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The Red Lion

looks forward to welcoming you to the pub this Christmas.

Check out the December menu and opening hours at redlionevenley.co.uk and don't forget to book on 703469 or at redlionevenley@me.com

David and his team will once again be selling Christmas trees from The Red Lion car park from Friday 24th November.

Anerobic Digester Update

The planning application for building one of the country's largest aerobic digester plants here in Evenley, is going before the West Northamptonshire Strategic Planning Committee before the end of the year. Evenley Parish Council will be given the opportunity to represent the views of the parish at that meeting and we will keep you posted of the outcome. Wish us good luck!

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Winter 2023



Our giant Christmas tree will be lighting up the Green from Saturday 1st December and we will be holding a good old sing-song of Christmas carols and songs (served with mulled wine) later in the month, probably week commencing 1th December.

Obviously it is weather dependent so check your emails and Facebook for full details nearer the time.

We wish our fellow villagers a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Cathy E, Jeff, Spencer, Jean, Charles, Sue, Paul & Cathy K

Evenley Green

Doesn't the village green look good? A programme of feeding the grass, applying a herbicide to control the weeds and latterly, deep slitting it to aerate the ground is giving the green a much needed boost.



Keeping in touch & meeting dates

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

Our next meetings will be held at Evenley Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday evenings; 22nd January, 19th February and 18th March. You are all very welcome to attend.



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Councillor Vacancy

Evenley Parish Council is sorry to report the resignation of Councillor Sue Ricketts. Sue has been a member since 2018. A dedicated equestrian, Sue is leaving to concentrate on her Pony Club role. We all thank Sue for her contribution to parish life over the last five years. This of course means we have a vacancy. If you would be interested in joining Evenley Parish Council, please contact the chairman, Cathy Ellis at c.ellis@evenleypc.org.uk

Remembrance Service

Thank you to everyone who turned out for Evenley's Remembrance Service on Sunday 12th November and afterwards at the village hall. This year readings were made by Colonel Barkas, Brigadier Inshaw and Charlotte Walker. We were delighted to be joined by Major Watkins who laid a wreath on behalf of the USAF, based at RAF Croughton. Donations raised over £300 for Combat Stress, a charity supporting mental health services for military veterans.

A huge thank you to Evenley WI for the magnificent poppy cascade embellishing our village sign to commemorate those lives lost in war. Members of the crafting group knitted and crocheted over 200 poppies over 12 months to create the cascade, which we hope will be used for future commemorations. And look out, it may have grown by next year!

Villagers packed into a full St George's Church recently to enjoy a fabulous concert by The Marsh Mellows and Mini Mellows, a community choir from nearby Marsh Gibbon.

The audience clapped and tapped their feet along to a wide variety of great crowd-pleasing songs, refuelling with a hot bowl of chilli and glass of wine in the interval. This fantastic little concert raised everyone's spirits and £1,140 split between the Brain Tumour Charity and our church.

Forge Coffee

Major congratulations to The Forge Coffee Shop. Our shop here in Evenley won 'Best Cafe in Northamptonshire' in the Muddy Stiletto Awards earlier this year and this month its sister shop in Culworth enjoyed the amazing accolade of topping The Sunday Times' 'Seven of the UK's coffee shops in unexpected places' list.

Owner Rupert Rowling said: "What a year it has been. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the villagers and surrounding community for their support of Forge Coffee and we look forward to continue to improve our offering. We certainly won't be resting on our laurels."

With that in mind, Forge Coffee and Post Office will be closed from Saturday 23rd December to redecorate, reopening on Monday 8th January 2024. In the meantime, don't forget to check out those Christmas postal dates.

What's On

Upcoming meetings at 7:30 pm at the Village Hall

Monday 4th December:
 Christmas Party with Jemini Crafts.
 Monday 8th January:
 The Life of Chutney, Cheese and Charcuterie.
 Monday 5th February: Northamptonshire Shoemakers and Leather.
 Please join us! For questions, please contact us at evenleywi@gmail.com



Evenley Wood Garden

Evenley Wood Gardens will be celebrating 'Enchanted Christmas' throughout December. Write and post a letter to Santa, make sparkling reindeer food and of course visit Evenley's famous Father and Mother Christmas for hot chocolate and marshmallows around a toasty open fire. It will be busy so pre-booking is essential. Visit evenleywoodgarden.co.uk for more information.

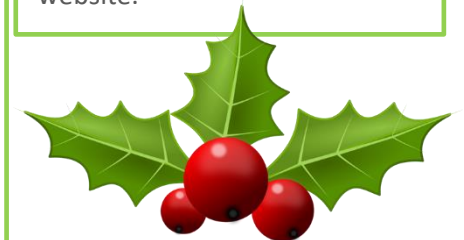
Giffords Circus has just announced its new circus 'Avalon' will be returning to Evenley Wood Gardens again next year from 27th June until 8th July 2024. Full details can be found at giffordscircus.com



Father Christmas is passing through Evenley early this year. Listen out for him on Monday 4th December as he takes a practise run through the village on his sleigh, starting at Broad Lane at 6.30pm. His team of supporting elves will be collecting monies for Evenley Cricket Club and St. George's Church this year.

Advent Windows

It's that magical time of the year again and the Evenley Advent Windows which are becoming a looked-forward-to and much loved tradition will be lit once again around the village from 1st until 27th December. Maps will be available to copy from The Forge Coffee Shop, The Red Lion or to download from the village website.



Film Club

Come and join us, for a free Christmas event on Monday 11th December. We will be serving mulled wine (other drinks will be available) and mince pies etc from 7.30pm. The film starts at 8pm.

The film is a surprise – or join the film club at janda@jaceprojects.co.uk

Evenley Matters update

Thank you to everyone who turned out for the Evenley Matters public meeting on 18th October. It was good to see both old friends and new faces. Evenley Matters is pleased to announce that it has welcomed new members, confirmed its new committee and updated the constitution. We are in the process of putting these details onto the Evenley Matters page on the Evenley Parish website and looking at ways to make it easier for you to contact the team. So look out!

And exciting news! Evenley's Fete and Dog Show will be returning in 2024. Our marquees will once again be raised on the Green! More details about the fete and other future events will follow soon but in the meantime, you can contact the EM chairman Nic Hamblin at nichamblin@hotmail.com

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