

EVENLEY PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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The main theme of this newsletter is **help**. In some cases this is a call for help, in others we are able to indicate where help may be available to provide a solution to your particular predicament. At the parish council level we need your help in filling the vacancy which has resulted from Mrs Jell's resignation for personal reasons. We are all grateful for the work she has done as a member of the parish council. As the period allowed for a by-election to be called has elapsed the parish council must now co-opt a suitable candidate. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a parish councillor please call me on (01280) 704070 and I will be very pleased to answer any questions you may have. Alternatively the parish clerk, Joyce Stevens, and the other councillors will be happy to supply information. Thereafter, on a date to be determined, the parish councillors will conduct brief interviews with the candidates before voting to appoint the successful applicant.

At the local level, after two years without an increase, we have approved a 3% rise in the local element of the council tax in order to deal with rising costs. We are currently coming to terms with the government's Localism Bill. We have expressed our concern about the planned reduction in the number of Police Community Support Officers. Our parish council meetings are open to the public and will take place on March 19th, April 2nd (Annual Parish Meeting), May 21st (Annual General Meeting), July 9th, September 17th and November 19th (please check the notice board for any unforeseen changes). Those interested in keeping up to date with South Northants Council business can do via Twitter on www.twitter.com/SNorthantsC.



Parish councils throughout the country have been encouraged to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee by holding a Big Lunch on Sunday 3rd June. This could take the form of a street party. However, excuse the pun, there seems to be no appetite for such an occasion in Evenley where it would appear that informal low key gatherings are preferred. Nevertheless, if any individual or group wishes to organise a formal event this could be arranged and I would be happy to offer guidance if required.



Following last year's successful autumn event David Brooke, Jackie Fox and Merrick Loggin will be holding a Spring tidying up session at our pocket park on Bicester Hill

Please come along and help between 10am and noon on Saturday 21st April with an appropriate garden tool.



Now a reminder to confirm that the contents of the salt bins which located around the village may only be used for spreading on the roads and adjacent footways, not for private use. Litter and fly tipping continue to be a blight on the parish, especially at the pocket park and down Mixbury Road. Evidence of fly tipping should be notified immediately to South Northants Council at Towcester either by telephoning (01327) 322322, or using the SNC on-line reporting service, for action to be taken. Please don't assume that someone else has reported the offence.

We applaud the Evenley Residents' Association's Road Safety Campaign to raise approximately £2500 to finance the purchase of a mobile VAS (Vehicle Activated Sign) whose deployment on village roads should deter excessive speeding. Future fund raising events in the village hall include a Sing Along on March 3rd and a Karaoke Night on April 14th, tickets available from Alan & Mo 01280 702811. Other dates for your diary include film club showings of We must talk about Kevin on March 12th, Jane Eyre on April 16th and The Help on May 14th. No advance booking is necessary – doors open at 7.45pm and showings commence at 8pm and entrance costs £4. Bring a bottle of your favourite tippie if you wish or free soft drinks, nibbles and glasses are provided.

There will be another Evenley Arts event in the back room of our village pub on Shrove Tuesday 21st February beginning at 8pm sharp. Please book your ten minute contribution slot of poetry, drama extract or song by phoning Kevin on 01280 702300. It only costs what you spend at the bar and attentive audience members will be very welcome. On Thursday 8th March at 7.30pm the Evenley WI has invited Anna Steven to speak, with illustrations, on The Treasures of the Ashmolean. Entry to visitors costs £2.50.

Changes in Opening Hours at Brackley Library. With effect from Sunday 15th April the Brackley Library will open on Sunday afternoons from 1pm to 4pm. To make this possible the library will then open from 10am till 6pm (Monday – Friday) and from 9am till 5pm on Saturdays. Sunday opening has proved popular elsewhere.

We've been asked to pass on a call for volunteers to be Master Composters (MCs) to spread the message of home composting, when the campaign begins in the spring. The next intake of volunteers comes in March. After completing 30 hours of volunteering over a period of 1-2 years the MCs are presented with a City & Guilds certificate for voluntary work. All equipment will be provided and expenses covered. Contact the website www.southnorthants.gov.uk/mastercomposters for further information. The SNVB (South Northants Volunteer Bureau) is mainly concerned with the recruitment of volunteers to participate in good causes. However the parish council was pleased to invite SNVB's Nick King to its meeting at which he outlined the service which the unit is able to provide in respect of debt advice, welfare benefits, job seeking advice and other matters. This lottery funded village networks project takes the form of a monthly visit by a mobile unit at a set time and date. Advice will be provided confidentially in a meeting room. The funding has also included the provision of a brand new 16 seater minibus with driver which is available to be hired by community, voluntary and non-profit groups. Further information later.

Support and advice from the Northamptonshire Centre for Independent Living is available from Sharon Tansley, Carers Information Officer, Northamptonshire Centre for Independent Living, Gladstone Road Resource Centre, Gladstone Road Northampton NN5 7EJ – Telephone 01604 588501. Subjects covered include:

Wheelchair Hire Scheme, Welfare Benefits and Disability Rights. Advice is also available from our MP, Mrs Andrea Leadsom who can be contacted via her local office on 01604 859721, her London office 0207 219 7149, her website andrea.leadsom.mp@parliament.uk or by arranging a booked appointment. She will next be at Brackley Town Hall on Friday 16th March from 3pm until 6pm.

To save money on your heating oil purchases form a local group then contact the local Chandlers Oil & Gas company which can deliver oil on set days each month to group members. The customer sets up an individual account within the group and can then buy at the "group rate". This is possible because the supplier can make savings on transportation costs. The company's website is www.chandlersoil.com and Karen Healey can be contacted there on 08456 202010.

Other diary dates

ECC St Georges Day Saturday 21st April, Red Lion Evenley tickets from David Brooke on 01280 843923

**Local events are advertised on Evenley CC website www.evenleycc.com
you can ad your own event if you wish...**