

NOVEMBER REVIEW – Annual Quiz at the Village Hall



What a turnout for the annual quiz – with nearly 100 people in the hall, there was a buzz about the evening right from the start. Huge thanks go to Angie and Ian for their phenomenal work in putting the quiz together and delivering it so professionally on the night. Everyone seemed to love the food on offer too – the events team surpassed themselves - and a brilliant night was had by all. Congratulations to the winning team, Mike Taylor et al.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DECEMBER?

December 2nd – Christmas Coffee Morning – Village Hall 10.00am-11.30am Come to our Christmas Coffee Morning where we will be serving a delicious range of hot drinks, seasonal treats and mulled wine. Children from Ecchinswell Primary School will be joining us to play games and entertain us with Christmas songs. There will also be an opportunity to meet our new vicar, Revd John Hilman. It will be a jolly time, do come!



December 4th - Christmas Crafts – Village Hall 7.00 – 9.00pm £20 per ticket. EVENT SOLD OUT

Get in the mood for Christmas by designing and making your very own wreath. If you want to get your name on the waiting list, please email: ecchinswellhall@gmail.com

December 7th – St Lawrence's Church – 11.00am

Holy Communion; all welcome to attend.

December 12th – Christmas Fair - Ecchinswell & Sydmonton Primary School – 1.30pm

You are warmly invited to come and enjoy some festive frolics at the village school with stalls galore, raffle and refreshments.

December 13th – Ecchinswell – early evening

Ssshhh – I hear that there may be a visit from Santa Claus, driving his sleigh through the village.....who knows?

December 14th – Christingle with E&S Primary School - St Lawrence's Church – 4.00pm

All are welcome to come along to the Christingle Service at the church. The pupils of Ecchinswell & Sydmonton School will be performing, singing and telling the story of Christingle. Refreshments served after the service.

December 19th - Ecchinswell & Sydmonton School – Carols and Coffee Morning 9.30am-10.30am

Everyone is welcome to hear the children sing carols, enjoy a coffee and munch on festive mince pies.

December 21st – St Lawrence's Church – 10.00am

Holy Communion; all welcome to attend.

December 25th – St Lawrence's Church – 11.00am

Family Communion; all welcome to attend on Christmas Day morning.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JANUARY 2026?

Here are some dates for next year, more to follow on these events next month...

January 6th - Coffee Morning – Village Hall 10.00am-11.30am

Everyone is welcome to join the Coffee Morning Team for the three C's – Cuppa, Cake and Chat!

January 7th - Ecchinswell & Sydmonton School Open Morning 9.00am-10.30am

Book your place via the school's website: <https://www.ecchinswellsydmonton.hants.sch.uk/event-list>

January 24th - Race Night – Village Hall 7.00pm-10.00pm Tickets are £7.50 each

Join us for a lively Horse Racing Night! Enjoy an evening filled with the excitement of televised horse races, laughter, and friendly competition. Place your bets, sample a selection of drinks from our licensed bar. Tickets are on sale via the Village Hall website: <https://www.ecchinswellvillagehall.com/event-list>

February 28th - Jumble Sale – Village Hall 2.00pm-4.00pm

Further information to follow in January. Start to sort out your clothes, books, no-longer-wanted toys post-Christmas!

March 21st - Musical Extravaganza – Village Hall 7.00pm-10.00pm

Tickets will be on sale in February via: <https://www.ecchinswellvillagehall.com/event-list>



Race Night
Ecchinswell Village Hall
Come and enjoy a night of fun
on Saturday 24th January 2026

Tickets £7.50
7.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets available from:
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AND LASTLY A STORY OF BELL RINGING IN ECCHINSWELL.....

On 13th December as is the tradition, Santa Claus might be wending his way through Ecchinswell on his sleigh. This year something extra will be happening - as he passes by St Lawrence Church you will hear the bells ringing out their Merry Christmas welcome!

We are doing this as a deserving tribute to Simon Lipscombe; a young man whose inspiration and love of bell ringing saw the refurbishment of the belfry and the hanging of the new bells. The connection with Santa's sleigh is that Lion's Club in Newbury (John Coleman, in particular) was instrumental in helping to raise funds for the project.



Historically there were just three rather heavy bells in the tower. Simon's vision means that we now have a lovely ring of six bells. The inauguration of the bells was celebrated with a 3-hour peal in April 2023. The Ecchinswell band (the collective term for a group of campanologists) is in its infancy with most of us being new to it. Nevertheless, we hope that we create a joyful welcome to church on Sundays. Mondays might, on occasion, be slightly less harmonious as this is our practice night when we venture into unknown territory..... In addition to ringing on Sundays we have rung at weddings, VE Day and with muffled bells on Remembrance Sunday.

There are 8 of us that ring on a regular basis under the expert guidance of Mike and Lucy Hopkins Till. Sadly, this November saw the 10th anniversary of Simon's death. Tragically he died at the early age of 26 and never got to ring the new bells. We remember him with great gratitude and fondness.

By Kathy Debenham



Simon Lipscombe 14/10/89 – 02/11/15

REGULAR HALL ACTIVITIES

You can join any of our regular user groups. Karate, Pilates and Table Tennis are all open sessions. If you are interested in Ballet, please contact as advised below.

Monday	Karate Club 7-8pm from age 6. Call in or contact Lynne on 01635 298571
Tuesday	Coffee Morning First Tuesday monthly 10-11.30am Ballet Intermediate/Advanced ballet lessons Contact: hollyunnukballet.com for more details
Wednesday	Pilates 10-11am, £10 per session. All abilities welcome. You can turn up on the day, but best to check the web site www.dannipilates.com Ballet Grade 5 ballet lessons: School years 7-9 Contact hollyunnukballet.com for more details
Thursday	Table Tennis 2nd and 4th Thursday monthly 7-9pm Fun session, £2 all ages and abilities welcome
Friday	Fitness Class Fridays 6.30pm with Ben Marshall, Personal Trainer and Physiotherapist £9.00 per session or 4 weeks for £27

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