

Please note that a section of the A422 will be closed (between Brackley and Westbury) from 8pm Friday 22 September to 6am Monday 25 September 2023. There are further road closures planned to accommodate HS2 construction works, including that of the A43. To make sure you receive notifications, make sure you are on the parish council email list by contacting our clerk, Cathy Knott at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards Raymond's bench which is now installed. A bench commemorating Richard Stopford has been installed too.



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HOWZAT!

Evenley CC has just completed one of the most successful seasons in its history: The First XI were crowned champions of Division One in the South Northants Cricket League after victory in a thrilling 'winner takes all' final game of the season against Thornborough. They will play in the Premier Division next season.

The Second XI also gained promotion after coming second in Division Three.

They may well have also been challenging for top spot had it not been for some unfortunate rained-off matches against the weaker teams in the division.

The mid-week team finished third in the Buckingham League and won the Shield in a tense final over at Waddesdon, so there was plenty of silverware on display at the end of season awards celebrations.

Junior coaching also continued on Sunday mornings with forty-eight 'All Stars' and 'Dynamos' being taught by a dedicated team of coaches.

As usual, the season was rounded off with an inter-club match on the Green, which this year was played as a memorial to our much-missed clubmate Miles Brooke. There was a fantastic turnout of players and spectators, allowing us to raise an amazing £460 for the two charities chosen by his family.

Thank you to everyone who donated and also to all of our supporters within the village and local community.

Awards!

Barnowl Farm Shop has received not one but two regional awards; it has won South of England Prestige Awards 23/24 Winner for Farm Shop of the Year – Northamptonshire; and SME Midlands Enterprise Awards 2023 Winner for Best Family Run Farm Shop – Northamptonshire.

The team at Barnowl would like to thank all its customers for their continued support and to its shop team for all its hard work in achieving this success. Well done!

It is awards all round here in Evenley... Congratulations too to Forge Coffee for winning the Muddy Stiletto's Northants award for Best Cafe 2023. Rose and Jade had the onerous task of celebrating with other 'Stiletto' winners with cake and a cool glass of fizz whilst collecting their award in the beautiful surroundings at Fawsley Hall.



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Keeping in touch & meeting dates

To join Evenley Parish Council's mailing list please either email the clerk or visit the community website homepage to sign up; clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

Our next meeting will be held at Evenley Village Hall at 7.30pm on 16th October and the last meeting of the year will be on 20th November. You are all very welcome to attend.

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Film Club

Film club runs from September to May each year. Film nights follow on Monday 9th Oct, 13th Nov, 11th Dec. We send out monthly emails to all our members with a trailer promoting the next film and anyone can join by emailing Alison Atkins at janda@jaceprojects.co.uk.

Entry is just £5 (cash only) and includes free nibbles and soft drinks. Feel free to bring your own drinks (wine or beer) for which we provide glasses. Doors open at 19.45 and films start at 20.00.

Odd Fellows V Sticky Wickets

August Bank holiday Monday saw the now annual gathering of less regular cricket players on Evenley Village Green battling it out with a range of cricketing skills often not seen on the green or indeed elsewhere before!

A grand tea and lots of laughter kept all spectators involved too.



Community Speedwatch

You may have seen parishioners standing by the roadside with a camera from time to time. These volunteers are operating the Community Speedwatch (CSW) programme, a scheme co-ordinated by Northamptonshire Police.

Traffic through Evenley has increased over the years as more people use it as a cut-through but worse, many are driving too fast for a rural village with a 30mph speed limit, putting pedestrians and pets at risk.

CSW has been running in the village for ten years and motorists driving at 35mph or higher are reported to Northamptonshire Police. The Police then issue offenders a warning letter. A second offence or more may result in further action.

During the 14 sessions undertaken between 28 May and 23 June 2023, the team recorded 154 offenders, with the highest speed recorded being 60mph.

Many of the volunteers on the CSW have supported the programme from the start and over time have reduced in number. In the early years we were able to support daily sessions, but we just don't have enough people to do that anymore. Please consider supporting CSW, which runs for a month once a year. Each session is for one hour with flexible time schedules. Volunteers are given training and you will always be in a group with experienced team members. Please contact the speed watch co-ordinator, Zelda Carr on zelda@cqc-ltd.com, if you are able to help, or need further information.

Evenley Parish Council fully supports Community Speedwatch and thanks all the volunteers for their help in keeping our village safe.



What's On



Upcoming meetings at 7:30 pm at Evenley Village Hall Monday, 2 October: Beautifully Different Demonstration.
Monday, 6 November: Cake Decorating.
Monday, 4 December: Christmas Party.

Please join us! For questions, please contact us at evenleywi@gmail.com

Soup Lunch

A village soup lunch is held every second Tuesday at Evenley Village Hall 12.00 – 1.30pm. A choice of homemade soups is on offer, along with a roll and cheese, tea or coffee plus biscuits for £2.00. All enquiries to Joyce Stevens T: 01280 702861 E: tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com



Hello Autumn! There is lots on at Evenley Wood Garden this Autumn. On 30th September & 1st October, join us for a weekend of autumn activities, crafts and stalls. On the Saturday we will have guided walks for our head gardener Dan, foraging walks with Jo, planting with Daniel, apple pressing etc. Whilst Sunday will feature blacksmith demonstrations from Adam Bailie, apple pressing, carving, hive demonstrations and much more.

On Saturday 14th October, join us in the garden for a foraging walk followed by a harvest feast around the fire. Celebration the abundance of harvest, £35 per person. Tickets available from our website.

Chi gong, Fire & feast on Wednesday 18th October - more details to follow.

Dried & fresh follow the broomstick workshop with Juliet from Willow Green Flower Farm on Saturday 21st October. Suitable for 12 years upwards, £60 per person. for 12 years upwards, £60 per person. All materials supplied plus refreshments. Tickets available on our website.

Halloween Spooktacular - 21st October until 31st October. Our now legendary Halloween trail will be back, bigger than ever. £5 per child, everyone collects a prize. Check evenleywoodgarden.co.uk for more information.

St. George's Church

Harvest Festival service is at 9.30am on Sunday 8 October and Harvest lunch will be in Evenley Village Hall from 12.00pm. Tickets are £8.00 from Jane 07594 326637/840018 Donations of food for the food bank would be appreciated with boxes in shop and church or we can collect. Monies raised from the harvest lunch will go to a charity.

Village Residents Association meeting

Come along to the Forge Cafe & Post Office at 6.30pm on Monday 9th October to find out how you can play a part in making things happen across the whole village.

More information, including an agenda for this special general meeting, the proposed joint constitution and Evenley Residents Association accounts, will be available on the parish council website in mid-September.

Please see the enclosed letter for more details.

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