

## BELTANE SPRING FAYRE

For the third year running, the Beltane Spring Fayre Group held this wonderful free event in Evington Park on 30th April.

The schedule for the day included a yoga session from Evington's Yoga group, Maypole dancing with Brian and Rhona, an exhibition of owls and hawks from Kinder Falcons, a May Queen, open mic, music and poetry with the enchanting Evington singer Sam Tyler, Sheila and Merryl from Tangent Poets and musicians from Green Shoots. A variety of stalls included Vista for those with sight difficulties, RECOVERY assistance dogs, and Evington in Bloom with their plants. 19th Leicester Scouts provided space for drumming workshops and the day was filled with an array of talks and workshops by local pagan experts and storytellers. A pop up tea shop for refreshments and a splendid lunch, provided by Friends of Evington, sponsored by Evington Fish, organised and served by volunteers from Friends of Evington, added to the day.

Beltane, the festival of Spring, celebrates the season and the start of summer. The Fayre, open to all, involves local communities for a fun day out. The organisers endeavour to promote understanding between the diverse spiritual communities of Leicester and actively welcome representatives of different faiths or none at their meetings and gatherings.

Lesley Vann and Tony Modinos of The Beltane Spring Fayre Group (Composed of Pagans, people of all faiths and none, who celebrate the seasons) thank Leicester City Council and the Evington community for helping to make this traditional community event such a success. It could not have taken place without the welcome encouragement and hard work of all those involved, special thanks being due to the fine example of the Friends of Evington. Lesley works with Interfaith and the Mayor's Faith Forum to promote outreach programmes and events such as this Spring Fayre. It is an unfunded not for profit event, totally reliant on the goodwill of participants, volunteers and visitors.





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## EDITORIAL

Many things are happening over the summer in Evington - much to look forward to! The next distribution date for the Echo is September. Please refer to the website evingtonecho.co.uk for important news and more dates for the diary. The website is updated regularly and includes additional articles and information.

The Echo is still in much need of a voluntary Advertisement Manager. The is an on-going role which involves arranging new adverts and facilitating continuing ones.

The job involves recording information from advertisers. An answerphone would be required to allow messages to be left.

An Excel spreadsheet is filled in with all details of advertisements and taken to the Finance Manager on copy date. All adverts for publication are taken to the Editor on the same day.

The Advertisement Manager would work closely with the Graphics and Finance departments, and support is available at all times from the Echo team. A laptop and training will be provided.

For more information please contact Managing Editor, Helen Pettman.

I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and hopefully hot summer.

Fazila

### BBC RADIO LEICESTER COMES TO PIGGY'S HOLLOW

BBC Radio Leicester presenters Jim Davis and Jo Hayward received a call from the Echo's very own Helen Pettman, informing them of Piggy's Hollow, during a programme seeking hidden local gems to be added to the Leicestershire Tourist trail.

As a result, on the 21st of January 2016, they met Evington's resident history expert, Chris Hossack in search of what they called a "magical place".

Chris described the Manor House that stood on the moated site area once upon a time that belonged to the Gray family of Codnor, in Derbyshire, and stood surrounded by a moat. The Church, visible in the distance, formed

part of the parish, which extended for miles up until the Mere Road area.

"There's nothing to see in terms of building, but it's quite a landmark in itself," explained Chris to the awe-struck presenters. "It's a very popular area for dog-walkers and when they see us working here and ask what we are doing, they are just amazed by the history."

Jim's interest in the origins of the name Piggy's Hollow was expertly quenched as Chris explained, "Piggy's Hollow goes back to Piggy Wilson, who lived at Claremont, which is at the other side of the Cedars pub, by the War Memorial. He farmed pigs along here and was incensed by kids sliding down the banks so he would put pig manure there".

Chris's tale was received with much laughter and cries of disgust from the two presenters, as they perhaps imagined the experiences of the poor children finding themselves covered in such muck.

Jo Hayward got the opportunity to question some approaching dog walkers about whether they knew the grounds previously held a moat that housed a Manor House in its midst.

"I had no idea, wow," replied the dog walker, "I knew there had to be some history behind it but never thought it could have been a moat."

Chris informed them the house had been there since around the 1200's which was slightly longer than the 125 year old golf course situated nearby!

Jim Davis anticipated the dog walkers would continue with a whole new appreciation of the location, and suggested signs be put up to inform other walkers of where they were.

"We are working on that" Chris replied.

Jo Hayward ended the clip on a humorous note, expressing a desire to run down the hill, curbed by the notion that "you never know what remnants of piggy mess might be lurking underneath!"

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### PEGGY ODOM 1924 - 2016

Many family members, friends and colleagues gathered at St. Denys Church to remember Peggy and celebrate her long life. She was a remarkable woman in so many ways. The Evington Echo was fortunate that she dedicated 18 years (1984-2002) as co-editor and editor. She was meticulous about checking that all the articles and other information were accurate, well researched, well written and included all the local, major issues. Peggy was about service to the community and she led by example. In 2002 she retired from the Editor's position but continued to deliver copies of the Echo until 2015.

Peggy went to Wyggeston Girls' School and later worked for BB Chemicals. She met her husband Viv on a tennis court in 1946 and they were married two years later. Their three children, Annette, Sally and Simon, arrived between 1953 and 1959 and they all moved to 215 Evington Lane when Simon was just 3 weeks old.

Money was tight and even tighter when Viv died in 1963. Peggy was a determined person. She went to Scraftoft College to train as a teacher and managed a career and young family with help from her own parents and Viv's brother, Bill. She worked phenomenally hard at work, with her children, with gardening, decorating and caring for her own mother when she became ill.

As her children got older she was able to make time for more and more of her wide and varied interests - walking, swimming, rugby, table tennis, gardening, garden club, bridge, bird watching, holidays and cruises, Holiday Fellowship, Women's Institute, Evington Echo, U3A, the rock group (geology classes), singing, the theatre, the Village Hall committee and her grandchildren Bob, Kitty and Sophie and great grandchild Lola. She had so many interests on retirement - she deserved them.

In 2015, she bravely moved from the old family home to a flat and made a new circle of friends there. She enjoyed the gardens and the summer croquet sessions as well as being a director of the Management Company.

All who knew her will miss Peggy.

### TONY SHILCOCK MAY 1932 - MARCH 2016

Tony was one of a family of three children, having an older sister Anne and a twin sister Gillian. The family home in St Denys Road continued to be Tony's home until his parents' death when he moved to Rosemead Drive, Oadby in 1982.

He was educated at Wyggeston Grammar School and then worked for Midland Bank prior to National Service in the Royal Air Force. After a short period at Delta Shoe Company in Central London he returned home and worked for C N Rogers, Electrical Contractors, eventually becoming company secretary. After 19 years he moved to J Orton (Electricians) where he was employed for 13 years and his final post was with Tricast Plastics where he remained until he was 63.

Tony loved singing and as a member of Pex Operatic Society he played, in his early 20s, principal roles in musicals including 'The Music Man' and 'Robert and Elizabeth'. This was followed by many appearances around the country singing in night clubs.

It will be for his musical contribution to the life of the city that Tony will be most remembered. Having had his first piano lessons when eight years old it was on the organ at St Denys that his talent became apparent. He served as choirmaster and organist at St Luke's, Thurnby, for 25 years. On one occasion whilst accompanying a youth service he was heard playing 'Bridge over Troubled Water' and was asked to accompany Cliff Richard at a forthcoming event at the Odeon. This was a raging success and Tony thoroughly enjoyed having tea with Cliff after the performance. In 1972 he was appointed to St Philip's Church, where he remained until 1985.

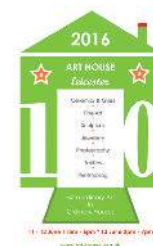
He was also a highly respected member of Leicester Philharmonic Choir for 40 years and during his twenty four years as chairman the Choir engaged many world famous conductors including Sir John Barbiroli, Sir Adrian Boult, Sir David Willcocks and Sir John Eliot-Gardiner. Tony will be remembered as a kind, generous, and out-going man who always cared about the well-being of those around him. He was a wonderful son to his parents and remained at the family home in a caring role right up to the end of their lives. His tragic death, following a fall at home, has been a shock to everyone.

Bramwell Rudd

### ART HOUSE 11TH - 13TH JUNE

Art House is back and is celebrating its tenth year! Fourteen new artists will be exhibiting their art at the popular annual event, and three more houses have been added to the trail. Ceramist Jo Keogh and textile artist Jo Smith, prestigious winners of the Art House Prize, will be exhibiting their work. De Montfort University media and photography student Alice Owens will also be taking part. A broad range of art, including sculpture and ceramics, jewellery and textiles, to fine art, printmaking and photography will be on show. Newcomers as well as professional artists will come together at this exciting event.

Come along and talk about the artistic process and inspiration, buy art directly from the artist or commission pieces. On Holmfield Road and others around Stonegate. Cakes served too and a free hopper bus between the houses, 11.00-6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday, and 2.00-7.00pm on Monday. Definitely worth a look. Visit [www.art-house.org.uk](http://www.art-house.org.uk) for more information.



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# Letters

## EVINGTON HOUSE DURING THE FIRST WORLD WAR WHEN IT WAS A VAD HOSPITAL



Dear Editor,  
This picture was found on a website without any copyright difficulties. It shows Evington House during the First World War when it was a Voluntary Aided Detachment Hospital (VAD hospital). You can see the British Red Cross flag and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem flag. The commandant of the hospital from 1916-1919 was called Miss Alice Henderson and she had a very strict routine for the soldiers that were nursed there. (See [www.evingtonecho.co.uk](http://www.evingtonecho.co.uk) and then use the online search button on the top right hand corner and type in 'vad').  
Helen Pettman.

### BUS ROUTES IN EVINGTON

Dear Editor,  
I endorse wholeheartedly the appeal in the previous Evington Echo for alterations to the 22A and 22B bus services for these services to be extended to turn into Gamel Road as there is no way people living along this route can travel by bus down to the shops on Downing Drive, the Doctors' surgeries or into Evington Village. For a long time we have needed a bus service that runs in the opposite direction to the present run up Welland Vale Road by the 22 route, and this would be incorporated into a new revised route.  
Doreen Gutteridge

### BENCH

Dear Editor,  
Congratulations to all concerned for getting the bench outside the library replaced. However there is another bench in a much worse state on Gartree Road, opposite number 101. I have reported it to FixMyStreet but so far no action has been taken by the Oadby and Wigston Borough Council. In my experience sometimes the FixMyStreet.com website works and sometimes it doesn't. Perhaps if several people make the same complaint, there is a better chance of something being done.  
Ray Phillips



### PEOPLE OF EVINGTON YEARS AGO

I am looking to find information on my family tree of those who lived in Evington village. My grandfather, Walter Smith was a boy who lived at 6 Cedar Cottages (the terraced houses opposite the Cedars Restaurant). He lived there with his parents William and Lucy Smith until he got married in 1900 and moved to Cambridge Street Leicester.

I understand that William and Lucy attended the little Baptist Chapel on the green and William played the organ occasionally. Walter had 5 brothers and 2 sisters.

Lucy died in 1916 and William died in 1928 and I believe are both buried in the grave yard of St. Denys Church.

This family of Smith originated from the village of Goadby and in the 1800's there was no street names only village numbers. They lived at No.24 and 27.

If anyone reading this can help with information about my family in Evington or Goadby please contact me.  
Geoff Smith  
0116 2208970, email [jegems@ntlworld.com](mailto:jegems@ntlworld.com)

### ACTION ON HEARING LOSS

Action on Hearing Loss are starting our first Hear to Meet in Leicester during Deaf Awareness Week from Friday May 6th, between 10.00am – 12.00pm Members of the community are invited to attend the group, and there will be refreshments and biscuits on offer!

The aim is to bring people together who have deafness, hearing loss or tinnitus— future meetings and activities can then be decided by the group.

At the first session we have the products team attending to demonstrate the technologies. Although the Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) Programme is aimed at people over the age of 50 across Leicester City, we would welcome anyone interested in accessing information, services and products for themselves, family or friends. We really need to spread the word!



The session will take place at the Evington Village Hall on Church Road, Evington, LE5 6FA.

More sessions will be held on the following dates: May: 6th, 27th. June: 10th, 24th. July 1st, 22nd. August: 5th, 26th. September: 16th, 30th. October: 14th, 28th.

For more details, visit [info.leicester@hearingloss.org.uk](http://info.leicester@hearingloss.org.uk) or call 07436830944.



### AGE UK

Age UK Leicestershire and Rutland and Leicester Ageing Together (LAT) will be launching a new project funded by the Big Lottery Fund, called 'Anything Goes', which will

be accessible to the people of Evington, as well as Spinney Hills, Belgrave, Thurncourt and Wycliffe.

The project aims to help older people who may be feeling isolated or lonely, and suffering from mental or physical health issues. Those who are experiencing loneliness, or at risk of feeling isolated, as well as disadvantaged and vulnerable elderly residents, will be able to access the free service.

'Anything Goes' brings together and works with small groups of socially isolated people to create a tailored programme of activities designed to help them feel part of their community.

Help will be available to those who wish to make new friends with the opportunity to join

new clubs, or to pursue a hobby or interest.

The LAT services reported in previous issues of the Evington

Echo remain available for services such as homecare, where assistance is provided for domestic tasks - household jobs, food preparation and help with appointments.

A befriending project offers daily or weekly phone calls to those who live alone and would like a friendly chat to help them get through the day. It can be something to look forward to and can make a huge difference.

Handy man and gardening services cover aspects such as home security and safety, decorating and any other types of DIY. A little help can indeed go a long way, and make living at home alone easier and much more comfortable.

In addition to this, fully trained respite



workers offer valuable support for those that are carers, and are also trained in dementia care to enable them to provide respite for those that care for people with dementia.

Age UK are looking for volunteers that may have a hobby or an interest to share and could help to organize and run activities or social groups. The role would help volunteers gain confidence and a sense of purpose and would provide valuable support in helping old and vulnerable people feel part of their community.

For those that wish to use the service, or would like more information or advice, please call 0116 2992278. The Project Manager, Nikky Miles, can be contacted by telephone on 0116 2992270, or by email at [nikky.miles@ageukleics.org.uk](mailto:nikky.miles@ageukleics.org.uk) FB

### SUPERMARKET BUS SERVICE FROM EVINGTON TO ASDA AND TESCO



The Echo was recently informed that The Beaver Bus Company offers a service from Evington to Asda in Oadby, and to Tesco in Hamilton, twice a week. The timetable for the service, available on the company website, can be found below.

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Road, Walshe Road, Davenport Road.  
GAMEL ROAD 10.20pm  
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Return via reverse of above route.

#### SERVICE: ASDA SHOPPER

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THURNBY LODGE 9.42 am | 10.42 am

Dakyn Road, Bowhill Grove, Scraftoft Lane.

SCRAFTOFT 9.48 am | 10.48 am

Scraftoft Rise, (return via Main Street, Church Hill) Hamilton Lane, New Romney Crescent.

NETHERHALL 9.52 am | 10.52 am

Netherhall Road, Hungarton Boulevard, Maidenwell Avenue.

TESCO HAMILTON

Arrive 10.00 am | 11.00 am

Depart 11.10 am | 1.00 pm

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## Clubs and Societies

### EVINGTON HILL LADIES' CLUB



Our March speaker (pictured above) was Sandy Leong with her illustrated talk entitled "A Nice Cup of Tea" relating the history of tea, first introduced to this country in the early 1600s probably via trade

with Holland.

Tea originated in China and by the 5th century was established in Japan where it was only consumed by the elite classes and where the preparation and consumption became an art form with the invention of the tea ceremony. In this country in the 1650s tea began to be sold in the coffee houses and as both drinks used boiled water they proved to be beneficial to health, as in those days it was only safe to drink ale. Tax on tea became so high that sales almost stopped and in the 1700s resulted in smuggling. However, in 1784 William Pitt the Younger dramatically cut tax on tea, which put an end to the smuggling but in place of the tea tax he brought in a window tax.

Sandy finished her very comprehensive talk by reminding us that the tea-break is in fact enshrined in law and that in the UK it is still our drink of choice, 60 billion cups of tea a year being consumed.

In April we welcomed back Penny Hodgson who on this occasion talked to us on the history of Teddy Bears, bringing along part of her large collection. In 1902 the toy bear first appeared. It owes its name to US President Theodore Roosevelt, who was made fun of in the press with a famous cartoon depicting his foray into bear hunting resulting in a novelty shop sending him a bear named "Teddy". A craze grew and adults as well as children had bears. At the same time in Germany, Margarete Steiff, whose toy company was founded in 1880, made toy bears from mohair, all of which have the unique Steiff seal in one ear.

After describing the history of her own bears, Penny urged members never to throw out an old bear no matter how dilapidated as it may be valuable, recently a Steiff was sold at auction for \$176,000.

The Ladies' Club meets on the third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall (see diary page 14 for details) and visitors are always welcome.

Gail Gray

### EVINGTON BICYCLE CLUB

Evington Bicycle Club started the 2016 session in April. All the club's nine bikes were thoroughly checked and the new trainer, Peter Simmonds, along with the volunteer team, were ready for the first session of cycling in front of the house in Evington Park. The sessions are geared to non-riders and improvers of any age.

The club meets every Monday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm and has access to the house for shelter and refreshments. If you would like to learn to ride or regain your confidence on a bike, tel. 2204525 or turn up on Monday evenings.

New this year is a monthly programme of talks from 7.30pm to 9.00pm on Monday evenings in Evington Park House.

On Monday 23rd May, Cycling enthusiast, Bob Perrett, from the Ratae Road Club explained how a bicycle works and why a bicycle is such a marvellous machine. He also had some specialist tools – and invited the audience to describe what they were for.

The next talk on Monday 20th June is called 'Panniers across the Pennines' with Maryam Amatullah, Lindsey Ball, Daksha Chohan and Liz Goodman.

Monday 18th July and subsequent monthly talks have still to be arranged.

For more information tel. 2204525 or go onto Evington Bicycle Club's Facebook page or check the online calendar at [www.evingtonecho.co.uk/events](http://www.evingtonecho.co.uk/events).



### EVINGTON RESIDENT SELLS ENTIRE WARDROBE FOR CHARITY

On Monday 28th March 2016, Evington resident Rehana Lila sold her whole wardrobe at Room IV on Evington Road, raising £1100 for the homeless. After joining the owners of Room IV for the weekly drop-off of food for the homeless, she realised that there are lots of homeless people in Leicester itself that need help.

Rehana sold many things at the sale, which included shoes, handbags, jewellery and a few designer brands too. About seventy people came to support the cause along with her friends and family. Rehana donated the money to the homeless charities 'One Love' and 'Hope For Humanity'.

Rehana enjoyed organising the event and has decided she would stick to minimal amounts of clothing from now on, and only buy the things she needs.

By Maryam Panchbhaya, aged 10



### GOVERNMENT U-TURN ON FORCED ACADEMY SCHOOL CONVERSION

The Chancellor of the Exchequer recently announced that all schools would have to convert to academies by 2022. Now, under a backlash from MPs, school leaders, teachers, parents and teachers' unions, Education Secretary Nicky Morgan (MP Loughborough) has been forced to concede that the blanket conversion of about 17,000 schools would no longer be compulsory. Only where councils cannot support them or where councils fail to meet and maintain minimum standards will schools be forced to convert.

With many MPs, including many in the Conservative Party, being against the proposals Morgan risked a humiliating defeat for herself and the party in a vote in the

Commons. Schools now rated as 'good' will no longer be forced to be academies. Mrs Morgan has been heavily criticized for forcing schools, whether successful or failing, to become academies, and incur the heavy costs of the trusts that supervise them.

Two thirds of secondary schools and one eighth of primary schools have already become academies. Academies are schools that are funded directly from central government and therefore bypass local government. They set their own admissions policy and are under the control of a 'trust' which may control several schools called a 'chain'. The government claims that they have greater freedom to develop new ideas and that it is a way of improving innovation. Teaching unions claim that it is a form of privatisation.

Eight Regional Commissioners have been appointed to oversee and monitor standards. All schools are liable to be inspected by Ofsted but a change to the system means that schools that have been rated outstanding are not now inspected on a routine basis.

The concept of academies was originally a Labour Party idea, aimed at improving failing schools, of which there were many, particularly in deprived areas, and this basic principle is now a conservative party aspiration rather than mandatory.

Future generations will judge their success or failure.

Bramwell Rudd

### COUNCILLOR DEEPAK BAJAJ IN IMPORTANT CITY COUNCIL ROLE

Leicester City's ruling Labour group has, at its annual general meeting, made a major reshuffle of responsibilities. Cllr. Deepak Bajaj (Evington Ward) has been appointed Chairman of the Heritage Scrutiny Committee. He takes over from Councillor Sue Barton. This important committee holds the Executive and partners to account by reviewing and scrutinising policy and practices and the chair receives a special responsibility allowance in addition to the normal Councillor's allowance.

Heritage Scrutiny also embraces Culture,

Leisure, and Sport and Play areas. All these are important to Evington, a designated Heritage Village with buildings such as Park House, Evington Chapel and St Denys Church. Thirteenth-Century Piggy's Hollow with its dry moat, fishpond and fragment of a domestic defence is a highly significant listed archaeological site.

Cllr. Bajaj has been a Councillor for seven years. He is a trainer in the printing industry by profession. Evington Ward is also represented by Councillors Ratilal Govind and Sue Hunter.

Bramwell Rudd



### ALICE HAWKINS - SUFFRAGETTE

A February meeting of the NASO group called 'Let's Talk, Conversations around a topic' discussed the life of Alice Hawkins, Leicester's suffragette.

Alice was born in 1863 of working class background and left school at 13 to spend her working life as a shoe machinist. She was lucky to work at Equity Shoes in Leicester, which was a cooperative that encouraged workers to participate in political organisations. Alice joined the boot and shoe union and then a more militant movement when the Leicester branch of the Women's Social and Political Union was formed in 1907.

Alice was imprisoned seven times in Leicester and Holloway jails. She died in 1946.

The group discussed Alice's relationships with her family and husband and the difficulties she must have faced remaining strong to her belief that if women get the vote this would enable an avalanche of change.

This group meet at Evington Park House alternate Friday mornings. For more details contact Colin Cook [colin.cook3@ntlworld.com](mailto:colin.cook3@ntlworld.com).



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A funeral plan allows you to put your affairs in order and protect those closest to you from the stress of arranging your funeral. It may not be a cheery thought, but it is certainly very comforting to know your funeral services are taken care of. You can request your favourite music, select the hymns and readings you want, or whatever will make your funeral special or unique to you.

Few people realise how expensive a funeral is these days, and with funeral costs rising considerably over the last few years, who knows how much they will cost in the future. Choosing to cover these costs in advance is the practical solution. When purchasing a funeral plan, it is of paramount importance to know that the money that is paid into the plan will be there to pay for the funeral service in years to come.

Pre-planning and paying for your funeral is one of the most thoughtful things you can do to help those close to you cope with bereavement. Why not do it today and get on with living your life?

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## EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW

A date for your diary – Saturday 13th August 2016 the Evington Village Fete and Show. 12 noon to 5.00pm

The show will be opened by Dave Andrews, BBC Radio Leicester Presenter, who has a keen interest in all things gardening and history.

Back this year will be Lisa Lolly – Have a Go Circus. Have fun developing your circus skills. Entertainment on The Green includes the Lutterworth Town Band and traditional Punch and Judy. Other performers are to be confirmed. Also present will be the traditional fete essentials of a mini fairground and bouncy castle.

While on The Green, visit one of the many stalls – there will be something to interest all ages and tastes from local honey to plants, from gifts to books and from face painting to ice-cream. Hopefully returning this year will be Leicestershire Fire and Rescue service and our local Police Beat Officer. New this year alongside our regular Willow Weaving and Pole Lathe Turning will be Kinder Falconry. This will give you the opportunity to see birds of prey at close quarters. (The birds will not be flying.)

In St Denys Church there will be displays of calligraphy and art. David Letts, singer and guitarist will be entertaining as will The Alumni Choir of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge who will be singing at 'Evensong' during the afternoon.

## EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE & SHOW

Saturday 13th August 2016

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Evington Chapel will be hosting the Local History and Heritage Group along with a collection of local historic photographs.

If all this has left you hungry and thirsty head over to the Village Hall where they will be serving light lunches and afternoon teas. The Parish Centre, St Denys Church will also be serving afternoon teas.

The competitions include children's classes for all ages and interests. For adults there are classes in art, floral art, photography, handicrafts, bakery and preserves. For gardeners the classes are vegetables, fruit, pot plants and cut flowers. Details of all the classes, together with the entry form, are now available in

Evington Village Fete and Show Brochure. This will be available in local shops. Details and entries are also available on the website [www.evingtonecho.co.uk](http://www.evingtonecho.co.uk)

Looking forward to seeing you on 13th August 2016 on The Village Green.

John Sloan (Chairman, Evington Fete & Show Committee)



## EVINGTON IN BLOOM'S JUDGING ROUTE

On 10th August, Britain in Bloom judges, Martyn Hird and Glenn Dale will be visiting Evington and they will start the tour at 10.00am and finish around 12.15pm, when they are invited back to Evington Park House to share a buffet lunch with the community.

If you have helped with this campaign, then you are also invited to come along and meet the 'In Bloom' team and the judges at Evington Park House LE5 6DE at 12.15pm, after the tour. Please let Helen (2204525) or Diane (2418056) know if you are coming.

It is a great honour to be a finalist in this National competition and whatever happens on the day, a huge accolade goes to Evington in Bloom and the wider range of parties and friends who have worked so hard to sustain and improve our beautiful urban area.

The walking route starts at Evington Park, then visits Grace Works at the Wycliffe Evangelical Church, then through the Village to the War Memorial, Co-op gardens and Village Green. We will go along Church Road to St. Denys Church and Piggy's Hollow and the arboretum. The driving route starts from St. Denys Church and goes along High Street, Spencefield Lane, Downing Drive (STOP), Welland Vale Road, Davenport Road, Gamel Road, part of Goodwood Road, Coleman Road to Rowlands Hill Allotments (STOP) then through the General Hospital and left onto Wakerley Road and right to Mayflower Primary School (STOP). Then back onto Evington Lane and Linden Drive, the Common and Cordery Road to Evington Park House.

With a short visit like this, we can't possibly show the judges everything about Evington, but our portfolio and displays can give the judges an all year picture of our area and show achievements they might not otherwise see. Please contact us if you have pictures to highlight the work you are doing in your area.

If you would like to be sent a digital map of this route, please e-mail [evingtoninbloom@gmail.com](mailto:evingtoninbloom@gmail.com)



## BEST FRONT GARDEN/COMMUNITY GARDEN COMPETITION

This is the second year that the best front garden competition will be judged by Penny Brown, the Volunteer Co-ordinator from Leicester City Council.

Please enter your garden or container or both! It is free to enter and is all about taking part and letting people know that gardens matter.

An entry form is in the Fete and Show brochure, available in local shops or alternatively telephone 2204525 with your name, tel. number and address or post this information to 10 St. Denys Road.

You can enter the following categories:

- Best front garden
  - Best container garden
  - Best community garden
  - Best novice garden in any of the three categories above.
- Helen Pettman



## FESTIVAL OF ARCHAEOLOGY



The Festival of Archaeology is a national event which takes place from Saturday 16th to Sunday 31st July this year. ([www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk](http://www.archaeologyfestival.org.uk)).

In Evington, there is a tour of 'Piggy's Hollow' with former county archaeologist, Peter Liddle and Chris Hossack, our local historian. Chris is also Chair of 'Friends of Piggy's Hollow' and of Evington's History and Heritage group.

Piggy's Hollow is situated in the Arboretum and is one of the best moated site complexes in Leicestershire. It includes the site of the manor house, fishponds and a mill dam. The site is next to St. Denys Church, which will also be open. This is a hidden gem right in the middle of Evington.

The cost of the tour is £4 for adults and children are free. Meet in St. Denys Car Park at 7.00pm on Thursday 21st July.

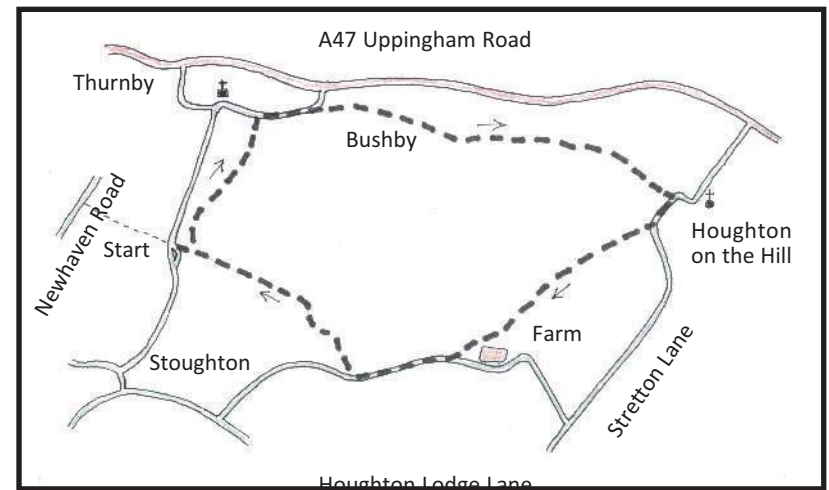
## COUNTRY RAMBLE



This is a pleasant walk through the villages of Thurnby, Bushby and Houghton on the Hill. The distance is a little over four miles and can be completed in a couple of hours. The starting point is the layby on Stoughton Road, a good parking spot. However since the route is a circuit, you can start anywhere. There is a decent bus service from Houghton if you don't want to do the whole walk. Moreover if you don't have a car, another path from the side of 26 Newhaven Road leads to the layby.

Walk away from the road and within a couple of minutes, turn left through the gate and go downhill to cross Bushby Brook. Then climb towards Thurnby. The path comes out to the right of the Rose and Crown pub which lies on the boundary of the two villages. It is said that the bar is in Thurnby and the lounge is in Bushby. Looking to the left you can see St Luke's church. But turn right to follow the road for five minutes. As the road turns sharply left, continue straight on at the footpath sign, past Bushby Lodge Farm. The path to Houghton is well marked by yellow posts. If you'd like a rest in Houghton, there are seats in St Catherine's church yard which offers good views. There are further footpaths leading east from here if you'd like to explore on another day, but our walk goes right along the road for a short distance until the return path starts beside 9 Stretton Lane. Soon the path descends and perhaps this is the only place on the whole walk where the next yellow post is not visible. Continue in the same direction however and you'll soon be back on track. On a clear day you can see views of the distant Bradgate Park. The path leads to Houghton Lodge Farm. At this point there is a choice of two footpaths. Take the right fork although it doesn't really matter if you take the other one as both lead to Houghton Lodge Lane. On the road turn right and walk along the road for 400 yards, then turn right into the field for the path which leads back to the starting point. Past the spinney you can see the houses on Uppingham Road, those you passed at the beginning of the walk.

Phil Brown



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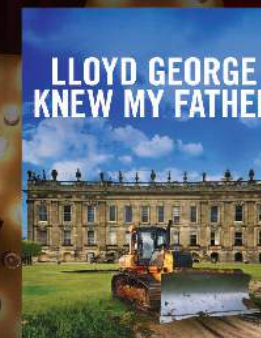
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## ST DENYS AUCTION

On Saturday 11th June from 6.00pm - 8.00pm we will be holding an Auction with a difference!

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The Time and Talents Auction will be followed by a cheese and wine supper, to allow the successful bidders to arrange to use the time or talent. We will also be raising a glass to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on the evening of her official 90th birthday.

Tickets for the Time and Talents Cheese and Wine cost £3.50.

Please come along and see what's on offer. There might be something you have wanted help with but didn't know where to go!

If you would like tickets please contact curate@stdenys.org.uk or admin@stdenys.org.uk.

## ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH UPPINGHAM ROAD

Pope Francis launched a humanitarian initiative for the people of Ukraine in the form of a special collection to be taken in all Catholic churches in Europe on Sunday 24th April and here at St Joseph's we contributed £335 in addition to our normal weekly offering.

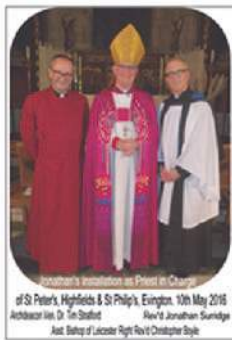
On 30th April we hosted the Annual Day of Reflection and Prayer for Eucharistic Ministers of Leicester and Leicestershire. Our guests spent the day in the Church and Parish Centre where they enjoyed an uplifting and contemplative time whilst also socialising.

The big new venture at St Joseph's is "St Joseph's Table" opening on 7th June serving hot and cold food prepared to order from 10.30am to 3.30pm every Tuesday and Wednesday. It is hoped that this will be somewhere to meet old and new friends in the

friendly and calm atmosphere of our Parish Centre. A warm welcome will be offered to all, of any religion and none. The Lourdes garden and other facilities, will be accessible including the Watermead shop and our religious library.

Times of services are detailed on our website where there is a useful link for the housebound or ill to internet based Heaven's Road FM Catholic radio station; broadcasts live masses daily (www.stjoseph-leicester.btck.co.uk).

## NEW PRIEST IN CHARGE OF ST PHILIP'S EVINGTON, AND ST PETER'S HIGHFIELDS.



On the evening of 10th May, in the church of St Peter's Highfields, a service, presided over by the Assistant Bishop of Leicester, the Rt. Rev'd. Christopher Boyle, celebrated the Licensing and Installation of the Rev'd. Jonathan Surridge as the Priest in Charge of the parishes of St. Philip's Evington, and St. Peter's Highfields.

In addition to the local clergy, other clergy from the Diocese and the Lord Mayor of Leicester, Councillor Ted Cassidy, representatives of other faiths and local civic dignitaries, each in turn, added their welcome to the Rev'd Jonathan.

In his reply Jonathan said how thrilled he is to be joining St. Philip's and St. Peter's at this exciting time in the churches' lives. Both churches have a rich history of welcoming and helping in their communities, regardless of their faiths. On his visits to St. Philip's he has been heartened to see the church building used so actively by so many in the community, and looks forward to being part of this ongoing service of our faith, through Jesus Christ, and invites us all to join with him.

Prior to this new appointment Jonathan served for almost four years as Curate at St. Mary's, Hinckley. Before his calling to the ministry he studied and worked in senior management in the Environmental Services industry.

Jonathan is married to Hilary, who is also a Minister, the C o - ordinating Chaplain to De Montfort University. They have two children, Phoebe who is finishing her 'A' levels, and Sam who is in his first year of the GCSE. Their home is shared with Oscar, their small black dog!

## THIEVING AND ANTI -SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Burglaries, general thieving and anti-social behaviour may be falling in general but there is always a chance of an upward spike as the warmer weather approaches.

Things are made easy for opportunist thieves on warm days because gardeners swing into action. On warm days doors and garages are frequently left open and tools, valuables, and bicycles are left unattended in full view from the road – an open invitation for the light fingered to make a quick profit.

Common invitations to thieves to help themselves are:

- Front doors left unsecured while residents are in the back garden.
- Windows left open so that thieves can reach in and help themselves to valuables – so always keep wallets, purses, credit cards and portable valuables well out of sight.

It is always sensible to lock your tools away



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Mark your post code on your property with a UV marker and register it on immobilise.com.

Anti-social behaviour causes harassment, alarm or distress. Noise nuisance, slamming doors, violence or threatened violence, drug dealing, graffiti, vandalism and intimidation should always be reported.

Coleman and Evington Residents' Association have, in collaboration with Leicestershire Constabulary, set up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme and early indications are that this will prove highly successful. They also work with young people to provide alternatives to simply hanging about the streets causing low-level annoyance. Tel: 07888 800 042 or colemanresidents@gmail.com

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## WEA (WORKERS' EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION) IN EVINGTON PARK HOUSE

On 19th May, the Workers' Educational Association, part of the 'Leicester Ageing Together' consortium, put on FREE Taster workshops at Evington Park House.

Joan Higginson ran a workshop called 'Helping Hands' which was an introduction to hand massage, reflexology and aromatherapy.

Neil McCarthy ran a workshop called 'Let's

because they can be used to burgle your own home.

Always make sure your windows and doors are kept locked even if you

Get Drumming' where visitors explored hand drumming and had lots of fun enjoying songs, stories and drumming.

Kevin Brown ran a workshop called 'Your Family History' which was to see who was interested in discovering their roots and the lives of their ancestors. It gave people expert advice to get started on research.

Throughout the afternoon visitors could meet staff from Leicester Ageing Together and pick up on the services and activities on offer.

The afternoon finished with an excellent talk from Cynthia Brown called 'The Palace on the Hill' which gave visitors information about the history of Leicester General Hospital. This event was organized through The Story of Parks, LCC.

For information about WEA/Leicester Ageing Together courses at Evington Park House contact Sally Hall, Older and Wiser Project Organiser. Tel. 3660925/2556614/07500761919 sahall@wea.org.uk



## WEA UPDATE

The free computer classes run by the WEA have continued to run on Thursdays at Café Blends on Downing Drive.

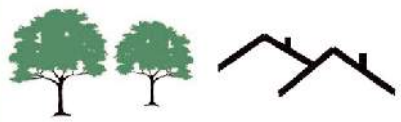
Over ten people attended the sessions with their tablets, and received advice on how to use them from IT Marcia Pax Romana. Feedback from the course has been very positive and those that have come along have learnt new skills, which they have been practising at home.

The dates for the next course shall be announced soon.

Please refer to evingtonecho.co.uk for updates in between publications.

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### EVINGTON-GROWN GOURMET MASTERCHEF APPLICANT

Twenty three year old Zainab Taramahomed, of Newhaven Road has lived in Evington all her life. She attended Whitehall Primary School and the City of Leicester College and entered the Masterchef competition last year, narrowly missing out on the live shows.

She started cooking professionally just a few months ago. She has cooked for family and friends before, and was offered an opportunity to cater for four gourmet evenings at Café Blends, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Zainab's menus at Cafe Blends have included delicious starters such as handmade beetroot ravioli, chicken Caesar salad croquettes as well as smoked lamb chops with a reduced pomegranate sauce.

"It's all about knowing which ingredients go together," Zainab explained, something she got perfectly right when she cooked mains too, peppered steak on a sweet potato puree being just one of them.

Some of the desserts she has made for the gourmet evenings have included coconut infused panna cotta and crème brulee, described as "positively scrumptious" by the editor of the Echo, who thoroughly enjoyed her three course meal.

Her favourite part of cooking is the presentation, and the thrill of rush. Zainab loves watching cooking programmes and started her cooking a few years ago when illness meant she was housebound for some time.

Zainab got into cooking by watching her mother cook. She helped her and asked to make a meal with a positive 'yes' from her mother. The first meal Zainab made was chicken with a butter sauce (Butter Chicken). Her favourite chef is Marco Pierre White but she also likes Gordon Ramsay.

When Zainab applied for Masterchef last year, she cooked spinach and ricotta tortellini with cherry tomato compote and fried basil leaves, along with parmesan crisp complete with a little truffle oil. Zainab has also been asked to cater for private parties and her ideal three-course menu would be: Starter: a ravioli dish, Main: pan-fried chicken and for dessert: Panna cotta.

Zainab can be contacted through Instagram at zainabpahaha, and her blog link is che fzainab.blogspot.co.uk. Maryam Panchbhaya, age 10.



### OPENING NIGHT AT THE DOVE WITH CELEBRITY ATTENDANCE



After a hectic few weeks having a complete refurbishment, The Dove public house on Downing Drive opened its doors on Thursday March 24th to a crowd of local guests and two Tigers' stars for a charity opening night. Proprietor Dan and the team were pleased to welcome local residents and guests to meet celebrity rugby players Matt Smith and Tom Croft. They signed autographs and enjoyed providing plenty of information in a lively Q and A session.

The team mates share a testimonial year after 10 years with the club and were pleased to be able to visit The Dove and to do some fund raising for The Matt Hampson Foundation. Over £1300 was raised and goes to the charity which was formed after Matt suffered a spinal injury playing rugby and now helps to support people who have had an

accident while taking part in sport.

Dan described how plans for the pub are developing for its community use and some local clubs are already starting to hold meetings there. Quiz and music nights are regular events and the restaurant is becoming popular, with a variety of menus.

On warmer evenings during the summer, customers will be enjoying their drinks in the pub garden surrounded by flowers growing in the new beds. Joining up with the 'Evington in Bloom' campaign Dan has planned a colourful display of hanging baskets to decorate the front of the building. The pub will be viewed by the Royal Horticultural Society East Midlands in Bloom judges in July and for Britain in Bloom during the tour of Evington on August 10th. Good luck to them for the special category awards for public houses.

### FABIO CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

This picture was taken inside Fabio's hairdressing salon on Saturday 7th May, when many clients came along to celebrate with the owner, Sue Saben, and staff, Nicky Parkinson, Steph Miller, Lisa Townsend, Lyn Hemstock and Sharon Soulsby. Sue said, "It has been fun running this hairdressing salon in Evington Village and I would like to thank the people of Evington and all my loyal clients.

The handbag stall and the raffle inside the shop raised £255 for Loros hospice.

### EYE CLINIC



In 2010, Evington Echo reported on the Award winning work of local optometrist Mr Umar Farouq Jussab, Director and lead optometrist at The Eye Clinic on Main Street.

Evington's local optometrist was again short-listed for awards this year, and much to Mr Jussab's delight was announced the winner of the Community Eye Service Award for 2016 at the Optician Awards ceremony, held at the VOX Conference Centre in Birmingham on the 9th April.

The panel of judges were looking for a practice that offered enhanced services and primary care in its community.

The Eye Clinic has previously earned national recognition for being the sole eye care service provider for the homeless in Leicester and has been featured in the Readers Digest magazine.

The Clinic has established relationships with nurses and doctors in the NHS and looks after the eye care needs of mental health patients, individuals with autism and children with learning difficulties and dyslexia.

The Clinic is also part of a community wellness team, which includes nurses and dentists, as well as dietitians and physiotherapists that work voluntarily to promote health and well being in nineteen primary and secondary schools across Leicester. The team has also provided eye care for the elderly and housebound since 2006.

The team from The Eye Clinic has continued to provide eye care services to people from Evington Village and the wider Leicester community. They have successfully expanded by opening branches in three locations in Leicester and plans are under way for a further two clinics.

Director Mr Umar Farouq Jussab described how elated he was after receiving the prestigious award, and explained "optometry is my passion. I love all the people involved and I love helping people with their eyes. You can replace your teeth, but you can't replace your eyes." FB



### EVINGTON PARK TOILET WITH DEFIBRILLATOR



Cllrs. Sue Hunter and Deeoak Bajaj holding the ribbon. Centre Keith Vaz MP.

The new £180,000 toilet block with a defibrillator is now operational. After the official opening by MP Keith Vaz, Councillor Deepak Bajaj said: "I would like to thank all those who have pushed so hard to get these much needed facilities for Evington Park. Knowing that there are fully accessible toilets available in the park means that families, particularly those with young children, don't have to limit their visits to a short time. The availability of the defibrillator brings the park's facilities more in line with modern practice and will give reassurance to sports people and event organizers".

The toilet block was designed to be sympathetic with the adjacent buildings and, with the incorporation of its slate roof, complements Park House. The architects took into account users with varying disabilities and for their safety incorporated elements such as contrasting tiles and other finishes and separate accessible toilets. The toilets are accessed directly from the path so avoiding any entrance areas that may cause difficulties and discourage entry.

The park is very popular with walkers and sportspeople who come to play cricket in the summer and football in the winter as well as walkers and families with children. Keep fit equipment is available on the lawn in front of Park House and there is a fenced off children's play area.

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### WATCH OUT EUROPE - HERE COMES THE BLUE ARMY

Along with my wife I have followed the fortunes of Leicester City for around fifty years. When our children became old enough we went along to Filbert Street on Saturday afternoons. We are now 'arm chair' supporters. Our memories range from moments of wild euphoria to total dismay. We remember the Barclays Cup wins in 1964 and 2000 and losing the 1962/3 and 1969 FA Cup finals. And we have had more than our share of promotions and relegations.

But nothing compares with the events of this season – it was described by the BBC as 'one of the sporting wonders of all time'. Having just escaped relegation the bookies offered 5,000 to 1 against City topping the league – as favourites for relegation there was more chance of finding the Loch Ness Monster than gaining premiership glory.

The reality was a fabulous year for the Blues as manager Claudio Ranieri gave us a fantastic season of exciting football, the best in the club's 132 year history, winning the Barclays Premiership and a place among the big names in the European Champions League with two games still left to play. The usual super teams – Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City, Tottenham and Liverpool were all totally eclipsed.

Accolades came when the trophy 'Players' Player of the Year' was awarded to Riyad Mahrez after the players hitched a quick ride to London in the club owner's helicopter. In reality all the team had contributed to his success. Striker Jamie Vardy was soon to be announced Football Writers Association 'Player of the Year'. City's star striker scored 13 goals in 11 consecutive games beating Ruud van Nistelrooy's Premier League record of scoring in 10 consecutive games.

I'm confident that Evington Echo readers will join me in saying a great big thank you for a wonderful season – a sporting miracle on a worldwide scale - and wish Leicester City players and staff a happy summer holiday and a successful 2016/2017 season.

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### WALKING FOR HEALTH

Mondays at 10.00am or 11.00am. Meet at Evington library. To book a place contact Penny on 07502 576764.

### BASIC SKILLS USING A TABLET

A free drop-in session organised by the Workers Education Association (WEA) will be continuing on Thursday afternoons from 4.00pm - 6.00pm during June at Cafe Blends, 42 Downing Drive. Dates: 9th June, 16th June, 23rd June and 30th June.

### AT EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL LE5 6FA

Bookings at the Village Hall Tel. 2737364

### EVINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Indoor meetings are held from 7.15pm until 9.00pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. Visitors pay £2.00. Tel: Peter on 273 5487.  
July No Meeting.  
16th Aug. Evening Visit to Glebe Nursery (own Transport). Talk and Refreshments.

### EVINGTON HILL LADIES CLUB

Meetings held in the Village Hall every third Wednesday of the month 7.15pm for 7.30pm start.  
15th June Felicity Austin. 'Big Brand Names'.  
July No meeting.  
17th Aug. Joyce Godfrey. 'Holidays that Dreams are made of'.

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**16th June** Early Bus Transport in Evington and Leicester with Chris Jinks and Mike Greenwood Director of Transport Heritage Trust. Visitors £2.

### FESTIVAL OF ARCHEAOLGY

**21st July** Join the tour of Piggy's Hollow and St. Denys Church with Peter Liddle and Chris Hossack. Meet at 7.00pm in St. Denys Church Car Park. Adults £4, Children free. (See article on page 9)

### EVINGTON HOUSE YOGA CLASSES

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**Monday 20th June 7.30pm Evington Park House** - 'Panniers across the Pennines' with Maryam Amatullah, Lindsey Ball, Daksha Chohan and Liz Goodman.

### BANDS IN EVINGTON PARK

**Sunday 19th June** Ibstock Brick Brass Band.

3.00 - 4.00pm.

**Sunday 24th July** New Orleans Hotshots Jazz Band  
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### EVINGTON ORCHARD GROUP

**14th June.** Pruning in the Fruit garden in Evington Park. 6.00pm - 8.00pm. New members welcome. Sat. 2nd July. Working in the Orchard at the Arboretum from 10.00am - 12 noon. New members welcome.

### AT COLEMAN NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

For activities, please telephone 221 1421 or visit leicester.gov.uk/community centres.

### YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROUPS

**THE ARK TODDLER GROUP** for 0 - 4 years and carers. Goodwood Evangelical Church, Gamel Road. Wednesday in term time. 9.30am - 11.30am. £1 family per session. Tel: 212 6004.

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**Saturday 18th June 2.00-4.00pm** Welly Walk with the Print Workshop

**Wednesday 27th July - 2.00-4.00pm** Welly Walk with the Print Workshop

**Wednesday August 17th - 2.00 -4.00pm** Welly Walk with Print Workshop

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**Sundays in July & August - 3.00-5.00pm** Afternoon teas in the Parish Centre (NOT 14th August)

### CONCERT

**Sunday 10th July** 3.00pm St Denys Junior Singers Summer Concert

**EVINGTON MOTHERS' UNION** meets in the Parish Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2.30pm. All welcome. Tel. 273 357.

**Saturday 13th August** Evington Fete. 3.00pm Chorale Evensong sung by the Alumni Choir of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge

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**4th August.** BBC's Radio Leicester's 'Down to Earth' with Dave Andrews and his team. 7.00pm at St. Denys Parish Centre. Admission by free tickets. Tel: Jan Pearson 241 4051. Refreshments by donation.

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