

## EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL

### NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2009

#### People

Just about everyone in Everton will by now know that Liz Jefferies was made an MBE in the Queen's Birthday Honours List in June. You can read a tribute in July HEDS Together. Congratulations, Liz. You've done a great job for Everton over a very long period of time, and thoroughly deserve this recognition.

At our Annual Meeting, David Bardsley was elected Chairman until next May, with Patrick Woods elected Vice-Chairman.

We have a new County Councillor following Ken Bullivant's retirement from the County Council. Liz Yates is our new elected representative, and she will be attending our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### Best Kept Village Competition

Most people will be aware that Everton is the winner in Category C – population 300 to 700. We now have a chance of winning the Wilko Best of Notts Award – again - to be announced on 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Credit is due to everyone who did their bit - a stunning achievement to be voted best-kept village in Nottinghamshire (per size) in both 2006 and 2009. The winner's iron and oak sign will be brought to Everton in the Autumn by Retford Young Farmers, and positioned at the junction of High Street and Carr View for the next 12 months and hopefully longer. We'll give consideration to a ceremony to mark the unveiling at our September meeting.

Gringley on the Hill was runner-up, the other finalists being Normanton on Soar and last year's winner, Orston.

Bassetlaw is very well represented in the winners' enclosure, with Shireoaks winning the 700 to 2000 category and Ranby the under 300 category. The over 2000 category was won by new entrant,

Southwell, which was also adjudged best new entrant.

#### Flooding

Following the site meeting between David Bardsley and Mr. Davies, of Bassetlaw District Council, in January, Mr. Davies is in the process of obtaining prices to carry out topographical work in the Gainsborough Road area. The work will be coupled with a drainage survey. It is hoped that work will commence in late August.

The District Council has also submitted a bid to the Environment Agency for funding based on a notional scheme to restore existing land drainage, or cut a new watercourse to bypass the properties on Gainsborough Road.

#### Retford Household Waste and Recycling Centre

As predicted, following the closure of Daneshill Household Waste & Recycling Centre the situation has deteriorated, with the alternative site at Retford being completely inadequate, which is not what we were promised. The Retford facility was not expanded in order to cope with all the additional users, with the result that long queues lead to people leaving in frustration, possibly to fly tip. Users are not allowed to walk in even if they have small loads.

There is a health and safety issue insofar as people are crowded into a very small area to unload, and it is only a matter of time before someone is injured or a vehicle damaged, which again will be a disincentive to use the facility.

An exacerbating factor is the layout, with In and Out gates, with no overtaking. Users who have emptied on the low level (bottles, rubble, etc.) still have to queue to go up the ramp, which is blocked by others still unloading garden and household waste.

In conclusion, the facility is generally user, and environmentally, unfriendly.

In response to our protestations, County Council officers have told us recently that they are working diligently to progress improvements as a matter of urgency. However, we've enlisted the help of new County Councillor, Liz Yates, who is trying to help.

The situation is so bad that we're currently trying to get a bi-monthly bulk refuse service introduced, along the lines of that enjoyed at places such as Gringley on the Hill and Misterton. It would mean we would lose our quarterly weekend community skip, but that would be a price worth paying. We're hoping our District Councillor, Annette Simpson, can help.

#### Lion Jack Bell Memorial Seat

Unfortunately the seat at Carr View is beyond repair. However, the good news is that we're going to replace it shortly, helped by a financial contribution from North Notts Lions.

#### Harwell Woods

We're hoping that the new gate at the top of Pinfold Lane will be fitted shortly.

#### Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the autumn, 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](http://www.evertonvillage.org.uk)

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