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Editorial

For this edition, there are so many events and groups to report about, it wasn't possible to list them all on page 15, so please check out page 3 for Art House, page 4 for Summer Sports Camp and Polesie, page 4 and 15 for the WI in Evington, page 3 and 7 for Evington Village Fete and Show, page 7 for Houghton Singers concert and page 12 for Leicester Community Media Networking event.

Evington Village has suffered many knock backs with the loss of the Post Office, Pharmacy and Doctors' surgery on The Common. Plus there is no longer a cash machine in the Village. Also, for just over a month residents have had to put up with an illegal pile of debris on Main Street pavement.

Therefore, it was good to have a VE Day with the opportunity to meet, eat and be entertained. I talked to Pat Pickering who told me that on 8th May 1945, there was a celebration on Evington Village Green that her father, who was a councillor, helped organise. She remembers the taste of freedom - no more blackouts and being able to run around freely.

Another resident said that she was only 5 years old and living in Germany when Hitler's regime fell. She remembers her family's feeling of relief when that cruel regime collapsed.

Others remembered the Home Guards based in Evington Park when the house was owned by Tom Sawday. Others talked to me about being brought up with a legacy of silence about war events.

Helen Pettman

Save Leicester's Libraries!

Leicester City Council plans to close Evington Library

and 8 number of other libraries in the city.

You can help by responding to the Council's consultation or attending one of the open meetings. The open meeting at Evington Library is Tuesday 10th June, 2.30pm - 4pm.



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VE Day on Colchester Road on 8th May 1945

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For more information contact Chris Hossack on 2415153.

EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE 2025

The brochure giving all the details you need to enter the show, book a stall, enjoy a great day out with entertainment for all the family.

Brochures are now available in the village shops. Pick up a copy and book the date in your diary. It's Saturday 9th August. Visit evingtonvillagefete.uk

We always need more items for the tombola and a few more books for the fete bookstall, which can all be taken to Bennett's Hardware Store, 30 Main Street.

See you there.

Chris Hossack.



This is the St. George's Day topper made by the Knit and Natter group.

EVINGTON RESIDENTS' MAY DAY WALK CONCERNING THE EVINGTON VILLAGE CONSERVATION AREA

Many thanks go to lead councillor, Deepak Bajaj, and Leicester City Council Officer, Justin Webber (Conservation), for giving up their free time to join residents on a walk around Evington Village's conservation area, listening to their comments about management issues and opportunities.

This was an additional activity after Leicester City Council's conservation team organised a public drop-in consultation and presentation about this conservation area.

If you missed this then you should be able to find out more on Leicester City Council's website. For residents who are used to using the Evington Echo website at www.evingtonecho.uk you can easily see the Council's Conservation information repeated.

The consultation closed on 12th May.
Helen Pettman.



ART HOUSE, LEICESTER 2025

This is an important annual fixture in Stoneygate, Leicester. The Art Trail opens in homes and is an opportunity for local artists and makers to display their work. It's called "extraordinary art in ordinary houses". It's spread over 14 houses and you have an opportunity to chat to the artist about their paintings, prints, glass, textiles, ceramics or jewellery.

Open on Friday 6th June from 6.00pm to 8.30pm and from 11.00am to 6.00pm on Saturday and Sunday 7th and 8th June. A free hopper bus does a regular circuit of the route on Saturday and Sunday.

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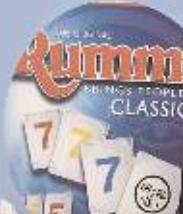
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First it was just Biggs and Ralphie. They both died. Enter Snitch, who is still in residence. Then along came Reg, a handsome black moggy with white muzzle and paws. Obviously a stray who was being fed by more than one local - but he bonded with Dick and visited twice daily to sample the food on offer.

Then a sleek dark-coated young temptress appeared and Reg was smitten. The best solution was to get her to the vet asap - but too late - she was already expecting. Dadby Medivet and Cats Protection gave excellent support and advice but Dick knew he'd be called upon to act as midwife! Thank goodness the new Mum knew exactly what to do and all 4 deliveries were plain sailing. No mistaking the parentage - the same white muzzle and paws as Reg!

Dick relaxed with a glass of red but knew the weeks ahead would be chaotic as these gorgeous little ones started to explore their surroundings.

All four have now been promised homes and Mum (after a visit to the vet) will make her home with Dick, Reg and Snitch. However, Mum needs a name - we're asking Echo readers to send in their ideas to the Editor 07910431044.

The Kitty Club
(name and address supplied)

Dear Editor,

I am grateful to Leicester East M.P. Shivani Raja for her intervention in getting a very bad pothole repaired on Ambassador Road. With Council Tax rates rising, taxpayers need to see value for money and tangible results from Leicester City Council. Shivani Raja MP says she will be continuing to push Leicester City Council about potholes and other issues, where she can, holding the Council accountable every step of the way.

Name and address supplied.

Editorial comment: Residents, if you have a smart phone, then download the Love Clean Streets app. This enables you to take a photograph, write a report and send it to Leicester City Council.

Dear Editor,

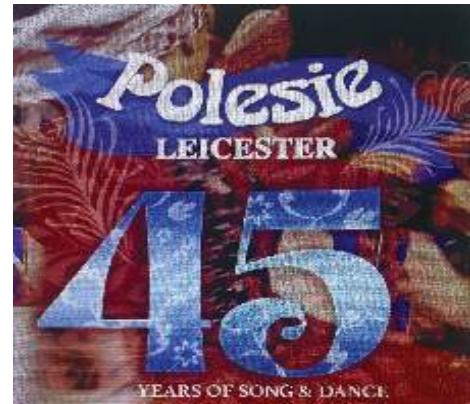
I am grateful to local people for their support and thank Helen Pettman in particular.

My garden backs onto Evington Park and for decades I have had boundary issues with a lack of a boundary fence and overgrown trees and creeping weeds like bind weed.

Then about a year ago, Park Services did clear their area and put up a boundary fence, but they left my old fence/barrier in tatters and in an unsightly pile in my garden. I am disabled and my helper had gone to hospital.

Thank you, Cllr. Zuffar Haq for your intervention and thank you Park Services and area manager, Philip Webb, and your team for your help in moving this pile of debris from my garden.

Fliss Lacey



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For another £2.80 you can have the traditional Chinese omelette, the shrimp foo yung with chips. It is thicker and bigger and a different texture, an eggier, creamier tasting omelette and in my opinion the better quality one. There are slices of onion and peas in it too - very tasty. Available with chips for £10.10.

INTERESTING FACTS

Omelettes are made typically with eggs.

Foo Yung is made typically with egg whites.

Omelettes are cooked on both sides while Foo Yung is cooked on one side and flipped.

Foo Yung is the healthier option which is low in calories, fat and protein.

The Szechuan chicken and egg fried rice are also thoroughly recommended: juicy, succulent, tender pieces of chicken served in a spicy sauce, at a cost of £10.10.

All dishes available from Little Palace, 34 Main Street, Evington, Leicester LE5 6DN. Steve Billingham

LEICESTER INDUSTRIALISTS – THEIR NON-INDUSTRIAL LEGACY

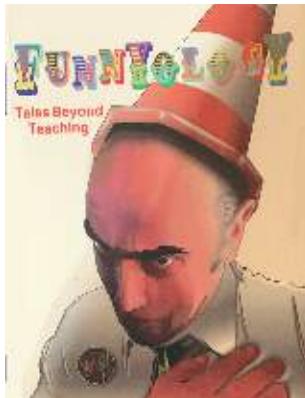


Roger Bisgrove's fascinating talk explained how significant this legacy was. Beyond factories, business ventures, coal mines, quarries, ironworks, brickmaking, railways, canals and hosiery, the people Roger spoke about also left their legacy in parks, walks through beautiful woodland, art galleries, churches and charitable giving.

William Pitt the younger reached the highest position in the land and was Prime Minister at the time of the founding of the police force. Charles Bennion bought Bradgate Park for the enjoyment of the people. Fredric Lennard made boots for WW1 soldiers and sold shoes through his own public benefit shops. John Ellis was involved with the world's anti-slavery convention as well as being instrumental in establishing the Leicester and Swannington Railway. He also ran a 400-acre farm. William Wyggeston founded hospitals. John Henry Newman who lived through most of the 19th Century, was involved with educational institutions in Leicestershire as well as the Oxford Oratory. The detail and life stories made this illustrated talk fascinating.

If you are interested in joining these regular local history meetings please give Chris Hossack a ring on 2415153 or email chris_hossack@yahoo.co.uk
2415153.

BOOK REVIEW



Books written by local authors are wonderful. I love recognising the places and imagining meeting the characters in this book. This is Guy Newmountain's second book. It's called 'Funnyology' – one of his nicknames. It is beautifully written and illustrated by him. It is full of true stories, stranger than fiction, of the people and happenings outside his previous book 'Please I Can to the Toilet Go' which was about Guy's life as a supply teacher.

This book describes anecdotes from Guy's childhood and teenage years and his many other jobs. I particularly enjoyed the anecdote that was set in a swimming pool, called 'Adult Swim', where Guy explains that no matter how large or small, any group always seems to include a representative sample of each kind of person, young shy folk, loudmouths, ultra-competitive, bullies, diplomats – you name it they are there. As with all the anecdotes in this book, Guy paints a detailed picture in words. He said "writing and illustrating this book is the best job of all and it is one I have actually been trained to do".

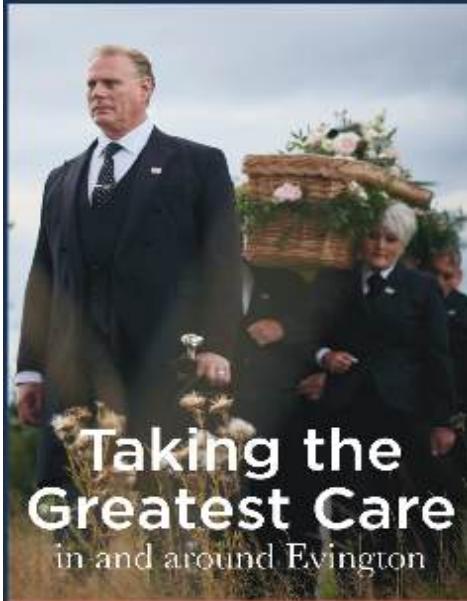
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VE DAY CELEBRATIONS IN EVINGTON VILLAGE

Today I took part in the VE day celebrations organised outside TJs Burgers, The Barber Shop, Ginns and Gutteridge and Eden Café Bar. I have to say it was a joy to be there for a sceptic like me who has never before felt the need to recognise such events. What made it such an enjoyable occasion was not only a fantastic attendance, but the feeling of community and community cohesion that permeated the event.

It was a joint effort to put it together with Helen Pettman of Friends of Evington and editor of the Evington Echo, Councillor Zuffar Haq, Sarah from Ginns and Gutteridge, the Knit and Natter with their beautiful decorations and Suzy from The Eden Café, all contributing.

Helen and Zuffar were the main drivers of the day with Helen and Barbara sourcing tables and then chairs kindly loaned from Evington Bowls Club.

It gave it a real community feel. Suzy from the Eden Café Bar kindly offered extremely good value picnic boxes for sale, put up bunting and provided a public address system, 40s music and two live performers.

Her team also worked tirelessly to serve attendees and customers with food and drinks.



Sarah from Ginns and Gutteridge provided cakes of all descriptions to supplement an already well provided event with many participants bringing food to share.

Councillor Haq gave an appropriate introduction and led the two minutes silence which preceded the celebrations; he also headed the first conga!

Many people contributed to setting up and striking the 'set', with people beavering away like ants to set up, clear away and tidy the area, giving it a feel of a real community 'war' effort.

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You can make one on your own or, if you like, get together with family, a group of friends or business colleagues and enter it in the Show.

Choose the character for your scarecrow on a theme of SUPERHERO.

Here are some suggestions to help you

get started. If you're making a humanoid type figure (but it doesn't have to be) you will need two long sticks or bamboo canes, cut to size and fastened in a T-shape, plenty of strong tape, string or garden twine and stuffing for the body and head. For this you could use straw, old cut up fabric or crumpled-up paper or soft plastic from your recycling collection.

Choose or make the clothes to dress your Superhero in. The stuffing needs to be pushed inside, maybe tying up the cuffs and ankles to stop it falling out. Tights or trousers can be hung from the cross stick



using string or tape.

Use a cloth or paper bag for the head and face, stuffed and fastened to the top of the upright stick. Then add any accessories that are needed for the character like a cape, hat or mask. You also need to think about how you are

going to fasten your scarecrow to the pole when on display at the marquee.

How to enter the Competition

You'll need to fill in the Entry Form from the middle of the Brochure with your details. You can pick up a Fete and Show Brochure from the Library, Bennett's and other places and shops around Evington.

The form needs to go to 56 The Common, Evington before 8.00pm on Wednesday 6th August along with the £1 entry fee.

The money raised will be used as the prize for the winner.

On Saturday 9th August bring along your scarecrow to the marquee on the Village Green and sign in at the registration table between 8.30 and 9.45 am.

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Diane Bell

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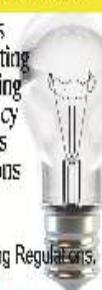


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DOREEN MORTON 5TH MARCH 1943 – 11TH MARCH 2025



Doreen grew up in Biddulph, Staffordshire with her parents, grandmother and sister, Susan, born eight years later. As a teenager, Doreen worked in a local café and was involved in the church's youth group. She attended Grammar School in Newcastle under Lyme, so the hour-long journey on the bus gave her time to complete her homework! She went on to train as a nurse at the London Hospital in Whitechapel in the East End of London. She thrived and made many friends, some became lifelong friends.

A chance meeting at a friend's wedding in Leicester in 1963 saw Doreen chatting with Graham. Two years later they were married and Doreen qualified as a State Registered Nurse. She moved to Leicester and raised her family, Louise and Jonathan. In 1978, the family moved into a detached house on Linden Drive. They lived there for 27 years until moving to Chesterfield in 2005 to be nearer Louise and her family.

During her years in Evington, Doreen

never stayed still. She enjoyed lots of family holidays and got the travel bug. Then after the children were older, she returned to nursing at Leicester General Hospital and Pilgrim Homes. She took part in Music Hall productions at Mayflower Methodist Church and joined the Evington Village Hall committee and helped secure a lottery grant for its refurbishment. Having studied upholstery and soft furnishing (she had been a night school teacher in upholstery), Doreen made the new curtains for the hall and stage.

With her husband Graham, they were committee members of Evington Garden Club and she organised a visit by the Classic FM Gardeners' quiz and a team from BBCs Gardeners Question Time.

As the secretary of the Village Hall Fete committee, Doreen was instrumental in organising the first Evington Village Fete in 2002.

It was around this time in 2002 that the Evington Echo (founded in 1981) changed to become computerised. Previously, volunteers had met at Wycliffe United Reformed Church for paste-up Saturday. Following Graham's lead as the Evington Echo photographer, Doreen wrote up articles, so documenting this period of Evington's history from 2002 to 2005. Before Doreen and Graham left Evington in 2005, they secured the future of the Evington Echo.

Doreen passed away peacefully just after her 82nd birthday. She leaves behind her husband, Graham, 2 children and five grandchildren. She just missed the birth of her great grandchild, Owen.

Doreen is remembered for fun, laughter, always helping out and getting stuck in, making many friends and contributing generously to community projects.

Graham Morton

THE LUNCH CLUB AT ST. DENYS PARISH CENTRE



This photograph shows Leicester South MP, Shockat Adam, talking to Betty Illingsworth. Betty said, "As an MP what you need to do is listen to the people you represent." Shockat Adam MP replied, "That is the best advice anyone has given me."



This photograph is with Julie and Cllr. Manjula Sood at the Lunch Club. Cllr. Manjula Sood always looks forward to meeting people and appreciates the work of charities that bring people together. The Lunch Club is organised by Friends of Evington and Best Community Charity.

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Betty at 19



Betty at 100

Betty was born in Hill Street, just two to three minutes' walk from the Clock Tower in Leicester. She remembers a happy childhood and often sat on the steps of the Palais de Dance watching the lovely ladies come and sometimes able to feel their satin gowns. Later she herself enjoyed the dancing, where she could go to the Historia, Corn Exchange, De Montfort Hall or the Palais de Dance.

She told me many anecdotes of what Leicester was like then and described bygone Leicester vividly, remembering the newly built Lewis's with the moving staircase that the children loved to go and ride up and down after school, her love of the market, and lots more.

Dramatically, she explained that George Smith had married her Aunt Caroline, who had gone to Betty's father for advice. Her aunt had just served a prison sentence for helping her husband when he forced her to work in posh houses in London in order to help him steal their possessions. Betty's father said, "Get on a boat and leave the country." Betty said, "The next thing that happened was that George Smith came to our house looking for his wife. His two previous wives had been held under water in a bath tub until they drowned. My father chased him away." Betty never saw her Aunt Caroline again. She had met a Canadian man on the boat going to Canada, came back for the trial and execution of her previous husband — the notorious case of the 'Brides in the Bath' murder — and then went back to Canada and married her Canadian friend.

Betty worked for British United Shoe on Belgrave Gate, where she met her husband, Tom.

Previously Betty had been engaged to an American soldier, but decided she could not join him; her roots were firmly fixed in Leicester, which she said was a wonderful

city then. Betty spoke about the war years and then her work with Leicester City Council when she eventually finished her career as a Senior Housing Officer. She has lots of stories to tell about that and slum clearances.

Betty would like to thank her neighbours, friends and family from Thurmaston, for their cards, good wishes and special birthday tea which marked her very long and interesting life.

Helen Pettman.

EVINGTON IN BLOOM

The judges John Constable and Joyce Slater, from East Midlands in Bloom, will be coming to Evington on 3rd July. They will be taken on a two hour tour with three extras for our floral entries - best business, best pub and best front garden. We couldn't possibly show them everything all our green fingered residents and gardening groups have done, so I make a portfolio of all the things that have happened throughout the year. If you have any sort of community with a gardening group, please do send in pictures from any time of year, so your work can be credited too. We really aren't about winning competitions, but it makes an occasion, when we can all get praised. Helen Pettman.



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WHITEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL



Following the achievement of the prestigious Eco-Schools Green Flag Award with Distinction, Whitehall Primary School is certainly not resting on its laurels. The whole school commitment to climate and sustainability continues under the leadership of pupil activists newly elected by their peers.

Eco-Warriors participated in a roadshow at Gateway College where they met other green activists. They presented solutions to various environmental challenges, demonstrating persuasive public speaking skills. The visit was an ideal opportunity to experience learning in a college environment.

Back at school, pupils designed and presented a special assembly focussing on food waste. They regularly visited the dining room to reward students who finished their lunch and those who had packed lunches with zero packaging.

Year 6 students have been involved in a major letter writing project. The junior activists raised the salient issue of plastic pollution with the Prime Minister. The letters were duly passed on to the Prime Minister's Office and the eagerly awaited response arrived from the Direct Communications Unit. The correspondence was described by an official as 'excellent'. A copy was sent to DEFRA (The Department for Food and Rural Affairs) for consideration by the relevant ministry officials.

It is heartening to know that young people have the awareness and motivation to advocate for a greener, safer environment and have set up some ways in their school to take positive action.

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LEICESTER COMMUNITY MEDIA NETWORKING EVENT
TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025
6:00PM
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Leicester Digital Partnership

come together for an informal and open networking event at LCB Depot on Tuesday 10th June at 6:00pm.

This event is being hosted by Leicester Digital Partnership CIC and supported by LCB Depot, and it offers an opportunity to meet others working in or exploring community media – whether you're involved in local news reporting, podcasting, radio, blogging, video production, or online community storytelling. It's a space for sharing ideas, experiences, and questions – and for discovering the common ground that links our work.

The aim is simple: connect, converse, and collaborate. We'll start with brief introductions, then open up into an informal networking space. Alongside this, we'll host light discussions on themes that affect us all:

- *How can community media support Leicester's creative and cultural sector?
- *What opportunities are opening up as the city reimagines its library services?
- *What are the implications of the proposed expansion of Leicester's city boundaries for place-based and community media?

These are questions that go to the heart of what it means to communicate in a civic society. And they can't be answered by any one group alone. We need a diversity of perspectives – technical, creative, organisational, and experiential – to shape a media environment that's relevant, resilient, and inclusive.

You can see booking details on a post on the evington echo website at www.evingtonecho.uk

Please do share the invitation with your colleagues, networks and communities. The richer the mix in the room, the stronger our shared understanding will be.

Rob Watson, Director of Decentered Media, says it is about building long-term trust and mutual support between people working at the grassroots of media and communication. This event is one step in a wider process of ensuring that our city is home to a thriving and forward-looking community media sector.

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CLLR. ZUFFAR HAQ'S REPORT



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 11.00am at the Eden Café in Evington.

Have attended council meetings at the Town Hall and City Hall and surgeries for residents at the Evington Library.

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

I attended a further meeting regarding the proposed cancellation of transport for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), to oppose the withdrawal of this service.

Pot holes are an ongoing problem and I am regularly in touch with the council to

encourage them to get them fixed and am pushing for Wicklow Drive to be resurfaced!

I continue to actively support our local schools and keep them informed about potential funding and other opportunities.

Visited a Ramadan Festival and attended Eid events.

By invitation, attended an Autism Awareness event at Oaklands School and was asked to draw the prizes, which were generously donated by local businesses.

Attended the 'Light Up Leicester' events in Leicester City Centre, which ran for several evenings and was a free event for all to enjoy.

Organised a 'save our libraries and community centres' protest at Town Hall Square, to make residents' views known to the council, prior to the council vote on this important issue.

I have spoken to Leicester General Hospital about the road parking on Goodwood Crescent by some members of staff, which is causing problems for nearby residents. There is to be a site visit with Officers to see what can be done. Possibly yellow lines or parking permits on Goodwood Crescent and Coleman Road.

Residents have contacted me regarding the inconsiderate parking outside their properties on Biggin Hill Road for Sunday football matches. I have contacted Judgemeanor Community College to see whether we can find a way to resolve this problem.

Attended a Vaisakhi event at Spinney Hill Park.

The bus shelter in Evington Village near

the Eden café was badly damaged by a bus and should be replaced in soon.

Visited the new 'Planned Care Centre' at Leicester General Hospital, which will enable many more operations to take place.

Attended a conference on interface between Culture, Religion and Mental Health.

Continuing to look at Church Road plan to improve traffic flow.

Patch walk around Evington Village's conservation area accompanied by Conservation officer and local residents.

Thank you to the 'Knit and Natter' group for their creativity in providing Evington with a wonderful postbox topper commemorating VE Day.

VE Day celebrations took place on 8th May on Main Street, Evington.

We are looking for more school governors. If anyone would like to take on this role please contact me.

I continue to work hard to support residents and communities in our area.

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LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S CONSULTATION ABOUT CHANGES TO LIBRARIES AND COMMUNITY CENTRES



On reading about Leicester City Council's consultation about changes to Library Services and Community Centres, local residents organised a get-together and protest outside Evington Library on 9th April.

Many were dressed in their favourite book character costumes and the placards in this picture say:

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body. Save our Library"
"Save our Libraries"
"Stop the Council Cuts"
"You're never alone with a book"
"Evington Library is a warm hub in the Winter"
"Think Global, read local"
"Books are the original hand-held device"

This consultation closes on 29th June. There is a drop-in session at Evington Library on Tuesday 10th June from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. (See poster on page 2) Also, there is an Open Meeting about this consultation at Coleman Neighbourhood Centre on Tuesday 17th June from 6.00pm to 7.00pm.

Ref: <https://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-community/libraries-and-community-centres-in-leicester/>

The website says "If you have any questions not answered here, please email neighbourhoodservices@leicester.gov.uk"

Speaking to our MP

Shockat Adam, MP for Leicester South, which now includes Evington Village, told Evington Echo reporter, Harkesh Farma, that it was his third visit to a library after St. Matthews and Knighton Library. He explained how important libraries are, not only for books, but as a community centre for infants, the young, teenagers, parents, adults and the elderly. "People come together from different socio-economic backgrounds, from different ethnicities and congregate in one place as part of a community." he said.

"These libraries are now in the landscape and people can come together and be part of community cohesion." If we take these facilities away, we may feel we are doing some short-term savings, but I can guarantee you, it's going to cost a lot more in the long run, and not just monetary wise, but people's mental health, people's loneliness, people's ability to communicate with people from different backgrounds."

Other points mentioned were that Leicester city libraries provide:

Internet access, a place for company, a place to keep warm, some connectivity to the modern world, somewhere for young people to go and a vital part of young people's development.

Shockat Adam MP urges readers to sign the Council's petition online and visit his website at <https://shockatadam.org>

The full text of this interview is available online at <https://evingtonecho.uk/an-interview-with-shockat-adam-mp-concerning-lcc-consultation-about-libraries-and-community-centres/> (It is easier to search for evingtonecho on line and see the full interview on the echo home page as a podcast.)

19th Leicester (Evington) Scout Group

We have three sections according to age: Beavers for ages 6 to 8, Cubs for ages 8 to 10, and Scouts aged 11+. You can contact us in any of the following ways: Phone - 2209017. Email - info@evingtonscouts.org.uk Facebook - search for Evington Scouts and send us a private message.

24th Leicester (St Philip's) Air Scout Group

We welcome new members, both boys and girls, to our group of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. We meet on Monday evenings at St. Philip's Church Hall. For more information, please contact: 2760457. Email: chrisandpeterhardy@btinternet.com

115th Leicester Scout Group

We meet every week on Saturday mornings. We are based at Coleman Neighbourhood Centre LE5 4ES for Beavers 6-8, Cubs 8-10.5, Scouts 10.5 - 14, Explorers 14 - 18. E-mail: 115thleicesterscouts@gmail.com www.scouts.org.uk Instagram:@115leicesterscouts

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The full list of councillors is available on leicester.gov.uk/councillors

Ward Surgeries

The Evington Echo is delivered in Evington ward, parts of Stoneygate ward and parts of North Evington ward.

All information about dates and times your councillors are available can be found at www.leicester.gov.uk. If you find this difficult to look up, do ask at your local library. They will be able to let you know who your councillors are. Councillors are there to help their constituents, so there are phoning options if you can't make a surgery time.

MEETINGS AT EVINGTON VILLAGE HALL LE5 6FA

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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: Merrick Yates on 2705950.

No meeting in June and July.

Next meeting 19th August. John Gibson on Chelsea Highlights.

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Women's Institute

Humberstone Heights and Belgrave WI. Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 2.00pm to 4.00pm at Evington Village Hall.

Open Meetings:

Tuesday 8th July 2.00pm. Strawberry cream tea, complimentary raffle and craft stalls see page 4.

Tuesday 12th August 2.00pm. Crafts Galore to try. Complimentary refreshments.

Tuesday 9th September 2.00pm. Join us for tea and cake at our hats, bangles, bags and scarves sale.

Visit the new website at www.evingtonecho.uk

You are welcome to come along to Open events at the WI. at Evington Village Hall. For more information about joining contact Barbara Garlick on 07713804407.

Evington House Yoga at Mayflower Methodist Church, Ethel Road, LE5 5ND
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Evington Local History and Heritage Group. Meetings are on the 2nd Wednesday in the month from 2.30pm to 4.00pm. £3.00 a session for visitors. includes coffee and tea. £20 a year for members. No meeting in July.

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Monday morning 11.00am. Rummikub is a board game. £1.50 includes a tea or coffee and a biscuit.

Evington Social Club

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