

Evesham and District
Pensioners Association

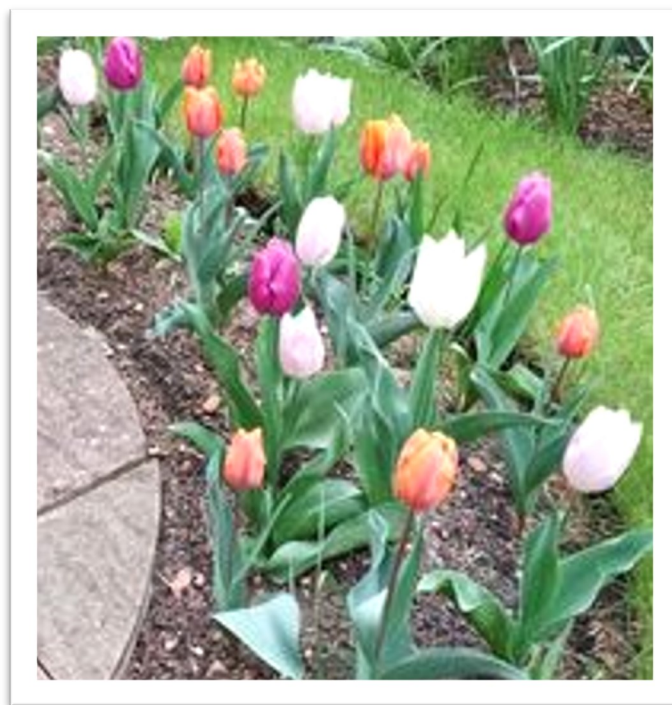


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NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Hasn't it been nice to see the spring flowers begin to emerge as the days have become sunnier? After what has been a very long, cold, rainy winter it finally lets us know that summer is just around the corner!

I have especially enjoyed seeing the faces of passers by as they walk past the front garden and see our tulips. Who doesn't love seeing flowers?



This edition of the EDPA Newsletter is in memory of Peter Griffiths.

The recent passing of Councillor Peter Griffiths has had an impact on Evesham Council and our community as a whole.

Peter was a friend of the EDPA, having recently funded and organised a visit to the Envirosort Recycling Centre alongside fellow Councillor, Emma Stokes.

GALLERY



SOCIALS REVIEW

JANUARY

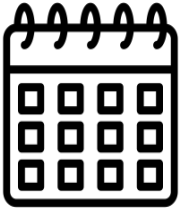
We started the New Year off with a quiz to get the old grey matter working hard! We also enjoyed a raffle along with refreshments.

FEBRUARY

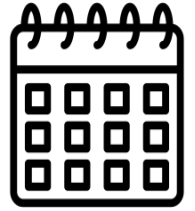
In February, we had our Valentine's Day social with entertainment from Chris Beard (who didn't want to stop singing)! Many of us even had a dance along to the tunes we all remember and know. Afterwards, we had a lovely buffet and finished off in the usual way with a raffle. Thanks to all of you who helped out and gave a donation to the raffle!

MARCH

What a wonderful turnout for local historian, Stan Brotherton who gave us a wonderful talk on Evesham's past. I am sure we all found it very interesting for those of us born outside the Vale (myself included) as well as for those who are Asum born and bred!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



28th May

Charity Event

25th June

Guest speaker from West Mercia Police

23rd July

Summer Social with singer

27th August

Quiz and bingo

24th September

Guest speaker from H&W Fire and Rescue

22nd October

Halloween Social & Harvington Ukulele Band

26th November

AGM with fish & chips

Christmas Dinner

CRAFTY CHAT CLUB

The Crafty Chat Club continues to be a great way for many members to come together and learn new skills, bring their own projects and of course, enjoy some company!

If anyone is interested in joining us, we meet every other Thursday at 10:00 at Wallace House.

We hope to make a project at the first meeting of each month. In May, we will be knitting Trauma Teddies which we will donate to the police who give these out to children they are called out to help. A pattern will be provided. Alternatively, if you have your own project to bring, want to learn how to knit or simply want to come along for some company, feel free! We have some wool which we can use but if you have any of your own or know of anyone who would be willing to make a donation of wool, we would really appreciate it!

Ann Dingley

Upcoming Crafty Chat Club Dates:

25th April

9th May

23rd May

6th June

20th June

4th July

18th July



MEN'S FORUM

The first quarter of 2024 has seen the Men's Forum hold their monthly meetings and lunch at the Orto Lounge and Monica's Fish bar & Café whilst Working World reorganise following their move from Wallace House to The Station House.

From April onwards, we will be meeting at St Mary and St Egwin's Catholic Church Hall, High Street, Evesham from where Working World will resume serving lunches.

Our first trip of the year took place in early April when we visited Weston's Cider Mill at Much Marcle, Ledbury where we enjoyed a tour of the Mill and a tasting session, followed by lunch in the Scrumpy House Restaurant.

In May, we will be visiting the Guide Dogs National Centre at Bishops Tachbrook, Leamington and in June we plan to visit RAF Cosford.

Mervyn Leggett

Upcoming Men's Forum Meeting Dates:

- Wednesday 15th May
- Wednesday 19th June

Meetings commence at 12:00 p.m.

New members are always welcome and should you know of anyone interested in joining then please pass on my contact details (see back page).



The NPC (National Pensioners Convention) works on the extensive issues affecting today's and tomorrow's pensioners.

They do this by:

- Engaging with and lobbying MPs, official bodies and organisations.
- Responding to consultations, circulating petitions and organising demonstrations.
- Issuing statements and press releases promoting their policies and views on particular issues and regularly appearing in the national and regional press.
- Developing detailed policies and research material to support arguments for improvements in pensions, healthcare, transport, housing and other crucial aspects of older living.
- Publishing leaflets, booklets, briefings, including the NPC Pensioners' Manifesto.
- Organising meetings around the country and holding events such as the Annual Convention.

The NPC encourages the involvement of pensioners. Whether you are interested in receiving a copy of their newsletter, wish to contribute to the NPC in some way or simply would like to find out more information, visit www.npcuk.org.

ENVIROSORT RECYCLING CENTRE

In March, some of our members were invited by Emma Stokes and the late Peter Griffiths to visit the Envirosort Recycling Centre just outside Worcester where we were shown exactly what happens to the things we throw in the bin and forget about. I think we all found the visit very informative; we saw what happens to our rubbish after it is taken away, learned how different materials are sorted out and learned just how much of our waste can actually be put to good use once we've thrown it out! Even the rubbish in our black bins gets sorted at the recycling centre and anything which can be reused is held back from going to landfill.

As a result, we all know more about the processes behind recycling now. As for rubbish which cannot be recycled, landfill is not the only option! We learned just how much is incinerated and used to generate energy, meaning that many energy companies no longer need to use fossil fuels at all. We even heard how a hibernating tortoise in a box accidentally ended up being thrown into the bin and making its way to Envirosort unknown to anyone. Luckily it was soon found walking across the car park and returned to its owner unharmed (but rather annoyed at having been woken up!)

NEW GROUPS

As we EDPA members are such a sociable lot, and with the recent successes of the Crafty Chat Club and the Men's Forum, I thought it only fitting that we continue to branch out and offer members places to enjoy their hobbies or even discover new passions.

To this end, we wanted to gauge your interest in the following ideas for new groups:

Walking Group

Don't worry, there won't be any cross-country treks or marathons; just a group where people can meet up, enjoy some fresh air and sunshine, and enjoy the beauty of our local area. There will be opportunities to stop at cafes and pubs for refreshments too!

Book Club

I have noticed how many of you love to read and thought you may enjoy being able to meet up and discuss your current reads!

If any of you would like to run or attend either of these groups or have ideas for new groups of your own, please let me know and I can help you set up the group!



QUICK QUIZ

1. How many kings named Edward have there been?

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2. If you visited Spain and asked for 'huevos', what would you be asking for?

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3. Where was newsreader Trevor McDonald born?

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4. What is the star sign of someone born between the 20th April and the 20th of May?

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Quiz Answers:

1. Eight 2. Eggs 3. Trinidad and Tobago 4. Taurus

POEM

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A.A. Milne

She wore her yellow sun-bonnet,
She wore her greenest gown;
She turned to the south wind
And curtsied up and down.
She turned to the sunlight
And shook her yellow head,
And whispered to her neighbour:

FUNNY STORY

Old friends Sylvia and Wanda meet up in heaven!

Sylvia: Hi Wanda!

Wanda: Hello Sylvia! How did you die?

Sylvia: I froze to death. It wasn't as bad as it sounds, though, at least it was a peaceful death. What about you?

Sylvia: A heart attack. I suspected my husband was having an affair so I tried to catch him. Instead, I found him by himself watching TV.

Wanda: What happened?

Sylvia: I was so sure that another woman was in the house that I started searching everywhere. I became so exhausted that I just keeled over and died!

Wanda: It's a pity you didn't check the freezer—we'd both still be alive!

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