

May 2025

HEDS

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EVERTON VILLAGE HALL



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 26th April, £10 for adults and £5 for children. Contact:

Viv and Tom Preece: email vivienne.preece@outlook.com or call 01777472396

Laurent Berges and Caroline Lamb: email laurentberges7@gmail.com or text 07933170764

Sue Ross: email rossko2004@hotmail.com or call 01777816142

Diane Howe: email dehowe@hotmail.co.uk or text 079033825082



Metcalfe Trust

Car Park Work

The car park at the ground is finished, we cannot open it until the lamp post at the front on High Street has been moved by the council. This work has been paid for, and we are just awaiting the day it is moved.

Play Park

The reinstallation of the play park is in hand, we are installing a fence above the drop-down bank to the tennis courts first and then the equipment. We have several designs and costs for the new toddler play equipment and are awaiting two more. Once we have these, we will consult with users on which designs they prefer.

Changing Rooms

The brick changing rooms have been converted to a temporary facility for the bowlers and cricketers to use. It now has ladies and gent's toilets, hot water and is clear of old equipment ready to use.

We were delighted to learn that our bid for £20,000 to the Nottinghamshire Local Community Fund to further improve this facility had been successful. This will allow us to add an accessible toilet, heating, new flooring and a new roof. This work is likely to start in the early autumn.

Lost Garden

Our grant to the lost garden team has been used to re-roof the old potting shed, the team have also dug the pond, discovered an old sun trap seating area and put on a new hedge line and gate.

Whoooops...

I am full of admiration for the dog owners of Everton. They walk their pooches past our wall, morning and night, rain or shine, windy or calm. They stop to let their treasured pet sniff those important messages left on posts and wheels. They remember their poo bags and dutifully recover the excrement.

But, just very occasionally, the canine slips in a drop unexpectedly. One such was left outside my car parked on the drive, and yes, dear HEDS reader, I trod in it unawares, and transferred it to both pedals, and car mat. Maybe the drop was surreptitious and unobserved, or maybe the poo bag had been left at home. Whatever, the result was an unpleasant half hour of gouging, scraping, washing and scrubbing. You know who you are, or to be charitable, I hope you don't.

Tom Swallow

Mobile Library visits to Everton 2025

Friday - May 16th.

Everton - Windy Ridge/Roe Lane

June 13th.

Arrive

July 11th.

14:40. Depart. 14:50

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The Librarianist

by Patrick deWitt

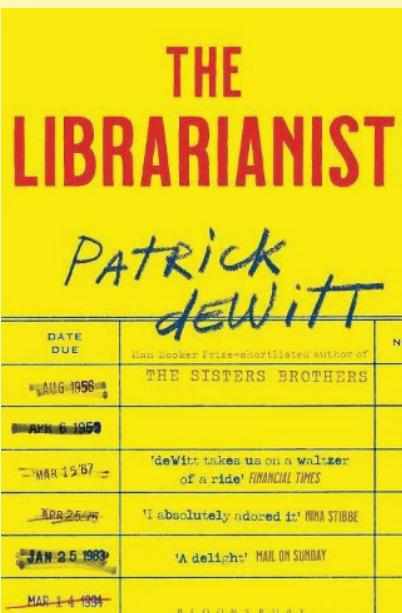
Bob Comet is the librarianist of the title, who has always lived for books. He is described as "not unhappy" and seventy-one years of age. A solitary man who fills his days with simple pleasures, such as reading, cooking and walking.

We catch up with Bob in 2005 when he rescues an elderly woman he bumps into at a 7-Eleven, where he's gone for coffee. The young cashier doesn't know what to do with her. She's been staring at the chilled drinks fridge for almost an hour. Bob reads the label attached to her clothing and discovers her name is Chip. He manages to get her home to a care facility and before you know it he's a volunteer, expanding his world and getting to know the residents.

A coincidence at the care facility occurs that shocks Bob and propels the story back to Bob's youth. We are back in the 1940s and 50s when Bob's love of books begins. You get the impression that it is books that rescue Bob from the reality of the hurly-burly of school, his life at home with a mother that doesn't understand him, and his general aloneness. He becomes a librarian, and takes on his mother's house when she dies. You imagine a quiet, solitary, bookish life for Bob, and he does too. And then he meets Connie.

The book describes his relationship with Connie, similarly a person who doesn't fit in but for quite different reasons. There's also his sudden friendship with Ethan, who turns up at the library car park one day, too afraid to go back to his apartment across the road, and the angry policeman inside it. Bob's life has suddenly a friend and some romance in it – until suddenly it doesn't.

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"Pupils and staff get on well at this school. Relationships are consistently positive." Ofsted 2023

The Summer term is a wonderful time of year as our children complete their academic work and display their successes and progress. It is also when we need to make the most of the time we have left with our wonderful Year 6 children before they depart for their chosen secondary schools. With that in mind, our Year 6 children are now attending school wearing their 'Leavers 25' hoodies which look incredibly smart.

Before the Easter holidays our Year 5 children completed their DAaRT course and took part in their DAaRT Graduation. The DAaRT sessions are designed to equip young people with the knowledge and skills they need to transition from primary to secondary school. It also helps them to develop the social and emotional skills required to overcome challenges they may face.

At Everton Primary School we are incredibly fortunate to have such kind and supportive parents. Therefore, can I say a huge 'thank you' to Mr Coe and Retford Readymix Concrete and Screed Ltd (www.retfordreadymix.co.uk) for all their hard work and donations towards improving our 'Top Nursery' area in the EYFS. 'Thank you' also to MKM Building Supplies (www.mkm.com) who kindly donated the units and worktop. It has made a huge difference visually to the EYFS but will also improve the area for our Nursery and Reception children.

A reminder that this year we are offering private music sessions for babies, toddlers and children under the age of 5 years on a Wednesday morning in school from 10-11am courtesy of 'Jack in the Box Musical Memories'. Please contact Elaine on 07717758458 or email: bielbyelaine@gmail.com for more details.

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

Andrew Green
Headteacher

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The past month saw the 3 longest run of my Leeds 2025 training program with 18, 20 and 22 miles ticked off with my running buddy from Retford AC Danny Crossland.

The other great news is that with still a few weeks to go to the marathon my initial fundraising target of £1000 has been hit and puts us in the top 10% of fundraisers in the Rob Burrows Leeds Marathon 2025.

A huge thanks to everyone who has made this happen and helping MNDA in their research to combat this cruel disease.

I have increased my target by a further £500 in an attempt to get further funds.

So if you have yet to contribute please follow the link on Just Giving #therunninggrandparidesagain (all one word) and help me reach my new target.

Again a huge thank you so much for your support



VE day celebration

11th May 2025 2pm to 6pm

Last few tickets are still available for this event on 11th May, but only until 3rd May when final numbers are needed for The Village Yurt to provide us with our commemorative afternoon tea.

We have live music, good food, memorabilia and an opportunity to dance! What else could you want from a Sunday afternoon.

Please support us as we remember this special day and the impact the sacrifices made have had on our lives. As the years pass it is so important that we continue to celebrate this joyous day and the heroic work that led to the victory.

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Dear friends,

I am delighted to share some good news about the development of rural ministry in this northern part of the Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham.

Alongside my current role as Vicar of Bawtry with Austerfield, Misson, Everton and Mattersey, I am taking up a commission for the next 5 years to serve as the Lead Mission Enabler (LME) across a cluster of 4 Benefices.

Our cluster will include the following Benefices;

1 River Idle Benefice (Bawtry with Austerfield, Misson, Everton, Mattersey)

2. Blyth, Scrooby and Ranskill

3. Oswaldbeck (Gringley-on-the-hill, Misterton, Clayworth, Walkeringham, Becketham, West Stockwith)

4. Idle and Sands (Sutton cum Lound, Scofton, Babworth, Elkesley, Bothamsall, West Drayton, Eaton, Gamston)

Each Benefice will have an ordained leader (known as Mission Associates) who will work under the strategic leadership of the LME, with a renewed focus on growing disciples and being future focussed as we seek to reach younger generations with the good news of Jesus Christ. I will be working closely within the cluster with our retired clergy and Self Supporting Ministers and will be supported by a number of other new roles, including a full time Operations Manager. Funding for this Cluster project has been secured by the Diocese from the Church Commissioners as part of a broader sweep of revitalisation projects across the diocese.

I wanted to make you aware of this initiative at an early stage and will keep you updated as progress is made over the next few months. Please join me in praying as we seek to follow where the Lord is leading us.

Every blessing,

Becky

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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.

Off-Road Vehicles on Bridleways and Byways

There have been recent reports of individuals riding motorbikes and quad bikes on local bridleways and restricted byways, which is both illegal and damaging to the environment. These routes are intended for walkers, cyclists, horse riders, and other non-motorised users. If you witness anyone using these vehicles inappropriately, please report it by calling 101. Every report helps inform police priorities and supports efforts to protect our shared spaces.

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.

Friends of Everton Cemetery

Friends of Everton Cemetery assist the parish council in maintaining the cemetery on Mattersey Road, organising tidy-up sessions, installing signs and carrying out minor repairs. The group also undertake periodic visual safety inspections and arrange for work to be carried out by the contractor. This informal group warmly welcomes new members, and no specific skills are required. If you are interested in joining and helping make a significant difference to our cemetery's upkeep, please contact the parish clerk.

Revision of The Neighbourhood Plan

We are preparing for the update of The Neighbourhood Plan. The current version is due for revision, which will start in the next twelve months, and members of the Council will begin the process of consultation and redrafting. The next step will be to make contact with Bassetlaw District Council to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council. This initial meeting will set out plans for the wider consultation processes.

Neighbourhood Watch

The Parish Council is seeking to form a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in the village and is calling upon those volunteers who want to be part of the scheme to contact the Clerk to express an interest.

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.

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 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 or by contacting your District Council, Steven Pashley Email steven.pashley@cllr.bassetlaw.gov.uk

Upcoming Parish Council Meeting Dates

Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting: Monday 12th May 2025

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 2nd June 2025

Contact Details for the Clerk, Callum Bryant:

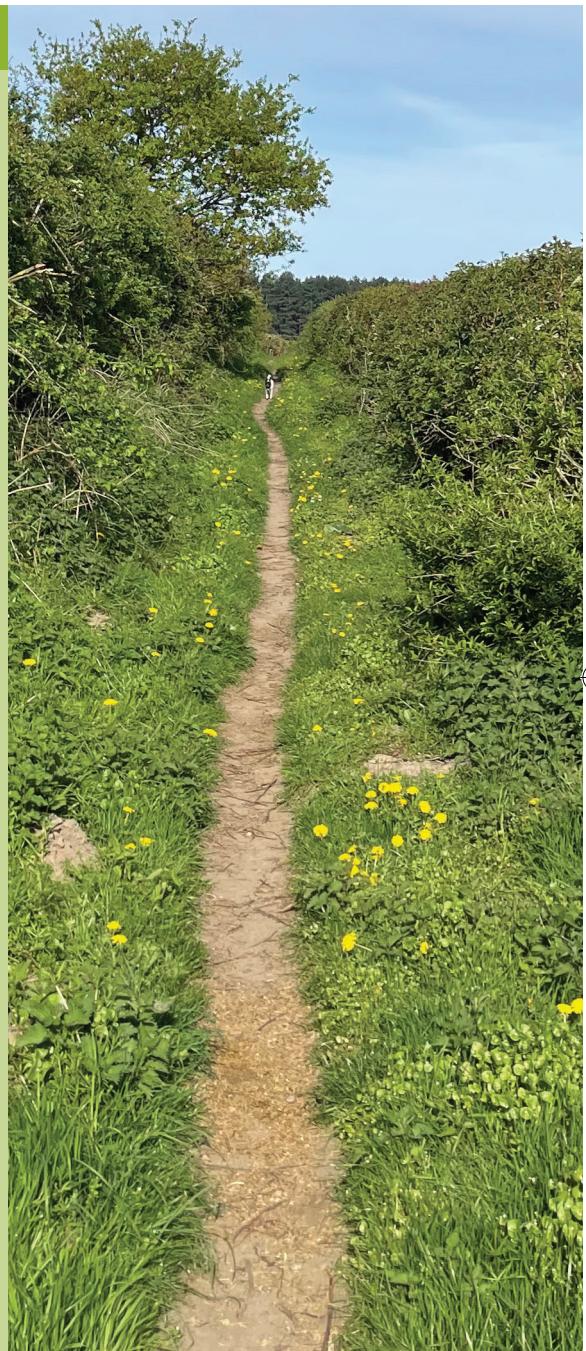
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Parish Council documents including minutes, agendas and other local information can be found on the Parish Council's website:

<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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TONY'S TOPICS

VE 80 Celebration

On the 8 May, the Country will commemorate the end of WW2 in Europe, celebrations are set to run for several days, starting with a Military parade and fly past over London on the 5 May.

Many of these celebrations will be sanitized and I don't mean that in a disrespectful way. When looking back at events it is very difficult to get a true feel for the suffering and deprivations of that generation of the 40's and 50's. Food rationing didn't end until July 1954.

Some villagers probably had parents who survived the war years. The generation that "did their bit". Those memories are possibly fading. However, I still remember my mother's stories of driving a crane in a large steelworks at the age of 18. Her 21st birthday night spent on the night shift. No doubt many of you may have similar stories.

Please treasure these memories. Remember and honour all of that generation for the sacrifices they made.

Finally, as they say, "a picture paints a thousand words".

Tony





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Read 'A Brief History of the Countryside in 100 Objects' by Sally Coulthard, I have read short stories of discovered objects which bear evidence of mankind's early history as we have negotiated the world for several millennia.

The book takes us through a great span of time from 9500 BC to recent times and the one realisation I have is how rapidly we now find ourselves disconnected from the Eden this world once was. Inhabitants of cities around the world are born, married, have children and pass away without leaving the glass, toxic air, concrete and tarmac that surrounds and envelopes them.

We are fortunate to live in this rural environment but do we really value the ever declining natural environment that surrounds us? We cut down trees, kill hedges, bait Badgers, kill Fox's, torment Hares, shoot that which displeases us for entertainment and we value little in the natural world. This assumption that the natural world is there solely for our dominion or destruction leaves us in a precarious position. Every thing in this world is interconnected and we deny or ignore this at our peril.

Our ancestors found many uses for all the world provides but lived with an appreciation of what the environment gave them and at a time before our many religions of worshiping a higher being they honoured the world and its contents.

So where are we now? Today we honour the gods of social media, money, and the momentary fix of shopping as we pass through life without seeing the natural world. It is true that as we are born and see the world we do assume that it is as has always been, when it is not. Our lives however are so short that we cannot witness the great changes we bring about with our consumption of stuff. Now through ignorance our country is

one of the most nature depleted in the world. We have benefited from our undoubted ability to be creative. We have increased our life expectancy, comfortable quality of life, means of travel, unacknowledged comfort of knowing food is always available at the supermarket and sent influencers into partial orbit, but all at what cost? Will we just amuse ourselves into extinction?

Only time will tell.

All the above is ours to enjoy. However the majority of the world live day to day on a thin thread of existence as their environments ability to support them declines.

What decisions we make to change any of this is only up to us.

The sands of time quickly slip through our fingers, so enjoy this privileged life, but can we think of the rest of this world while taking our pleasure and connect again with the environment we all share?

If we can then we can turn around this World of Eden Lost and rebuild the Eden our ancestors found.

NAME OF AUTHOR KNOWN TO EDITOR

DINGBAT PUZZLE from Bryan Atkinson

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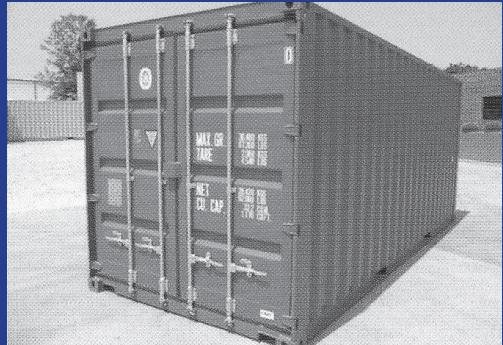
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Everton WI met on Easter Monday for a very amusing evening. Under the tutelage of Diane and Angela we were shown how to make the origami cranes which Everton WI are making to commemorate VJ80 on 15 August. Most people were very adept at following the instructions and more cranes were added to the target of 1000 ready for August.

Afterwards Margaret Wiles masterminded a very noisy session of bingo – lots of chocolate eggs were won amid a lot of laughter. Many thanks to Diane, Angela and Margaret for entertaining us. Our May meeting on Monday 19 May will be a session of Tai Chi – so please come along, Visitors very welcome for a fee – it will be a good evening

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Raymond Harris

OPEN GARDENS AND CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS

After the successful Arts & Crafts Exhibition in the Church in aid of the Tower Restoration we are holding a Sunday of Craft Demonstrations and Open Gardens on Sunday 22 June – please look at the advert in this month's HEDS. We have craft demonstrations in the Church and Village Hall and beautiful gardens to walk round. Also there will be a chance to have a go at bowls with the Bowling Club.

If you would like to open your garden, please let us know. It will give people such pleasure to see them. Also we are looking for sponsorship for the event. All profits to go to the Church Restoration Fund.

Sid 07745 533216 or Ann 818993

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.

Join us at the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th May, at 7 pm to explore The Alan Berry Local History Collection and learn more about our fascinating past.

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A HISTORY AND TOUR ROUND CLUMBER

Garden Holders April meeting was a tour round the grounds of Clumber with a history of the house by Maggie Watkins. It was a very interesting evening hearing about the house and the enormous gardens. At one time there were 60 gardeners working there and the Head Gardener had a house built for him. Clumber has the National Rhubarb collection— well worth a visit.

On 18 May we have our Annual Plant Sale and bazaar with local traders. So come along and stock up your garden from our plants and also get some lovely craft items. No need to make breakfast or lunch either as bacon and sausage butties and homemake cakes – we look forward to seeing you between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m.

Ann 818993

Parochial Church Meeting

Sunday 11th May, 12.30pm. Annual Parochial Church Meeting in church. All welcome.

Church Register

Baptism of Frederick Nigel Wilson on Sunday 6th April. Welcome Frederick to the family of Holy Trinity Church in Everton.

Village Coffee Morning

The dates for May coffee mornings are TUESDAY 13TH and TUESDAY 27TH – 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**

Dingbats: TEARING APART

LONG IN THE TOOTH

THANK YOU

Sadly we have to say thank you this month to two people who have done so much for HEDS. Val Kirby has delivered HEDS on Bawtry Road for several years. Sadly she is moving out of the Everton and will no longer be able to do this. Thank you Val for all the times you have delivered HEDS in all weathers. We wish you happiness in your new home.

Also we say thank you and farewell to Val Ashton who has been doing our book reviews for several years. These are so enjoyed by many people and her suggestions have been taken up and read. We wish you happiness in your new home and hope you manage to move all your books.

Many thanks from the Editorial Team

WELCOME to Larent and Caroline who have offered to take over from Val and deliver HEDS on Bawtry Road, we are very grateful to you both.

Editorial Team

A VACANCY HAS OCCURRED

Sadly with Val leaving we are in need of a book reviewer for HEDS – we know there are a lot of avid readers in Everton – so please can you help with your recommendations. Please contact me –

Ann

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

June deadline

The June deadline will be the 15 May.

Editorial Team

Useful phone numbers

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Weekly Meetings - All Village Hall unless otherwise noted

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

6th KNITTING GROUP – 10.00am VH
OIL ORDERING DEADLINE

7th LOCAL HISTORY EVENING
7.00pm VH

11th HOLY TRINITY
11.15am Holy Communion
12.30pm – APCM – see note
VE CELEBRATIONS VH 2.00 P.M.

12th ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL
MEETING – VH 7.315pm

13th VILLAGE COFFEE, VH 10.30 - NOON

15th KNITTING GROUP – 10.00am VH
HEDS DEADLINE

17th CRICKET V WALESWOOD SPORTS
2ND XL

18th GARDEN HOLDERS PLANT
SALE & CRAFT FAIR
VH see note 10.00am – 2.00pm

19th WI - see notice – 7.30pm VH

27th VILLAGE COFFEE, VH 10.30 - NOON

30th MND CONCERT VH – see note

June and on.....

6-8th June - Everton Art Group Exhibition
22nd June - Open Gardens and Craft
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