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Editorial

I would like to thank all the residents who kindly helped with the bric-a-brac table at Cedars pub, with their gifts and purchases. This continues to be a success and is raising funds for Santa in Evington and Evington in Bloom. More bric-a-brac items are welcome.

The notice outside The Village Store shop on Main Street said it was temporarily closing at 2.00pm but will return to normal trading hours (6.00am to 9.00pm) as soon as possible. Keep a look out for updated news on the main Community noticeboard in Evington Village.

Leicester City Council have an online newsletter which gives information. The current issue gives news of:

- *School admissions.
- *Green Libraries Week
- *The People's Exhibition .
- *Over 66, and possible entitlement to Pension Credit and the Winter Fuel Allowance.
- *Homework Clubs in eleven local libraries.
- *LCB Depot celebration

This year Evington in Bloom welcomed our sponsor, Ginn's and Gutteridge, to the team. With a lot of extra support from Sarah, there was a big improvement from last year for the quality of plants in containers along Main Street. Thanks also go to Evington ward for funding help.

In the East Midlands in Bloom competition the Judges' award went to Chris Hossack for his hard work and enthusiasm for the environment and heritage of Evington. The judges said, "Evington is only 3 miles from the Centre of the City of Leicester. Friends of Evington promote conservation and environmental improvement in this community while keeping loyal to Evington's historic 'village'. The Evington Echo unites the community with regular coverage of events." We gained a Silver Gilt with 80°. However our primary goal is to enhance the local environment and biodiversity.

Helen Pettman

72-BED CARE HOME

On land currently owned by Leicestershire Golf Club (adjacent to the Gartree Road) Stoughton Drive roundabout, Morrison Care Home (Leicester) have applied for planning permission to build a 72-bed care home.

Full details can be seen via the Evington Echo website at evingtonecho.uk.

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Volunteering Opportunities in this issue in Evington

- *Become a community reporter (p.3)
- *Facilitate a group playing board games (p.3).
- *Support financially and/or help Air Ambulance (p.3).
- *Become a member of one of the many groups/clubs advertised here. This leads to volunteering opportunities.
- *Volunteer with Evington Village Fete and Show or Evington Mela.

DELIVERER WANTED FOR EVINGTON ECHO

Evington Lane from Wakerley Road to St. Philip's and the mosque. 130 copies total, but could split.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

All Evington residents are invited to Evington War Memorial, Main Street, Evington on Monday 11th November at 11.00am for two minutes' silence.

The invited guest speaker is Cllr. Zuffar Haq MBE.

Following this, you are invited to join Evington's Knit and Natter group around Evington's post box on Main Street. Cllr. Zuffar Haq will talk about the ways residents are planning the process of working together across different cultures, age groups and religions (or none), etc. to make a difference in this area by continuing to help each other.

Further discussions and refreshments will be provided at the Eden Café Bar, Main Street.



SOAR SOUND AND THE EVINGTON ECHO TEAM UP FOR GLOBAL CAFÉ RADIO PROGRAMME

Soar Sound Radio and the Evington Echo are joining forces with the Documentary Media Centre to create Global Café, a new radio programme that aims to celebrate Leicester's rich cultural diversity by exploring global music, travel stories, and places of interest. The programme will highlight music from around the world and, more importantly, it will gather and share personal stories about travel experiences and connections to places around the globe. These stories will reflect the diverse backgrounds of the people who call Leicester their home.

At the heart of Global Café is a desire to bring the community together through storytelling. The programme is not just about music, but also about the experiences and memories tied to different parts of the world. Whether it's a cherished visit to a far-flung city or a local's connection to a place abroad,

Global Café seeks to capture and share these stories with listeners, offering a glimpse into the lives of Leicester's residents and their global connections.

To help make this vision a reality, Soar Sound and the Evington Echo are looking for volunteers to join as community reporters. Volunteers will have the opportunity to share their own stories, gather stories from others, and help shape the programme's content. It's a chance for those with a passion for storytelling, travel, or simply celebrating Leicester's cultural diversity to get involved. No previous experience is needed, and training will be provided for those interested in learning more about community reporting and media production.

If you're keen to share your stories or know others who have unique experiences related to travel and global culture, we'd love to hear from you. To get involved with Global Café as a community reporter, please contact Rob Watson at rob@leicester.fm for more information.

This project is an opportunity for local people to connect through shared experiences and bring a little bit of the wider world to the Leicester airwaves.

Rob Watson

VOLUNTEER WANTED

Friends of Evington are on the look-out for a volunteer to lend a hand on Mondays and Wednesdays each week from 10.30am to 1.30pm.

Their mission? To help facilitate groups of board game enthusiasts in Evington village. And guess what? They'll even cover any reasonable expenses you might incur.

If you're interested in joining the fun and making a difference, don't hesitate to reach out to 2204525 or 07910431044.

THE AIR AMBULANCE IN EVINGTON



The Air Ambulance Service specialises in getting patients back home to the UK.

This photograph shows the Air ambulance helicopter that landed on Evington Village Green in August.

The local Air Ambulance covers 3,850 square miles for Warwickshire, Northamptonshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland to provide a service for ill or injured individuals who need emergency medical transport.

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A Celebration of 100 year of buses (municipal motor omnibuses) in Leicester



Picture: Leicester Transport Heritage Trust

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed this event on 24th July, when the Leicester Transport Heritage Trust (www.lttht.org.uk) ran old buses from De Montfort Hall to Stoneygate Tram Depot and St. Philip's Church, Evington. It brought back my memories of travelling on these buses and it was great to see them so well looked after by the Trust and its team of volunteers. The finale of the day was a parade along the London Road.

Val Fisher

Editorial note: To volunteer and/or become a member of this Trust go to lttht.org.uk. For more information email info@lttht.org.uk

New Nordic Walking Opportunities in Evington



Some of you, over the past eight years, may have seen people walking in and around Evington using long poles and wondered what are they doing? The answer is ... Nordic walking. A sport that originated in Finland in the late 1990s and has since

gone global as a way to exercise more than 90% of the body but is gentle on joints and has the calorific expenditure equivalent to jogging. If you have seen the Wednesday morning Evington group, you will have noticed that people are chatting away and smiling as it is also a very pleasant way to exercise too.

The Ministry of Nordic Walks Community Group, that provides low cost opportunities in and around Leicester and

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Leicestershire to take part in Nordic walking, is about to launch a new initiative in Evington, introducing this activity to even more people, with 30-minute beginner lessons at Sedgebrook Open Space on Wednesday lunchtimes 12 - 12:30 pm and 12:45 - 1:15 pm. The special poles will be provided so all you will need are some waterproof walking shoes/boots as lessons will take place on grass. Sessions will cost £3 and are open to anyone age 18 and over.

For more details or to book your place please email ministryofnordicwalks@gmail.com

Help at Last

Dear Editor,

Finally I have been listened to! I have spent 25 years petitioning for help because of the lack of maintenance in Evington Park, when bindweed and brambles spread into the adjoining properties along Cordery Road. Now, thanks to help from local councillor, Jenny Joannou, and cooperative action from one of the operators on the Evington Park maintenance team, my garden has been cleared of these aggressive weeds and a new maintenance plan is in place for this forgotten area of land in Evington Park.

This is a picture of the cleared area of land in Evington Park that backs onto the Cordery Road back gardens.



Fliss Lacey

Evington Bowls Club

Evington Bowls Club has had another enjoyable and successful season. We have played friendly matches against other clubs both locally and further afield in Leicestershire, and have won several local competitions.

Our members planted hanging baskets at the club which contributed to the Evington In Bloom competition.

Our charity this year is Heartlink, an East Midlands Children's Heart Care Association, based at Leicester Royal Infirmary, which supports children and carers by providing equipment and respite facilities. We have raised money by charity events, sales of plants, birthday cards and second hand kit.

Bowling is a friendly and inclusive activity and Evington Park Bowling Club welcomes visitors and new members. The greens are also open to the public (planned for Monday evening, Tuesday morning and Wednesday afternoon when the new season starts in 2025). The outdoor bowling season runs from April to September. Equipment and coaching is provided, so if you have flat shoes and would like to have a go, pop in to Evington Park. See you in April.

Althea Bandy

Knitting Yarn Wanted

I have very kindly been donated yarn in the past. Since November last year we have knitted 208 kilos of baby blankets, matinee coats and hats, hats, gloves and scarves which we will be sending to India, Africa and Croatia. Our stock of yarn is running low so if any of you have yarn taking space up and you don't need it - we need it in order to put a smile on someone's face. Thank you.

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Reporting anti-social behaviour

Dear Editor,

If you witness anti-social behaviour (which could be compounded by accompanying alcohol consumption) then report this directly to the police either on line or via their 101 number at the time of observation. The police are responsible for enforcement and advice where drugs and substance abuse are concerned.

Park wardens can issue penalties where an individual is seen to leave a location after inconsiderate disposal of their rubbish.

If you wish to report anything online, for example a littered area, then visit www.leicester.gov.uk/lovecleanstreets or www.leicester.gov.uk/my account

Many congratulations to members of the public who walk out with litter sticks and help keep this area cleaner.

Heidi Saw

GP Surgery on the Common, Evington

Dear Readers,

This surgery is likely to close down.

Patients received a consultation form which closed on 10th September. The results and patients' concerns will be submitted to the NHS Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Integrated Care Board (LLR ICB) to be considered prior to a decision. Owners of the building wish to sell and the property needs major refurbishment and is too small.

The proposal is to centralise services at St. Elizabeth Medical Centre, Netherhall Road, Leicester LE5 1DR. Tel. 2416392.

Crown Hills Art Society exhibits at Evington Show



Local art society, Crown Hills Art Society, recently had the opportunity to mount a small exhibition of members' work at St. Denys church during the

Evington Show this year. Visitors were able to chat to some of the artists manning the exhibition and view the work (some of which was for sale) in the main aisle of the church. Members said how much they enjoyed having a steady stream of visitors viewing their work and receiving comments and feedback about the art on display.

Crown Hills Art Society is open to anyone who has a liking of art and there is no submission of work needed to join. They hold a monthly evening meeting on the second Thursday of each month at Crown Hills Community College. The first meeting is free so please get in touch via their email crownhillsartsociety@gmail.com to find out more.

The annual members' art exhibition will be held at the College on the weekend of October 26th/27th 10:30 am - 4:30 pm and entry to the public is free. Parking for the college is off Gwendolen Road, Evington. Some artworks will be for sale and some members are able to do commissions so please come along and enjoy the exhibition and maybe take home a piece of art. Homemade cakes and refreshments will also be available.

Penny Fielden

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EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW 2024

August 10th was a damp morning, but with the promise of a better afternoon in store which as it turned out was correct. The Silver Swans who were first on in the arena did find the grass rather slippery but with no casualties they gave a very spirited performance.



Next, we welcomed the Fleckney Silver Band who used to perform at earlier fetes. They provided some old favourites as well as a few new ones.



The Bakanalia Border Morris Dancers were in fine form as ever and delighted the crowds with their dance and music. The String Beats Indian classical music were new this year for the fete and were very well received. Not only did they play wonderful music, but also explained about their individual instruments. A real treat! Dave Letts in the church on his guitar was a very welcome return after a few years out.

For the children, the Magic Show and Punch and Judy were excellent, the bouncy castle once it had dried out was good fun, and the animals from the Farm Park along with the Falconry display were a great attraction.

The show saw a good increase in the number of exhibits despite a very strange



year weather-wise, which meant that it was difficult to predict what would be at its best at the time of the show. One section which was disappointing this year was art which had fewer entries than usual.

Councillor Jenny Joannou opened the fete



and gave out the prizes. It was great to have her support and interest as also that of the City Council Community Ward funding along with our many sponsors without whom we would not be able to put on the event.

The Parish Centre at St Denys and the Village Hall run by the Eden Café Bar both provided refreshments throughout the day. The Baptist Chapel put on their display of Old Evington which always attracts those wanting a trip down Memory Lane.

Plenty of stalls both in the Marquee as well as the Village Green kept busy all afternoon and I certainly returned home with far fewer books than I had brought for the bookstall. The tombola is always popular, as well as the chance to win some magnificent prizes on the raffle; thanks to our generous donors.

None of this could happen without the help of so many people giving their time. The Air Cadets and Scouts did much of the preparation of the Village Green and the Marquee and the wonderful committee planned and executed their tasks with such good humour. To them all I give a very big thank you.

The Fete and Show AGM is on Wednesday 13th November (see page 14.).

Chris Hossack. Chair of Committee

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Section A: Children and young people:

Children aged 8 and under

A bubble machine, a certificate and a medal for the child aged 5 or under with the most points in Section A.

Joint Winners: Jarvis Brown and Arthur Wiles

Children aged 9-12 years

A princess hairstyle, a certificate and the Co-op Cup for the child aged 9-12, with the most points in Section A.

Winner: Flo Hudson

Young People aged 13-17 years

A bag, a certificate and the Co-op Cup for the Young Person aged 13-17, with the most points in Section A.

Winner: Sophie Large

Section Winners

(All section winners receive a certificate for the most points gained in that section)

Section B: Floral Art –

A bottle of Malbec donated by The Dove

Winner: Janette Pearson

Section C: Cut Flowers

A trio of burgundy vases

Winner: Teresa Angrave

The Gillian Farrow Memorial Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section D.

D: Pot Plants

A bottle of wine

Joint Winners: Jiu Lui and Katie Siddons

The Fruit Grower's Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section E.

Section E: Fruit

A voucher donated by Bennett's Hardware (Evington) Ltd

Winner: Jackie Newman

The Co-op Horticultural Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section F.

Section F: Vegetables

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Winner: Andy Baker

Councillor O'Brien's Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section G.

Section G: Bakery

A meal voucher for Little Palace Take Away

Winner: Freda Neill

Councillor Johnson's Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section H.

Section H: Preserves/Wine

A pair of William Morris mugs

Winner: Isobel Berndt

Councillor Bajaj's Cup is presented to the entrant with the most points in Section J:

Section J: Art

Art – art vouchers

Winner: Neil McLaren

The Morton Photography Cup is awarded to the entrant with the most points in Section K.

Section K: Photography

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Winner: Victoria Laxton

The Wallet's Handicrafts Cup is awarded to the entrant with the most points in Section L

Section L: Handicrafts

Oude Kaap Shiraz bottle of wine donated by Evington's Wine Merchant

Winner: Margaret Russell

The Barbara Raven Floral Cup is awarded for the entrant with the most combined points in Floral Art and Cut Flowers Sections B and C.

A hot drink collection and a mug

Winner: Janette Pearson and Jane Everson

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: Victoria Laxton: from Section K - Photography

Other winners for each section as the Judges' choices were:

Section A: Flo Hudson

Section B: Jane Everson

Section C: Jie Lui

Section D: Jie Lui

Section E: Andy Baker

Section F: Andy Baker

Section G: Anna Browszkiewicz

Section H: Jackie Newman

Section J: Jackie Hopkins

Section L: Judith Pollock

The Sheila White Memorial Trophy

This trophy, a certificate and a voucher donated by Bennett's Hardware (Evington) Ltd., goes to the adult who gained the most points across all adult sections:

Winner: Andy Baker (Section F - Vegetables)

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28.7.1960 – 6.8.2024



Paul Archdeacon was known to many of us. Either through family, teaching or community projects, he was loved and respected by so many. This was reflected by the astonishing number of people attending his funeral service. Here are a few memories shared by those who knew him well.

Born in Manchester, he was the second of five children born to Harry and Celia Archdeacon. As a child he liked Airfix models: boats, planes and even a model of King Henry VIII. He would call them 'artefacts' and give them titles as if they were archaeological treasures. At 15, he designed and built a whole wall of fitted bedroom furniture for his sisters – leaving his mother in awe! He was interested in 'fixing' things – or at least trying to – taking things to bits to see how they worked. He customised an old bike with 'cool' wing mirrors and all sorts of accessories but was not protective about it; lending it freely to his sister to give her well-needed freedom. He also jazzed up her first car (bought for £100!) with fancy seat covers and 'g-faster' stripes – it didn't, and was subsequently nick-named 'Slug'! The hours spent on it were an early example of his generosity of spirit.

Despite being brought up with classical music, Paul developed a wide-ranging, eclectic taste from dreamy Albinoni; furious film scores like 2001: A Space Odyssey; Irish music such as the Furies; and his real passion – Pink Floyd, with its powerful music and lyrics.

Paul originally wanted to be a chef – it would have really suited him as his Sunday lunches were legendary! His father had other ideas and he was enrolled onto a degree course at Salford University to study Arts and Social Sciences. On

graduation, he completed teacher training and moved to Canada. There he took up the challenge of volunteering with the Frontier Apostolate, working with First Nation people (then called Indians). He began his teaching career in Prince George, British Columbia, where he was a very popular teacher with a particular interest in photography. He really enjoyed the outdoor life in Canada, skiing, mountain climbing and hitch-hiking with his new, but now life-long, friend Gerry. In BC he also met his first wife, Carmel.

Moving to Ireland, Paul completed his MA thesis on cast iron in Georgian Architecture. Ireland was a great place to study cast iron as it was found everywhere; from foot scrapers to fire surrounds to manhole covers. They lived in a big old house with orchards in Wexford where he developed a passion for making jam. Later they moved to London, Paul taught in Ealing, he and Carmel married, and his first son Brendan was born. The couple eventually moved to Leicester, where Paul began class teaching, then he became a language support teacher at Spinney Hill Primary, later he moved to Uplands in 1994 where he remained up to retirement in 2015. He still continued in education, marking and trialling questions for SATs papers, invigilating exams and volunteering as a governor at Bridge and Green Lane Infant Schools. He was dedicated to ensuring that every child was given the opportunity and support to achieve their best and fought against any cutbacks particularly in the arts and music. He loved going into schools and engaging with children in any way he could, including playing a very smartly-dressed Santa!

In 1994, Paul married Lesley; their sons Lewis and Elliott were born in 2000 and 2005. He was devoted to his family; He adored his three sons and was very proud of their achievements. One of the last trips he made was a holiday with Lesley and the boys. He was determined to enjoy this time together, regardless of how he was feeling. Due to his progressing illness, he didn't get to kayak or zip-wire with them but was delighted to hear about their fun.

Paul got involved in many community projects, from preparing an allotment for Mayflower School, digging a massive community pond at Hilltop Allotments. Loving the outdoors, this spurred him on to get his own allotment. He succeeded in growing fantastic vegetables which would be proudly served up for Sunday lunch. He

loved chatting to people there about his super-fast generating composter and his weather station, his 'brick museum' and all his other passions.

He was very creative, always using recycled materials; no skip was left unchecked! His 'designs' were always a bit 'Heath Robinson' – with odd quirks and twists and turns. "But it works!" was always his answer. Many tools were purchased, many 'near-misses' and numerous casual phone calls from A&E saying "Don't worry Lesley but ..." He was an active member of Friends of Evington, delivering the Echo and working on planting and maintaining areas in the local community to enhance the area for all.

Paul was brave and fought his illness with dignity, never complaining about how he was feeling throughout his treatments and surgeries.

This calm laid-back gentleman was committed. He had a very dry but infectious sense of humour, it's impossible to think of him without a smile.

Thank you Paul. Your commitments, drive and energy are an example to us all.

Addy Tyler

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS 2024

SEPTEMBER 2024

There were many places open for free in Leicester. In Evington, Friends of Evington, with Chris Hossack as host, visited St. Denys Church, Piggy's Hollow Evington Chapel, and through Main Street to Evington Park. "You have a huge amount of history packed into a small space", said one visitor.



At the end of both tours, refreshments were enjoyed under the Mulberry Tree in Evington Park.



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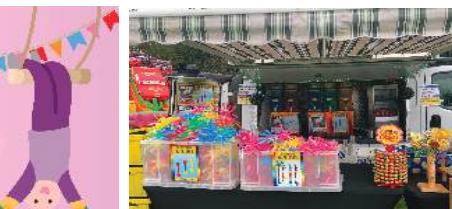
EVINGTON Mela

This event, arranged for 21st September, was cancelled due to exceptionally bad storms and rain that flooded roads, even in Evington. 10,000 leaflets were printed. It was a big credit to the volunteer team, led by Raj Sharma, that it could be rearranged for the following week for Sunday 29th September.

By the afternoon, it was well attended with children, families and lots of people enjoying the food, shopping stalls and music. The special singer, Dr. Manu Kumar, was on tour in the UK from the Punjab, India. He was sponsored by Eurowood Entertainments.

As emphasised by our speakers, Baljit Singh and Cllr. Zuffar Haq, it was good to have this event to celebrate our diversity and community, who were mixing together promoting the very best of Evington as a model of community spirit.

The Mela was supported and organised by Best Community Charity and Friends of Evington, with a particular emphasis from individuals Raj Sharma, Baljit Singh and Helen Pettman.



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NEW PRINCIPAL JOINS JUDGEMEADOW COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Judgemeadow Community College (managed by the Lionheart Educational Trust since 2018), welcomes Alex Grainge as the new principal. He is replacing the former principal, Jason Smith, who has retired. Alex said he was delighted to return to Judgemeadow, having previously taught P.E., English and IT at the College from 2017 to 2022. He was also a vice principal then. Alex spoke to me at length, discussing the changes and transformations that have taken place and welcoming a change in attitude to Ofsted reports that previously graded schools with just one word.



Alex said that the values upon which Judgemeadow builds its vision are 'HEART' - Happiness, Excellence, Ambition, Respect and Teamwork, and went on to explain the way their well-resourced staffing enables them to have non-teaching staff committed to wellbeing and pastoral care. This approach emphasises the need to listen to all people - parents, children and other stakeholders - to collaborate and correct. Judgemeadow is a city-wide college with a varied catchment and student base, for which the school works hard to meet individual needs. With the school rules codes of behaviour are about proportionality, focusing on fairness whilst also setting the highest standards possible to ensure children leave

education equipped with the knowledge, skills and values that will help them flourish.

Commenting on his new role, Alex Grainge said:

"I am delighted to be returning to Judgemeadow Community College; I have missed the students, community and staff. As a father of three children, I am aware of the importance of a good education where children are socially and academically happy and successful."

"Having grown up in a working-class town in the North-East of England, the value of teachers who believed in me, encouraged me to be ambitious and supported my aspirations has always been of high importance in shaping my leadership and the schools I work in."

"I care passionately that connection and joy is still the experience of children today; being happy at school is the critical emotion that shapes your experience. I am incredibly excited to be returning to continue the school's work to promote excellence and ambition, and am looking forward to working closely with families, colleagues and, most importantly, the students to achieve this. An educational journey is a path that requires immense teamwork and collective effort; pulling in the same direction and sharing the same ethos is profound."

Alex and the Judgemeadow team will also be working alongside local primary schools to develop more opportunities for pupils to visit the school and make use of its high-quality facilities, through science and technology discovery sessions to enjoying student music shows in the school's auditorium.

Kath Kelly, CEO of Lionheart Educational Trust, said:

"I am delighted that Alex Grainge has returned to lead Judgemeadow, having seen the positive difference he has made to Lionheart schools across Leicestershire. He is both a knowledgeable educationalist and an experienced leader. Alex is well respected by students and staff alike. I know that academic achievement and wellbeing will be at the heart of his approach, to ensure the very best education for Judgemeadow's students."

Helen Pettman.

MAKING A PEACE POLE



The Rotary Club of Leicester's Impact group of volunteers have been working on a community harmony and understanding project called 'The Rotary Peace Pole Initiative'. The pole has the inscription 'May Peace Prevail on Earth' in four well used languages in Leicester. This pole has been placed at Hilltop Allotments in Evington. Other poles are planned for Netherhall School and more sites around Leicester.

The money for this project was raised by four young people aged 11-14 years, who collected fruit and made jam, soap and candles, which they sold to friends and relatives. The concept of a Peace pole project came from Japan in 1955 and was a response to the bombs of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

If you would like to get involved in helping with the Peace Pole project, please visit www.rotary-leicester.org.uk

CLLR. ZUFFAR HAQ REPORTS TO RESIDENTS



These are some of the tasks I have undertaken during the last few weeks as an Evington Ward Councillor, supported by my team, Nitesh Dave and Farida Patel. My Saturday surgery for residents continues to take place on Saturdays at 11 o'clock at the Eden Café in Evington.

I have attended council meetings at the Town Hall and City Hall and held surgeries for residents, at the Evington library.

I was disappointed that I was unable to attend the Evington Fete on the Village Green as I was away on a planned family

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JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF SOUTH ASIAN CLASSICAL DANCE!

Now Autumn is here, everyone will have festivals they're looking forward to. My mum and I are looking ahead to Navratri and Diwali, key dates in the Hindu calendar. We've also got a lot going on at work, at our dance academy Nupur Arts: we're currently preparing for a showcase celebrating South Asian Classical Dance at Curve Theatre on Saturday 16th November, as part of a festival called Nartan (meaning 'dance' in Sanskrit). This is the tenth year of Nartan, with the main event being the showcase (called Anartam, meaning 'stage' in Sanskrit) and accompanied by two workshop programmes with leading Indian dance practitioners.

The Anartam showcase will celebrate the diversity and vibrancy of South Asian Classical Dance forms. We'll see exceptional live performances in a range of styles: from Bharatanatyam to Kathak, Odissi to Kandyan dance. The dancers really are among the best at their respective styles, and they will come from across the UK for one night only. Their pieces will explore this year's theme of Love and Devotion.

The show is supported by Curve Theatre, Akademi and Michaels Estates and funded by Arts Council England. We hope you'll join us for the show! Tickets cost £10-£18 (£15 for under-16s) and can be booked via the Curve Box Office (Telephone:



0116 242 3595, Email: tickets@curvethatre.co.uk, Website: www.curveonline.co.uk/whats-on). If you are interested in the workshops, these will happen in the weeks leading up to the show. Check our website (www.nupurarts.org.uk) for dates and for the booking form.

Please join us for free family activities at Curve on Saturday 9th November.



holiday. I hear that it was busy and enjoyed by many.

A big thank you to residents who kindly donated unwanted fruit from their gardens, in response to the fruit for food banks appeal.

I ensured the removal from a residential road, of an abandoned car with no tax and no MOT.

At last, after having discussions with the council regarding the impact and danger for residents travelling along Gartree Road, work to resolve the flooding problem and pot hole repairs as well as resurfacing has been completed.

I continue to carry out case work, leading from residents' requests for help or support with issues or problems that concern them.

Residents contacted me regarding the danger being caused by the low shoots on the trees along Spencefield Lane. This has been sorted. Thank you to the residents who removed the shoots at the Spencefield Lane junction with Davenport Road and Welland Vale Road, making it safer for drivers to pull out at these junctions.

After meetings over the last twelve months with the Principals of St Paul's and Krishna Avanti Schools, residents and council officers, I'm pleased to say that a leaflet from the council has gone out to Krishna Avanti School parents, prior to the start of the new term, alerting everyone to safety measures. Also signs have been placed outside the schools. Leicester City Council are going to monitor the stretch of Spencefield Lane and also issue penalties if necessary. Krishna Avanti also sent out a letter to parents with the leaflet at the

start of the new term, alerting everyone to safety measures. Also signs have been placed outside the schools. The safety of the children is paramount and also consideration for residents in the area.

I have had a meeting at Krishna Avanti this term to discuss the need to ensure that the council do monitor the parking situation and driving behaviour, as they have stated they will.

If anyone has a faded street nameplate, please contact me and I will ask the council to organise a replacement to be added to their work schedule.

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EVINGTON YOUTH CLUB - A YEAR OF RISING STARS, BIG WINS AND UNSTOPPABLE ENERGY

From basketball triumphs to football heroics, our young stars have been on fire, achieving incredible milestones with passion, dedication, and heart. This past year has been nothing short of amazing, and we're excited to share some of the standout moments that have made us so proud!

Capreese Cropper: The 15-Year-Old Basketball Prodigy!



She is our basketball coach who's nothing short of a sensation! At just 15, Capreese was selected for the Riders Under 16 Premier Team after two years of hard work and dedication with the Riders. Not only is she an incredible player, but her coaching skills are brilliant too. Every Saturday, she brings wisdom and leadership beyond her years, guiding young players who are often the same age as her. Her energy, talent, and passion have truly transformed our basketball sessions. Capreese, herself, has commented; "As a young coach, I have enjoyed working with the children and I have learnt so much. They are so dedicated and are a joy to coach."

But that's not all—thanks to her coaching magic, two of our very own members, Ayaan and Noor Sheikh, have also been selected to play for the Riders! Ayaan will be joining the Under 12 boys, and Noor will be with the Under 13 girls. Their commitment, drive, and hunger to improve have been nothing short of inspiring. Ayaan has mentioned "Basketball practice under Capreese has been amazing and I have learnt a lot and enjoyed myself." Noor has said that "Capreese is very friendly and very nice, she always encourages us to play at our best."

Football Takes a Turn: When a Teenager, Heer Patel, Saved the Day!



Our young players have been unstoppable this year. But one moment that truly stands out is when 14-year-old volunteer Heer Pata (now 15) saved the day. One evening, when our football coach

couldn't make it, I was preparing to cancel the session. But guess what? Heer had already taken matters into her own hands!

Parents and children alike were amazed as Heer confidently took charge, running the entire session like a pro. The young players were eagerly following her every move. Heer, who started volunteering as part of her Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award, has learned so much from helping our coaches. Her leadership and quick thinking turned a challenging situation into a roaring success. As Heer says, "Volunteering at Evington Youth Club has introduced me to amazing new people and strengthened my sense of community." What a superstar!

New members are always welcome to join in the fun; football from 7.30 to 8.30 every Friday evening and basketball, chess, pool and table tennis every Saturday morning from 10.30 to 12.30. We're planning more challenges in all activities between now and the New Year, with lots more medals and prizes to be won! For further information please contact info@evingtonyouthclub.com

Liz Warren

Challenges Day 28.06.23 A Day of Medals

Huge congratulations to all the young people who took on challenges in chess, table tennis, and basketball on Challenges Day.



This event was the grand finale of the year. The Youth Club young people gave it their all across basketball, table tennis and chess with plenty of medals to go around. These young people's skill, focus and determination were unstoppable. Everyone deserved their medals, but special congratulations to the overall winner, Eshan Sheikh.



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The overall Champion was Eshan Sheikh.

Medal winners were:
Basketball: Hasnain Shaikh
(2 medals), Noor Sheikh, Eshan Sheikh, Ved Pata, Harlem Williams-Taylor

Table Tennis: Eshan Sheikh

Chess: Gold: Sathsara Dissanayake, Silver: Nibratz Khan

Medals were presented by the Chair of the Trustees of the club, Zoya Shaikh

Everyone who took part received a prize.

Many thanks to all those who helped organize this very successful event especially Shireen Chouhan, Capreese Cropper, Yas Adam, Louise Jones, Gail Jones and Jagdish Pata.

A huge thanks to TESCO and ASDA for their generous gifts and support.

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RUTH POLLINGTON (NEE ROWELL) SEPTEMBER 1949 – JUNE 2024



Born in Rochdale, Ruth lived there until the family moved to Evington in 1957 when her father accepted the invitation to take up the pastorate at Evington Chapel. She was to live in Evington for the rest of her life.

School years were spent at Whitehall and Spencefield, before moving on to Newarke Girls for the sixth form. Her teenage years were beset with a weak heart and a developing scoliosis, treatment for which included many months in a 'Milwaukee brace'. Her perseverance was an example to others and the school report for 1966 includes the statement 'Prize for cheerfulness and determination'.

Brought up with a strong respect for the Bible, she began to think seriously about life and death in her late teens when she faced open heart surgery to correct a birth defect. The operation was undertaken at the Groby Road Hospital, in the very early days of such procedures, and there was no guarantee of survival. In the light of this she grappled with the question as to where would she be if things didn't go as planned. Would she be with Jesus? She recognised that more than a family connection was needed and came to possess a strong personal faith in Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. With this faith she went into theatre rejoicing in the Bible verse, 'The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knows them that trust in him.' The operation was a success and she subsequently joined the church at Evington where she took her turn in playing the historic organ and held the post of treasurer for 45 years.

Leaving school she began work as a technician in the Geography department of the University. There she was trained to become a cartographer eventually gaining recognition at a national level winning a prestigious cartographic award twice - a feat that was acknowledged by the then vice chancellor. A sample of the quality of the work that won one of these awards can still be appreciated on the Evington Chapel website, where the 'How to Get to' map is based on the work submitted for the award (<https://www.evingtonchapel.org.uk/howtoev.pdf>). Her colleagues described her as both conscientious and meticulous. For nearly 40 years she drew maps and diagrams for the academic staff, first with pen and ink and later using the 'new fangled' computing technology. Her love of maps converted into an interest in relating the places that she could see on paper, into seeing them for real. Trips abroad included Norway, Israel, Jordan, and Canada. Many happy holidays were spent exploring the mountains and lochs of north west Scotland and the west coast of Ireland.

After a short illness Ruth departed this life on 16th June 2024 and is survived by her husband Andrew to whom she was married for 37 years.

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GREEN LIBRARIES WEEK 7TH - 13TH OCTOBER 2024



The focus for Green Libraries Week this year is climate and sustainability.

From 7-13 October join in free events and activities, from poetry and author talks, to energy advice, writing workshops and arts and craft.

Leicester Adult Education will also offer taster sessions and activities including watercolour painting, online safety, weaving, crochet and ESOL.

There is a diamond art painting workshop at Evington Library on Tuesday 8th October, 1.00pm -3.00pm. A perfect opportunity to relax and let your artistic side shine! All materials provided. Booking required Limited spaces.

To book, call the library number below:

Library phone number 0116 454 0320
Green Libraries webpage [Green Libraries Week \(leicester.gov.uk\)](http://Green Libraries Week (leicester.gov.uk))

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is from Tuesday 1st October to Thursday 31st October.

The theme this year is 'Reclaiming Narrative'. It's an opportunity to highlight the untold stories and histories of Black people.

In Leicester there are events that celebrate black history arts and culture, and you can pick up a leaflet in Evington Library and other Leicester libraries to find out more.

At the African Caribbean Centre, Leicester LE2 OUA on 18th October from 7.00pm to 1.00am, a selection of local and national artists will lead a journey through black music..

AGM FETE AND SHOW

The AGM for the Fete and Show will be on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30pm in St. Denys Parish Centre. More volunteers are always welcome.



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Evington Youth Club (EYC)

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Meetings are at the Eden Café Bar, 11 Main Street, every Wednesday 10.00am to 12.00 noon. Tel: Barbara on 077 138 04407.

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Tel: Renuka on 07514 202579.

Evington Local History and Heritage Group

Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday in the month from 2.30pm to 4.00pm at St. Denys Church's Parish Centre, LE5 6FA. Free parking. Visitors welcome. £3 per session.
Next sessions: Wednesday 9th October and Wednesday 13th November.

Eden's Knit and Natter Group

Tuesdays 12 noon at the Eden Café Bar, Main Street.

Evington Scrabble Group

Every Thursday from 11.00am to 1.00pm at The Cedars, Main Street, Evington. £1.50 with tea, coffee, biscuits provided.
Tel: Lesly on 2419096.

Rummikub Club

Every Monday from 11.00am to 1.00pm at The Cedars, Main Street, Evington. Come along and see if this board game is for you.

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Tel: Stephen Taylor on 079 0294 6004.
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Thurnby Memorial Hall LE7 9PN. Beginner friendly class. Tel: Tasneem 07391537795.
Yogawithtasneem@gmail.com

Evington Bowls Club

See letter on page 4.

My Word Poetry Group

This friendly group meet on Tuesdays at Blends Café Downing Drive. 4.00pm to 5.30pm. Tel: 0780 449 5527 for more information. All welcome.

Bhangra Classes

Mondays: At Judgemeadow Community College for adults and children.
Saturdays: at Hamilton Community College for adults. Tel: Preet on 07525153284.

Evington Garden Club

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at Evington Village Hall from 2.30pm.

As usual visitors are welcome. Further information Tel: 2215513. Patrick O Callaghan

15th October Helen Osborne 'Sprucing up and giving colour to the garden'.

19th November John Gibson 'Making the most of your bulbs'.

17th December Richard Adams 'What a wonderful world'.

Remembrance Events

St. Denys Church Service of Remembrance on Sunday 10th November at 10.45am.

Evington community's Remembrance on Monday 11th November at 11.00am at Evington War Memorial and then at Evington Post Box and the Eden Café. See page 2.

St. Denys Church or Parish Centre

Monday Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays in the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm.

Musical Toddler Group (see advert on page 14).

Crafty Church (see advert on page 14).

Evington Youth Club. Alternate Fridays. Contact stdenysyouth@gmail.com

Lily House Bereavement Support Group meet every Tuesday evening in the church and parish centre, 7.30pm - 9.30pm.

Hathern Brass Band concert in church, Saturday 12th October, 7.30pm, refreshments, pay at the door.

Coffee, Cake and Fellowship, every third Tuesday 10.00am - 12 noon, in St. Denys Parish Centre.

Harvest Festival Service 6th Oct. 10.00am in the church.

All Souls Service (to remember our departed loved ones) Sunday 3rd Nov. at 4.00pm. All welcome.

Service of Remembrance - Sunday 10th Nov. at 10.45am.

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