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EDITORIAL

The charity, Friends of Evington, will be holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday 3rd November from 3.30pm to 5.00pm at Evington Village Hall LE5 6FA. The trustees of the charity direct the Evington Echo and Evington in Bloom and have recently helped direct the Health Fair in Evington Park.

The vision of the charity is "To inspire a healthy community in Evington through bringing environmental and educational projects to life, providing solutions that benefit local people and protect the planet".

The charity has a maximum of seven places on the Board of Trustees. Five need to come from existing members and two from co-options. Not all places need to be filled.

Would you like to find out more and get involved at a level that suits you? Then do please just come along and enjoy an afternoon with people who are passionate about making a difference in Evington. Tel: 2204525 for more information and to come along to the AGM on Sunday afternoon, 3rd November.

We had fantastic results for Evington in the East Midlands in Bloom competition. The results were:



1. Best front garden - Subhas and Daxa Patel. GOLD and they also won the award for the best front garden in the East Midlands.



2. Best school garden - Mayflower Primary School - GOLD and they were in the top 5 schools in the East Midlands.



3. Evington in Bloom SILVER GILT and category winners in the Urban area section.
"The enthusiasm and hard work of the Bloom team has really made a positive difference to Evington."



4. The Dove, Downing Drive. SILVER GILT. The judges commented on the 35 colourful hanging baskets with automatic watering and an area attractive to wildlife.



5. Judges award for Evington in Bloom went to Jasvinder Kang at Judgemeadow Community College for outstanding work with young people.

Many congratulations for all involved.
Helen

EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW HELD ON 10TH AUGUST

With winds gusting at 40mph and dark storm clouds all around, the idea of the fete going ahead looked doubtful. However once permissions have been given, roads closed, marquee erected, toilets, tables and chairs put in place and performers booked, there is just no turning back. As it happened it was not that bad and although some stallholders did not come, those who did, found sales brisk. The band was able to play under shelter in the marquee surrounded by more show entries than we have had for years, with other events going on as planned in the arena.

This was the first year after many without Anna Meadows providing the refreshments in the Village Hall, but we were delighted with Vintage 186 from 11 Main Street under the direction of Jo Bonner who provided an excellent service, with more food in the Parish Centre as well.

2019 marked the 800th anniversary of St Denys parish church as well as the 75th anniversary of the US 82nd Airborne 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment who were stationed in the arboretum between Shady Lane and Gartree Road and who formed such a strong relationship with the village. The re-enactment of the Farewell Service was a very moving tribute to those who fought for our freedom.

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The Annual General Meeting for the Fete and Show will be on 20th November at 7.30pm in the St. Denys Parish Centre. All welcome.
Chris Hossack Chair of Fete Committee.



Chris Hossack (left) John Sloan (centre) and Pauline Sloan (right) at the Fete and Show. Chris is the present Chair, John was the former Chair for 14 years and Pauline was the former secretary for 14 years.

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Fateema Kasmani
(fateemakarim@hotmail.com)

NEVILLE MAGGS REACHES JOHN O'GROATS

"Nice to be back in our own bed in Oadby. Had slept in 24 different beds over past 3+ weeks. Legs feeling fine. So good to have finished the bike ride with a flourish finish to John O'Groats. Now to get as much sponsorship in as possible so that we can give the go ahead to the builder in Ghana. Judi and I will visit Ghana in 2020 to check on progress."



Neville, at 78 took on the 960-mile Land's End to John O'Groats bike ride in order to raise money for the charity he founded, called The New Neville Preparatory School Trust (Ghana). Charity no: 1135785. He needs to raise

£26,000 for five new classrooms for St. Luke's primary School in Kumasi, Ghana.

It is a gruelling challenge for anyone, but not out of the ordinary for Neville, who has already completed five Tough Guy challenges, 26 full marathons and crewed in the Round the World yacht race.

If you would like to give to this charity please contact Neville on nev.maggs@gmail.com or go to JUST GIVING and log into his charity using the name above.

BEST FRONT GARDEN



This picture shows the beautiful front garden of Daxa and Subhas Patel, winners, for the second year running, of Evington in Bloom's best front garden competition and now the regional winners of the East Midlands in Bloom Best Front Garden competition.

The winners of the Evington in Bloom best Community garden was Rowlatt's Hill Allotments.

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Letters

AN AMAZING DAY AT EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW

Dear Editor,

I had an amazing day at Evington Village Fete on 10th August (12.00pm - 5.00pm). I was on duty as Head of Crimestoppers for Leicestershire & Rutland Events Team at this show. It was wonderful meeting with the local community and local personalities, and passing on the information about Crimestoppers and how we can all work together to make our communities a safer place to live in.

Big thanks to the team of organisers for putting on this great event and everyone for attending, even in the bad weather.

Kulbinder Singh

PLEASE HELP LOCATE DOT AND DICK TUBBS

Dear Readers,

When the 504th Parachute Regiment were stationed along Shady Lane, a friendship built up. Now the American family called the Utterbacks are keen to trace Dot and Dick Tubbs who used to live in Evington after the war. The address was Whitehall Road and the Kelly directory lists Richard Tubbs as an Electrical Designer. They corresponded, but have now lost contact. This is a long shot, but is there anyone who can remember the Tubbs and their daughter that the Utterbacks think was called Pauline?

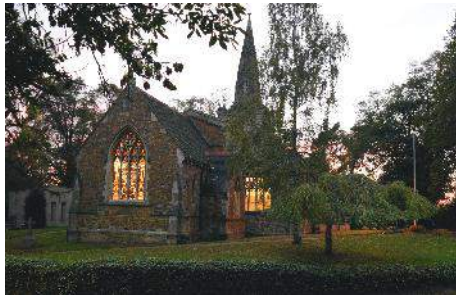
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THE EVINGTON FETE AND SHOW THIS YEAR

Dear Readers,

The Evington Fete and Show this year was really buzzing (in more than one way). Yes, we had strong winds, and a few showers on the day, but not enough to stop the Fete and Show being a good day once again. But for me, it was a BUZZING in more than one way.

The Fete this year celebrated among other



things 800 years of St Denys Church, and there were quite a few things going on to celebrate. Every year, as a keen photographer, I love to enter the photographic competition, and this year naturally there was a class called 'St Denys Church'. I so expected that would happen before the classes were even announced, and so late last year. I went over to the church, one Wednesday evening when the church was lit up - just right for a good picture. Well, I was just able to get THE PHOTO for the competition, good enough to win, I hoped, and it did too. Hurray!

Just as I had snapped that photo, I suddenly found I was being bitten up my leg. I thought at first it was ants, but no, I had stepped on a wasps' nest, and several wasps had got me. Walking home I started feeling really unwell, and in fact it was a couple of months before I really started feeling OK again.

Was it worth suffering for my hobby? When I saw '1st Place', I thought, "yer, it was worth it. Sort of - 'ouch'".

Osy

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Hi, I'm Hannah.

Originally from Hampshire's New Forest area, I'm now a local De Montfort University qualified photographer and videographer based in Leicestershire.

My interests and hobbies include crafts i.e. hand making cards & upcycling, photography, textiles, cross stitch, painting, drawing and or just plain doodling.

I'm also passionate about animals, their welfare and concerned about our environment. As such, I support the Cruelty Free International Campaign, as well other like-minded organisations. I'm also vegan and believe that all beings should be treated equally and that we're all interconnected.

For the great Evington Health Care event on Saturday 21st September, I freely offered my services. Promoting good health for everyone is important to me, and visual acuity is one of the best platforms to highlight such matters - as the immortal saying goes 'a picture is worth a thousand words'.

Hopefully, the visual media information captured/provided at the fair either triggered and/or put you on the right path to achieving a higher quality of trouble-free life for you, your families and or friends.

To contact me and or see more great pictures - see my website and Social media links

Love and peace be with you all.

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CURING ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

I can't help feeling this morning that so much energy being put into trying to cure people of anxiety and depression is misplaced when those feelings are a very natural reaction to a world that is completely bonkers, riven with inequality, led by people with distorted or absent morals and when as a species (or certainly those of us brought up in capitalist, patriarchal culture), we are ecocidal and that basically means suicidal.

Our detachment from nature and the source of life is driving us all mad to different degrees. I have no faith in mental health services, social services, hospitals or any other form that tries to cure people of the pain of being alive at this time of turbulence. Not that I don't admire and respect the individuals that work incredibly hard and do their utmost within those structures to help others - I do. I think the world is full of amazing people doing their best and often achieving incredible and beautiful things. I don't have any great answers but I feel that my only path is to plant seeds, be as kind as I can to as many people as I can and ask for help when I need it - because one of the saddest thing about depression is feeling unworthy of help. I relish people asking me for help too because it's actually a real gift when I feel that there is something I can do.

As an autistic person, I am not always very good at that stuff that people do - I agonise over very simple acts of giving and receiving because I am never sure what is appropriate but more and more, I am coming to realise that simple gestures and kind words are incredibly powerful. Lots of people have told me to look after myself in the weeks ahead - so I'm taking that advice - talking to friends, taking things slowly and hopefully sitting in the garden listening to the bees. For me, that is the best protection of my own sanity in a crazy world.

Name and address supplied

DISPLAYS ALONG DOWNING DRIVE



This picture shows one of the lovely containers of flowers outside the shops on Downing Drive. They are looked after by Downing Drive Friends and Neighbours with support for watering from some of the shopkeepers.

CHERRY TREES MUST COME DOWN ON DOWNING DRIVE

In the picture above, you may be able to see the trunks of the cherry trees in the distance.

This is to let you know that these three cherry trees all have a notice on them saying they will be felled because they are diseased.

A local resident asked for a second opinion, which was granted. But 'Trees and Woodlands' at Leicester City Council have confirmed to the Evington Echo that the trees are suffering from a fungus disease called Phellinus Pomaceus and are at risk of falling down in high winds. They are about 50 years old, which is old for cherries.

Three more cherry trees will replace the old ones with another round the corner. There will be a variety of species, but all with blossom and good for bees. Also three more trees will be planted elsewhere.

THE CITIES OF KREFELD AND LEICESTER



Trutz der langen Reise, die sie hinter sich hatten, sehen die 36 Jungen von der City Boys' School in Leicester bei ihrer Ankunft in Krefeld. Donnerstagsnacht noch und mancher aus...

The article in the June/July edition of the Evington Echo about the connection between the two cities was very interesting. However, the connection between them goes back more than 50 years.

In April 1957 the former City Boys Grammar School took their annual school play to Krefeld and performed it several times in a theatre in Krefeld and in a nearby town. The play was 'King Henry the 4th (part two)' by William Shakespeare. There were reports and pictures in the Leicester Mercury and Leicester Evening Mail on 3rd and 4th of April 1957 about the play and the visit to be made in the Easter holiday to Krefeld.

There were also reports and pictures in the 'Krefelder Stadtpost' on Thursday, 18 April and Saturday, 20 April 1957. (I still have the original articles from the German newspaper.)

We stayed with the families of students who attended the school and the visit lasted nearly 2 weeks (from memory!!).

This visit started a connection with Krefeld which was continued by the school for a number of years. I know that many of us who were there in 1957 always maintained that this later connection with Krefeld and Leicester city began with the visit in April 1957.

John Rudge (PS. I was the Earl of Warwick in the play.)

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A TALK ABOUT URBAN BUZZ IN LEICESTER BY MICK EATON



(This talk on 27th August 2019 at the Wycliffe United Reformed Church was by Mick Eaton, Horticultural Adviser to Leicester City Council. It was hosted by Graceworks and organised by Friends of Evington Park.)

THE START

Nick Packham from Buzz-life visited Leicester last year and has now left to continue to deliver the project in other UK cities. Nick Packham writes:

"The project will bring together the city council, the Nature Improvement Area (NIA) and local community groups. The city has already come a long way in its journey to improve the local open spaces and parks so that the public can gain more enjoyment from them, and Urban Buzz will bring an exciting new twist to this with the creation of lots more pollinator habitat, colour and life in key areas across the city. Leicester has a wealth of parks and open spaces dotted throughout the city with ample opportunity to create amazing pollinator rich habitats creating corridors for bees, wasps, hoverflies, beetles, flies and butterflies to keep Leicester buzzing."

THE PROJECT

Mike explained that over a millennium wildflowers have developed in partnership with bees and other pollinators, but that with loss of habitat due to housing, highways and other amenities, we now need to think of all the different ways we can help, including what we can do in our private gardens, parks, verges and other land.

Just leaving everything to nature is not the way forward because then the aggressive plants take over and we are left with a monoculture.

Mick went on to explain the different projects that have started along Goodwood Road, Palmerstone Way, Aylestone, Belgrave Gardens, Abbey Park and Glenhills Boulevard and the new habitats that have been created. He gave a vision of the future with different grasses and plants sown in our verges and explained that 97.7% of plants that are attractive to pollinators are now used in parks.

ADDENDUM

Buglife (The Invertebrate Conservation Trust) initially identified eight cities in the UK for the Urban Buzz project, which was funded by Biffa Award, National Lottery Heritage Fund, People's Postcode Lottery and Garfield Western Foundation. The eight cities were: Birmingham, Bristol, Leeds, Ipswich, York, Leicester, Plymouth and Cardiff. But Buglife has smashed these targets and they are now working in many other areas in the UK as well.

About Urban Buzz Leicester, Buglife writes:

"Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of 561 volunteers and dedicated partners, 112 Buzzing Hotspots were enhanced for pollinators and wildflowers, bug-friendly garden plants, flowering shrubs, nesting habitats and a host of other work. Urban Buzz worked in high profile locations such as Abbey Park, Victoria Park and Castle Hill Country Park and with partners including Leicester City Council, the University of Leicester, Naturespot and the network of committed 'Friends of' groups – all working together to bring colour and wildlife back to our parks and open spaces.

Buglife was also pleased to announce that the joint winners of the Best Buzzing Hotspots for Leicester were the University of Leicester for the efforts of their staff and volunteers across their campuses. The runner up was awarded to Leicester City Council's Paul Barker and Mick Eaton for their work on Glenhills Boulevard.

For more information go to buglife.org.uk
To read the full article about this urban buzz talk go to www.evingtonecho.co.uk

YOUNG PEOPLE CARE ABOUT THEIR ENVIRONMENT AND THE PLANET

Most 16 year-olds are responsible for perhaps a smashed phone screen, spending too much money or having an untidy room. But Greta Thunberg isn't your average 16 year-old - she has become responsible for the biggest international youth protest movement in history, in conjunction with millions of passionate young people. We are fit to burst with a deep, growling frustration that our voices are not being heard because we "don't really understand what we're saying". But all we're saying is a way of drawing public attention to the facts, to enable widespread, international, united reform to the way our society functions. All we're doing is presenting the aforementioned facts to adults who should have understood them better decades ago and taken the action required. Greta wants teenagers to take responsibility for their planet alongside her, by striking and ensure the main culprits face pressure to 'tidy up' the home they're gradually destroying. We are, day by day, strike by strike, changing the rhetoric that young people couldn't care less about the stuff that goes on beyond their own, comfortable bubble of a life.

The global school-strikes for climate have been a huge success, with 24th May being the largest ever youth demonstration as students across the world refused to go to school. It's become a fantastic platform for expressing the fury that has been fuelled by a distinct lack of climate action during a time period where such action is critical. Climate Strike Leicester is one such 'branch' of the UK movement, Youth Strike 4 Climate, which I've contributed to since March this year. We aim to raise awareness of the catastrophe that is the climate emergency, each month in central Leicester, by challenging our local community, MPs and industries and collectively putting pressure on the UK government to aim for and achieve net-zero carbon emissions by implementing the Green New Deal. This aims

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to bring about transformative change to British economy by investing in more sustainable infrastructure, technology, jobs, etc. Small-scale change, protest and petitions have failed thus far, and the youth are rising up to say enough is enough. Except this time, we can't fail because the present and future of our planet is at stake. We can't fail because we all know how horrific the impact is on those around the world and nature as a whole, will continue to be and the damning scientific conclusions if nothing continues to be done. We can't fail because everything we do in the next eighteen months will change the course of the climate emergency and its effects, for better or for worse.

Particularly in Leicester, we've been trying to bring the attention of strikers and the general public to the impact the climate emergency has already begun to have now on those in the global south. Although we recognise that many environmental campaigners are conscious of how corporate and individual choices can have a cataclysmic effect on entire communities or areas of wildlife in the future, many don't seem to recognise that the effect has already kicked in. The unnatural forces that have worn down and shaped this postmodern age of economic profit over people has led to a world in which the suffering of those less privileged is accepted as normal. This has got to change. We strike so government aims to tackle the climate crisis doesn't only factor in the selfish western world, but those who suffer the painful impact right now, each day.

Drastic change is imperative and should be implemented: the youth have now been pushing for change.

Please get involved in the movement as much as you possibly can (donate, strike, encourage your unions to do the same, share the message online, cut your own/business' carbon footprint), defending creation from humanity's reckless nature. Let's bring about some change.
Climatestrikeleicester.org

THE LION, THE WITCH & THE WARDROBE

14-16th November 2019



THE LION, THE WITCH AND THE WARDROBE NARNIA COMES TO EVINGTON

For some weeks now, members of the Evington community and parish of St Denys have been preparing to take everyone on a trip to Narnia.

Auditions began in April and with the skills of Mike Bull of the Little Theatre and Music Director James Gutteridge, volunteers aged 7 to 92 have been gradually transformed into a Forest of Trees, mysterious, chanting and singing, together with a crowd of furry creatures (look out for Rev. Anthony Lees-Smith transformed into Mr Beaver.....), a Wicked White Witch, Father Christmas and Aslan, the noble Lion. The four children of C.S.Lewis's 'Chronicles of Narnia' break through the magic Wardrobe into a frozen world and some nasty goings on! Will all come right in the end? Come and see for yourselves! Thursday 14th November at 7.00pm.

Friday 15th at 7.00pm.

Saturday 16th at 1.30pm and 7.00pm.

Tickets available from St Denys Church and from Penny Travers 07718247000.

TWO REMEMBRANCE EVENTS AT THE EVINGTON WAR MEMORIAL

On Sunday 10th November, there will be a Remembrance Parade with the scouts and air cadets followed by a service at the War Memorial, organised by St. Denys Church. This will be from 10.45am to 12.00noon. Meet at the War memorial, then afterwards you are invited back to St. Denys Church.

On Monday 11th November from 10.45am to 11.30pm there will be a Peace event at the Evington War Memorial organised by the Evington Echo branch of Friends of Evington. If you would like to speak or read a poem, etc. (up to 5 minutes per 'performance' suggested) about Peace, please contact evingtonecho@gmail.com or telephone Helen Pettman on 2204525. Afterwards we will meet informally at the Vintage 186 Cafe on Main Street.

ALLOTMENTS

These pictures show an enjoyable day out at Rowllatts' Hill Allotments in August. In contrast to the weekend before, the sun was shining! Attendees enjoyed good food, good company, lots of information and lots of bargains on the stalls. Make a date for next year!



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21ST SEPTEMBER – INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE – CELEBRATE OUR SIMILARITIES (COS)

Hi, My name is Kamla and I am Chair of CoS. We are a newly set up community group covering Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland and we came to explain about our activities on this special day of Peace. If you missed us you can still be involved in becoming a CoS 'Champion' and volunteer your time or attend a 10-session Peace Education Course!

Here is an overview of CoS –

To promote sustainable development* for the benefit of the public by: activities which promote a culture of peace, justice and strong institutions, for the benefit of human well-being, in support of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal 16 and the European Parliament's Declaration 'Pledge for Peace'.

Encourage Institutions, Businesses, Organisations, Groups and entities to create a culture of peace, sign the 'Pledge to Peace' Declaration and support the grassroots project CoS through collaboration, support and sponsorship.

Explore areas of human priorities such as Air, Climate Change, Food, Mental Health, Personal Peace, Water and Well-Being through regular forums, social media, dissemination of information, research, education, symposia and fairs.

Support grassroots projects to develop Good Practice examples for sharing widely, which help to address and enhance well-being in its many forms helping in reducing pressures on the public purse today and into the future.

Engage with and be supported by experts and like-minded individuals. Strive to be inclusive in providing a platform whilst seeking to avoid bias arising from politics, religion, culture, lifestyle or commercial interests, and respecting all.

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14TH AUGUST 2019
American Troops Remembered 75 years on

On 13th August 1944 in St Denys Church, Evington, a special service took place at which the US 82nd Airborne Division 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment presented the local community with their own 'stars and stripes'. The American battle flag still hangs at the back of the church today in memory of the friendship that was formed during the summer of 1944 when the paratroopers were camped on Shady Lane.

Almost 75 years to the day a ceremony took place as part of the Evington Village Fete and Show on Saturday 10th August 2019. Based on the service reported in the Leicester Evening Mail in 1944, local re-enactors marched from the Village Green to the church where they were welcomed by a large congregation, including Mr Michael Dally who had been singing in the choir at the original service.

Deputy Lord Mayor, Councillor Deepak Bajaj offered warm greetings and Mr Ian Hurst presented an American flag just as Colonel Reuben Tucker had done 75 years before. Soprano and singing teacher Ms Margaret Rice sang a beautiful American spiritual and the Vicar, Rev'd Anthony Lees-Smith, shared the inspiring story of US army chaplain, Captain Delbert Kuehl, who went from Evington to Holland, accompanying the troops on Operation Market Garden.

One of the re-enactors said, "It was an honour and a privilege to take part in today's service to remember the sacrifices these soldiers made for us all."

"This felt like such an important moment in our community's history that it was right to mark it in some way during the church's 800th year," said Rev'd Anthony Lees-Smith. "My hope and prayer is that we who represent

today's generation of Evington residents would be worthy of those who have gone before us and been such great examples of service, sacrifice, hospitality and faith."

The local re-enactment group would love to hear stories from those who remember the US paratroopers in Evington in the summer of 1944. They can be contacted via the church.

St Denys Church stands on the edge of Evington village and the Shady Lane arboretum. In October 2019 it will be 800 years since the current building was consecrated. More details and more information about St. Denys 800 events can be found on the church's Facebook page, Twitter or Website www.stdenys.org.uk.

You can also contact the vicar, Rev. Anthony Lees-Smith, on 2155500 vicar@stdenys.org.uk



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Now, thanks to a National Lottery boost of almost £190,000 announced in May 2019, on 30th September, One Roof Leicester will open 'One Roof Shelter' as a permanent, all year-round service.

Betty Clarke, Project Manager at One Roof Leicester, said: "We will be launching an 8-week pilot of the static shelter on 30th September from Central Baptist Church, Leicester and in December will start the rotating night shelter from faith venues for 3 months as we have done in previous years. As well as offering free accommodation, we will be providing advice to people on claiming benefits and applying for housing – upskilling them so they can reach their full potential. This includes local homeless individuals, destitute refugees, refused asylum seekers and EU migrants."

To make the shelter a success we need the support and help of volunteers and we are urgently looking to increase our already substantial volunteer base.

We have a range of volunteering opportunities which range from a few hours in the evening to overnight. We offer all our volunteers training, including Safeguarding, Health and Safety and Wellbeing. Volunteers work in groups and there is no lone working.

To find out more, or to volunteer at One Roof Shelter, visit www.oneroof.org.uk.

Autumn is finally here and with October comes the darker evenings drawing in. Please ensure you take extra care around your home security, making sure doors and windows are locked and leave a light on or alternatively, invest in a light timer which is an inexpensive way to give the appearance of being home. October is also the month of Halloween – Once again, we will have our posters available to put up in your homes to make your feelings on trick or treaters attending your address known. These will be available from your local station.

POLICE OFFICER RECRUITMENT

Our Police Officer Recruitment is currently open and we are looking for talented people from across our communities to join – For more information and local events, please see www.leics.police.uk/joinus

CURRENT POLICING PRIORITIES

We are currently focusing on reports of anti-social behaviour in your local parks. We have been working with partner agencies and the council to help deter these issues, which has resulted in the gates to the park being locked in the evenings and a reduction in reports.

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Section C: Floral Art

Winner Tina Eatough

Section D: Cut Flowers

Joint Winners: Teresa Angrave and D. Wood

Section E Pot Plants

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Section F: Fruit

Winner: Jackie Newman

Section G: Vegetables

Winner: Mr Andy Baker

Section H: Bakery

Winner: Nancy Whitehead

Section J: Preserves/Wine

Winner: Anna Broszkiewicz

Section K: Art

Winner: Neil McLaren

Section L: Photography

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Section M: Handicrafts

Winner: Samantha Keetley

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Winner: Tina Eatough

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Best in Show

Winner: Samantha Keetley

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Section C Tina Eatough
Section D D. Wood
Section E Anna Broszkiewicz
Section F Julia Thistlethwaite
Section G D. Wood
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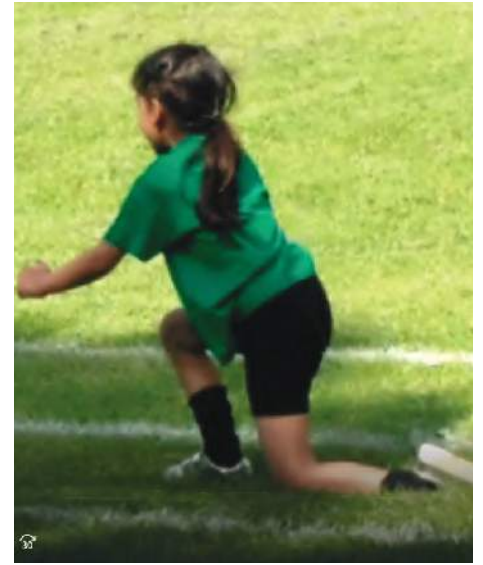
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I GET KNOCKED DOWN AGAIN



I received a brilliant video the other day from Onkar showing Skye in a sports day sprint race. Half-way through the race Skye tripped over and fell to the ground, which put her in last place. At this point most people would have given up and limped off, but not Skye. She got up, dusted herself off and carried on with the race. She might have come last by a short margin but you have got to admire her spirit. I think that Skye must have read the words of Nelson Mandela who said, "The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling down, but in rising every time we fall". Well this set me to thinking about the Chumbawamba song with the opening lyrics:

I get knocked down, but I get up again
You are never going to keep me down

and how it applies to life and our fighting spirit. We have all, at one time or another, been knocked down but have we always got up again? Life throws a lot at us but are we always able to take it on the chin and bounce back? I decided to do some research into bouncing

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back and I did come up with some gems: Share prices are said to 'bounce back'. Also 'dead cat bounce' is about guessing the share price at its lowest. (Why dead cat and not dead dog?)

Bouncing back to good health.

In Ontario, Canada there is a mental health facility called 'BounceBack'. After six phone calls and a bit of reading it gets you from being a manic depressive to a well balanced person! Somehow I have my doubts.

Here are some wise words I read about handling rejection and bouncing back from a New York journalist:


- Think persistence not perfection
- Redefine what failure means. What information does failure offer. If you are rejected, think about what you need to learn.
- Experience disappointment but don't wallow in it.
- Detach from outcomes and focus on the process. A to B might not always be the best route.
- Get some sleep.
- Go again.

Skye showed us how by getting back up and carrying on the race.

If you struggle to bounce back on your own, there is help out there for you,

One of these routes is 'Hypnotherapy'. Look at Adam Eason's website and his pieces titled, 'Do you need help bouncing back from being knocked down?' and 'Bounce back from failure hypnosis'. Through the hypnosis program, you can become deeply relaxed and in touch with your subconscious mind. You can be taught how to feel better about yourself and you can learn how to overcome obstacles such as perceived failures. This hypnosis program can help you learn to use your past failures and learn from them. Here is a quote, from Adam Eason, a world renowned hypnotherapist, "I'm not here to be average, I'm here to be awesome". Howard

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Celebration Service

On 9th October 1219 St Denys Church was consecrated by the Bishop of Lincoln. On 9th October 2019 at 6.30pm everyone in our community is welcome to St Denys Church for a special service with Martyn Snow, Bishop of

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14th Nov. Cynthia Brown 'Growing up in Leicester'. Note this meeting is at Arbor House in the High Street.

12th Dec. Vince Holyoak 'Hidden Histories - Leicester in World War II'. Background information about the Parachute Regiment stationed in Shady Lane.

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1st and 3rd Mondays every month. 2.00pm - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre.

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14th Nov. 7.00pm

15th Nov. 7.00pm

16th Nov. 1.30pm and 7.00pm.

Tickets from Penny Travers 07718247000.

See article on page 7.

UNVEILING SERVICE AT 6.30PM

A special service at St. Denys Church with Bishop Martyn Snow. Unveiling the new stained glass window. See article on page 13.

For more details of St. Denys Church services, and group activities that are open to all, contact 2713812. www.stdenys.org.uk

AT ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE

10.30am - 3.30pm every Tuesday and Wednesday. Hot and cold food available in the Parish Centre: light bites and home bakes, jacket potatoes, salads, cream teas and more.

AT CHURCH OF GOD, DOWNING DRIVE

CHARITY COFFEE & CHAT Meets 10.30am - 12.00 noon every Friday morning at The Church of God Annexe on Downing Drive. Come and relax with friends and neighbours and support good causes.

NHS DOWNING DRIVE SURGERY COFFEE MORNINGS

Meets Monday mornings 10.15am - 12.00 noon. Church of God, Downing Drive.

AT GOODWOOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, GAMEL ROAD

MESSY CHURCH

First Sunday of the month at 4.00pm. For further details contact Stephen on 079 0294 6004.

THE ARK TODDLER GROUP

Evangelical Church, Gamel Road. Wednesday in term time. 9.30am – 11.30am. £1.50 per family per session. Tel: Stephen on 079 0294 6004.

COFFEE MORNING Thursdays 10.30am. at Goodwood Evangelical Church.

KIDS ZONE 5 - 11 yrs. Tuesdays 4.45pm - 6.00pm.

YOUTH ACTIVITY Fridays from 7.30pm.

AT CAFE BLENDS ON DOWNING DRIVE MY WORD POETRY GROUP
Tuesdays 4.00pm - 5.30pm.

AT GRACEWORKS (WYCLIFFE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, THE COMMON)
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For Ladies only, contact Manjula on 07448 732696.
For Saturdays contact Suresh on 07974 306016.

TAI CHI
Thursdays 10.00am - 12.00pm. £7.50 per session. E-mail: larainetucher@icloud.com. Tel: Laraine Tucker on 07779434742. www.stringofpearlstaichi.co.uk

DOWNING DRIVE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBOURS
Join us for litter picking sessions on the last Thursday of the month. Picking sticks provided. Meet outside Cafe Blends at 10.00am. ddfandn@gmail.com

AT LEICESTER GENERAL HOSPITAL - LEICESTER'S MARVELLOUS MEDICINE TALKS
These talks take place from 6.00pm to 7.30pm in the Lecture Theatre, Clinical Education Centre.
3rd Oct. About pain.
13th Nov. About plastic surgery.
4th Dec. About intensive care.

To find out more about talks and other events you can enrol to become a member. Tel: Karl Mayes on 258 8685 or email karl.mayes@uhl-tr-nhs.uk.

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SCOUT GROUPS
19TH LEICESTER, DAVENPORT ROAD
E-mail: enquiries@evingtonscouts.org.uk
Website: www.evingtonscouts.org.uk
Tel: Howard Sloan on 220 9017.

9TH LEICESTER, STOUGHTON ROAD
Tel: Pauline Burton on 273 6411.

24TH LEICESTER (ST. PHILIP'S AIR SCOUTS)
From September this group will be meeting at St. Phillip's Church. For more information Tel: Peter Hardy on 276 0457.

HAMILTON AIR CADETS Hamilton
Community College, Keyham Lane, LE5 1RT.
For 13 - 17 yrs. Monday/Thursdays 7.00pm - 9.30pm.
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NEPTUNE SWIMMING CLUB
Evington Pool. Tel: Evington Leisure Centre 299 5575.

OTHER EVENTS

EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW
20th Nov. AGM for the Evington Village Fete and Show. 7.30pm at at St. Denys Parish Centre. All welcome.

HEARING AID DROP-IN CLINIC - ACTION ON DEAFNESS
First and third Mondays of the month.
9.30am - 12.00noon. 7th Oct. 21st Oct. 4th Nov. 18th Nov. 2nd Dec. 16th Dec. St. Philip's Church LE2 1HN.

FRIENDS OF EVINGTON AGM
Evington Village Hall. 3.30pm - 5.00pm. All welcome. See editorial article.

DOWNING DRIVE SURGERY PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP
AGM on 9th October at 6.30pm at Downing Drive Surgery.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE
10th Nov. 10.45am - 12.00. at Evington War Memorial, Main Street, Evington. Afterwards at St. Denys Church.

11th Nov. PEACE EVENT AND REMEMBRANCE.
10.45am - 11.30 am at Evington War Memorial, Main Street, Evington. Afterwards at the Vintage 186 Cafe on Main Street.

EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL AGM
Monday 11th Monday at 7.00pm in the side room at the Village Hall, Church Road.

WEAVING HOPE FOR THE FUTURE
Sun. 6th Oct. 2.00pm - 4.00pm. Castle Gardens Maypole - Dance, Poetry and Storytelling. Organised by Leicester CND as part of Everybody's Reading Festival. Tel: Penny 07414 465695.

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS WITH TOGETHER AGAINST CANCER.
8th Oct: Nutrition for Life 10.00 - 12.00pm. then many more talks. You must register your place on events at www.eventbrite.co.uk then search 'Together Against Cancer' or Tel: 246 0195.

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