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Welcome To The Latest Edition Of The Parish Magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News."

What's Inside

Welcome to the latest edition of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News" produced by your Parish Council. As usual, we keep you up to date with what is happening in the village and there is a lot happening at the moment: the new Visitor Centre, the development of the Thoresby Colliery site and the possibility of extending the Robin Hood Line to Edwinstowe. All these things could be positive for the village, ensuring the future prosperity of Edwinstowe and making it a very desirable place

to live, providing Edwinstowe residents are listened to. There will be consultations for residents and we urge you to let your views be known. The Parish Council and your District and County Councillors will certainly be speaking up for the village.

Please see inside for articles about all these matters and all the rest of the village news, including the decision to freeze the Parish Council share of the Council Tax (the parish precept) again.



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Parish Council Tax (the Parish Precept) frozen again for 2016/17

The Parish Council have frozen the Parish share of the Council Tax for 2016/17, following last year's reduction of 3.8% and 0% the year before that. Chairman of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said, "we've run a very tight ship and not wasted a penny of Edwinstowe Council Tax payers' money. It is remarkable we will have reduced the precept by nearly 4 per cent over three years but still make sure we managed to provide a skate park, a new children's play area, have taken over the car parks and village hall and our staff are out every day picking up the litter and looking after our village. Parish Councillors are all volunteers and give their time because they care about Edwinstowe and want to make sure it remains a village to be proud of." However, Chairman of the Finance Committee, John Peck warned residents, the precept could not remain frozen for ever as cost pressures continue to build up. He pointed out there are wage rises and other costs in future years. Also, Newark and Sherwood District Council have stopped their grant to the Parish Council for maintaining the public toilets on Mansfield Road. This amounts to a loss to the Parish finances of over £9000 every year. John said, "this is a big loss and we certainly won't be able to absorb all that. We've worked hard to keep costs down so there will be difficult decisions to make in future years."

The Robin Hood Line- the campaign rolls on

The campaign to extend the Robin Hood Line and re-open Edwinstowe station rolls on. The County Council commissioned a feasibility study by the train operator and Network Rail and it is hoped the outcome of that will be available soon. The County Council's Transport and Highways Committee is due to receive an update at the February meeting. Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck who sits on the committee says, "I've been pushing hard for the line to be opened to passengers and never miss an opportunity to make the case. I'm delighted, this now has backing from the main political parties including the local M.P., but it all depends on the finance.

The sums have to add up but I'm optimistic a government grant can be obtained to help towards the cost. I'm sure we'll know this year whether the scheme will go ahead or not. In the meantime, I will continue to push the case as hard as I can."

Edwinstowe Parish Council and the District Councillors are all behind the campaign. Paul Peacock said, "it would be great to see Edwinstowe station re-opened, but the financial case will have to be made and the train company need to be confident of success. I do know the main Robin Hood Line has definitely been a success."

The new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre- villagers want issues addressing

Since the announcement that the RSPB will be building the new Visitor Centre, there have been a number of rumours flying around the village- some of them wide of the mark. The Chad published an article quoting someone who said he represented "the Friends of Sherwood Forest" which was full of misinformation.

He even claimed to have seen the plans, when in fact they haven't been drawn up yet! However, Edwinstowe residents naturally want to find out as soon as possible what is happening and quite rightly, want to be listened to. Although the plans have not yet been drawn up, RSPB and County Council officers held two drop in events in the library during January for residents to ask questions and find out more.

There will be more formal consultation events when the plans are ready. We understand the architect has only recently been appointed and it will be some time before the plans are drawn and made available to the public. The January events were well attended and it is clear the most common concerns issues raised include the suitability of the location, what is happening to the fair, the cricket pitch, parking, traffic management and access to the cemetery.

The Parish Council had a meeting with RSPB and County Council officials and County Councillor, John Peck has been in regular contact, to seek assurances about all these matters and to get answers to some of the rumours. In no particular order, the following are the questions being asked:

Concern No. 1

Will the fair will be forced to close?" All your Parish, District and County Councillors have made it clear we want the fair to stay. It's been there a long time and is run by a well known local family. We have been given an assurance there has never been any intention to close the fair. However, it is true that the proposal is to build the new visitor centre on the present fair site. We are told an offer has been made to the fair owners to re-locate to a nearby site which we understand is Naish's Field. The fair owners do not have a lease to the present site. Each year, they are offered a licence to operate from March to October should they wish to take it. The site is empty for the rest of the year. However, although they may not have a lease, everyone knows the fair has been a tradition there for a long time. Understandably, the fair owner may be reluctant to move. However, it could be argued that despite the proposed move to an alternative site, the fair, like the craft centre and our High Street traders could benefit from the new visitor centre.

There are 370,000 visitors to the forest every year. Many go straight to the car park and then to the present visitor centre and into the forest. At the moment, many never come down to the village and spend money in our shops, the craft centre or the fair. When the new centre opens, the starting and finishing point for every visitor will be near the new visitor centre and the fair, so there is a greater likelihood that more people will spend more at our local businesses. Attracting visitors is important for Edwinstowe's economy and a thriving High Street is essential in making the village an attractive place to live. Many villages across the country are not so fortunate and have seen their shops, pubs and post offices close.

Concern No. 2

Will the cricket club be forced to close?" Councillors have been assured the cricket club will not be affected and there is no intention to close the cricket ground. There will be full consultation with the cricket club and the committee. In fact, with all the visitors starting and ending their visit in the area, rather than up in the forest, the cricket club may see this as an opportunity to raise some extra funds on match days and attract more spectators.

Concern No. 3

Will trees will be chopped down and the forest affected The plans haven't been drawn up yet, so we don't know whether any trees may be affected, but as the consortium is made up of the RSPB, the Sherwood Forest Trust and Thoresby Estates, they are all organisations which have conservation at the forefront of what they do. They will want to do their best to minimise any tree felling. In fact, the reason why a new visitor centre is being built is because English Nature have given notice to quit the present site because they want to extend the forest by planting hundreds of new trees where the existing visitor centre and car parks are situated.

Concern No. 4

Will dogs be banned from the forest?" Again, we have been assured this is not the case. Lastly, in relation to why they've chosen this particular location, the RSPB say they believe they have chosen the best location available, as they have a track record of building very attractive, award winning visitor centres in keeping with the setting and they want this centre to be in a natural forested setting and not in an open field. Also, they would like visitors to visit the centre and then be able to set straight off into the forest. They expect completion in 2018.

However, leaving aside the rumours and misinformation, your Parish Council, District and County Councillors believe there are genuine and important issues which must be dealt with and we expect the views of Edwinstowe residents to be heard. Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said, "in addition to ensuring the fair still has a site, certain other important matters must be addressed, such as the car parking, traffic management, security and access to the cemetery. We will be making sure the voices of Edwinstowe residents are heard. We also urge residents to make sure they have their say during the consultation stage".

Parish and County Councillor John Peck said, "Whilst I support the new visitor centre in principle, I share the concerns of villagers about many of these issues and have already met with officers several times to make sure these matters are going to be addressed. If the visitor centre is to be where it is proposed, then I believe most of the parking should be over on Naish's Field.

This means there would need to be a safe crossing installed and measures to slow traffic on Swinecote Road. Access to the cemetery is important and parking for parents of St. Mary's school children should continue. There may also be parking issues to deal with in the Paddock Close area. I will raise these matters at every opportunity."



MAJOR OAK MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Saturday Opening/Self Check In

For one week in November members of the Community Voluntary Service, the Practice Carers' Champion and PPG members were present in the surgery waiting room with a display, information packs and advice to give to known and potential carers of patients with long term conditions. If we didn't see you and you think you may be classed as a carer, whether partner, relative or friend of the patient contact the surgery for information.

Orchid Friendship Group has now come to Edwinstowe and meets on a Monday at Abbey Road Centre from 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. They offer breakfast, a light lunch and lots of interesting activities for a cost of £6.00 for the day. Day trips may also be arranged. For details contact Emily Knowles, Befriending Co-coordinator on 01623 884149 or 07834 793912.

Christmas Stall

The PPG had a stall at the Edwinstowe Christmas Lights Switch On event, we had a busy evening selling raffle tickets for a magnificent food hamper prize and raised £120.00 towards future projects at the surgery.

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Please remember to help the practice and other patients by cancelling appointments if you find you cannot attend.

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New Staff Member

The PPG would like to welcome newly appointed Reception Supervisor and Carers' Champion, Maria Needham.

Work starts on new Fourth Avenue play area

Work has started on providing a new play area for Edwinstowe's children on Fourth Avenue. The first phase will be completed in the Spring. The Parish Council promised to improve play and sporting facilities for our children and young people. To date they have:

- built the skate park
- installed new play equipment on Jubilee Park
- leased Sherwood Fields to Robin Hood Colts football club
- built a new play area on Fourth Avenue



The new Fourth Avenue play area has been funded by Section 106 money from housing developments, plus a successful Parish Council bid, supported by County Councillor John Peck for a £19,000 grant from a County Council fund and a donation by John from his divisional fund. Parish and District Councillor, Paul Peacock said, "I'm delighted we've been able to make this provision for our children. They need healthy outdoor activity and the play area will be open in time for the summer. This is a first phase and the Parish Council will be trying to raise further funds to add more equipment over the next year or two."



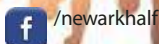
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Dog fouling- please scoop the poop!

Most dog owners in the village are responsible and do bag up the dog mess. The Parish Council has installed a number of dog bins around the village which most dog owners do use. However, Parish Councillors still receive complaints about dog fouling.

Complaints received recently relate to dog fouling in the Henton Road area and in particular between the jitty which runs from Gaitskell Crescent and Beardsley Road, and at St Mary's Church. The other complaint has been about the public bridleway which starts at the bridge on Rufford Road near the Dukeries. Parish Councillor, Dennis Tattersall says, "whoever isn't scooping it up, please do so! Make Edwinstowe a dog mess free zone!"

Edwinstowe residents will have been well aware that the High Street surface has been deteriorating in recent years. Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck has been pressing the County Council to re-surface it for some time and although he wasn't successful last year, it has now been agreed that

the much-needed work will be done this year. John said, "I've been told the work should be carried out around September time. I'm really pleased, because I go down the High Street most days and I've seen how badly the road is breaking up in some places." Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks agreed: "It'll be good to see the High Street re-surfaced. It's over twenty years since it was last done.

High Street to be re-surfaced this year

The High Street is so important to the village in helping to make Edwinstowe such an attractive place to live and the Parish Council have made a number of recent improvements:

re-painting all the street furniture, adding flower tubs and so on. The re-surfacing of the road will complete the job and we hope to see the Jug and Glass brought back in to use soon."

20mph zones around King Edwin and St Mary's Schools

The County Council has recently created 20mph school safety zones in the area around both our primary schools. This is part of a programme to improve safety around all Nottinghamshire's schools. Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck said, "I'm delighted this has now been done. It's about reminding drivers to be aware that children are in the area, especially at school opening and finishing times, and they need to take special care. Also, the zig-zag yellow lines outside the schools are now enforceable. They are there for children's safety and to give them a line of vision when crossing the road at the beginning and end of the school day. I know most parents do observe them but unfortunately most schools get the odd one or two who don't."



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Parish by-election called for 25th February

Following the sad death of Parish Councillor, Josie Cocking, a by-election will be held on Thursday 25th February to fill the vacancy.

In many Parish Councils can fill such vacancies by a interview.

However in this case, a group of residents (ten are required by law) have submitted a request to the election officer at Newark and Sherwood District Council for an election to be held. The Parish Council will therefore have to pay the cost of the election, which is likely to be about £5,000 (the charge to the Parish Council for the election last May was nearly £6,000).

Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group

At our Autumn Fair on 21st November in the Village Hall we were pleased to present a cheque for £5,000 to Mrs Marion Bates, a Trustee of the John Eastwood Hospice. This sum included £2,020 raised by Jean Frettsome and Tracey Wilson at their Garden Party held on 3rd October 2015. We continue to be very grateful for the work done by Jean and Tracey in raising money for The John Eastwood Hospice. The Autumn Fair itself was well supported and raised nearly £600 on the day.

The weather was kind for the Christmas Lights Switch-On held on 26th November on the High Street where our Hamper raffle and merchandise stall raised a magnificent £446!

Thanks to all who bought and to all who sold the tickets and helped on the day.

As well as these events three Christmas badge boxes placed in the village raised a further £183 so thanks to the Pet Shop, Chemists and the Post Office for holding our boxes and to all who donated.

By the time you read this we will have held our February Coffee Morning and we look forward to our popular Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on Saturday 21st May in the Village Hall and our Coffee Morning on Saturday 10th September.

It will not be long before we are able to present another large cheque to The John Eastwood Hospice!

**Thanks to all for your continued help and support.
Phil Robinson**

Tributes paid to Josie Cocking

It is with great sadness that we report the recent death of Councillor Josie Cocking. Josie was involved in local government for the past 20 years and made a valuable contribution to the Parish Council since her re-election in 2011.

Josie had lived and worked in Edwinstowe most of her adult life and was a keen trade unionist. She worked tirelessly for the rights of workers and was a regular contributor to the Chad Newspaper. She wrote letters covering a wide range of issues affecting people, both Edwinstowe residents and the wider community. She will be greatly missed.



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Two residents ask auditor questions- Parish Council could be billed thousands of pounds

Two Edwinstowe residents submitted a list of 32 questions to the independent auditor for the Parish Council during the annual audit.

The auditor is then entitled to charge the Parish Council for the extra work and the bill is likely to be several thousand pounds.

Several Parish Councillors have expressed anger that Edwinstowe Council Tax payers' money is having to be used in this way.

Chairman of the Parish Council Celia Brooks said: "The two people in question may wish to know the answers to certain matters for whatever reason but in the end this is Council Tax Payers' money which the Parish Council will have to pay out.

I'm sure all of these questions could have been answered by simply walking into the Parish office and asking the Parish Clerk. Any resident is entitled to ask questions about our accounts or anything else under the Freedom of Information Act.

Our books are open to any resident. We would happily answer any such questions without anyone needing to do what has happened here and landing Edwinstowe Council Tax payers with a huge bill.

This money could have been spent on facilities for the village, such as the new children's play area, or used to reduce the parish part of the council tax as we did this year."

Thoresby Colliery Site Proposals.

Many residents will have seen the sign outside the Thoresby Colliery site entrance put there by Harworth Estates to advertise the re-generation of the colliery site. There are no firm plans yet, but as we revealed in our last issue, the intention is to build houses and create jobs. Also to restore the spoil heap, planting it with trees and a viewing point at the top. Work on clearing the site commenced before Christmas.

The Parish Council will keep a close eye on this and once the plans come out, councillors and residents will certainly want to have their say. If there is to be housing, people will want to know, what kind of housing? Will there be housing that local people can afford and will there also be housing suitable for our young first time buyers or bungalows for the elderly? How many jobs will be created and what kind of jobs? Whatever the plan, it will have to go through a lengthy planning and consultation process before approval is given although we understand Harworth Estates would like to see the first houses completed next year. Edwinstowe residents and councillors will certainly have questions to ask about capacity in the doctors practice, school places, improving Ollerton roundabout and so on. We will keep you informed.





Will fracking come to Edwinstowe?

The answer is we don't know.

What we do know is that the Government has issued licences to petrochemical giant INEOS to explore for shale gas and coal bed methane across large parts of Nottinghamshire. Parts of Edwinstowe are included in the latest batch of licences, as an area where shale is present. At the moment, we should stress we have no knowledge that INEOS is intending to do any exploratory drilling in this area yet and if they do, whether it will lead to a commercial operation to "frack" in the Edwinstowe area. However, a concerned resident did raise the matter at the January Parish Council meeting and spoke about her concerns about the controversial method of extracting shale gas and oil. Several Parish Councillors said they needed to find out more about the process, particularly as this area is such a sensitive area in the heart of Sherwood Forest. Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said, "we need to find out more and if fracking does come to this area the Parish Council will have to listen to what our residents say."

Christmas Lights event-the best ever?

It seems a long time ago, but Edwinstowe's Christmas Lights switch on event, organised by the Parish Council with the support of local businesses, was possibly the best ever. The lights were switched on by the vicar of St Mary's Church, Rev. Tony Evans. The weather was kind and the High Street was packed with not only Edwinstowe residents, but many visitors. There was plenty of entertainment from our local singers, choirs, bands and entertainers and there were more stalls than ever. Parish Councillor, Karen Peck, who Chairs the events committee said, "A lot of work goes into this event, but it's worth it because these events bring everyone together and show what a thriving community we are. I'd like to thank all the businesses, entertainers and community groups who took part, Forest Holidays for supplying the Christmas Tree and also our wonderful Parish Council staff for all their hard work."

Parish Councillor Barbara Starbrook who has a business on the High Street said, "many of my customers have told me how good the Christmas event was this year and lots of people have commented on how good the lights were."

What is Fitness

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The classes are held on Mondays 9.30-10.30am and 10.45-11.45am and cost £4.50 per class or £8.00 for both classes.

The 9.30-10.30am class is based on aerobic routines set to music and are designed to improve general fitness and to aid weight loss and control.

The 10.45-11.45am class is a Pilates session where the exercises are done on a mat on the floor to tone and strengthen the muscles of your body. Pilates can be especially beneficial if you have back problems.

The classes are run by a mature, caring and experienced instructor and are suitable for all abilities and ages. You can choose to do 1 or both classes.

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1st Edwinstowe Scout Group

This year our Cubs are celebrating 100 years of scouting. They have lots of exciting things to look forward to including a Centenary Camp at Newark and an adventure day trip to London. They have been to Doncaster Dome and had a lovely day.

This year is the 30th Birthday of Beaver Scouts and we will be celebrating with lots of exciting events.

Our Explorer Scout section has now started and meet every Friday at the Church rooms with the Scouts. If you are aged 10 + and are interested just pop into the Church rooms and see Buzz or Skip.

Sherwood Forest Scout Post.

Thank you to the following shops: Locks Butchers, Co-op, Bargain Booze, Edwinstowe Chiropractor and The Pet shop. for selling stamps and having a card collection box for us. This was a success again this year and we hope to expand the delivery areas for next year.

HELP NEEDED

The Scout Group are looking for leaders. If you would like to help or need more information please ring Sue on 823761

Edwinstowe Scout Group would like to send condolences to the family of Josie Cocking, Josie had in the past been the group Chairman & committee member of the scout group.

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Council's unit for children with learning disabilities becomes community lifesaver

Anyone suffering a heart attack in the local community will be given a fighting chance of survival thanks to The Big House in Edwinstowe which has secured a public access defibrillator from the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

The portable device, which can be used by a member of the public to help restart the heart when someone has a cardiac arrest, will be placed in the entrance porch of the Nottinghamshire County Council residential unit which provides short breaks for children with learning disabilities.

The Big House has also been given a Call Push Rescue (CPR) kit by the charity which includes everything you need to learn CPR in half an hour.

Assistant care manager at The Big House Phil Rutherford said: "We are over the moon to receive this lifesaving package from the BHF. The Edwinstowe community will have easy access so that local people have the best chance of survival should they suffer a cardiac arrest.

"We're keen to run defib training sessions for the local community and also want to get as many people as possible trained in CPR. "For every minute that passes without defibrillation and CPR, chances of survival decrease by around ten per cent. So it's really important the people of Edwinstowe and visitors to the area know both of these vital steps to help someone in an emergency."

The County Council completed a rebuild of The Big House in October this year, making the purpose-built residential unit a fantastic resource for the children, young people and their families who use it.

Assistant programme director at the BHF, Judy O'Sullivan, said: "More than 30,000 people suffer a cardiac arrest outside of hospital every year, but less than one in ten survives." "More people could be saved if more defibrillators were available in public places and if more people felt confident using them and performing CPR.



"We're delighted that The Big House has joined our Nation of Lifesavers campaign by making another defibrillator available in Edwinstowe and teaching CPR locally. It could really make the difference between life and death."

If you, your community group or anyone you know would like to receive CPR and defibrillator training, please contact the duty manager at The Big House on 01623 822453.

For more information on how you can help BHF create a Nation of Lifesavers visit bhf.org.uk/lifesavers

For media enquiries, please contact Beth Richmond/Jen Sheriston in Communications and Marketing at Nottinghamshire County Council on 0115 977 3729/881 or email beth.richmond@nottsc.gov.uk or jen.sheriston@nottsc.gov.uk . To receive all of our press releases, follow us @nottscnews

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Major Oak Music pop choir raises £2800 for charity in their very first season of Christmas performances

The Major Oak Music pop choir enjoyed their very first Christmas concert season with four performances which raised an incredible total of £2800 for charity.

The pop choir started off the season with a performance at the annual switch on of the Edwinstowe Christmas lights, where they sang a variety of popular Christmas chart hits which encouraged everyone to get into the Christmas Spirit.

A highlight of the Christmas concert season was when the pop choir performed to a sell-out audience at the South Forest Complex in Edwinstowe. Thanks must go to the management and staff at South Forest, who supported this fundraising concert for Cancer Research UK, by generously allowing the use of their premises entirely free of charge.

Next saw the ladies of the pop choir performing in the annual 'Charity Christmas Spectacular' for the Guide Dogs for the Blind, at The Acorn Theatre in Worksop. The choir had been invited to perform at this event by local Edwinstowe musician and X Factor finalist, Pete

Jones, who organizes this extremely popular event each year.

Finally, the pop choir were pleased to perform a charity concert in aid of the Stroke Association, which was held at The Crossing Centre in Worksop. This was a wonderful evening, and a fantastic end to the concert season as the ladies of the pop choir received a well-deserved standing ovation from the audience.

The Major Oak Music pop choir is based in Edwinstowe, and was formed in April 2015 by Pauline Daghish. Remarkably, in only 10 months the choir has doubled in size, with over 40 members regularly coming along each week to enjoy singing classic chart hits, old and new. Ladies, if you enjoy singing, new members are always welcome. There are no auditions, and if you can't read music, then that's no problem either! Weekly rehearsals take place at 7pm on Monday evenings in the Church Rooms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe.

For further details, please contact Pauline on: 07450 316756, or visit www.majoroakmusic.co.uk

SHERWOOD FOREST PROBUS CLUB.

The Ladies Probus Club of Sherwood Forest and the Mens Probus Club of Sherwood Forest were both desperately short of members. The only decision seemed to be to disband as new members were not forthcoming. However, the Committees of the two clubs met on the 11th August 2015 and it was agreed to wind up both clubs and form a new club. This club will still be called the Sherwood Forest Probus Club and is open to any person over aged 53, retired or semi-retired and will meet at 11.30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month at the South

Forest Complex, Edwinstowe. The club is non-profit and non-fund raising, but is for people to meet together and listen to a speaker, have lunch and general chat. It is hoped that a Probus Club can therefore be kept in Edwinstowe. Any person interested in joining this new club please contact either President, V. Sales on 01623 822256 or Secretary K. Wardle on 01623 823006.



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Throughout 1915–17, the British Empire and France suffered more casualties than Germany, because of both the strategic and tactical stances chosen by the sides. Strategically, while the Germans only mounted one major offensive, the Allies made several attempts to break through the German lines. In February 1916 the Germans attacked the French defensive positions at Verdun. Lasting until December 1916, the battle saw initial German gains, before French counter-attacks returned matters to near their starting point.

Casualties were greater for the French, but the Germans suffered heavily as well, with anywhere from 700,000 to 975,000 casualties suffered between the two combatants. Verdun became a symbol of French determination and self-sacrifice.

The Battle of the Somme was an Anglo-French offensive of July to November 1916. The opening of this offensive (1 July 1916) saw the British Army endure the bloodiest day in its history, suffering 57,470 casualties, including 19,240 dead, on the first day alone. The entire Somme offensive cost the British Army some 420,000 casualties. The French suffered another estimated 200,000 casualties and the Germans an estimated 500,000.

Protracted action at Verdun throughout 1916, combined with the dreadful carnage at the Somme, brought the exhausted French army to the brink of collapse.

1916 also saw the battle of Jutland, the largest naval action of the war. Technically a battle that was won by Germany but strategically a victory for the British navy.

Edwinstowe lost three men to the war in 1916.

Sydney Rodgers was a private in the 8th Battalion Lincolnshire Regiment. He died on the 28th of February 1916 aged 20. He was the son of Charles and Alice Ann Rodgers of High St, Edwinstowe and younger brother of Bernard who was killed earlier in the war in 1914 in India. He was a farm labourer and was born in Sheffield, as were his parents and elder brother. He had two younger sisters, Alice and Phyllis Ada and two younger brothers, Ernest and Clarence. He is remembered on the memorial in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France.

Fred Rabbitt was a private in the Sherwood Foresters 1st Battalion (Nottingham and Derbyshire) Regiment. He was killed on 8th July 1916 and is buried at the Dantzig Alley British Cemetery, Mametz, Somme, France. He was the son of Maria Rabbitt and the late Samuel Rabbitt of High St, Edwinstowe. Fred was the husband of Edith Harriet Rabbit of 30 Gilbert Road, Bircotes, Harworth Notts. Fred, and his brother Harry, who had been killed earlier in the war in 1915, were both Woodsman labourers. Fred also left two brothers William an Assistant Overseer for the Poor Law Authority, Archie, a Painter Decorator and three sisters Theresa, Ida and Ivy, all domestic servants.

Clarence Jenkinson Belfield was a rifleman in the 21st Battalion, King's Royal Rifle Corps. He was killed at the battle of the Somme on 17th July 1916 and is remembered on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme France. He was the son of John (deceased) and Mary Ellen Belfield of the "Dog and Duck" Clipstone and was born at Dronfield. His mother was the Landlady at the Dog and Duck as well as being the farmer. The farm was run by her four sons, Clarence, Joseph, Ernest and Horace Edgar. He also had an elder sister Geo (possibly Georgina).

As with all but one of the men of Edwinstowe, Clipstone and Carburton who died in this war, their bodies were buried overseas. We will be remembering them by ringing the churchbells at St Mary's on the Sunday evening nearest to the 100th anniversary of their death.





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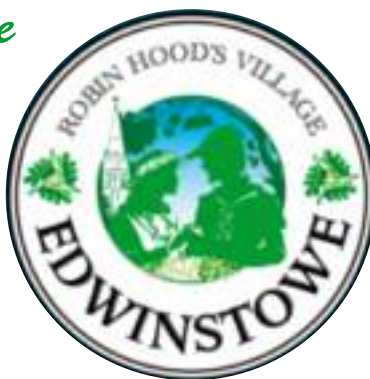
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The Dukeries Singers

As February marches on and Winter, hopefully, begins to recede, two phrases come to mind; February-fill-dyke, and as it is chucking it down with rain at the moment, I think that prophecy is self explanatory. The other, much more hopeful, regards the Fair Maids of February. These are snowdrops. So we'll hope for less of the former and more of the latter!

Choir rehearsals have started up again after our Winter break and we are enjoying learning new music ready for our future performances. We have two "in pencil" for March/April;
 A joint concert with Newstead Abbey Singers, to be confirmed. This a new venture happily anticipated .
 A joint concert with The Dukeries Concert Band, also to be confirmed. So looking forward to this.....can't wait.

Please visit our website : www.thedukeriessingers.com

It is regularly updated and gives all details about the choir and concerts, confirmed or proposed.

Now then! My usual appeal for gentlemen singers. Where are you all? Don't sing in the bath, hum in the shower or warble at Karaoke, come and sing with us. There is no necessity to read music and no audition is required. If you just enjoy music and singing, come and give us a try-out. In fact all are welcome regardless of age or gender. We meet every Wednesday above the Concert Hall from 7-30 PM until 9-30 PM at The Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. This is accessed by the Leisure Centre entrance and car park.

Our Concert Secretary Phil on 01623 822070 would be pleased to hear from you if you are planning a do that would be enhanced by our harmonious presence.



Chimney Fire Safety

Multi-fuel stoves and coal fires are becoming ever more popular again, with this in mind your Firefighters

at Edwinstowe Fire Station would like to give you some tips on the prevention of Chimney Fires.

This type of fire is usually caused by a build-up of soot in the chimney or flue which is then ignited by the fire below. This can result in damage to your appliance and flue, or it can even start a house fire. The advice below will help you to reduce the risk of a Chimney Fire occurring at your home.

- **Ensure your chimney is swept regularly and according to the type of fuels burned;**
Smokeless fuels – At least once a year
Bituminous coal – At least twice a year
Wood – Quarterly when in use
Oil – Once a year
Gas – Once a year (Any work on gas appliances requires a Gas Safe registered installer/engineer)
- **Keep chimneys, flues and appliances clean and well maintained**
- **Always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks and embers**
- **Ensure the fire is extinguished before going to bed or leaving the house**
- **Ensure good quality and appropriate fuel is used**
- **Never interrupt the air supply by blocking air vents or air bricks**
- **Never store the fuel next to the appliance**
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Dog bins

Dog waste bins are provided in many areas for you to use to dispose of dog waste in a responsible manner. Alternatively, you can dispose of doggy waste in your general waste bin at home.



Dog control orders

Some areas, such as children's play areas and car parks, have dog control orders in force which means dogs should not be kept on a lead.

A Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) is issued to you if you breach these orders.

A Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP) can be issued if you breach these orders.



Micro-chipping

From 8 April 2016 it will be compulsory to have your dog micro-chipped and information recorded on a database.

Any changes to these details must be updated e.g. change of owner, address.

If your dog is lost or stolen the microchip will assist in getting your dog returned to you.

It will be an offence to comply, or to show without excuse to anyone a notice issued by the Police or local authority requiring that a dog be micro-chipped within 21 days.

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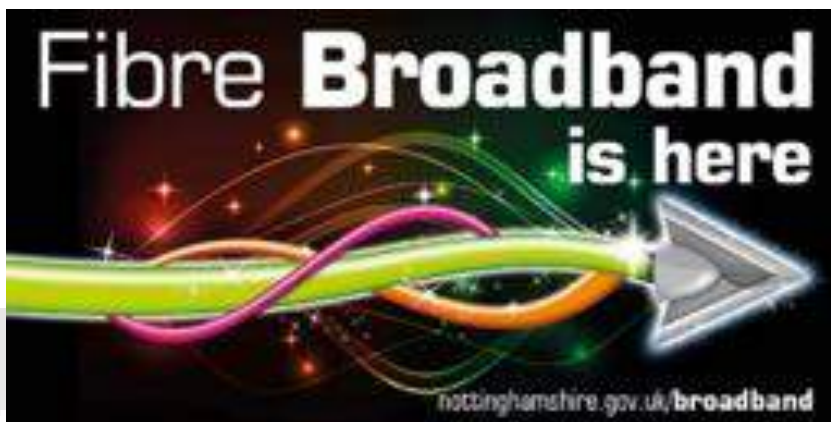
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Update on the Forest Corner visitor centre project

Firstly, thank you again for expressing so positively your ideas and concerns about the proposed new visitor centre at Forest Corner.

I will continue to ensure that your comments and questions are fed through to my selected architects, Jane Derbyshire and David Kendel. The architects are considering your opinions as they pull together our draft design concepts.

Quite a lot will have happened between writing this and the newsletter dropping onto your doorsteps. The dates and venues for you to view

our consortium's proposals should have been published widely.

At the time of writing, I'm aiming to share our draft plans with you around the middle of March and that avoids Easter to allow families to take part.

I urge you to come along to these events to meet the architects, view the proposals and share your views with my team.

I'm pleased that we will have something soon for you to view and discuss. Please do get in touch if you have any concerns.

My number is 07725 220648.

Best wishes, Ross Frazer, RSPB Project Manager

Over a third of people could have benefited from money advice when going through a divorce or separation, says Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark.



Millions of people could have benefited from money advice at key times of their lives such as when they have a baby, buy a house, get divorced or fall ill in order to avoid financial problems in the future.

Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark is encouraging people in Ollerton, Newark and surrounding areas to come to them if they need help with their finances.

In a new report, national Citizen Advice reveals almost half of the adult population (48 per cent) – over 23 million people – would have taken money advice at different key moments of their lives if they had been offered it.

The findings highlight the number of people who would accept money advice available at the key life stages they had been through:

- ◆ More than a third (35 per cent) when they start working or change jobs.
- ◆ Over 1 in 4 (28 per cent) when buying a home.
- ◆ 37 per cent when going through a divorce or separation.
- ◆ More than 2 in 5 (44 per cent) when seriously ill.
- ◆ 38 per cent after a bereavement.

A pregnant woman visited Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark to help manage her debts and be able to budget for the new costs with a reduced income on maternity leave. The client was seen by a debt caseworker to help her manage her debts and then seen by a financial capability worker, who went through her finances and together they worked on a realistic budget to better prepare her for her new arrival.

The Four Advice Gaps report finds that financial advice, support and guidance need to respond to the realities of people's lives but currently there are multiple gaps.

In particular it identifies the 'preventative advice gap' whereby people would appreciate advice and help with their financial circumstances during big changes in their life but it isn't presented to them. For instance while two in five people (39 per cent) who have been in the situation said that they would have taken money advice when they were having a baby, only one in seven (14 per cent) were offered it.

The study looks at people's experiences of money advice which includes everything from regulated independent financial advice to general money guidance, and draws on evidence from across the Citizens Advice service and a YouGov poll of 2,041 British adults.

Lesley Barrick, Advice Service Manager at Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark said:

"Getting the right money advice at the right time can be the key to a secure financial future"

"It's clear from this research that too many people aren't getting money advice, support and guidance at important times in their lives such as when they have a baby, move house or get divorced. This kind of support could make all the difference to people in moments such as when they are experiencing higher costs or a reduced income.

"At Citizens Advice Sherwood and Newark we support people across Ollerton and Newark and surrounding areas every day to better understand their finances and help them to make decisions which work for them. We urge anyone worried about money to come visit us to talk about how we can support them."

The report identifies the three other advice gaps as:

Affordable advice gap: consumers who are willing to pay for money advice but not at current prices for the services on offer. The new report suggests 5.4 million people would consider paying for money advice if it cost less.

Awareness and referral gap: people who are unaware money advice exists, the different services available or how to access it. Over three million people said they needed free money advice in the last 2 years and failed to get it because they didn't know it existed or where to find it.

Free advice gap: people who would benefit from money advice but are unable to pay for it. Many households are not in the position to pay for advice with 49 per cent of households having a net financial wealth of less than £5,000.

For information on the above or advice on any subject, visit your local Citizens Advice at:

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Budby South Forest



It's been a busy few months since I started working on Budby Heath! It's been great getting to know the site and the people that care about it, so thanks to those of you who've introduced yourselves.

My quest to restore diversity to the heath has gotten off to a flying start, thanks to a little help from my fantastic new recruits – the Budby Work Party Volunteer Team. You may have seen us on Tuesdays, cutting down some of the encroaching scrub. We've already made a big dent but there's plenty still to do. It's vital we maintain the openness of the heath by taking out some of the birch and pine saplings for the specialist heathland wildlife, but don't worry – we won't be taking out all of the trees; they're very important too. It's all about balance and the volunteers and I are just taking the first steps to redress it.

The tree cutting work will cease from February to allow the birds and other wildlife to begin building their nests in peace. It's a really important time for them and it's crucial that they aren't disturbed. Some heathland birds like woodlark and tree pipit make their nests on the ground, amongst tufts of grass and heather. It makes them extremely vulnerable to disturbance and predation so we need to do all we can to protect them. From 1 March to 31 August, please help us keep the wildlife safe by following the law and keeping your dog on a lead at all times within the fenced areas. We will be monitoring the birds throughout the breeding season so lookout for the surveyors on your early morning walks!

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Echium World @ Edwinstowe House



Linda and Ray Heywood from Echium World are beginning an exciting project that will help the local community to understand more about Echium, the amazing plants that can be seen from May in the Echium Garden at Edwinstowe House.

At the end of February they are launching the "Beehive Project" working voluntarily with the Arts Co-ordinator and pupils of the local school, King Edwin Primary in Edwinstowe,

to share knowledge and to support the children's learning about pollinators and the natural environment, using Echiums as the main focus. As part of the project, the children will design and paint the beehive that will feature on the display at Hampton Court in July and also be on display in the Echium Garden in May. The Echium Garden will be open on dates in May and June this year and more information can be found at.



www.echiumworld.co.uk
Tel: 07957 602073



Edwinstowe Pre-school Playgroup

Edwinstowe Pre-school Playgroup holds Baby & Toddler Stay & Play sessions every term time Tuesday & Friday 9.30am - 11.00am in Edwinstowe Village Hall.

All parents/carers welcome to come along with their child and enjoy the relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

You can meet new friends whilst your little ones are enjoying painting, play dough, crafts, role play, singing and exploring our garden.

Cost per child:

Under 6 months £1

6 to 12 months £2

One year and above £3

The above price includes a snack and drink for your child and a hot drink for you. If you pick up one of our loyalty cards then you will get each seventh session your child attends free.

****Get a HALF PRICE baby and toddler session if you bring this original advert with you****

Don't forget we also offer Pre-school places for children aged 2 or more.

Monday, Wednesday and Thursday morning at the Village Hall. Unique Forest sessions all day Tuesday in sherwood forest. All only £10 for each half day session. Please pop into the Village Hall or ring us on 07989892831 weekday mornings for more information.

Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with forthcoming events including our Pamper evening and Duck Race.



From St Mary's church Mum's the word... or is it?

What do you call your Mum? Mother, mummy, mum, mam or mamma; and in other languages (guess which!) ahm, maji, mutter, mor and mater. In the middle of the season called Lent, the six weeks before Easter, we celebrate Mothers' Day. In medieval times this was when people visited the 'mother' church of their diocese. In Edwinstowe that would have been York which was a long way away, so many would have visited Southwell Minster then, as now, the 'mother' church of Nottinghamshire; a little later came the practice of visiting our own mother and the 'mother' church of where we grew up.

We are very honoured that our ancient village church is named after Jesus' mother, Mary. In the church Mothers' day is called Mothering Sunday.

Why? Because whilst we celebrate mother Mary and our own mothers, we also want to celebrate all those who 'mother' us. This may include single friends and relatives, it may include men as well as women; it may also include people younger than ourselves. We also pray for those who perhaps do or did not get on with their own mothers or even knew them.

So join us in St Mary's on March 6th at 10.00am for the Mothering Sunday service, with flowers and gifts from the children and a very special service for all. And bring your mum and all who mother you; and if you are alone bring yourself, and you will be most welcome in the church family.

God bless
Fr Tony, Vicar of Clipstone, Edwinstowe and Perlethorpe.

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The Parish Council
Office On: 824243
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edwinstowe.pc@btconnect.com

Churches

St Mary's Church Office- 822430
St Mary's Church Rooms - 07840435796
Methodist Church - 623192

Nurseries

Bright Beginnings Day Nursery -
822440



Helpful Numbers

Parish Council Office - 824243
Newark & Sherwood District Council - 01636 650000
Nottinghamshire County Council - 0300 5008080
Notts Police - Non Emergency - 101
Citizens Advice Bureau - 0344 411 1444
Tourist Information - 824545
Major Oak Medical Practice - 822303
Edwinstowe Library - 822280
Sherwood Forest Trust - 821490
Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre - 823202
The Village Hall - 07594460846

Local Groups

1st Edwinstowe Beaver Scouts - 823761
2nd Edwinstowe Brownies - 824782
Edwinstowe Pre-School Play Group - 07989892831
Edwinstowe Historical Society - 822264
Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group - 822070
Edwinstowe Leisure Painters - 01777 870588
Edwinstowe's Helping Hands - 07800803728
Major Oak Pop Choir - 07450316756
Dukeries Singers - 822070
Abbey Road Art & Craft Group - 825518
Royal British Legion - 824787
Dukeries Tai Chi Society - 822827
1st Edwinstowe Scouts Group - 823165

Schools

St Marys Church Of England Primary School - 822518
King Edwin Primary - 822111
Dukeries Accademy - 860545

Whats On



Nottinghamshire
County Council

March

Sunday 6th March

10am – 3.30pm

Tree Felling Workshop

Ever wondered how to fell a tree safely? Ever wondered what to do when you've felled it? Well why not come along to our basic tree felling course, where the experienced staff will take you through the stages of felling and processing a tree, you even get to take your tree home as processed firewood! Due to the nature of this course no under 16's
£25 per person

Saturday 12th March

7.00am – 9.00am

Woodpecker Ramble

Join the Rangers and RSPB Conservation Officer for Nottinghamshire and Lowland Derbyshire Carl Cornish as you go in search of woodpeckers within Sherwood Forest NNR.

Pre-book your place by calling 01623 823202.

Adults £3, Children £1.50

Saturday 19th March

10.00am – 12noon

Birklands Ringing Group

Join the members of the Birklands Ringing Group as they operate a ringing station close to the visitor centre.

Get close up views of birds in the hand as they are ringed, aged and sexed before being released unharmed back into the wild. Please note in the event of poor weather this event may be cancelled at short notice.

Free Event

Saturday 26th March

10.30am – 12.30pm

Willow Weaving

Come along for this willow weaving workshop to make an obelisk for your home or garden. In the garden your obelisk can be used to support climbing plants such as clematis or sweet peas. Approx. height of obelisk will be 5 feet. Booking essential on 01623 823202.

£15.00 per person/obelisk

Saturday 26th March – Sunday 17th April

11am – 3pm

Easter Trail

Follow this self-guided trail around the Visitor Centre and woodland to discover lots of fascinating facts about Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood. Complete all the clues and claim your reward! (subject to availability).
£1.00 per trail leaflet

April

Thursday 14th April

11am – 12.30pm

Shelter Building

Come along and build your own woodland shelter, using only natural materials. A ranger will be on hand with helpful tips and to test if your den is waterproof!! Why not bring a picnic to eat in your den afterwards. (Suitable for aged 4 and above, children must be accompanied by an adult) Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

Free Event

Saturday 16th April

10.30am – 12.30pm

Willow Weaving

Come along for this willow weaving workshop to make an obelisk for your home or garden. In the garden your obelisk can be used to support climbing plants such as clematis or sweet peas. Approx. height of obelisk will be 5 feet. Booking essential on 01623 823202.

£15.00 per person/obelisk

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Saturday 23rd April

7am – 9am

Redstart Ramble

Join the RSPB's Nottinghamshire Conservation officer Carl Cornish for a gentle stroll through this ancient forest to search for the magnificent Redstart. The National Nature Reserve is one of the best places in the East Midlands to see this summer visitor.

Places limited so pre-booking essential on 01623 823202.

Sorry, no dogs.

Not suitable for wheelchair users or very young children

Adults £5, children under 12 £3

May

Sunday 1st – Monday 2nd May

11am – 4pm

Medieval Forest Life Bank Holiday Weekend

Not got the blurb yet

Suitable for wheelchair users.

Free Event

Sunday 1st May

4am – 6am

Dawn Chorus

Set your alarm clock for an experience not to be missed and one you'll be talking about for weeks afterwards. Wrap up warm and join the RSPB's Nottinghamshire Conservation officer Carl Cornish for a gentle stroll through this ancient forest to enjoy a magical early morning concert courtesy of the birds of Sherwood.

Sorry, no dogs. Maximum distance 1½ miles

Places are limited so pre-booking is essential on 01623 823202.

Not suitable for wheelchair users or young children.

Adults £5, children under 12 £3

Saturday 7th May

10am-12noon approx.

Dogs Are Welcome Walk (Approximately 2 miles)

We appreciate that some of our walks state 'sorry no dogs' – so to show that we don't dislike dogs (actually most of us are avid dog lovers!) we thought we'd put a walk on especially for dogs.

The aim of the walk is to promote responsible ownership and explain some of the do's and don'ts we ask visitors to observe on the Nature Reserve. The walk is not just open to newcomers, regular dog walkers are welcome to come and learn about some of the management of the site (and share their experiences and pleasure of walking in the woods with their furry friends!). We do ask that dogs are kept on lead for this walk in case any yellow ribbon dogs and owners join us (if you don't know what that is we will explain as part of the walk)

Booking essential on 01623 823202

£3.50 per person and free to dogs.

Saturday 7th May

2.00-3.30pm

Hedgehog Happenings

It's Hedgehog Awareness Week so why not come along to Sherwood to find out a bit more about wonderful hedgehogs and take part in a few crafts and activities. Just drop in at any point during the session, no need to book.

Free Event

Sunday 8th May

10.30am – 4.00pm

Beginners Spoon Carving

The ancient craft of 'spoon carving' has seen a resurgence in its popularity. Join Ranger Graeme Turner and learn the basics of spoon carving. Advice on selecting suitable wood will be given followed by a hands-on session using saws, axes and knives including how to maintain and sharpen tools. At the end of the day you will leave with at least one completed 'Sherwood Forest' spoon.

Due to the sharpness of the tools used this course is open to responsible adults only.

£30 per person

Saturday 28th May – Sunday 5th June

11am – 3pm

40th Birthday Trail

To celebrate the 40th birthday of Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, follow this self-guided trail around the Major Oak path and discover lots of fascinating facts about Sherwood Forest and Robin Hood (subject to availability).

£1.00 per trail leaflet

Saturday 28th May

2.00 – 4.00pm

Archaeology of the Birklands

Join Nottinghamshire County Council Community Archaeologists as they take you on a free guided afternoon stroll through the heart of Sherwood Forest to reveal the history and archaeology associated with this ancient woodland.

This event involves a walk of approximately 3 miles and participants require a certain degree of fitness. This event is unsuitable for young children, pushchairs and mobility scooters. Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Free Event

Sunday 29th & Monday 30th May

11am-4pm

Sherwood Through The Ages

Sherwood Forest has had a long history as a working woodland. Come along this Bank Holiday and meet some of the characters who shaped Sherwood's past and present – Romans, Normans and Saxons, Medieval craftsmen and their families, Civil War and World War One soldiers, even the odd Highway Man or two, and of course the modern day rangers. This interactive living history experience for all the family is not to be missed!

Please Note this event does involve intermittent loud bangs!

Free Event

COMMENTS

Please email your comments to : edwinstowe.pc@btconnect.com or drop this form in at the Village Hall.

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The Jug and Glass to be developed at last!

The former Ye Olde Jug and Glass pub, which has been boarded up since closure in 2009, has finally been given planning permission by Newark and Sherwood District Council. The developer intends to create 16 single person units: 5 flats and 11 bedsits. The historical frontage will be restored. Welcoming the decision, Parish Council Chair, Celia Brookes said, "ideally, it would have been nice to see the building retained for retail use, but the building had become an eyesore and was in a very poor state of repair. The Parish Council backed the plans because this is such an important building on the High Street, which is a conservation area. A

few years ago we had several boarded up buildings and this is the last one. I hope the developers start work as soon as possible." The High Street has historically been a mixture of shops and residential buildings and importantly, the frontage of the Jug and Glass will be properly restored. The Parish Council staff re- painted all the street furniture on the High Street last summer and put in additional floral displays. It is hoped the High Street will be re-surfaced this year, so getting the Jug and Glass brought back into use will mean this very important part of our village will look so much better.

Walking Maps

In this edition of the newsletter you will find enclosed 3 maps and 1 master map of walking routes in and around Edwinstowe. These maps, with an additional one, can also be found on the Parish Council website. They can be either downloaded to a tablet or printed out to guide you for a walk, but please also take a compass with you if walking in unfamiliar areas.

If you wish to share your own walks via the Parish Council Website, please mark your routes on copies of the master walking route map, give it a title and any special or cautionary notes, and either send it to the Parish Council Offices or scan it and email it to edwinstowe.pc@btconnect.com. We can work out the distance of your walk and will convert it to a full map for inclusion in the website.