

# Parish Newsletter



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### **Dear Residents,**

*I am pleased to say we have had a productive year so far. We continued to invest and renovate all our community halls, to improve the venues, facilities and services.*

*Eckington Civic Centre has a great lineup for 2024, including dances, tribute bands and children's themed events.*

*We have now completed acquiring the site of the former youth club at Stead St, preserving this land for community use. Also we have completed the formal process of moving the £200k UK Shared Prosperity Levelling Up Funding to the new site.*

*If you regularly visit Eckington Cemetery, you will agree with me that it looks good after various plants and flowers were planted by our volunteers, councillors and staff. John and Ray, who is a new addition to the team, are doing a brilliant job maintaining it.*

*Hopefully I will see you very soon at some of the amazing events.*



*Carolyn Renwick*



# NEW PARK



Things are starting to move quickly now with our new park at Stead Street. Planning permission was submitted a few weeks ago and we held a drop-in session for nearby residents. Feedback from both has been used to tweak the designs.

The plan includes a wide variety of equipment, swings, slides, fun towers, a large sand pit, a cycling track, a large mound and slide, ground level individual trampolines, roundabouts, dual zip wire, agility trail, somersault bars and more.

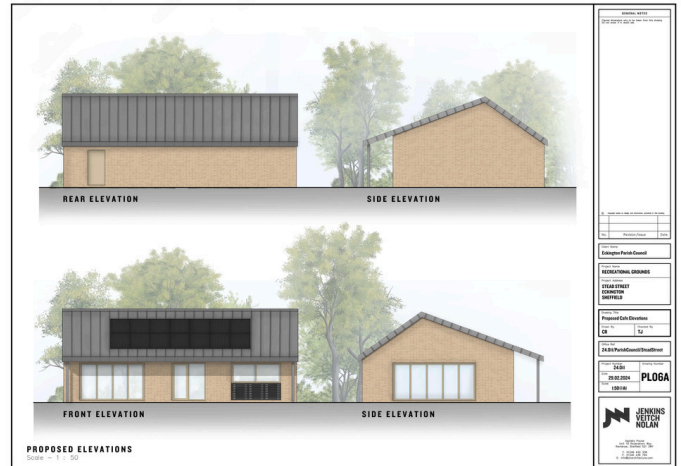
A cafe, toilets and new car parking are also included, and the intention is for the site to become a social hub for the whole community - a go-to place for all ages and abilities.

The equipment includes a variety suitable for disabled use, and the site will of course be disabled access friendly.

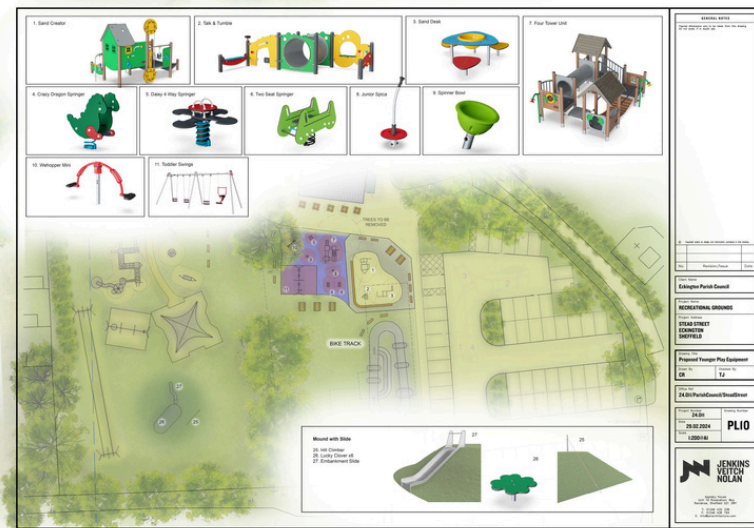
# NEW PARK

The cafe will offer freshly ground coffee, hot and cold drinks, ice creams, cakes, snacks and light bites.

The public footpath through the site will be improved, and the entrance from Back Lane reinstated.

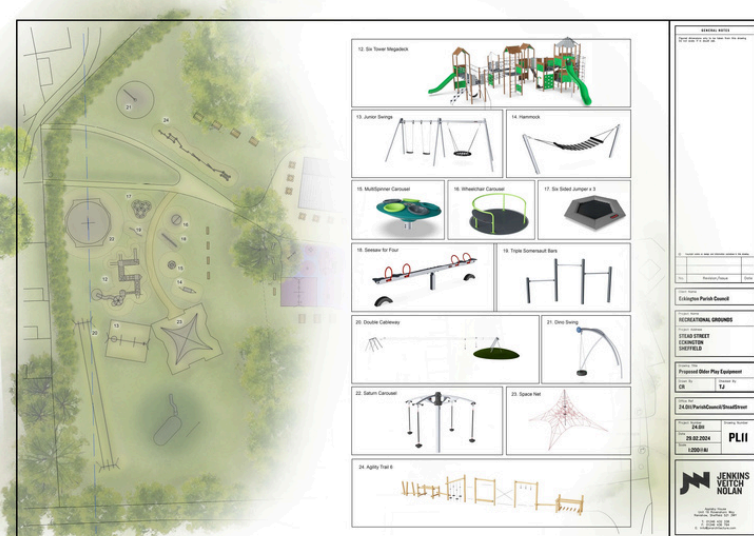


Plan of proposed cafe



Work on the site should start in July by demolishing the old Youth Club. Next step will be ground works for the play equipment and finally building the cafe and toilets.

The target for completion is the end of 2024.



For our other parks, we are working on plans for the Ida's Road and the Lansbury Rd sites in particular, and will have more to share later in the year.

Please visit our website or Facebook for updates:  
[www.eckington-pc.gov.uk](http://www.eckington-pc.gov.uk)  
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If you have any concerns please contact us via email  
[clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@eckington-pc.gov.uk)

# EVENTS IN THE CIVIC

Spring was a busy time in Eckington Civic with many different sold out events including live tribute acts, a Murder Mystery Dinner, and an Easter Disco for children.

The year of 'Get Lost in Music' could not have started any better than with ABBA - their songs are timeless and it was no surprise to see many ABBA fans of all ages. Due to the huge success of the first sold out event, a second ABBA night has been added on 12th October.

## Charity grants

Eckington Parish Council continues to support local charities and grants for a free room hire are available.

This year, organiser Graham Matthews was successful with his application raising money for 'Ashgate Hospice'. During this sold out night filled with live pop-rock music, he raised £1,637 in total.

To apply for a grant, visit our website where you can find the application.



# EVENTS IN THE CIVIC

## Afternoon tea

Recently, 'Sunday Afternoon Tea' events became a very popular day-out for friends and families. Our Tom Jones event was sold out and we have very limited tickets available for 'Afternoon Tea with Cliff Richard' on 16th June.

Elvis is in the building on 29th September and Michael Buble will croon into Christmas on 1st December.



## Easter in the Civic

A special visit from the Easter Bunny, on 29th March, made a great start to the Easter holidays for children.

Over 70 Easter eggs were handed over to children, and all enjoyed the entertainment and disco by Amy and her team.

To avoid disappointment, book now for our 'School's out for Summer' children's disco on 26th July.



**To purchase the tickets call our office 01246 432770 or online via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/eckington-civic-centre](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/eckington-civic-centre)**

# BOREDOM BUSTERS

Over winter (which seems never ending this year), there were 2 events organised in partnership with Rykneld Homes, the Community Pantry and Parish Council.

We held a science fun day at Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall for younger children (under 10). 98 guests enjoyed 6 different workshops, a bouncy castle and a balloon entertainer. After a busy time, families were rewarded by a buffet lunch made by volunteers and Councillors.

For the older children (10-16), Printing and Graffiti workshops were held in Eckington Civic Centre, followed by a healthy lunch. 33 children learnt different techniques by qualified teachers, and made new friends.

These events are great for our children and parents / carers, providing a variety of things for them to do, right in our Parish, so we will continue organising similar events.



## Events this Summer:

31st June – Cooking session for ages 10-16y – Green Lawns Community Centre, Marsh Lane

5th August – Sport and fun day for ages 0-12y – Renishaw and Spinkhill Community Hall

15th August – ‘Eckington by the Sea’ – Eckington Miners Welfare

# CEMETERY

The big change at the Cemetery has been to open up the top area by removing the hedge that cut off the rest of our amazing cemetery. Now you can see the cemetery spread out before you as you enter from the main entrance.

Our Councillors and volunteers have been busy planting wildflowers & spring bulbs - both to increase the biodiversity and support our pollinators, and to give more colour and tidy up the borders of the cemetery, where we are letting a more natural flora develop.

We are trialling various things this year, and based on what works, will develop it further in future years.

We have also reinstated the toilet near the cemetery lodge, after many years of it being dysfunctional, and areas of crumbling tarmac have been replaced.



**If you wish to be part of the 'Friends of Eckington Cemetery' volunteering group, please email [admin@eckington-pc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@eckington-pc.gov.uk)**

**ECKINGTON CIVIC CENTRE**

**2024**

**MARKET ST,  
S21 4JG**

## **MAY**

**25TH - TAKE THAT TRIBUTE BAND - RULE THE WORLD £15**

## **JUNE**

**1ST - MUSIC MASTERS £10**

**8TH - SHEILA'S ISLAND £10**

**14TH - DRAG PARTY NIGHTS £15**

**15TH - TONY B CHARITY SOUL NIGHT £8**

**16TH - AFTERNOON TEA WITH CLIFF RICHARD TRIBUTE £15**

**22ND - AMERICAN DIVA'S TRIBUTE BAND - MADONNA, CHER & TINA £15**

## **JULY**

**6TH - WESTERN NIGHT £15 ADULTS £10 KIDS**

**13TH - THE DAY SESSION £10**

**20TH - QUEEN TRIBUTE BAND - THIS IS QUEEN £18**

**26TH - KIDS SCHOOL'S OUT DISCO & BUFFET £10 ADULTS FREE**

## **AUGUST**

**17TH - LITTLE MIX TRIBUTE -GLORY DAYS £10**

## **SEPTEMBER**

**6TH - KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO & BUFFET £10 ADULTS FREE**

**14TH - SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT £4 ADVANCED £5 ON THE DOOR**

**21ST - ELO TRIBUTE BAND - EXPLOSIVE LIGHT ORCHESTRA £15**

**28TH - GARY PETERS SPIRITUALIST MEDIUM £12**

**29TH - AFTERNOON TEA WITH ELVIS £15**

## **OCTOBER**

**12TH - ABBA TRIBUTE BAND - ABBA FEVER £15**

**19TH - MURDER MYSTERY DINNER: MURDER! NO STRINGS ATTACHED £20**

**25TH - KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO & BUFFET £10 ADULTS FREE**

**26TH - MADESS TRIBUTE - BEYOND MADNESS £15**

## **NOVEMBER**

**9TH - SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT £6**

**16TH - THE DAY SESSION £10**

**23RD - TAYLOR SWIFT TRIBUTE ARTIST £15**

## **DECEMBER**

**1ST - 2PM-4PM CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA WITH MICHAEL BUBLE TRIBUTE £15.00**

**7TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT WITH 'SOUL BATTALION' AND BUFFET £20**

**14TH & 15TH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA £10**

**21ST - CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT WITH 'FEEL GOOD FRIDAYS' AND BUFFET £20**

**20TH - KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO & BUFFET £10**

**31ST NEW YEARS EVE PARTY WITH MUSIC MASTERS AND BUFFET £30**



**CALL 01246 432770 OR BOOK ONLINE [WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ECKINGTON-CIVIC-CENTRE](http://WWW.TICKETSOURCE.CO.UK/ECKINGTON-CIVIC-CENTRE)**



**ECKINGTON CIVIC CENTRE**

**2025**

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**JANUARY**

25TH- BURNS NIGHT CEILIDH- 8PM £15

**FEBRUARY**

1ST- SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT WITH TONY B 8PM £6

15TH- MURDER MYSTERY DINNER 7:30PM £25

22ND- BEATLES FOR SALE- BEATLES TRIBUTE 8PM £15

**MARCH**

9TH - AFTERNOON TEA WITH FRANKIE VALLI TRIBUTE 2PM-4PM £20

15TH - THE DAY SESSION 4PM-8PM £10

29TH - ABBA NIGHT 8PM £15

**APRIL**

18TH- KIDS EASTER DISCO & BUFFET 6PM-8PM £10 ADULTS FREE\*

19TH- QUO-INCIDENCE - STATUS-QUO TRIBUTE £15

**MAY**

3RD - SOUL BATTALION, LIVE SOUL & MOTOWN BAND 8PM £15

24TH- SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT WITH TONY B 8PM £6

**JUNE**

7TH - THE MUSIC MASTERS LIVE ROCK 'N' ROLL BAND £12

8TH - AFTERNOON TEA WITH ELVIS 2PM-4PM £20

28TH - MEATLOAF TRIBUTE 8PM £15

**JULY**

5TH- SILENT DISCO 80'S VS 90'S 8PM £10

19TH - BENIDORM TOM AS TOM JONES 8PM £15

25TH - KIDS SCHOOL'S OUT DISCO & BUFFET 6PM-8PM £10 ADULTS FREE\*

**SEPTEMBER**

5TH - KIDS BACK TO SCHOOL DISCO & BUFFET 6PM-8PM £10 ADULTS FREE\*

6TH- SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT WITH TONY B 8PM £6

14TH - AFTERNOON TEA WITH ROY ORBISON 2PM-4PM £20

20TH - BOOTLEG BLONDIE 8PM £15

27TH - THE DAY SESSION 4PM-8PM £10

**OCTOBER**

18TH- MURDER MYSTERY DINNER 7:30PM £25

31ST - KIDS HALLOWEEN DISCO & BUFFET 5PM-7PM £10 ADULTS FREE\*

31ST - HALLOWEEN SILENT DISCO 8PM £10

**NOVEMBER**

15TH- SOUL & MOTOWN NIGHT 8PM £6

22ND - ELO TRIBUTE BAND - EXPLOSIVE LIGHT ORCHESTRA 8PM £15

29TH & 30TH - FAMILY PANTO 7:30PM

**DECEMBER**

6TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT WITH ABBA 8PM £25

7TH - CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON TEA WITH MICHAEL BUBLE TRIBUTE 2PM-4PM £20.00

13TH & 14TH BREAKFAST WITH SANTA 10AM-12PM £10

19TH - KIDS CHRISTMAS DISCO & BUFFET £10 ADULTS FREE\*

20TH - CHRISTMAS PARTY NIGHT WITH SOUL BATTALION £25

31ST - THE GREAT GATSBY NEW YEARS EVE PARTY! £35

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*\*CHILDRENS EVENTS ADULTS FREE BUT LIMITED TO 2 PER CHILD*

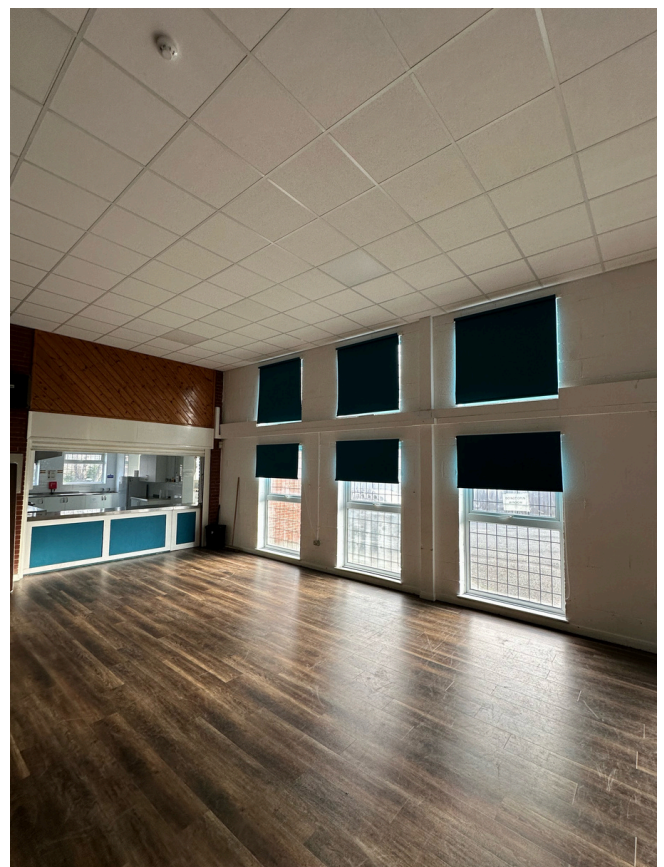
# REFURBISHMENT - RENISHAW & SPINKHILL

Renishaw & Spinkhill Community Hall has been getting busier, with organised events and private hires, following being upgraded to a higher standard.

The front of the building has received new signage along with the external fire doors. Inside the hall, the flooring has been replaced and modern roller blinds installed throughout.

CCTV cameras were installed for safety and security in order to monitor any untoward activities. The Parish Council received £10,000 Levelling Up Funding for this upgrade.

New kitchen and equipment were installed with the support of Landmarks Specialist College, who contributed 50% towards the cost. Landmarks is hiring the hall during term time.



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# REFURBISHMENT - RENISHAW & SPINKHILL

Going forwards, the Parish Council intends to bring the bar back into use, install more efficient double-glazing and install solar panels and a battery system, to reduce running costs.



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# REFURBISHMENT - CIVIC CENTRE

During the last 8 months, Eckington Civic Centre has had many ungrades! The interior & facilities improvements are very significant for both aesthetic and safety reasons.

Newly painted & decorated main hall, foyer and entrance provide a clean, great canvas for any parties, themed nights or music events.

We have also upgraded our internal fire doors and added an acoustic seals to the rear doors to improve the sound control.

The manager secured a grant to upgrade both ladies and gents toilets from the NED UKSPF Fund.

The plans for the future are to relocate the accessible toilet, upgrade the bar area and have new outdoor signs and lighting.



# CYBER CRIME

Sadly, our residents continue to experience a high volume of cybercrimes and scamming incidents. Scam emails, messages and phone calls are all being used to trick people.

To prevent cybercrimes, you should use strong and separate passwords for your key accounts such as bank accounts. To store your passwords you can download a helpful tool “Password Manager” App or have safely stored notes.

By registering at [www.haveibeenpwned.com](http://www.haveibeenpwned.com), you can be notified about data breach incidents which might include your details. Lastly, turn 2-factor authentications in your settings.

Forward ANY suspected phishing emails to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

Report cybercrime and fraud to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or 0300 123 2040.

And remember - scammers can often pretend to be your bank, your friend, or a family member. If someone is asking for personal information, or money, call them and check they really are who they say they are.

And always **‘take five’** when someone strange gets in touch.



## WhatsApp ... WATCH OUT!!!

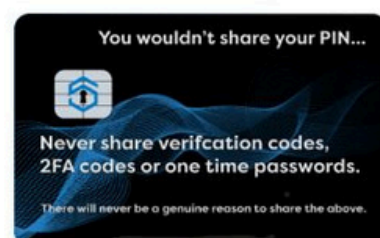


You receive a message or call via WhatsApp from a member of a WhatsApp group chat you belong to – this could be a Church/Religious or Social group, or even a work or student group.

Mention is made of setting up a group call or online meeting and that you are about to receive a code. You are asked to provide the code to allow you entry to the meeting.



**NEVER** forward or disclose a code you receive via WhatsApp – it's the verification code for YOUR account which will allow somebody else to take over YOUR account and message your friends and family in your name!!



# Q & A WITH COUNCILLORS



Beverley represents Eckington South.

## **What would you like to do for people in Parish?**

I would love to help Eckington continue to be a great place to live. The community has a lot of heart and is full of like-minded people who all want the same thing. It would be great if we could find more ways to work together.

## **Can we meet you during community events?**

I currently volunteer for the Boredom Buster events and help on the Parish Stall when it is on the Market. I have also helped out on a Knife Sweep with the local Police.

## **Can you tell us a little bit more about yourself?**

I am a retired teacher, however I keep myself busy by caring for grandchildren and helping my husband's business. I try to live a healthy lifestyle by running around the Parish and beyond & attending the local gym.

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Sarah represents Marsh Lane, Ridgeway and Troway.

## **Can you tell us a little bit more about yourself?**

I am mum of two teenagers, and I work on a busy respiratory ward as a registered nurse. You can see me walking my large German Shepherd.

## **Do you have some projects planned in near future?**

Currently, my main goal is trying to get the play ground in Marsh Lane re-grassed. Now we are evaluating surfacing options for unused part of the park.

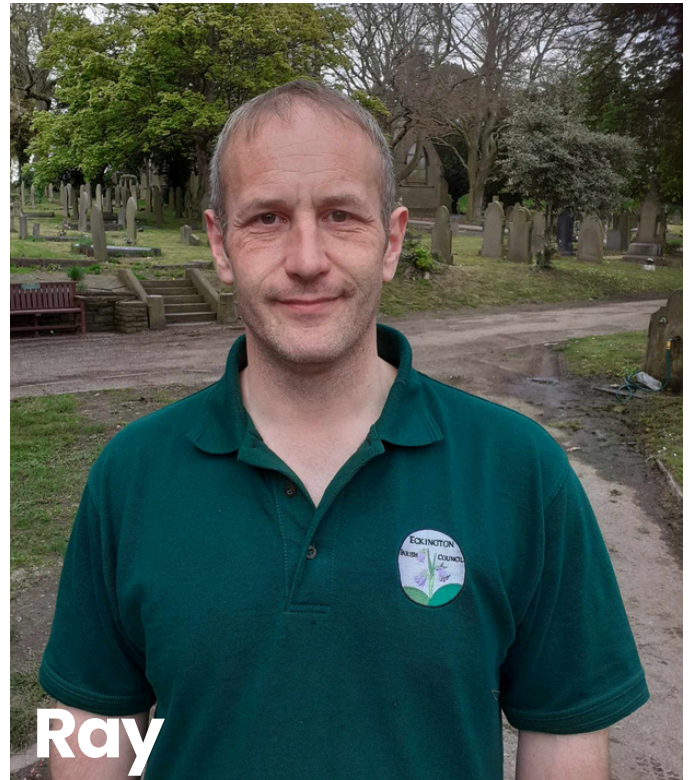
## **Where can people meet you in person?**

I love attending the Marsh Lane Coffee Club on Thursday afternoons where I can get to know the residents better. I also try and attend the local 'Cuppa with a Copper'.

## **Can you highlight one day?**

The proudest moment of the year, was to be asked to present the wreath at Marsh Lane's War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday.

Overall, to be a councillor I am finding very rewarding as it give me a chance to help and improve things for local people.



Ray is the newest grounds member of staff at Eckington Parish Council, and will help us look after our Cemetery, Allotments and other green spaces.

## **Why did you decide to work for Eckington Parish Council?**

I love being outdoors, repairing and maintaining places and at the same time helping our community.

My biggest hobbies are history, gardening, and any work involving DIY.

# WHAT'S ON

## Eckington Civic Centre

### Monday

10:30-12:00 Boccia: Lynne 07522 139835  
12:30 - 14:30 Lunch club with games and bingo: 01246 432770  
17:30 - 22:30 Sheffield RC Races: team@sheffieldrcracing.co.uk

### Tuesday

10:00 - 12:00 Curling: Lynne 07522 139835  
9:30 - 15:30 Lloyds Community Banker  
19:30 - 22:30 Boogie Nightz Jive: Dave 07702 887828

### Wednesday

12:00 - 15:30 Over 60's lunch & Bingo: Anne 07387 362067  
18:30 - 20:30 Bingo for all: Anne 07387 362067  
19:00 - 20:00 Yoga: Zoe 07484 714807

### Thursday

12:30 - 15:00 Lunch club with bingo: 01246 432770  
18:30 - 19:30 Dragons Academy of Martial Arts: 07837 778831  
20:00 - 22:00 Quiz Night, £1 entry  
Every 6 weeks Age UK Footcare (appointments only) 01773 766922

### Friday

9:30 - 10:30 Yoga: Zoe 07484 714807

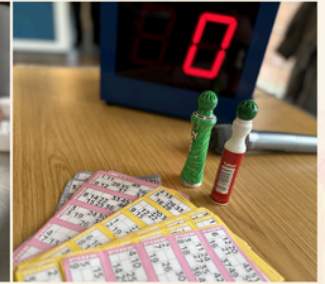
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## MONDAY LUNCH IN THE CIVIC

12:00 Arrival

12:30 2-course lunch  
followed by raffle &  
bingo (optional)

14:30 Closing



**Pre-book your lunch in advance - we cannot  
accommodate walk-ins**

**Call 01246 432770  
Civic Centre office Monday-Friday**

## Renishaw & Spinkhill

### Monday

18:00- 18:45 Acrobatic Arts (6+) both Twinkle Toes  
18:45 - 19:45 Tap dance for adults: 07506 558932

### Tuesday

16:30 - 17:15 Acrobatic Arts (5+) All Twinkle Toes  
17:15 - 18:00 Mini Acrobatic (2-5)  
18:00 - 18:45 Advanced Acrobatics  
18:45 - 19:30 Adult Dance Workout

### Wednesday

18:00 - 19:00 Jiu-Jitsu: Mike emjjaokamijujitsu@gmail.com

### Thursday

18:30 - 19:10 Circuit training  
19:15 - 20:15 Pilates  
Both sessions by Fit4Fun - Suzanne 07972694645

### Friday

19:00 - 21:00 Short mat bowling (September - April only)  
Janet 07592 997734

### Saturday

10:00 - 12:00 Dog training class: Amy 07305619230  
13:30 - 17:00 Market - the first Saturday of each month  
Billie 07497573373

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## SUMMER FESTIVAL

7th July, Sunday

As a proud sponsor of Eckington Summer Festival, Eckington Parish Council will have a stall there.

The Summer Festival will take place on Sunday, 7th July. This event should be great day out for all Parish residents, offering entertainment & stalls.

As previous years, it will be at Eckington Junior School Sports Field, Stead Street, S21 4FL.

We are looking forward to meeting many Eckington residents!

**For more information visit  
[www.eckingtonfestival.com](http://www.eckingtonfestival.com)**