



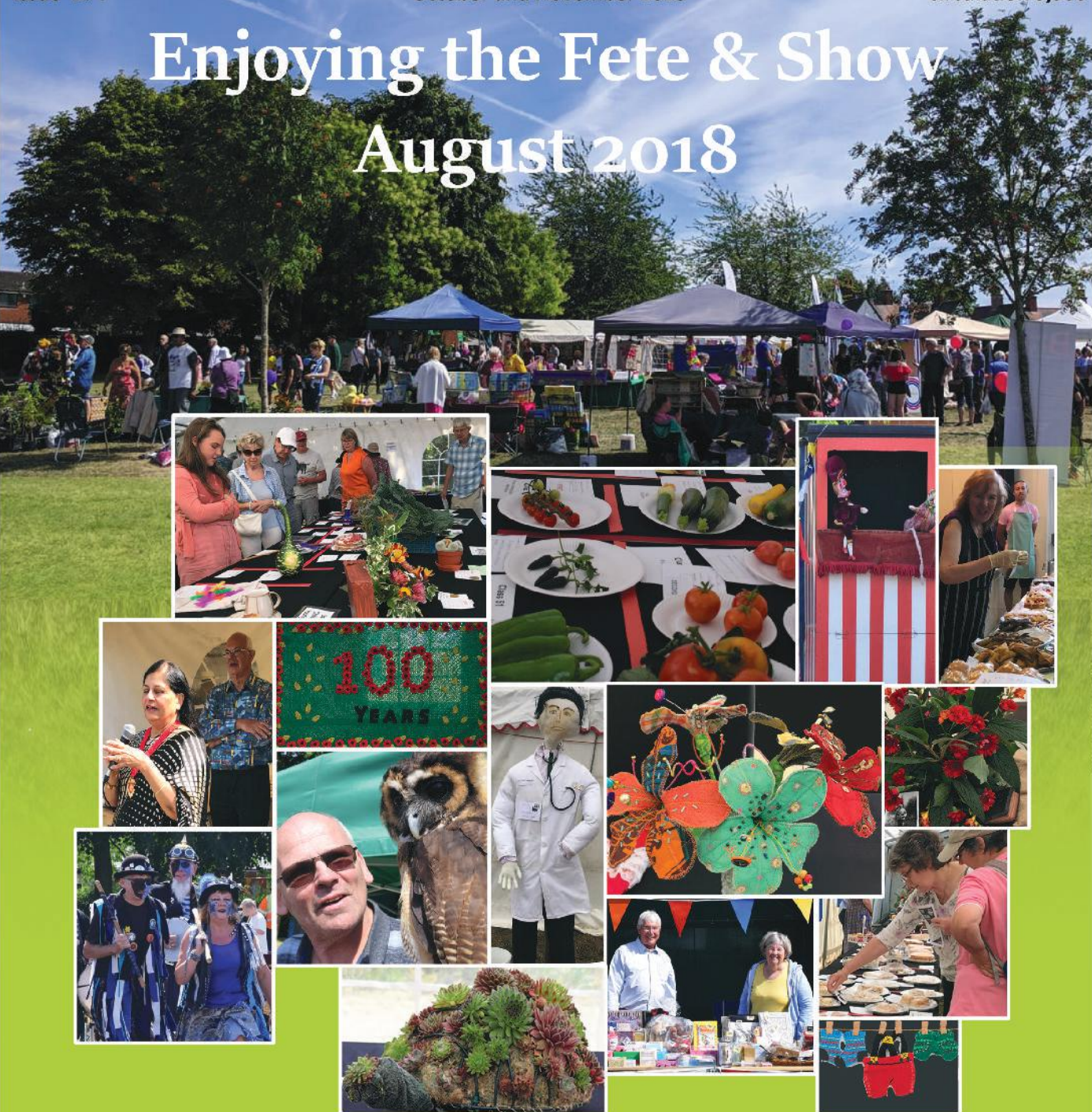
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APPASSIONATO : A RECITAL OF MUSIC FOR VIOLIN AND PIANO



Amalia Young and Bryan Evans will present a recital of classical music for violin and piano at St James the Greater, London Road, on 18th November at 2.30pm.

Amalia grew up in Evington, attended Whitehall School, and in 2017 won a scholarship to the Royal Academy of Music in London where she studies with French violinist Philippe Honoré. Amalia was the 2016 Bardi Orchestra Young Musician with whom she gave an acclaimed performance of the Bruch Violin Concerto No.1. Bryan Evans is Music Director of the London-based Diva Opera Company and has given over 3000 performances worldwide as a soloist, accompanist and conductor.

Readers may remember the two very successful previous concerts Amalia and Bryan gave at St Denys Church. The recital will include Francis Poulenc's neo-classical Violin Sonata, J.S. Bach's great G minor solo Sonata and the powerfully expressive Subito by Witold Lutoslawski. The afternoon's performance will conclude with the tempestuous Sonata No. 3 for Violin and Piano by Herbert Howells. Tickets are £8 and £5 (concessions) available from the St James the Greater website and at the door.

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GEORGE'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE


These monthly talks take place at the General Hospital and are usually held on the second Thursday of the month from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

11th Oct. Extracorporeal membranous oxygenation (ECMO)
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On a sunny September afternoon over 45 neighbours, family and friends, gathered outside to celebrate 90 years of Lionel's life. He and his late wife Joyce have lived in Englefield Road for 46 years and is known for his regular brisk walks to the shops. Lionel has been an extremely friendly neighbour showing practical care and kindness to many over the years.

As a young man he qualified as a precision tool engineer for a surgical instrument firm in Leicester followed by other work including the hosiery industry and in British Telecom as an operator supervisor.

So thank you Lionel from all your Englefield Rd neighbours and best wishes for the future!



Editorial note: In his retirement Lionel helps with community projects based at St Denys Church and all around Evington including the NHS Downing Drive Surgery coffee mornings and the Charity Coffee and Chat (see page 15 for details of these groups). Lionel wanted me to thank his neighbours who so kindly organised and provided for this celebration. He was delighted and grateful.

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Letters

Dear Editor,

SAVE OUR NHS LEICESTERSHIRE CAMPAIGN

Recently we lobbied the Leicester City Council's Health and Scrutiny Committee to put pressure on our Labour Council for a full public consultation into the proposed closure of intensive care services at Leicester General Hospital.

A 2015 report about the University Hospitals of Leicester's proposals can be viewed at library@leicestershospitals.nhs.uk. This document states that the Trust's five-year clinical strategy is to deliver Critical Care Services through the creation of two 'super' Adult Critical Care hubs at the Royal Infirmary and the General Hospital. However, changes have taken place since this document was written, so the Scrutiny Committee urgently needs to ask for an update from the University Hospitals of Leicester and a public consultation is needed.

Name and Address supplied.

Dear Editor,

PERIOD POVERTY

I am writing to highlight this campaign. Austerity policies are causing a major problem in society for women in not being able to afford sanitary products as a result of poverty.

This is not just a human rights issue, it is a physical and mental health issue as well. Is there an awareness of period poverty in local schools, mental health units and other organizations in Leicester? Finally, I would like to know if readers are aware of any reports of this being a significant issue locally.

Name and address supplied

WHY NOT BECOME A MEMBER OF FRIENDS OF EVINGTON?

I have lived in Evington for seven years and I've always looked forward to receiving the Evington Echo through my letter box. In one issue, I saw a fitness club advertised. As an older unfit, overweight woman I thought, 'This is what I need?' When there, I met a trustee of Friends of Evington and so I thought, 'I should become a member because I think it is important to be part of a community and care about what is going on in the area. If nobody

cares, our area will become unpleasant to live in and to raise families in. By becoming a member, I have learned about all the 'It's Your Neighbourhood' groups. I have often wondered about all these people that go around litter picking and wondered why. I have also learned some amazing things about this area.

I then became aware of Friends of Evington as a charity, who have trustees, so I thought it would help to join, meet new people and give something back in a positive way so that I was using and developing my skills and sharing my experiences and knowledge. I haven't regretted it. I have met some very kind people and it has opened my eyes to what goes on in Evington.

Anyone interested, if they are over 18 and they want to develop their own skills, which may help their careers, or give something back to the community, should think about contacting the Friends of Evington. Please email 'FriendsofEvington1@gmail.com' in the first instance to find out more information and we can be in touch then and informally discuss how the Board of Trustees operates. PR



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ROMAN FINDS

This photograph shows a stall at the Rowlett's Hill Allotment Society's Open Day. Artifacts from Roman times have been found scattered around and it is believed that there used to be a Roman villa at the top of the site. There are no plans to excavate! If you missed the Open Day and are interested in an allotment plot, the best thing to do is to visit on Sunday morning between 10am and 12noon. Travel along Coleman Road, pass the General Hospital on your left, then turn into Blakenhall Road. The allotments are straight ahead.



HERITAGE OPEN DAY 2018

Many buildings people would not otherwise see are open to the public for free over two weekends in September every year and throughout Britain. In Evington there were two Heritage Walks put on specially for this event. The walks started at St. Denys Church, visited the moated site at Piggy's Hollow, meandered through the village, visited Evington Chapel and finished with tea under the Mulberry tree in Evington Park.

There were visitors from Exeter as well as many local people. The feedback was excellent.

"Fascinating talk about Evington, in depth information about the area I've lived for the last 54 years. Have learned lots."

"Very interesting tour and great to be able to go into the church and chapel. Lovely refreshments sitting by the Mulberry tree."



This picture shows the guide Chris Hossack explaining all about a gravestone which has the most words of any gravestone in Leicestershire. It is about a wealthy man honouring the lives of some of his household servants.



This picture is of Claremont House in Evington. It used to be the home of a 19th Century farmer nicknamed 'Piggy Wilson' who kept his pigs on the land named after him called Piggy's Hollow. It is reputed that in order to keep the children away from his pigs, Piggy Wilson used to smear the sides of the moat with pig manure.

The tour also learned about the old Evington village school, now demolished and the 14th century barn now brilliantly incorporated inside a modern house. They learned about how the Victorian benefactor John Faire supported the people to work together and fund raise for the Village Hall. The foundation stone was laid in 1912.

JP ELECTRICAL

JP Electrical is a new business specialising in domestic and commercial properties.

It is run by Pravin Patel, who has lived in Evington for over 30 years and attended Judgemeadow Community College.

After leaving Judgemeadow, he did further education in accountancy and finance and then decided he wanted a more hands-on job and retrained as an electrician at Loughborough College. Pravin is fully certified and currently registered with Napit. He is looking forward to serving the Evington Echo readers and says 'No job is too small'. (See advert on page 3).

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BAHA'I OPEN DAY

Saturday 13th October 2pm to 4pm at the Friends Meeting House, Queens Road, Leicester.

An opportunity to learn more of the work of Baha'is in the community and in promoting ideas about harmony between the world's many religions and races, universal education, the equality of men and women, the protection of the precious planet we share and much more. There will be a film presentation giving insight to the application of Baha'i teachings across the world. All welcome. Refreshments.

CHURCH OPEN FOR INTERFAITH WEEK



The congregation of St Denys Church at the top of Shady Lane would like to invite you - our neighbours of all faiths and none - to come and see what goes on inside the oldest place of worship in Evington as we prepare for our 800th birthday.

The Church will be open for visitors on Saturday 17th November 10am-4pm.

Perhaps your children or grandchildren have been among the hundreds of local schoolchildren who visit St Denys Church each year... This Interfaith Week we would like to offer you the chance to come and see inside for yourself. You will be able to explore the building and its history, ask questions about the Christian faith, share refreshments and even observe worship (Morning Prayers at 10.30am and Evensong at 3.30pm). All are welcome but we would especially like to extend this invitation to those in our community of different faiths in the hope of building closer friendships and greater understanding. We look forward to seeing you!



Inter Faith Week



MAYFLOWER METHODIST CHURCH

Mrs Adelaide Kanu, the wife of our minister Rev Saidu Kanu, has started a Women's group, called 'Reflection', for the ladies of Wesley Hall, Uppingham Road and Mayflower churches. The group usually meets monthly, and recently Adelaide suggested holding a Women's Conference one Saturday. This turned out to be quite an ambitious project, as it was opened out to all ladies of the twenty churches of the Leicester Methodist Trinity Circuit. The event was held at Mayflower, and proved to be a resounding success. On the theme of "Building Bridges", sections were devoted to building bridges with children and young people, with elderly and retired people, and with the church in general. The ladies were challenged with talks, presentations, worship, conversations, and a very popular hands-on activity, trying to build bridges using newspapers, cardboard and sellotape, to the satisfaction and frustration of the members of the different groups. A splendid meal was arranged, enabling the participants to 'BuildBridges' with ladies whom they had never met before. This was a very worthwhile and thought-provoking day.

Mayflower church buildings are used by many local groups, for line dancing, orchestral rehearsals, children's activities, as well as by local families' celebrations, engagement parties, wedding receptions, and other local get-togethers.

In the church, we hold services every Sunday morning at 10.30am with special services from time to time for Harvest Festival Advent and Christmas.

We combine with Wesley Hall and Uppingham Road Methodist Churches, but also with St Denys Anglican and the Roman Catholic Church on Ethel Road. We also have contact with local Muslim families when they use our premises for their celebrations. At the beginning of August we had a group of one hundred people from Cameroon to share our Sunday morning service, and we all enjoyed a lively lunch together.

Rosalind Thompson



Leicester Ageing Together



Our programme was launched in October 2015. We have been a partnership of 17 voluntary sector organisations - ranging from national charities to small community organisations. Over 800 people in the Evington area have been involved with Leicester Ageing Together.

'Listening Bench' Pilot scheme

Do you just feel you want a good old chat to someone? Do you want to talk about how good your day, evening, week or weekend was or what you are excited about or have coming up or do you just want to have the opportunity to mull things over? If so, the 'Listening Bench' initiative maybe for you!

In October Leicester Ageing Together, with the aim to help reduce social isolation and loneliness, will be piloting a Listening Bench initiative in Evington Park. The Community Connector for LAT will be there waiting for someone to come and talk to her.

The 'Listening Bench' will be active on Tuesday mornings between 10.30am and 12.00 noon starting on Tuesday 23rd October. The 'Listening Bench' will be situated near Evington Park House just look out for the signs and oh the person sitting on a bench alone!

So, come along and get chatting and feel good about it!



Anything Goes Social Group

Open to new members - people over 50 who live in Evington and would like to try new activities, meet new people and go on day trips.

Evington Park House every Wednesday 10.30am to 12.30pm. Join us for a cup of tea, a slice of cake and a nice chat. Ring Jaishri Age UK for more information on 299 2270.

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The Big Lottery requires us to collect data to be able to evaluate the difference, if any, we are making to people's lives. **Thank you** to those who have been involved with Leicester Ageing Together for completing our various Questionnaires. We want to understand how best to reduce social isolation and loneliness of people over 50.

Find out what we have learnt to view our short films, on our website www.leicesterageingtogether.org.uk/about-us/learning-from-lat

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

I is for INSPIRED and INSPIRING!



Meet Doug, self taught artist and resident in Evington village for over 50 years.

I've had the pleasure of working with Doug on many Social Prescribing creative activities, and greatly admire his meticulous approach to making his art.

Modest by nature, Doug has quietly and competently honed his gift with pencil and paint. Over the years he has produced some fine paintings often using images from books, newspapers, even screenshots from TV programmes as inspiration, learning technical drawing skills by diligently following YouTube tutorials. He is also inspired by his immediate environment, Evington village and the Leicestershire countryside.

Featured here are a few examples of his work and it's clear to see this is a man of natural artistic ability - something publicly recognised as Doug was awarded first prize in the Art category at this year's Evington summer fete. Congratulations Doug!

Doug comments;

"I was surprised but really chuffed to win first prize. I'm proud to live in Evington and my painting was from an old photograph of the village from the 1960's showing how much it has changed. But it still has everything I need and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Plus, I enjoy going to my weekly 'Art in the Park' group at the Park House where I enjoy being in the company of others.

"I'm a watercolourist really, finding them quick and clean to use. Sometimes I do get a bit disillusioned with my work, but then I suppose most artists are never satisfied with what they produce. Maybe that's the motivation to keep going.

"Art is such a big part of my life. Once I start I totally immerse myself in painting, forget my worries and feel at peace.

"Since being involved in the Social Prescribing project I've had numerous opportunities to do something completely different. Recently we had an upcoming Asian Portrait painter Jemisha Maadhavji demonstrate her work at the Art in the Park session. Myself and the other members really enjoyed that, it was inspiring, proof that even at our age you can learn something new everyday.

"Anita (Project Coordinator) is now encouraging me to submit some of my work for the OPEN EXHIBITION run by the City Council at the New Walk Museum and Art Gallery. I'm considering it.. you can only do your best." AB



A CELEBRATION IN COLOUR! L4A'S COMMUNITY PAINTING WORKSHOP LIGHTS UP ST DENYS CHURCH.

Learning for the Fourth Age's (L4A'S) Social Prescribing project were honoured to be invited to kick-start St Denys Church's 800th Anniversary celebrations planned for next year in a special Community Painting workshop held at this year's Evington Summer fete.

Based on a beautiful watercolour painting by our talented volunteer Nigel King, the image was enlarged and divided into 4 inch squares enabling visitors to bring the image to life using paint, pens, pencils and their own imagination!

Over 25 older people helped to complete the final painting, resulting in a highly colourful and vibrant artwork which will be permanently displayed in the Parish Centre. AB



This photograph shows a group of volunteers from Friends and Neighbours Downing Drive analysing the water from Evington Brook with a Water Care officer.

LATE SUMMER PLACES TO VISIT



Brocks Hill Country Park and Centre.
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This country park is lovely! If you can avoid the busy times when the schools are off, it is even better. There is both a small and large play area and the larger one is perfect for adventurous children. The den play area in the woods is fun too. Once there you can find out more about the

organised activities for children. Brocks Hill has a Visitor Centre, a Café and easy parking.

If you don't have children it is still a great place to visit. There is a network of 3km hard surfaced paths and a number of informal paths. A sensitive management plan supported by conservation volunteers, ensures the flora and fauna can flourish. The site also includes a permanent orienteering course, a human sun dial, environmental art and a range of habitats with ponds, woodland and meadows.



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EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW 2018

"Well, I can do that" said a voice from back of the room and another voice said "I'll volunteer too" and that was how it all got started. All the worry about whether we could run the Fete again this year evaporated. We had a new Chairman and a new Secretary and a new energy and direction.

That was last November and in the following nine months we met, drank tea (and coffee), ate far too many biscuits and cajoled, and begged and borrowed, and pleaded for raffle prizes, filled in forms, organized road closure, arranged insurance, booked security, did risk assessments, prepared first aid, booked a very good band, and a very good singer, and Punch & Judy, and 'Have a Go Circus' tied down the bouncy castle man, and wooed the Owls and paraded the Cadets, and washed the bunting, and typed and laminated signs and notices and menus and directions, thought about how many chairs and tables we needed, and what watts the PA system needed to be, and changed the date on last year's display banners.

And in the middle of all this organizing good news comes and our application to the Ward Community Fund has been successful. It is an important contribution to the overall cost - and puts a smile on our Treasurer's face! Thank you to our local councillors for their help and support.

And suddenly it's the Friday before and the marquee arrives and the plots are marked out and it all comes together. Saturday morning dawns and the first stall holder arrives and the day begins. The Green soon fills with tents and displays and plants and people. The Blood Bikes arrive. The beekeeper and the willow weaver set up and before you can say Yes to a cup of tea it's gone 11 o'clock and we need to clear the cars off the site. The Show tent hums with the deliberations of the judges. "Is there one called Len," asks a lady, "it would be nice to get a ten." Councillor Sood arrives and takes a moment to soak up the atmosphere before she declares the Fete open.

Refreshments in the Village Hall already have a small queue. The Parish Centre is open too for cake and tea. The calligraphy group in the church are sharpening their quills and there is great demand for bookmarks with grandchildren's names beautifully inscribed thereon. St Denys is 800 years old next year and there is huge interest in colouring in pages which, when added to the rest, will make a unique picture of the church. David Letts is on later and isn't it nice and cool in here whilst we wait. And that gives us a chance to admire the beautiful gold needlework in the Lady Chapel.

The Lutterworth Town Band set up in the arena, find their note and begin to play. They are followed by the Bakanalia Border Morris Dancers. Their make-up and costumes cause a small boy to stand and stare in wonder, not budging even when his mum offers an ice cream! Punch & Judy draws an excited crowd of children as the familiar story unfolds. And did you see the face painters work their magic?

The Show has 13 classes from fruit and veg to photographs with well over 300 entries vying for a First or even Best in Show. Jams have been tasted and cakes cut and awards made and the judges have decided. Everyone wants to know how they did and who won. "Perhaps it will be my picture in the Echo," says a hopeful baker.

The weather holds and the chapel enjoys a steady stream of visitors to its exhibition of Evington past and present. The regular swings occupy the children waiting their turn on the bouncy castle with its super slide. The tombola sold out by 2.30pm in spite of the fantastic response to our plea for donations with over 300 prizes large and small on offer. Raffle ticket sales were going well with four of us writing and folding - just write your name and number on the top and we will do the rest! There were 14 prizes and the odds were a million times better than the lottery - a big thank you to The Cedars for their support.

Anthony, the vicar, arrives to give the prizes and did you see Nigel the curate's Harley Davidson? The winners are called and the photographs are taken. There will be a list on

the website and here in the Echo. The day winds down and the last ice cream is sold. The "port-a-loos" and tents and marquee and stalls all pack up and go. The tables and chairs are stacked and collected. We check the field for litter - hardly any - thank you everyone for being so tidy.

It was a very good day and lots of people came and we had nice feed-back at the end. A lot of people said "see you next year" and we hope you will. We have a new Chairman and a new Secretary and will have a new Treasurer next year but still need more help. Would you like to be part of the team? It is fun and everything is shared and no-one has too much to do.

There aren't many opportunities when a whole community can and does come together so splendidly - well over a thousand local families, young and old enjoyed this year's gathering. It truly is a village fete and show.

Our AGM is on November 7th and being held at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre, behind St Denys Church when we shall be saying farewell to both Anna Meadows who has run the refreshments in the Village Hall for many years and to Richard Webb who wrote this article and who has been a stalwart member of the fete committee since its start. Please come and find out how it all works and join us. Many hands make light work!

Contact Chris Hossack on 241 5153 or chris_hossack@yahoo.co.uk



PRESENTATION LIST FOR SHOW PRIZES 2018

Section A

Children aged 5 and under
Winner: Ayman Jassat

Children aged 6 to 11 years
Winner: Bethany Taylor

Young People aged 12 to 16 years
Winner: Emily Angrave

Section B: The Scarecrow Competition

1st: Isobel Brendt
2nd: 'The Breakaways'
3rd: K. Burns

Section C: Floral Art

Winner: Janette Pearson

Section D: Cut Flowers Winner: Mrs Sandra Harrison

Section E: The Gillian Farrow Memorial Cup

Winner: Pauline Sloan

Section F: Fruit

Winner: Julia Thistlethwaite

Section G: Vegetables

Winner: Mr W Aldred

Section H: Bakery

Councillor O'Brien's Cup
Winner: Freda Neill

Section J: Preserves/Wine

The Councillor Johnson's Cup
Winner: Michael White

Section K: Art

The Councillor Bajaj's Cup
Winner: Douglas Adlam

Section L: Photography

The Morton Photography Cup
Winner: Osy Waye

The Wallett's Handicrafts Cup

This cup is awarded to the entrant with the most points in Section M: Handicrafts - Winner: Sandra Nye

The Barbara Raven Floral Cup

This cup is awarded for the entrant with the most combined points in Floral Art and Cut Flowers (Sections C and D)
Winner: Mrs Sandra Harrison

The Co-op Horticultural Cup

This cup is awarded for the entrant with the most combined points in Fruit and Vegetables (Sections F and G)
Winner: Mr W Aldred

Best in Show:

From the exhibits that each Judge decided was the best in their section, they then chose which entry should be adjudged the 'Best in Show'.
Winner: Mr W Aldred

Judges' Choice

The winners for each section, as the Judges' choices, were:

Section C: Emily Angrave

Section D: Mrs Sandra Harrison

Section E: Mrs E Loraine Roselli

Section F: Mr D Wood

Section H: Freda Neill

Section J: Isobel Brendt

Section K: Douglas Adlam

Section L: Kevin O'Shea

Section M: Sandra Nye

The Novice Challenge Cup

This cup is presented to the entrant who gained the most points entering as a novice.
Winner: Emily Angrave

The Evington Challenge Cup,

For the most points overall
Winner: Anna Broszkiewicz and Mrs Sandra Harrison

Evington in Bloom

This year gardening competition was judged by Malcolm Toon.

The Evington Garden Club Shield:
Winner: Subas and Daxa Patel

Best Novice Front Garden
Winner: Helen Coyne

Best Container
Winner: Pauline and John Sloan

Best Novice Container
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Best Community Garden
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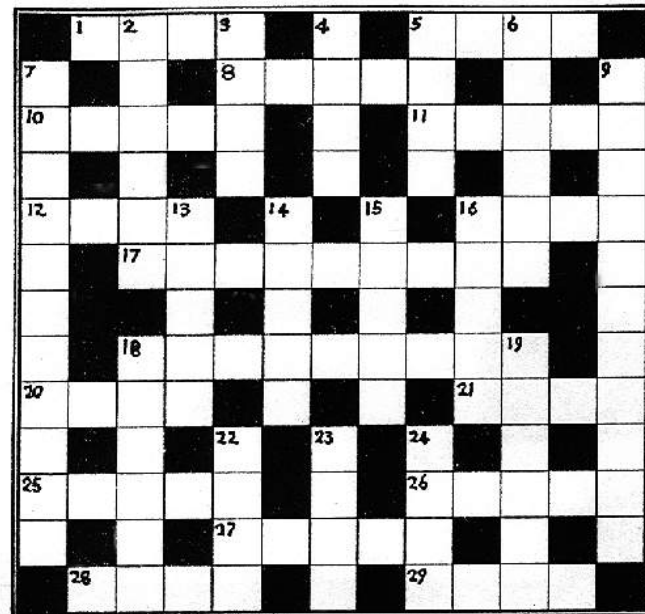
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Members of VCS groups in Evington, North Evington and Knighton wards were invited to consultation meetings at the end of August at Coleman Neighbourhood Centre or Evington Village Hall to discuss the Council's relationship with the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS).

The meeting was led by Cllr. Mustafa Malik, Assistant City Mayor, with portfolio for oversight of the VCS. He also has a portfolio for Adult Skills and Learning. Cllr. Malik was supported by two LCC officers from the City Mayor's office: George Merchant Ballentyne (VCS Engagement Manager) and Kirsty Wooton (Graduate Project Officer).

At the meeting, participants were asked to give their ideas about how the Council could work with VSC groups and organisations with a new approach. The aim is to develop positive and productive relationships which will preserve and improve outcomes for the people of Leicester at this time of severe cuts to Leicester City Council's budget.

People at the meetings gave their feedback on the following questions:

What kind of support would you like to see the City Council give to local VCS groups and organisations?

What kind of support do you think the local VCS can give to the City Council?

How can the City Council and the local VCS work together to gain support from the private sector?

If your VCS group missed this meeting but would like to have input in this consultation, please contact George on 454 4146 or mobile 0770948886. You can find CrowdFund Leicester on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

This is a City-wide initiative, with workshops being held all over Leicester, so George would like contact with all VCS groups in Leicester City.

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MONDAY MEETS

1st and 3rd Mondays every month. 2.00 - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre. For anyone who would like some company, is feeling lonely or going through bereavement. Enjoy some time in which to relax. Next meetings are on 15th October, 2nd Nov., 19th Nov., 3rd Dec. and 17th Dec.

AT ST DENYS CHURCH

EVINGTON MOTHERS' UNION meets in the Parish Centre on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 2.30 - 4.30pm. All welcome. Next meetings 16th October and 20th November.

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Tuesdays monthly. 7.30pm. Next meetings: 9th October and 13th November.

HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST DENYS

Sun. 7th Oct. 10.00am - 12.00noon. Special Worship for All for Harvest with the launch of the Giving in Grace funding programme.

EVINGTON CHURCHES TOGETHER - DIWALI EVENING

Monday 29th October 7.00pm in the Parish Centre with St Philip's Centre.

ALL SOULS SERVICE Sunday 4th November 6.00pm. A quiet reflective service to remember loved ones and to light candles in their memory.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL

Sunday 11th November 10.45am. The whole service will be at the War Memorial (weather permitting). The final Act of Remembrance will be at the Field of Remembrance in the churchyard and will be followed by coffee in the Parish Centre.

CHURCH OPEN DAY FOR INTERFAITH WEEK Saturday 17th November (See article on page 6).

CHRISTMAS FAYRE Saturday 1st December 11am to 2pm. Lots of stalls - good-as-new, books, handicrafts, preserves, jigsaws, toys, etc. Light lunches in the Parish Centre.

SPECIAL SERVICES Sunday 2nd December 10.00am Christingle Service - 6.00pm Advent Carol Service.

Everyone is welcome at all these services and events.

AT EVINGTON CHAPEL LECTURES 2018/19

Saturdays at 7.00pm, God willing.

A Taste of the Puritans

17th November The Heart of Christ in Heaven. Thomas Goodwin. Mr. Tim Martin.
8th December The Bruised Reed. Richard Sibbes. Mr. Paul Watts.
26th January The Pilgrim's Progress and the Holy War. John Bunyan. Mr. Roland Burrows.
23rd February The Mystery of Providence. John Flavel. Mr. David Cooke.
23rd March A Lifting up for the Downcast. William Bridge. Mr. Richard Brooks.

Further information: www.evingtonchapel.org.uk Tel: 241 2087
All meetings are held in the upper lecture room in Evington Chapel, Main Street, Evington LE5 (Lift available.)

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ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

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AT CHURCH OF GOD, DOWNING DRIVE CHARITY COFFEE & CHAT

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THE ARK TODDLER GROUP for 0 - 4 years and carers. Goodwood Evangelical Church, Gamel Road. Wednesday in term time. 9.30 - 11.30am. £1 family per session. For further details contact Stephen on 079 0294 6004.

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OTHER EVENTS

DOWNING DRIVE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS

Litter Picking Sessions. Meet at 10.00am at Cafe Blends on last Thursday of month. Next sessions are on Thursday 25th October and 29th November.

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: 266 8008.
For MP Jon Ashworth tel: 262 7297.*

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EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW AGM

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