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

2022 Council Meetings

There is a change to the next meeting which will be held at the Learning Loft, Cloisters Farm on Wednesday 18th May at 7.30pm. The following meetings will be held at Evenley Village Hall as usual on 20th June, 18th July, 19th Sept, 17th Oct and 21st Nov.

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A big thank you to the Hollis family who have paid for the installation of a new bench on the village green.



The bench is sited in front of 'Foxbrooke House', the home of Tony and Margaret Hollis for over thirty years.

Both Tony and Margaret were heavily involved in village life and great supporters of all things Evenley. They will be fondly remembered by those of us lucky enough to know them.

Whilst installing this bench, Evenley Parish Council also had a bench made and placed it on the small green in School Lane overlooking the main one. We hope residents in this part of the village will make good use of it.

EVENLEY



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

Spring 2022



Plans are well underway for Evenley residents to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on the Green on Friday 3rd June. Following on from the success of last year's giant picnic we are doing it all again. Starting promptly at 2.30pm, local musicians will entertain us, Evenley handbell ringers will ring out the national anthem, Evenley WI will be selling puddings through the ages and a tea tent will keep you refreshed and fed with home-made cakes all afternoon. Barnowl Farm shop will also be running a hog roast and barbecue and Howes fish and chip van will be there too.

As we are celebrating the Queen's Jubilee, hats are expected! We do need your help though; the tents will be erected on Thursday afternoon (we will email out nearer the time with exact arrangements) and we need cakes and biscuits, so bakers of the parish, please may you get baking and bring your lovely wares to the tent before 2.30pm. Please label any bakes containing nuts. And finally, in an effort to reduce waste, please bring your own mug. We will of course have cups on the day, but if you can bring your own it saves waste, helps the environment and saves a whole load of clearing up at the end. And don't forget to decorate your house!

Newly formed group Evenley Handbell Ringers is practising hard in time to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The group will be ringing the National Anthem and some other well-known tunes on the Green at our picnic on Friday 3rd June. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Brian Sinclair on 01280 841324 or 07774 222224 or at brsedit@aol.com. The group thanks St Peter's Church Brackley for the loan of its handbells and the Handbell ringers of Launton for their support.

Over 30 residents came to help clear up St George's churchyard earlier this year and a further group of 15 or more came back to help load the trailer with all the green waste we had created. Residents of all ages turned up with their gardening tools and tackled the overgrown churchyard with gusto. It was a fun morning with lots of chatter and laughter with Julia and Terry keeping us fed and watered whilst we all worked away. A highlight was when the old chest tomb, a grade one historic monument, built in 1752 was uncovered from its blanket of ivy.



Many of the helpers there were intrigued by the graves and the social history of the parish they represent and have offered to 'adopt' graves to look after in the future. The churchyard needs continual maintenance and if you would like to help in even the smallest of ways or you would like to adopt a grave, please contact either Jane Gibb or Josie Golding.

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Councillors Cathy Ellis and Jeff Peyton-Bruhl recently attended the opening and dedication of a Queen’s Canopy plantation at RAF Croughton. Outgoing honorary commander Paul Parsons had devised and implemented the scheme comprising 142 trees, planted to commemorate HM Queen Elizabeth II’s Platinum Jubilee and to celebrate the relationship between the UK and the US. The trees represent 70 trees for each country with two extra-large specimens planted side by side; one British oak and one American red oak tree.

Evenley Parish Council has added more trees to the parish, including a specimen Cherry planted on the green and a triangle of trees at the Pocket Park to commemorate the Queen’s Jubilee and soon volunteers from RAF Croughton will be helping Evenley Parish Council to continue to clear parts of the old Pocket Park to allow more trees to be planted here in the Autumn.

The old bench is about to be renovated and the council is looking at adding new bird and bat boxes, signage, improving the pathways and subject to Parishioners views, returning the name of this area to its original - Evenley Common.




Whilst solving a problem with Puddleduck footpath, which leaves the village alongside Evenley Manor, we realised that its name is not recognised and in danger of being lost. A sign naming this footpath ‘Puddleduck’ has now been made and sited alongside the footpath and EPC is looking at other areas of the parish with historic names which can be brought back to life. One such name, ‘Backside Gardens’, the area behind Dormer Row may however remain in obscurity!

Community website

Our website <http://www.evenleyipc.org.uk/home.html> is full of information, too full perhaps, and needs constant updating and improving. We currently use a small specialist agency in Brackley for this but are looking to make a change. Is there someone in the parish who would be able to help with this on a formal basis? If you are interested in helping, please contact our clerk at clerk@evenleyipc.org.uk. Thank you!

Three-year plan

After consultation with parishioners, Evenley Parish Council has put together a four-year plan of improvements and ideas it would like to implement along with a timescale. This plan was presented to guests at the Annual Parish Meeting recently and their thoughts on it were sought. Councillors have already started work on some of the projects and as far as possible, grants and outside funding will be sourced to pay for these. This plan is replicated below. If you have any thoughts on the plan, and your views are always welcome, please either speak to a councillor or write to Cathy Knott our clerk at clerk@evenleyipc.org.uk

Pocket Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant more trees Install more benches & tables Sign – Evenley Common 20-30m footpath at bottom – type 1 and hoggin Tree identification signs Wild Daffodils Provide bird/owl/bat houses 	Community relations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events on the Green, village hall, pocket park Churchyard maintenance Involvement of other groups Promote membership of the parish council New neighbourhood watch coordinator & police liaison representative
Village Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Granite setts / remove nib Soil and seed edges More bollards Additional trees 	Footpath Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to improve with gates, dog friendly stiles & signage Promote continued use of network of footpaths working alongside our footpath warden
Investigate electric car charge point <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Location Parking control & cost 	Bus shelter <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aesthetic improvement Re-site 

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

Evenley WI

Upcoming meetings at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall:
 9 May: Medical Detection Dogs
 6 June: How to arrange flowers like a pro
 5 July: Local History

Please join us!

For questions or if you wish to join please contact us at: evenleywi@gmail.com

Village Hall AGM

This year's AGM will take place in the evening of 13th June. Further details will appear on the village notice board, web sites and social media. Accounts and treasurers report for the year ending March 2022 will be published no later than 31st May. Trustees request that any questions on the village halls finances, requiring a detailed answer at the meeting, should be addressed to Tony Stevens (tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com) at least seven days prior to the AGM.

Evenley Gardening Society

The Annual Plant Sale will be on Saturday 14th May 10.00 - 12.00 at Evenley Village Hall.

All plants sourced from a local independent nursery. Cardboard trays will be available to collect plants. Entry is free of charge.

Enquiries to Joyce Stevens (01280) 702861 tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com

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