

The newsletter of the Exwick Community Association March 2006

Exwick Community Association—you can be part of it Trevor Sharp—Chair

This is the second edition of the re-launched Exwick Courier the newsletter of the Exwick Community Association (ECA). ECA was officially reborn at our Extraordinary General Meeting

on the running of the new Community Centre which is being built in Kinerton Way. As was reported in the Express and Echo recently the Centre will not now be open before the summer. Due to



The Community Centre at the end of February

on the 31st October last year held in the Civil Service Club. See back page for a quick recap.

We have two aims. Firstly to be involved in the development of the community here in Exwick, where we live. It is not our intention to do everything ourselves, but to find partner organisations who can supply the services or activities we need here. Secondly, we will be taking

the take over of the builders. However, this gives us more time to prepare. I say we, but you can be part of ECA too. Indeed there are

There is a place for you—we want people to be involved.

currently not many of us really. We need you to help. We need more people to get involved. Whatever you've

got to offer, there is a place for you. Maybe you just want to be kept informed, or perhaps you can help out on a one off basis. Once the centre is open we'll need practical help on a day to day basis; maybe you have some special skills to offer, or just a little bit of spare time to help out with the centre. We need help with running all aspects of Exwick Community Association and there's also still room for more trustees on the charity's Board.

It is not unusual to hear comments such as "there is nothing to do" coming from young people—older people might be saying it too.

Another often repeated phrase is that Exwick has been forgotten. Of course these are all opinions which can never be proved. But we feel that we can all DO something about it.

The ECA is intended as a way for people who live in Exwick to get things that they feel they need here in Exwick. We are not political, but are about coming up with projects and schemes and then going out to get funding or partners to for fill these plans.

- **Everyone is invited to be part of Exwick Community Association.**
- **Fill in the form on the back page or email us to become a member of the ECA for FREE!**
- **You can be involved a little or a lot.**
- **Be part of an exciting project to help local people and run the new community association and the new community centre.**

We do need you and your ideas and input though. Please get in touch. Then we can invite you to come along and be part of ECA.

Some things on our wish list:

- A solicitor to help us with the lease.
- People to develop and run our website
www.exwick.com
- People to help plan for the running of the centre.
- Keen people to work on publicity and membership.

Next Members Meeting
Week beginning 3rd April, details will go out to members—sign up, see back page.

Exwick Community Festival

1st June 2006 on Flowerpot Fields

Do you have good ideas? Are you creative? Whether the answer is yes or no you can help organise and plan this summer event. Get your ideas put into practice with the help of the professionals. You can be any age: child, teen, adult or anything else!

See the leaflet with this Courier or contact **Tor Hodgson, The Old School House, Centre Exe, Exwick Rd. EX4 2AT** tor@eci.org.uk 01392 662664



Something which is open:- Clover Avenue and Lavender Road Park. Almost finished—Already Open

Some community focused groups in Exwick

Stepping Stones Pre-School

The Old School Building
Exwick Rd, Exwick, Exeter
EX4 2AT

Contact **Linda Brealey** or **Rachel Jones**
on **07840322046**

- Opened 26 years ago.
- Highly experienced and qualified staff
- Registered and inspected by OFSTED
- Members of the Pre-school Learning Alliance.

This provision is run by the community and delivers quality care and education

on a part time or full time basis

Children are currently offered 55 free sessions a term, the term after their 3rd birthday

Sessions	Morning session times	Afternoon session times		Whole days times
Monday	9.30-12.00	1.30-3.30	Or	9.30-3.30
Tuesday	9.30-12.00	1.30-3.30	Or	9.30-3.30
Wednesday	9.30-12.00	1.30-3.30	Or	9.30-3.30
Thursday	No session	1.30-3.30	Or	1.30-3.30
Friday	9.30-12.00	1.30-3.30	Or	9.30-3.30

If you require sessional care, am or pm or day care from 9.30-3.30, please come and see us at The Old School Building, Exwick. We would be happy to meet you and your child, or call on the number above for an informal chat.

Exwick Parish Hall Preschool



We are a well established pre-school, providing a caring and friendly introduction into the world of education.

MORE SESSIONS COMING SOON! HURRAY! We are planning that after Easter 2006, we will be able to provide more sessions and keep up with the demand for full time day care. We will be opening a Thursday afternoon session and hopefully one more, yet to be confirmed. Watch this space!

drink and have something to eat, a story time and a song session to finish. Come and give it a go! At only £2 per session, what have you got to lose?

We offer spaces to children aged 3-5 years and have limited places available for 2 1/2 year olds.

Our session times are:
Monday - Friday, 9.30-12.00.

We offer a lunch club on Wednesday and Thursday from 12.00 - 1.00.

We run a toddler group within our Tuesday morning session.

01392 491068 FOR MORE DETAILS

Toddler group

Our toddler sessions are incorporated into a normal (but quieter) 3-5 year old session.

Times are 10.00 - 12.00

By bringing your toddler to our session, he or she will benefit from integration with other children, plenty of play and learning activities under the guidance of qualified and experienced staff. We will also provide a snack time, where your child can choose a

Please feel free to explore our website to find out more about us, or better still, call in and see us. We are opposite the park in Station Road, and have a car park to the right of our building. We look forward to seeing you.

You can contact us at:

Sam Partridge - Play leader
Julia McKenzie-Grant - Administrator
Exwick Parish Hall Pre-school
Station Road, Exwick, Exeter
Tel: 01392 427018

Email: exwickpreschool@yahoo.co.uk

Exwick Heights Nursery

The highly successful Foxhayes Pre-school came under the umbrella of the newly formed Exwick Heights Primary School in January 2006. The nursery is now firmly established and known as Exwick Heights Nursery.

In addition to the usual sessions (5 mornings and 5 afternoons) we offer a flexible approach and parents can request different days or half days to suit their working arrangements. On top of this we offer full

child care facilities.

The Nursery staff plan with the reception staff weekly and a true progressive and play based approach to learning is planned for. The children play and share story time with the reception children and share in our assemblies and whole school events. The transition process therefore is seamless.

We are all very proud of the high quality provision we offer at the school. Follow-

ing a consultation process, we increased our nursery numbers from 26 full time to 39 fulltime (78 part-time) to reflect the demand for places in the Exwick area.

We are always happy to show people around the nursery and school. All enquiries to be made to the school office at the Infant site - 255224.
admin@exwickheights.devon.sch.uk

Lorraine Dunn
Head teacher

Contact us. **Exwick Community Association. c/o The Old School House, Centre Exe, Exwick Rd, Exwick, Exeter. EX4 2AT**
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The Exwick Ark Preschool

The Exwick Ark Given Thumbs Up By Ofsted!

Exwick's new pre-school, The Exwick Ark, had an Ofsted visit in October 2005. They have recently received the final report and were labelled a "sound provision."

Harriet Sharp and Paula Stone jointly manage the pre-school and were both very pleased with the outcome. Paula commented, "The new inspections are unannounced so the inspectors gain a true picture of a typical morning in our pre-school. We feel that this is a much fairer way of doing things. We are determined to make this the best pre-school in Ex-

A caring, high quality pre-school for 2-5 year olds.
Tel 07931 591735
Admin@exwickarkpreschool.com
Exwick Heights Primary School
Exwick Hill, Exwick EX4 2BG
Open 9am-3.30pm.
Sessional or full day-care.
Spaces available.

ter and the inspection process has helped us recognise our strengths and the areas we can improve further. We have recently received a letter from Exeter Sure Start which praised us for being 'a model of good practise' so we are well on our way to excellence."

The inspectors particularly praised the strong relationships the staff had with both the parents and the children. Parents were interviewed by inspectors as part of the process and spoke very highly of the care their children were receiving. Inspectors noted that children enter the setting confidently and settle immedi-

ately to play, they are happy and keen to learn. The environment was said to be very warm and welcoming with attractive displays of the children's work. Paula said that she felt that this was in part due to the pre-school being relatively small, "We can really get to know every child and family, they are not part of a crowd as they may become in a larger nursery."

The Exwick Ark is unusual in that it takes a small number of two-year-old children in each session rather than waiting until they are three. Ofsted commented that these children were making good progress through the staff's sound knowledge and clear planning and assessments.

The full report can be found on the Exwick Ark Website www.exwickarkpreschool.com

Foxhayes Parent and Toddlers Group

Voluntary run and around for over 10 years

We meet on Tuesdays 9.15-11.15am and Thursday 1.30-3.00pm.
 Term time Only for children 0-4. £1 per session
 Community Room Exwick Height School Infants section (Formally Foxhayes First School)
Everyone welcome, just come along—For more details you contact 255224

Teenage Youth Club

Open to all teenagers in Exwick

The Devon Youth Service bus is parked at the car park on Station Road, next to the flood relief, every Tuesday and Thursday night 7-9pm.

Children's Club for children aged 7-11

JTT, Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 p.m.

For more details contact Trev and Harri on 848740

Exwick Community Church

Easter Bin Collections In Exwick

As a general rule, collections during weeks containing Bank Holidays place one day late, with Friday collections taking place on Saturday.

For more details please ring the free Recycling helpline on 0800 387864

Refuse Collection Email: refuse.collection@exeter.gov.uk

Tel:01392 665010 - www.exeter.gov.uk/refuse

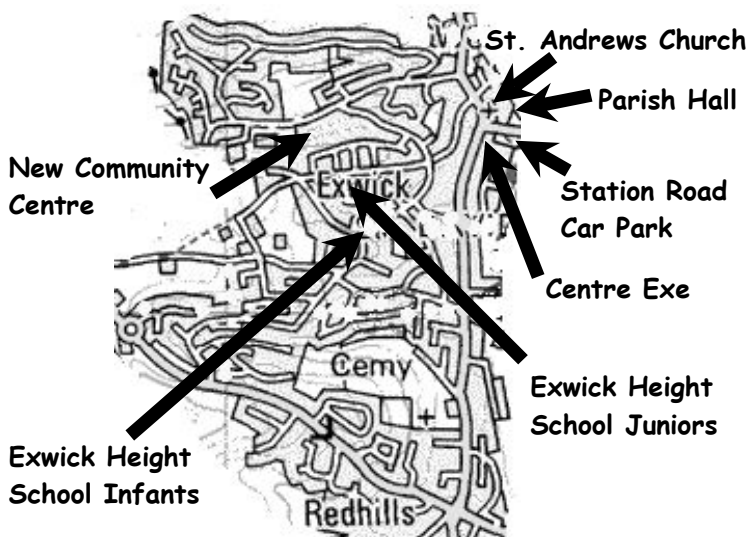
Recycling Email: recycling@exeter.gov.uk

Tel:01392 665020 - www.exeter.gov.uk/recycling

To help you avoid your bins being out at the wrong time cut out and keep this handy reminder of collection times for the Easter holiday period.

Easter 2006 household collections days	
Collections due	Collection will be on
Friday 14 th April	Saturday 15 th April
No collection Easter Monday	
Monday 17 th April	Tuesday 18 th April
Tuesday 18 th April	Wednesday 19 th April
Wednesday 19 th April	Thursday 20 th April
Thursday 20 th April	Friday 21 st April
Friday 21 st April	Saturday 22 nd April
Back to normal Monday 24 th April 2006	

Where are these events happening?



Exwick Community Association EGM—a brief report

On the 31st of October 2005 we held an Extraordinary General Meeting to formally adopt the updated constitution and elect new officers.

Pat Cusa, Chair of the dormant Exwick Community Association chaired the meeting.

Firstly, the people who had come along signed up as members of the Association so that there were some members to actually vote!

Next, the new constitution was ex-

plained. Although Trevor stumbled over the definitions of the types of membership the vote was unanimous to accept the new constitution.

Finally, Trustees were voted in to get the charity going again.

One has had to pull out through poor health, but currently the trustees are:

- Chair— Trevor Sharp
- Treasurer—Pat Murphy
- Secretary—Jo Andrews
- Paul Andrews

Easter Church Services
Exwick Community Church
at Exwick Heights School
(Junior Section)
(formerly Exwick Middle)

Good Friday 10.30-11.15am —
 Meditation on Christ's Word on the Cross

Easter Sunday Communication Service 8.30-9am

Easter Sunday Family Service 10.30am

EXWICK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Membership Application

Full Membership of the Exwick Community Association enables you to stand for election to any of the Association's committees and formal positions [such as Chair, Treasurer etc]. All members can help run ECA in the sub-groups. We intend that Full and Junior members will get a membership discount off the cost of hiring the Exwick Community Centre—this is still under discussion.*

This application will give you membership of the Association until 31 March 2007. This period of membership is free of charge. In future the normal period of membership will be from 1st April until 31st March the following year.

Select which type of membership you want to apply for:

I live in Exwick and wish to apply for Full Membership

I live in Exwick and am under eighteen and wish to apply for Junior Membership
 Date of birth.....

I do not live in Exwick and wish to apply for Associate Membership

My organisation wishes to apply for Affiliated Membership

Name:

Organisation (if applying for Affiliated Membership)

Address:

Phone Number:

Mobile Number:

Email:

We prefer to contact you via email if possible

Please tick here if you want to receive our email newsletter

As a member of Exwick Community Association, I will abide by its Constitution and Standing Orders. A copy is available on request.

Signed:

Date:

Join ECA for FREE

Return this Membership Application to:
 Exwick Community Association, c/o The Old School House, Centre Exe, Exwick Rd, Exwick,
 Exeter. Or email the details to tor@eci.org.uk or phone 01392 662664
 You can just drop it through the door at the Old School House at Centre Exe. EX4 2AT

* join and you can be part of the discussion making process...