 1ST NOV 1ST JAN 1ST MCH AND WILL BE DELIVERED BEING SPONSORED (AND FINANCED) BY THE EPWELL SOCIETY, THE VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE, RECREATION AREA AND ST. ANNE'S CHURCH. WE HOPE TO SERVE ALL VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS AND TO INCLUDE NEWS OF HAPPENINGS OF GENERAL INTEREST. PLEASE HELP US TO MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER USEFUL AND LIVELY BY SENDING IN MATERIAL AND REPORTS. THESE ARE NEEDED BY THE 15TH OF THE MONTH PRIOR TO PUBLICATION. GRATEFUL THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE HELPED TO PRODUCE THIS FIRST ISSUE. SUGGESTIONS FOR WAYS OF DEVELOPING THE PAPER WILL BE MOST WELCOME.

### Village Hall

GARDENS OPEN



UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF MR. A. FREEMAN, THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ARE AGAIN HOLDING THE "WALK AROUND THE GARDENS OF EPWELL" DAY. DUE TO THE PERSISTENCE OF THE INGLETENT WEATHER THE DATE HAS HAD TO BE DEFERRED. A NEW DATE WILL BE ADVISED SHORTLY. THE GARDENS WILL OPEN FROM 1 TO 5 P.M. REFRESHMENTS AT THE VILLAGE HALL. ENTRANCE FEE FOR VISITORS IS £1 FOR ADULTS, CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE FREE. AS LAST YEAR, FREE VIEWING FOR THOSE RESIDENTS PARTICIPATING WILL BE BETWEEN 10AM AND 1PM. TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS TIME TO VIEW OTHER GARDENS. PROFITS WILL GO TOWARDS THE MAINTENANCE AND UPKEEP OF THE HALL, WHICH IS AVAILABLE FOR HIRE FOR PARTIES, DANCES, MEETINGS AND SIMILAR EVENTS.

### Village Fete Sunday Aug 24th

BOOK THE DATE NOW. EPWELL SOCIETY ARE SPONSORING A CHILDRENS "SCARECROW COMPETITION" - MINIATURE SCARECROWS WILL BE MOUNTED ON SNOW ON THE BANK OF BANKSIDE COTTAGE PRIZES: 1ST £5 2ND £2 3RD £1 (TOKENS)

### Summer Whist Drives

FORTHNIGHTLY AT 7.30 IN THE VILLAGE HALL, MAY 6TH, 20TH JUNE 3RD, 17TH JULY 1ST. ALL WELCOME.



## St Anne's Church

### News

#### SERVICES IN MAY AND JUNE

THESE WILL FOLLOW OUR USUAL PATTERN, WITH SERVICES ON 1ST AND 3RD SUNDAYS AT 9 AM. AND ON 2ND AND 4TH SUNDAYS AT 11 AM. FIRST SUNDAYS FOLLOW THE OLD PRAYER BOOK COMMUNION SERVICE (SAID) - 2ND AND 3RD THE NEW ALTERNATIVE COMMUNION SERVICE (WITH HYMNS AND SERMON) AND THE 4TH SUNDAY IS AN INFORMAL "WORSHIP FOR ALL". EVERY FIRST SUNDAY AT 3 PM. THERE IS AN ECUMENICAL HEALING SERVICE WELL SUPPORTED BY PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE EPWELL. THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIAL OFFERS FOR YOUR DIARY:

TUE. 8TH MAY (ASCENSION DAY) 8 PM.  
UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT EPWELL.

SUN. 18TH MAY (WHIT SUNDAY) 3 PM.

FAREWELL EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S, BANBURY FOR THE RETIREMENT OF PATRICK, BISHOP OF OXFORD.

SUN. 29TH JUNE 10 AM.

UNITED BENEFICE EUCHARIST AT SWALCLIFFE.

FOR ALL THESE SERVICES AND FOR THOSE AT THE THREE OTHER CHURCHES IN OUR UNITED BENEFICE PLEASE SEE THE ST. ANNE'S NOTICE BOARD.

ST. ANNE'S SUNDAY CLUB FOR 3-11 YRS. THIS MEETS AT 10.45 AM. AT THE OLD BAKERY EVERY SUNDAY DURING SCHOOL TERMS, EXCEPT FOR THE 4TH SUNDAYS WHEN THE CHILDREN JOIN IN "WORSHIP FOR ALL". THREE AGE GROUPS ARE LED BY MRS. CLARE LEE AND 7 HELPERS. WE ALL ENJOY OURSELVES, AND WILL WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.

ADVANCE NOTICE - UNITED OPEN AIR "SONGS OF PRAISE" WITH MOOX NORTON SILVER BAND (IN CHURCH IF NET) 6 PM. ON SUNDAY 20TH JULY. SEND YOUR FAVOURITE HYMN TO THE EDITOR AND THE BAND WILL DO ITS BEST TO OBLIGE. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PLANNED BY A JOINT C. OF E. METHODIST, R.C. GROUP.

FAMILY WEEK APRIL 6-13TH THIS YEAR'S COLLECTION FOR THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY TOTALLED £54.81P COMPARED WITH £48.45P LAST YEAR. MANY THANKS TO COLLECTORS AND GIVERS.

### Small Adverts

EPWELL ECHO WILL CARRY SMALL ADVERTS OF A NON-COMMERCIAL KIND FROM THOSE WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE, E.G., OUT-GROWN CHILDREN'S BIKES OR CARRY COTS, OR SURPLUS HOUSEHOLD GOODS. CHARGE: 10P A LINE. SEND YOUR ADVERTS TO THE EDITOR.

## Epwell Society

DO YOU KNOW THAT THE EPWELL SOCIETY IS THE ONLY "INDOOR" SOCIAL GATHERING IN EPWELL? IT MEETS EVERY 1ST WEDNESDAY IN THE MONTH AND THE PRICE IS £2.50 SUB PER YEAR AND 50P PER MEETING WHICH INCLUDES FULL HEATING! COFFEE AND HOME MADE FARE - 7.30 TO 10 PM. SO FOR 2½ HOURS A MONTH YOU SHOULD NOT MISS THIS UNIQUE CHANCE TO HAVE A CHAT OVER COFFEE AND LEARN SOMETHING NEW EVERY MONTH (BECAUSE WE KEEP A PARISH DIARY OF DOINGS AND GOINGS). WE ARE NOT A LOCAL HISTORY SOCIETY, OUR SUBJECTS IN THE PAST HAVE BEEN: EDGEHILL AERODROME/EPWELL FUNCTIONS FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS/FIELD SURVEY/HOUSE SURVEY/WHOSE HOUSE QUIZ/AUSTRALIA/CHEYNEYS THE PRINTERS/BANBURY PAST AND PRESENT/EPWELL SCHOOL DAYS/RUSSIA/SCREEN PRINTING/WINE AND BEER MAKING/LOCAL ARCHIVE FILM ABOUT EPWELL, SWALCLIFFE AND TADWARTON - THIS HAD TO BE SEEN TO BE BELIEVED. TO COME! VISIT BY EPWELL'S WARTIME EVACUEES (NINE IN TOTAL), EPWELL'S WILD LIFE (SLIDES), OUTDOOR (SUMMER!) GAMES, WALKING TREASURE HUNT (VILLAGE ONLY), CAROL NIGHT (SHENLOW SINGERS), YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS THAT AT 28P PER HOUR.\*\*\*\*\*

### 'E.R.A.'

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MRS. A. BROWN, Hon. Sec. SWALCLIFFE 354  
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MARRIAGE CONWAY FREEMAN TO JANE MALLON

SATURDAY 10TH MAY, ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, BANBURY.

NEXT ISSUE \*\*\*\*\*

TUESDAY 1ST JULY. COPY TO THE EDITOR, MICHAEL KINCHIN SMITH, THE OLD BAKERY, EPWELL, SWALCLIFFE 775 BY SUNDAY 15TH JUNE.





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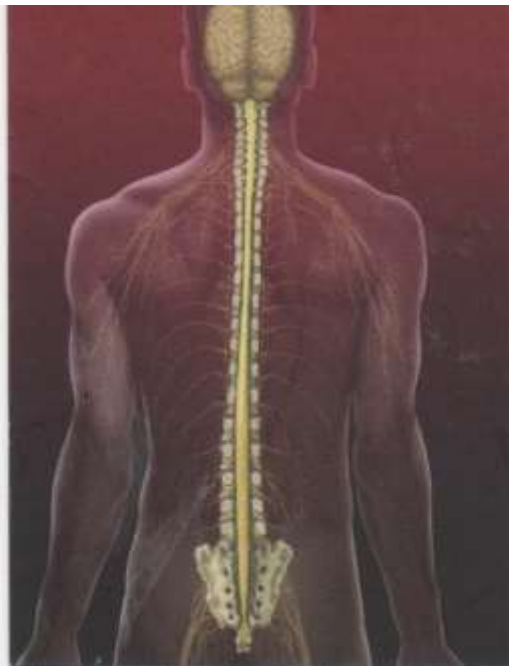
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