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JULIA SMITH

## Barn Owl Update

We moved into Northfield Farmstead in 2007. Our barn conversion had previously belonged to the late Ron Moorhouse, who had also been very protective about the barn owls which had nested in our barn.

The builders who converted the barns and built the courtyard were required to rehouse the Barn owls. Suffolk Barn Owl Trust supplied the box, but the offer of the Trust to relocate the box was refused, I found out later. The walnut tree in our garden has two barn owl boxes. This was due to Ken, my husband, making a new box to replace the Suffolk Trust one, which had started to look a bit frail. When the men from the Butterfly House, who are volunteers, came to swap boxes, they found a Barn owl sitting on eggs, so they could not remove the box, but they did put the new one up below the old box. Over the years, both boxes have been used. The female rears her young in the new box, and the male lives like a bachelor in the top box until the female gets a bit tired of the youngsters and moves upstairs.

In September 2025, we reached 51 Barn owl young that had fledged from our owl box. We have had a few changes in the adults that are nesting, but our boxes have always been occupied, and we hope this continues. We live surrounded by lovely countryside, and many of us live by the edges of fields, the perfect habitat for birds and owls. There are Tawny owls, Barn owls and Little owls in the village and rare sightings of Short-eared owls. If you site a box in your garden, you will get great pleasure from watching these beautiful birds. I always enjoy seeing friends out in the village walking and enjoying the countryside. It's a lovely village we live in, so let's keep it that way. Please do not drop litter and pick up after your dog so everybody can continue to enjoy this lovely place.

**JULIA SMITH**

## Lost Garden

We are resuming our weekly sessions on Wednesdays from 4-6, weather permitting and would love to welcome more volunteers.

Thanks to Trish and Jonathan for giving us some primroses, which we have planted under an elder tree, and to Paul and Becky for lots of snowdrops and some paving slabs.

If you would be willing to plant a small pot of wild flower seeds and nurture it at home, we can supply pots and seeds and arrange a day to plant them in the Lost Garden when we have cleared a space, and hopefully they will have grown.

Our hedgehogs have been hibernating but occasionally pop out for a midnight snack, and we're grateful to the volunteers who take turns to monitor them and ensure the food and water are topped up.

The bird song is increasing as nesting time is fast approaching.

It's a lovely place to spend a few minutes

**SUE HUGHES**

### THE EVERTON BIG POPPY APPEAL

Can you knit or crochet? Would you like to help us make poppies?

As we drove through neighbouring villages last year, we were struck by how many poppies of remembrance were displayed and how wonderful they looked.

In 2026, The Everton Knitting Group and The Everton WI are coordinating a village display and would like those of you who can knit or crochet to help. Donations of red and black double-knit-weight yarn would also be appreciated.

Patterns are available in the Church or from the Knitting Group during a meeting. The meeting dates are on the back page of HEDS. Patterns can also be emailed to you.

For further information or electronic patterns, please contact Angela:

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Our amazing Mum and Grandma. Unfortunately, she was stripped of many years due to the horrendous MND, but even on the toughest days, she still had a kind, bright smile on her face, which none of us will ever forget. Loved by everyone who met her. We all have such great memories, and they will never fade. She lived her life to the fullest, travelled all over the world, knew how to socialise, but most of all was the best Mum and Grandma ever. Her Grandchildren Travis, Tilly and Rory, were everything to her.

Ben, Paul, and I would like to thank everyone who attended our mum's funeral and helped make it such a beautiful celebration of her life. We were overwhelmed by how many people came to support us.

We would also like to thank everyone who donated to the MND Association — an incredible £1,727 was raised.

We are so grateful for all the love and kindness shown to our family.

**Laura**



## SCARECROW AND FLOWER FESTIVAL – 16TH & 17TH MAY

Plans are progressing well for this event, we are looking forward to lots of scarecrows around the village, in the Churchyard and in the Church. There will be an entry form for them in the May edition of HEDS, but it would be helpful if you could let either Ann or Sid know if you are thinking of displaying one so that we can send the Judges to the right venues.

If your firm or any individual would like to sponsor a flower arrangement in the Church,

that would be great. Again, please let us know.

On Sunday, the Garden Holders will hold their usual plant sale and craft stalls. And bacon butties, of course.

All the profits from the event will go to the Church Tower restoration fund - we are still working out the details of the event, but hope the village will support us as usual.

Further information from Sid (07745 533216) or Ann (818993 or 073777 94790). All offers of help and ideas are very welcome.

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"Everton Primary is a supportive learning environment. The teachers really care about the children's well-being." Parent View: Ofsted 2023

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February has once again been a busy month at Everton Primary School as the children continued their educational enrichment through activities both in and out of school.

With 2026 being the 'National Year of Reading', we have started several initiatives with regard to reading. We are inviting adults and former pupils from the village to join us in school to share their favourite stories - reading the book, a chapter or even just a few pages - before doing a short Q&A about it with the children. If you feel that you are able or willing to come into school to share your favourite story with the children, then please contact me via the school office (details below).

In another initiative, all children have been invited to take a photo of themselves reading in weird and wonderful places. These photos are being discussed and displayed in school to encourage reading throughout the year groups. I'll be thinking of the strangest place that I can read whilst in Scarborough over half term!

Also within school, all the children took part in our annual Sponsored Pancake Toss as we learnt about the Christian festival of Lent, particularly on Shrove Tuesday. The child in each class with the most pancake flips within the time limit also received a special prize.

Class 3 visited Magna, which added to their topic of Space. The Year 5 & 6 children were able to fully immerse themselves in physical and practical examples of how vast and complicated Space and our solar system are.

This half term has seen the children offered a range of after-school clubs, including: Baking, Writing, Choir, Board Games and SATS. It is wonderful how

well these have been attended and supported. Into the next half term, we have a lot more exciting events coming up to watch out for, including: Haughton Farm Park educational visit (EYFS), Wedding and Baptism experience in Everton Church (Year 1&2), as well as our Holi Colour Run (Sponsored by MCCORMICKCO) and World Book Day, to name but a few!

Hopefully, you can see from what we've been up to above, Everton Primary School is a wonderful, friendly and happy school that gives opportunities for children to be children whilst experiencing a wide range of activities both in and out of school. We currently have some spaces in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. If you are currently looking for child places in these year groups, then please apply to join the EverTeam! If you would like to arrange a school visit or ask any questions about school admissions, then please feel free to call or email the school on 01777817350 or office@everton.notts.sch.uk

**Andrew Green**  
Headteacher



# TONY'S TOPICS

## Potholes!

I know that I am not alone incurring the financial penalties caused by unrepaired potholes. I just hope that shedding some light on this topic will spark some interest.

Recently, I had to replace an expensive 4-month-old tyre which had “developed” a bulge in the tyre wall. The bulge renders the tyre liable to an instantaneous blowout, causing a catastrophic accident, possibly resulting in death. As a side issue, it is also an MOT failure.

The specialist garage that replaced the tyre advised that it had probably been “nipped” against the steep, sheer-sided wall of a pothole. Indeed, a pothole fitting this exact description is shown in the accompanying photo (the one filled with very brown water). It is one of several pictured at the A631 junction with the High Street in Everton.

To give an idea of scale, the larger circular pothole contains a submerged 12-inch ruler. The size of these potholes requires prompt repair, according to government-issued protocols. Notts County Council (NCC) pothole interactive web site indicate that these potholes have been reported. Their reference is CSC 682571477. They are annotated as follows: “Inspected and awaiting action” – a year ago.

To facilitate repairs, NCC has created a private company, VIA East Midlands Ltd. In a document of 7 pages of yuk-speak, VIA outlines its functions. It states that it conforms with a plethora of laws and directives, including the Net Zero Strategy (Build Back Green) 2021, whatever that may be.

Potholes ARE a major problem. For example, on the evening of 11 February 2026, 30 cars were severely damaged by a crater/pothole in Suffolk. “In the UK alone, 15 people are killed or suffer life-changing injuries every month due to poor road conditions”. Or, put simply, potholes are causing many accidents as drivers swerve to avoid them.

Motorists in the UK pay an estimated £40 billion in taxation of various forms. It represents 5% of the total tax take. In the

recent budget, the Government pledged £7.3 billion to fix potholes. As usual, hidden in the detail, this spending was to cover 4 years. Therefore, about £1.75 billion annually or about 5% of the monies raked in from the motorist, is spent on pothole surgery.

There are several great one-liners in the Pirates of the Caribbean films. One in particular springs to mind in this context. It is called the pirate toast.

“Take what you can, give nothing back”.

**Tony**



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# Twenty is Plenty - Making Our Villages Safer

Residents of Everton and Harwell will soon have an opportunity to have their say about the proposed introduction of a 20mph speed limit to the north of the A631, within our villages. Known as the Twenty is Plenty initiative, the proposal is based on a simple principle that lower speeds reduce the risk and severity of injuries and help create safer, calmer communities.

Everton and Harwell are historic rural villages, with narrow roads, blind junctions, limited footways, and shared spaces where pedestrians, cyclists, horseriders and vehicles interact every day. These roads were not designed for modern traffic volumes or the larger vehicles we now own, and concerns have been continually raised locally about this issue. To be clear, this is not about speeding enforcement issues, but simply the reality that our streets were never designed for such traffic and a slower limit will improve safety and community well being.

Reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph would significantly improve safety. National road safety evidence shows that pedestrians are far more likely to survive a collision at 20mph than at 30mph. Slower speeds also reduce stopping distances, giving drivers more time to react to unexpected hazards, such as children crossing the road, parked cars, or farm traffic.

The benefits of a 20mph limit go beyond safety alone. Lower speeds can reduce traffic noise and aggressive driving, helping streets feel calmer and more welcoming. This encourages walking and cycling for short local journeys and supports a healthier, more connected community. Importantly, a lower speed limit also helps

protect the historic and rural character of our villages.

The proposal would involve clear 20mph signage at village entry points, supported by local awareness campaigns under the Twenty is Plenty banner. Enforcement would continue to be the responsibility of Nottinghamshire Police, as it is now.

Everton Parish Council will consider the proposal alongside feedback from residents before any formal request is made to Nottinghamshire County Council Highways. Public consultation will be an important part of this process, and residents are encouraged to share their views.

Twenty is Plenty is about making our villages safer for everyone who lives in, works in, and visits Everton and Harwell.

Watch this space for more details about forthcoming consultation events, or visit the Everton Parish Council website for more information – [www.evertonparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.evertonparishcouncil.org.uk)



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# Rural Security

*“Think Like a Thief, Protect Like a Community”*

When we think about security, it is easy to jump straight to locks, cameras, or alarms. In reality, good security starts much earlier than that. It starts with understanding the threat and analysing the risk in your particular environment; the treat to a domestic property in the centre of the village is very different to a remote rural farm. Most crime in rural areas is not random. Thieves look for easy opportunities, predictable routines, and low risk. By thinking about how they choose targets, we can make our homes, farms, and businesses far less attractive.

A simple way to do this is by building a simple threat and risk picture and then applying the “5Ds of Security”.

## Step One - Building a Simple Threat and Risk Picture

Before jumping ahead and buying state of the art security measures, you must first identify the threats. Is it a determined criminal, an opportunist thief, a disgruntled employee? Once you have identified your key threats ask three basic questions:

- What might someone want to steal or damage?
- How would they get in or approach?
- What would stop them, or slow them down?

This is called a threat and risk model. It does not need to be complicated. It simply means thinking things through from an outsider’s point of view.

## A Simple Case Study, A Local Farm

Imagine a small mixed farm on the edge of the village.

### Likely threats

- Opportunistic thieves looking for fuel or tools
- Organised theft of machinery
- Trespass and vandalism

### Assets at risk

- Fuel tanks
- Quad bikes and tools
- Livestock
- Machinery and trailers

### Common weaknesses

- Long, quiet access tracks
- Open yards at night
- Machinery left in the open
- Limited visibility after dark

## Step 2 - Apply the 5Ds

### 1. Deter

Make the property look visually prepared and organised. This is about sending a message that the site is protected. Most criminals prefer not to be seen and will often move on if something looks too risky.

- Clear signage stating the site is monitored
- Good housekeeping, no tools left out
- Gates kept shut, even during the day
- Visible lighting around yards

### 2. Detect

Know when something is wrong. Detection is about spotting a problem early, before it becomes serious. Early detection increases the chance of intervention and evidence.

- Motion lights on tracks and yards
- Cameras covering entrances, not hidden corners

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# DINGBAT PUZZLE

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Answers are elsewhere in the magazine

- Neighbours aware of normal activity and timings

**3. Deny**

Physically prevent access. This is where traditional security measures come in. If someone cannot get to the asset, they cannot steal it.

- Lockable fuel tanks
- Immobilisers on vehicles
- Strong locks on barns and workshops
- Barriers to prevent vehicle access to yards

**4. Delay**

Slow them down. Time is critical. The longer it takes to steal something, the higher the risk for the criminal. Even a few extra minutes can be enough to force someone to give up.

- Multiple locks rather than one
- Machinery positioned to block access to other items
- Chained equipment, even inside buildings

**5. Defend**

Respond and recover. Defend does not mean confrontation. It means having a plan. Defence is about reducing impact and improving recovery if something does happen.

- Alarms linked to phones
- Clear reporting to police and Rural Watch
- Marking equipment for identification
- Insurance details up to date

**Why This Matters for the Whole Village**

Security works best when everyone plays a part. Criminals do not see individual properties, they see patterns. A well-lit farm, an alert neighbour, or a quick report of suspicious activity can protect far more than one site. By thinking in terms of the 5Ds and understanding risk, we move from reacting to incidents to preventing them.

Good security is not about fear. It is about awareness, preparation, and looking out for each other. If something feels out of place, trust that instinct and report it. Together, we make our village a much harder place to target.

If you want to know more about security in the community or the Everton Rural Watch Scheme then you can contact gary.thomson@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk



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**The State of Care**

Care at home rarely announces itself. It begins behind closed doors, as the sun rises on a household already changed. It continues through the long arc of the day and into the edge of night— someone always on call while the rest of the world sleeps. It exists in early mornings, late evenings, and the fragile spaces in between. It is constant, intimate, and largely unseen.

Yet the state of care today is increasingly shaped by pressure rather than presence.

Local authority-funded care is stretched thin, driven by budgets that prioritise output over thoughtfulness. Time is rationed. Continuity is disrupted. Moments that should hold dignity, reassurance, and connection are compressed into tasks to be completed. Alongside this, much of private home care has absorbed the same logic—where humanity and core values have, in many cases, been franchised out, replaced by financial imperatives that value efficiency over empathy, margins over meaning.

What matters most in care—relationships, understanding, trust—become the casualties.

Care was never meant to diminish a life. At its truest, it is an act of closeness: of staying, noticing, adapting. It is not a

checklist but a quiet art. Knowing how someone takes their tea. Recognising the pause before a difficult memory surfaces. Understanding when conversation comforts and when silence does more. These things cannot be measured in minutes, yet they are the very substance of good care.

And still, carers themselves are too often diminished.

Society has come to frame care as low-skilled, low-status work, with limited prospects or value. That perception seeps inward. *“I’m only a carer”* becomes a quiet refrain—spoken or unspoken—reflecting how carers are seen, funded, and treated. Yet nothing about care is simple or unskilled. It requires emotional intelligence, resilience, discretion, adaptability, and deep human understanding. Carers work at the thresholds of life—alongside ageing, illness, loss, and death. They hold moments that will never be recorded but will be remembered by loved ones forever.

To be a carer is to step into someone’s life at its most vulnerable and remain steady.

The impact of this work reaches far beyond the individual receiving care. It steadies families when they are exhausted or overwhelmed. It preserves relationships that might otherwise fracture under strain. It allows loved ones to remain sons, daughters, partners, rather than becoming lost entirely to responsibility. Quietly, consistently, care at home sustains communities—keeping people connected, grounded, and supported where they belong.

Care unfolds when energy is already spent and choices feel heavy. Decisions are often made quickly, guided by what is available rather than what feels aligned. Once care enters a home, how it is offered shapes everything. Whether it feels intrusive or supportive. Whether dignity is protected. Whether life continues with meaning or slowly contracts.

Care is not an ending. It is a continuation—of relationship, of identity, of humanity.

At its best, home care blurs boundaries in the most human way. Professionalism remains, but warmth grows. Trust builds. The relationship shifts from task-based interaction to something closer to friendship; not in name, but in essence:

shared understanding, mutual respect, genuine heartfelt presence and compassion.

Care that is grounded in humanity allows people to live—and die—with dignity. It deserves time, intention, and respect from society, because care does not happen in systems or schedules.

It happens in homes, held quietly by the hearts of carers. How care is delivered shapes how life feels in its most vulnerable moments.

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## ***Have your say: Everton & Harwell Speed Reduction – Twenty is Plenty!***

The Parish Council are reviewing a proposal to reduce the speed limit in Everton and Harwell, north of the A631, from 30 mph to 20 mph. More details are contained in this month's HEDS and more information on this can be found at [evertonparishcouncil.uk](http://evertonparishcouncil.uk) and any initial comments can be sent to the clerk at [theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk).

## ***Step Fusion***

The STEP Fusion project team have been conducting community engagement events in our area and are also planning a talk to our Primary School children – the generation who will benefit from the new jobs as well as the technological implications. STEP Project Consultation Meetings have now finished for Stage 1, however, residents can still comment until the 11 March by going to <https://stepfusion.com/consultation/>.

## ***The Kissing-Gate***

The kissing-gate is due to be repaired and quotations are being sought in preparation for spring.

## ***Bassetlaw Achiever's Award***

The Bassetlaw Achievers Awards celebrate the outstanding achievements of local residents and organisations. This year, Everton Parish is proud to nominate Sue Hughes. Sue has been put forward by the Parish Council in recognition of her exceptional hard work and dedication to the village. Her contributions span many aspects of community life, including the Secret Garden, the Community Orchard, the village Facebook page, and the extensive

Local History Archive, all of which continue to enrich and preserve Everton's community spirit and heritage.

## ***Friends of Everton Cemetery***

Friends of Everton Cemetery supports the parish council by helping maintain the cemetery on Mattersey Road through tidy-up sessions, minor repairs, signage, and safety checks. New members are welcome, with no special skills required. To get involved, please contact the parish clerk.

The completion of repairs to the War Memorial in the cemetery on Mattersey Road is being celebrated by a gathering at the cemetery in the spring of 2026. Please look out for the date here and on the Village Facebook Page. All welcome. The White Letter Box has been erected and the Scheme launched; there will be a separate dedication event once a plaque has been erected.

## ***Off-Road Vehicles on Bridleways and Byways***

There have been reports of increased illegal motorbike and quad bike use on local bridleways and restricted byways. This is dangerous, causes environmental damage, and puts pedestrians at risk. These routes are for restricted users only and any illegal use should be reported by calling 101 or logging a report on the Notts Police website.

## ***Dogs Owners***

Dog owners/walkers are asked to be aware of the countryside rules, including keeping dogs on leads especially where there is livestock nearby. They are also reminded of their legal requirement to remove all dog waste from public areas, including pavements, public rights of way and public green spaces. Sufficient bins have now been placed around the village, and these must be used. There is no excuse for

leaving dog waste in our community and the PC will seek enforcement when required.

## ***Rural Watch Scheme***

To protect the safety, security and unique character of our village, Nottinghamshire Police, in partnership with local councils, runs the Rural Watch Scheme, and we need your help to make it a success. Members become the "eyes and ears" of the village and countryside, helping to deter theft from farms, outbuildings and homes, whilst reporting suspicious activity quickly. By working together, we not only safeguard property but also the peace of mind and safety that makes Everton so special. For more information contact [gary.thomson@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:gary.thomson@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk)

## ***Bassetlaw Growth Grant***

The Bassetlaw Growth Grant (part of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund) is now open, offering up to £4,000 to support local businesses. Eligibility and application details are on the BDC website, or contact Cllr Pashley (see contact section).

## ***Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop***

The Everton Mobile Shop calls every Thursday between 12:15 and 13:15 and is located on the Metcalfe playing field car park. The shop is open to everyone.

## ***District Councillor's Surgery***

District Councillor Steven Pashley is now running a surgery. The surgeries are to take place on the 3rd Thursday in the month, between 10-12 at Misson Village Hall (drop-in)

## ***Useful Contact Details***

### **Speeding Issues/Inconsiderate Parking**

These can be reported to the Police on telephone number 101

**Highways Issues** (for example potholes, road defects, overgrown hedges, damaged signs)

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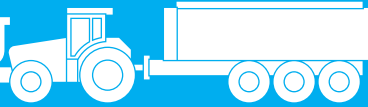
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Parish Council meetings are normally held in the village hall and usually start at 7.15pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. Meetings normally take place on the first Monday in the month except when there is a bank holiday when the date will be scheduled as soon as possible after that date.

# Rob's Agri-Blog

## 'Farming all around us'



As I write this article, the rain continues relentlessly, I think we are all completely fed up with the wet weather and looking forward, longingly, to a spell of drier, warmer spring weather to boost our spirits!

On the farm, come the better weather, we firstly have winter cereals to spray with Manganese, an important element in plant growth and nutrition. Manganese deficiency manifests itself in the yellowing of the plant leaves – often seen in large patches in the field and is particularly prevalent on the lighter soils that we have around here – both the sand land around the village and the black organic soils on the Carr's. We also have a fair acreage of late winter ploughing to get done ready for drilling Vining peas – this has been greatly delayed by the wet weather. Normally we like to get this done before Christmas, so the cold winter temperatures can help to naturally weather the soils which makes it easier to prepare a fine seedbed in the spring. Also, by the third /fourth week of February we should be applying the first, smaller dose of Nitrogen fertiliser to the cereals – this helps to give them a boost as they come out of winter dormancy and means that the nutrient is readily available to the plant/crop as soon as they need it. We also aim to get spring malting barley drilled from the end of Feb/early March, if at all possible – but this is only usually possible on the lighter soils. If the conditions are right, the earlier drilling should result in an earlier harvest and a better yield.

So, we are a little 'on the back foot' already, but I'm not too worried yet, so long as we can see some progress by the end of the month...

Looking now to the general state of farming in the UK – the out look is not too healthy. Like most other industries, costs are spiralling – whether it is energy costs, input costs, labour costs, insurance costs – all are rising greatly;

the loss of farm subsidies is having probably the greatest effect on farm profitability. And what most people don't realise is that Farm subsidies allowed farms to produce food below the cost of production, so that food costs were kept low to the consumer. As subsidies were phased out, so food inflation has increased – it is currently at 4.5%, but in March 2023 it reached over 19%, so these continuous rises bring home the real cost of food; for example, the price of a standard loaf of bread in the year 2000 was 52p – now, it stands at £1.40p! That's a 270% rise! – and to me, that summaries the effect of constant price inflation. And, in my simple mind, food price inflation bites the lowest income households the hardest – as they have to spend an increasingly larger portion of their income on food, compared to the better off households. So, in reality, did farm subsidies provide a vital social function?

However, what always hit the headlines about farm subsidies was the high figures paid to the largest farmers – as they were paid pro-rata to acreage – did they really deserve this, when they were such large enterprises? – probably not, but rather than ditch the whole system, wouldn't it have been more prudent to cap payments to these large businesses and redistribute it to those that really needed it?

Who knows what the most equitable solution would have been? But something needs addressing...

*Well, I think I've probably been getting a bit 'heavy' here – so time to lighten the mood with the usual spot of rural humour...*

*Bob, a 70-year-old, very wealthy widower, turned up at the Country club with a breathtakingly beautiful blonde haired young lady, who knocked everyone's socks off with her great looks and charm and who hung on to Bob's arm and listened intently to his every word.*

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*His friends at the club are all aghast. At their very first chance they corner him alone and ask "Bob, how did you manage to get such a stunning girlfriend? - "Girlfriend? -She's, my wife!" Said Bob – His friends can't believe it and continue to ask – "So, how did you persuade her to marry you?" Bob replied "I lied about my age!" - "What? Did you tell her you were only 50?" said his friends. Bob smiled and said "No, I told her I was 90!!!"*

**On that note... until next month.**  
**Robert Troop**

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# Everton & Harwell Public Bins

You may have noticed the installation of refurbished public bins across the village, and the removal of the former dog waste bin at Church Paddock.

## Background

Bassetlaw District Council advised the Parish Council that it could no longer service the Church Paddock bin because it was located on private land, away from a maintained road, and presented health and safety concerns for collection staff.

In response, Councillor Gaynor Waddington secured three upcycled public bins in accessible, council-maintained locations. Although initially in poor condition, councillors refurbished them to ensure they are safe, presentable, and suitable for regular servicing.

The agreed locations are:

- Church Street and Church Lane junction
- Chapel Lane, near the school
- Middle Cross Lane and Harwell Sluice Lane junction

A replacement bin will also be installed at the top of Pinfold Lane.

These locations provide practical coverage for key walking routes and busy areas of the village.

## Please Use Them

There is little point in installing bins if they are not used. Litter and dog fouling have increased across the village and along public rights of way. Dog faeces is not just unpleasant, it is a genuine health hazard. It can contain harmful bacteria and parasites that pose risks to children, adults, livestock, and wildlife.

Dog fouling is also a criminal offence under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and the Dog (Fouling of Land) Act 1996. Owners must clean up after their dogs

in all public spaces, including pavements, green spaces, and public rights of way. Not having a bag is not an excuse. Offenders can receive a £100 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Bassetlaw District Council does not provide dedicated dog waste bins. Bagged dog waste can be placed in any general waste public bin or in household waste.

Please help keep Everton and Harwell clean, safe, and pleasant for everyone.

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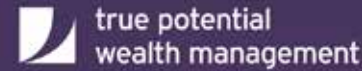
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## EVERTON GARDEN HOLDERS

Sadly, we were not able to hold a meeting in February due to the Hall being closed for refurbishment, and so we agreed to ask our speaker to come to the March meeting. We are delighted that Paul O'Bryne from St Catherine's Walled Garden will be joining us and updating us on this amazing project. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, 9th March at 7.30 in the newly refurbished Everton Village Hall. **Ann**

## WHO WAS RICHARD BERNARD?

All of us who attended the February Meeting now know. It was fitting that we met in Everton Church, as he was a vicar. He was born in Epworth in the late 1500s, and due to his family connections, he was able to study at Cambridge. He became a Vicar in various parishes, including Work-sop Priory. He was a noted preacher and a prolific author; one of his books, which told the clergy how they should work in their parishes, was published for many years after his death. His name is little known, but he was a local man who made a great impact on many people during his life.

Our March meeting is our 77th birthday party, when we will be entertained by the Morris Dancers – a great way to celebrate. We will also have one of our buffets and ask people to please let Ann know what they wish to contribute to the buffet. We look forward to seeing everyone on Monday, 16th March in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m. **ANN 01777 818993**

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## Village Coffee Morning

The dates for March coffee mornings are TUESDAY 10th in the Church and TUESDAY 24th in the Village Hall

We look forward to seeing you all then. Times are 10.30 – noon in the Village Hall – everyone welcome.

See you there. **Ann 818993**

## Everton Bowls Club

Everton Bowls Club annual AGM Sunday 22nd March at 2.00pm in the village hall.

All welcome. Please come along and find out about the club.

For further information please ring Ray Harris 01777 817375.

## Long time since you played table tennis or snooker on full size table?

Why not give it a try at Everton village hall, Thursday evenings 7.30 to 9.00 pm..

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## April deadline

The deadline for the April 2026 issue will be 14 March.

Thank you to you all.

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# March 2026

Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise notated

THURSDAY - TABLE TENNIS,  
SNOOKER, VH - 7.30pm  
- BASSETLAW MOBILE SHOP  
12.15PM - 1.15pm  
FRIDAY - LITTLE LAMBS  
9.30-11am term time - VH

**2nd** PARISH COUNCIL - 7.15pm  
Sun Function Room  
OIL ORDERING DATE  
**8th** HOLY TRINITY - 11.15 a.m.  
Holy Communion  
**9th** HOLY TRINITY - 9.00 a.m.  
Prayers for the Village  
GARDEN HOLDERS – 7.30 p.m, VH  
**10th** VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 - Church  
**14th** HEDS DEADLINE  
**16th** WI 7.30p.m. VH  
**22nd** BOWLS CLUB AGM 2.00 VH  
**24th** VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 VH

## April 2026 and on

**5th** PARISH COUNCIL  
**22nd** BOWLS CLUB AGM

Oil Syndicate ordering dates, April 6, May 5  
MAY 16/17 SCARECROWS AND FLOWER  
FESTIVAL

## Church Register

**Funeral of Mavis Parsons** on Wednesday  
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