

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER WINTER 2009-10

Green Fayre

The Green Fayre at the Village Hall on 28th November was most successful. It was the first such Fayre to be held in Bassetlaw, sponsored by North East Bassetlaw Forum, and organised by the Parish Council with the help of Bassetlaw District Council. The following organizations exhibited:

Everton Parish Council
Bassetlaw District Council
The Energy Saving Trust
The Energy Agency
WRAP
Freewatt
A1 Housing
Blue Skies Community Initiative
Notts Nosh
Cheeky Monkeys Toddler Group

As well as their stand about saving the bees, Cheeky Monkeys helpers supplied refreshments. Blue Skies provided recycling activities for children. These contributions were much appreciated.

We had 66 visitors during the day, which, on reflection, was probably just about right for an event of this type.

Several suggestions were made by people who completed questionnaires:

- A small local heat scheme to provide renewable driven hot water for residential and educational buildings
- Community Orchard/Tree Planting/Conservation Projects
- Green Energy for the Church
- An electricity smart meter for the Parish

The Parish Council is currently looking at these suggestions, and is pleased to confirm that E.ON has already agreed to donate an electricity smart meter.

Best Kept Village Competition

There was a most enjoyable celebration of winning Category C – population 300 to 700 on 5th November, at the Blacksmiths Arms, after the formal ceremony at Carr View. We were joined by dignitaries, including our MP, the Chairmen of Bassetlaw District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council and the Chairman of

North East Bassetlaw Forum. The Category C winner's sign will remain at Carr View for a year, or hopefully longer!

Presentation of certificates and cheques (£120 per category) to the winners of the four categories took place at Epperstone on 18th November. At the end of a long meeting, the crowded hall waited with eager anticipation to hear the announcement of the winner of the Wilko Best of Notts Award. Unfortunately, it wasn't Everton this time, with the glory going to new entrant Southwell, winner of Category A – population over 2000.

Our success in last year's competition was again a wonderful, all-round achievement, with praise due to many people, organisations, etc. Our certificate, together with previous certificates earned, is now on permanent display in the Village Hall, by kind permission of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

Our record, since first entering the Competition in recent years, is as follows:

2005	Unplaced
2006	Winner, and also winner of Wilko Best of Notts
2007	Third
2008	Unplaced
2009	Winner

If the new Parish Council to be elected in May decides to enter this year's competition, we'll face a significant challenge from 2005 champions, Gringley on the Hill, who were our runners-up in 2009. They'll be working their socks off to regain their former crown.

And Harwell? What do residents think about an entry in Category D (population up to 300) this year? Please tell the Clerk to the Council – contact details below.

Council Tax

Our precept in 2010/11 will remain at £9,700 for the third year running.

Street Cleaning

We would like to thank the District Council for all the help it's given us this year in keeping the streets clean. The recent response to the problem of soggy, crushed conkers on Chapel Lane was swift – the mechanical sweeper arrived the day the problem was reported.

Dog Fouling

As this seems to be worsening again, we asked the District Council to renew the dog fouling notices throughout the Parish, which they've now done. We're also considering

provision of two dog waste bins in Everton village. The District Council has kindly agreed to empty them.

Lion Jack Bell Seat

Readers will have noticed, and hopefully used, the replacement seat, funded by courtesy of North Notts Lions Club and (subject to confirmation of grant-aid) Bassetlaw District Council.

Local Health Services

We've had a (hopefully) productive meeting with Bassetlaw Primary Care Trust officers to discuss the question of provision of certain health services in Everton. The following was agreed:

- Despite the fact that Misterton Group Practice had earlier indicated that it was not prepared to run a flu fayre in Everton, further discussions would take place.
- There's a possibility of running a vaccination session for the childhood programme at Everton Village Hall. Officers agreed to discuss potential client numbers with Tonia Evers, of Cheeky Monkeys.
- Health checks for the over 60s could become a possibility if held within an annual health fayre at the
- Village Hall. Officers will consider the matter.
- Officers will discuss any opportunities presented by the National Older People's Day.

Liaison with the Police

Our local beat manager, P.c. Nathan Thomas, now regularly attends Parish Council Meetings for a "slot" at the beginning of the meeting to discuss local policing matters. Residents are welcome to attend and have the opportunity of raising any issues with Nathan.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the spring, but it's always easy to contact us. You can use the contact details below, and we have a 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish

Council meetings. We try to keep everyone up-to-date with significant developments using HEDS Together. You can also read minutes of meetings, etc. on our web site: www.evertonvillage.org.uk

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