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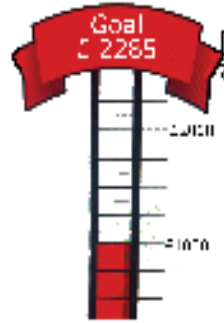
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A DEFIBRILLATOR FOR EVINGTON VILLAGE



With local stakeholder groups that support Friends of Evington, we are pleased to announce that thanks to a £750 donation from the British Heart Foundation and a n o t h e r a n o n y m o u s resident's donation of £500, we are on the way to reaching our target goal of £2,285. The total cost of the defibrillator and cabinet is £1,500 and then hidden costs include installation and maintenance, so the goal is £2,285.

The plan is to have a defibrillator on the forecourt of the Cedars, on the restaurant side. This is always open, so is in easy access. I am also assured that this Mindray CIA Automatic Defibrillator and external heated cabinet with a key pad lock will have full instructions for use. It will be registered with the Ambulance Service.

We are asking residents for help with donations. If you have any bric-a-brac, please donate it at The Cedars and there will be an ongoing table of items to purchase for £1. There will also be other events like bingo sessions, quiz nights and special coffee mornings. Keep a look out on the Community Noticeboards in the Village and especially in the Cedars.

"If this defibrillator enables us to save just one life, then it will be worth it." said Karl, Manager of the Cedars.

Editorial

I would like to welcome Delta Dobson to the Editorial Team. She is a 3rd Year undergraduate at De Montfort University who is excited about working with a local group of community reporters, and has chosen the Evington Echo.

This issue is pro-active! You will find many opportunities to get involved with a good number of activities taking place in Evington.

Sadly, the venue that is surplus to Leicester City Council's requirements and where community groups and staff have been required to move out, is Evington Park House. (See the article on page 13.) We are holding a meeting to see if changes are possible and if the house can become a venue that is of benefit to the people of Evington. Our target is to bring people together to explore the possibilities. Please come to the meeting on 19th April at 6.30pm at Evington Village Hall, Church Road, Evington.
Helen Pettman

Apna Serenity is an online Zoom meeting that takes place once a month. It is run by Indy Samra and includes guided mindfulness, visualisation and relaxation and meditations. It is for people living with or beyond cancer including their caregivers and family members.

On the last Monday of each month from 8.00pm to 9.00pm there is a free online zoom meeting. Next dates are: Monday 29th April and Monday 27th May. Bookings: Tel. Indy on 07438 633812 or ourapnapan@gmail.com
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On Saturday May 11, Leicester's Documentary Media Centre is inviting members of Leicestershire's communities to a 3rd heritage fair. John Coster, founder of the Documentary Media Centre and Parallel Lives Network gave this statement.

"Our Saturday Heritage Fairs aim to provide a meeting point for individuals and small groups who are developing heritage projects based on their own interest areas." The event also welcomes members of the public to attend and explore the many aspects of Leicester and Leicestershire's Heritage. Throughout the day, there are talks, screenings, and showcases that are free to attend.

There will be a Language Cafe run in the Old Library Cafe by Carole Clohesy. These give you a chance to talk to people from different cultures and backgrounds and provide a more personal touch when learning about Leicester. It provides an opportunity to share your story of living or arriving in Leicester and provides an experience that you cannot find elsewhere in the city.

Dr Rob Watson of Decentered Media will be giving people the opportunity to share their stories.

Time and Date: Saturday 11th May 10:00-15:00
Location: Leicester Adult Education Centre, 50-54 Belvoir St, Leicester LE1 6QL

Please contact john@docmediacentre.org if you would like to host a stall and / or provide a short talk.

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A new distributor is wanted to cover Evington Lane from Wakerley Road to St. Philip's Church, both sides. Total 124 copies. This round could be split. Please contact Chris Hossack on 2415153 if you can help.

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Residents' expectations are that Leicester City Council will use the information supplied to City wardens by a vigilant member of the public, to follow this up and try to secure a prosecution.

This is a breach of social responsibility to neighbours and the local community from the people involved in the fly tipping.

Residents in Leicester City who see this happening need to call the City wardens on 4543110.

In a cyber alert emergency call 3737770.

Rob Watson, a trustee of Friends of Evington said, "I have just reported some dumped furniture on my street with the 'Love Clean Streets' app. and it was promptly cleared. If you want lower council taxes, this kind of antisocial behaviour has to stop."

To download 'Love Clean Streets' app. on your phone:

For Android devices visit Google Play Store and search 'Love Clean Streets'. For i-phone users go to the Apple Store and search 'Love Clean Streets'.

Install by clicking on the 'Install' or 'Get' button. Once installed, open the app. and follow the simple four-step process to report environmental issues like fly-tipping, graffiti, dog mess, illegal parking, problems in parks and open spaces or potholes.



Neighbourhood Watch is a community-led initiative focused on crime prevention, community safety and building strong, friendly communities where neighbours get to know each other and look out for each other. It's a cooperative effort supported by the local police and other organisations.

Here are some local contacts in the Evington and Goodwood area. If you live in a road mentioned then please make contact with your Neighbourhood Watch leader.

Jeanette Robertson for Spencefield Lane.
Tel: 2416887
jeanette.robertson@talktalk.net

Geoff Odo for Spencefield Lane from Welland Vale Road to Downing Drive. Tel: 2413453

Rafique Islam for Harringworth Road and Nelot Way. Mb: 075951 77744.

Shah Ali for Davenport Road and Oaksie Crescent. Mb: 078775 64927.

Nizam Patel for Goodwood Crescent and Skampton Road. Mb.: 075934 56020

Many roads in Evington and Goodwood aren't on this list. If you live in Evington or Goodwood, please contact Cllr. Zuffar Haq on 07817 107022 for an initial discussion about becoming a Neighbourhood Watch leader for your road. You can also register as a Neighbourhood Watch leader through 'Neighbourhood Link' which is easily found on line.

If you are already a Neighbourhood Leader for your road, please consider contacting both Cllr. Zuffar Haq for coordination and the Evington Echo for publishing in the next edition of the Evington Echo. Tel: Helen Pettman 079104 31044.

Dear Editor,

I was rather disheartened to hear about the confrontation which a volunteer had with a local resident.

Junk mail is unsolicited mail sent to householders, usually advertising a product or service (e.g. home insurance) by a commercial company.

The Evington Echo is a community newspaper/magazine written and distributed by volunteers. Its adverts barely cover the printing costs. It seems bizarre why a resident wouldn't wish to receive a free magazine like this.

Somebody ought to point out to that lady that the Echo is not trying to sell her anything.

Ian Morton.

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SOAR SOUND RADIO LAUNCHES IN LEICESTER



Soar Sound Radio, a new community radio station, has launched in Leicester, aiming to enhance the local media scene by promoting community involvement and diverse content creation. Based in the heart of the city, Soar Sound is a platform for Leicester's varied communities to share their stories, issues, and talents.

The station is inviting people interested in media and community development to volunteer in various roles. Opportunities range from presenting and producing, to technical and community outreach positions, welcoming people with any level of experience.

Soar Sound Radio's objective is to foster community unity and provide a space for local voices to be heard. Soar Sound encourages listeners to participate in its development, whether on-air or behind the scenes, contributing to a more inclusive media environment.

This initiative offers Leicester's community a chance to engage with media production and content creation, aiming to reflect the city's diversity through its programming. Soar Sound Radio is not just a broadcasting platform, but a project aimed at bringing the community together.

For information on how to get involved, please visit Soar Sound Radio's website <https://www.soarsound.uk>

A SPECIAL AWARD FOR SULEMAN NAGDI



This picture shows Suleman Nagdi MBE DL receiving a special award from Renu Dahal, Mayor of Bharatpal, Nepal.

The Federation of Muslim Organisations (FMO) extends warm congratulations to Suleman and is pleased he has been recognised for community cohesion work, bridge building and interacting with others, particularly with people from different ethnic and faith backgrounds

Suleman said, "I am deeply honoured to receive this recognition. It is a testament to the collective efforts of many individuals whose paths have been intertwined with my own on this journey towards better mutual understanding."

THE COMEDY FESTIVAL IN EVINGTON LIBRARY

A very successful event was held on 21st February at Evington Library as part of the Leicester Comedy Festival for Kids.

The children had fun and gained confidence as they participate in sharing jokes.
Val Fisher

YOUR NEW TESCO EXPRESS ON DOWNING DRIVE



The drizzle did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the first customers who attended the launch on 9th February. The former Cooperative store was taken over by Tesco in October 2023 and during its closure for

refitting, the lack of a large supermarket on the Downing Drive row of shops was keenly felt by residents.

Tesco Area Manager, Scott, said that he understood the Co-op had been a big part of the Evington community and that the new Tesco will also establish itself within the local business and residential community. The team has been working diligently for the opening and they have been assisted by colleagues involved in another Co-op store conversion in Oadby. Store Manager, Cathy Harrison, explained that the staff comprise previous Cooperative employees, new recruits, and some temporary staff.

Among the early morning customers were groups of excited but well-behaved schoolchildren eager to inspect the confectionary range. We welcome Tesco to Evington and look forward to discovering more about its plans for community engagement through its Community Champion.

Tesco Express (Downing Drive) Store Manager, Cathy Harrison, cuts the red ribbon at the launch.
Harkesh Farma

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SEERAH EXHIBITION IN GOODWOOD



Goodwood Islamic Centre hosted the Ash-Shafaqah Institute Seerah Exhibition on the life of prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The exhibition was well received by all those who had attended, including many from outside Leicester and it was open to Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Each room was staged to reflect an aspect of the prophet's noble life, including a room that reflected how the home of the prophet would have looked, the clothes, and religious texts from that era. Numerous detailed handmade models were on display, including the holy mosques of both Makkah and Madinah.

Visitors were treated to sunnah foods, which were commonly eaten by the prophet, including barley bread, figs, olives, dates, honey, pomegranate, and zam zam water.

Local primary school Head Teacher Mr Luke Witney enthused: "I was there to learn more about the Prophet Muhammad, his life, and the profound influence he has had on our community in the City of Leicester. I express sincere gratitude to the people involved for this truly inspiring exhibition."

Resident Mufti and Principal at Goodwood Islamic Centre described the event as "an amazing success that brought together people of all faiths and ages."

Assistant Editor, Harkesh Farma's, Note: As this issue goes to press many of our readers are marking Ramadan so the Evington Echo wishes our Muslim friends and neighbours Ramadan Mubarak and then afterwards Eid Mubarak.

OADBY COMMUNITY CHOIR – COME AND JOIN US!



Oadby Community Choir is a friendly, inclusive choir with around 40 regular members. Open to all adults (18+) there are no auditions and no requirement to read music, although music is provided. Sessions always start with a lively warm-up, preparing both brains and voices for a good sing. Hilary our Director chooses a wide variety of songs to appeal to all. Why not try two free taster sessions? For more information, email Sara on cchoiroadby@gmail.com Or pop into Trinity Methodist Church on any Tuesday 7.30-9.00pm during term time. There is ample parking and easy access.

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DOUGLAS SMITH 1930 – 2024



Douglas Smith, Architect and Artist, lived in Evington with his wife Shirley, in a bungalow he built himself off Spencefield Lane.

Douglas studied art and architecture at Cheltenham College and Leicester School of Architecture (now De Montfort University). He set up a successful, multidisciplinary practice in Leicester called Douglas Smith Stimpson Partnership, which has made significant

contributions to Leicester City's architecture.

In 1988, when Bryan Organ came to the end of his term of office as President of the Leicester Society of Artists, Douglas was invited to be President and held that position for 27 years.

You can read more about his extensive work here and how much he is missed at <https://www.leicestersocietyofartists.co.uk>. Search for 'Remembering Douglas Smith who has died aged 94' There is a gallery on this site reprinting some of his lovely watercolour paintings.

Douglas had an insatiable love of travel and art. Throughout his long and distinguished career as an architect, Douglas enthusiastically followed his passion for painting and sketching.

The Evington Echo was privileged to write about his book called 'Tuscany' and also his book of painting and sketches called 'Leicester'.

Reprinted here is a picture of the front cover of the December 2009 Evington Echo, which shows some of his sketches of Leicester buildings.

At the end of his life, Douglas was cared for by his son, Adrian, and Adrian's family.



PLANTING TREES FOR BIODIVERSITY AND CARBON CAPTURE



'More Trees Please' is a very large project involving many charities and councils across England to encourage tree planting. Their ambition is to plant 700 million trees by 2030 and 1.5 billion trees in the UK by 2050. In Leicestershire the target is to plant 700,000 trees between 2020 and 2025.

Nearer to home, over the last two years, Leicester City Council, working with the environmental charity 'Earthwatch Europe', helped the City of Leicester College to plant 600 trees. Students planted these trees in the school grounds as part of their geography lessons. Judgemeadow Community College have worked with Leicester City Council on a Tiny Forest project as part of LCC's Sustainable Schools Programme. The tiny forest at Judgemeadow also includes a classroom area with benches to encourage classes to learn in a natural environment.

Sedgebrook Open Space Gardeners, a registered 'It's Your Neighbourhood' (IYN) group supported by our own charity, Friends of Evington / Evington in Bloom, held a tree planting session involving local residents, on 28th March.

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FROM MRS. CHAPMAN'S COLLECTION



This is a photo of my Junior class, taken in 1955, which shows our teacher Mrs York and all the children that she taught. This was one classroom for all the juniors which in today's school would be classes 3/4/5/6. I think this could have been the last photo taken as the school closed in 1956 when I left.

The names of the children are as follows. Left to right.

Back row
 Roger Wheatley, Robert Brown, Keith Gayes, Stephen McArigher, Michael Hunt, Edward Broughton, Timothy Roberts, Dudley Smith.
 3rd Row
 Alison Palmer, Susan Hatfield, Jean Harding, Alexa Mackintosh, Anne Greasley, Pat Page, Joan Bentley, Elaine Crisp.
 2nd Row
 Me Colin Chapman, Rosemary Vernon, Deirdre Ball, Diane Brown, Pat Higgins, Diane Collins.
 Vicky Walker, Nicolette Smith, Clive Sparrow.
 Front Row
 Martin Shearer, Michael Brown, Peter Roderick, Peter Muggleston, Richard Reeves.

Colin Chapman's mother, Ella Margaret Chapman (10.08.1916 – 27.05.2008), also attended the village school, as did some of Colin's older relatives. Many older Evington residents will remember Ella Chapman because she collected many photographs of Evington and kept meticulous records.



She was the oldest of five siblings born during and after the First World War. But all of her three sisters and one brother died in infancy from tuberculosis. Only Ella Chapman survived. Then her father died in 1925, so Ella's mother returned to Evington and Ella attended Evington C of E school until 1927. She then gained a scholarship and attended Leicester Collegiate School until 1931. A year before, in 1930, Ella's mother purchased the two cottages at the corner of Church Road and High Street from an auction of the Evington Hall and Estate held on 13th May 1930, which was land the businessman and philanthropist for Evington, Mr. John Edward Faire, had purchased from the 1913 auction of the huge Stoughton Estate.



Ella trained to be a hairdresser and secretary before working for an electrical shop on Melton Road, Belgrave, Leicester. At the shop she met Cedric Arthur Chapman, who had also lost his father in the First World War. In September 1939, they married and went to live at the last cottage on Thurnby Lane, Stoughton. It turned out that her mother, grandmother and great grandmother had also been born in the same cottage. During the 2nd World War, Cedric worked on the Co-op estate farms and during the blitz on Leicester a lot of Ella's mother's family stayed with them for safety.

Ella gave birth to a daughter (Peggy) on 3rd January 1941 and a son (Colin) on 14th April 1945. In 1952 the family returned to Evington and they moved into the cottage adjoining Ella's mother's. In 1982, Peggy, Ella's daughter, was killed in a tsunami while on holiday in Malta. Peggy's two children were found on rocks alive.

Cedric died in 1995 and Ella stayed in Evington until she died of old age in 2008. Despite of all the trauma in Ella's life, she was always smiling and enjoyed her gardening and collections of photographs.

From notes written by Colin Chapman and pictures in Ella Chapman's collection.

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TREE PLANTED IN EVINGTON PARK FOR NATURE-FRIENDLY PARK AWARD



The campaigners created the award as a way of recognising the work that is being done to create space for nature in the city.

Hannah Wakley from Leicester Friends of the Earth said: "There is some excellent work happening in Leicester's parks to encourage wildlife. As more than one in seven of our native species are facing extinction, it is important that we make space for nature in our cities."

In the Summer of 2023, the campaigners visited parks in Leicester between 8 and 20 hectares in size. They assessed the type and health of habitats and recorded the species of plants, birds, and bats they found. A full report on their findings was written and shared with the City Council.

Leicester Friends of the Earth donated a native Crab Apple tree to celebrate the award, which will provide blossom for pollinating insects and fruit for the birds. The event was attended by Evington councillors Deepak Bajaj, Jenny Joannou, and Zuffar Haq, Police and Crime Commissioner Rupert Matthews and interested environmentalists.

Deputy City Mayor Cllr Elly Cutkelvin said "We work hard to ensure that our parks and open spaces are a haven for both people and wildlife".

"I'm delighted that Leicester Friends of the Earth will be planting a tree in Evington Park to acknowledge its designation as a nature-friendly park, and I hope that people will enjoy visiting their local park to discover the wildlife on their doorstep."

Contact Leicester Friends of the Earth: Hannah Wakley – 0773 474 9035

OSY WAYNE'S GARDEN CREATURES



Evington's green spaces highlight the beauty of this picturesque village, providing community spaces for the residents of Evington and also for the animals and creatures that live among us.

You could even say that nature is right on your doorstep, and in this case, it is! These pictures of curious squirrels and critters were captured by Ozy Wayne in his back garden. Showing that Evington has become a safe space for Leicestershire's wildlife to thrive.

TENNIS COURTS IN EVINGTON PARK



The refurbished tennis courts at Evington Park are nearing completion with works due to complete in the Spring. The refurbishment is part of a city-wide programme to improve the quality and operation of 7 tennis sites, including Humberstone Park, Monks Rest Gardens, Aylestone Hall Gardens, Knighton Park, Abbey Park and Rushey Fields Recreation Ground. Once the courts at Evington are complete a new

operator will be appointed providing coaching for all ages and abilities, along with a new membership scheme, which is due to launch over the summer months.



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MAYFLOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL REPORT

The children, parents, governors and staff of Mayflower Primary School are excited to announce that after almost a year in temporary accommodation, we will be moving into our new premises on the Ethel Road Playing Fields from Monday 8th April 2024. This is a wonderful outcome as the RAAC crisis has resulted in our school being split across 4 sites during the summer term of 2023, and 2 sites since the beginning of the autumn term and beyond. This has been very hard for the children, who just want their school to come back together again.

The new site has been built in record time, and we would like to thank the DfE, Reds10, and the Local Authority for their outstanding work. The quality of the new building is truly excellent, and our children will also have open access to all of the green space on the aforementioned playing fields. We have a very strong belief in the effectiveness of outdoor education, and seeing our children in this wonderful natural environment will augment the quality of their learning and day-to-day experience of school.

Once we move out of the old site on Evington Drive, contractors from the DfE will be working hard to agree a forward plan. Pleasingly, our school has become part of the School Rebuilding Programme (SRP), and this could see a demolition and full rebuild. If this is the outcome, we will work hard to ensure that the New Mayflower Primary School reflects the core principles of the Eco-Schools Movement, utilising innovative building techniques that will give the building a net-zero carbon rating. Very exciting times indeed.

Our thanks, as always, to the Evington Community, especially those residents along Ethel Road, who have had to endure

so much disruption since the building project commenced. This has now come to an end and we promise to be the best neighbours ever!

Luke Whitney - Head Teacher
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STOUGHTON LANE



These two pictures were taken in the same place along Stoughton Lane. The first shows the glorious view in front of me, the second shows several bags of rubbish behind me.
Margot Fawcett

ST. DENYS CHURCH CHURCH ROAD, EVINGTON LE5 6FA

Easter Day at St. Denys is their most important day. To mark this, there were many services and a Lenten Cantata written by Simon Mold.

Crafty Church, 4th Sunday in the month at 3.00pm. Next meetings are 28th April and 26th May. This is aimed at young families and the young at heart.

Monday Meets. Meet on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm in Evington Parish Centre, attached to St. Denys Church, LE5 6FA.

Musical Toddler Group meet during term time only on Fridays from 10.00am to 11.00am at the Parish Centre. All preschool children welcome. Led by Sarah Gregory (Community worker) More information at stdenysyouth@gmail.com and advert on page 14.

Youth Club. Alternative Friday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.30pm at the Parish Centre. Play pool, table football or challenge your friends on the Wii. Contact: stdenysyouth@gmail.com

Cake and Fellowship. Every third Tuesday of the month, 10.00am, Coffee, (Parish Centre).

Bereavement Group (Cruse) meet weekly on Tuesdays, 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. For more information: office@stdenys.org.uk

Evington Diabetes Group. Can you help this group by becoming a volunteer coordinator? The next meeting is Saturday 25th May 10.00am to 12 noon in St. Denys Parish Centre. For more information contact Rev. Anthony Lees-Smith at vicar@stdenys.org.uk. Tel: 2155500.

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A COMMUNITY DISCUSSION

The aim of this discussion is to identify community and service uses for Evington Park House and to form a stakeholders



group so this large project can be planned well in this Development stage and then move on to the Delivery stage.

If you would like to be involved and have skills you can offer, please contact Helen Pettman on 2204525 (Answerphone) or 07910431044 and/or come along to a general meeting which will take place at Evington Village Hall (Church Road, Evington LE5 6FA) on 19th April at 6.30pm.

Evington Park House was in private ownership until 1947, when Leicester Corporation purchased it from the last private owner, Thomas Sawday. The top floor of the House was then made into two flats upstairs for park-keepers and the downstairs rooms were used by bowls members.

The gardens were turned into a public

park and tennis courts and bowling greens were created. A pavilion was built by the bowling green for the use of members and was donated by Mr. H. T. Errington.

After the last park keeper vacated the flats in the 1980s, the upstairs was used as offices for Park Services; later there was also a room for the Police.

Some downstairs rooms were used for community activities.

In 2015, it looked as though the House would become a Community Centre under Transforming Neighbourhood Services, with the upstairs rooms as offices for Park staff and the downstairs rooms for

community activities.

New lighting was installed along the pathway to the house with a new lamppost and better lighting in the park generally. The upstairs offices were redecorated and the downstairs rooms were fitted out with fire doors and there was first aid training for volunteers.

Friends of Evington supported this move, paying for the improvement of a small community kitchen called the Friends of Evington kitchen and later the repainting of the main kitchen. The Council built a new toilet block in the park too. New groups started to run in the evenings and daytime and a Community Access document was drawn up.

However, in December 2023 the remaining activity groups and Park Services staff were told to clear the house

of all belongings and leave because the house was surplus to the requirements of Leicester City Council. New venues had to be found for the remaining groups, but with Covid as well, the very popular Art in the Park group, the Gujarati games group and the Bicycle Club failed to survive the changes.

Friends of Evington continue to support the volunteers who lead the various activities that took place in Evington Park House and now take place at Mayflower Church rooms, the St. Denys' Parish Centre, the Village Hall and The Cedars.

Friends of Evington working with Best Community Charity would want to represent the community interests in obtaining Evington Park House under a community asset transfer.

We are asking for people who have skills and experience of facilitating a community project that includes fundraising, project management, stakeholder engagement, business planning and community engagement to email friendsofevington1@gmail.com indicating their interest and experience.

Our next steps would need to include organising consultations with residents in Evington to find out what services and activities they would like to see, bid writing to get proper 3D surveys done, which could be shared with all and developing a realistic, workable business case that would convince everyone, including the Council, that this was a really viable and sustainable proposition.

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AN EVINGTON AND GOODWOOD RESIDENTS' MEETING – 8TH MARCH



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Dedicated Neighbourhood Officers.

The Evington area's Dedicated Neighbourhood Team (DNT) consists of five local police officers who are supported by other officers from the wider area. To be able to contact your local area officers search the internet for Leicestershire Police (leics.police.uk) and then fill in your postcode in the 'Find Your Area' box. Then the names of all your DNT team will be shown and you can contact them by email easily by adding [@leics.police.uk](mailto:John.Smith@leics.police.uk). (e.g. John.Smith@leics.police.uk) All police officers also have mobile numbers that are also on What's App.

Some good advice from the meeting: you can store your car keys in a tin or purchase a Faraday wallet. This means that thieves can't clone the signal. Police

often give away Faraday wallets, but they are easily purchased.

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Sign up to receive email alerts about police activity and initiatives in your local area, crime prevention advice and information and warnings about current scams and fraud. You'll have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and have your say on your local policing priorities.

Answering questions from the audience: there were so many questions. Here are a few replies:

The police assured residents that when a crime is reported, the victims should be updated. If the report is about anti-social behaviour then the person complaining should receive a follow-up phone call.

The officers explained how they concentrate on areas where they know criminals are working and the ways they identify these areas.

They explained that they can help if a car obstructs your driveway and you can't get out, but they don't help if the problem is that you can't get in.

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At St. Denys Church Parish Centre LE5 6FA. Free parking. Visitors welcome £3 per session. 2nd Wednesday in the month 2.30pm to 4.00pm.

10th April: Peter Liddle, county archaeologist retired, will be speaking about Groby Old Hall which was featured on 'Time Team' some years ago. For more information contact John and Pauline Sloan. Tel: 2412210. email: jandpsloan@gmail.com

Evington Family History Group

Meetings are at St. Denys Parish Centre, Church Road, Evington, Leicester, LE5 6FA every Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Car parking is available in the Church Car Park opposite the Church. Beginners welcome. For more details contact Judith Walmsley on 2764409.

Diabetes Support Group

Saturday 25th May from 10.00am to 12 noon at St. Denys Parish Centre.

Women's Institute in Evington Village

Humberstone Heights and Belgrave Women's Institute hold their meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Evington Village Hall. Everyone is welcome with a view to joining. A very friendly welcome awaits you. For more information contact Barbara Garlick on 07713804407.

Evington Youth Club (EYC)

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Gentle Exercise Group

Thursdays 10.30 - 11.30pm St. Denys Parish Centre. Tel: Mary on 07952 775449.

May Day Sale

Monday 6th May (Bank holiday). Evington Village Hall. 10.00am - 3.00pm. See advert on page 3).

Pilgrims' Friend Society

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Saturday 29th June at Grocot Road, Evington, from 11.00am to 3.00pm. See advert on page 2.

Meet your Evington Ward councillors

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Evington Ward Meeting with Evington councillors is on Wednesday 10th April.

The venue and time of the meeting has not been decided. As there are problems with the Council's emails and website, please do check the Evington Echo website at www.evingtonecho.uk for any updates about this meeting.

Community Discussion Meeting

To discuss Evington Park House LE5 6DE. 19th April from 6.30pm at Evington Village Hall. See article on page 13.

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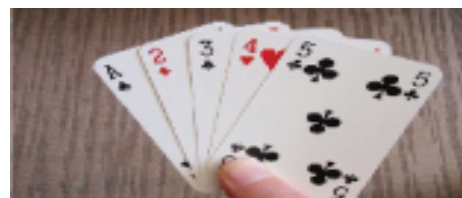
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