



## A regal Evington Park House painted by a King

Evington Park House was awash with colourful sights and sounds at the recent Creativity for Wellbeing Day organised by WEA, supported by Friends of Evington and Learning for the Fourth Age (L4A).

This special event was part of the wider Leicester Ageing Together festival 'Celebrating Older People in Leicester 2017' and an ideal opportunity to showcase the invaluable contribution older people make to the cultural life of their local community.

Our striking front cover is an original watercolour by Evington resident, L4A's Social Prescribing Project volunteer and artist Nigel King. It is also the inspiration behind the community 'Painting by Numbers' workshop which he organised and expertly led, at the event encouraging others to pick up a paint brush and help 'reimagine' Evington Park House. You can see the wonderful result on page 2.

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Nigel commented "There are no rules in Art and painting isn't necessarily an individual, lonely exercise. Taking Park House itself as the subject, myself and a group of local enthusiasts

If you've got a couple of hours to spare a month and would love to learn new skills for your CV (project management, catering, book keeping etc.), or if you're interested in helping to keep Evington the vibrant, active village we all love – then please get in touch. Without your help, there is a real possibility that the fete will not take place in 2018; as a new committee needs to be formed by the Next AGM on 22nd November 2017 (7.30pm at the Parish Centre, behind St Denis Church). Tel. John Sloan 241 2210.



"This is a project where the people may be able to work with the Council differently and get involved."

Helen Pettman.

Editor's Note: I am organising a local walk in cooperation with the Evington in Bloom Team to start the process of talking about 'Urban Buzz'. The walk will take place on Sunday 22nd October. Meet at Evington Park House at 2.30pm and finish there around 4.30pm for refreshments and talk.



He was devoted to Margery, and had felt her loss, every moment since she died in January, but always treasured the great life they'd spent together. Since he retired in 1990 they were

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# Letters

## CARS ON GRASS VERGES



Dear Editor,  
I have just walked by Mayflower Primary School and have counted more than twenty cars parked on the grass verge on

Ethel Road. These are the cars of parents waiting for their children to leave school. Grass verges are not car parks. If this practice continues into winter, I predict that these verges will become a mass of mud. I appeal to parents to stop this inconsiderate behaviour and to preserve the good appearance of our neighbourhood.

Ray Phillips

## BRITISH SOCIAL ATTITUDES SURVEY

Brand new research has shown that 71% of people in Britain between the ages of 18 and 24 are non-religious, as are 53% of the population overall and 58% in Scotland.

A high profile Christian leader wonders if this is due to a change in the way religion is delivered to young people. She also wonders what qualitative work has been done, as younger people may not be about ticking boxes but asking more thoughtful, "who am I" questions.

I think this research poses political questions. In view of these findings, how can state-funded schools (called free schools) reject some children because of their parents' non-religious views, now the next generation of parents are becoming such a large and growing majority of the population? Name and address supplied.

## 'HEAD, SHOULDERS, KNEES AND TOES, KNEES AND TOES, HEADS, SHOULDERS ... I CAN'T TOUCH MY KNEES - IT HURTS'

We all remember this well-loved nursery rhyme and all the actions, simple and fun yet if you are 6 years old or 16, maybe 34 or 56 carrying out the actions to the rhyme can be extremely painful if you have any type of Arthritis or any other joint condition.

Hmmm.... Arthritis at 6? Or even 16? Arthritis can affect anyone at any age and can affect simple daily tasks like brushing your teeth or tying your shoelaces. Knowing that your joints may hurt or cause you pain if you carry out certain activities may lead you to change how you do things, and in some cases you may stop doing things that you enjoy.

All of this can be changed by having a support group to help you improve your quality of life, giving you more confidence to make new friends and enjoy the things that you feel you may not be able to do because of your arthritis. May I introduce CLASH – Community Leicestershire Arthritis Self Help Group which started as a user-led, self-help group in 2006 to address the unmet health and social needs of people with arthritis and other musculoskeletal (MSK) conditions in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland. CLASH is based at Dock and became a charity in 2013. We currently have over 120 members, ranging in age from 4 to 96, and provide a wide range of activities for all age groups who are living with arthritis or any other MSK (joint) condition.

Through the dedication and commitment of our Chair, Trustees and volunteers we have built relationships based on trust and collaboration and have built partnerships with many different charity and voluntary organisations across health and social care in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland: Get Healthy UK, Leics & Rutland Sport(LRS)

National Citizen Service, De Montfort University, Change for Life and NHS Choices to name but a few.

From these relationships our members enjoy the opportunity to get involved in Hydrotherapy sessions at the Leicester General Hospital, Yoga at the Peepul Enterprise. We also run Drop in sessions for information, or just a coffee and a chat, iPad training and Get Healthy sessions at the Dock, Pioneer Park near the Space Centre, where we are based.

We have monthly meetings on different topics from Diet and Arthritis, Reflexology, MSK Developments and Art for Relaxation. We offer Goals Sessions to children every half term and summer holiday, for our families in the group this year we had an Annual Fun Day at Abbey Park pumping station on 28 August as well as a family trip.

Currently we have funding to provide anyone aged between 11 – 23 FREE table tennis sessions at the Peepul Enterprise on Fridays between 7.00pm – 8.00pm and also at Rawlins Academy in Quorn on Mondays between 7.00pm – 8.00pm.

If you or a family member has arthritis or any other joint condition at any age, remember you are not alone, please feel free to look at our website and see where we may be able to help you, If you would like more information about our meetings or activities, please register your interest by sending an email to [info@clashgroup.org.uk](mailto:info@clashgroup.org.uk) or call 0333 344 4611. We'd love to hear from you!

Sonal Godhania

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## FRIENDS OF EVINGTON'S AGM

Friends of Evington's Annual General Meeting will be held on 31st October at the Parish Centre at 7.00pm. Please would all members, both voting and non-voting, ensure they have completed a form. Tel. 2204525/07910431044 for more information.

## LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN – INFORMATION TO THE COMMUNITY

Leicester City Council has begun preparation of a new Leicester Local Plan which sets out a vision and objectives for the growth of the city over the next 15 years.

The new Local Plan will replace the 2006 Local Plan and the 2014 Core Strategy. It will set out how the council will respond to local priorities and how it will meet the social, economic and environmental challenges and opportunities that face the city. It will identify broad locations, scale and type of development and supporting infrastructure that will be required in the city.

The emerging options, development management and site options documents form the second consultation stage in the process for the new local plan. It will provide the community of Leicester and other stakeholders with the opportunity to suggest any issues that they feel should be addressed, comment on which options they think are most appropriate, or tell the council about any other options that they may have. Public consultation is now open until 31/10/17. Should you wish to make any comments a response form can be filled in online using the address below.

Further Information and copies of the documents the council are consulting on are available on their website <http://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan> & <http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council/policies-plans-and-strategies/planning-and-development/emerging-planning-policy/> Comments can be submitted online, emailed to [planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk), or posted to them at: Local Plan Consultation, Planning Policy, Halford Wing, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester. LE1 1FZ If you would like any additional information about the public consultation, please ring 0116 454 0085 or email [planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@leicester.gov.uk).

Planning Policy Team, Leicester City Council

*Editorial note: These documents are behind the desk at Evington Library and you can ask to see them.*

## LEICESTER LOCAL PLAN – CONSULTATION 2017. 2nd STAGE TO BE COMPLETED BY 31/10/17

The consultation is concerned with five documents and the Emerging Options document is based on information in the other four. Many of these city-wide policies will impact on Evington.

### HOUSING

The documents identify the need for additional housing development within the City to meet an estimated population growth of approximately 10% during the plan period. This growth, says the plan, cannot all be met within the Central Regeneration Area and may require 'hard choices', to be made. The Consultation goes on to say that not all necessary development can be achieved on brownfield sites. The public are invited to consider where there are underused open spaces that could be used to provide houses (or jobs). That is why the document identifies every Council owned green space in the City (including all parks, school playing fields and allotments) You may wish to respond to a number of detailed housing policy questions. Amongst these are the following: the mix of different types of residential properties (starter homes, affordable housing, retirement housing, sheltered housing, housing in multiple occupation, conversion and subdivision of large properties, student accommodation, the size and space standards for new residential accommodation).

### EMPLOYMENT

Provision of land in the City for business use needs to be made. Few would disagree

with that, but how might that affect Evington? Where would it be, of what type, and what transport or access issues might it raise?

### RETAIL

The documents highlight two basic alternatives. One is greater out-of-town development, the other is future development within a vibrant City Centre. Many might prefer the latter, but either option has implications for the routes that pass through Evington.

### TRANSPORT AND AIR QUALITY

The consultative documents recognise that sustainable and efficient transport links are vital. They accept that "there will need to be a step change in patronage on buses and also the number of people cycling and walking. Air quality action plans will need to be identified and implemented.

### THE GREEN ENVIRONMENT

The consultation recognises that green wedges, green open spaces and sports facilities (particularly pitches for popular sports) need to be protected and enhanced. This shows the type of policy conflict that the Local Plan will need to resolve.

For further information go to the Leicester City Council's website at <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/sec/local-plan/>

*Editorial note: The easiest document to fill in is the Council's Open space, sport and recreation questionnaire at <https://consultations.leicester.gov.uk/communications/ossr/consultation/intro/>*

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## Clubs and Societies

### NORDIC WALKING VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT



Ministry of Nordic Walks now has above 50 active participants. Volunteers are wanted who would be willing to undertake free training to become Nordic Walk Leaders. In exchange for their free training, volunteers would be expected to lead a minimum of two walks per month in their local area in order to expand the number of Nordic walks being offered in Leicestershire.

Due to the input from one of the Evington regular walkers, a new free beginners' course for those with Parkinson's has been set up recently at the Botanical Gardens. It is hoped that this will continue and gain new members as word spreads about the benefits of Nordic walking to improve gait and arm swing.

For others eager to learn the correct technique and gain the maximum benefits from Nordic walking, another course is due to start early November on Mondays at 9.00am in Evington Park. This three week special course (particularly suitable for those getting back into exercise) will run for three weeks at a discounted rate.

To find out more about becoming a volunteer or to book a place on any of the courses please email Penny at [ministryofnordicwalks@gmail.com](mailto:ministryofnordicwalks@gmail.com) or phone her on 07502 576764.

### A CYCLING SEASON IN EVINGTON

Evington Bicycle Club had a successful season! Many children and adults enjoyed the process of learning to ride a bike and improve their skills together with everyone's encouragement! By everyone, I mean the committee helpers and the parents/guardians who led the teaching. The committee would like to thank the management at Evington Park for allowing

usage of the Park House and continued access to the storage facilities. (Evington Park is the only park in Leicester with a Bicycle Club), the users of Evington Park for their tolerance, the encouragement from the Leicester Cycling Organisations and Andy Salkeld, the cycling coordinator for Leicester City Council. The Club will reopen in March 2018.

### EVINGTON LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE GROUP

On November 16th Richard Graves will be speaking about the Basque children who came to stay in Evington Hall on Spencefield Lane, now the Krishna Avanti School. The hall, originally built for Henry Freeman Coleman in 1830, had been empty following the death of John Faire, hosiery manufacturer, and in 1930 was sold to Thomas Henry Bowell. It was selected by the reception committee as being suitable for 50 Spanish refugee children fleeing the Spanish civil war and brought over to England on SS Habana along with 3,826 children in all. Come and hear how the building was made ready at very short notice and how the children adapted to living in Evington until the Spanish civil war was over.

7.00pm Evington Park House, Thursday November 16th. Admission £2 for visitors. All welcome.

Chris Hossack

### CLASSES AT EVINGTON PARK HOUSE

There are a range of classes at Evington Park House. Some are run by the Leicester Ageing Together consortium but most are classes run by volunteers for the community, with no age or other restrictions. An interesting development is having classes that are run by a professional for one session a month and by volunteers for the rest of the weekly session. These new groups take time to start but are very popular once running, as the costs are low. For Keep Fit, there are three relatively new sessions: One on Monday morning starting at 10.00am, another on Wednesday

afternoon starting at 2.00pm and another on Thursday morning starting at 10.30am. You are invited to turn up – you will be most welcome.

### CO-OP ROBBERY

On 14th September police officers were called to the Co-op on Main Street, Evington, at around 11.30am after reports of an armed robbery.

A robber entered the shop and proceeded to threaten a member of staff with what has been described as a firearm. Although no one was physically harmed during the incident, it is being reported that the staff on duty have been left shaken.

The suspect fled the scene empty-handed, and is believed to have run away down Main Street towards Evington Park.

Detective Constable Nick Robbins, is the investigating officer. He said: "The description of the suspect is a black or Asian man, tall and of slim build and dressed in dark bottoms and a dark coloured hooded top with white drawstrings."

No arrest has been made in connection with the case.

Ben Harding

### LOCAL POLICING PRIORITIES

Consultations with the community of Evington have led the Leicestershire Police Force to recognise street drinking as an issue that needs to be addressed, and they have now identified it as a local priority.

Around the Evington Ward, there are a small number of street drinkers assembling. This has caused an increase in anti-social behaviour in the area, as these groups tend to be loud and use offensive language. In addition, they often litter and urinate in public.

To tackle this issue and reduce the negative impact it has on the local community, the Police Force has decided to adopt a multi-agency approach. This involves an increased number of patrols, and warnings being issued to a few individuals.

Ben Harding



**The Conservation Volunteers, the community volunteering charity. Join in, feel good!**

**Food Growing in Leicester- Rowlatts Hill**



Community volunteering charity The Conservation Volunteers (TCV), who run local community projects across Leicester & Leicestershire, have worked with key gardening groups such as Friends of Evington in Bloom to promote and provide understanding and practical skills needed to grow different types of vegetables and fruits.

With the support of Lottery Awards for All and Leicester City Food Plan they have delivered learning around planting and growing plants from seed, composting and introduction to growing food.

The charity rents an allotment at Rowlatts Hill that is used for this learning. In the forthcoming months they are delivering a number of sessions to help people learn how to prepare the ground for winter and winter growing. In September and October they are running learning on winter planting.

**TCV Operations Leader, Lucie Hoelmer, said:** "This project is a great way to get outdoors during the short winter days, get some fresh air and learn how to grow plants in a way that can be repeated in your garden or window box!"

If you would like to get involved please contact their local office on 0116 271 0178 or email [Lucie.hoelmer@tcv.org.uk](mailto:Lucie.hoelmer@tcv.org.uk)

Whilst their activities vary, their inclusive approach has remained consistent: bringing people and places together to create happy, healthy and connected communities for everyone.

*Editor's note: This project has been funded by a Lottery grant called 'Awards for All' to Friends of Evington/Evington in Bloom. Many volunteers from Evington have worked with TCV to add value to this project. Friends of Evington/Evington in Bloom would like to thank Leicester City Council (North Evington and Evington wards) for their grant for disabled access on this site. Thanks also go to the Allotment committee for their continued help and advice.*

### NOT ONLY A SILVER GILT BUT A SHIELD AS WELL!



Ben, Margaret, Helen and Betty

St Botolph's Church in Boston was the beautiful setting for the East Midlands in Bloom award ceremony. The contingent of volunteers who had travelled there were thrilled to learn that the hard work of this year's campaign had been judged with enough points to again be awarded Silver Gilt. But they also heard that as the Urban Community that had scored the highest points, the Category Winner's Shield was also theirs! The picture here shows some of the volunteers from Evington in Bloom with the award.

However there's no resting on laurels for the winter. The work continues through all

the seasons. In a couple of weeks Evington residents will see the tubs and flower beds being prepared for the winter displays by the volunteers. Then, at the start of next year seeds will be sown in the Bloom polytunnel to be brought on to be planted out in the late spring to provide a colourful display again next summer. If you would like to be involved call 2418056

or email [evingtoninbloom@gmail.com](mailto:evingtoninbloom@gmail.com). Diane Bell

### NEW TUBS FOR DOWNING DRIVE

*Bigger and Better Blooms*

This year's campaign for volunteers with Downing Drive Friends and Neighbours and Evington in Bloom included getting eight new tubs to go on the pavements in front of the shops on the Downing Drive

corner with Welland Vale Road. The chance to buy replacements for the old tubs that were beginning to come apart was given through the Leicester City Council Ward Community Funding. The group applied for a grant in March and so were able to have them ready for putting in the annuals for the summer display. The eight new tubs are better for holding water and this has meant the flowers were healthier and larger. The East Midlands in Bloom judges who visited the area in July congratulated volunteers for the 'more colourful and floriferous displays' this year.

New volunteers are always welcome. Two sessions are coming up soon for changing the plants in the tubs on October 12th and 19th starting at 10.00am. Enquiries to [ddfandn@gmail.com](mailto:ddfandn@gmail.com) Diane Bell

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- ❖ Have fun!

We're seeking volunteers of all ages to join our **Leicester Ageing Together** family. This family consists of 15 organisations all providing a range of one to one or group services & activities. And all designed to promote a better quality of life and wellbeing for people over 50.



Researchers at Exeter Uni Medical School analysed data from 40 published studies and found evidence that volunteers had a 20% lower risk of death than their peers who do not volunteer. The study also found that volunteers had lower levels of depression, increased life satisfaction and enhanced well-being.

*'The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.'* — Mahatma Gandhi

#### Feedback from some of our volunteers

*'I really enjoy helping out with Pete and the other volunteers on the Task Force Project. It's good to feel I'm helping older people. I feel much better in myself, my confidence and skills have improved and hope I will soon be able to start applying for paid work'* LP – Task Force Volunteer

*Through my involvement with this LAT activity I have hope, real connections and a sense of value & purpose.'*



*'Volunteering is an interesting experience and I continue to learn with every new beneficiary I work with. The support and guidance Papworth provide for volunteers is excellent. It's very rewarding when achieving the right outcomes for the older person I am working with, makes a difference to their lives.'* EW – Neighbourhood Guardian

*'I've met different people and made great friends. I have been in this area for 6-7 years and this has brought me a sense of belonging to this immediate community.'*

***'When someone is connected to a group and feels responsibility for other people, that sense of purpose and meaning translates to taking better care of themselves and taking fewer risks.'***

...Ilaire Hall-Lundsted, Brigham Young University, updated

Why not join **Friends of Evington**? – If you become a member you play a vital role in their work and have an opportunity to have your say about the things they are doing in the Evington area – Helen Pettman 220 4525



#### A selection of LAT volunteer roles...

#### For further info contact

<b>Hear to Help volunteer</b> at Evington Clinic. Meet & greet attendees, offer support around deafness and hearing loss <b>Database Administrator</b> (office based role). Location the Peepul Centre, LE4 6DP	Regular commitment twice a month 9.30-12 Flexible days/times	Annette Day info.leicester@hearingloss.org 0116 214 9263 Annette Day as above
<b>Neighbourhood Guardian.</b> Visiting older people, in their homes or at a suitable venue, helping them make new community connections, finding what other help they may need. Does not involve giving personal care or physical assistance	Flexible days/times	Alex Grealis, Papworth Trust 0116 303 3232 alex.grealis@papworthtrust.org.uk
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<b>Befriender.</b> Offering a social lifeline, either by telephone or visiting someone	Flexible days/times	Age UK 0116 299 2266
<b>Walk Leader.</b> Lead a group of over 50's on a short walk, 1- 1.5 hrs. Full training given	4-8 hrs per week, ideally same day each week	Lee Dawson lee.dawson@livingstreets.org.uk 07714 616 589
<b>Supporting local social group.</b> Admin assistance & promotion, support with crafts, games and group activities <b>Home from Hospital support.</b> Could you support someone recovering from a hospital stay?	Wed 10.30-12 Evington Park House Flexible days/times	Nikky Miles AgeUK 0116 299 2270 nikky.miles@ageukleics.org.uk Lesley Newton at RVS 0116 266 7712
<b>Volunteer drivers.</b> Carrying patient, friendly drivers! You could make a tremendous difference to someone's recovery.	Flexible days/times	Lesley Newton as above

#### Additional roles within Evington

Facilitators for Exercise & Healthy Living class	Weds 2.00-3.00pm Evington Park House	Helen Pettman 220 4525 07910 431 044 helenpettman@gmail.com
Facilitators for Yoga Class	Thurs 10.30 -11.30 Evington Park House	
Support with a Community Allotment	Flexible days/times Rowatts Hill	
Delivering the Echo to Evington residents	A few hours every couple of months	

For more information on any of our courses or services please contact:

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## EVINGTON ARBORETUM AND THE BENCH WALK

An arboretum is a collection of trees and the one in Evington is brilliant. It has been called the 'lost gem' because even people who live close by don't know too much about it and forget to visit.

In Norman and Medieval times it was a deer park, as was much of the land around here. Between 1970 and 1973, it was developed as an arboretum with many of the trees bought by members of the public in memory of loved ones.



### THE NEW PICNIC BENCH

Andy Dhillon is the park officer for the Arboretum (as well as other sites). He has built a new picnic bench by the brook. Arboretum users helped decide where it should go.

What did one hungry plant say to the other plant?

I could use a light snack.

### On the Bench Walk you will see:

6 benches (and a few older ones)  
A new picnic table  
Monkey puzzle trees  
A carved statue  
An apple orchard  
Lovely views  
Trees and meadows

Please let the Echo know what the sentence says and any comments about your walk in the arboretum.  
Tel 2204525 or email [evingtonecho@gmail.com](mailto:evingtonecho@gmail.com).



Dad: I don't trust those trees, son.  
Son: Why not?  
Dad: They seem kind of shady.



### THE BENCH WALK



Six new benches invite you to go on a circular walk around the arboretum, starting either at the Shady Lane car park or the new picnic bench by the brook. As you travel along gravel or grass paths, you just keep going clockwise (turning right at junctions) or anticlockwise (turning left at junctions). You will be fascinated to see words and initials on the benches. Remember to take a pen and paper and write down the words to make a sentence. There are six benches to find. The initials are from the family of an Evington resident who recently died and who sponsored the benches.

Why don't you ever see hippopotamus hiding in trees?  
Because they are really good at it.



Juniper



Scots Pine



Birch

### ABOUT SOME TREES

Scots Pine, Juniper Hazel and Birch arrived in this country following the end of the last ice age 10,000 years ago. Beech crossed from France before the English channel was formed 7,500 years ago. Horse Chestnut came from Europe in the 17th Century.



Hazel



Horsechestnut



Beech

## 200th ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF THE FOUNDER OF THE BAHÁ'Í FAITH



The place where Bahá'u'lláh is buried.

Approximately 7 million Bahá'ís all over the world will be celebrating, in tens of thousands of centres, the 200th Anniversary of the birth of Bahá'u'lláh, the Founder of their Faith on the 21st October. The Bahá'ís in Leicester will be holding their celebration at St Philip's Church Hall in Evington.

The Bahá'í Faith is the youngest of the World Faiths. Its Founder, Bahá'u'lláh, was born in Iran in 1817 and was renowned for His extraordinary wisdom, compassion, generosity and commitment to justice. Because of His Faith He was bastinadoed (beaten on the soles of the feet), imprisoned in a dungeon in heavy chains, exiled from country to country, and imprisoned again for much of the rest of His life. This only served to spread His message to a wider audience. His message was of unity, peace and justice for all people.

The main theme of Bahá'u'lláh's message for this age is that it is now time to start to build a world spiritual and material civilisation that will bring in world peace and justice for all people. This is the first time in our history that it is physically possible for the world to function as one.

Bahá'u'lláh teaches the importance of independent investigation of the truth rather than blindly imitating the beliefs of the past. All forms of prejudices must be abolished. Among the teachings are equality of men and women. We may think of the world of humanity as a bird – one wing is women and the other men. Both wings have to be equally

developed for the bird to fly.

Bahá'u'lláh sheds light on the importance of education for every child in the world, the benefits of adopting a universal language, the necessity of seeking spiritual solutions to economic problems and the absolute necessity for justice in the governance of human affairs.

In Evington, Bahá'ís and their friends hold regular monthly devotionals with inspirational music and readings for the spiritual upliftment of their community. Bahá'ís spend time together with their friends in study circles which include how to run classes for children where they learn to practise virtues such as kindness, honesty and generosity, through songs, games, art and crafts and also junior youth groups for 11-14 year olds aimed at developing their enthusiasm for service to their neighbourhoods.

The Bahá'í Faith is represented on the St Philip's 'Faith and Belief Road Show' that visits schools within Leicester and Leicestershire and are also represented on the Leicester Council of Faiths.

A Bahá'í life is service to the community.  
Evington Bahá'ís  
[Leicesterbahais@gmail.com](mailto:Leicesterbahais@gmail.com)

### SAINT JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

On the 22nd of July, Sister Mary Campion of Saint Joseph's Convent celebrated her 100th birthday. She received a beautiful photo of the Queen along with her congratulations. Michael D. Higgins, the President of Ireland sent a letter complimenting her on her very active religious life. The Right Honourable David Gauke MP, the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, also sent his best wishes.

At the same time, Sister Mary Coen, also of Saint Joseph's Convent, celebrated 60 years of Religious Life. She is extremely energetic and caring in the parish and in the Convent, where the other sisters greatly appreciate her attention and efforts.

Father John is recovering well from his hip operation and celebrated Mass on Monday evening (11th Sept.) and the congregation gave him a round of applause when he appeared at

the altar.

On Thursday 17th August, 47 Pilgrims – parishioners, their families and friends – set out for Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore, Italy. They all had a fantastic pilgrimage/holiday and have posted some good photos on the Watermead Pilgrimage Facebook group. Stresa is the location of the tomb of the Blessed Antonio Rosmini's, who is the founder of the order to which Father John belongs.

On a more workaday note, at Saint Joseph's after all week-end masses we have a collection called R.A.S.H. This is in conjunction with other denominations in our Humberstone Churches Together Group. The proceeds of the collections go towards helping Leicester's Refugees, Asylum Seekers and Homeless. Bob Cave.

### PASSCHENDAELE 100 REMEMBRANCE

A local teen who lives in Evington was part of a group of almost 100 National Citizen Service (NCS) graduates, who were offered the opportunity to represent the young people of the UK at special World War One commemoration events in Belgium. Ben Harding, 19, was invited by the Department of Digital, Culture, Media & Sport to attend the ceremonies of remembrance in Belgium marking 100 years since the World War One Battle of Passchendaele. The Battle of Passchendaele, also known as the Third Battle of Ypres, was one of the bloodiest campaigns of the War and led to an estimated 250,000 British and Commonwealth casualties.

Over the 30th and 31st of July Ben, along with the other NCS graduates, assisted with the televised events at the Menin Gate and Tyne Cot Ceremony.

Michael Lynas, CEO of NCS Trust, says: "I am proud of how these young people represented their generation as they met descendants, the Royal Family and the Prime Minister. I know that these young National Citizen Service graduates will help ensure that the sacrifice of the fallen will be remembered for generations to come."

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## A-Z OF SOCIAL PRESCRIBING CELEBRATES THE LIVES OF ELDERS IN EVINGTON

This month's feature deals with the sensitive issue of death - a difficult subject to discuss but one which many of us may have experienced through the loss of a loved one. Bereavement can stir a range of (often) conflicting emotions. For some, writing can help with the grieving process and be a source of comfort. Below is a beautiful poem written by a participant on L4A's Social Prescribing project who did just that.

### D is for DEAR HEART

#### Dear Heart

I see sadness in her eyes  
bright blue but dark and  
deep  
half closed  
possibly a memory  
or a moment  
flickered softly across  
long lashes  
damp with tears

She slowly blinked  
as if to forget.

I knew to leave you  
to ponder over

what if's..  
could have's..  
and maybe's..

But to let you go?  
Why me?

You should know  
every day  
I think of you  
so much

Just as, dear heart  
now, more than ever  
I think  
so much  
Of you

I still taste tender kisses  
your scent  
sometimes your perfume  
in an empty room

This sixth sense stirs  
spreading over me  
and like the autumn sun  
warms my cool face

I catch my breath  
then quietly exhale  
Reluctantly  
I accept  
nothing belongs to me

Fate lit the flame  
for reasons that must remain  
unknown

A brief, beautiful spark  
illuminating a love  
best left  
unspoken.

## THINKING ABOUT LOCAL HISTORY

When Philippa Langley instigated the search for King Richard III's body, she asked some 'What If' questions. "What if Richard's body hadn't been thrown in the river? What if he had been buried in the friary of Grey Friars?"

I can ask some 'What If' questions about Evington Park House and the grounds.

"What if the house wasn't built by John Burnaby in 1836, but just extended?" "What if there has been a dwelling on this site from very early times?" "What if the old mulberry tree in the Burnaby Gardens wasn't planted in 1836, but is older?" Horticulturalists think it looks older. What if this tree was planted when James VI of Scotland became James I of England and wanted to build a silk making industry in Britain. Some say he was misled by the French and planted the wrong type of mulberries - black instead of white. Others say only 10% of the ten thousand trees he ordered were black mulberries, but were the only ones that survived the cold British climate. We just know that James I's silk industry project failed.

Do any readers know about mulberry trees? Do you have one in your garden? Can you write about Evington Park House? Can you make up some more interesting 'What If' questions for the next Evington Echo.

Please write in!

Helen Pettman.

## THE GENERAL HOSPITAL - The future?



The next edition of the Echo will include a feature about the General Hospital, looking both at the history and at the current plans for the future. We should like to highlight how important the General Hospital is and has been for people living in the Evington area over the last 115 years, so..... if you have had any connection with the hospital or have any thoughts or memories which you would like to share, please send them to the Echo as soon as possible, together with details of how our feature writer can get in touch with you about your contribution.

### EVINGTON'S ANNUAL HERITAGE WALK

This September Heritage Walk, which started at St. Denys Church and finished at Evington Park House, was very well received by local people and visitors, five of whom came from China. Yahao Wang said, "Amazing tour! It is really great for us to learn a lot about Evington." The end of tour tea was to be around the Mulberry Tree in Evington Park, but a shower of rain meant we ended up eating rather soggy cheese sandwiches inside the house. Watch out for the next tour in September 2018, with plans for better weather at tea time.

## FAREWELL TO THE ALLOTMENT



Barbara Gates on the allotment

I think it was that Babs and I were advised to give up the allotment after thirteen happy years. We had both experienced the sudden deaths of our previous partners. In a wild whirl of romance, we had met and married in New York in 2004. As we sought to rebuild, there was the question of how to fill our lives. And so we began our allotment adventure.

It had begun innocently. It started with a single plot. By the end of the first year we had four adjacent strips and something that demanded much of our time. Both of us enjoy growing things and so, together, we set out plans for our grand estate. We had ended up living in my tenth floor bachelor pad, one room - with kitchen off and a separate bathroom. The allotment gave us space. Soon we had two greenhouses, a poly-tunnel, a shed, and two very large compost bins; improving soil fertility was very high in our objectives.

My grandfather had taught me how to dig. I remember watching him. He was a little man with a large bushy moustache. I was ten at the time and I watched in awe as he began to dig. His first thing was to light a small smokeless fire; red hot, it burnt the weeds and combustible rubbish he got out of the ground. The line was straight and his spade upright. My job was to pick out all the stones. He told me one of the stories of Jesus about the need to grow on good soil. I remember making a pile of stones. I remember failing to keep up as the old man dug.

Trees were important in my part of the plan, as were flowers and roses. Babs, the cook, listed

the vegetables and fruit we were to produce. Already we had a magnificent Victoria plum and a small eating-apple tree, which was excellent for climbing. A row of blackberries divided plot four from plot three. We bought a Mountfield rotary mower and, together, we cleared and levelled the site. Paths were laid, with a small patio in front of the shed. Four more apple trees were planted, together with two pear and a fig tree. We established together a rose garden, and a grapevine was introduced into the large greenhouse.

There was much to learn. Soon people came to see what was happening. Neighbours over the fence, pleased with all the activity, cheered us on. Other allotment holders discussed our endeavours and gave advice. As the years passed, we were to learn respect for those who had a deep knowledge to share and a passion for making things grow. We made friendships with the allotment crowd and outside, as strangers showed interest in what we were doing. The daily walk to the plot and back was an opportunity to discuss new achievements and disappointments. Alan Titchmarsh became regular evening viewing, as we compared our little kingdom to his and other expert growers'.

And so the seasons came and went. Shorts were bought for the summer and thermals for the winter, a hat an essential piece of equipment. The bench was built in the shed and Babs had the job of endless searching for tools in Bennett's locally and Wickes in town. One year we put on a barbecue and people from the allotment came in numbers. Vegetables of various sizes grew; I say this, for they had not the conformity of the supermarket. Often, things grew in vast amounts and all together. We were for ever asking people if they'd like some. Grandchildren grew too and occupied more of Babs's time. Life became a whirl of activity, with Venice a regular holiday aim. I started back to work as a priest, doing occasional services on Sunday and going back to school to learn things I had forgotten. And so on.

Then, in January 2016, things were to begin to change and life became harder. It didn't

happen overnight but I became slower. Early in April, while using Bennett's photocopier, I collapsed. I ended up in Glenfield having major heart surgery. And the allotment got forgotten. It was all I could do to walk round the estate, an essential element to recovery. I watched the grass grow - and the weeds. Grapevine and roses went unpruned. The annuals went unsown.

In 2017, we have returned only to lament the state of things; to wearily nod at others tilling the soil, wondering what is happening in other people's stories half-told; to come to the need to say farewell to the allotment; to accept the hard reality that this chapter of our lives is over. I've lost everything twice in my life so I should be an expert. Glad I have Babs with me this time. I tried to clear the shed but failed miserably. A friend offered to help but the emotion was too great. Others will have to sort out what to do with a much-loved mower and tools which had been good friends. Babs and I go on into our new life, grateful to the Headland Road allotment crowd and the good memories we take with us.

Rev'd John Gates - Sept. 2017



I see this view every day from my flat at Carrick Point, Evington.

John Gates

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### EVINGTON GARDEN CLUB

Indoor meetings are held from 7.15pm until 9.00pm on the third Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall. 17th Oct. Gardens of Cornwall with Jeff Bates 21st Nov. AGM and Talk - Lawns and Green keeping with Chris Mews

### LEICESTERSHIRE CALLIGRAPHERS

We meet monthly, usually on the third Saturday, to practise the art of beautiful writing mainly using pen and/or brush with inks and paints. Non-members are welcome to visit for a fee of £3.50 per meeting, however if this is your first visit we ask you please to email the Secretary for further information at leicscalligraphers@gmail.com, or to telephone the Chairman on 0116-285-6436. Meeting dates in 2017 are:

Saturday 21 October - 2.00-5.00pm - Colour Theory - tutor Ruth Bosworth  
Saturday 18 November - 2.00-5.00pm - Carolingian hand - tutor Kathy Sedar

### AT EVINGTON PARK HOUSE LE5 6DE

#### HELPING HANDS AROMATHERAPY

Beginners course for 4 weeks from Friday 24th Nov. 1.00pm - 3.00pm Evington Park House.

#### MASSAGE (INTERMEDIATE)

Friday 3rd., 10th Nov. and 17th Nov. 11.00am - 12.30pm. Evington Park House.

#### ANYTHING GOES

Weds. 10.30am - 12.00noon. Evington Park House.

#### EVINGTON LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE GROUP MEETINGS

Meetings held from 7.00 - 9.00pm on the third Thursday in the month in Evington Park House. Contact Chris Hossack on 241 5153, chris\_hossack@yahoo.co.uk

19th Oct. Old postcards of Leicester Riverside. The story of postcards, the senders' stories, people behind the cards and pictures. Adrian Lane.

16th November Evington Hall - A refuge from the Spanish Civil War. Richard Graves

### EVINGTON HOUSE YOGA CLASSES

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### AT EVINGTON LIBRARY

#### EVINGTON SCRIBBLERS

Evington Scribblers meet fortnightly in Evington library on Thursdays from 10.30am to write poems, stories and articles. New members are welcome and friendly feedback given.

#### EVINGTON PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Meet fortnightly at the same time as the Scribblers Club.

#### EVINGTON TODDLERS GROUP

Tuesdays from 10.00am. Please let the library staff know if you are coming.

#### READING BUDDIES

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Wednesdays until 8th Nov. 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

#### SMARTPHONES FOR IMPROVERS

Thursdays until 9th Nov. 4.00pm - 6.00pm.

#### MY WORD - POETRY FOR EVERYONE

Tuesdays weekly until 24th Oct. 4.00 - 6.00pm.

### AT COLEMAN NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE

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### AT EVINGTON YOUTH CLUB

The Common (the road by the Library).

#### YOUTH CLUB

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Wednesdays Girls' night 5.30 - 7.30pm Tel: 273 5542 or 235 1572.

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Sunday 12th November 10.50am – Remembrance service starting at the war memorial and continuing in St Denys Church.

Sunday 29th October 6.00pm All Souls Service – where we remember departed loved ones and read out the names. There is also an opportunity to light a candle.

#### CONCERT

Friday 10th November 7.30pm Concert given by 8ctave – an all clergy choir.

#### NOVEMBER FAYRE

Saturday 25th November 11.00am – 2.00pm November Fayre at St. Denys.. Stalls, lunches etc.

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

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Tuesday afternoons 1.30-3.30pm in Evington Park House for a space to paint together. Some tuition is given besides helping each other. Members pay £8 a month. Visitors are welcome. Come and see if this club is for you.

### TEA DANCE

Houghton on the Hill Village Hall, Main Street, Houghton.

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### THURNBY FLOWER CLUB

Thurnby Flower Club meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the back room of Thurnby Memorial Hall. New members and visitors welcome.

8th Nov. 'Christmas Workshop' by Jane Lowe  
13th Dec. Christmas Luncheon followed by Short Demonstration by Kerry Artess.

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22nd October. 'Urban Buzz' walk. Meet in front of Evington Park House at 2.30pm. The walk includes Evington Park, Evington Village and the Arboretum. (See article on page 3.)

### EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wed. 22nd November at 7.30pm at the Parish Centre. (See article on page 2).

### LEICESTER'S 'IT'S YOUR

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31st October at the City Hall. Ask your local IYN group for more information.

### FRIEND OF EVINGTON'S AGM

Evington Village Hall at 7.00pm. Members only. Please would all voting and non voting members ensure they have completed a form. Tel. 2204525/07910431044.

### CROWN HILLS ART SOCIETY 39TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

Friday 20th Oct. 7.00pm - 9.00pm

Sat. 21st Oct. and Sun. 22nd Oct. 10.30am - 4.00pm at Crown Hills Community College. Entrance via Ethel Road. www.facebook.com/crown-Hills-Art-Society-Leicester.

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*Puzzle answer in issue 267 - Evington Library*



## CANK STREET GALLERY ARTIST SUBMITS ANONYMOUS POSTCARD FOR EXHIBITION



A successful Cank Street Gallery artist has gone from large canvases to teeny tiny in order to submit a postcard for the "Wish You Were Here" exhibition to be held shortly by the Crown Hills Art Society. This special exhibition allows members of the public to buy a postcard sized piece of art for a set price of £5. Some of the artists donating their art have previously sold pieces worth hundreds of pounds. The twist is that the artist of the postcard will remain anonymous until after the sale so some people might be getting a piece of art worth a whole lot more!

Mumtaz Seedat, a self-taught fine artist, has regularly exhibited at the Cank Street Gallery as well as at other galleries and museums around the city. She joined the Crown Hills Art Society a few years ago and rekindled her great passion for art after taking time out to raise a family. Working in acrylics, she draws inspiration from her surroundings. Her stunning, large paintings, which are highly sought, encompass natural landscapes as well as city panoramas. A recent painting by Mumtaz sold well at Cank Street Gallery.

Mumtaz's postcard will be exhibited (and for sale) with those from fellow Crown Hills Society artists and other local creative artists and art students. The exhibition is being held at Crown Hills College (entrance Ethel Road) on Friday 20th October 7.00 – 9.00pm, Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd 10:30am – 4pm. Large scale paintings and artworks by Society members will also be exhibited and for sale in the Society's 39th Annual Exhibition. Entry and car parking is free with refreshments available. Penny Fielden.

### CONTACTING POLITICIANS

*For information about meeting the politicians in Evington ward, North Evington ward and Stoneygate ward tel: 454 6360.*

*For MP Keith Vaz tel: 2668008. For MP*

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