



## June 2012

### SIXTY GLORIOUS YEARS

What a great Diamond Jubilee Party we enjoyed despite the atrocious weather! Hastily transferred from the Village Green to the Red Lion car park where awnings and gazebos were erected to give protection from the elements villagers and their friends enjoyed their picnics accompanied by a string of performances from a succession of very talented musicians who, I am told, all live within thirty miles of Evenley.

On behalf of the village I should like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the occasion. In particular our thanks go out to the cricket club members led by Alan Thornhill and supported by our hosts Paul and Angie with back up from Kevin O'Regan and my parish council predecessor, Nigel Fox.

### NEW EVENLEY PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE

Our parish council website was launched on April 30<sup>th</sup> and provides information about the parish, what's going on at local and district levels, what the parish council is doing for you and much more. Links with other village organisations, district/ county services and future events are provided and you can, if you like, apply to receive the newsletter electronically, or at least read it on the website. [www.evenleypc.org.uk](http://www.evenleypc.org.uk)

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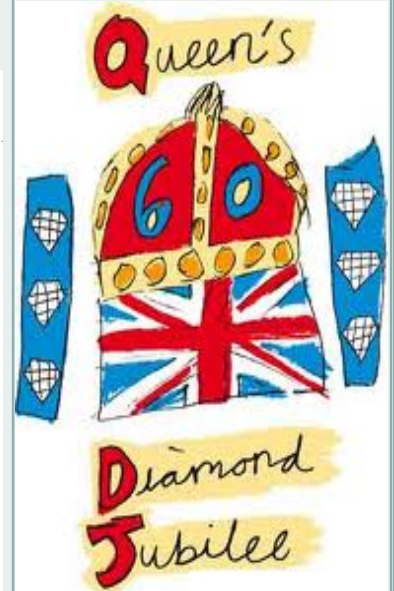
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## SPEED SIGN (VAS)

For many years road safety has been a prime concern of the parish council and, following a campaign spearheaded by Councillor Mike Boshier, we now have nearly raised the funding to provide a mobile Vehicle Activated Sign which will be moved between various locations in the village. It will indicate to drivers that they are

exceeding the speed limit. Such devices installed elsewhere have proved to be effective in speed reduction. We are particularly grateful to County Councillor Ron Sawbridge for allocating part of his annual allowance from the county council to this worthy project. His valuable contribution covers 50% of the total cost.

*“Vehicle Activated Sign which will be moved between various locations”*

### OTHER DIARY DATES

**Picnic in the paddock** ... Evenley CC are holding this event in the garden of the Red Lion Evenley on Sunday June 24th 2pm onwards, tickets available from Kim Golding 01280 703400 or Mike Boshier on 01280 704593

**St George's Church Fete** ... Saturday 7th July 2.00pm onwards, afternoon tea, plant stall, book stall and much more

**ECC VP's Lunch** ... To be held in the Red Lion Evenley on Saturday 28th July, tickets available from Alan & Mo 01280 702811,

**Evenley Village Fete** ... To be held on Evenley Village Green on Bank Holiday Monday 27th Aug,

More details can be found on [www.evenleypc.org.uk](http://www.evenleypc.org.uk), go to events

### PARKING ISSUES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Recently representatives from the parish council had met representatives from the brewery in response to our request to address road safety concerns at the junction of Mixbury Road and Bicester Hill. Problems have mainly arisen from cars being parked in such a way that motorists have been unable to see approaching vehicles. Near misses had been reported to the parish council which, after discussions with the landlord of the Red Lion, had made a direct appeal to the brewery's Chief Executive. The Business Development Manager of Marstons Brewery responded very favourably to the parish council's request and subsequently a meeting was arranged. At this meeting the parish council representatives were delighted to hear that, not only is the brewery willing to make a financial contribution to measures to prevent cars being parked on the grass verge where Bicester Hill joins Mixbury Road, but has formulated plans to create additional parking spaces to the rear of the pub where the grass will be reinforced by a plastic mesh set into the surface. Furthermore the brewery has allocated space for the children's play area in the pub garden. These plans are at the initial stage and will take some time to come to fruition but represent a notable and very welcome step forward.

## **THEFT OF LEAD**

An amount of lead was stolen from a porch on Evenley village green recently Please all be aware that we are under constant threat of some crime or another. If you do see or hear anything ring 101, or 999 for an emergency. PLEASE BE VIGILANT



## **Junior Cricket on Evenley Village Green**

### **EVENLEY ARTS SCENE**

I should like to thank Jeff Peyton-Bruhl for bringing the professional production of the Railway Children to the Village Hall prior to its season in Northampton. I am told that the performance was excellent but that numbers attending were disappointing. The next live dramatic outdoor performance in the village takes place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm at our village pub when the Squeezed Theatre Company presents a one hour abridged version of Twelfth Night by William Shakespeare.

### **NEW PARISH COUNCILLOR**

We have been pleased to co-opt Mrs Jean Morgan, former Chief Executive of South Northamptonshire District Council, on to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy created earlier this year by the resignation of Mrs Rosemary Jell. Local government is becoming ever more complicated and we hope to benefit from Mrs Morgan's expertise as we navigate our way through increasingly complex legislation. One of the initiatives coming out of the government's recent Localism Bill is the opportunity for parish councils to prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans which will carry legal weight in the event of outside developers seeking to impose schemes at variance with the wishes of residents. Councillor Alan Thornhill is heading our activities in this area which, as the accompanying flyer explains, is a joint venture involving ALL residents, not just the parish council, and when formulated the plan will be subject to approval by all residents in a village referendum.

### **EVENLEY FILM CLUB**

*It was good news to hear that our village film club is enjoying increased support.*

*Next film My Week With Marilyn 10th September*

### **EVENLEY CRICKET CLUB**

*On the sporting front our village cricket teams have notched up some stunning victories at the start of the season.*

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### **EVENLEY WEB SITE**

We are also extremely grateful to Mike Boshier who has also been the prime mover in the provision of our village website, [www.evenleypc.org.uk](http://www.evenleypc.org.uk) which keeps us up-to-date with local information.



## CONTACTS

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## EVENLEY COMMON

The parish council was very glad of the support from the Friends of Evenley Common and other residents who turned out to help with our spring clean at the Bicester Hill pocket park. We are particularly indebted to Merrick Loggin, David Brooke and Jackie Fox for their day-to-day assistance there over the year. Sadly the replacement picnic table and benches, which were welded to brackets set into the concrete base, have since been stolen and the parish council is yet to decide on what action to take. As the original fund was allocated to furniture on the pocket park for the use of family picnics we are considering purchasing a more utilitarian picnic table and bench design (weighing 250kgs), to be concreted into the base, which, hopefully will act as a deterrent to the thieves.

## REPLACEMENT NOTICEBOARD

The parish council endeavours to preserve the appearance of the village whenever possible and to this end it is replacing the rather dilapidated notice board situated outside the village hall, overlooking the green. The history behind the project is that the current village notice board was erected some twenty five years ago and since then, despite all efforts to maintain it, has deteriorated so much that the parish council put out a plea for a local handyman to refurbish it. Sadly there was no response to the request and subsequently the decision had to be made to replace it. At a meeting of the council in March 2012, the councillors voted to purchase a new notice board which we hope will be in situ for many years to come. The current situation is that we have applied for the necessary planning permission and once this has been granted we can place the order. We intend to recycle the current notice board and position it at the northern entrance to the pocket park. Should any interested parties wish to view an example of a man made board; one can be viewed at Byfield. At some time in the next few weeks we may be seeking volunteers to assist with the task of installing the board at the pocket park – offers from any willing helpers will be greatly appreciated.

Tell us what you think – if you like something – tell us, and if you don't agree with what we are doing then tell us also – alternatively come along to our bi monthly meetings – the public is always very welcome.

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