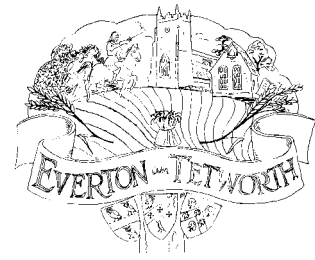


EVERTON VILLAGE SOCIETY



CREATION OF THE EVERTON VILLAGE SOCIETY

An open meeting was called in the village hall on 15th November 1996 for all those interested in creating a new Society for the village to continue work started by The Heritage Society (production and erection of a village sign) and to organise social events. 26 people attended.

The first meeting was held on 10th December 1996 at The Birches, Church Lane, Everton and it was decided to name it The Everton Village Society.

A Committee was elected and The Constitution was discussed for preparation.

An annual membership fee of just £1 was agreed upon to run from the Annual General Meeting, which still stands today. Membership Cards were introduced at the AGM in 1998.

The Constitution was ratified at the EVS meeting held on 21st January 1997.

The inaugural event was a Cheese and Wine held in February 1997 at The Smithy, Church Lane, Everton and it was agreed to hold this event annually and was combined with The Annual General Meeting in 1998.

The first Annual General Meeting was held on 28th April 1997.

SPECIAL EVENTS & PROJECTS

The Everton Village Society has, over the past 20 years, been involved in some events and projects which require a special mention.

EVERTON VILLAGE SIGN

The Society continued managing the funds raised from VE celebrations, an open garden event and a £350 contribution from Lefarge Redlands, to organise the production and erection of a carved village sign. A £250 grant was also awarded.

This project involved a lot of work and organisation. Glyn Mould produced the sign.

The Society adopted the sign temporarily before handing it over officially to The Parish Council.

The new village sign was unveiled on 28th June 1998.

The village sign was chosen as the Everton Village Society letterhead.

MILLENNIUM AWARDS FOR ALL GRANT

This was an award of £750 to The Society for a bulb planting scheme to mark the new Millennium. 6,000 bulbs (daffodil, snowdrop and crocus) were planted around the village. These were planned to divide and grow to enhance the village for years to come. Many residents, including the Village School were involved in the planting of bulbs for this successful project.

The results are there for all to see

PRESENTATION OF REPLICA PLAQUE

We had a replica plaque made of the one on the wall in Everton Village Hall and presented it to the Orthodox Church in Prague to replace the one that had been stolen. Only 3 plaques were made commemorating the 2 fighters who flew to Czechoslovakia under the SOE code name Operation Anthropoid, to assassinate Reinhard Heydrich who was considered to be Hitler's 2nd in command.

After considerable time and effort Michael found a supplier in Wales who was able to provide a complete replica of the plaque (with badges).

On 17th June 2010 Michael, accompanied by Vera and Historian Neil Reiss, travelled to Prague to present this replica plaque in the church from whence it was lost. Veterans and dignitaries, including the Military Attache of Czechoslovakia and Great Britain and The British Ambassador attended this presentation.

This was a proud moment in the history of Everton Village Society.

JUBILEE MEDALS

To commemorate the Queens Diamond Jubilee, in June 2012 the Society supplied and presented Jubilee Medals to all pupils at Everton Village School.

DONATIONS BY THE SOCIETY

Over the years the Society has made various donations within the Village including:-

£200 to the Church from the Harvest Supper.

Donation towards the village sign.

Three donations to the village hall of £263,£153 and £100 from musical evenings.

A yearly donation of £30 is made towards the upkeep of the planters at each end of the village.

£198 for the relocation of defibrillator

£250 towards the new church lock

£300 for refurbishing the park swings

£200 to the Sue Ryder St Johns Hospice

THE HISTORY SOCIETY

This Society ran independent meetings but had an association with the Everton Village Society. Bernard O'Connor was on both Committees.

FILM SHOWINGS

EVS have held several film showings over the years which have been held at Tempsford Barn, Fernbury Farm, Sandy Upper School and the Village Hall. These have attracted a large audience. Fish/chicken and chip suppers were included.

Films shown were:-

'Now Their Story can be told' Several showings of this film. Operations flown from Tempsford Airfield.

'Carve Her Name with Pride' The story of Anna Szarbo

'The Cruel Sea'

'Operation Anthropoid'

EVENTS AND VISITS

Annual AGM / Cheese and wine in April

Annual Christmas mulled wine and cheese event in December

Visit to Tempsford Airfield Museum with a talk.

Harvest Supper. A joint venture with the Church Social Committee.

Visit to the Cecil Higgins Art Gallery and Museum, Cambridge.

Visit to Bletchley Park.

Punting on the River Cam.

Jazz evening and dinner – Roof Garden Restaurant Cambridge.

Wine tasting evening with meal at Ken and Julie Vivienne's house

Visit to Buckingham Palace and a boat cruise to Greenwich.

Visit to Chatham Dockyard.

Wimpole Hall Halloween special event.

EVS barbeques at Michael and Gillian Flack's house.

Visit to Windsor Castle.

Wine tasting event in the village hall.

Biggleswade Flower Club - flower arranging.

Visit to the Raptor Centre. Bird of prey flying plus BBQ.

Live Music Evening by Folklore in the village hall.

Bedford Community boat trip.

Visit to Zwetsloots wildlife lakes in Blunham.

Live 60's to 80's music evening by Dave Parry in the village hall.

The Captain's Table - boat cruise on the Ouse with meal

Burns Night

GARDEN VISITS

Ely Cathedral Garden Festival

Toddington Manor Farm

Cambridge Botanical Gardens visit

The gardens at DOCWRA Manor, Shepreth

The gardens at Turvey

Barnsfield Gardens, Rutland. (Owned by Geoff Hamilton)

Hampton Court House and gardens

Elton Hall and gardens

Henry Moore's studio and sculpture garden – Hoglands

Manor House, Stevington

Burghley House and gardens

Swiss Gardens, Shuttleworth

Kathy Brown's garden, Stevington

Bennington Open Gardens

Many of the garden visits were also accompanied by a lunch or cream tea either prior to or during the garden visit.

WALKS

Walk around Redlands Landscape Pits

Bluebell walk - Guided walk through Everton Park Estate by A Pym

Warden Hill footpath - Historical walk down the footpath with Bernard O'Connor to discover Everton's pre-history

Roman historical guided walk through Everton with Bernard O'Connor

THEATRE TRIPS

'Don't Dress for Dinner' - Bedford Civic Theatre

'The Unexpected Man' - Cambridge Theatre

'Madame Butterfly' - Milton Keynes Theatre

Swan Lake on Ice - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Oklahoma' - Cambridge Arts Theatre

Agatha Christie's 'Then There Were None' - Cambridge Arts Theatre

Cinderella on Ice - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Calendar Girls' - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Chess' - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Lord of the Dance' - Milton Keynes Theatre

'The Mousetrap' - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Phantom of the Opera' - Milton Keynes Theatre

'Dance'til Dawn' - Vincent and Flavia - Milton Keynes Theatre

TALKS

'East Anglian Properties' by Veronica Bennett from the National Trust

'Putting a National Trust House to bed' by Veronica Bennett from The National Trust

'History of the Lodge' by Barry Groom from the RSPB

'Archaeology of Everton' by Bernard O'Connor

'The Inventor Dan Albone' by Ken Page

'Moggerhanger House' by Jenny Cooper

Talk on 'Shuttleworth House and Collection' by Ken Cox

'Czech Government exiled in Britain in World War 2' by Neil Rees

'Wildlife in Bedfordshire' by Peter Holden

'RSPB Past and Future' by Peter Bradley

Amusing speaker Linda Scoles – 'The Yanks are Coming'

Mercy Ship Volunteer Nurse, Veronica Weatherhead

All Talks were held in Everton village hall with refreshments provided by The Committee.

ANNUAL BLACK TIE DINNER VENUES

King's College Cambridge

Duxford Officer's Mess

St. John's College Cambridge

Shuttleworth Hall

Corpus Christi College Cambridge

peterhouse College Cambridge

Pembroke College Cambridge

St. Catherine's College Cambridge

Emmanuel College Cambridge

Moggerhanger Park

Queen's College Cambridge

Sidney Sussex College Cambridge

Girton College Cambridge

Westminster College Cambridge

Christ's College Cambridge

Jesus College Cambridge

Downing College Cambridge

This is an opportunity to put your finery on and dine in a Cambridge College in a private dining room steeped in character and be waited on. This annual event is held on the last Saturday in November but arrangements start in March in order to secure a suitable venue. Jan Bush and Vera are responsible for the arrangements

and the Committee decide on the menu which can prove taxing trying to accommodate all the different dietary requirements!