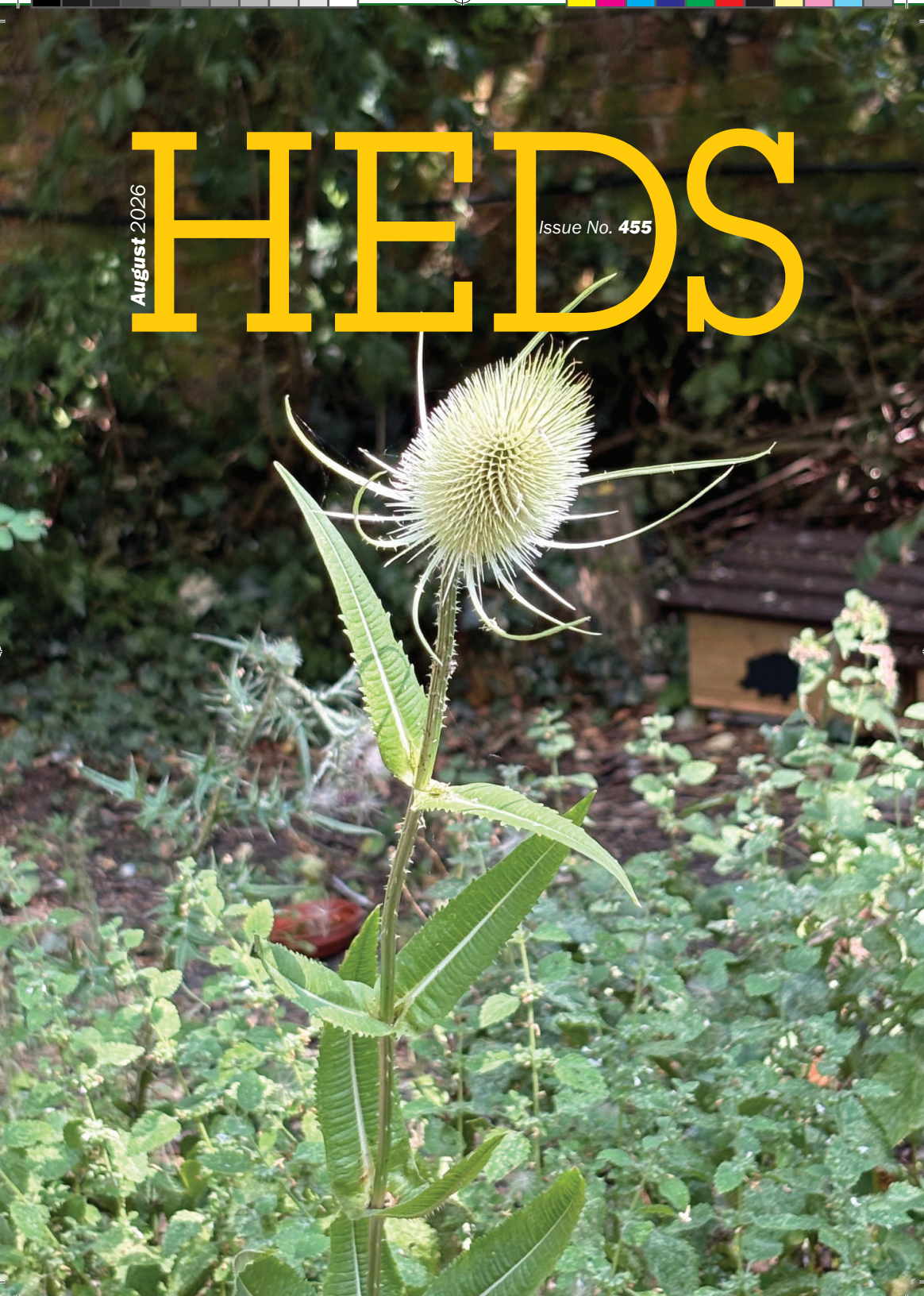




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The 2nd Ranskill Scout Group's community minibus is already proving to be a valuable local resource, with Everton Primary School borrowing it on several occasions to help transport pupils to educational visits and activities.

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As we come to the end of our 2025-26 academic year, we have focused our learning around 'After the Fall', a book about Humpty Dumpty's resilience after he falls off the wall, for our new year groups and classes. All children have spent time in their new classes alongside their new cohort at the same time as getting to know each other and their new teachers; whilst our Year 6 children have spent time at their new secondary schools. We also invited parents and carers into school for our 'Terrific Transition', which gave them a chance to view their children's fabulous work that they've produce over the academic year.

We have already held our annual EYFS Graduation Ceremony, where parents and carers of our Reception children were invited to the village hall to celebrate their Reception child's 'Graduation' after completing the Early Years Foundation Stage. Next, our 'Leavers Graduation Ceremony' for the Year 6 children departing Everton Primary School for their allocated secondary schools will take place on Friday 24th July 2025 – our last day of term.

During this month our children have experienced a wide range of cultural capital opportunities. All Key Stage 2 children took part in Elizabethan Sports Day which was a fabulous chance for the children to represent our school in an inter-school competition in the sunshine. Our Year 6 children will soon be going on their final residential together in Perlethorpe, and enjoying a cinema trip to watch 'Toy Story 5', having already enjoyed their water fight!

Unfortunately, it has come to the end of another academic year, and we must say 'Goodbye' to our wonderful Year 6 cohort. They will all be missed,

but we are very proud of them – of the successes they have had and the progressions that they have made whilst at Everton Primary School – not only academically, but socially and emotionally too. We know that they will continue to succeed and progress in their next chapter of learning at their chosen secondary schools. They will leave as members of our 'ForEverTeam'.

The same must also be said for Miss Spencer, our Year 3 and 4 class teacher, who is leaving us at the end of the academic year for further progress in her career. Miss Spencer has been a wonderful colleague and role model for the children, ensuring that the pupils take part in many events such as: Sing Out, Choir, Musical Theatre, The Summer Spectacular and many more. We wish Miss Spencer every success and happiness in the next steps of her journey.

I would like to finish by saying how thankful to all stakeholders of Everton Primary School who have ensured that we have had such a successful academic year: children, parents, carers, governors, staff and the local community. Without you, there can be no us. I wish you all a lovely summer.

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 from September 2026. If you would like to arrange a school visit or ask any questions about school admission, then please feel free to call or email the school on 01777817350 or office@everton.notts.sch.uk

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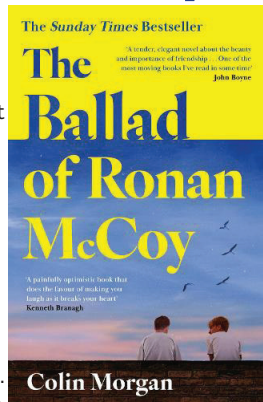
Colin Morgan

When I first got to know about this book, my first thought was 'Another book written by an actor', but I was pleasantly surprised. The story is easy to read and drew me in from the first chapter in such a way that I found I could not put it down. I don't want to give too much away, but it is about two friends, Brendan and Ronan, who are in their final year at school. The book is written in first person (Brendan). They don't see each other out of school, but when at school they are best pals, and Brendan confides in Ronan, telling him things no one else knows, including the fact that he cleans the cars at Feeney's Funeral Home on weekends and holidays. On the morning of the first day of term, Brendan is waiting at the school gates, but Ronan doesn't turn up, and Brendan learns that his friend has been involved in a dreadful accident and things will never be the same again.

I found the story very moving, and it had me in tears a couple of times, so keep the box of tissues to hand. I will finish with a review written by Kenneth Branagh, no less: 'A painfully optimistic book that does the favour of making you laugh as it breaks your heart'

I look forward to reading more stories from this talented actor.

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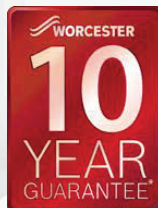
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TONY'S TOPICS

As I write on 7 July 2026, the weather is exactly as it was 50 years ago to the day. For 15 consecutive days from 23 June to 7 July 1976, the temperature reached 32.2 degrees C somewhere in the UK. The maximum temperature in Everton was around 26 degrees C, but reaching 32 degrees C over the next 3 or 4 days.

It is quite unusual that we have heard little or no comparison of the events of these 2 years in the MSM. Perhaps this is explained by the Met Office's use of statistics.

Selectively, they choose to ignore 1976. For their analysis, they chose the following blocks of years: 1981 – 2010, 1991 – 2020 and 1981 – 2000. Differing conclusions are drawn on various topics and predictions by benchmarks created by these 3 blocks of years. Simple!

A similar analogy can be made for statistics surrounding Maritime Disasters. You include every mishap from May 1912 to the present, hence omitting the Titanic, which sank in April 1912.

Anyway, back to the weather. The great drought of 1975/76 resulted in water rationing and stand pipes on many street corners. Quite possibly many readers over the age of 55 can identify with the young girl in the picture. The 15-month-long drought was the result of the following weather cycles. The summer and Autumn of 1975 were very dry. The winter of 1975/76 was exceptionally dry. The Spring of 1976 followed a similar pattern

The drought was at its most severe in August 1976, and the Drought Act became law in that month. Denis Howell was presented with this poisoned chalice, but in true British style, heavy thunderstorms in September and October brought the drought to an end. The Blackpool deck chairs were once again placed in deep storage.

There is, however, one more anomaly worth mention. In the summer of 1976, 23 billion Ladybirds descended on

Southern and Eastern England. Anything and everything was cloaked in a sea of red and black spots. A favourite pastime of the aphids was grazing on the exposed



construction workers on the Humber Bridge. Where was health and safety in 1976?

OIL SYNDICATE

The first ordering date of the new season will be Monday 10 August. Dates to follow for the rest of 2026/27 in September's HEDS

AUGUST 2026 WEATHER FORECAST

A glance at AccuWeather for August predicts temperatures near normal. Highs of 19.7 to 25.1 C and lows of 9 to 14.7 C. Showers will be scattered and infrequent.

Tony



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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**

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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 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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EVERTON'S BIG POPPY DISPLAY

We are making very good progress with the crafted poppies for the village poppy display which will be in place the week commencing the 26th October.

As well as The Knitting Group and Everton WI Members, many village residents have been busy crafting away. To help us assess the material we need to display the poppies, we need to know how many we are likely to have.

We are holding an Open Day on Tuesday 18th August in Everton Village Hall. If you have poppies to bring, or would like yarn to make more, please call in and see us. If you can't knit, we will have a very simple sewn felt poppy kit which you can sit and do with us or take away to complete at home.

You will be welcome to call in, leave completed poppies, and see what we are doing at the following times. Light refreshments will be available.

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ROSES, SWEET PEAS AND OPEN GARDENS

Despite the difficult gardening year, Everton Garden Holders were delighted to see the no of entries in their Sweet Pea and Rose Show. Thank you to all who entered and congratulations to the prize winners; all points from the Show will go forward to be added to the points at the Autumn Show on 13 September.

We are very grateful to all who opened their gardens for the evening; everyone who went round was impressed by them and went back with ideas for their own gardens. Thank you to all the garden owners for being open for the evening.

A special invitation to our next meeting, which is on Monday 10 August at Sid's in Harwell. We will get a chance to look at the very interesting collection of old farm and gardening tools. So come along at 7.00 to Lawnwood Farm in Harwell; there is parking on site. Join us for an interesting evening – there will be wine but please could you bring a few snacks with you. Ann

A PAGAN EVENING

Everton WI were delighted to welcome our July speaker and listen to her interesting and informative talk on The Wheel of the Year and Paganism. A very interesting history of this and the festivals associated with it and how they were celebrated.

In August we are going to Bassetlaw Museum for a tour of the building and to learn its history and a chance to look at some of the displays in it. No date confirmed yet, but we will be informing everyone soon. It will be an interesting event. Have a good summer

ANN 01777 818993

Dingbats: UPPERCASE LOWERCASE, SHOT IN THE DARK

Village Coffee Morning

The dates for August coffee mornings are TUESDAY 11th in the Church and TUESDAY 25th in the Village Hall.

We look forward to seeing you all then. Times are 10.30 – noon, 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.

September deadline

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

Thank you to you all.

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August 2026

Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise notated

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

4th KNITTING GROUP
10.00 a.m. – noon VH
8th CRICKET v. Waleswood 1st
9th HOLY TRINITY
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
10th HOLY TRINITY
9.00 a.m. Prayers for the village
Everton Garden Holders - 7.00pm
11th VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 - Church
BOWLS v. Misterton
15th CRICKET v. Kiveton Park 2nd
18th KNITTING GROUP
OPEN DAY FOR POPPY MAKING -
VH, see note
25th VILLAGE COFFEE 10.30 - noon VH
BOWLS v. Wheatley
29th CRICKET v. Aston Hall 3rd

September and on

SEPT 13 – VILLAGE SHOW

7TH PARISH COUNCIL
13TH – VILLAGE SHOW
OCT 9TH WI QUIZ
OCT 5TH PARISH COUNCIL
OCT 28TH LAUNCH OF POPPY DISPLAY

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