

**EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2006-07**

People

Following completion of his four-year term of office, Robin Maclagan has been replaced as a Parish Council representative on the Metcalfe Charitable Trust by Barbara de Bel.

Best Kept Village Competition

We had a most enjoyable celebration of winning Category C – population 300 to 700 on 4th November, when Debbie Anderson produced a superb buffet at the Blacksmiths Arms after the formal ceremony at Carr View.

Presentation of certificates and cheques (£120 per category) to the winners of the four categories took place at Brackenhurst College, Southwell on 15th 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. Imagine our delight when Mr. Gordon Brown, Managing Director of Wilkinsons, announced that Everton was the winner. We received a certificate and a cheque for £1,000! We're going to use that money to good effect by donating £350 towards the Village Hall staging and performance seating project, with the balance going towards general village improvements.

Our success in last year's competitions was a wonderful, all-round achievement, with praise due to many people, organisations, etc. Everton was judged the best kept village in Nottinghamshire, with community spirit and excellent facilities being key to our success. Both our certificates, together with the Parish Council's Quality Accreditation certificate, are now on permanent display in the Village Hall, by kind permission of the Metcalfe Recreation Committee.

Having reached such dizzy heights in 2006, it's very important that we do everything in our power to retain at least our Category C title this year. It won't be easy though. Regular winner, Oxton, has been runner-up for the last two years, and so will be trying even harder to regain its former crown,

as of course will 2005 champions, Gringley!

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 2007/08 will be £9,300, an increase of £300 or 3% on 2006/07. If anyone would like to know exactly what we spend your money on, and where we get our income from (not just the precept), please contact the Clerk.

Road Safety and Traffic Management

A delegation of parish councillors recently met Mr. Richard Statham, of the County Council Highways Department, to discuss certain concerns, including safety problems caused by on-street parking outside the Primary School. This matter is now under consideration by the County Council. Other issues were also raised, particularly with regard to High Street, and we're now in dialogue with the County Council over them. We've also been promised that the outstanding second interactive sign on the A631 will be installed before the end of January.

Robin Hood Airport

The Airport continues to be a source of discussion at our meetings, and at our February meeting we're to discuss the matter further with a view to making representations aimed at protecting quality of life in the Parish. We'll also be commenting on the Airport's current Airspace Change Proposal, details of which can be found at www.robinhoodairport.com.

Cemetery

A recent inspection of the Cemetery has identified a number of loose gravestones, caused mainly by the adhesive binding to their bases having deteriorated. Loose gravestones could be dangerous, especially to children.

In the interests of public safety, one large gravestone in a particularly dangerous condition has been laid flat. This is the Reeder family

gravestone. Another smaller gravestone (Robert Bee) appears to have been blown over, face down. It's been turned over, face up.

A further number of gravestones require urgent attention:

Allcock, Albert, 1986 and Allcock, Gladys 1990
Barraclough, Harriet L. 1974
Barraclough, Willie 1962
Barrett, Edward 1995
Buckley, Peter M. 1989
Byas, William 1975 and Winifred Dora 1977
Capsticks, Robert A. 1990
Drage, John B. 1985
Fitchett, John and Mary A.
Roe, Grace 1949 and Roe, Clarence 1981
Travis, Arthur 1983
Webster, John 1970 and Webster, Alice 1980
Wraith, Robert A. 1992
Wright, Michael D. 1993

Relatives should immediately contact a monumental mason with regard to provision of an anchor system, and the Clerk to the Joint Burial Committee (David Wright – contact details below) should be informed of action being taken.

The Joint Burial Committee realises that this is a sensitive issue, but public safety has to prevail. It will consider the situation at its meeting on 5th March, 2007, when a decision will be taken regarding any unsecured gravestones.

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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