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July 2026

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Sweet Pea & Rose Show

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Monday 13th July 2026
Everton Village Hall

For Information or a show schedule please contact Ann 01777 818993

All entries welcome, you don't have to live in Everton to enter





Metcalfe Trust Update

Caretaker

The Trust would like to extend its sincere thanks to Doug Haynes, who has recently stepped down from his role as caretaker after nine years of dedicated service. His reliability, hard work, and attention to detail have been greatly appreciated by all who have worked with him or benefited from his efforts, and he will be very much missed in this role. We wish him all the very best for the future and thank him once again for his invaluable service to the community.

The role is currently being covered by volunteers, so if any issues are found, please contact thesecretary@metcalfect.org.uk, and they will be directed to the correct person.

Village Hall Update

The majority of the upgrade work at the village hall is now complete. By the time you read this, the sound system upgrade will also have been finished, leaving only the heating upgrade outstanding.

To allow the installation of the new heating system, the hall will be closed from 10th to 14th August.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding while these final improvements are completed.

Litter at Recreation Ground

Just a gentle reminder to everyone using the recreation ground to please use the bins provided correctly: green bin for general waste, blue bin for recycling.

We also kindly ask that the bins are only used for rubbish generated while at the ground.

Thank you for helping to keep the area clean and enjoyable for everyone!

The Lost Garden

Our volunteers continue to meet every Wednesday from 4-6 and have cleared a lot of duckweed out of the pond, ensuring we rescue any pond creatures lurking there. The hedgehogs continue to potter around and feed every night, and our volunteers keep them fed and watered every evening.

The sun has lowered the level of the pond, which now needs topping up. Councillor Stephen Pashley has very kindly offered us a grant of £250 to buy some good water butts to harvest rainwater - the IBC we inherited is evil-smelling; we just can't get it clean, and we need to replace it. We also plan to buy more pond and wild plants with this money and continue to fund the hedgehogs.

Idle Valley have lent us a bat detector, and we have detected pipistrelles in the Lost Garden and down the park. The bats currently emerge about 10-10.10, once the swifts have roosted.

I'm compiling a list of all the wild flowering plants we have recorded in the garden. Not finished yet, but so far I've noted 47.

Keep popping in and having a moment if you can. Better still, come and get involved. The cake is always good, though I say it myself.

We were delighted to host Little Lambs, who came to find out about pond life. We were delighted that one of them found a newt, which we put straight back very gently.







EVERTON

Primary School

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

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

What a wonderful month we have had at Everton Primary School!

After our visit from Steel (the Gladiator from the BBC TV show) regarding mental and physical health and fitness, we were absolutely delighted to receive a follow up email from him... Steel has visited over 400 schools as part of his 'Zactiv Initiative' with school aged children and he has PERSONALLY CHOSEN Everton Primary School as the one that he wants to invite to watch Gladiators live at Sheffield Arena! Therefore, all children of Everton Primary School have been invited to watch the 27th July 2026 recording of the next series as Steel's personal guests! It is a massive compliment to all children and adults to be chosen to represent him and lovely to hear that he'd love to send his daughter to a school like ours, as well how brilliantly behaved and engaged our children were during his visit.

In other news, our School Council have been incredibly busy this month. Firstly, they visited the Mansfield Veolia Materials Recovery Facility. There the School Council children learned all about how recycling is sorted and processed and gained a real insight into the importance of reducing waste and looking after our environment. Thank you to the team at Mansfield Veolia for such an informative and engaging visit. The School Council are now going to feedback what they have learned about 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Recover' to the rest of the school in an assembly.

Not stopping there, the School Council also visited County Hall in Nottingham where they hand-delivered Class 2's letters regarding our need for a school hall to Councillor Mick Barton after an

invite from our local Councillor Mike Robertson. The School Council personally discussed our need for a school hall with Cllr. Barton at the round table, enjoyed a fun quiz and tour of County Hall itself, held our latest School Council Meeting in the debating chamber before meeting Chair of the County Council, Cllr. Chris Adegoke.

Finally, we must say a huge 'well done' to our School Choir who performed at the Sing Out Concert at Doncaster Dome - they were all fabulous. Thank you to Miss Spencer for putting it all together and to the parents and carers who attended and supported.

As you can see, Everton Primary School is a fantastic school which gives opportunities for a wide range of activities and positive experiences. As a small school it is imperative that we fill our school to continue to be able give these wonderful opportunities to the children of Everton and the surrounding villages. Therefore, if you, or anyone you know, needs a school place then we currently have spaces in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 that need to be filled. If you would like to arrange a school visit or ask any questions about school admission, then please feel free to call or email school on 01777817350 or office@everton.notts.sch.uk

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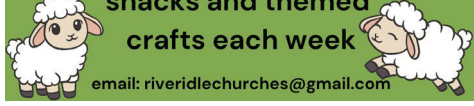
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Ghosts of Everton

When I went into the church the other morning to set up for the Village Coffee Morning, I was aware that someone else was there and saw a figure disappear into the area beneath the Bell Tower; but when I looked, there was no one there. I had heard stories of a ghost around the Church and other stories of the ghosts of Everton and Harwell, and thought it would be interesting to find out what people knew and record this for village history.

So, if you have any knowledge of them, can you please let me know?

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As I write in early June, Openreach has 8 vehicles parked at various points on Mattersey Road. They are repairing the latest criminal act of vandalism on our telecommunication infrastructure. Theft of copper cable is still an ongoing issue across Bassetlaw and South Yorkshire. Openreach has committed much of its local resources in an effort to fix the problem quickly. However, the solution has not been easy, and it has proved to be very frustrating to many villagers. The following 2 paragraphs may help shed some light on what is in store for the future. The quotes are taken from Ofcom's main website.

"You will generally need full fibre (FTTP) by January 2027. By this date, the UK is retiring the outdated copper-based telephone and Broadband network (PTSN), meaning older ADSL and part-fibre (FTTC) will stop working"

Ofcom has MANDATED this rollout. It commenced this drive in 2021, and now the vast majority of the UK (87%) has access to a Gigabit-capable network. And looking ahead, the next frontier for fibre is customers taking it up, with more than half of those eligible for an upgrade yet to make the change. (Ofcom)

Telecommunications are considered to be a modern utility. Functionally, digital connectivity (Broadband and mobile) is universally grouped alongside water, gas and electricity and is legally treated

as an essential service required for daily life, commerce and education. For hassle-free connection of fibre cables, we are fortunate that much of Everton is covered by a system of telegraph poles, established many years ago. Over-the-air routing of telephone cables is protected by the Electronic Communications Code (ECC), which is Schedule 3A of the Communications Act 2003. Some installations/replacement of existing copper cables with fibre are proving to be unnecessarily problematic.

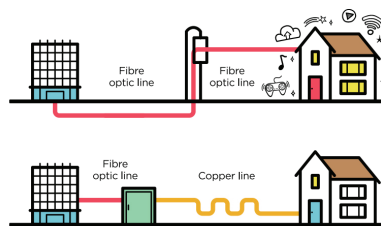
Installation of fibre in the Croft Farm estate is difficult. However, in one section, residents have agreed to a neighbourly solution, and cabling will

be routed under their front gardens. Driveways will be lifted and repaired. Long Meadows also has no telegraph poles and so a workable plan is yet to be devised. I have asked George Alty to keep me updated.

I hope the simplistic picture offers some clarity. FTTC will stop working; you WILL need FTTP by a fibre connection to your property. You will also need a decent mobile phone as the FTTP system will stop working in the event of the inevitable power outage.

Tony

LightSpeed Full Fibre broadband (FTTP) vs Part Fibre broadband (FTTC)



FTTP (fibre to the premises) or full fibre uses a fibre optic cable to connect without using any copper cable.

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Parish Council

Parish Council and Village Website: **<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>**

Please visit our website for latest information and village news.

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

The Parish Council has concluded its social media survey and conducted a public consultation on the proposal to reduce the speed limit in Everton and Harwell, north of the A631, from 30 mph to 20 mph. The survey result showed emphatic support for the proposal, which will now be submitted to Nottinghamshire County Council.

Village Hall Refurbishment

The Village Hall refurbishment is almost complete. Extensive redecoration as well as the physical changes have created a fresh meeting place for the village. Those attending events there are requested to park their cars away from the Hall. The new car park on High Street is available for parking, with only a minute's walk to the Hall.

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.

Everton Village Neighbourhood Plan

The first draft has been prepared and is being reviewed by Parish Councillors. The aim is to resume the consultation process in the autumn.

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.

**District Councillor Update**

District Councillor Steven Pashley has confirmed that a new Enforcement Officer has been appointed and is in charge of overseeing progress on three long-standing enforcement issues in Everton, a Heritage Skills Project has the aim of restoration and renovation of historic (non-clerical) buildings (if there is a suitable project in Everton, please contact the clerk), and free “Funding Application Workshops” are being offered to help those wishing to apply for grants from the Local Communities Fund. These are hosted by BCVS in Worksop and Retford, and by NCC throughout Nottinghamshire.

County Councillor Update

Details of additional funding for Highways are being discussed this month and it may result in accelerated progress in addressing pothole issues in and around Everton; the proposal for a school hall is under discussion, Everton Primary School students will make a presentation to councillors, outlining the case, at County Hall, with a teacher and some parents; discussions on a proposal to install a pedestrian crossing on A631 are still on-going; and VIA will visit to look at white-lining requests in the village.

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 July 6th 2026 at 7:15pm.

Monday September 7th 2026 at 7:15pm.

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.



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A HORTICULTURAL EVENING IN EVERTON

Monday 13 July sees the annual Sweet Pea and Rose Show in the Village Hall, included in this month's HEDS is the Show Schedule and entry form, so please come along with your entry to the Hall that evening between 6.00 and 7.00. While they are being judged you will, between 6.00 and 8.00 p.m., have the chance to look round some of the very special Everton Gardens. We will then meet back at the Village Hall for cake and a glass of wine. The event is free to members and £5.00 for non-members. It is always an excellent evening, so we look forward to seeing you there – Sid and Ann

EVERTON WI

AN INTERESTING EVENING for Everton WI when John Pinder came to speak to us. John is well known to many of us, and it was interesting to hear of the history of Pinders, John being the 4th generation and his sons now part of the business too. We learnt a lot about the legalities of a funeral and the work involved. It was a fascinating evening, and we are grateful for John joining us.

Our July meeting is very different when we are joined by the Airy Fairy Hedge Witch talking about the Wheel of the Year – sounds intriguing – [so come along to the Village Hall on Monday 20 July at 7.30 p.m. New members and visitors always welcome. There is a fee for visitors

ANN 01777 818993

Dingbats: BACK IN TIME, MISSING SOMETHING



Village Coffee Morning

The dates for July coffee mornings are TUESDAY 14th and TUESDAY 28th 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**

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..

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

August deadline

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

Thank you to you all.

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July 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

6th PARISH COUNCIL – 7.15pm VH
7th KNITTING GROUP
10.00 a.m. – noon VH
11th CRICKET – Ordsall Bridon 2nd
12th HOLY TRINITY
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
13th HOLY TRINITY
9.00 a.m. Prayers for the village
Everton Garden Holders - Sweet Pea &
Rose Show and Open Gardens
14th VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 - VH
20th WI – 7.30 p.m. VH - - see note
BOWLS v. Crowle
21st KNITTING GROUP
10.00 a.m. – noon VH
BOWLS v. Beckingham
22nd BOWLS v. East Markham
25th CRICKET – Welbeck 3rd
30th BOWLS v. Haxey

August and on

SEPT 13 – VILLAGE SHOW

OCT 9 WI QUIZ

Church Register

The wedding of Richard Wallis and Louise Jackson on Saturday, 20th June. We wish them both every happiness

Funeral of Richard Bailey (Scaftworth) on Monday, 22nd June. May he rest in peace.

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It would greatly assist the editorial team if, when submitting advertisements for publication, advertisers are able to use black and white with limited use of background wherever possible.

May we thank you for continuing to support HEDS Together and should you need any assistance we will be only too pleased to help.

The Editorial Team

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