



## HS2 UPDATE

For the past four years, members of EPC have regularly attended (albeit via Zoom these days) HS2 engagement meetings. Parishioners, it's getting scary! Construction of the route is well underway in parts of the country and is heading this way shortly. Many roads have been upgraded to manage increased levels of traffic; for example, junction 11 of the M40 at Banbury is near completion, a new access has been installed at Greatworth off the Welsh Lane and work is currently underway on the Radstone Rd. Next up is (more) single lane closures until the end of November on the A43 from Northampton to move materials in this direction.

Over on the A422 just before Westbury, work is starting immediately building two compounds, one to the north of the road, one to the south. This is in addition to the compound between the BP garage and Radstone and one at Mixbury. This is to enable HS2 to start building the viaduct in the direction of Mixbury and a cutting in the direction of Turweston. We are told this is a priority, and will precede any works at Mixbury. However, to necessitate this, there will be up to 1200 lorry movements (that's 600 in and 600 out) along the A422 from the A43. HGVs will not be allowed to travel in the direction of Buckingham and HS2 is building an access road to ensure lorries only turn left so don't interrupt the flow of traffic.

As soon as we have information about traffic movements along the A43/A421, we will circulate it and put it on the website.



## Contact Us

Have a comment to make, issue to discuss or idea to put forward? Then please contact the parish council.

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## 2020 Council Meetings

**30<sup>th</sup> November**  
All start at 7:30pm, parishioners are welcome and may contribute during public speaking session.



The meetings are currently being held being held via zoom. If you'd like to join please contact the clerk.

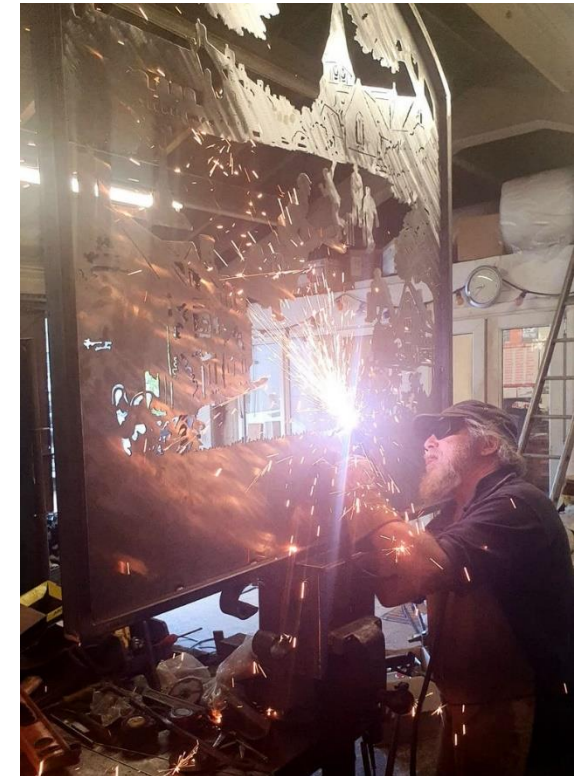
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Evenley has a new village sign thanks to funding from the HS2 Community Fund. This was the last of our projects funded by monies available to communities affected by the construction of HS2 (and Evenley is high in that category - see later).

The sign was designed and constructed by Rod Fender of Black Forge Art. Rod, an 'artist blacksmith', has been responsible for thousands of signs, weathervanes and metal artwork commissions both nationally and internationally over the last twenty-five years for individual customers, councils, committees and corporations. Not only has the sign been well received here in Evenley - thank you to everyone for your kind comments - but EPC has already been contacted by a number of interested parish councils looking to replicate it in their parishes.

Other recently completed projects include new kissing gates installed near Evenley Wood Gardens and on Evenley Hall land. These will enable easier access to footpaths and replace worn and unstable stiles. Thank you to both these landowners for their kind and generous help installing the new gates.



## Remembrance Sunday



Unlike a number of towns and villages, Evenley is going ahead with its Remembrance Sunday service. Led by Reverend Sue Cooper, this will be held as always at the war memorial on the Green at 10.50am on Sunday 8th November.

Together with St George's Church council, we take the view that remembering those who gave their lives for us is worth the risk, but to be able to go ahead EPC as the landowner has to 'manage' the event. That means asking attendees to please remember to socially distance and not to gather in a group of more than six people. Sadly, there will not be any singing and to avoid handing out service sheets on the day we are including it in this newsletter.

As in all previous years there will be a collection for Combat Stress before and after the Act of Remembrance. Please look out for the donation buckets being carried by members of our church at four locations on the Green; and thank you in advance for your contribution. We look forward to seeing you if you feel safe to do so. If the situation changes, we will send out a message via email, Facebook, our website and put a notice on the noticeboard, but fingers crossed we won't need to.

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## Thanks, from Evenley Cricket Club

ECC would like to thank everyone who contributed towards our charity collection during the last game of the season in September. We raised a fantastic £500, which has now been split between our local hospices: Katharine House, Cynthia Spencer and the Hummingbird Centre. They have all expressed their gratitude during such a difficult period.

## Christmas is coming

Last Christmas Evenley WI launched its first Advent windows initiative and many of us around the village decorated our windows. This year, it may have even greater significance and help lift our moods. If you would like to join in and decorate your window for this event please contact Alison Atkins email: [janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk) for more information. Look out for a Christmas tree on the Green again this year and now we have electricity, it will be smothered in lights!

## Neighbourhood Watch

If you are interested in getting information from Northamptonshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch please contact [david561connolly@btinternet.com](mailto:david561connolly@btinternet.com)

## Website update

Evenley Parish Council's website has had an update and overhaul. Information has been edited and new photographs are being uploaded. It is a great source of information; find regular local Covid-19 figures from Northants County Council under 'latest news' for example. <http://www.evenleyipc.org.uk/home.html> - let us know what you think?

## Barn Owl Farm Shop

Barn Owl Farm shop is up and running currently open Friday 8am to 6pm, Saturday and Sunday 9am to 6pm. As well as its own delicious ice cream, the farm shop has fresh fruit and vegetables, a range of artisan breads, Belflair chocolates, pumpkins and flowers.



A butcher has joined the small team and local meats will be available from early November.

## WI Update

Evenley WI is looking forward to welcoming members back in 2021 after a very strange year; our programme will include a belly-dancing demonstration, some medical detection dogs, Indian cooking (and sampling!), a talk on women artists and a presentation on summer colour in the garden. We normally meet on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and welcome visitors (tickets £5).

If you would like to know more about Evenley WI please contact Alison Kendall, president on [evenleywi@gmail.com](mailto:evenleywi@gmail.com)

## Forge Coffee

Local artist Jackie Lonsdale's floral watercolours are currently on show at Evenley coffee shop shortly to be succeeded by a joint exhibition of art by Paul Wharton and Roy Holding. Their exhibition promises to brighten any winter gloom with a feast of mountain and seaside scenes in bold colours. Enjoy the art whilst you feast of homemade cake and coffee, or use the Post Office and don't forget to check posting dates for Christmas presents and cards on <https://www.royalmail.com/christmas/last-posting-dates>.

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# Act of Remembrance Service

**GATHERING:** All gather in silence

The presiding minister reads the following sentence: "God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble." (Psalm 46.1) The presiding minister continues: We meet in the presence of God. We commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace. We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror. We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. As a community we gather to remember.

**REMEMBERING**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe keeping, those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of the peoples of the world.

Representatives come forward to lay wreaths. **A list of those to be remembered by name is read.**

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them. **All: We will remember them.**

The beginning of the two-minute silence may be signalled

**Silence is kept**

The completion of the silence may be signalled

The Kohima Epitaph

When you go home tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow we gave our today.

Almighty and ever-living God, we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Bible Reading (James 3:17-18)**

The wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

**Prayers:**

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict, and ask that God may give us peace:

For the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by and known to God; May God give peace. **All: God give peace**

For those who love them in death as in life, offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss; May God give peace.

**All: God give peace**

For all members of the armed forces who are in danger this day, remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return; May God give peace. **All: God give peace**

For civilian women, children and men whose lives are disfigured by war or terror, calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity; May God give peace. **All: God give peace**

For peace-makers and peace-keepers, who seek to keep this world secure and free; May God give peace. **All: God give peace**

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership, political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace. May God give peace. **All: God give peace**

O God of truth and justice, we hold before you those whose memory we cherish, and those whose names we will never know. Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken world, and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm. As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future; for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE LORDS PRAYER: ALL**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen**

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace? **All: We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war? **All: We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity? **All: We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer. **Amen**

**The National Anthem is played**

Final prayer and blessing:

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth [or to the Church, the State] and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always. **Amen.**