

EVENLEY



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SUNDAY 4TH JULY 2021

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Summer Fetes

St George's Church is holding a fete on Saturday 17th July. Donations of cakes, unwanted gifts or bric-a-brac to Jose Golding josegolding@outlook.com, Paula Jermy or Jane Gibb janegibb20@hotmail.com

Plans are being developed for a picnic with hopefully music, on the Green for Saturday 28th August. This will be in place of the village fete; details to follow nearer the time!

ECC VP Luncheon

Evenley Cricket Club is holding a VP luncheon at the Red Lion on 14th August. Contact Kim at kim@exjs.com to book and for further information.

Just before both the cricket season and the monsoons started, contractors turned up to feed the village green. With the green being used to a much greater extent by villagers and the many visitors to Evenley during lockdown over the Winter, the grass had taken a hammering and it was decided to start a maintenance programme to restore and preserve the village green. Whilst the fertiliser is not toxic, it also seemed a sensible precaution to remove the goals for a short period of time. A group of residents around the Green had requested this as over lockdown, the village had attracted a number of groups using the goals for matches whilst other sporting facilities were closed. This brought with it parking problems and late-night antisocial behaviour and serious damage to the goals which needed to be repaired regularly. The downside to removing the goals is that our own children can't then use them. Agh! Kofi Annan where are you?

Currently a compromise has been agreed. One goal has been replaced for our residents to use which will deter outside users, who by now have hopefully returned to their main place of play. Hopefully in a short time, we can return the other goal and peace will be restored.

The upside of this discussion has been the offer of help from kind residents around the green and youngsters elsewhere in the village.



ngs gardens open for charity

Five private gardens will open under the prestigious National Garden Scheme this year. These are 15 Church Lane, 14 The Green, 22 The Green, Finch Cottage, 24 The Green and 38 The Green on Sunday 6th June, 2pm until 6pm.

We will be supported by the team at the church who will be serving home-made teas from 2.30pm to 5pm (in aid of St George's). Please come and support us and enjoy a relaxed afternoon mooching around the village.

It is just £5 for all of the gardens and you can pay on the door (gate!) and find out how we've coped (or not!) with these weird weather conditions.

Monies raised by the gardens goes to brilliant causes such as Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie and Maggies to name just a few. You can find out more at www.ngs.org.uk

As there were fewer candidates than needed, the local elections did not include a ballot paper for Evenley Parish Council.

The following were therefore automatically re-elected: Spencer Burnham, Cathy Ellis, Jeff Peyton-Bruhl, Jean Morgan, Charles Reader and Sue Ricketts.
 Cathy Ellis has been re-elected as chairman and Jeff Peyton-Bruhl as vice-chairman.

The Northampton Village Award run by rural charity ACRE has been postponed until next year.

Parking

In an attempt to avoid congestion around the Green and continual erosion of the grass, EPC is putting in a temporary sign outside Forge Coffee and Post Office. This will remind users that the parking bays are for shop users and for short stay use only.

Communications

Evenley Parish Council has updated its method of email news around the parish. Using a system called Mailchimp, which offers more security, the clerk can now assess 'campaign clicks', audience changes and engagement. If you are not one of the 91 residents now receiving updates into your mailbox, please email the clerk at clerk@evenleypc.org.uk

2021 Council Meetings
 21 June, 19 July, 20 Sept, 18 Oct and 29 Nov at Evenley Village Hall. All start at 7:30pm, parishioners are welcome and may contribute during public speaking session.

New Spring Bank Holiday week

BARNOWL FARM SHOP

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Have you heard of ABILITY BUS?

Ability is your local community bus service operating across South Northamptonshire and North Oxfordshire. It's available 5 days a week to anyone who needs travel. Our mission is to tackle social isolation and loneliness by offering regular and affordable transport to residents living in isolated rural areas. Anyone with a valid bus pass can travel with us completely free of charge.

What services do we offer? We run regular weekly shopping trips to the main shopping areas of Brackley so you can get your essentials. This service also includes additional drop off points allowing passengers to reach their local GPs and medical appointments, as well as occasional services to Banbury Centre.

Our social trips are also very popular with our members, who enjoy a good day out and a chance to chat and meet new people! Popular destinations include Milton Keynes, Burford Wildlife Centre, Bicester Village, and more!

We offer a range of different membership options from Bronze through to Gold, depending on the level of assistance you need. Gold membership is only £36 for the year and will give you all the support you need, including a door-to-door service, help carrying your shopping, and priority booking for trips. A Bronze membership is completely free and provides pickup from a bus stop with minimum support.

Lockdown has been a tough period for us and our members, but it's great to see people starting to venture out again. We hope to see you out and about on our buses very soon!

Please give us a call on 01327 604123 or visit our website at www.abilitycic.org.uk



Village Hall News

VILLAGE HALL PLANNED REOPENING

Evenley Village Hall will reopen on 21st June if the Government's roadmap out of Covid remains on track. With the uncertainty surrounding the Indian variant the committee is still unsure what limitations will be placed on users. The hall opened for the local elections and there are one or two events planned this Summer but regular users have already indicated many will not return until September and some may not to return to the hall at all. Since the hall has been closed, the committee has received several grants to compensate for the ongoing loss of income and the cost of Covid precautions. It has also continued to receive income from the village hall (200) club and so thank you everyone who has purchased numbers for this monthly draw. With the help of these grants and using contingency funds, the kitchen has been updated with new kitchen units, worktops, some appliances and floor covering ready for the return of regular hall users in September.

If you would like to hire the hall, please contact Joyce at bookings@evenlevillagehall.info or join the 200 Club, please contact Kim Golding on kim@exjs.com

PART TIME CLEANER REQUIRED

Evenley Village Hall is looking for a part-time cleaner for no more than six hours per week. The number of days per week and hours can be flexible. Rate of pay is negotiable. Please contact Eric at greendotday@hotmail.co.uk or call 705278.

TRUSTEE VACANCIES

Evenley Village Hall is managed by a committee of trustees, six of which are elected and up to three others who represent hall user groups. We have two vacancies for elected trustees. If you are interested to get involved with the management of this much valued village amenity please contact Eric at greendotday@hotmail.co.uk

VILLAGE HALL AGM

The village hall AGM will take place at 7.00pm on Monday 28th June, hopefully to be held again in the village hall assuming Covid restrictions are lifted. All Evenley residents are invited to attend.

Evenley Gardening Society

We hope to return to the village hall on 21st September for the start of our Autumn programme. Anyone looking for information about the society or wishes to join please contact: Joyce Stevens, chair at tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com or on (01280) 702861

The Red Lion reopens

Blankets, galoshes and woolly scarves no longer essential, the Red Lion is now fully open. You can go inside and look forward to a warm welcome from the team! Obviously national covid precautions must be followed and it is table service only but food and drink can be ordered and eaten inside. Check out the Red Lion's full menu now available at www.redlionevenley.co.uk

Forge Coffee News

We are delighted to finally have our customers enjoy their coffees and cakes with us INSIDE again! That easing of restrictions also coincided with us introducing a 30p charge for customers wanting a single use takeaway cup. As you may or may not know, single use cups DO NOT RECYCLE! Even the 'compostable' brands like the ones we use must go through a special digester before they can begin breaking down. This means almost every single use cup ends up in landfill unfortunately. We are also conscious they contribute to local environment waste which could be avoided. We want to encourage customers to use their own reusable cups, or even a mug from home, and in turn they'll receive a 30p discount each time! Of course, our crockery can be used if sitting inside, on our bistro tables outside or on the glorious green at no charge.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support and patience during these times!
Team Evenley Forge - Rupert, Rose, Jade, Taylor and Poppy

Bicester Hill update

Thank you to everyone who offered their support in our campaign to reduce the speed limit on Bicester Hill to 40mph. Sadly this has been turned down. The reason... here goes...

"In terms of setting appropriate speed limits we (Highways community liaison and the safer roads team leader for Northamptonshire Police). take the pragmatic view that if they do not command driver understanding or respect, not only will they be frequently contravened but they undermine the whole road safety regime. In other words the road environment should provide a clear illustration as to why a particular speed limit has been imposed and encourage self-compliance.

The roads around Evenley are typical of the vast majority of rural network around the county and the UK in general. These roads tend to bend and undulate; vary in width; present the occasional farm, property or dwelling frontage and are used by walkers, cyclists and horse riders to access amenities and the local country side. They generally allow motorists to make safe progress within the national speed limit of 60mph. Bicester Hill on the approach to the village typically reflects this function and environment, and these characteristics remain relatively consistent right up to the confines of the village where the road environment changes dramatically and a 30mph is entirely appropriate. It is universally accepted that every section of road network represents a risk to one type of road user or another and it is impossible to totally eliminate those risks.

The Panel therefore considers that the current limit remains appropriate particularly as it 'looks and feels' like a national speed limit section of road. It is also apparent that the vast majority of motorists were travelling lower than the posted limit on the approach to the village and therefore well within the posted speed limit."

Evenley WI

EVERLEY WI is hoping to restart face to face meetings in the village hall from Monday 5th July when Rosemary Leaper will be giving a talk on local history – other subjects this year will include 'Indian Cooking', 'Gardens of the National Trust', and 'Truffles, Sweets and Treats for Christmas'. Until our meetings resume you can also see some speakers on the Zoom platform.

Some exciting trips are available as well, including to the Olympic Park in London and Sudeley Castle in Gloucestershire, and we also our special interest groups will be restarting covering theatre and cinema trips, craft and walking.

New members welcome and normally meet on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm in Evenley Village Hall – if you'd like more information please contact us at evenleywi@gmail.com



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