

EVERTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER – WINTER 2006

People

We reported in the autumn newsletter that Bob Troop had resigned from the Parish Council because of health problems. We're now pleased to announce that Krystyna Martin has been co-opted to fill the vacancy.

Website www.evertonvillage.org.uk

The village website is improving all the time, but there's still no interest from village organisations in obtaining information. Come on - please contact the Clerk with your organisation's details.

Best Kept Village Competition

This year Everton (village) is entering the 300-700 population category, with Harwell fighting again in the up to 300 category. Everton is going to be up against some tough opposition: Oxton will want to regain their title from Gringley and Gringley will be fighting hard to retain their title; and there are a lot of other seasoned campaigners. It's up to us. Judging will be in June/July, but, if we get through to Best of Notts., there will be further judging in August/September. There are three elements which the judges will be looking at:

Domestic

Homes, gardens, outbuildings, hedges, verges, etc.

Community Facilities

Bus shelters, bus stops, litter bins, public seats, telephone kiosks, playing fields, green spaces, natural features, village halls, churches and churchyards, notice boards and advertisements, public footpaths, roads, etc.

Commercial

Shops, public houses, farm buildings, farmyards, etc.

There are also bonus marks for Special Community Effort.

The main thing the judges will be looking for is a clean and tidy village, free of litter, dog dirt, weed-infested pavements, untidy gardens, etc. We are hoping that individuals and organisations will help us to do well and win prizes.

Why bother? Your council tax has contributed to the Parish Council's efforts to make Everton an attractive parish, but the Parish Council can only do so much. Pride in our village helps to foster community spirit, reduce crime and vandalism, improves health, and gives a sense of well-being and improves the value of properties. The Parish Council will be doing its bit and will highlight any 'hot spots' in the village. We will also keep you informed of progress through Heds Together, the website and notice boards.

Parish Council Elections

All nine seats on the Parish Council will be up for election on Thursday 4th May, 2006. We need people to stand in order to demonstrate our commitment to 'Quality' status, so, if you care about the Parish of Everton, this is your chance to do your bit. Contact the Clerk for details.

Tunneltech North

We've reached the end of our tether with the stench from these premises. No-one should have to suffer nuisance on this level, and Harwell residents get it pretty bad. There are new government guidelines planned, but we're not optimistic that they'll make a big difference, at least in the short term. You can rest assured that we're doing everything humanly possible to stop the nuisance.

Aircraft Nuisance

We're all aware of recent problems with low flying aircraft and night flying. Via the North East Bassetlaw Forum the Parish Council is represented on the Airport Consultative Committee, and we are progressing the concerns voiced to us.

The fact is that aircraft conduct training circuits to the east of Robin Hood airfield which pass over Everton. This is apparently in line with details given at the public inquiry. Procedures require aircraft to operate at a minimum of 1500 feet and are restricted to social operating times during the day with respite periods also required.

Aircraft departing to the east have a Noise Preferred Corridor to operate within to minimise noise disturbance to residents as best possible.

The corridor is 3 km in width and the outer edges of the corridor do affect Everton. 70% of aircraft follow a path towards the centre of the corridor, and such flights should not ordinarily affect Everton. However, due to wind conditions, aircraft performance, aircraft weight, etc., aircraft may drift to the outer edges of the corridor and therefore be heard over Everton.

The Airport will shortly be hosting noise workshops where local residents can visit the Airport and view noise data, planning conditions, planning policy and be able to ask questions. Details will be publicised when available.

Planning

We said in our autumn newsletter that we were still locked in correspondence with Bassetlaw District Council about recent planning decisions at Harwell, and that it's very difficult to enter into a meaningful dialogue with them. Things have recently deteriorated further, with them now refusing to provide straightforward information about the application for four large houses at the junction of Harwell Sluice Lane and Pinfold Lane. In fact it's worse than that as they now say that they've provided the requested information even though it's as plain as the nose on your face that they haven't. The Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Planning Committee have now snubbed us by refusing our request for a meeting to discuss the issue. We're currently considering our options.

Last Word

The next newsletter will be out in the spring, but don't forget our bi-monthly Saturday surgeries at the Village Hall (the next two are on 18th March and 13th May from 10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.), or our 15-minute public discussion period at the start of Parish Council meetings. You can also use the contact details below if necessary. 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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