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Have you heard about the Ability Bus? Set up to help people living in rural areas where bus routes have long been cancelled, the Ability bus is a community bus open to all. And it comes to Evenley regularly! To use it you need to pre-register and call to book your journey. It is available to everyone - a standard fare applies - and bus passes are accepted. For more information and to register, please visit <https://abilitycic.org.uk> or check out full details on <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/county/ability-bus-service.html>

### New Bench

A new memorial bench is being made for Naomi Curtis who passed away earlier this year. Her daughter said Naomi loved Evenley Village Green and would push her Zimmer frame (called Concorde) from The Matchbox cottage in Broughton Terrace, round the corner with determination, to sit and pass the time of day there or to cross to the Red Lion for her whisky-Mac. In her latter years, it was her social life-line and she would sit and enjoy the change of seasons in the trees, watch the cricket and enjoy the fetes and social gatherings.

### Evenley Common

Evenley Parish Council has successfully applied to the Woodlands Trust for a community tree pack consisting of 15 saplings which will be delivered and planted in November this year. A new bench is being made for the common with funds left over from Evenley Pocket Park Fund and a new sign will be coming soon.

## Keeping in touch

To join Evenley Parish Council's mailing list please either email the clerk at [clerk@evenleypc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@evenleypc.org.uk) or visit the community website homepage to sign up at <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home.html>

## 2022 Council Meetings

Held at Evenley Village Hall at 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, 25<sup>th</sup> Oct and 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.

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# EVENLEY



Newsletter for the residents of the Parish of Evenley published by Evenley Parish Council

Autumn 2022



THE  
QUEEN'S GREEN  
CANOPY

THE PLATINUM JUBILEE 2022

As part of the HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations, councillors planted some new trees in the village. Three flowering cherries were added to Evenley Common (formerly Pocket Park), a crab apple tree has been planted on land by the junction at Bicester Hill, and a Sargentii Cherry added to land alongside Mixbury Lane. A specimen Tai Haku cherry has been planted on the north-eastern corner of the village Green alongside the tree planted to commemorate HM The Queen's Silver Jubilee.

Evenley won a silver award in the recent Northamptonshire ACRE Village Awards 2022, sponsored by CPRE Northamptonshire. Clerk Cathy Knott and chairman Cathy Ellis attended the awards ceremony to receive the award on behalf of the village and hear how we compared to other villages! The judges said of their visit to Evenley: "We received a very warm welcome and appreciated the time of several people who were very enthusiastic and well informed about their village."



Some of the judges comments included: "Evenley has a strong community spirit. The village hall is very inviting, well designed, and freshly decorated. We were impressed with the wide range of products displayed in the Barn Owl Farm Shop and their local provenance. There is a well organised small museum at the back of the pub



with interesting displays, some of them depicting the Roman period. The allotments are very tidy and look productive. The Forge Coffee shop was very welcoming, and we loved that there is a compost toilet in St George's Church!"

Cathy Knott and Cathy Ellis receive the Silver Award certificate from Sir Paul Hayter of CPRE and HM Lord-Lieutenant of Northamptonshire James Saunders.

Residents will by now be fully informed of the planning application by Acorn for an anaerobic digester plant on land at Astwick here in the parish of Evenley.

Acorn's plan is to build five 57ft high digesters on a greenfield site across the A43, accessed by a proposed new entrance off the B4031. If successful, this will be one of the largest plants of its kind in the UK, taking in a massive 100,000 tonnes of waste and feedstock. For full details, please see the fact sheet on our website. And if you haven't yet put forward your views on this planning application, here is the link: <https://snc.planning-register.co.uk/> reference WNS/2022/1557/EIA.

Evenley Parish Council has communicated its fact sheet to all residents, neighbouring parish councils, Croughton airbase, district councillors, our MP, nearby estate owners and recently attended Brackley Town Council's planning meeting to ask for its support. Concerned residents have also created their own petition and website which can be found at: <https://stopacorn.org>

Further work will continue right up to the planning committee meeting in November where this application will be considered. If you need help, want to share concerns or thoughts about this application, please do not hesitate to contact EPC's clerk or chairman.

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## right of way

As HS2 construction ramps up, a number of Public Rights of Way will be closed and diverted in this area. There are two changes from 12th September to footpaths leading into Turweston (TUW/5/2 and TUW/9/2 and more are expected.

If you want to sign up for HS2 email notifications about road closures, diversions and footpath changes please sign up at the link below:  
<https://engagement.hs2.org.uk/join-mailing-list>

Evenley CC finished off the cricket season last weekend with a fun match, followed by food and presentations in the Red Lion. We would like to thank all residents for their support and co-operation during the season. As has become traditional, all match fees and spectators' donations from the last match will be sent to charity and thanks to the generosity of all concerned a magnificent £330 was raised, which will be split between our local food banks.

A big thank you to Amelia and Alison Thorburn who have delivered newsletters, leaflets and general info' on behalf of the parish council for the past six years or more to every property in the parish of Evenley and there are c.300 of them!



Jeff Peyton-Bruhl has stepped down as vice-chairman of Evenley Parish Council. Jeff remains a committed member of the council and maintains his responsibilities for speed signage, village hall liaison, notice board, defibrillator, pocket park and bus shelter. Want to know who does what on Evenley Council? Check on the website <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/parish-council/who.html>

## Improving Evenley

Extra wooden bollards were added to the southern side of the Green earlier in the year in an effort to stop traffic driving up onto the grass to pass oncoming vehicles. So far so good. Councillors will monitor the erosion of the Green during the Winter months before making any further long term decisions about how best to continue to protect it.

After a near two year delay, Western Power and Open Reach have promised to meet shortly in Church Lane to finally sort the removal of the excess lampposts. Quite simply the two organisations don't appear to be able to agree who does what. Likewise a new grit bin promised by WNC before winter 2021 is apparently being despatched. Don't hold your breath!

Charles Woodgate is Evenley's new neighbourhood watch co-ordinator. If you would like updates and information from Charles, please contact him on [charleswlwoodgate@gmail.com](mailto:charleswlwoodgate@gmail.com)

## A Grave Matter!

Over the past few months, parishioners have kindly helped to improve the look of the churchyard and with subsequent grass cutting and strimming, it has largely maintained its looks. However, many of the graves are in poor condition and need individual care and thus the concept of "Adopt a Grave" is announced.

This isn't a call for money. Instead, we would like as many parishioners as possible to adopt a specific grave - you can choose - and maintain it throughout the year. It might take some time to get the grave up to standard initially, but then just a few minutes every now and then to maintain it in the future.

We are not looking to stand gravestones up or repair broken ones as these will require specialist attention and indeed we will provide some advice on what you need to do so as not to inflict damage to vulnerable stonework. If you can help with this in even the smallest way please contact Jeff Peyton-Bruhl on 07989 589720, or email to [jeff.peyton-bruhl@evenleypc.org.uk](mailto:jeff.peyton-bruhl@evenleypc.org.uk), or knock on the door at 17 Broad Lane.

Over £1345 as raised at our Picnic on the Green back in June from teas, coffees and delicious cakes provided by Evenley bakers. The weather was mostly kind - the slight drizzle didn't dampen enthusiasm - and the music brilliant. Thank you to everyone who baked cakes, help put the tents up and down, sorted the stages, cleaned up and of course came along for the fun. Monies raised from the tea tent have been given to St George's Church to help buy a new lawnmower. The church's own fete raised an impressive £1935 too which goes towards the annual maintenance costs of St George's Church. Should we have a picnic again next year? Please share your views with the clerk or any of EPC's councillors.

## What's On

### Table Tennis

Table Tennis in the village hall has moved to the new time of 2.30-3.30 pm on Fridays – just turn up and play; bats provided – non competitive, just fun!

Everyone welcome. For more information contact Alison: [janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk)

### Over 60's

The next over sixties event, supported by Evenley Matters, will be on Tuesday 4th October at 3pm in Evenley Village Hall. This will be a musical concert with tea from 3-5pm. Do come along and join others for a friendly afternoon. To book your place, please contact Carrie on 01280 702300 or [carrieoregan1@btinternet.com](mailto:carrieoregan1@btinternet.com) as soon as possible.

### Update from St. George's Church

We are currently in a period of interregnum and awaiting a new Rector. If you need any information about the life of our church, please contact our Church Warden: Jose Golding 07708 539191

Also please let us know if you have a favourite hymn that you would like to sing or hear at a service.

### Evenley WI

Upcoming meetings at 7:30pm at the Village Hall

3 October: Annual meeting (members only)  
7 November: Wine & cheese pairings by Waitrose  
5 December: Christmas party

Please join us!  
For questions or if you wish to join please contact us at [evenleywi@gmail.com](mailto:evenleywi@gmail.com)

### Return of Evenley Film Club

We are pleased to report the return of Evenley Film Club on Monday 12th September with the fabulous musical West Side Story, 2021 version.

Our second film on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October will be 'The Duke' which is a moving true story that celebrates a man who was determined to live a meaningful life.

We are now sourcing our films from Filmbank Media who have over 30,000 titles and always have the most recent releases available to rent

Film nights will normally be held on the second Monday each month from now until June 2023, we then take a summer break and restart in September.

If you would like to be kept informed of our upcoming films, then please forward your email address to [janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk)

Entrance is £ 5.00, bring your own drinks and nibbles, we will provide glasses and plates. Doors open 7.30 pm films start at 8 pm.



A Remembrance Service will be held on the village green on Sunday 13th November starting at 10:50am.

Afterwards there will be refreshments in the village hall.

### Evenley Wood Garden

'Hello Autumn', a day of demonstrations, plantings, tours and food and craft stalls will be held on Saturday 2nd October and is just one of many activities planned at Evenley Wood Garden. For full details and more visit [www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk](http://www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk)