

Welcome to the Spring edition of Edwinstowe Village News

Tesco Bags of Help Scheme- In Store Voting

Please vote for Fourth Avenue Play Area at Tesco during March and April

This is our seventeenth edition since we started the Parish magazine nearly six years ago and is always worth reading if you want to know what's happening in our special village.

Inside you'll find information about the Parish precept for 2017/18 (the Edwinstowe Parish part of your Council Tax bill). The Parish Council has again voted to set a 0% rise in the precept.

This is the fourth year in succession we have not raised the precept and overall we have cut it by nearly 4% over the four years.

Please read the article for full information.

You will also find updates about the Thoresby Colliery site development, the new Visitor Centre and the proposed memorial to the miners working at the colliery.

There is also an article about recent reports concerning the possibility of "fracking" in the Sherwood Forest area. We would like to hear your views on fracking and other matters and there is a comments slip in the magazine.



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The Parish Council have received a letter requesting a village cinema.

Some local residents have suggested setting up a pop up cinema within the village. Please get in touch with the Parish Council if you are interested on **824243 or info@edwinstowe.co.uk**

Village car parking- is it being abused?

Parish Councillors often hear grumbles about the car parks being full or it's hard to park on the High Street. A survey was carried out one day a couple of years ago and we found that half the cars in East and West Lane car parks were parked there all day. Also there were several cars parked on the High Street all day, at least two of which belonged to businesses on the High Street.

Blocking up parking spaces in the car parks or on the High Street all day means other villagers can't park when visiting the High Street.

This may also mean a loss of trade. Of course the traffic wardens do visit the High Street and people do get fined for overstaying beyond the hour time limit. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "as the village grows, there is increasing pressure on car park spaces. When the Parish Council took over the car parks from the District Council, we gave a pledge we would not introduce car parking charges and we will stick to that. It's not fair though if some people are parking in the car parks all day and we may have to consider introducing a time limit if things don't improve."



Dead trees removed on the High Street

We reported in the last edition that two dead trees would have to be cut down on the High Street near the Co-op. Unfortunately, three trees had to be removed as another one was diseased.

It would be difficult to replace them as there would still be a large number of roots under the surface, making it unlikely that any new trees would be able to thrive.

The Parish Council will put additional flower planters in their place like the ones we put in the area outside the library.



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One year anniversary

It's the one year anniversary of David Evans's SAA art class, subjects covered included lots of trees, I love painting trees specifically the ones in Sherwood Forest, still life and portraiture. My thing is drawing so there's been lots of that along with watercolour pencils and watercolour.

We will be starting off the year having a play with blossom in watercolour, watercolour pencil, and coloured pencil.

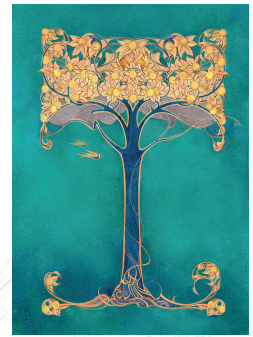
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The Fourth Avenue Miners' Welfare Site

Residents have been asking about plans for the former Welfare site since its demolition in 2015. We understand the owner of the site, CISWO, are in the process of seeking outline planning permission to develop the site (which includes the car park and former play area) for housing. Full planning permission has not been requested at this stage so we don't know yet what sort of housing it would be, although many of your councillors believe there is a need for more bungalows for our older residents.

In the meantime, District Councillor Paul Peacock has been pursuing CISWO to get them to clear up the former Welfare site. Paul said, "I've written to CISWO several times asking them to maintain the Welfare site. They have a responsibility to look after it but at the moment it's overgrown with weeds, not fenced off and an eyesore. It's a health and safety hazard to children. So far, I haven't had a positive response from CISWO but I'm not letting the matter go."

Thoresby Miners' Memorial Fund and the winding wheels

In our last issue we reported that the Parish Council had agreed to set up a fund to establish a permanent memorial in the village in memory of those miners who worked at the colliery during its ninety year history.



There have been a number of generous donations. At the January meeting of the Parish Council, John Peck presented a cheque for £3000 from his County Council fund to support community groups and activities.

A very generous donation was also made by local construction firm, Robert Woodhead Ltd, who are based in Edwinstowe House and have a long connection with the village.

The fund now stands at £5000. All donations, however large or small would be gratefully received and cheques can be made payable to "Edwinstowe Parish Council" who are administering the fund. A working group will be set up to consider a suitable design and location for the memorial.

There is also the matter of retaining the winding wheels as a reminder of the importance of coal mining in the history of Edwinstowe and Nottinghamshire. Councillor Paul Peacock said, "Several villagers have asked me about the winding wheels.

We think most people would want them kept at their present site at the colliery entrance. Parish Councillors will be having another meeting with a representative of the developer, Harworth Estates and will seek agreement to keep the winding wheels in the present location.

We hope that will be acceptable. If that isn't possible, the Parish Council will make sure that at least one of the winding wheels is located at a suitable place in the village."

A quick mention for the winners of the Scout group 'Find the Scouts' raffle which we held outside the Coop during the Xmas light switch on.

Big thankyou for everyone who had a go at the Scout group stall (we did 'Splat-a-Rat', 'Guess the number of marshmallows in the jar' and a 'find the scout group treasure map') All proceeds went directly to the Edwinstowe Scout Group.

Winners of the hampers from the treasure map are -
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Update on the Thoresby Colliery site

We understand that Harworth Estates, the developer of the Thoresby Colliery site has submitted an outline planning application to Newark and Sherwood District Council, who are the planning authority. We know from the open day Harworth Estates held last year for Edwinstowe residents to view and comment upon the outline proposals that the application will be based upon a combination of housing and jobs.

Also leisure will be a feature of the development with the restoration of the spoil heap (which is currently taking place). The Parish Council would like to hear residents' views but it has no planning powers and can only comment on planning applications the same as members of the public. It is therefore important that Edwinstowe residents take the opportunity to respond to the planning application when the District Council invites comments from the public.

Major Oak Pop Choir continue to raise funds for charity



The Major Oak Pop Choir have completed another very successful season, with over 70 members working hard to put together a brand new programme consisting of popular chart hits, old and new. Their music was enjoyed by audiences in a variety of locations leading up to Christmas 2016.

At the end of November, the choir were delighted to perform a charity concert in aid of the Bassetlaw Hospice, which was held at The Crossing Centre in Worksop. This was a wonderful evening, and a fantastic start to the concert season as the ladies of the pop choir received a well-deserved standing ovation from a capacity audience, and raised over £1200 in the process for this worthy cause.

Next saw the choir beginning a series of Christmas performances. The first of these was in Edwinstowe library as part of the annual switch on of the Edwinstowe Christmas lights, where a variety of popular Christmas chart hits were sung to encourage everyone to get into the Christmas Spirit.

At the time of writing, the choir were looking forward to entertaining the members of the Lynds Close Luncheon Club for their annual Christmas party at South Forest, Edwinstowe,

and on the Saturday before Christmas, the choir were booked to sing at the Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre.

The choir are pleased to be donating all the proceeds from their Christmas performances to Ella's Trust, which is a children's cancer charity based in Edwinstowe.

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The Major Oak Pop Choir is an adult choir for Ladies, singing classic chart hits, old and new. New members are always welcome.

There are no auditions, and if you can't read music, that's no problem either! Weekly rehearsals take place every Monday at 7pm in the Church Rooms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe.

So, Ladies, if you enjoy singing great songs and would like to benefit from the feeling of well-being which is gained from singing in a group, then you can join us by simply coming along to one of our rehearsals which resume after the Christmas & New Year break on Monday 16th January.

Weekly sessions cost just £4.00.

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

No rise in Edwinstowe Parish part of Council Tax (the precept) again

For the fourth year running, the Parish Council have voted not to raise their part of the Council Tax bill (known as the parish precept). In setting a zero per cent rise, this means that despite rising costs, the Parish Council has set a precept with a 0% rise in three of the last four years and a cut of 3.8% in the other year, meaning a reduction of nearly 4% in the precept over four years.

In presenting the budget, Chair of the Parish Finance Committee, Councillor John Peck said, "despite some big cuts in our funding such as the District Council stopping the £9500 a year grant to maintain the public toilet, this Parish Council has kept its promise to keep the finances in order.

We've kept the precept frozen for four years by careful management of finances, watching every penny and taking measures to reduce costs. Despite this we've still improved services to the village; we've taken over the running of the car parks,

purchased the Village Hall, started the Parish magazine, improved the High Street, built the skate park and a new play area on Fourth Avenue and continued to make sure our staff keeping the village the best looked after in the area."

However, most savings that can be made have been made and the Parish Council faces significant rising costs: the District Council has stopped a £9500 a year grant to the Parish Council; there are annual wage rises; there is a big rise in the Parish Council employer contribution to staff pensions and there is urgently needed maintenance to the Village Hall.

So far the Parish Council has been able to absorb these rising costs by careful financial management and drawing on reserves, but residents will understand it will not be possible to freeze the precept for ever as rising costs continue to eat away at the finances.



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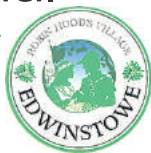
Record of "Stormy" Edwinstowe Parish Council Meeting in 1893

The following record of an Edwinstowe Parish Council meeting held 124 years ago in 1893, was described as "stormy". It seems Parish Council meetings have always been capable of being heated from time to time, but this one mostly seems to have over who ran the Council. One or two family names will still be familiar to residents whose families have lived in the village for generations.

At that time, Edwinstowe was a small rural village. The railway had yet to arrive and the colliery would not be sunk until the 1920's.

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ORDINARY MEETING

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- TUESDAYS

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14 March 2017

18 April 2017

19 April 2017 Annual Parish Meeting

6:30pm - 7:30pm

9 May 2017 (including AGM) - Commences 6:30pm

Look out for details of other Council meetings on the Village Hall noticeboard and on the village website www.edwinstowe.co.uk

EDWINSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

The Village Hall continues to serve the Village but sadly, one of the regular users of the hall, the Playgroup, had to close in 2016 after some 50 years in various venues, and used the hall since it opened in 1984.

There is some confusion regarding the hall. It now belongs to the Parish Council who have their office on the premises. However, the Village Hall Management Committee (which consists of 2 Parish Councillors, 6 Parishioners plus users of the Hall - these are all volunteers), looks after the hall, not only the letting of the hall, but ensuring it is kept clean and in good order.

The running costs are covered by the letting rents, but for other needs (i.e. new kettle, cooker, furniture etc.) we rely heavily on grants and money raised by the Committee at coffee mornings. The Committee is, therefore, holding a Coffee Morning on Saturday the 11th March 2017 and would be pleased if you would call.

Thank you for your support in over the past years and may we continue to serve the Village.

March EDWINSTOWE. 1893

Parish Councils. —

The first meeting was held on the 13th, and was of a stormy character owing to the great desire of a section of the minority to govern the proceedings. All the councillors were present. Three gentlemen proposed as chairman. Mr. Rolleston, who was proposed by Mr A Naish and seconded by Rev. H. T. Hayman - Mr. Rodgers proposed by Mr. Freeman and seconded by Mr. Holmes. After a stormy discussion Mr. Rolleston proposed Mr. Freeman, withdrawing his own candidature, this was proposed by Mr W C Wagstaffe, and on the withdrawal of Mr. Eodo-ers' nomination, carried unanimously. Mr. Naish proposed, and Mr. Hayman seconded, Mr. Hook as treasurer, but the motion was withdrawn. The Rev. T. Hayman was proposed and seconded by Mr Rolleston and Mr. Naish as vice-chairman but withdrawn. Mr.

Symonds proposed, and Mr Holmes seconded, and it was carried unanimously that Mr. Charlton be vice-chairman and treasurer with custody of parish documents. Mr. Hayman proposed and Mr. Rolleston seconded Mr W J Curtis as clerk to the Council, but a member of the Councillor. H. Freeman, jun., was proposed by Mr Low, seconded by Mr. Symonds, and appointed.

To replace the Churchwardens on the Charities Mr W. C. Wagstaffe was proposed and seconded by Mr. Naish and Mr. Fletcher, and Mr Rolleston was proposed and seconded by Mr Hay- man and Mr. Naish, and appointed. The next meeting of the Council was fixed for the first Thursday in February, and the meeting concluded having lasted about 2 1/2 hours, the question of the chairmanship alone occupying three quarters of an hour.

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This pays for many of the services which are essential to a village such as ours and some of these services would not exist if the Parish Council didn't provide them. The Parish Council is made up of eleven elected villagers who are all voluntary, claim no expenses and give up their time to make sure the village is well looked after and the parish precept is spent carefully.

The day to day running of the Parish Council is carried out by the Parish Clerk, Alice Dunn, who is responsible to the Council. The services provided by the Parish Council include: the Village Hall (run by a management committee), the Parish cemetery, the war memorial, the Ollerton Road and Boy Lane allotments, the three village car parks, Jubilee Park and the skate park, the Fourth Avenue and Henton Road play areas, the Mansfield Road public toilet, the dog bins and litter bins.

Tourist Information Centre SHUTS!

It is with deep regret that we must announce the closure of the Tourist Information Centre in Rufford Country Park. After 30 years of providing visitor information to both local customers and those from further afield we will close our doors for the last time on the 31st of March 2017.

It has been our pleasure to serve our customers over the years both here at Rufford and previously at Ollerton Roundabout, helping to choose where to go for days out and suggesting places to go on holiday.

We have been kept on our toes with questions like 'Where can I hire a camel?' or 'What's the name of the pub in Derbyshire that sits on the hill?' Whilst at Rufford we have been asked a whole lot of different questions, usually about types of tree or where to find the hawfinch, but a really nice one was when we were asked to suggest a romantic area of the park in which to propose.

Also, our staff can be seen around the village every day picking up litter and carrying out general maintenance to keep the village looking clean and well maintained.

The Parish Council also organises the floral displays on the High Street and elsewhere. It provides the Christmas lights and organises events such as the Christmas Lights switch on event. It also provides grants to village community groups. Lastly, it issues this Parish magazine to every household three times every year. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "many villages across the country have lost many of their services.

Even though over the years Edwinstowe lost our secondary school, leisure centre and the Welfare, we're still in a much better position than many rural villages. The Parish Council has managed to maintain many community facilities and we are determined to make sure Edwinstowe remains a thriving well looked after village." Vice Chair, Dennis Tattersall commented, "our staff do a great job looking after the village and I'm also pleased with how much better the High Street is looking now.

The Parish Council and local councillors have worked hard to improve it."



We even had questions that were nothing to do with tourism – 'Do you know how to make cheesecake?' and 'Can you help me fill out my tax return?'

We have looked after injured swans and stray dogs, helped stranded motorists with broken down cars and given directions to everywhere from Center Parcs just down the road, to remote places in Scotland and Wales. Our customers have made this job extremely interesting and we would like to thank you all.

Debbie, Gail & Jill

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Patient Participation Group

Your PPG has ten tips to help you get the most out of each GP appointment

1.

Do you need to see a specific GP? For a long-term illness, would you benefit from seeing a GP who knows your history, this may mean booking ahead, if you can.

2.

Take notes of all symptoms, worries, questions helping you to be clear in your own mind what you want to say.

3.

If you have several problems, see if you can book a double appointment allowing you more time to talk them through.

4.

Take a list of your medications (tablets, liquid, cream) including over the counter or alternative medicines and hospital prescriptions.

5.

Try to discuss your main concerns first, or you may feel rushed at the end.

6.

If you don't fully understand a treatment plan before leaving the room ask GP to repeat, they won't mind, they want to treat you successfully.

7.

Ask the GP who you should contact if you think of more questions afterwards. There are support groups who can provide reliable information for certain conditions.

8.

If you feel you need support to help you remember or understand take a relative, carer or friend.

9.

If you are unhappy you can ask to see another GP in the practice.

10.

When making an appointment ask if your concerns can be dealt with by a practice nurse. You could also ask if the surgery runs a clinic for your condition.

Little Oaks Playgroup

Volunteers, parents, grandparents and childminders at Little Oaks Playgroup would like to say a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us last year.

We would like to say a special thank you to the Parish Council who have supported us financially, enabling us to purchase a soft play slide and some outdoor equipment.

Thank you also to the Manvers Arms who raised a very generous sum of £200 to go towards our new outdoor sand and water tables.

Our Christmas party and raffle was a great success; we raised over £250. Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and all the local businesses who donated prizes.

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Fracking- could it come to Sherwood Forest ?

Readers may have seen the reports that “fracking” for shale gas could come to the Sherwood Forest area. There was a rally at the Major Oak in January by opponents of fracking including the Edwinstowe anti-fracking group.



Use the comment form on page 31 and tell us what you think!

Several individual Councillors have expressed concerns. At the moment, there is no application to frack in the Edwinstowe area but in a bid to find out more about the issues, the Parish Council has had presentations from both sides: an energy company with a licence to explore for shale gas and from a group campaigning against fracking.

The Government is in favour of the production of shale gas using the method known as “fracking” and has issued licences to a number of energy companies across the country including a large part of Nottinghamshire. A company called INEOS has received a licence from the Government to explore whether there are commercial quantities of shale gas in an area which includes Sherwood Forest. The boundary of the licenced area comes to as close as 200 metres from the Major Oak.

At the moment, no application to frack in the Sherwood Forest/Edwinstowe area has been submitted. The process is that firstly, there would be exploratory drilling to establish whether or

not there are commercially viable quantities of shale gas. If there were, then the company would have to submit a planning application. If that were to be the case, then Edwinstowe residents whether for or against, would certainly want to have their say about this controversial process, particularly because of the importance of protecting Sherwood Forest. Nottinghamshire County Council, who are the planning, authority issued the following statement:

“ we have not received any applications for oil or gas extraction in or near Sherwood Forest Country Park. We want to reassure residents that any planning applications for shale gas development.....in the future would be widely publicised and consulted on before decisions are made on their suitability.

Our world famous Sherwood Forest Country Park, which is also home to the Major Oak and many other ancient oaks, is a Site of Special Scientific Interest, a Special Area of Conservation and is part of the Sherwood Forest National Nature Reserve. Conservation of its ecology and natural habitats are paramount and the County Council will do everything in its power to ensure its heritage and conservation is protected now and for future generations.”

Edwinstowe’s County Councillor, John Peck, who also represents the Parish Council on the Sherwood Forest Regional Park Board commented, “we need to remain alert in case a fracking planning application is made sometime in the future. I cannot support fracking in the Sherwood Forest area. We must make sure the forest is protected for future generations and of course visitors to Sherwood Forest are also very important to the Edwinstowe economy.”

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Begun in 1842, Archway House was originally intended to be the first of 20 identical structures (or lodges) to be constructed on the Duke of Portland's Estate at Welbeck Abbey in Nottinghamshire. Only one was built.

A rehearsal for the Houses of Parliament?

In 1835 fire destroyed the old Houses of Parliament, and the 4th Duke of Portland offered limestone from his quarries at Mansfield Woodhouse in Nottinghamshire to build the replacement.

Some doubt was expressed over the stone's suitability for the whole construction; the Duke disagreed and vowed to prove the durability of Nottinghamshire stone through the construction of a series of new lodges or gatehouses on his extensive Welbeck estate.

The first - today's Archway House - was sited on the ancient Broad Drive (renamed the Green Drive by the Duke), positioned so as the view through the central arch would focus on the 'Centre Tree' in Sherwood Forest, 1 1/2 miles away.

Building History

The first stone of Archway House was laid in June 1842 with the building work being completed some two years later at a cost of £16,000. It was built by Hurst & Moffatt for the 4th Duke of Portland.

In accordance with the Duke's intention to emphasise the qualities of Mansfield Stone, the surfaces of Archway House are highly dressed, with, (as one early commentator put it), "the countless magnesian particles glittering in the sun as if sprinkled with diamond dust".

In design Archway House is based on the medieval gatehouse at Worksop Priory. The niches contain statues connected with the forest folklore of Sherwood - Robin Hood, Little John and Maid Marian on the south side; and King Richard, Friar Tuck and Allan a-Dale on the north side.

Four hares - emblems of the Portland family - decorate the north and south side parapets. After the death of the 4th Duke of Portland in 1854 none of the further 19 projected identical lodges were built, and the rooms at Archway House took on various uses.

Those on either side of the main arch were used as dwellings for estate workers, whilst the principal room above the arch served as a schoolroom for 30 children from the Portland's Welbeck, Edwinstowe and Clipstone estates.

The school catered for girls from 5 - 15, and boys aged 5 - 7, each pupil supplied with red-cloaked uniforms provided by the Portland Estate.

A new school was provided by the Duke of Portland in 1906.



CLIPSTONE LODGE



In the 1980s Archway House was a private home, being converted in 2010 to self-catering holiday accommodation for visitors to Sherwood Forest.

The sampler of Archway School embroidered by my great-grandmother, Maria Day, about 1868 and at the bottom she has embroidered "Clipstone Archway School." I know that she was from Edwinstowe and that her father, James Day, was a schoolmaster and Methodist Minister who died young leaving two children, Maria and Harry."

His wife Eleanor (nee Butler) made a living by dressmaking and hat trimming.

She moved to Matlock when she was sixteen and married George Hodgkinson.

By Jane Leslie
On 22/08/2015



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News from your County Councillor, John Peck

I have presented a petition organised by the Parish Council and signed by hundreds of Edwinstowe residents to the full meeting of the County Council, calling for the extension of the Robin Hood Line to Edwinstowe and Ollerton.

The County Council has already funded a feasibility study. I know our M.P. and County Council leader have made representations to the government minister but so far, the government has not given a firm commitment to back the scheme with the necessary funding. I would love to see our station re-opened and will continue to do what I can to press the case.

I'm pleased to support the Parish Council fund to establish a memorial to miners who worked at Thoresby Colliery and have donated £3000 from my Divisional Fund. We're grateful to all the people who have made donations so far. I continue to make representations about the application for the new Visitor Centre and have called for a safe crossing on Swinecote Road, an extension of the speed limit and signage to encourage visitors to enter from the Budby end.

I enjoyed attending the Christmas dinner organised by the Lynds Close lunch club. The volunteers who organise the lunch every week are brilliant.

I am opposed to any any future proposal for "fracking" in the Sherwood Forest area and believe we must protect our very special forest.

Lastly, I was really pleased to have been successful in getting the High Street re-surfaced. The comments I've heard have been very favourable. Also, do keep letting me know about any potholes or faulty street lights around the village and I'll make sure they get repaired.

Interested In An Allotment

If you are interested in having an allotment at either Boy Lane or Ollerton Road, please contact the Parish Council Office on 824243 or info@edwinstowe.co.uk or via the Parish Council website.

Christmas Lights event- the best yet

It seems a long time ago now but the Christmas lights switch on event was possibly the best ever- that was certainly the verdict of a good many residents.

As always, the event was organised by the Parish Council and supported by local businesses. The Parish Council had purchased new Christmas Lights and the High Street looked a picture during the festive period.

Several thousand people turned out to enjoy the stalls and entertainment and to see the lights switched on by Rev. Tony Evans, Vicar of St. Mary's Church. Chair of the Parish Council Events Committee, Karen Peck said, "it was a brilliant community event and a great success.

I want to thank the Parish Council staff for all their hard work in making sure everything ran smoothly. They did a fantastic job."





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Bill gets Royal reply to Queen poem

Pensioner poet Bill Currie was proud to get the Royal seal of approval after he sent the Queen a poem to mark her 90th birthday. Bill, aged 83, from Edwinstowe wrote: Now that you are 90 and your bones begin to creak: Don't think you are past it Don't think you are a freak

Because your Majesty you are not You are just a fine antique. Bill received a thank you card from Buckingham Palace, which read: "I send you my grateful thanks for the kind words you have sent to me on my 90th birthday." He said: "It shows Her Majesty has a good sense of humour."

TWINNING WITH ROBIAC-ROCHESSADOULE

Do you like meeting new people?
Do you want to make new friends?
Would you like to hear more about the possibility of a twinning association between Edwinstowe and Robiac-Rochessadoule, a small village in the south west of France?

If you saw the last issue of 'Edwinstowe Village News', you might have read that visitors from Robiac-Rochessadoule came to Edwinstowe during the summer 2016. We're now happy to report that our new friends are really interested in setting up a twinning association with us and we are now hoping to move forward with this project.

Anyone who might be interested in hearing more about this is very welcome to contact the Parish Council for further information on 824243 or info@edwinstowe.co.uk



St Marys CE Primary School - Christmas Appeal 2016

On Tuesday 8th December, the school council members from St Marys CE Primary School took the Christmas Appeal donations to Ollerton Food Bank.

We were joined there by Mrs Edwardes, one of our regular parish visitors and volunteers from the food bank.

Our school community very generously donated about 50 bags containing Christmas treats such as chocolates Santa's, selection boxes, biscuits and mince pies – the things we all take for granted during the festive period. There were also donations of toys and small gifts which could be used for filling children's stockings.

Whilst we were in the food bank they received an urgent request for 50 bags to help homeless families in our local area - what good timing! We were able to see that our donations are going straight to the families that need them the most.



By Poppy Smith, School Councillor.

Woodhead secures permission for Edwinstowe homes

Woodhead Homes, part of the locally-based Woodhead Group has been granted permission to build 67 brand new homes at its Rufford Pastures site in Edwinstowe.

The development was voted for unanimously by Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 25th January. It will include a mix of three, four and five bedroom luxury houses, with a selection of two and three bedroom bungalows.

The Woodhead family business has strong roots in Edwinstowe and is based at Edwinstowe House in the heart of the village. Woodhead Homes was keen to create a development, which responded to the local housing need. Following market research across the Newark and Sherwood District over the past 12 months, the company wanted to ensure it was not only providing family homes, but also accessible bungalows.

Work is expected to begin on the six and a half acre site in April 2017, with the first homes becoming available in the Autumn. Woodhead Homes will open its sales centre at Edwinstowe House in February so people can view site plans and reserve their plot.

Leo Woodhead, Sales Manager for Woodhead Homes, said: "We are delighted to have been granted planning permission for what will be a fantastic addition to our village.

"When we purchased the site last summer, it already had outline planning permission for 72 dwellings, but on reflection we reduced the number of homes, as we felt the original proposals were too dense for its position on the fringes of the village."

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The Spring edition in February/March, the Summer edition in June/July and the Autumn edition in October.

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Rufford Pastures will include green spaces, an orchard, a central 'green boulevard' at the heart of the development, and a children's play area. The green spaces have been designed to form a 'green loop' around the development, to encourage walking, jogging and recreation. There is also a focus on linking the development back to the existing village through fostering footpath links.

House types have been named Faber, Catkin, Shore, Cooper, Foxtail and Shortleaf, all of which are common names of Conifer - a nod to the site's Sherwood Forest location.

All homes will aim to achieve an EPC rating B, as a minimum. Built using a 'fabric first' methodology, the properties will offer warm, energy efficient homes, which are cheaper to run. Following consultation with the local community and those expressing an interest in the homes, each property has been designed with generous internal layouts, lots of natural light, links to green space and 'big sky' views.

The site's show home is expected to be open on site from September 2017. In the meantime a sales suite at Edwinstowe House (High Street, Edwinstowe, NG21 9QS) will be open in the coming weeks, to help those looking to purchase a home 'off plan'. For more information, please visit the website: woodhead-homes.co.uk or call Vicki Austin, Woodhead Homes Field Sales Manager on 01623 827695.

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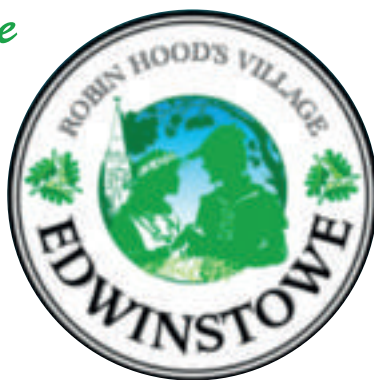
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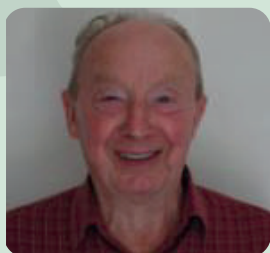
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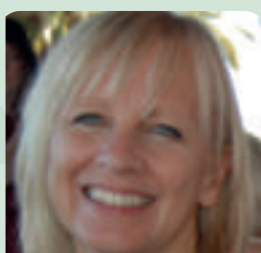
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SHERWOOD FOREST PROBUS CLUB

The Sherwood Forest Probus Club, Edwinstowe held their monthly meeting on Thursday the 5th January at the South Forest Complex, Edwinstowe.

The 16 members and 1 guest attending were welcomed by the President Mrs. D. Roker. The speaker, Mr. Michael Costigan gave a talk about the life of Capability Brown.

The next Club meeting was on Thursday the 2nd of February when Lyn Matthews explained about the local food banks, the March meeting is on the 2nd when Ann Hickman will be giving information about the British Legion and on Thursday the 6th April the subject is "The 1950's."

Anyone requiring further information and are interested in attending the meetings or joining the Club please contact Mrs. Roker on 01623822220 or Mr. K. Wardle on 01623823006.

Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group

At our Coffee Morning on 19th November 2016 we were very pleased to be able to present a cheque for £5000 to The John Eastwood Hospice bringing the total amount raised since we began in 1986 to £114,283. The coffee morning itself raised a further £507 creating a fine start to this years fund raising total. We held a stall for the High Street Christmas Lights switch-on where our Christmas Hamper raffle and merchandise raised a very pleasing £413 for which we thank all who purchased tickets.

We are grateful to the Post Office, the Pet Shop and the Chemists for allowing us to place Christmas badge boxes which are an important part of our fund raising,

Recently we lost a dear friend of the Support Group when Alan Green passed away. Alan was a regular helper on our plant stall in May each year and his knowledge of plants together with his affable nature and good humour will be greatly missed.

We would appreciate any help you can offer towards fund raising for The John Eastwood Hospice. You can join our small, friendly Support Group which meets regularly to plan and organise events or you can help at our coffee mornings as and when you wish. If you are interested contact Phil Robinson on 01623 822070.

**Diary dates: Coffee Morning and Plant Sale
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Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club 2016 Season

The Kwik cricket team played all their matches on Sunday mornings and acquitted themselves well against teams from Clumber Park, Milton and Ordsal Bridon.

The U11's hardball pairs team played 9 out of their 13 league games and did very well in a strong league.

The U13's came runners-up in their league only losing 1 game. But were successful in winning both Bassetlaw and Mansfield League Knockout Cups. The team were runners-up in Junior Team of the Year awarded by Newark District Council.

Club Presentation Evening

A packed clubhouse on Saturday 15th October was the venue for 2016 club awards.

Chairman and manager of the Kwik cricket squad presented medals to the players. Batting award went to Cian McLaughlin, bowling award to Daisie Haywood and the Managers award to Ricky Ryder.

Nigel Birkett, manager of the U11's hardball squad awarded the batting award to Ross Coates, the teams bowling award to Jayden Staley, and the managers award to Cian McLaughlin.

Rob Walker, manager of the U13's awarded the batting award to Kieron Walker, the bowling award to Gusto Haste and the managers award to Sam Miller with Kieron Walker picking up the Players Player award.

The squad also collected their Mansfield District league runners up trophies which added to the cup winners both in Mansfield and the Bassetlaw Junior Leagues.

C Mitchell the manager of the U15's gave a resume of their season and awarded the batting award to Jack Waring, the bowling award to Sam Miller and Managers award to Connor Davies. Jack Waring received the Players Player award.

To mark the success of U18 players playing in senior cricket awards were presented to Daniel Bentley and Kian Staley for scoring 50+ runs in an innings and to Sam Miller for a 5 wicket haul.

The U15's

The Clubs 1st XI finished the season in a creditable 4th position in the Bassetlaw Leagues Championship Division.

The 2nd XI completed the season 3rd bottom from Div 2 and the inexperienced side count avoiding relegation as a success!

The Clubs Development 3rd XI, after being promoted from Div 8 last season, finished 5th in Div 7.

The Sunday 1st XI ended the season with a "winner take all" final game to be awarded the League Runners-up position and so will compete in the Premiership section of the Mansfield District Sunday League next season.

The Sunday 2nd XI, where again young players get to play in senior cricket, finished 8th in Div 6 of the Mansfield District Sunday League.

Captain Ben Marson gave a resume of the 1st teams season. Overseas player Mitchell English won the batting award, with Azar Hussein the bowling award. Mohammad Yasar was the players player.

In the absence of Martin Cheshire, vice captain Ian Halfpenny gave the 2nd XI report and batting award was won by Martin, the bowling award by Nigel Birkett. The players player was awarded to Kian Staley.

Simon Pallant, the 3rd XI captain gave the seasons report. The batting award went to Lee Case the bowling award to Simon and the players player was won jointly by Kieron Walker and Lee Case.

The Clubman of the Year was awarded to Nigel Bentley.

The Chairmans Performance award went to Dominic Lee for his 52no which secured the win over Parkhead in Div 1 Mansfield District Sunday League. The win gained the clubs runners-up position and promotion to the Premier league next season.

To complete the evening Rob Walker gave his "fun" awards to:

Lee Willis "The Miracles do happen" Trophy
Simon Pallant "Greedy Bowler" Trophy
Mick Case "The Hokey Cokey" Trophy
Norman Garden "Batting Lynchpin" Trophy
Mick Case "Missing Person" Award
Simon Pallant "The Duck Trophy"

Mark Spencer MP Congestion and Road Safety a priority

It was good to sit down with the Parish Council and have a positive dialogue about the village in the Autumn, and as you know there are a number of ongoing issues and campaigns I'm working on, including keeping a close eye on progress of the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre which has now been approved by the County Council. I'd welcome your continued views and feedback as I know it's a big project and it needs to be done right.

Alongside all of the development at the north of the village with plans for the Thoresby Colliery site that I hope will boost jobs and tourism, we will also obviously see an impact on traffic and congestion. I recently met with Parish Cllr Michael Brown to talk this through, and we've both made this a priority to support local residents.

Harworth Group plc has now submitted its plans for the redevelopment of Thoresby Colliery to Newark & Sherwood District Council.

Following the public consultation event it held in July, Harworth Group made a number of revisions to the plans to account for feedback and has worked closely with the District Council, the Parish Council and the County Council to make sure the plans fit with wider plans for Edwinstowe.

The application, submitted on the 23rd of December, includes plans for 800 new homes, over 25 acres of employment space for manufacturing or engineering uses and for the restoration of the former spoil heap into a 350 acre Country Park.

The company has also made good progress on-site to prepare for development. Demolition works of the structures that won't be retained for redevelopment have progressed safely and should be near completion by May 2017.



One of the biggest items on my wish list for the future development is the funding from developers to make major improvements to both the cross-roads in Edwinstowe and at Ollerton roundabout. These are big projects that will cost, so they aren't going to get done as part of the normal Highways programme, and I want to see funding incorporated in to any contract before developers can start to build anything on Thoresby pit.

These days 'more housing' is something of a given, but that can be a positive thing for the village if it secures the funding and the impetus to make these changes, and to bring tourists and income to the area.

In addition, grass seed has taken hold well on the spoil heap and has begun to green over the area, with new trees also due to be planted in the Spring.

Discussions will also continue to take place with both the District Council and the County Council on how the development can contribute to other local priorities, including the provision of new school places and transport improvements such as a contribution towards the widening of Ollerton roundabout.

Harworth will be providing further update to the magazine throughout 2017.



Echium Eruption

Spring is just around the corner. Only a few short months to 'Echium blossom time' – we can't wait!

Over the next couple of months we will be preparing the garden at Edwinstowe House once again for our open days. It's a unique chance for you to see the National Collection of Echium and view over 30 Echium varieties in Edwinstowe, would you believe! We call our plants 'eco heroes' as they are magnets for bees and other pollinators.

The Echium Garden will be open on Sunday 14th, 21st & 28th May, 11-3pm with free parking, café and plant sales (admission charge applies). The garden will also be open on Monday 29th May to raise funds for the National Garden Scheme (lookout for the yellow signs). It's a 'must see' for crazy gardeners like us!



We are delighted that we have been chosen to exhibit at the new RHS Chatsworth Flower Show from 7th – 11th June this summer. If you are visiting the show please come and say hello and view our exhibit 'Echium Eruption' in the Floral Marquee. The children from King Edwin Primary School will once again be helping us with the artwork for our exciting display.

If you are looking for an interesting new talk for your group try us! We are available to give our talk 'In the land of the GIANTS' all about our plants and our amazing experiences from the last three years!

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New Sherwood Forest visitor centre on target as planning permission approved

The local community and visitors from far and wide looking to explore the legend of Robin Hood and the natural beauty of the world-famous Sherwood Forest will soon be given a welcome, fit for merry-men, after an RSPB-led consortium was granted planning permission to build a new state of the art visitor centre on the 16th January 2017.

Ross Frazer, RSPB Project Manager, said: "We're absolutely delighted to have been granted planning permission to build this fantastic new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest. Prior to our application we took on board a lot of feedback from the local community, and hope that they are just as excited as we are to be one step closer to bringing that vision to life."

The approval opens the way for a modern facility fit for the 21st Century to be built at Forest Corner in Edwinstowe. The new visitor centre will be a gateway to the magical home of Robin Hood where ancient oaks and wildlife live in harmony and thrive. It will include a welcome area, shop and café as well as an introduction to the legend and forest. A café terrace and outdoor amphitheatre will enhance the visitor experience.

Around 350,000 visitors from across the globe have been inspired by tales of Robin Hood and the majesty of the ancient oaks and visit every year.

Following the opening of the new building, the current well loved but tired 1970's visitor centre and car park will be removed, returning the site back to nature.

Building work starts soon and doors are due to open during 2018 when the RSPB also takes over management of the National Nature Reserve, in addition to the beautiful heathland at Budby Forest South which it currently manages, building on the work to date and ensuring a sustainable and positive future for the areas' ancient oaks and wildlife.



First World War

1917 was the fourth year of warfare. The late summer and autumn of 1916 had seen the enormous casualties of the Somme. The winter of 1916/17 saw little reduction in hostilities nor was there much change in the front line of battle which continued to be centred on the French /Belgian border.

The German Army constructed the Hindenburg line, a line of intense fortifications which extended from Arras in France almost to the Swiss German border during the winter of 1916/17. By April 1916 the German forces had retrenched behind this fortification and for much of the remainder of 1917 the war oscillated back and forward along this heavily defended position.

The first major offensive was the Battle of Arras. From 9 April to 16 May 1917, British troops attacked German defences near the French city of Arras on the Western Front. There were big gains on the first day, followed by stalemate. The battle cost nearly 160,000 British and about 125,000 German casualties.

The Hindenburg Line was attacked several times in 1917, notably at St. Quentin, Bullecourt, the Aisne and Cambrai and was broken in September 1918, during the Hundred Days Offensive. Some of the more notable battles were those of Vimy Ridge, Menin Road Ridge, Ypres and Passchendaele.

Tunnels were driven several

hundred metres under the German defensive positions resulting in 19 large mines being detonated under German positions at Messines in June resulting in the enormous Hooze crater. French troops mutinied in June. The Americans joined the war and landed troops in France in June. The Russian Revolution begins in November and Russia declare an armistice with Germany in December.

There are ten servicemen from Edwinstowe who are recorded as having died in 1917.

William Horace Allcock, Private 40228, served in the 2nd Battalion, Lincolnshire Regiment, was killed on the 4th March 1917, aged 28. William, who was also known as "HW", was born in Clipstone, the son of the late John and Eliza Allcock. His death is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme.

Ephraim Rabbitt was a corporal 25916 in the Kings Own Yorkshire Light Infantry. He was killed on 25th April 1917. He was born in Edwinstowe and lived with his parents, Joseph and Hannah Rabbitt at Mill Lane Edwinstowe. He is buried in the Bucquoy Road Cemetery, Ficheux, Pas de Calais, France. He was the elder brother of Walter Rabbitt who was killed in 1918.

Simon Riley Harrison, Lance Corporal in the 2nd / 8th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) was killed on 27th April 1917, aged 20, His death is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme. He was the son of Hannah Harrison, widow of East Lane, Edwinstowe, and lived on Town St Edwinstowe. He was a farm worker (disengaged). He had an elder sister, May and younger brothers Willie and Sidney. They were all born in Edwinstowe.

Frederick Cecil Thomson, Private 306522 in the 2nd / 8th Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) was killed on 27th April 1917. His death is recorded on the Thiepval Memorial, Somme. Also known as "Thomson", he was born in and was resident in Edwinstowe, son of Thomas & Ada Thomson.

Ernest Estrop, Private 15285 in the 2nd Bn. Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment) was killed on 1st July 1917 aged 19. He is buried in the Loos British Cemetery, Pas de Calais, France. Ernest lived at Low Buildings, Clipstone. Father John was a farm Labourer born at Rushton Lincs. Mother Emma was born at Rockley, Rufford Notts. There were 13 children of whom 10 were still living, 6 of them at home. Brother Arthur and Ernest were born at Burnt Elms, Derbys. Clarence, Henry, Mary and Emma were all born in Clipstone Arthur Pinder, Air Mechanic 1st Class 61785 Royal Flying Corps Farnborough Depot was killed on 1st July 1917 aged 33. He is buried in St Mary's Churchyard. Arthur lived at Lidgett House, Edwinstowe and was the son of George and Elizabeth Pinder. Father George, born at Laxton, was a retired Pyrotechnician and owned the Fireworks Factory at Edwinstowe that had burned down a few years earlier. Mother Elizabeth was born in Kirklington.

Arthur was a Domestic Chauffeur and was born in Preston Lincs. His Younger brother Sidney was also killed in the war.

He also had two sisters Georgina and Frances Mary who were both born in Edwinstowe. His parents and sisters subsequently moved to The Crown Hotel, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

William Charles Dumbarton was a Private M/29587 in the 66th Aux. Patrol Coy., Army Service Corps. He was killed on 11th July 1917 and is buried in the Bailleul Communal Cemetery Extension, Nord, France. He was resident at Portland Row, Edwinstowe.

William Henry Little was a Private 66301 in the 26th (Service) Bn. (Bankers) Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) and formerly of the Army Service Corps. He was killed on 3rd August 1917 aged 30. His name is recorded on the Ypres (Menin Gate) Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. William was born in Edwinstowe, and was the son of William Henry and Gertrude Little, of London. In 1911 William was staying in Queen St Belper at the house of Mr and Mrs Jonathan Lowe, a confectioner.

Their daughter Florence May, whom he subsequently married was single in 1911 and a Lace net Manufacturer and 4 years older than William. William was born in Kentish Town and was a Grocers Assistant Ernest Bentley was a Private 50907 in the 13th Bn. Cheshire Regiment. He was killed on 8th August 1918 aged 24 and is buried in the Hooze Crater Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was the husband of Monzella Bentley, of Little John Cottage, Edwinstowe. His name was added to both Church and Village War memorial at some later date.

Norman Henry Bowyer was a Private 29035 in the 1st Bn. East Yorkshire Regiment. He died on 24th October 1917 aged 19. His name is recorded on the Tyne Cot Memorial, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was the son of Benjamin E. G. Bowyer and the late Hannah Bowyer, of West Lane, Edwinstowe.

In 1911 they lived on Church St Edwinstowe. His Father a gardener was born in High Laver. Mother Hannah was alive in 1911 and came from Bermondsey, London. Norman was born in Chertsey, Surrey. He had three brothers Benjamin Edgar, Donald William, and Richard Alexander who were born at Lincoln and Swinderby. He had two sisters. Sister Elsie was born in Swinderby and Winifred Elizabeth born in Edwinstowe.

Henry Deakin was a Private 12091 in the 2nd Bn Grenadier Guards. He died on 5th July 1915 and is buried in Commonwealth Grave No 258350. Henry was the son of Ephraim and Emma Deakin and the husband of Mabel (nee Heighton) Deakin. In 1911 they lived at Bullivants Yard, Town St., Edwinstowe. Mabel subsequently married Fred Collinson in 1918 and they lived at Marr Doncaster. They had two children, Nancy (1919) and John (1921).

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.

St Mary's Church has been awarded a grant from Nottinghamshire County Council which will be used to record the details of those that have died and of the ringing that took place on the 100th anniversary of their deaths in a commemorative booklet and a board to be erected on the belfry wall at St Mary's Church

John Ottaway

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Schools

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

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Churches

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The Dukeries Singers Spring 2017 Update

Glorious sunshine today but my word it's a chilly one. I am eagerly anticipating the appearance of "the fair maids of February," also known as Snowdrops. They will surely brighten these cold and unfriendly days.

Speaking of friends, our very friendly Choir is now back in full swing. It is not too late to make a New Year resolution and begin a new hobby of singing with a Choir. It really does contribute towards the "feel good factor" and lifts the spirits wonderfully. If you would like to come along for a "taster" session with us, you would be most welcome. There are no auditions and no necessity to read music, although that would be a bonus. An even bigger bonus would be if you were a fella. We love our men and would like more of them!!

We meet every Wednesday evening in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy in Ollerton from 7-30pm. until 9-30pm. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park. You can see blogs on our recent activities on our website together with other information regarding the Choir.

www.thedukeriessingers.com

We also have some performance items on Utube from when we sang with the Notts. Recorder Group at Laxton Church a few years ago. However we sing a wide variety of songs in an even wider variety of venues and would enjoy singing for your fund raising, charity or celebratory event. We have some bookings for Spring 2017;

A Concert for St. George's Day at St. Giles Church in Old Ollerton and

A Concert at Tuxford Church.

Both venues have yet to be confirmed

However we have plenty of available dates if you would like to book us. Please contact our Concert Secretary Phil on 01623 822070 who would be pleased to speak to you.

We all wish you a very (early) tranquil Spring.

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April 2017

Whats Happening At Sherwood Forest

Saturday 1st – Monday 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

Friday 14th April

9.30 – 10.30am

Family Conservation Fun: Family Bird Walk

Join RSPB Conservation Officer for Nottinghamshire and Lowland Derbyshire Carl Cornish on this walk, suitable for the whole family, to see and hear a variety of Sherwood's birds.

Places are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 823202 between 10am & 4pm.

Adults £2, Children £1

Monday 24th April

7pm-9.30pm

What Makes a Spider Fly? – Sherwood Lecture Series

Whether you love or hate spiders join us for our in depth look in to the world of Spiders with the leading researcher from the University of Nottingham's Spiderlab Dr Sara Goodacre.

This fascinating lecture will be taking place at the Forest Lodge Public House in Edwinstowe.

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

Not suitable for younger children under 12

£5 per person

Thursday 6th 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 ages 4 and above, children must be accompanied by an adult) Phone 01623 823202 to book a place.

Free Event

Saturday 15th April

10am – 3pm

Woodland Courses - Spatula and Spreader

Ever wanted your own personalised kitchenware? Come and have a go at crafting and creating your own spatula and spreaders from a log. Under instruction you will get hands on with a range of sharp tools to design and make these very useful everyday utensils.

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

£30 per person

Places are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 823202 between

10am & 4pm.

Saturday 29th April

7.30am – 10am

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 under 8s

£5 per person

Wednesday 12th April

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 we thought we'd put a walk on especially for dogs. 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!

Dogs on leads please.

Free event

Sunday 16th & Monday 17th April

11am – 4pm

Meet & Greet Birds of Prey
Visit Sherwood this Easter weekend and meet some wonderful birds of prey courtesy of Go Active Falconry, in the shadow of the Major Oak.

Free event

Sunday 30th April & Monday 1st May

11am – 4pm

Meet & Greet Birds of Prey
Visit Sherwood this Bank Holiday weekend and meet some wonderful birds of prey courtesy of Go Active Falconry, as you wander along the Major Oak path.

May 2017

Monday 1st May

12 noon, 2pm & 3.30pm
Ravenshadow

Come along to Sherwood today and meet some of the colourful costumed characters from the Ravenshadow Group. Be amazed as the lads and lasses demonstrate their medieval combat skills 'up close and personal' under the Major Oak!

Free Event

Saturday 13th May

8am – 11am
Spring Bird Explorer

Join the RSPB's Nottinghamshire Conservation Officer Carl Cornish for a walk through Sherwood Forest, also taking in part of Budby South Forest (the largest remaining area of dry lowland heath in the county and one of the most important heathland sites in the East Midlands), as we look and listen for a variety of spring birds.

Places limited so pre-booking essential on 01623 823202.
Sorry, no dogs.

Not suitable for wheelchair users or under 8s

£5 per person

Friday 26th May

7.00-9.30pm (approx.)

If Old Trees Could Talk – Sherwood Lecture Series
Veteran trees are full of character and wildlife.

Large and iconic trees have played an important part in our culture and history as well as being a home to some fascinating wildlife. There are many trees in the UK which have stories associated with them, including our own Major Oak. This talk will tell some of those stories, and uncover why they are so good for wildlife.

This lecture will be at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. Not suitable for under 12s

£5 per person. Spaces are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 823202 between 10am & 4pm.

Saturday 6th May

2 - 3.30pm

Hedgehog Happenings

Hedgehog Awareness Week runs from Sunday 30th April to Saturday 6th May 2017; 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

Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th May

11am – 4pm

Living History Weekend

Step back in time, to 15c England, during the Wars of the Roses. Walk amongst the townfolk and travelling merchants, see the men and women of the camp go about their daily chores and watch the soldiers train with bills and bows!

Free Event

Sunday 28th - Monday 29th May

11am-4pm

Living History Camp – The Falchions

Come along to the living history camp down by the Major Oak and meet the Falchions as they depict life in the 14th Century. Learn how medieval folk coped with injuries in battle and at home, watch the blacksmith at work and view arms and armoury of the knights.

Hopefully weather permitting the armoured knights will do battle in the shadow of the Major Oak.

Free Event

Whats Happening At Sherwood Forest

Sunday 7th May

10 am—12.30pm
Family Conservation Fun: Task

Looking for ways to get the kids away from the TV? Try and learn new skills? Take an active role in your local community? Why not join the Sherwood Ranger Team on our monthly Family Task. This task will be tackling an area of the Country Park in need of a little extra TLC. All you need to bring is yourself, wear suitable clothing and footwear and don't forget some energy. Spaces are limited so pre booking essential on 01623 823202 between 10am & 4pm.

£2 per family

Saturday 20th 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 under 8s, pushchairs and mobility scooters.

Meet at the Visitor Centre.

Free Event

Thoresby Colliery Masterplan



Who Does What?..... a (very) rough guide!

County Councils

Monitoring Officer for
County Members only

Education

Most schools
Special education
Nursery, adult, community

Personal Social Services

Securing provision for the elderly,
children and those with
disabilities (including social care
and health and residential care)
Inspection Services

Planning

Strategic planning/structure plans
Minerals and waste planning
Historic buildings

Highways/Transport

Public transport
Highways and parking
Traffic management
Footpaths and bridleways
Transport planning
Street lighting

Emergency Planning

Recreation

Parks and open spaces
Support for the arts
Archives and Record Office
Museums/Art Galleries

Economic Development

Tourism Development

District Councils

Monitoring Officer
Ethics & Probity for District &
Parish Members

Housing

Management and maintenance
of council houses
Working with Housing
Associations (known as
Registered Social Landlords)
Housing advice
Renovation grants
Homelessness
Unfit housing
Residential care

Cemeteries and Burials, Crematoria

Planning

Local Development Framework
Development control (Planning
applications and enforcement)
Advertising consent
Historic buildings
Conservation areas
Tree preservation

Highways/Transport

Unclassified roads
Off-street car parking
Traffic management
Footpaths and bridleways
Road safety
Local transport plans
Street lighting
Street naming

Emergency Planning

Recreation

Parks, open spaces and halls
Swimming pools and leisure
centres
Support for the arts
Museums and art galleries

Economic Development

Tourism Development

Parish Councils

Clocks

Closed Churchyards Burials/Cemeteries

Planning – as consultees

Bus shelters

War and other memorials

Street lighting

Public Open Spaces Village Halls Playing fields Museums and the Arts

Tourism Development

Environmental Services

Refuse disposal
Recycling
Gypsy sites

Environmental Services

Refuse collection/street
cleansing
Recycling
Management of travellers/gypsy
sites
Food safety
Public conveniences
Markets
Dog and pest control
Noise abatement
Health & Safety
Seats
Licensing

Litter bins and litter
clearance

Local charities

Markets

Public seating
Licensing – as consultees

Trading Standards

Registration of Births, Marriages and Deaths

Allotments

Allotments

Library & Information Service

Electoral Registration/Elections

Council Tax and Business Rate collection

Grants to voluntary bodies

Grants to voluntary bodies

Grants to voluntary bodies

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Forestry Commission Presents Elbow

You may have seen in the Birklands that the trees I spoke about in the last issue are now all cut down and the timber has left the wood.

I visited earlier this week to do a spot of tidying up and was happy to see the results. It is much more open and feels more like Sherwood should be.

We are now working on removing the non-native Turkey Oaks which hybridise with the oak species and can take over. We aim to prevent them from taking over and preserve native oaks.

Elbow is the latest band to announce dates as part of Forest Live, where acts perform in spectacular woodland settings around the country as part of the summer concert series promoted by the Forestry Commission.



They will be playing at Sherwood Pines on Sunday 25th June. Elbow's rise over the past two decades has seen them become one of the most important bands in contemporary British music. Front man Guy Garvey's story-telling lyrics have honed their unique identity and sound to establish the band a passionate fan base and critical acclaim on their musical journey including two

Ivor Novellos and a BRIT award for Best British Band. Tickets are available at www.forestry.gov.uk/music As ever I am always after new volunteers to help manage local woodlands. If you have some free time, fancy getting dirty and making new friends then get in touch. www.forestry.gov.uk/eastmid-landsvolunteering

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