

June 2024

Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise notated

TUESDAY - CHOIR 8.00 P.M. VH

THURSDAY - TABLE TENNIS,
SNOOKER, VH - 8.00 P.M.
- BASSETLAW MOBILE SHOP
12.15PM - 1.15PM

FRIDAY - LITTLE LAMBS
9-11am term time - VH

- 1st** CRICKET 2nd v. Thorseby 2nd
- 2nd** CRICKET Sunday XI v. Aston Hall
- 3rd** PARISH COUNCIL – 7.15 p.m. VH
- 4th** BOWLS v. Haxey
- 5th** CRICKET U15 v. Clumber
- 9th** HOLY TRINITY – 11.15 a.m. - Holy Communion
- 10th** BOWLS v. East Markham
- 12th** FASHION SHOW VH – see note
CRICKET U15 v. Welbeck
- 14th** LIBRARY – Windy Ridge 14.40, Mount Prospect – 14.55
HEDS DEADLINE
- 15th** CRICKET 2ND v. Waleswood
- 17th** WI – 7.30 VH – see note
- 18th** BOWLS v. Beckingham
- 19th** TRUST MEETING RE UPDATE OF HUB PLANS 1930 TEA ROOMS
CRICKET U15 v. CUCKNEY
- 23rd** CRICKET Sunday v. Grassmoor
- 25th** VILLAGE COFFEE – 10.30 –noon -VH
- 29th** CRICKET 2ND v. Milton
- 30th** CRICKET, Sunday v. Hollinsend

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The Editorial Team

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Holy Trinity Everton - Tower Repairs

Our recently completed 5 yearly Architect's survey of the Church unfortunately highlighted several problems which require works particularly those on the Tower earmarked for urgent action.

The works that are needed are to reroof the tower, replace and secure the stone blocks on the top of each wall, to repair some damage to the roof trusses and to resecure/ replace downpipes. Provisional estimates for the work are £65000, plus architect's fees £9000 plus VAT (which hopefully can be claimed on a specific grant). This is a huge amount especially as we have very few reserves but will need to be done as part of our commitment to a 2* listed building and to ensure the tower is watertight and safe. Grants are being sought but demand from other Churches including each of the other 4 Churches in our Benefice is great.

We have some initiatives in progress but these will only produce a limited amount of funds to enable us to progress the works. The Arts and Crafts weekend, kindly arranged by Ann and Sid, will have helped and also we are asking for sponsorship of a Square Foot in memory of someone or your family which will be recorded in a special memory book. We are suggesting minimum sponsor amount of £10 and asking if you are able to increase this amount and also to Gift Aid this donation. A display of the tower problems will be in Church together with more details of how you can be involved in this initiative.

Your help and support will be gratefully received to preserve what has been a part of the Village scenery since the 12th Century. Any suggestions/ideas or help with fund raising will be very welcome.

**For more information please contact
John Dunn 818732**



EVERTON MUSIC SOCIETY

FOURTH MEETING FRIDAY 17TH MAY

EVERTON VILLAGE HALL 19:30 TO 21:30

Fifth Meeting FRIDAY 28th June

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GAINSBOROUGH DOORS OPEN 18:30 SHOW STARTS 19:30
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE (19 WHEN I LAST LOOKED) £17:60 EACH

Sixth Meeting FRIDAY 19th July

EVERTON VILLAGE HALL 19:30 TO 21:30 GEORGE ALTY HOSTING

Seventh Meeting FRIDAY 23rd August

EVERTON VILLAGE HALL 19:30 TO 21:30
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Eighth Meeting FRIDAY 20th September

EVERTON VILLAGE HALL 19:30 TO 21:30
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Useful phone numbers

ART GROUP	Penny Harley	07826 689339
BASSETLAW HOSPITAL	Main Switchboard	01909 500990
BELL RINGERS	Christine Dunn	818732
BLUE SKIES (Community Orchard)	Sue Hughes	07921 132889
BOWLS	Pauline Harris	817375
CHOIR	Paul Sydney	07852 952217
CHURCH WARDEN	John Dunn	818732
CHURCH Weddings, Baptisms, Funerals	Rev Becky Hancock	01302 218308
CRICKET - Seniors	Steve Blackburn	07771 390907
CRICKET - Juniors	James Doody	07714 488333
COUNTY COUNCILLOR	Tracey Taylor	816781
DISTRICT COUNCILLOR	Steve Pashley	07920 542067
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EVERTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	Office	817350
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KNITTING GROUP	Angela Harrison	07784 056808
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POLICE - Claire Walker PCSO	Harworth Police Station	07525 226626
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PTA	Tonia Evers	816241
SNOOKER/TABLE TENNIS	Mick Boulby	817761
SPORT & SOCIAL COMMITTEE	Ann Hickman	818993
TENNIS	Mick Boulby	817761
VILLAGE HALL Caretaker & Bookings	Doug Haynes	816673
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Saving Missy

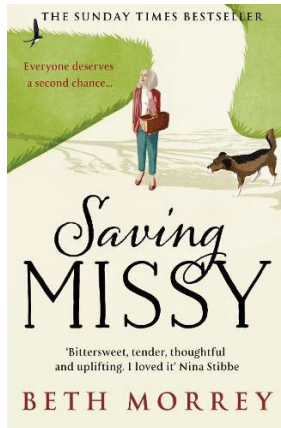
by Beth Morrey

Missy is what some would refer to as a 'cantankerous old woman'. At 79 years old she is prickly, and with no friends and family around she is also very lonely. Having recently lost her husband, Leo, and her beloved son and grandson living in Australia, she seems to have no one. Her daughter, Mel, is not that far away but their relationship has always been fractious.

Ever since she met Leo at University over 60 years ago, Missy always put him and his career first. Now she only has her memories and an empty house. Missy is lonely and lost. That is until Sylvie and Angela bound into her life. And then there is the relationship with Bobby, a dog Missy grudgingly agrees to take care of for a friend of Angela. Missy and Bobby's relationship is beautiful and the heart of the novel. As Missy's defences slowly come down, her heart begins to open and a newfound courage to live a life on her own terms starts to take root.

With some emotional twists along the way, this is a book that is sure to warm your heart.

VAL ASHTON



Village Coffee Morning

The June Coffee morning is on TUESDAY 25 JUNE - 10.30 – noon in the Village Hall. See you all there.

Ann 818993

And finally.....

"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain!"

Dolly Parton

JULY deadline
The July deadline will be the 15 June.
Editorial Team

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 8.00 to 10.00 pm..

Info available from Mick Boulby, "Northville", Church St. 817761.



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Village Hub Project Update May 2024

Over the last 3 months the Trustees have met with several building contractors to discuss the possible phasing of the next steps of the work on the hub project. From these discussions we have now identified the first steps of the project. If all goes to plan, these works will begin in autumn this year.

As expected, the discussions have also shown that the full project now significantly exceeds the original budget discussed in 2019 and cannot be funded solely from trust funds. The final delivery of a new hub will therefore require our community to put significant efforts into fund raising and securing grants.

The project phases outlined below will take project to the point that, if the full funding can be secured, then planning will be still valid and site access will be available for construction. In the event that the full funding cannot be found, the Trust will have delivered on three of the aims of the project, improved access and parking, upgraded playground facilities and upgraded toilets and amenities at the ground.

Outline Project Plan

- **Phase 1** Construct new entrance and car park of High Street. Sept-Dec 2024
- **Phase 2** Move/upgrade play area to include a dedicated space for younger children. Sep-24-April 25
- **Phase 3** Demolish and refurbish existing buildings to provide better amenities for existing users winter 2024
- **Phase 4** Develop community fund raising committee to secure funding for future building of the full hub.

For phase 2, we seek volunteers to set up a working group to help design the new play facilities.

For phase 4 we seek volunteers to set up and run the fundraising group.

If you would like to be involved with either of these groups, please email the Trust Secretary - Rachel Hyland at Thesecretary@metcalfect.org.uk.

We will also be holding a meeting on Wednesday 19th June at 19:30 in the Tea Rooms where you are welcome to come along to look in more detail what we are planning to deliver.

Tennis Courts

By the time you are reading this article the Tennis Courts should be nearing completion. The Trust would like to thank Mick Boulby for all his time and effort on this project and for overseeing the work as it has been ongoing. In addition to the Tennis Court markings there will also be new markings for a netball court which will make a great addition for future use.

Operations Manager

Due to financial considerations, the Trust have decided that we can no longer afford to pay for an Operations Manager to oversee some of our day to day work. The means that our Operations Manager, John Leach is no longer employed by the Trust.

The Trustees wish to thank John for his hard work in dealing with the back log of dilapidations we faced in the last 4 years and wish him all the best for the future.

In future, if you need to contact the Trust for anything please email our secretary at thesecretary@metcalfect.org.uk

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June nature and garden watch.

The weather has still been changeable. We do like a bit of rain to water our gardens, but some days it's a bit too much, it's stopping us gardeners from going out, and that means weeds everywhere!

The trees and foliage in the woods have grown at a pace, we are now ducking under the trees and shrubs and the scent of the elderflower is lovely in the mornings. Rain does not get in the way of the rabbits and squirrels having a great time chasing about, the birds are still calling out looking for a mate. The buzzard is always circling looking for food.

The hedgerows are in flower with the white and red hawthorn showing off this year, on Middlecross Lane the nettles are so high they are now meeting in the middle, it's no good trying to get down there, and don't try in shorts!

The young birds in the garden are a joy to watch, starlings sit on the fence babies lined up all chirping until their mother shoves food down their throats, the blue tits need medals for the fastest food delivery, and the blackbirds follow me around weeding for worms I may dig up. I'm sure our neighbours are seeing the regular flights of the barn owls, it doesn't take long for them to be back with voles or mice to feed the young. I just wish the crows and magpies would stay away for a while.

My flowerbeds look lovely at present, the roses, honeysuckle, clematis and alliums are all woven together with ox-eye daisies, we have poppies and geums looking bright this year and the iris, I didn't know I had as many different colours, Steve my neighbour gave me a four-foot high one which has a lovely blue flower, I've split this into four groups. Iris needs the flower heads deadheading as soon as they start to fade to promote good flowers next time, and remember to deadhead roses for repeat flowering, faded geums need stems cutting to base for repeat flowering and feed your clematis a bit of fertilizer around the bottom of plant.

My wildflower patch has started to come on

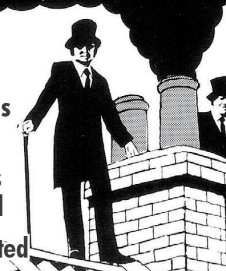
with the cornflower appearing and yellow rattle has, at last, started to flower, this will help suppress the grassroots and there is a lot of that, I planted alliums though which have flowered and I'm hoping I can see poppies appearing we will see. The foxgloves are in their element this year I have all colours really lovely plants and a large patch of them intermingled with white aquilegia I don't know where they have sprung from!

Enjoy your walks around the villages and please pick up after your dog.

Julia

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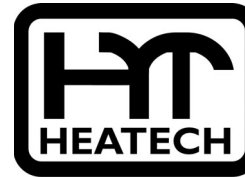
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"Pupils and staff get on well at this school. Relationships are consistently positive." Ofsted 2023

As is the case across all primary schools at this time of year, our Year 6 children sat their National SATS tests during the week beginning 13th May. I believe that our children at Everton Primary School are to be judged on far more than a few tests in Year 6. Our children show the 'EverTen Characteristics of Learning' every day of every year; they make us proud every single day! No test can ever measure their progress as fabulous little human beings over their time with us, or the wonderful people that attendees of Everton Primary School become. We are privileged to work with these superstars every day!

This last month all children have taken part in creating artwork and painting their hobbies on large pebbles for the 'Everton Church Arts & Crafts Exhibition' taking place on 25th and 26th May. The choir always sang on the 23rd May 'Sing Into Spring' event at the Village Hall. We really enjoy taking part in these community events and we are proud to be part of Everton village life. The PTA also organised a Quiz Night to raise funds by inviting stakeholders of school and the community, thank you to all those who organised and supported this event. Thank you also to the Everton Garden Holders, who kindly donated proceeds of their plant sale raffle to fund the school garden and put towards our new building: Fundraiser by Everton Primary School Parent, Teachers And Friends Association : Everton Primary School Building Project Fundraiser (gofundme.com)

As part of our ongoing support of children's reading and wellbeing and investment in their cultural capital, we were fortunate to welcome Luke Staton, a local author and motivational speaker, into school and speak to our Key Stage 2 children. Each child was gifted his new book 'Credo' which he signed

for them too. The football team also took part in Doncaster Rovers' 'Play on the Pitch Tournament'. The team got to do a workshop, stadium tour and have lunch in the stands before reaching the quarter finals of the tournament, losing narrowly to the eventual winners. Recently, our Class 3 children went on a Chesterfield Canal trip. This enabled them to experience a ride upon a canal boat, learn the history of the canal and its uses, as well as learn about the history of Retford. Thank you to the Canal and River Trust and Bassetlaw Museum for this experience.

We currently have child places available in Nursery and Reception. If you, or anyone you know, would like to visit our lovely school then please feel free to contact me via Mrs Keely Bailey in the school office on 01777 817350 or email: office@everton.notts.sch.uk

Andrew Green
Headteacher

DINGBAT PUZZLE

from Bryan Atkinson

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Answers are elsewhere in the magazine

- authorities
- Overseeing Parish Council assets
- Attending various local groups and associations
- Management of Everton Cemetery
- Continuously looking for ways to improve our environment

To maintain and improve our neighbourhood, the village needs a little support.

Can you spare 3 hours a month to support your community?

The main qualifying criteria are you have to be over 18, live in the Parish and care about the wellbeing of the Parish.

If this is something which might interest you, please express your interest to theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk or speak to one of the current Councillors. Feel free to attend one of the current meetings, to see if you would like to be involved (without commitment)

Parish Clerk Vacancy

The Parish Council now has a vacancy for a Parish Clerk. The job specification will be issued in due course, but if this might be something you would be interested in, please email the current Clerk with your contact details and the we will forward the recruitment package as soon as it has been finalised.

STEP Fusion Energy

The STEP prototype fusion energy plant has a home at the West Burton site. If you'd like to find out more about fusion energy, please visit www.step.ukaea.uk or if you have any questions please get in touch via email to communications@step.ukaea.uk

Bassetlaw District Council – Recent Planning Decisions

Rear Single Storey Flat Roof Extension (Resubmission of 23/00810/HSE)

1 Rose Villas High Street Everton South Yorkshire DN10 5AR

Ref. No: 24/00233/HSE

Decision: GRANT

Change of Use of Agricultural Land to Equestrian Use, Relocate and Reduce Size of Stable Block for Private Use, Retain and Reduce Size of Detached Garage Used for Horse Rug Wash Facility Business, Retain Horse Exercise Area and Remove Part of Surfaced Path

Land Adjacent Old School House Mill Lane Everton South Yorkshire

Ref. No: 23/01485/FUL

Decision: GRANT

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 overgrown hedges, damaged signs\overgrown public footpaths)

This can be reported Nottinghamshire County Council via their website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or by using the 'MyNotts' App. Or by contacting your County Councillor Tracey Cllr.tracey.taylor@nottscc.gov.uk.

Environmental, planning and planning enforcement issues

can be reported via the Bassetlaw District Council website www.bassetlaw.gov.uk or by contacting your District Council, Steven Pashley Email steven.pashley@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Dates

Thursday 13th June 2024 (in the Tea Room)

Monday 1st July 2024

August Recess

Monday 2nd September 2024

Contact Details for the Clerk, Angela Hayward:

Email: theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk

Tel: 01427 891118

Parish Council documents including minutes, agendas and other local information can be found on the Parish Council's website: <https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>

Parish Council meetings are 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.

Parish Council

Parish Council and Village Website:

<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>

Please visit our website for latest information and village news.

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.

Chairman of Everton Parish Council - Annual Report 2023/24

Firstly, I would like to thank all Councillors and all those who have voluntarily given their time to support the ongoing work of the PC, without them none of the past years progress would have been possible. Our key achievements and areas of attention are listed below:

Planning, the Council has again this year responded to the cycle of parish consultation comments to the District Planning Authority, on all submitted applications in the Parish, although the number of applications has reduced by 10% from 2022/23. Planning enforcement issues remain a local concern and continue to be a focus of attention. The total number of outstanding planning enforcement cases has been reduced following additional BDC resources to investigate these, but there are a number of unresolved and ongoing matters.

Contract Work, The Nottinghamshire County Lengthsman scheme has been delivered to tidy areas of the street scene in the village. Also, the Cemetery Grounds Maintenance contract has been delivered by North Nottinghamshire Landscapes.

The Friends of Everton Cemetery Group, which voluntarily assists in the management of the Mattersey Road Cemetery, has added an additional resource. The Group has inspected the headstones for safety stability and advised on essential safety remedial measure where necessary. It has agreed detail with BDC's Conservation Office on restoring the listed war memorial, by reinstating its original features. It has gained Listed Building Consent to undertake this work and I looking to secure grant funding to implement this work. It has also undertaken several self-set vegetation pruning tasks and general care for the area.

Future burial space land, it not possible to

extend the existing cemetery area and therefore Everton's Joint Burial Authority function will be at risk when the Cemetery reaches its capacity. The ongoing long-term investigations continue to look at the suitability of potential land and explore options to be able to sustain this long-established service for parishioners and their families who wish to use this service.

The Council continues to keep its policies under review; a Donations policy has been introduced this year to aid better financial planning.

New Website, significant improvements have been made, the old evertonvillage web site has been replaced with the new evertonparishcouncil website. Up-to-date local information on and from local organisations can be added to this community website.

Christmas event, the third year's Carols around the Christmas tree community event has been organised and supported jointly by the Parish Council and thanks to the Everton Choir, Everton Church and Everton Primary School for making this event happen.

Mobile shop, the weekly, Thursday visit of the mobile shop at the Metcalfe Recreation Ground car park has continues to provide a local service.

Finally, I would like to thank our Clerk, Angela Hayward for her professional support to the council during this busy year. Also, thanks to our District Councillor Steven Pashley and our County Councillor, Tracey Taylor.

Steve Wiles

Parish Councillor Vacancies

Thanks goes to Howard Spink for his hard work and efforts over the last few years. Howard has now moved to pastures new and we wish him and his family all the best.

We would also like to welcome on to the Parish Council, Lee Foster, we look forward to working with him.

The Parish Council currently still has two councillor vacancies.

The following gives some further information as to what is involved in becoming a parish councillor.

The Parish Council role includes:

- Listening to residents
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When Eric came to visit (twice)

Everton Garden Holders are always delighted to welcome back friends and so it was a pleasure to have another visit from Eric the Little Owl who came with Annette. Annette is an expert on birds of prey and has been handling them for years. She also spends a lot of time taking Eric round to schools explaining to children the importance of looking after our wild life. Eric was a model visitor, watching all the time and making sure that we all appreciated what a special person he was.

He also came back at the weekend for our Plant Sale and Bazaar. This was a wonderful morning as there were also craft stalls from local producers, there were tours of The Lost Garden, wonderful art from the Everton Art Group and Sue's Wormery. It was so good to see the Hall filled with people and to meet some people new to the village. We also raised funds for Everton School Gardening Club. A great morning and many thanks to all those who worked so hard all morning, the Stall Holders and all who came, Particular thanks to Sid for masterminding it all.

Our June meeting is a visit to the RHS gardens at Bridgewater – we have combined with Misterton and Gringley Garden Clubs for this, it will be a wonderful day out.

On July 8th we have our Sweet Pea and Rose Show in the Village Hall, there is a schedule in this month's HEDS. Lots of classes for you to enter – staging is between 6.00 – 7.00. Points from the classes are added to points from the Autumn Show, So please come and enter – it is the first time we have run this for about 15 years and we hope it will be popular.

There are 6 gardens in Everton open on that evening of 8th July. Wonderful gardens. Meet at the Village Hall at 7.00 for a walk round these gardens at your leisure and return to the Hall at 9.00 for a glass of wine and wonderful cake and a chance to look at the entries in the Show. It is free to Members and visitors fee is £5.00 – so come and enjoy and marvel at these gardens. Further info Ann 818993

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Exercise the easy way

Everton Ladies are always up for a challenge and we were delighted to welcome Anne Hargrave from Gringley to our May meeting for seated exercise but also with lots of ways of strengthening our muscles – all done in a wonderfully kind and fun way. Enjoyed enormously by all.

June is a busy month, there is the Fashion Show on 12 June in the Village Hall and our meeting that month is Ania from the Doncaster MIND on wellbeing and thoughtfulness on Monday 17 June in the Village Hall, so come along, visitors are very welcome - £5.00 which includes a raffle ticket and home made refreshments. **ANN 818993**

A fashion show with a difference

Everton WI are giving you an opportunity to replenish your wardrobe with high street names but at bargain prices when we hold our FASHION SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE on WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall. Tickets are £10.00 each to include a glass of prosecco and a lucky number which will be drawn with the chance to win a voucher for your purchases. Tickets are available from Angela on 07784 056808 or Margaret on 01777 817486. Do not miss this wonderful chance for a wardrobe update.

DANGEROUS ROADS

The highways and byways of our country are, as you will be aware, in a shoddy and uncared for condition. Cyclists hit water full potholes and catapult over the handlebars to serious injury or worse. Car drivers collide with deep holes damaging wheels, tyres, suspensions or worse with ensuing repair cost that they cannot afford or they have the protracted challenge of proving cause and effect to sue the local authority.

The gutters are clogged with weeds or carelessly discarded litter from vehicles which block road drainage causing more damage to the roads. The footpaths are also uneven, cracked, holed and narrowed by encroaching vegetation.

What has happened to our means of travel? Essential and reliable access is the means by which our country circulates people, food and products for business. This is not unimportant for the wealth and health of our country.

I recall travelling through the continent as a young child and witnessing vehicles travelling towards us at speed straddling the middle of the road because it was too dangerous to keep to the right. The roads were in a shocking condition. I also remember thinking, with great pride that our roads, verges and footpaths were maintained in a so much better condition. What has happened to our sense of pride in our infrastructures and environment. As a nation we seem to be uncaring for such things anymore.

I also recall milemen clearing road gutters and footpaths with spade, brush and barrow. These men, employed by the local authorities, ensured the miles of road allotted to them were kept in good condition with basic maintenance. However this was in quieter times with much fewer vehicles and well before yellow high visibility over clothes with health and safety yet to meet. All motorised vehicles were also much smaller, were driven at slower speeds and for

the most part it was a safe enough job.

The changes in the last 70 years have brought many advantages to the motorists with safer and faster vehicles. However recently it's fair to say that beyond our motorways the road infrastructure is dreadful and the imperative of driving in the middle of your lane is frequently no longer doable.

It is estimated that there are 750,000 potholes on UK roads with an estimated cost to fix of £14 billion (£14,000,000,000) over the next decade and of course further potholes will arise over this 10 years. It is just like the old Firth of Forth road bridge - the repairs are never ending. Failing to maintain highways saves money for the Authorities for a while, but costs even more further down the line.

It seems obvious that a pothole repaired in time saves nine, does it not?

A Footnote to Dangerous Vehicles :-

Data from EV FireSafe, which is supported by the Australian government, indicates that petrol cars are 80 times more likely to catch fire than an electric powered car.

The Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency found in 2022 that there was an average of 3.8 fires per 100,000 in electric and hybrid cars, and 68 fires per 100,000 cars of all fuel types.

The fire at Luton Airport multi storey car park causing closure of the airport was caused by a diesel car and not an electric vehicle as was originally reported.

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TONY'S TOPICS

What follows is a centuries old, well documented discussion point.

Does Hell exist?

It is still an emotive subject with many political commentators comparing today's irrational happenings to the writings of Dante's Inferno.

However, in the 21st century we can approach this question in a scientific manner. In order to substantiate this theory, we have to pose a scientific question. Then we can use science to prove our ideas, a grasp of Physics being essential.

Here then is the question.

Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

First we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So, we need to know the rate that souls are moving into Hell and then the rate that they are leaving. I think we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the attitudes of different religions in the world today.

Many religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, then you will go to Hell. Therefore, as there are so many people that are not members of 2 faiths, consequently someone in the world will be saying that you will go to Hell. Hence we can deduce that all souls will go to Hell and, globally, with the birth rate still rising, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change in volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand as souls are added. This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate at which souls are added, then the temperature and pressure of Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.
2. Of course, if Hell is expanding at a faster rate than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure of Hell will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it? If we accept the postulation given to me by Henrietta during my first year at University, "That it will be a cold night in Hell before I sleep with you", and take into account that I never did achieve this aim. Then 2 cannot be true and hence I am sure that Hell is exothermic

QED
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