



Electricity Update

Electricity on the Green is now on! Thank you to all those involved in this project and to Evenley Matters which gave £1500 towards the cost of the project. Evenley Parish Council would not have co-funded this without its support. The box is secured, and users will be charged for its use. If you would like to use the supply please contact the clerk.



Dear Residents,

What strange times we have been through with continued uncertainty ahead. Whilst we can't give you any 'What's on' news at the moment, we thought we should update you on matters Evenley.

Firstly, a massive thank you to all the volunteers in the parish who have helped others recently. Delivering medicines, making meals, shopping and just keeping an eye on neighbours has made a real difference to many people's lives. On behalf of those who have been supported and kept safe during the crisis, a real heartfelt thank you. We are sorry we had to cancel the VE Day celebrations but once it is safe to do so, the Parish Council will rearrange an event so we can all gather together and enjoy a good catch up.

This is our first opportunity to thank all those volunteers before lockdown, who helped around the parish picking up litter, painting the village planters, cutting back vegetation and generally helping to tidy up Evenley. And thank you to those who continue to do so.



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2020 Council Meetings

13th July, 21st September, 19th October, 30th November, 16th December

All start at 7:30pm, parishioners are welcome and may contribute during public speaking session.

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



Councillor Vacancy

Councillor Michael Baul resigned from the Parish Council in May. We thank him for his contributions and support, in particular on the website and finances. Spencer Burnham will now take over financial responsibilities. This means there is a vacancy! The next elections are May 2021 so if you fancy a taste of life as a parish councillor then this is a good opportunity to see if it's for you for a short period of time. If you do, you can find full information on our website evenleypc.org.uk or contact our clerk Cathy Knott or chairman Cathy Ellis or vice-chairman Jeff Peyton-Bruhl.

Chicane



Thanks to the HS2 Community Fund and Northamptonshire Highways, Evenley now has a speed restriction chicane on Broad Lane. There may be teething problems, but this together with the 'single track' signage on Mixbury Lane and the 'No HGV' sign at the top of Broad Lane and the vehicle activated signs will hopefully reduce both speeding traffic and drivers using the village as a rat run. We are still pushing for more 30 mph repeater signs on Broad Lane and are also about to put together a proposal for a reduced speed limit to 40mph on Bicester Hill and similarly on Mixbury Rd and Charlton Road.

Rubbish!

Whilst it is lovely to see so many visitors to Evenley, they bring a hundredweight of rubbish with them. Thank you to Paul and Angie at the Red Lion, Rose at Forge Coffee and other residents who have been helping clear away the debris. Unfortunately, South Northamptonshire Council won't allow us any more bins, so we are relying on volunteer help. EPC is looking at solutions but until we have solved this, may we respectfully ask residents to take their rubbish home, or use bins elsewhere in the village, particularly dog owners! Clearing away rubbish is not the most fun activity in the world as it is (and we are just residents too); clearing away other people's dog waste plumbs new depths! Hopefully once things return to normal, the problem will disappear so thank you for your understanding.

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Village Hall Update

Obviously, the village hall is still closed. As soon as it is allowed to reopen it will, and residents and users will be informed immediately. Meanwhile, the committee is pleased to welcome Derek Haynes to the team. Derek replaces Chris Hart and will be responsible for outside maintenance.

The Annual General Meeting, scheduled to take place on 8th June was postponed, nevertheless the management of the hall and the control of its finances has continued and in order to demonstrate complete transparency we are now able to publish the annual accounts for the year ending 31st March 2020. The accounts have been prepared by treasurer Tony Stevens and have been examined independently by Mark Gibb as a qualified accountant. The chairman and treasurer's reports and the accounts will be shortly published on the village hall website, www.evenlevillagehall.info & www.evenleypc.org.uk

Communications

Do you want to be fully informed on village matters and receive quick updates direct to your inbox? If so please email our clerk, Cathy Knott at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk If not don't forget our website at www.evenleypc.org.uk has all parish council minutes and news and other useful information.

Neighbourhood Watch

If you are interested in getting information from Northamptonshire Police and Neighbourhood Watch please contact david561connolly@btinternet.com

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Footpaths

During the coronavirus pandemic, many of us have been making full use of the wonderful walks in our area. Evenley has many footpaths, which can be found on our website evenleypc.org.uk under village information. These connect with great walks outside the parish. For example, you can leave the village and head towards Juniper and onto Cottisford or Hethe, or across the A43 to the remains of the old medieval village of Astwick. You can then follow this footpath towards Croughton, returning back towards Brackley on a delightful footpath that takes you to St James's Lake. Full details of the many walks in this area can be found on OS Map Explorer 191 Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton (and Brackley), available at Brackley Bookshop and online the Ordnance Survey website.

If you are out walking with or without your dog, please remember to stick to footpaths and to follow the countryside code (if you need reminding it's on www.gov.uk (or google 'countryside code'!))

Two new gates, funded by the HS2 Community Fund, will soon be fitted on footpaths leading out towards Evenley Wood, which will replace old stiles, and repeater signs have been added to other footpaths to help walkers find the route. If you find any problem gates, stiles or posts that we may have missed, please contact the clerk.



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Thank God For Good News!

St George's Church will be open on Sundays from 8am – 2pm for private prayer and quiet contemplation and Wednesdays 2pm – 8pm. There will be notices in the Church to advise how to socially distance and keep safe

EVENTLEY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION & EVENTLEY MATTERS

ERA and its grant-making subsidiary Evenley Matters hold Annual General Meetings on the same evening in June. However, in these extraordinary times these meetings have been postponed until later in the year when we can safely gather and celebrate our achievements as well as electing membership and chairmanship. We will publicise the events when we have a date – please join in to find out more about how you can get involved. Please contact David Connolly (ERA Chairman, david561connolly@btinternet.com) and/or Nic Hamblin (Evenley Matters Chairman, nichamblin@hotmail.com) if you have any questions

'Best Village' Award Cancelled

The Northamptonshire Village Awards have been cancelled because of ongoing pandemic. One of the main judging criteria was community activity and communications which Evenley surely would've scored highly on! EPC has put the village forward for next year's awards

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Cricket Nets

Evenley Cricket Club has taken the first steps towards bringing cricket back to the green; the cricket training net is back on the green. The rules for its usage will be displayed and must be followed. It is available for booked sessions only which must be supervised by a responsible adult. Ben Patterson is running the booking system.



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