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

Summer 2023



Weren't we lucky? After a few days of rain, the sun came out for the good folk of Evenley and allowed us to celebrate the Coronation of HRH King Charles III in glorious weather. Several hundred people gathered on the green with picnics to enjoy a diverse range of music; folk from Kevin O'Regan and his band, 90s covers from the Usual Suspects, a beautiful rendition of English Country Garden by our very own Evenley Handbell ringers and a grand finale with The Red Lion Band featuring Steve Hogarth, which had everyone on their feet.

Teas and cakes rushed out of the tent and helped make over £1200 which will be used towards renovating the village green. A big thank you to the huge gang of volunteers who helped erect tents, move tents, chairs and tables and take it all away again and scrub the tents clean too. A special thank you must go to the WI team who made 250m of fabulous bunting which managed to stretch around the entire green.

Thank you all.



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Last call for donations towards the bench for Raymond Roycroft. Please contact Cathy Knott, our clerk if you would like to make a donation. Apologies the construction has been held up, but it's on the way.

Meanwhile, EKFB (HS2) has kindly agreed to buy the village a special King's Coronation bench, which on the suggestion of a resident, will be placed on the green area at the entrance to Lawyers Close. So those residents doing a loop of the village can stop off for a rest halfway around!

Inserted in this newsletter, there is a separate paper about the possibility of putting an electric vehicle charging point here in Evenley. Please read and let us have your views on this important issue.



AD Update

The application for an anaerobic digester here in the parish is not on the agenda for West Northamptonshire's Strategic Planning Committee's June meeting. We await further news.

Hedgehogs

Did you know? During last year's searingly hot weather, over 20 hedgehogs suffering from malnutrition and dehydration were rescued from Evenley and nursed back to health by Brackley's Hogwatch charity (<https://www.brackleyhogwatch.co.uk/>).

These healthy little creatures are currently being released back in Evenley. Hedgehogs thrive in known territory, albeit this can be up to four miles square. So please look out for our new residents and take care when strimming and cutting long grass or clearing neglected areas.

Unfortunately, Brackley Hogwatch can't take any more hedgies at the moment, so if you see a sick one, please contact the Nutkin Ward (Tess on 07733 220266 or message on Facebook) or take it to Tiggywinkles: <https://www.sttiggywinkles.org.uk/>



Keeping in touch & meeting dates

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 at <http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/home.html>

Meeting dates: Held at Evenley Village Hall at 7.30pm on 19th June, 17th July, 18th September, 16th October & 20th November. All welcome.

What's On

Evenley Village Hall

The annual general meeting of Evenley Village Hall Committee is taking place on Monday 26th June 2023, 7.30pm at the hall. Everyone most welcome.

The agenda and financial statement will be posted on the Evenley Village Hall website as soon as possible for you to view:
<http://www.evenleypc.org.uk/facilities/village-hall.html>

Soup Lunch

A village soup lunch is held every second Tuesday (not August), at Evenley Village Hall 12.00 – 1.30pm.

A choice of homemade soups is on offer, along with a roll and cheese, tea or coffee plus biscuits for £2.00. All enquiries to Joyce Stevens T: 01280 702861
E: tonyjoyce2021@gmail.com

St. George's Church news

IT'S NEARLY HERE! St. George's Church Fete - 2.00pm, Saturday, 24th June 2023

We would be very grateful for any help you are able to give on the day plus much needed donations for the tombola, bric a brac, toys, books, cakes (if you can label ingredients that would be a great help) and plant stalls would be much appreciated. Please contact Jose on 07708 539191 or Jane on 840018/07594 326637.

Would you be able to help with the church cleaning rota? This usually only takes a couple of hours once every two months. Also we are looking for someone to join the rota for opening and locking the church, which is just a week every two months.

Calling all Mr and Mrs Mops....we are having a very late church 'spring clean' at 10am on Saturday, 5th August and again any help would be very much appreciated. If you have any dusters, sprays, gloves etc you can bring that would be a great help too.

Cream Tea

Cream Tea at Rectory Farmhouse, Church Leys on Monday, 3 July, 3.00-4.30 pm. Please contact Jane if you can come on 840018/07594 326637 £3.50 entrance plus raffle - everyone welcome.

Evenley Wood Garden

There is lots going on at Evenley Wood Garden this Summer including completion of phase three of its Wildwood play space. The area is open every day from 10am - 4pm and now includes a giant bee structure and a speedy zipwire.

And of course, the magnificent Gifford's Circus returns to the garden from 29th June - 10th July with its Les Enfants du Paradis show.

Later in July Brackley Youth Theatre presents Alice in Wonderland and in August, Immersion Theatre brings a brand new adaption of The Wizard of Oz to the wood, guaranteed to have you in stitches.

There are dates when the garden will be closed - 15th July, 29th July and 2nd September.

For more information, please visit www.evenleywoodgarden.co.uk or find it on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

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