



# HEDS

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# Metcalfe Trust

## **Car Park Work**

By the time you read this, most of the remaining works will have been completed by the contractors. The car park should be in use by the end of March. There are still some finishing off jobs to be completed before final sign off. The existing carpark will also remain in use.

## **Play Park**

The play park is open. The equipment that is being relocated is scheduled for reinstallation in April along with a new line of fencing above the short drop to the tennis courts. We are working with a local contractor on some possible options for the toddler play area for the village to consider.

## **Allotments**

The three remaining allotment holders at the ground have been offered the three plots in the area west of the new car park and they have each taken a plot.

## **General Ground Report**

The artificial wicket, which was beyond reasonable repair, has been removed. The diseased sycamore on the entrance driveway will be felled on 25th March.

The bare soil areas between the car park and buildings will be grass seeded. We are looking at planting scheme options for the two small beds at the entrance to the car parks.

## **Village Hall**

The replacement hardwood, double-glazed windows have been installed. Once the weather is suitable, the exteriors of these will be painted green and we will also repaint the south, east and north walls of the hall and both sets of entrance doors and the snooker room.

# Origami for VJ Day

Everton W.I. would like to commemorate 80 years since Victory over Japan Day (VJ Day) 15th August 1945. Although fighting had ceased in Europe on VE day on 8th May 1945, allied troops including those from UK, USA and USSR were still fighting in Japan. The US dropped two atomic bombs on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki which finally stopped the conflict.

Everton W.I. would like to commemorate 80 years since VJ day by creating origami cranes which we hope to display in the village.



The crane is a Japanese symbol of peace and hope.

Japanese legend has it that cranes live for 1000 years and that if a sick person folds 1000 paper cranes, their wishes will come true.

A young girl called Sadako Sasaki was two years old when the bomb was dropped on Hiroshima. She survived the bombing but later developed leukemia. She began folding cranes whilst in hospital and managed to fold 644 cranes before she died, aged twelve. Her friends completed the 1000 cranes and buried them all with her. Her wish was to get well and that there would be peace in the world.

There is a statue of Sadako in the Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima holding a golden crane in her hands.

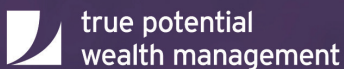
Her plaque reads, 'This is our cry. This is our prayer. Peace in the world'.

We doubt we will manage to make 1000 cranes, but we would like to make as many as we can before 15th August. We need your help please. We have some origami paper and will be at the Craft Demonstration Day in church on the 22nd of June, where you can come and have a go. We will also be folding cranes at the Tuesday knitting group.

If you would like to have a go, there are lots of videos on you tube, and printed instructions on the internet. We are using 8 1/4 inch ( 21cm ) squares of origami paper in bright colours or patterns. Please contact Diane Howe on 07903825082 if you would like more information.

How many do you think Everton can make?





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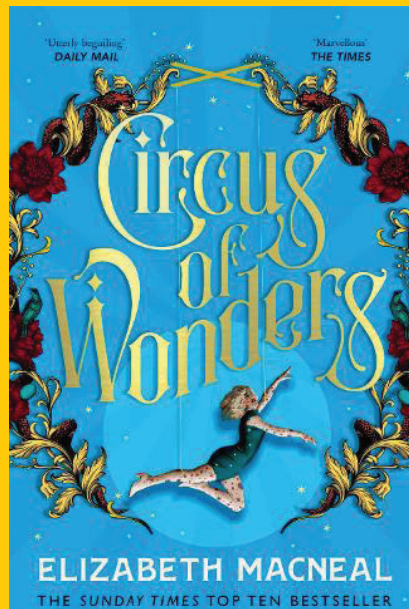
# Circus of Wonders

by **Elizabeth Macneal**

Victorian London and the Crimean War. It is 1866 and Nell, a flower picker from a southern coastal village, is living frugally with her brother Charlie and drunken father. Nell has birthmarks over her body which set her apart from the other people in her village. Someone to be ignored, or feared. Someone who is even considered cursed. When Jasper Jupiter's Circus of Wonders arrives in the village, people are beside themselves with excitement. He has brought along not only his menagerie of wild animals to exhibit, but other special acts such as Stella the bearded lady and Brunette the giantess. Nell's father sees an opportunity and sells Nell off to Jasper as a 'leopard girl'. Nell is upset at having been betrayed but realizes that life in the circus might not be as bad as she initially feared. She becomes close to the other acts and especially close to Toby, Jasper's brother, a photographer and general dogsbody and muscle around the circus. Jasper and Toby are linked together by unbreakable bonds of brotherhood and the dark secret that has followed them all the way from the Crimean battlefields.

Jasper has high hopes and lofty aspirations to be the owner of the greatest show on earth and uses Nell's unique looks, along with some mechanical trickery, to raise the profile of the show and get the customers flocking in to see 'Nellie Moon – Queen of the Moon and Stars'. With some backstreet financial assistance, he takes his circus to the pleasure gardens of Victorian London, with dreams of putting on a show for the Queen herself.

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At Everton Primary School we always try to ensure that our children get opportunities to make decisions on their education and about our school, therefore, each year children are able to apply to be on our School Council. This month our School Council went down to London, where they took part in a tour and workshop at the Houses of Parliament – meeting and speaking to Jo White (MP for Bassetlaw) – and travelled on the London Eye River Cruise down the Thames too. The School Council members were incredibly well behaved throughout the whole day and asked some very pertinent questions.

In school, World Book Day was a wonderful opportunity for our children to dress up as their favourite book character and celebrate their love of reading. As a school we hired the West End in Schools company to come in and spend time with each class to tell the story of 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' through dance and drama. We were also delighted to welcome Dom Pollard, a local author and illustrator, into our EYFS and Year 1 and 2 classes to read one of his books – 'I thought I saw an Octopus' – to the children and discuss his illustrations in it too.

Throughout the Spring term our Year 5 and 6 children have been attending swimming lessons at Swim Stars in Bawtry and we are incredibly proud of all of them for achieving a variety of distance certificates ranging from 10m to 200m. They are now working on water safety and wearing enjoying swimming in their comfy clothes.

Please could I take this opportunity whilst writing to you all, to thank everyone who attended and supported our 'Bonkers Bingo' event. It was

wonderful to bring the local community together and raise funds for our school in a fun-filled way. We all hope you enjoyed it as much as we did – it certainly was 'bonkers'!

Everton Primary School is a wonderful, friendly and happy school which gives opportunities for children to be children and a wide range of activities and cultural capital experiences such as the ones described above. If you are currently looking for Nursery and Reception places then please apply to join the EverTeam! If you would like to arrange a school visit or ask any questions about school admission, then please feel free to call or email school on 01777817350 or [office@everton.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@everton.notts.sch.uk)

**Andrew Green**  
Headteacher

## Knitting Group

The Knitting Group meets in the Village Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10.00-12.00noon. All are welcome.

Contact Angela Harrison  
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# #TheRunningGrandpa's MNDA fundraising journey continues....

March 2025 was notable for The Running Grandpa. The month commenced with the Nottingham 10k on the first weekend, followed by the Retford Half Marathon a week later—a significant local event organised by my own running club, Retford AC.

In the latter part of the month, I travelled to participate in the Ashby 20-miler, concluding with the Doncaster 5k event at the Doncaster Dome on the final Friday. In terms of mileage, it was a substantial month, with over 130 miles covered, bringing the yearly total to just over 400 miles.

More importantly, fundraising efforts saw a significant increase, with the total amount raised to date surpassing £700, thanks to generous contributions received throughout the month. We aim to further enhance these funds with your support.



The HEDS choir has kindly agreed to perform a fundraising concert for MNDA on Friday, 30th May, at the Everton Village Hall. The choir is currently rehearsing an excellent collection of songs to ensure the evening will be particularly memorable.

Tickets for the event will be available starting 1st April. Interested parties can secure their seats by contacting myself or Viv on 07540812025 at a cost of £5 per ticket. We look forward to providing you with an entertaining evening.

## Dance Classes

In preparation for the VE day afternoon tea on 11th May we have secured the help of a dance teacher to help with the dancing!

On Wednesday 30th April Jasmine will run a dance workshop to help us. The class is 6pm to 7pm in the Village Hall and the cost per person is £7.50.

It gives us a chance to hone our skills in this area or in some cases acquire the skills in the first place!

Should be a fun warm up for the main event.



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from Bryan Atkinson

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## **WATER BILLS**

By now most households will have received their Anglian Water bills. Shock, horror, they have risen by 32.5%, or £130. We have yet to receive the Severn Trent bill for surface water and sewerage which will have risen by 20%?

Bills now seem to be loaded with standing charges. These were introduced to electricity bills in the form of a daily charge. Water bills now have an annual fixed charge. Anglian's Fixed Charge accounts for 88% of the bill; actual water charges the other 12%. It makes the adoption of water meters financially unnecessary.

I have researched the web sites of Anglian, Ofwat, Discover Water and Money Supermarket to analyse the details of price rises as they vary across the Country. The average figure for our area is about £630. We will be close, or slightly above this figure when the Severn Trent bill is added.

These rises have been approved by Ofwat and they justify their reasons in a very thinly worded 2 paragraph press statement. Delving deeper into the Ofwat site produces a mire of word spaghetti but basically the funds are to cover infrastructure spending in the period 2025 – 2030.

The Anglian Water web site offers a variety of reasons for the price hike, many of them buried in the darker recesses of their site. Among the factors Anglian considered are;

There will be 700,000 more people settling in Anglian's area in the next 20 years,

The wish to be at the front line of climate change,

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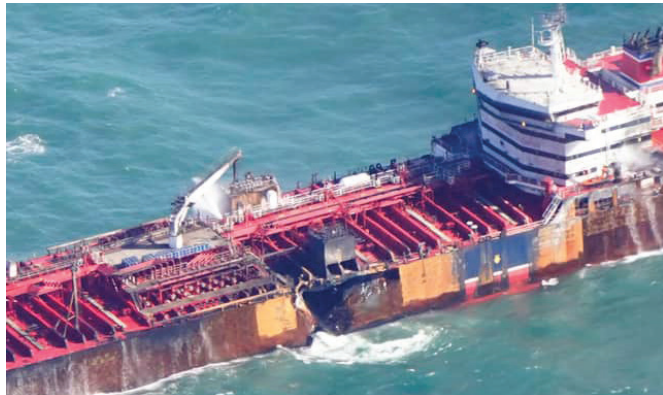
Actively committed to better water quality in Nepal,

A driving force in the organisation, Utilities Against Modern Slavery.

Finally this is not the end of the price rises. They will increase annually up to a total of £100.

## **NORTH SEA SHIPPING "CRASH"**

Thankfully, the sensational speculation and coverage over the shipping accident off the coast near Hull has been scaled down. Both vessels are safely afloat and will be recovered. There will be no second Torrey Canyon environmental episode, which some MSM outlets were clearly agitating for.



This was the damage that the MV Stena Immaculate suffered when no one was looking out of the front window of the "ramming" ship MV Solong. Apparently it was on autopilot at the time. However, for the conspiracy theorists, the Captain is Russian!

Perhaps best to avoid fresh Grimsby crabs for a month or two.

**Tony**





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# Parish Council

## **Parish Council and Village Website:** **<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>**

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### ***Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop***

The Everton Mobile Shop calls every Thursday between 12:15 and 13:15 and is located on the Metcalfe playing field car park. The shop is open to everyone.

### ***Dog Waste Bins***

The Council acknowledges residents' concerns regarding the increase in dog waste throughout the village. Even when properly bagged, discarded waste bags have become an issue. While responsible pet ownership remains essential, the Council is exploring ways to address the matter, including the installation of two additional dog waste bins. We invite villagers to share their thoughts on the most suitable locations for these bins. Additionally, we kindly remind local dog owners to keep their pets under control at all times while walking on village streets and footpaths.

### ***Footpaths and byways***

We kindly remind landowners with hedges, trees, or vegetation alongside public rights of way of their responsibility to ensure that these do not overhang or obstruct the paths. Keeping our network of footpaths clear and accessible is a legal requirement and helps ensure everyone can continue to enjoy the beauty of our shared spaces. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

### ***District Councillor's Surgery***

District Councillor Steven Pashley is now running a surgery. The surgeries are to take place on the 3rd Thursday in the month, between 10-12 at Misson Village Hall (drop-in)

### ***Useful Contact Details***

**Highways Issues** (for example potholes, road defects, overgrown hedges, damaged signs/overgrown public footpaths).

These can be reported Nottinghamshire County Council via their website [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk) or by using the 'MyNotts' App. Or by contacting your County Councillor Tracey Taylor Cllr.tracey.taylor@nottsc.gov.uk

## **Environmental, planning and planning enforcement issues**

can be reported via the Bassetlaw District Council website [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk) or by contacting your District Council, Steven Pashley Email [steven.pashley@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk](mailto:steven.pashley@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk)

## **Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Dates**

Monday 7th April 2025

Monday 12th May 2025

Contact Details for the Clerk, Callum Bryant:

Email: [theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk](mailto:theclerk@evertonparishcouncil.uk)

Tel: 07362 287146

Parish Council documents including minutes, agendas and other local information can be found on the Parish Council's website:

<https://evertonparishcouncil.uk>

Parish Council meetings are normally held in the village hall and usually start at 7.15pm. Members of the public are always welcome to attend. Meetings normally take place on the first Monday in the month except when there is a bank holiday when the date will be scheduled as soon as possible after that date.

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## 76 YEARS OLD

It was a birthday celebration for Everton WI's March meeting. We were delighted to welcome visitors to this meeting. We were treated to a very informative and interesting talk given to us by Laurent Berges about his life as a French Chef and his role in education now. What an amazing career he has and we were so grateful that he was able to be with us.

We then indulged in the excellent birthday cake made by Diane Howe and rounded off the evening with a tasting quiz from Hazel – a really good end to a good evening.

Our April meeting is on Easter Monday evening and is all things Easter – so come along and join us as we start our 77th year.

ANN 818993

## THE LOST GARDEN

The Lost Garden team plan to work in the garden every Thursday 4.00pm - 6.00pm unless we post otherwise on the village Facebook page or on the blackboard.

Do come along and give us a hand if you can. There is always tea/coffee and cake!

## Tennis Courts

For newcomers to the parish, there are 2 good quality hard courts at the Recreation Ground off High St., accessible via coded padlock, which changes monthly. There is no tennis club, nor booking system.

Costs for playing for year commencing 1.4.25 are:- Parish-parents playing with own children, free of charge, otherwise,

Adult £50

Non-parish junior £16

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Full info on courts notice board or Mick Boulby 01777 817761, 07903 299 784.


## Everton Local History Evening

A dedicated group of volunteers has catalogued a significant collection of Everton's local history, donated by the late Alan Berry, whose passion was preserving our village's heritage. Now housed in the Village Hall, it features articles and accounts of Everton's development.

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## PEAT FREE COMPOST

Garden Holders' March meeting was an evening of learning about an alternative to composts containing peat. The harvesting of peat is a problem as it is devastating areas of natural beauty and, more importantly, damaging wild life habitats that are difficult to restore. Ellie came to talk to us about compost that is made from the waste from coconuts and which can be used to replace peat composts. The other benefit from this compost is that it gives employment to people in these countries. There will be chance to see Ellie again when she will be at the Arts & Crafts and Open Gardens Day on Sunday 22 June. In the meantime, please look in your local garden centre for these peat free alternatives.

Our April meeting on Monday 14 April is a talk on Clumber Walled Garden by the very knowledgeable Maggie Watkins – so do come along. Visitors welcome for a small charge.

May is a busy month – on Wednesday 14 May we will be joining Gringley and Misterton Gardening Clubs at Gringley Village Hall to hear the well known chef Rachel Green with 'The Plot Thickens' – a talk about how to use the vegetables from your garden. So come along, Sue Hughes (07921 132889) has the tickets which are £10.00 to include refreshments. It will be a great evening.

We also have our Annual Plant Sale and Craft stalls on Sunday 18 May in the Village Hall - lots of stalls and delicious refreshments including bacon butties. So put this date in your diary, more details next month.

**Ann 818993**

## Village Coffee Morning

The dates for April coffee mornings are TUESDAY 8TH and TUESDAY 22ND – so we look forward to seeing you all then. Times are 10.30 – noon in the Village Hall – everyone welcome.

See you there. **Ann 818993**

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## Wednesday Dance Classes

Everton village hall, 4.00 to 6.30 pm..

4:00-4:45pm - Mini + Junior Ballet and Tap

4:45-5:15pm - Mini + Junior Movers

5:15-6:00pm - Mini + Junior Acrobatics

## And finally.....

It is never too late to be what you might have been.

**George Eliot**

## May deadline

The May deadline will be the 15 April.

**Editorial Team**

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### VE Day 80th Anniversary – Everton Parish afternoon tea

**Date:** Sunday May 11th, 2025

**Time:** 2:00pm to 6:00pm

**Location:** Everton Village Hall

Come dressed up in 1940s / WWII fashion, enjoy afternoon tea, hot drinks live singing, opportunity to dance, games and best dressed competition.

**Tickets now on sale to Everton Parish residents in the first instance until 26<sup>th</sup> April, £10 for adults and £5 for children. Contact:**

Viv and Tom Preece: email [vivienne.preece@outlook.com](mailto:vivienne.preece@outlook.com) or call 01777472396

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Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise notated

TUESDAY - CHOIR 8.00pm VH  
THURSDAY - TABLE TENNIS,  
SNOOKER, VH - 7.30pm  
- BASSETLAW MOBILE SHOP  
12.15PM - 1.15pm  
WEDNESDAY - DANCE CLASSES 4pm-6.30pm  
FRIDAY - LITTLE LAMBS  
9.30-11am term time - VH

**1st** KNITTING GROUP – 10.00am VH  
OIL ORDERING DEADLINE  
**7th** PARISH COUNCIL - 7.15pm VH  
**8th** VILLAGE COFFEE, VH 10.30 - NOON  
**13th** PALM SUNDAY, HOLY TRINITY –  
11.15am Holy Communion  
**14th** GARDEN HOLDERS – VH 7.30pm  
**15th** KNITTING GROUP – 10.00am VH  
HEDS DEADLINE  
**17th** MAUNDY THURSDAY  
HOLY TRINITY - 7.30pm  
Tenebrae Service  
**18th** GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY TRINITY –  
10.30 a.m. Messy Easter  
**20th** EASTER SUNDAY  
6am Sunrise Service at Pusto Hill  
10.30am Holy Communion  
at St Nicholas Bawtry  
**21st** WI - see notice – 7.30pm VH  
**22nd** VILLAGE COFFEE, VH 10.30 - NOON

## May and on.....

7th May - Archives in VH  
11th May - VE Celebrations  
30th May - MND Concert  
6-8th June - Everton Art Group Exhibition  
22nd June - Open Gardens and Craft  
Demonstrations

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