

Are you new to Edgmond?

Welcome to Edgmond - we hope that you enjoy living in the parish. The following information may help you discover what the parish has to offer.

Background

Edgmond Parish includes not only the village of Edgmond but also the hamlets of Adney, Calvington, Caynton, The Buttery, Edgmond Marsh and Sidlington totalling about 580 households and approximately 1530 inhabitants.

Harper Adams University College (HAUC) is in the centre of the Parish. Originally opening as an Agricultural College to 6 students in 1901, this thriving University College now has upwards of 2500 undergraduate students.

Some History

The discovery of a bronze axe head in the 1980's suggests Bronze-Age (2000BC) activity in the area - probably on the lighter sandy soils in the north of the parish. The Iron Age settlement at Wall Farm on the edge of what would have been the fenland of The Weald Moors is only just outside the parish. Roman finds from within the village suggest a fairly high-status settlement although its exact position is unknown.

Wikipedia states that the name 'Edgmond' comes from the Anglo-Saxon for 'edge of marsh' while other sources suggest it comes from a local Dane who's name was Eckmond or Eigmund and that the name was originally 'Ekmund-es-dune' or 'Ecmond's Hill'.

Just before the Norman Conquest of 1066, Edgmond was held by a Saxon called Leuwin or Lewin. After the Norman Conquest, Edgmond was given by the king to Roger de Montgomery, Earl of Arundel & Shrewsbury to hold as a royal manor. It was a holding of considerable importance and size. Its prosperity was partly due to the rich agricultural land and also due to the large lake that occupied the area to the south of the parish, stretching across to Longford, that provided plentiful supplies of fish.

The Church of Edgmond is not mentioned in Domesday in 1086. If it was not founded in Saxon times, it must owe its origin to Earl Roger, who within eight years of the compiling of the Domesday Book, gave it to his newly founded Abbey of Shrewsbury. The oldest visible part of the church is the nave where there is some early Norman stonework. The early Norman font is a beautiful reminder of the many generations of babies baptised here.

There are a few other buildings of architectural and historical note in the parish. These include The Old Rectory, Edgmond House and Caynton Mill. Listed buildings include Provost's House, Manor House, The Haven and Egremont House. Turners Lane has half-timbered cottages, a well and a Victorian drinking fountain at the High Street end. Many of these buildings are located in the Edgmond Conservation Area. More details of this area, and a full character appraisal of it, can be found at www.telford.gov.uk. There is a map of the Conservation Area available on the community website.

Edgmond Hall is a Georgian country house set in 18 hectares of gardens, fields and woods. Once owned by the Hill family and subsequently owned by the Bodenham family it is now an Outdoor Education Centre for Sandwell Borough Council.

Facilities and Amenities

There are two pubs: The Lion 01952 811778 & The Lamb 01952 810421 both provide food. The Village Shop (01952 811951) is open Monday to Saturday 7.00am to 8.00pm and on Sunday 8.00am to 1.00pm. The Post Office is within the Shop and is open Monday to Friday 9.00am to 5.30pm and on Saturday from 9.00am to 12.30pm.

There are two churches - St Peter's Church and the Methodist Church. St Peter's Church holds an annual 'Clypping' service in July, which involves the whole congregation linking arms around the building. The Church Field, opposite the church, is available to residents for their enjoyment.



The Clypping at St Peter's



The Village Shop



Village Hall



Methodist Church & Hall

The Telford & Wrekin maintained playing field in the centre of the village has cricket & football pitches marked out depending on the time of year. There is a sports pavilion and adjacent car park. There is no village football or cricket team but the cricket pitch is currently used by Lilleshall and Newport teams. To hire the pitches call T&W on 382621.

The Bowling Club (813378) is located at the side of the playing fields and the playground for young children can be found behind the Bowling Club. There is also a fenced multi-purpose games area next to the Cricket Pavilion.

St Peter's School (01952 386680) is a primary school for children aged from 4 years 4 months to 11 years old. Edgmond Owls (01952 386685) is a nursery school for pre-school children and is located adjacent to the primary school

The village has a large Village Hall (01952 813520) and smaller Methodist Hall (01952 811561) both available for hire. Some of the groups that meet regularly at these venues are listed below.

VILLAGE HALL BASED

MOTHERS UNION: Second Thursday of the month.
Contact: Margaret Matthews 825976

WI: Third Wednesday of the month 7.00 - 10.00pm.
Contact: Pat Muir 820036

EDGMOND TODDLERS (PLAYGROUP): Thursday mornings in term time.
Contact: Teresa Merry 07786 035276

EDGMOND BROWNIES: Monday afternoons in term time.
Contact: Gill Barker 813308

EDGMOND GUIDES: Monday evenings in term time.
Contact: Victoria Smith 07775 761735

EDGMOND SCOUT GROUP: Most Friday evenings in term time.
Contact: Jan Sterling 813949

EDGMOND SHOTOKAN KARATE CLUB: Monday and Thursday evenings all year.
Contact: Jayne Herriman 403489

TCAT UPHOLSTERY COURSE: Tuesday mornings in term time.
Contact: Judy Cotton 642338

FIGHTING FIT COMBAT SPORTS CLUB: Tuesday evenings all year.
Contact: Lea Ward 07751 551939

FRENCH GROUP: Thursday evenings in term time.
Contact: Gwyn Jones 813433

ZUMBA: Wednesday evenings.
Contact: Kim Littler 840877 or 07795 225017

TAI CHI: Tuesday afternoons.
Contact: Dilys Davis 588838

Edmond Snooker Club is attached to the Village Hall. It has two full-sized tables. For information about membership please contact James Cooper on 01952 811842 or call into Lea Brothers Garage to talk to him.

METHODIST HALL BASED

PILATES CLASS: Thursday mornings and Monday evenings in term time.
Contact: Liz Middleton 550422 or 07889 313631

EDGMOND ART GROUP: Friday mornings.
Contact Christine Ingram 550078

The **Walkabout Wrekin** walking for health project meets and walks from the car park opposite the Village Hall every Wednesday at 1.15pm for 30 minute walks and then at 2.00pm for 45-60 minute walks. The timetable is available to download from the website.

ST PETER'S CHURCH BASED

BELLRINGERS: Contact Edric Broom 825851

CHOIR: Contact Colin Brown 550164

FLOWER GUILD: Contact Phyllis Coats 814356

Recreational Facilities available at Harper Adams University College

Some of the recreational facilities at Harper Adams College are available for local people to use. If you would like to use the squash courts, tennis courts, badminton courts, sports hall, dance studio or gym please book the facilities by phoning or emailing Ben Harper on bharper@harper-adams.ac.uk / 01952 815442 (MON - FRI 9am-5pm).

During Office hours payment can be made at the SU Offices in the Faccenda Building (cheques payable to HAAC SU Clubs) outside office hours you can either leave a cheque with Security or ask to be invoiced.

Users may use facilities outside office hours; however they must phone/email to book within office hours. You will then be advised of additional arrangements (e.g. key collection) and confirmation of the booking. Out of hours assistance (including collecting keys etc) is available through site security, situated at the back of the main building and contactable on 07980 061128 or 01952 815321.

A price list is available on the website and on some notice boards.

Edgmond Parish Council

Edgmond Parish Council meets every other month in the Village Hall - see notice boards & the website for more information. The meetings are open to the public and there is a public session at the start of every meeting for residents to raise any matter of interest or concern. The Parish Clerk, Katrina Baker, may be contacted via the website or phone 01952 541939 / email edgmondpc@btinternet.com

Communication

The Parish Council funds the community website: www.edgmondparishcouncil.co.uk which has much more information about life in Edgmond. If you register on the website you will be able to receive occasional newsflash emails as well as having access to some community information only available to residents.

The Parish Magazine is published monthly. Although primarily a magazine for the six parishes it also has several pages devoted to Village News and has many pages of useful adverts at the back.

There are two Parish Council notice boards - one outside the shop and one on Marsh Road. Other notice boards are located in St Peter's church porch; outside the Methodist church; outside & inside the Village Hall; on the back of the Rights of Way information Board on the car park.



View from Edgmond Hill



Bridge in Caynton Gorse



The Birch Moors

Out & About

The village has many areas for walking and biking including a walk through the area known locally as The Rock Hole, an old sandstone quarry from which the rock used to build the Church was probably taken. A popular walk down to Newport partly follows a

now isolated arm of the Newport canal. The remains of this canal run through the south of the parish and are included in a long term restoration plan by the Shrewsbury & Newport Canals Trust.

There is a notice board showing all rights of way with other useful information located on the car park by the playing field.

A Notable Record

On 10 January 1982, in Edgmond, the lowest temperature weather record for England was broken at -26.1 °C (-15.0 °F). This record is still held today.

Notable People

There are few famous names linked with Edgmond; here is just one.

Charlotte Sophia Burne moved to Summerhill in 1854. She became well known as a Shropshire Folklorist and was the first Woman President of the Folklore Society and the first woman editor of Folklore. A plaque on the wall outside her home commemorates her life.