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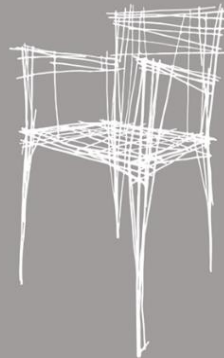
Our next parish council meeting will be held at Evenley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. The annual parish meeting will be held on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at the village hall and the annual meeting of the parish council will be held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May at the Learning Loft, Barnowl Farmshop.

  
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## nationalgrid

Please be aware that National Grid will be installing utilities at The Piggeries at the bottom of Bicester Hill so this part of the road will be closed between 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> March.



Frustrated by all the potholes in Evenley's roads? Who isn't?! The quickest way to get them repaired is to report them on FixMyStreet ([northamptonshire.gov.uk](http://northamptonshire.gov.uk)) Fix-my-street. WNC has a duty to respond to messages left on this website.



A huge thank you to Brackley Litter Wombles who have cleared the lay-bys on the A43 and removed nearly 70 bags of rubbish and other assorted 'grot'. Its next Evenley 'hardcore litter pick' is on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 10am. Meeting at the A43 lay by heading towards Brackley from Barley Mow. The what three words location is rejoins.mediate.broads. Litter picking equipment will be provided but please dress accordingly and wear sensible shoes or wellies. Meanwhile Brackley Wombles meet every Wednesday. Further information can be found on its Facebook page 'Brackley Litter Wombles'.

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Thursday 8th June marks the 80th anniversary of the D-Day landings. This was the largest naval, air and land operation in history involving hundreds of thousands of personnel who had to leave their families not knowing if they would ever return home. Sadly many did not. Over 154,000 troops from eight allied nations boarded 6,000 vessels to cross the English Channel setting down on five Normandy beaches. 24,000 allied paratroopers and glider infantry drifted down from above, skirting 88mm guns. Allied fighter pilots patrolled the perimeters of the landings establishing an aerial umbrella and bombers cratered local enemy airfields in addition to rail and road centres. This combined action brought about the eventual liberation of north-west Europe from Nazi occupation.

Communities around the country, UK territories and on those beaches in France will be taking part lighting beacons, lanterns and candles in tribute to the light of peace that emerged from the darkness during this turning point of World War Two. To mark this occasion in our village, Evenley Parish Council and Evenley WI are inviting you to take part in our special commemoration of this important event. We will be lighting candles in jars and placing them on Evenley Village Green, around our War Memorial to be lit at dusk. We hope that you and your families will join us. To help with this, if you have any spare jam jars, please may you share them with us by leaving them in the marked box in Forge Coffee. On the night (time to be confirmed, but in readiness for the national light up at 9.15pm) we will supply everyone with a jar and candle which can then be lit together and placed in tribute.

## Annual Parish Meeting

Evenley Parish Council will be holding its annual parish meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Local groups and organisations have been invited to provide an update on what's happening locally including representatives from Men in Sheds, HS2, WNC and Neighbourhood Police. This is also your chance to meet all councillors and ask questions or put forward ideas in a less formal environment. Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting. See you there!

## Financial update

In February, Evenley Parish Council set its budget at £26,562 for 2024-24. This equates to an annual increase of £8 for a band D property. Councillor in charge of finance Spencer Burnham explained: "This small increase will allow us to keep pace with increasing electricity, insurance and other fixed costs but because of our prudence over the last few years, we can keep this increase to a minimum."

EPC has offered to share the cost of cutting the village green this Summer with Evenley Cricket Club (ECC). During the cricket season (May to September), ECC has historically paid for the green to be cut on a weekly basis whilst the parish council pays for its maintenance and cutting outside of this period. Whilst our cricket club is in fine financial health, it has invested heavily in enhancing the wicket and outfield alongside the parish council's programme of improving the outfield. Working together both organisations have improved the overall look and condition of the village green, which is after all our main asset of the village. In recognition of the cricket clubs investment in the green, Councillors voted to share the cost of the grass cutting for Summer 2024.

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### New Councillor

Evenley Parish Council welcomes resident Matt Brown to its group. Matt has lived in Evenley for over 16 years and has recently retired from a lengthy career in the pub industry. Matt replaces Sue Ricketts who has left EPC to concentrate on her equine activities. We thank her for her support over the years.

### Save the Date for the Fete!

Quick update.... please save the date: The Evenley Fete and Dog Show will return on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August, organised by Evenley Matters. The team will need lots of help to make the day happen and will be communicating its plans nearer the time.

Regretfully, the Call My Bluff evening, due to take place on Saturday 2nd March was cancelled. To get in touch with Evenley Matters, please email the team at [evenleymatters@yahoo.com](mailto:evenleymatters@yahoo.com).

### Anaerobic Digester Update

As you will be aware, at West Northamptonshire Council's strategic planning committee meeting in December last year, the application to build one of the UK's largest anaerobic digesters was turned down by committee members. This was against the advice of WNC's planning officer who had recommended it for approval.

A massive thank you to all the villagers who turned up to the meeting to support the team with this. It may not be over yet; the applicant, Acorn Bioenergy has six months to launch an appeal. EPC and a small team of residents is working behind the scenes to ensure we are ready should Acorn appeal. Should it decide to do so, WNC will inform HM Inspectorate of Planning and an inspector will be appointed. That person will then determine the type of appeal and the timescale.

Chairman Cathy Ellis explains: "As soon as we have any news, we will be in touch with residents. Everyone pulled together before and we will need to do so again if Acorn appeal the decision."

Please make sure you are signed up for emails as this is the quickest way we can get in touch."

**You may recall that the ladies of Evenley WI made over 350m of bunting for Coronation Day last year to decorate Evenley Green.**

The WI craft group has now made this stunning artwork to be displayed in the village hall as a permanent reminder of the day.

WI President Deborah Davis and collage creator Susan Lilley presented the artwork to Joyce Stevens, a member of the hall committee at the February WI meeting.



## What's On

Upcoming meetings on Mondays at 7:30pm at Evenley Village Hall:

- 8<sup>th</sup> April: Stitching Kitchen.
- 13<sup>th</sup> May: A year not buying new clothes.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Food and drink in Tudor times.

Please join us for the new year!  
 For questions, please contact us at [evenleywi@gmail.com](mailto:evenleywi@gmail.com)



### St. George's Church

Please come to 'Easter buns, bunnies and beverages' on Monday, 25th March 3-4.30pm at Jane's, Rectory Farmhouse, Church Leys. £3.50 plus raffle, everyone very welcome and proceeds to charity. Please let us know if you can come on 840018/07594 326637.



Mothering Sunday with posies, 10th March 9.30am morning service, we will be supporting baby basics at this service.

All Easter services are displayed on the notice board. On Maundy Thursday, 28th March there is Benefice Holy Communion at 7pm followed by bring and share supper in church. Please let us know if you can attend the supper (07708 539191). Good Friday, 29th March, 11.00am family service in Evenley Village Hall followed by hot cross buns.

### Evenley Cricket Club

Indoor cricket practice nets are now running every Friday at Winchester House school from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. All welcome.

The Evenley Cricket Club Quiz takes place on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> June in the village hall. All welcome. Tickets available from Debbie Holden - 07899 786517.

### Film Club

New start time of 7.30pm with the doors opening at 7.15pm usual soft drinks and nibbles available or BYO.

Dates for the future film clubs are:

11th March, 15th April and 20th May.

For any more information please contact Alison on

[janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk).

Please be aware that due to licensing restrictions we are unable to publicise forthcoming films unless you are registered by email with Evenley Film Club.

### Evenley Gardening Society

Look out for some great deals at the gardening society plant sale on Saturday 11th May, 10am-12 noon. Great quality vegetable plants, Summer bedding plants, shrubs and hanging baskets will all be available so make a note in your diary.

And if you want to join the society, please contact Joyce Stephens at [tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com](mailto:tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com).

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