

HEDS

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LOST GARDEN

Our small team of hardy but enthusiastic volunteers meet weekly to maintain and develop the space and would welcome any new volunteers to give us a hand.

Another team keep the voraciously hungry hedgehogs fed and watered, and we appreciate the help of our volunteers very much.

A couple of weeks ago, the children from Class 1 came down and planted the wild flower seeds they had grown, and we have planted and watered other wild flower seeds. We cleared the path to the seating area, and the pond is coming on nicely as we add plant life and attempt to keep the water clear.

A great tit is nesting in one of our nest boxes. We're pleased to see that the hedge we planted behind the hazel fence is growing well.

It's such a lovely, calm, peaceful space to visit for a while.

Take a few minutes out of your busy day and wander, sit, use your eyes and ears and soak up the nature all around you.

SUE HUGHES

Metcalfe Update

The work on the Recreation Ground Changing Room building is now complete. The trust would like to thank the local community fund for supporting this project and providing us with a grant to enable this work to happen.

The trust has now submitted a grant application to the FCC to upgrade the play area and resurface the area where the tea rooms stood. We will not find out if we are successful until September, but we would like to thank everyone who sent emails of support, voted on the Facebook poll and took part in the consultation process. There have been too many to thank individually, but your support is truly appreciated.

To view our 5-year plan please visit the Metcalfe Trust website www.metcalfect.org.uk

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SCARECROW FESTIVAL

What a wonderful community spirit! Aren't we lucky to live in this village?

Special thanks to Sid Harrison and Ann Hickman for their ideas, drive and hard work to get the Scarecrow Weekend organised and happening!

So much talent was seen in the variety of scarecrows, flower displays, artwork, cakes, etc

It's difficult to thank everyone who participated, helped and contributed in so many different ways to make the weekend such a success

BUT

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HOW DO WE START TO SAY THANK YOU

to all of you who participated in the Scarecrow and Flower Festival in May – what amazing scarecrows so much skill and imagination from so many of you, beautiful flower arrangements in the Church, brilliant volunteers who helped with the raffle and programmes, fantastic sponsorship from so many people, delicious refreshments from the Church and so many of you coming round to have a look and enjoy the village at its best.

Sid and I were very grateful to you all who made all this possible – as usual, the village was amazing.

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TONY'S TOPICS

Just a few thoughts on the current oil and gas situation. It's impossible to predict the near future, the only certainty is that electricity prices will continue to increase. We are just fortunate that the summer beckons. Australia, however is facing a winter season.

Back home, with regard to our oil syndicate prices remain sky high. Optimistically, there may be some cause for hope in a supply shift in early summer. Therefore, August is pencilled for the first bulk order.

Tony

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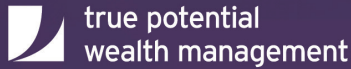
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from Bryan Atkinson

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Parish Council

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Please visit our website for latest information and village news.

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

The Parish Council is reviewing a proposal to reduce the speed limit in Everton and Harwell, north of the A631, from 30 mph to 20 mph. More information on this can be found at evertonparishcouncil.org.uk and an online survey is available at <https://forms.gle/aDZ5MHqjGp62aM1H7>

Annual Parish Meeting

The May meeting was preceded by the Annual Parish Meeting. Reports were presented from: The Parish Council Chairman and Clerk; The Metcalfe Trust; The Metcalfe Recreation Committee; Holy Trinity Church; Womens' Institute and Knitting Group; HEDS; Garden Group; and First Responders.

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.

War Memorial Rededication

The War Memorial Rededication Service took place at Everton Cemetery on 28th April and was a successful and well-attended occasion. The Parish Council would like to thank everyone involved in making the service so meaningful, including the Vicar, the Headteacher and pupils of Everton Primary School, the Royal British Legion and all those who attended and supported the event.

Everton Village Neighbourhood Plan

The EVNP Update has been drafted and is currently with members of the Parish Council for their comments before being widely distributed as part of the Consultation Process. Expect more news in October.

Off-Road Vehicles on Bridleways and Byways

There continue to be reports of increased illegal and antisocial motorbike and quad bike use on local footpaths, bridleways and restricted byways. These routes are for restricted users only and any illegal use should be reported by calling 101 or by logging a report on the Notts Police website.

Rural Watch Scheme

To protect the safety, security and unique character of our rural landscape, 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

Considerate Parking

Residents and visitors are reminded to park considerately around the village and ensure vehicles are parked legally and that pavements remain clear. Obstructed footways can be an offence and create difficulties for pedestrians, pushchairs, and those using mobility aids. Where available, parking should be fully utilised at the Metcalfe Recreation Ground.



Dog 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.

District Councillor Update

District Councillor Steven Pashley has confirmed that grant funding is once again available to support local community groups. Organisations wishing to apply are encouraged to make contact directly. In addition, free Learn-to-Ride cycling sessions are being offered locally, providing an opportunity for residents of all ages to build confidence and skills.

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\ overgrown public footpaths).

These can be reported Nottinghamshire County Council via their website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or by using the 'MyNotts' App. Or by

contacting your Councillor Mike Robertson: cllr.mike.robertson@nottsgov.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

Monday May 11th 2026 at 7pm (Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting).

Monday June 1st 2026 at 7:15pm.

Monday July 6th 2026 at 7:15pm.

The Annual Parish Meeting is a meeting for all local electors in the parish to discuss community issues and concerns. It is not a council meeting but is usually chaired by the Parish Council Chair.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is the formal yearly meeting of the parish council where councillors elect the chair, appoint roles and set up governance for the coming year.

Contact Details for the Clerk, Callum Bryant:
Email: clerk@evertonparishcouncil.org.uk | Tel: 07362 287146

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

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.





Everton and Harwell “Twenty is Plenty” Initiative Survey

As previously highlighted in HEDS, the Everton Parish Council have launched a speed reduction initiative to reduce the speed within Everton and Harwell, North of the A631 from 30mph to 20mph, and does not include a speed reduction on the A631.

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 wellbeing.

This survey aims to assess local support for reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph in Everton and Harwell, as part of the “Twenty is Plenty” initiative. The “Twenty is Plenty” initiative is based on the observation that road traffic conditions in the village have changed significantly in recent years, particularly in terms of the size and volume of vehicles using roads that have remained largely unchanged for over 200 years.

Please answer objectively, considering current road usage (including traffic volume, speed, and safety) as well as the potential benefits of a lower speed limit. Reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph would significantly improve safety and 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.

Please provide your feedback on this initiative by completing the online survey at:

<https://forms.gle/ndRBeW3NQjpMjFh9>

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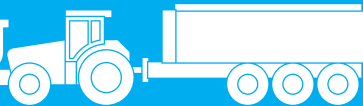
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Rob's Agri-Blog

'Farming all around us'



Well, we are not quite as dry as last year yet, but we're coming close! The showers over the last week have been very welcome, but as yet, it's too little, too late again! We really could do with a good inch of rain, and crops may get back on track then – still, c'est la vie... our area always seems to miss the best of any rain at this time of year.

On the farm here, maize was the last crop planted, and this was drilled two weeks early, on 22nd April, into very dry seedbeds, but remarkably it has germinated and come through very well so far – so fingers crossed... Maize is a crop that is suited to warmer climates, as it is drought-resistant, to a certain degree. What it doesn't like, though, is frost – which can really 'check' its growth, but hopefully we won't see any more frosts this season now.

Next on the agenda now are the fungicide applications to the winter wheat – these are to control diseases such as mildew, yellow and brown rust and septoria – if these diseases take hold, they can decimate yields. Then, as we move into June, we will start the grass harvest for haylage and hay, which are increasingly important crops for us now. Nearly all of our hay and haylage is produced for the Equine market, so it has to be very good quality fodder, so a lot of time and effort go into its production. So, at the moment, we are servicing all the hay machinery ready for the season ahead.

Hay is always one of the trickiest harvests, as you normally need about 4-6 days of continuous dry weather to make it (not always easy with the British climate!), and hence the saying 'make hay while the sun shines!' It starts with mowing the grass, into rows called 'windrows', then the crop is spread out across the field to dry – this is called 'tedding' and we use a tedder for this; as the grass dries out it is then tedded again, so that the grass underneath is fluffed up and turned so that the sun can dry the crop evenly and the wind can get under it to help the drying process. Depending on the weather, the crop can need to be tedded several times, until it is all evenly dry throughout, and ideally the moisture content will be under about 14% - then the dried-out grass is now called Hay. We then need to row the crop up into windrows again, using a rake, which allows the wind to blow through the hay and help to further dry it, if need be; (hence the term windrow) and also, the hay needs to be in rows to allow it to be picked up by the Baler, which is the final operation of making the hay.

Years ago, bales were one size – the small rectangular bales that most people think of – easily moved around by hand and weighing around 25 kg. But these bales are very labour-intensive to move and transport, so the progression to larger bales that are able to be moved by machinery and are easier to transport. First came round bales, generally about 4 feet wide x 4 feet in diameter, weighing around 250 kg – then came the large rectangular bales, which are higher density and hence more efficient, safe and stable to transport too. But that's

when everything got a bit confusing As different baler manufacturers brought out different bale sizes! ... then each manufacturer started to make each other's bale sizes, so as not to miss out on an opportunity ... so now, a manufacturer such as New Holland has baler models available in 6 different bale sizes!! Each bale size suits different uses better than others, but I really don't think that you want me to list all the different sizes and weights – I think I may lose your attention completely then! However, the size perhaps most prominent, as it's liked by the haulage industry the most, is the 120cm wide x 90cm high (that's 4'x3' in English), length is variable, but normally is 8 feet (2.4 m). A high-density baler can pack over 500 kg (half a tonne) of hay or straw into one of these bales. This is termed a Midi-Hesston. Hesston was the first large manufacturer of big balers, so the name has stuck as generic for some big bale sizes eg A mini-Hesston, midi Hesston or standard 'Big' Hesston bale. (a bit like Hoover and Vacuum cleaners)

On our farm, we bale hay in four different bale sizes – Small 'conventional' bales, 4' Round bales (most popular), Mini Hesstons and Midi-Hesstons – to try to cater for different customers' preferences. The round bales are our most common ones, as they are heavy, but due to their shape, they can be rolled around by hand, which makes them handier to manoeuvre manually into barns and stables when delivering them to customers.

So, I think I'd better stop boring you with my enthusiasm for hay and balers now and move on to a spot of rural humour...

A Farm Machinery salesman was travelling a long way from home (selling balers!) and decided to stop at a picturesque country pub called 'The George and Dragon'. After checking in at reception, he asked the lady co-owner if meals were still being served at the bar. "No", she replied forcefully. "Here at the George and Dragon, last meals are at 8.00 pm sharp. It's now ten past eight!"

"Not even a sandwich?" pleaded the salesman. "Not even a sandwich! The chef has packed up, and I'm certainly not going into the kitchen at this time of night and start slaving away, just because you haven't thought things out in your life properly!!"

"Very well", said the salesman timidly, "would there be any chance of having my breakfast in my room in the morning, please?"

"Certainly not", snapped the landlady, "Here at the George and Dragon, all breakfasts are served in the Dining room at 07.30 prompt – no exceptions! Now, are there any more questions...?"

"Yes", said the Salesman, "Do you think I could have a word with George!!!"

On that note... until next month.

Robert Troop

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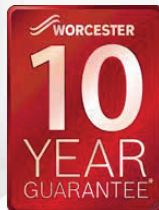


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GARDEN HOLDERS

Our meeting on May 11 was a visit to Giddy Kippers' Nursery locally. What a wonderful evening, a talk on the history of the nursery, a look round the cutting gardens and the greenhouse and the beds of plants being grown and wonderful cakes and refreshments. Our thanks go to Joanna and Barry for all their information and for the beautiful plants we all came home with.

This month is the trip to Harlow Carr, a combined visit with Misterton & Gringley Gardening Group. We have a full coach going. Have a wonderful day, everyone.

Our July meeting is the Sweet Pea and Rose Show, as well as some of the beautiful gardens in the village being open. A great way to spend a summer's evening. We will be ending with cake and wine in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome, a fee of £5.00 for non-members. The Show schedule and entry form will be in the July HEDS. We look forward to seeing you there for our very special evening.



Village Coffee Morning

The dates for May coffee mornings are TUESDAY 9th and TUESDAY 23rd 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 WI

It was one of the best meetings that Everton WI has had when Joanna Burnley came to talk about music therapy. It was enthralling, and the way she helped both young and old people was amazing. She is a very accomplished musician, and we enjoyed listening to her expertise. Thank you, Joanna, for a wonderful evening. We are so glad you have made Everton your new home.

Our June meeting on Monday, 15th June, will also be very interesting when John Pinder joins us. Many of you will know him, and it will be interesting to hear him talk about his work. So come along and join us at 7.30. new members and visitors very welcome, there is a fee for visitors which includes the raffle and home-made refreshments

ANN 01777 818993

Dingbats: LOST IN TRANSLATION,
WELCOME BACK

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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July deadline

The deadline for the July 2026 issue will be 14 June.

Thank you to you all.

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SNOOKER, VH - 7.30pm
- BASSETLAW MOBILE SHOP
12.15PM - 1.15pm

FRIDAY - LITTLE LAMBS
9.30-11am term time - VH

1st PARISH COUNCIL – 7.15pm VH

2nd KNITTING GROUP
10.00 a.m. – noon VH

9th VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 - VH

14th HOLY TRINITY
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion

15th HOLY TRINITY – 9.00 a.m.
PRAYERS FOR THE VILLAGE
WI – 7.30 p.m. VH - - see note

BOWLS v. Crowle

16th KNITTING GROUP
10.00 a.m. – noon VH

20th CRICKET – 3rd XI v. Thoresby 2nd

24th GARDEN HOLDERS – Visit to
Harlow Carr – see advert

30th BOWLS v. Haxey

July and on

13th GARDENERS SWEET PEA & ROSE
SHOW AND OPEN GARDENS

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