

# EVENLEY TIMES

AUTUMN 2024



## AD Update

**Acorn Bioenergy has notified Evenley Parish Council and residents that it intends to reapply for planning permission to build an anaerobic digester here in the parish at the same location as previously, just off Barley Mow roundabout.** Its previous application was turned down by West Northamptonshire's Strategic Planning Committee in December 2023 (see below). At a recent meeting with Acorn representatives, councillors learnt that the new plant, whilst visually smaller than previously applied for would process the same quantity of crops and animal waste (97,000 tonnes). When Acorn was asked what this meant in terms of traffic movements, EPC was advised that Acorn has now employed new consultants and that all the transport figures in the previous application were wrong. EPC and residents had argued this point vociferously dur-

ing the last application. We asked Acorn how residents will be able to trust its figures in its new application.

Residents have been asked by Acorn to take part in a 'consultation process'. You do not need to respond however, as this is not a formal part of the application, it is a process for Acorn to gather information. EPC has advised residents who object to this application and wish to respond to state that they do not support the plant and do not believe in its 'green credentials'. By now if you are registered with our clerk, you will have received an email with further information and if you haven't, please sign up by emailing Cathy Knott, our clerk: [clerk@evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

When Acorn has made its application we will call another public meeting to discuss our response but in the meantime, as advised

at our recent meetings, please do not hesitate to ask if you need advice or help with this matter.

In December 2023 Acorn's previous application was turned down for the reasons specified below: "It is considered the scale, height and massing of the proposed development will not minimise the adverse impacts on people and the natural environment. As such it will have an unacceptable impact on the landscape character of the surrounding area contrary to policies S1 and S11 West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (2014)." These policies specifically refer to protecting rural areas and not permitting industrialisation of the countryside.

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## Blooming Marvellous

Congratulations to Dale Cornes at 29 The Green who won our inaugural Blooming Marvellous competition for the most floriferous hanging basket or pot visible from the road. Dale's stunning monster-sized hanging baskets are still in bloom and complement her delightful cottage garden,

which you can view as part of the National Garden Scheme next Summer.

Look out for details nearer the time. Congratulations also go to our runners up Angela Randall at Cresswell House and Lee Balderstone in Church Leys.



**Teas Galore**

Delicious’, ‘Fabulous’, ‘What a wonderful idea’ and “Will you be doing this again next week?”, were just some of the comments from customers enjoying cream teas in Evenley village hall thanks to our WI.

By mid-afternoon on a searingly hot August Sunday, customers were queuing out the door, whilst home made scones flew out of the kitchen and the team prepared, served and washed up with military precision master mind-

ed by WI member Maggie Hicks. And those who couldn’t stay, left laden with cakes, chutneys and jams, all home made by the members of Evenley’s WI. A great Summer community event which raised much needed funds for



Evenley’s ever-growing WI.

Thank you to all the contributors who baked and cooked, to Susan Lilley and Pat Thompson who arranged stunning flower arrangements, to Barnowl Farmshop for kindly donating the cream for the event, the generosity of Joyce and Tony Stevens for funding the hall hire and The Red Lion and Evenley Wood Garden for donating raffle prizes.

And to demonstrate the popularity of this event, another was held shortly after! The newly-formed Men in Sheds charity



based at Evenley Wood Garden organised another great community afternoon tea and once more the village hall groaned with delicious cakes, sandwiches and light bites. Congratulations to both organisations for two terrifically popular and well supported village events.



**Hats off to Julia Jennings** whose headwear was voted ‘best hat’ at a special service at St George’s Church recently. Congregation members were sponsored to wear a hat at the colourful service lead by new Rector Reverend George Frost and raised £300 .

**Did you enjoy the Christmas windows** in the village last year? The team behind this colourful and celebratory display are hoping to organise again this year so if you would like to decorate an Advent

window this December, or would like to help organise, please contact Alison on [janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk) or Jose: [josegold- ing@outlook.com](mailto:josegold- ing@outlook.com).

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# theWI

INSPIRING WOMEN

Evenley WI meets on the first Monday of the month at 7.30pm at Evenley Village Hall giving members the chance to catch up with old friends, make new ones and hear from a diverse range of speakers. If you would like more information, please contact: [evenleywi@gmail.com](mailto:evenleywi@gmail.com).

**Evenley Matters** is holding its AGM at The Forge Coffee Shop on Tuesday 22nd October at 6:30pm.

All villagers are welcome to attend so please come along.

A date of the 6th September 2025 has been agreed for the Evenley Village Fete. Evenley Matters will be looking for volunteers in early 2025 to form a fete committee so please watch this space if you are interested in being involved.

**Winner of the most original fundraiser this Summer** goes to resident Charles Woodgate who had his lengthy ponytail chopped off for charity and Lynn Fox who organised the event. A group gathered to watch as Charles' crowning glory fell to the floor at The Red Lion recently. To date over £1400 has been raised to buy a lifting device to help a fallen casualty off the floor. This important piece of kit will be used by Brackley CFRs (Community First Responders), a group of unpaid volunteers trained in life saving techniques. Fund-raising is ongoing and you can donate by visiting <http://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/charlies-haircut>.



### Need a ride to Bicester?

Oxfordshire County Council has funded Ability Bus to run from Mixbury to Bicester. Full details can be found at <https://abilitycic.org.uk/bicester-bee/>.

Needless to say EPC is lobbying West Northamptonshire Council to expand this service to

Evenley. Resident Brian Sinclair has also been attending meetings and lobbying hard for the village to regain a bus service and we thank him for all his hard work to date.



Thank you to Evenley's Community Speed Watch (CSW) team for its recent four week campaign to discourage speeding through the village. Reporting on its success CSW organiser Zelda Carr says "As a result of our campaign, Northamptonshire Police sent out 110 warning letters. We always need more volunteers but between us we covered 15 sessions - an average of four sessions a week".

Data collected showed that the worst speeding occurs at 7.30am with some 17 drivers sent warning letters from just one morning. Please don't speed. The consequences could be life-changing and please remind visitors and builders of the speed limits within the village too.

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## St. George's Church

Rev. Frost will be leading a Harvest Festival Evening Service at 5.30pm on Sunday 27th October here in Evenley, but first why not enjoy a delicious Harvest lunch at the village hall from 12.30pm? Tickets will be available at Forge Coffee with all proceeds given to Brackley Food Bank.

**Remembrance Service this year is on Sunday 10th November** and starts promptly at 10.50am at the War Memorial on the Green with refreshments served afterwards at the village hall. Look out for Evenley's WI magnificent poppy cascade which will once again swathe the village sign in the weeks beforehand.

## Resident Phillip

**Scaysbrook has launched Evenley Village History Society.** It has its own fascinating website at [evenleyhistory.org/uk](http://evenleyhistory.org/uk) but there's room for more! Members are already researching well-known village families, planning interviews with long-standing residents and trips to Kew National Records Office and its Northamptonshire equivalent. If you would like to be involved please contact Phillip at [phils-caysbrook@gmail.com](mailto:phils-caysbrook@gmail.com).

## Christmas Party

As part of its plan to encourage more community activities Evenley Parish Council is organising a Christmas Do at Evenley Village Hall. A staple of the calendar in years gone-by, EPC is arranging a disco and bring your own booze and glassware 'do' on Friday 13th December. Tickets are just £5 and are available from Cathy Knott on 01280 423295 email [clerk@evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk). Any profits after expenses will be given to Katharine House Hospice.

**Do you fancy developing a new skill this winter** and exercising your grey matter? Evenley's Bridge Club meets in the hall every Wednesday from 7.00–10.00pm and is looking for new members, novices or experienced. To tempt you further, wine and nibbles are served every first Wednesday. Contact Jose Golding on 01280 703400 for more information.

**Film Club** Autumn Dates: 14th Oct, 11th Nov & 9th Dec. Film details are sent to members each month. Free to join!! We just need your email address as we are not allowed to promote the film to non members. Doors open 7.15pm and the film starts at 7.30pm. Soft drinks and nibbles provided. To join email Alison Atkins: [janda@jaceprojects.co.uk](mailto:janda@jaceprojects.co.uk)



**Evenley Cricket Club** would like to thank all VP's, ball sponsors, advertisers and shirt sponsors for supporting the club again this season.

The first team, returned to the top flight of the South Northants league with a respectable mid-table finish and the second team secured promotion to Division One and reached the final of the league divisional cup.



The mid-week team also had a respectable season, whilst the junior section goes from strength to strength.

**Check out the new Evenley Parish Council website** at [www.evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.evenleyparishcouncil.gov.uk).

This has been updated and simplified to hopefully make it easier to navigate as well as keeping you up to speed with the latest news.

**You can sign up** to Evenley Parish Council's mailing list at: <http://eepurl.com/hxloP1>

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