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Welcome
to the summer edition of
**Edwinstowe
Village News**

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Welcome to our Summer edition of "Edwinstowe Village News" the official Parish magazine published by Edwinstowe Parish Council.

As usual we try to keep you up to date with what's happening in the village and of course, the magazine also gives an opportunity for our many community groups to publicise what they've been doing or to advertise community events.

If you want to know what's going on in the village in between times, go online (Google "Edwinstowe Parish Council") and have a look at our Parish website, which is a mine of local information with links to other sites.

You can also read the Parish Council minutes of the monthly meetings online or at the library and yes, we're surprised at how many people have told us they do that! In this issue, you will find details of the recent County Council election, when Edwinstowe's John Peck was re-elected to serve for another four years.

There's an article about our popular local allotments, some information about fracking and some great news about a very special national bike race which is coming through Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest.

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Thieves target vans and take tools

The Safer Neighbourhood Group which is jointly chaired by Councillors Celia Brooks and John Peck, meets with the police on a regular basis and is open to members of the public to participate.

At the last meeting in May, the police reported a spate of tools being taken from a number of vans in Edwinstowe. The police asked us to pass on the advice, that it's never a good idea to leave tools in a van overnight.

A "no tools kept in this van overnight" sign is a good idea too, as thieves could otherwise break in on the off chance. The other recent target appears to have been garden sheds and again, residents need to ensure sheds are made as secure as possible with a heavy duty bolt cutter resistant padlock. Burglaries of any kind are always upsetting and apart from any losses, there can be substantial damage.



Those incidents apart, the police regard Edwinstowe as a relatively low crime area. The other issues raised with the police by Councillors and members of the public concerned speeding, especially along Rufford Road and Mill Lane, speeding by agricultural vehicles and inconsiderate parking.

The latter involves certain residents who are parking with all four wheels on the pavement, making it difficult or impossible for pedestrians, especially those with child buggies or mobility scooters to pass by without being forced out on to the road.

Tour of Britain Bike Race comes through Edwinstowe!

Remember the excitement when the Olympic Torch came through Edwinstowe? It was one of those "I was there, once in a lifetime events."

Well Edwinstowe and our world famous Sherwood Forest are on the sporting calendar again. This time we will be treated to the excitement of the 2017 Tour of Britain race which will come through Edwinstowe and the forest on Wednesday 6th September.

You can do an online search for details if you go into tourofbritain.co.uk/stages and click on stage 4 and there's information on our website.

Nottinghamshire is hosting all of stage 4 of the race which will start in Mansfield at 10.45 am and follow a 175km route (that's about 105 miles to most of us), which includes a stretch through Edwinstowe and the forest, ending at Newark.

Karen Peck, Chairman of the Parish Council events sub committee said, "this is really exciting, especially for those of us who haven't witnessed a live bike race before. Our events sub committee will be meeting to see what we can do to ensure a warm Edwinstowe welcome as we did with the Olympic Torch.

In the meantime, residents might want to put this date in their diaries or book some time off work to be part of this great event." The Tour of Britain is the UK's biggest free to attend sporting event and is British Cycling's premier road event.

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Mansfield Community First Responders, are one of the unseen emergency services, who deal with 999 calls and attend community events.

Community first responders (CFRs) are a scheme founded and run by volunteers who give up their spare time to attend appropriate emergency calls in their own community. They are dispatched by the EMAS (East Midlands Ambulance Service) Emergency Operations Centre.

EMAS always provides the fastest possible response to emergency calls using its conventional resources such as ambulances and fast response cars. However, for patients experiencing cardiac arrest every second counts. For every minute that passes without defibrillation a person's chances of survival can decrease by up to 10%.

That is why having CFR's in Edwinstowe and other surrounding areas is so important.

In the more rural and hard to reach areas of the East Midlands, community first responders have a much better chance of providing the immediate help needed prior to the arrival of an EMAS crew.

In Mansfield and surrounding area are a group of CFR's who are on call at various times. First Responders attend local events and groups where we all go to teach CPR to help promote this importance of this life skill along with other first aid skills.

Fundraising is vitally important to us as a scheme as this allows us to purchase the lifesaving equipment needed for the job we do.

We cannot do it without your help and support. Follow us on our Facebook page and if you would like to make a donation then please follow the link to our Go Fund Me page.

For more information or if you could like to contact us for training or covering events then you can find our contact information on our website.

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John Peck re-elected as Edwinstowe's County Councillor

Many people will know by now that Edwinstowe's John Peck was re-elected on 4th May to serve another four years as your County Councillor, representing the new Sherwood Forest Division. This includes Edwinstowe, Clipstone, Kings Clipstone, Rufford, Eakring and Wellow. The result was as follows:

John Peck (Labour) 1738 votes - elected
Michael Brown (Conservative) 1397 votes
Peter Scorer (Liberal) 112 votes

It was a 36.28% turnout of the electorate which is close to the national average for the election. John's majority was 341 and he won 53.3% of the votes cast for those who like statistics.

John and Michael, both of whom live in Edwinstowe, shook hands after the result was announced and both agreed it had been a fair and respectful contest with none of the personal attacks that switch off many members of the public.

John said, "My best wishes to Michael, who fought a good campaign and my best wishes for the future. I'm proud to have been re-elected to represent the residents of Sherwood Forest Division, which includes my home village of Edwinstowe and of course the Division bears the name of our iconic forest.

I'm passionate about Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest and will continue to work hard to represent all residents, however they vote or don't vote. People's votes do make a difference though because it decides who represents our community and their ability to get things done, whether it's getting the potholes repaired, roads resurfaced, or support for community groups.



Congratulations John Peck

I know there's more to be done and changes coming to the village which will need elected representatives to be speaking so the voice of residents is heard."

The Conservatives are now the largest party on the County Council with 31 seats: Labour have 23 seats and the Liberal Democrats 1 seat. Various independent groups make up the other 11 seats on the 66 seat Council.

The Conservatives are three short of a majority and so have formed an alliance with the four Mansfield Independent Group to take control from Labour who have been running the County for the past four years.

Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group

Once again the Village Hall was the venue for our regular 'end of winter' Coffee Morning which this year was held on Saturday 25th February. A combination of 'new faces' and regular supporters enabled us to raise the very pleasing amount of £473 which maintains our rate of fund raising for this time of year.

However in May we excelled ourselves! The Plant Sale and Coffee Morning of Saturday the 20th was a tremendous success raising a magnificent £829. This is a record amount and a tribute to the hard work put in by our committee and helpers on the day. A grateful thank you to all who attended the event including the many who came for the first time in order to buy plants.

Our Hospice Support Group has been active for 30 years and has now raised £115,583 to help maintain cancer care in The John Eastwood Hospice, Sutton in Ashfield. We are very proud of this with events like those above giving us heart to carry on into the future.

Thank you to all our supporters.

Diary dates: We will be selling plants at the Lynds Close centre during the afternoon of Saturday 8th July.

A Coffee Morning in the Village Hall on Saturday 16th September.



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Fracking around Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest

We have been bringing you regular updates about proposals to carry out test drilling in many parts of the County, including the Edwinstowe area, which could eventually lead to the extraction of oil or gas using the controversial “fracking” method.

The Parish Council have had presentations from the energy company and from an anti fracking group. The Council considered the issue at the June Parish Council meeting, and decided to oppose fracking in the area of the Parish of Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest. Whilst INEOS have recently issued a statement which says they will not be carrying out test drilling within the boundary of the National Nature Reserve, that leaves a considerable area up to the edge of the boundary.

Edwinstowe’s County Councillor, John Peck, has already nailed his colours to the mast and made it clear he is opposed to any fracking in the Sherwood Forest and Edwinstowe area. John says, “I know what is being proposed at this stage is test drilling and no planning permission has been given to frack as yet. However, the whole point of test drilling is to establish whether there are commercially viable deposits and if there are, this would then lead to an application to frack.”



“I know we had a colliery for ninety years and I opposed its premature closure. However, this is something different. Quite apart from the very real concerns about the environmental impact on our water supply, the possibility of earth tremors and the huge increase in HGVs on our roads, Edwinstowe is the gateway to Sherwood Forest, which is Nottinghamshire’s world famous premier tourist attraction.”

Chairman of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said “a new visitor centre is being built and the colliery spoil heap is being landscaped to add to the forest as a visitor attraction.

There’s Clumber Park, Rufford Abbey, Sherwood Pines all bringing many hundreds of thousands of visitors to the area, boosting jobs, businesses and the local economy. They don’t come to see a gas field.”

The Parish Council agreed unanimously to oppose fracking in the area and agreed to set up a petition.

MAJOR OAK MEDICAL PRACTICE Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Just part of what PPGs can do to help improve GP services is by giving a patients’ perspective on services, offering constructive ideas, identifying changes that the practice has not considered, and acting as a critical friend.

Even if you are not a volunteer member of the Major Oak “real” PPG who attend regular meetings at the surgery this is a little reminder that you can still have an input by joining the existing virtual group.

You can do this by logging on to the Major Oak Practice website and

selecting the sign up for “our patient group” tab on the right-hand side of the home page and you can either complete the Patient Group sign up on line or download a pdf version of the sign-up form to hand in to reception at the surgery.

Members of this group will be asked questions from time to time, such as what do you think of surgery opening times or the quality of the care or service you received. You will be contacted via email and surveys are succinct so it shouldn’t take up much of your time.

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“Edwinstowe Inquirer”

Many villagers have expressed bemusement at receiving an eight page paper styling itself as the “Edwinstowe Inquirer”.

People have been coming up to Parish Councillors asking “what’s this all about?” and “who’s responsible for this?” It has been pointed out by many residents that the articles were anonymous, although the small print says it was published by the “Edwinstowe Allotment and Gardener’s Association”, in the “interests of truth and fairness.”

The paper referred to matters which happened a long time ago and are probably of little or no concern to most Edwinstowe residents; the paper missed out or misrepresented several important bits of information which throw a different light on the matter.

Lastly, the paper contains false statements against named Councillors.

Chairman of the Parish Council allotment working group which has allotment holders on the group, Councillor Chris Ayre said, “The majority of allotment holders are perfectly happy tending their plots and enjoying the company of their fellow allotment holders.

As far as we are concerned, the matter is history and the Parish Council does a good job administering the allotments. We do a regular inspection of both allotment sites and the plots are very well looked after.

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Selfish and inconsiderate parking- it needs to stop

We all know there are more vehicles on the road. As the population grows and more people own more cars- often more than can be parked on their drive if they have one- then parking seems to be becoming more of a problem. There are few things which are guaranteed to annoy residents more than inconsiderate parking.

You can walk around Edwinstowe at any time of day, but especially in the evenings, to see some examples of what we're talking about.

So here are some typical examples you can see in Edwinstowe:

- People who park right on the bend of East Lane forcing motorists to take the bend "blind"
- People who park on High Street right up to the junction of Mill Lane so any driver trying to get out of Mill Lane cannot see oncoming traffic coming down Rufford Road
- The person who parks his van at the top of Rufford Road every night, right on the bend, forcing traffic to drive around the van with no view of oncoming traffic

- The people who park right up to the end of Robin Hood Avenue so that the bus has great difficulty in getting through

- The people who park on Mansfield Road with all four wheels, the whole car, on the pavement so people with child buggies and mobility scooters are forced on to Mansfield Road, not to mention the hazard created for the visually impaired

- The people who park every night on the verge at the corner of Greenwood Avenue and East Lane and on the verge along East Lane who block the vision of drivers coming out of Greenwood Avenue and are destroying the grass verges and thus, making parts of the village look scruffy,

These are some of the examples Councillors receive regular complaints about from other residents.

If you are one of the above people and are reading this, please find somewhere else to park. Consider other residents. In most cases just moving the vehicle a bit up the road and parking in a safe manner considerate to other road users and pedestrians will do the trick.

Some of the instances above are potentially dangerous and the police will be requested to take action where obstruction and dangerous parking is taking place.

Parish Council agrees to install defibrillator

The Parish Council has agreed to install at least one, possibly two defibrillators in public areas of the village, after the Council and members of the public had an excellent talk at the Annual Parish Meeting from two First Responders.

Councillors were impressed by what they heard. Councillor Paul Peacock said, "We have First Responders in the village but we also need defibrillators in accessible public places such as the High Street. They really do save lives."

Councillor John Peck offered to buy a defibrillator for the village, using £1000 of his County Councillor's Divisional Fund.

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Brand new homes set for Edwinstowe!

Woodhead Homes, part of the Edwinstowe based Woodhead Group, will this summer begin work on 67 brand new homes at Rufford Pastures.

The development, just off Rufford Road, 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, where it was established over 70 years ago and is based at Edwinstowe House in the heart of the village.

The first homes will become available later this year and the company is now taking early bird reservations. Woodhead Homes has officially opened its sales centre at Edwinstowe House.

Leo Woodhead, Sales Manager for Woodhead Homes, said: "We're delighted to be building new homes in our own village. This development has been designed to offer families and individuals fantastic space, high quality homes and a beautiful rural setting. If anyone is interested, please come and visit us at the sales centre to find out more."

Rufford Pastures will include green spaces, an orchard, a central 'green boulevard' at the heart of the development, and a children's play area. All homes will be energy efficient and cost effective to run. Following consultation with the local community, 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 towards the end of the year. For more information, please visit the website: woodhead-homes.co.uk or call Vicki Austin, Woodhead Homes Field Sales Manager on 01623 827695.



From Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck

I'm delighted to have been re-elected as your County Councillor. Edwinstowe means a lot to me.

I'm passionate about the village and our famous Sherwood Forest. The part of the job I enjoy most is not the meetings at County Hall and reading lengthy Committee papers, although that is a necessary part of the job.

It's the work in the six villages I represent: meeting people and working with residents, community groups and Parish Councils, trying to get things done for the community.

I can't always be successful, but it's never for want of trying. Over my next four year term, there's much I want to try to get done: I'll be pressing for Church

Street and some of our worst pavements to be resurfaced; I'll continue to push for the long overdue improvement to Ollerton Roundabout; I'll be continuing the campaign to extend the Robin Hood railway to Edwinstowe and Ollerton;

I will be opposing any attempt to frack in the area of Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest; I will be speaking up for residents concerning the Thoresby Colliery development.

I know there will be change, but it is essential the voice of residents is heard and I'm determined to play my part to ensure our special village retains its village character. Lastly, I will continue to be on the stall outside the Co-op on the first Saturday of the month from 10.00 until 11.30.

Also don't forget to report any potholes or faulty street lights to me and I'll make sure they get fixed.

Overnight Bushcraft for Families



Could you survive a night in the woods? Join the bushcraft team at Sherwood Pines to find out. Build your own shelter to sleep in using forest materials, enjoy a delicious campfire cooked dinner and cook your breakfast on the open fire.

Learn fire lighting techniques, how to use a knife safely and how to purify water. We have places available on 17th and 24th August. 2pm – 11am. All you need to bring is a sleeping bag and a torch. Please wear sensible shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting a bit muddy.

Suitable for families with children aged 8 plus. All food is provided.

Places are limited and booking is essential. To find out more or to book your place please contact Karina on 0300 067 5463 or email karina.thornton@forestry.gov.uk.



Could you survive a night in the woods?

Bushcraft for Families

Join the rangers on Thursday 10th August for a day of bushcraft activities. Learn shelter building and fire lighting techniques and have a go at a forest craft. Build your own shelter using forest materials and learn traditional fire lighting techniques. You'll also learn how to use a knife safely and purify water. This is one of our most popular events. Please wear sensible shoes and clothes that you don't mind getting a bit muddy. Suitable for families with children aged 6 plus.

Little Oaks Playgroup Enchanted Garden Party

A magical time was had by all on Sunday 21st May as Little Oaks Playgroup held a family garden party with an Enchanted theme.

The hall and garden were transformed into a world of fairies, pixies and woodland creatures. Children came in fancy dress and special guests, Jiggy Wrigglers, led the Children in singing and dancing. There was also a raffle which made £106 for the Playgroup.

The volunteer organisers would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came on the day and to everyone who bought a raffle ticket.

Little Oaks Playgroup is open on Tues & Fri mornings in the Village Hall. Run by volunteer parents and grandparents, the group welcomes babies and toddlers newborn - 4yrs.

Please visit Little Oaks Playgroup Facebook page for more information.



Local residents will have noticed there has been a lot of activity around Forest Corner, as work has begun on what will be the car park for the new Sherwood Forest visitor centre.

The RSPB-led consortium which is delivering the ambitious new centre, worth more than £5 million,

has chosen local developer, Robert Woodhead Ltd, for the project. The family-run business, based in Edwinstowe, is now working on phase one, which includes the new car park, an access road and new hard-standing for the fun park.

The bright, modern visitor centre is being built by the RSPB in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council, Sherwood Forest Trust, Thoresby Estate and Continuum Attractions.



Photo By - JDDK Architects

New Sherwood Forest visitor centre

It has been designed to provide a welcoming gateway to the forest, and to help inspire the 350,000 + visitors to the site each year to enjoy and celebrate the forest's rich and diverse woodland, wildlife and heritage.

The RSPB will take over management of the National Nature Reserve from the county council once the new centre is open.

Work will begin later in the year on the actual centre as part of phase two. Ross Frazer, RSPB's project manager for the new visitor centre, said: "Whilst the second phase is the one being most eagerly awaited, this first phase is vital to the scheme, providing the visitor parking and important access on the site.

"We're thrilled to be working with a local company with the experience of Woodhead, who are associate members of the Considerate Constructors Scheme, and will help us deliver our project with minimum disruption to the local community."

Sue Hunter, project manager at Robert Woodhead Limited, said; "This is a very exciting project to be involved in and I am looking forward to working with the wider team to enhance the ecology and heritage of this world famous forest.

As a local company, Sherwood Forest and the surrounding community is very important to us so consideration of our surroundings will remain of utmost importance to us throughout the project."

Lynds Close Luncheon club

The club continues to run at full capacity with 40+ weekly dinners enjoying a three course Thursday lunch, with the Monday friendship club steadily growing in numbers. We would still like to welcome new faces to the club which has a relaxed atmosphere chatting enjoying a tea/coffee on a Monday afternoon 2 till 4.

On Saturday the 27th of May, the ducks were out in force on the River Maun, for our annual duck race, with 10 prizes most donated by local businesses we'd like to

thank both the businesses and everyone who purchased a ticket for their support.

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Reminder to Cemetery Visitors

The Parish Cemetery is looked after with great care and pride by Paul, one of our Parish Council amenity staff.

It is a beautifully well kept cemetery and it is a credit to residents as to how well looked after are the graves, most of which are beautifully tended and decorated with flowers.

We have mentioned before that there are some rules which the Parish Council need to enforce so that maintenance such as grass mowing can be carried out safely.

Councillor Dennis Tattersall, who chairs the cemetery sub committee says, "the cemetery rules state that

pots are not allowed to be placed around the area of the graves as they impede the maintenance and grass mowing in the cemetery.

If we allow even one, it could quickly get out of hand. We keep cemetery rules to a minimum and where there is a rule, it's there for a reason and for the benefit of everyone so that we can maintain a high standard in the appearance of the cemetery.

Any pots or objects which are not within the rules will be removed by staff."



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Parish Council WIN £5000 Grant For Fourth Avenue Play Area

The Parish Council have been successful in winning a £5000 grant from TESCO Grants awards scheme, towards the next phase of building a new children's play area on Fourth Avenue.

The first phase was completed last year. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said: "We're delighted to be awarded this money which will buy further play equipment for the children. In addition, we are hoping to receive further funding from housing developments in the village which allow us to complete the project over the next year.

The Parish Council has been very successful in bidding for grants over their past few years, which has enabled us to massively improve play facilities for our children and young people in the village, including the skate park and children's play area on Jubilee Park.

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Have you visited Edwinstowe's Jubilee Park?

Perhaps because it's at the far end of the village, the Parish Council's Jubilee Park has not been visited by quite a few Edwinstowe residents. It's worth having a look, to see how the Parish Council has been gradually developing the former Rufford School playing field. A summer weekend is a great time to watch the youngsters practising their tricks on the skate park.

We've installed several picnic tables if you don't want to do anything so energetic. At the bottom end of the park there is a children's play area, which the Parish Council have extended and added better equipment.

There's a natural area and at the bottom end we've planted a community orchard. It'll be a few years before the fruit trees are a decent size, but locals will be able to enjoy the fruit.

Parish Councillor Alison Troop who is on the Parks and Open Spaces Sub Committee says, "Jubilee Park is a lovely open space which is maturing nicely and of course the skate park is incredibly popular.

It's given many of our youngsters something active and healthy to do and it's really reduced anti social behaviour in the village."

Alison also recommends families with young children also take them to the Parish Council's new play area on Fourth Avenue and the lesser known one on Henton Road. The Henton Road play area is well hidden away and is a lovely place to take young children, with a covered seating area for the grown ups.

There's lots of play equipment for young children to enjoy.

The Parish Council plans to install more equipment on the Fourth Avenue play area over the next year or two.



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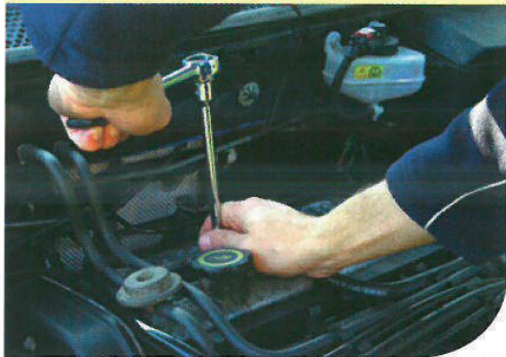
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A summer splash of colour on the High Street

By the time you read this, the High Street will be beginning to look its summer best.

The Parish Council have installed several flower planters over the past year or two, repainted all the street furniture, hung new banners and flags and now is the time of year when we encourage as many shop owners to put up hanging baskets.

The traders pay for them, and the Parish Council staff install the baskets and water them throughout the summer.

Every year, the High Street seems to look better and of course, to cap it all, the High Street has been resurfaced.

Of course, our Parish Council staff are out from early morning, picking up the litter and emptying the litter bins, to make sure our showpiece High Street always looks its best.



Miners' Memorial still open for donations

The fund to create a memorial to miners who lost their lives whilst working at Thoresby Colliery now stands at over £5000. So far, £5380 has been donated by the following individuals and companies:

Nottinghamshire Ex & Retired Miners Association
Dukeries Lions
Helping Hands
Edwinstowe Parish Council
Local Residents & Relatives of colliery workers
County Councillor John Peck
Woodheads
Royal British Legion (Edwinstowe Branch)

We are immensely grateful for the generous donations and if anyone else would like to contribute any donation, large or small would be gratefully received. Donations to the fund are to "Edwinstowe Parish Council" and can be sent or brought in to the Parish Council Office. The aim is to raise a minimum of £10000.

A small working group of Parish Councillors, former miners and relatives of miners has been set up, to agree a suitable memorial and its location.

The Echium Garden open days

What an amazing turnout we had this year for our open days at Edwinstowe House. Visitors from across the UK came to see our National Collection of Echium.

We were delighted to open for the first time for the National Garden Scheme a great charity that raises funds for caring organisations and the Echium Garden was included for the first time in the "Yellow

Book"! We are now preparing to set up our exhibit "Echium Eruption" at the new RHS Chatsworth Flower Show so look out in the next edition for our news from the show.

*Linda and Ray Heywood
Echium World, Edwinstowe House*





Links with Robiac-Rochessadoules

(SOUTHERN FRANCE)



Last August, a small group came over to Edwinstowe from Robiac-Rochessadoules, with a view to possibly setting up a twinning association between our villages (Village News, November 2016).

I recently made a short visit to the French village to find out more about it ...

Robiac-Rochessadoules is situated within the Cevennes National Park, where dense forests sprawl over mountains and valleys. Whilst the views are amazing, there is still much evidence of the area's coalmining past – boarded-up mine-shaft entrances, disused workshops and manmade reminders such as the enormous replica of a miner's lamp are just a few examples.

Once a farming region, the village of Robiac-Rochessadoules expanded to accommodate miners: as homes were built, a thriving community developed and services such as schools and doctor's surgeries were established specifically for mining families. Then, when the coalmines closed several decades ago, so too did the shops and cafés which had once lined the streets and today's village population has now shrunk to just a third of its peak size.

However, it is clear that the mayor and his staff remain steadfastly ambitious in their plans for today's village, with their current priority being to address the damage caused by subsidence. In addition to the work involved in this project, the mayor is also responsible for overseeing other tasks, including the provision of community services. The village hall hosts various events throughout the year, such as 'grand loto' (think bingo, but with money being raised for local charities), luncheon clubs, art exhibitions, movie nights (the village cinema closed years ago), concerts and Christmas parties.

There is also a strong pétanque team in the village, which has been top of the local league more than once.

On the day that I arrived, the village had hosted "Le Gard", an organised event for people to participate in hiking, cycling or orienteering. Unfortunately, this had finished by the time I got there, but maybe that was a good thing considering what was planned for the next two days: amongst other things, there was a meeting with the mayor and his team; a guided walk around the village; an incredible reception given by the primary school (where the children and staff are a credit to the village); an introduction to the CCAS (the local social care team) and an inspection of two local chapels, both of which are perched on mountain tops. Central to the whole visit was the generous hospitality shown by everyone, and nothing was too much trouble.

Following on from my visit, I would wholeheartedly recommend that Edwinstowe takes up the offer of friendship with Robiac-Rochessadoules and embraces this opportunity to move a little closer to building up links with our French neighbours.

If you would like more details of our ongoing contact with Robiac-Rochessadoules, you can go onto our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1777033552583737> or, alternatively, get in touch with me on 07513 090762 for more information.

Wendy Marsh



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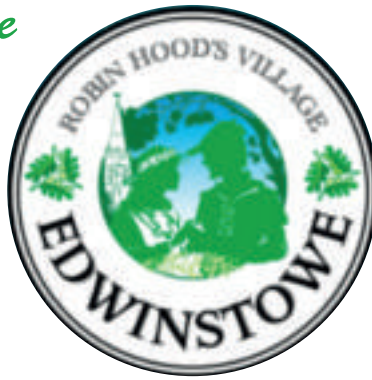
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Soldiers recognised in Queen's Birthday Honours

Two soldiers who were brought up in Edwinstowe have been recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours.

Lieutenant Colonel Hamish Cormack who commanded the 2nd Battalion The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment as they responded to the severe flooding in Lancashire, Cumbria, and Yorkshire during November and December 2015 has been awarded an OBE.

His citation commends the "incomparable strides" he made in developing the relationships between the military and regional communities. He is also said to have led by example while fielding numerous high profile visits during the flood relief operations.

"The floods were an incredibly tough time for all concerned," said Lt Col Cormack.

"The emergency services and local authorities worked tirelessly in a challenging situation to help those people affected and we were pleased to be able to support them.

"You could have knocked me over with a feather when I was told I was named in the Queen's Birthday Honours. I am humbled to be recognised but this incredible honour is not about me. It is a recognition of the soldiers of 2 LANCS."

What Goes On At Abbey Road Community Center

MONDAY EMILYS FRIENDSHIP GROUP	STARTING AT 10.am
MONDAY EVENING EVERGREEN CLUB SOCIAL/BINGO	STARTING AT 6.pm
TUESDAY AFTERNOON EMILYS EXERCISE CLASS	STARTING AT 1.pm
WEDNESDAY EVENING EVERGREEN CLUB DOMINOES/BINGO	STARTING AT 6.pm
THURSDAY EVENING WHIST GROUP	STARTING AT 6.pm
FRIDAY AFTERNOON ABBEY ROAD ART/CRAFT GROUP	STARTING AT 1.pm
FRIDAY EVENING EVERGREEN CLUB SOCIAL/BINGO	STARTING AT 6.30pm
<small>PLEASE CONTACT CHRIS AYRE ON 825808 FOR MORE INFORMATION</small>	

Sergeant Andrew Harrison who has been a dedicated and passionate supporter of numerous charities has been awarded an MBE in Her Majesty the Queen's Birthday Honours.

A Communications and Information Systems specialist with the Corps of Royal Engineers, he has supported county, regional and national charities over the past two decades.

Sergeant Harrison is currently a Platoon Sergeant at the Army Foundation College in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

His citation describes him as an excellent ambassador for the Armed Forces, fostering exceptional links between the military and the local community.

"I am shocked and honoured to be named on the list – it is totally unexpected," said Sergeant Harrison.

He started his charity work as a former Army Cadet twenty years ago raising money for the Royal British Legion. He joined the Army in October 2000 and continued supporting the charity as he moved through various postings. In January 2015 he became the County Poppy Appeal Co-ordinator for Nottinghamshire, a post he held until January this year.

He has also completed a 500 mile bike ride from Edinburgh to Richmond, London in five days to raise money for 'Missing People', a charity which searches for missing people and supports their friends and families, attending their families days and raising awareness of their work.

Outside military life, Sergeant Harrison is a Search technician with Lowland Rescue, and also a member of the Search and Rescue teams in Nottinghamshire and Yorkshire.

The Dukeries Singers

The weather has done its stuff and the gardens are burgeoning with flowers and edibles.

Despite trying to cut down on work and what we grow, we shall still have lots of "stuff" to pick, process and freeze etc. Let's hope there will be some free moments to actually sit in the garden and enjoy the Summer.

We finish our Summer singing season with a Concert at St. Chad's Church in Pleasley Vale on 8 July 2017 at 7-00pm. This is a beautiful, serene little Church, surrounded by trees and with the River Meden running through the valley. We are delighted to be invited to sing there once again.

On the following Wednesday evening, 12 July 2017 the Choir will be resting their voices and enjoying a social evening together.

We always extend a warm welcome to anyone thinking about joining us. There are no auditions and no need to be able to read music. We meet every Wednesday evening in the Concert Hall of the Dukeries Academy from 7-30pm until 9-15pm. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and free car park. Have a look at our information on our website [thedukeriesingers](http://thedukeriesingers.org) or on YouTube or on Facebook or even ask any member of the Choir you may know.

Phil is our Concert Secretary on 01623 822070 and he would be delighted to hear from you if you would like to book us.

We sing for a wide variety of occasions and fundraising events in an equally wide variety of venues. We have lots of available dates for Autumn, Christmas and even 2018!

Don't forget, Christmas has a nasty habit of sneakily creeping up and appearing suddenly from around a corner!

Have a lovely Summer. Sing in the garden. The wildlife will love it.

Jan

Counting Cows on Budby South Forest

The English Longhorn cows come over every summer from their winter homes on Thoresby Estate to carry out a very important job at Budby South Forest. This year is no different, and you'll soon see them roaming the heath.

The small herds of cattle imitate natural grazing, as there would have been when Sherwood was medieval hunting forest full of free roaming deer. Their random browsing of the grasses and shrubs leads to a variety of plant structures, and stops nutrients building up so that the heathland doesn't become woodland.

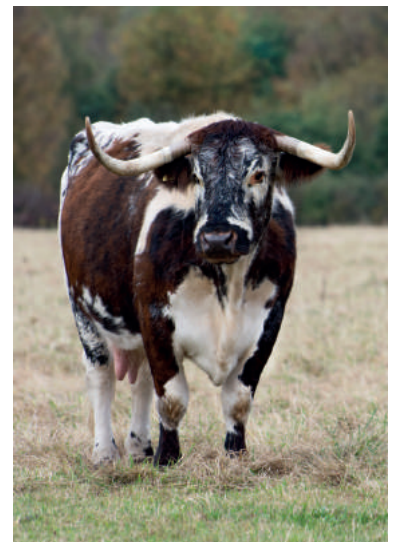
The greater the mix of plant ages, heights and bushiness, the greater the mix of wildlife that can live there. Birds, butterflies, bees, reptiles, grasshoppers, beetles and even flowers need different

conditions to thrive. In the right numbers the cows can help us create those special conditions for rare heathland wildlife like, nightjars and woodlarks.

Keeping livestock can take a lot of work and I'm after some help with the 'looking' over summer. If you're looking for an opportunity to get outside, see wildlife and help conservation work in Sherwood, this could be your chance. Full instructions would be given, but very simply it involves walking through a beautiful reserve to find and count cattle!

If you'd like to know more about this opportunity or any of the work we are doing at Budby South Forest then please do get in touch.

Chloe Ryder
RSPB Site Manager, Budby South Forest
Tel: 07718 248 953 | Email: Chloe.ryder@rspb.org.uk



Allotment



The Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to update everyone about the allotments at Ollerton Road and Boy Lane.

There are a few vacancies at the sites and if you would like an allotment please get in touch with the Parish Clerk.

A waiting list system on a first come , first served basis, is in operation.

The Ollerton Road site has a wide range of allotment holders across all age ranges, from the very young to the very experienced, some of whom have held allotments for many decades.

Others are new to the experience but often benefit from the advice and encouragement of the more experienced on site.

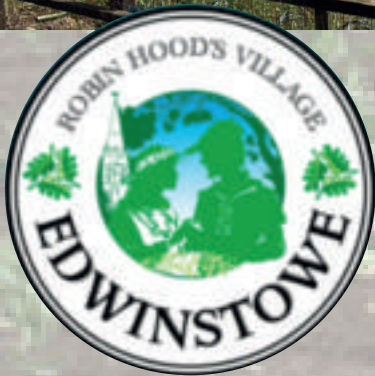
On both sites there is a really good atmosphere of friendship and co-operation.

Update

The Parish Council's Allotment Committee visits the sites regularly and gets to chat with many allotment holders on an informal basis.

If you would like to visit the sites before you make up your mind, the Parish Clerk will sort out a convenient time to show you around.

Allotments are a good way to grow healthy, nutritious fruit and vegetables as well as get lots of exercise digging, planting and reaping the rewards of your labours!



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Please note: There is no Jousting this year due to the construction of the new Visitor Centre which will open in 2018.



Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, Swinecote Road, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire NG21 9HN

There is a small charge for some activities and Open Air Theatre performances. Event involves walking between performance areas. Mobility scooter hire is available.

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Robin Hood Festival 2017 – Local Traffic Management Arrangements

It is planned that Swinecote Road will be closed to through traffic during the Robin Hood Festival, 31st July to 6th August 2017 to create a 'pedestrian only' zone on the section of the B6034 near to the cricket pitch and enable safe crossing from the car park to the East of Swinecote Road to the main visitor site as in previous years. This means that this section of the road will be closed to all through traffic, with the exception of emergency access vehicles. It applies between the hours of 10am and 5pm daily for the duration of the event. Diversion signs will be in place and all festival traffic will be directed to the festival parking from the north as there will be no parking to the south of the road closure this year.

Access to the cemetery, YHA, Craft Centre and Cricket Club FROM Edwinstowe will be unaffected. Because of the road closure access to these facilities and Edwinstowe Village will not be possible from the junction of the B6034 & A616.

Service buses will drop off and pick up in Edwinstowe Village for the 7 days of the event.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused by this temporary road closure, but this is the safest way to enable large numbers of pedestrians to cross the road during the event.

In addition to these arrangements temporary parking and no loading / unloading restrictions will be in place on a section of Paddock Close, Royal Oak Court, Maythorn Grove, Newbury Close, Forest Corner Road and Church St to reduce disruption to residents due to people parking for the event.

If you have any questions about these traffic management arrangements, please contact the Site Manager at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, Izi Banton, tel. (01623) 823202, or email izi.banton@nottscc.gov.uk

Please be aware that with the works taking place to build the new Visitor Centre due to open in 2018 the above arrangements may be subject to last minute change but in order to comply with the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order process it is essential that we make the necessary provisions to enable the traffic management to be put in place.

Your support and co-operation is appreciated.

Volunteer at this year's festival

Volunteers play a crucial role in the smooth running of the festival and we are on the lookout for people who can spare any time during the week. If you are interested in volunteering please send through your details and availability to: sue.mcdonald@nottscc.gov.uk

Milton Mausoleum

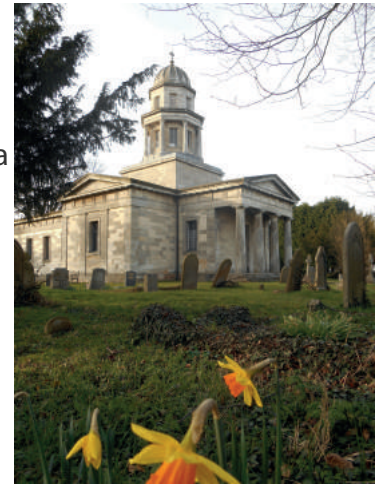
We live in an area that contains many remains of our country's history. Two thousand years ago, the Roman Empire occupied land at Littleborough.

Nearer to our time the area of Sherwood Forest has contained some of our great aristocratic estates, Thoresby, Welbeck and Clumber.

One part of the Clumber estate that is now under the care of The Churches Conservation Trust is the Mausoleum at Milton that was built by the 4th Duke of Newcastle as a memorial to his beloved wife, Georgiana.

It is a building that has been damaged by water penetration and vandalism over the years, but there are hopes that, in the near future, it will be useable as a community space.

For over ten years the Mausoleum has been opened a couple of times a month from May to September. This year we are continuing last year's change to open every Sunday, May to September, from 2 till 4pm. At this time volunteer stewards will be present to tell the story of the Duke, his wife and their family.



What is happening at Edwinstowe Library?

Mansfield Museum workshop – Friday 7th July 10.00am – 11.30am
Come along and discover how music has impacted on our lives, in so many different ways.

Bring along an object that showcases your musical memories and share with others.

This is a FREE event, all welcome

Summer Reading Challenge 2017 Saturday 15th July, 10.00am – 11.30am sees the launch of this year's summer reading challenge!

If you belong to an organised group who may wish to visit at another time contact our email address mausoleum1833@gamil.com

Beryl Venables

Final preparations are being made for the launch and activities as we speak – so look out for more info at the library

And don't forget our regular activities – reading groups, adult craft group, monthly crafts for children, one-to-one computer sessions, family history etc.

Pop in to the library and ask one of our staff for more details

Edwinstowe Library opening hours are:
Tuesday 9.30am - 1.15pm & 2.00pm – 6.30pm
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It does not seem ten years since my friend Pauline Rainsford and I had the idea of starting an Art and Craft group in the Abbey Road Centre.

In that time our initial group of founder members have become firm friends as well as efficient artists and card makers.

In passing, I would like to say that Pauline and Tom have settled down nicely in their new home in New Zealand and I know they would want me to forward their good wishes to their Edwinstowe friends.

We also have members who bring other craft items to our meetings on Friday afternoons.



The season opened with our club's 2 wood singles competition, in the tight final **Ryan Crawford beat Gladys Dove**.

Well done to all who took part, anyone interested?

We play Tuesday evenings and Thursday, Saturday afternoons.

Ring 822448 for more information.

One gentleman recently completed a beautiful collage and several ladies bring knitting and other types of craft work.

We are celebrating our anniversary throughout the year by going to various places for lunch, the next arrangement being in July.

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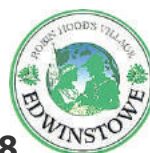
SHERWOOD FOREST PROBUS CLUB

The Sherwood Forest Probus Club is open to any person over aged 53, retired or semi-retired and 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. Past speakers subjects have been 'Feel Good Foods', 'Birds in your Garden', 'Capability Brown', 'British Legion', 'The 1950's', and 'Beatrix Potter'. To come -- on 6th July it is a members day (everyone welcome (no need to be a member) and on 3rd August it is the Presidents Lunch (again everyone welcome), and finally on 7th September is the Annual General Meeting.

Any person interested in joining this club or attending a meeting please contact President, Mrs Di Roker (01623) 822220.

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ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2017/8

– TUESDAYS

- 11 July 2017
(start at 7.30pm)**
- 12 September 2017**
- 10 October 2017
(start at 7.30pm)**
- 14 November 2017**
- 19 December 2017 (if required)**
- 16 January 2018**
- 13 February 2018 (start at 7.30pm)**
- 13 March 2018**
- 17 April 2018**
- 8 May 2018 (including AGM)
(Starts at 6.30pm)**

**MEETINGS
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July 2017

Monday 10th July

Go Active Falconry Evening – Sherwood Lecture Series

7-9pm (approx.)

The evening will provide an insight into falconry delivered through our passion and experience working closely with native and non-native birds of prey. This will be an interactive experience learning about various species of hawk, falcons, owls and eagles and how they survive in their natural habitats. An open floor opportunity for questions and answers learning some insightful facts about these majestic birds. There will also be the opportunity to see some of these species in the flesh and handle them should you wish.

Not suitable for children under 12.

Pre-booking essential.

£5 per person.

Saturday 15th July

Hawk Walk Experience at Sherwood

A one hour woodland hawk walk through Sherwood Forest with the opportunity to handle and fly a bird of prey from your very own glove. All equipment is provided and under 16's need to be accompanied by an adult. During the walk you will also learn about how these birds survive in their natural environment. A truly fun and educational experience for all.

£15 per person - Limited places so pre-booking essential – contact 07415 509262;

info@goactivefalconry.co.uk for more information and booking details

Saturday 22nd July

10.30am – 12noon

Mini Butterfly Hunt

Join one of our Rangers on a butterfly stroll to see how many species we can find today. You will also learn the basic identification skills needed to take part in Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count. Also get the chance to create your own butterfly mask to take home. The walk is approximately 1 mile. Family event suitable for children aged 3 -7.

Booking essential, phone 01623 823202.

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Wednesday 26th July

From 11am (story walk 2.45pm-3.45pm)

In The Footsteps of Robin Hood

Return to the year 1248 and follow in the footsteps of Robin Hood. On your travels you may well come across Robert of Wentbridge, one of Robin's faithful band as he wanders the paths of Sherwood Forest. You can join him on a gentle wander between 2.45pm and 3.45pm through the forest as he tells tales of Sherwood's most famous outlaw. To book a place call Visitor Information on 01623 823202.

Adults £3 children £1.50

AUGUST 2017

Thursday 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st August

2.30 - 4pm

Chris Miller Falconry Walk

A chance to get up close and personal with these beautiful creatures and learn some fascinating facts about this 'sport of kings', in the magnificent setting of the once Royal Hunting Forest of Sherwood.

Places limited on the walk so pre-booking essential on 01623 823202

Sorry, no dogs. Maximum distance 1½ miles.

(Heavy rain or strong winds may require this event to be re-scheduled.)

Adults £5, children £2.50

Thursday 17th August

10.30am – 12noon

Butterfly Hunt

Join one of our Rangers on a butterfly stroll, to see how many species we can find today. You will also learn the basic survey and identification skills needed to take part in Butterfly Conservation Big Butterfly Count. Also get the chance to create your own fluttery butterfly on a stick to take home. Walk is approximately 1 mile, family event suitable for children aged 7 -12. Booking essential, phone 01623 823202.

£2.50 children (accompanying adults free)

Monday 21st August

8.30pm-10pm approx.

Bat Walk

Did you know that a pipistrelle bat can devour over 3,000 midges a night and baby bats cling to their mothers when mum flies in search of food? Join a Ranger on this evening walk to learn more about the bats of Sherwood Forest and their association with the world famous Ancient Oaks.

This event will involve a gentle stroll of approximately 1.5 miles and finishes in the dark. Please bring a low powered torch and insect repellent is recommended.

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

£5 per person

Saturday 26th - Monday 28th August

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. Get up close to weavers' fletchers, armourers and woodworkers. Hopefully weather permitting the armour-clad knights will do battle in the shadow of the Major Oak. Suitable for wheelchair users

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Edwinstowe Firefighters take on medical first responding duties as part of National trial

Firefighters in Edwinstowe are using their skills and expertise to give life-saving care to patients suffering cardiac arrest and other serious conditions, as part of a three-month trial supporting colleagues at East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS).

The Emergency First Responder (EFR) scheme sees firefighters being immediately mobilised after the first ambulance crew to help provide critical care to patients while an ambulance is on its way. Due to the close proximity of fire stations to their local community, they are, in some cases, able to arrive at the scene more quickly, saving vital minutes in administering care.

Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service Group Manager Damien West said: "In 2015, retained firefighters at Newark and Harworth joined a national trial for Emergency First Responders - since then we have been looking at ways in which we can continue to help more and more people, by using the lifesaving skills that firefighters have to give patients the best possible chance of survival in the communities we serve.

"Our firefighters are all trained to a very high standard, carry special life-saving equipment and are used to providing that first medical intervention in an emergency when every second counts.

"Fire crews will be mobilised immediately after the closest ambulance crew is dispatched, and if our firefighters are closer, and can get there a few minutes sooner, they can make all the difference. Once the ambulance crew has arrived, they will take over."

The Emergency Fire Responder scheme is already well-established in parts of Nottinghamshire, as well as elsewhere in the country, where firefighters respond in their communities in support of their local ambulance service.

The scheme enhances the valued services already provided by dedicated Community First Responders (volunteers who are trained and supported by EMAS to provide a fast response to people in life-threatening emergencies, whilst the ambulance travels to the scene).

In 2015 retained firefighters at Newark and Harworth joined a UK-wide trial into Emergency First Response, and feedback from the additional three stations will be fed into the national trial, as well as informing future co-responding schemes and collaboration with partner agencies in Nottinghamshire.

Pete Ripley, EMAS Associate Director of Operations said: "The community focused response model is something we have been doing for a number of years. We have Community First Responders (CFRs) and retained fire responders across the whole East Midlands and benefits are seen for those patients in a time critical emergency such as cardiac arrest.

"Having someone there who can provide basic life support, including defibrillation and CPR, within minutes of the collapse happening will improve the patient's chance of survival."

Watch Manager Nicola Bottomley is part of the trial at Edwinstowe Fire Station. She said: "All of the calls we have responded to so far have been received positively - people are happy to see us and our colleagues at EMAS are appreciative of the work we are doing.

"It's an opportunity to save more lives, and ensure the people in our communities receive the best care they can, which has got to be a good thing."

Stirling bomber

In 2015 Robert and Jane Bealby dedicated a monument to the crew of a Stirling bomber which crashed at Broomhill Grange, on 26th February 1944. Of the 6 Australians and one British airmen, five were lost, leaving 2 Australians, one very badly hurt.

The other airman raised the alarm, but unfortunately returning to flying duties went missing 3 months later. The injured Australian spent 8 months recovering, returned to flying and survived the war. He was still living in Brisbane, his home town.

In the course of research Robert and Jane found the survivor and after the dedication service, Jane flew to Brisbane and met up with him, his wife and family. This was a fantastic moment and Reg was overwhelmed to hear all the details of the crash.

At this time only relatives of 6 crew members had been found, but the 7th saw a news report on the local TV, got in touch and met up with Reg. Earlier this year Jane heard that Reg, now 93 had health problems and he died peacefully in April 2017, having had his wish to meet family members of all the crew, including the English airman, when he visited England several years ago.





SUPPORT AFTER STROKE

BUILDING CONFIDENCE

I set up Support after Stroke last year because I am very keen to support stroke survivors in the locality. I have worked for The Stroke Association for six years, I know there is very much a need for stroke support for all age groups.

As I understand the physical and emotional impact a stroke can have on both the stroke survivor and those closest to them. I realise that by improving levels of confidence with everyday life you can improve your quality of life and you can move on. Support is provided to practice daily activities, for instance support with returning to work, support on social activities and outings or getting involved local activities. This can result in improved confidence which can have an overall positive impact on both the stroke survivor and those around them. I meet up with the stroke survivor and together we decide the best way forward. The charge is kept to a minimum as Support After Stroke is a not for profit company. Small steps forward can make a big difference.

I am also feel very privileged to be running a Friendship Group on Abbey Road Centre on a Monday., I am also very fortunate to be supported by some wonderful volunteers. Our aim is that people who attend this group feel relaxed and enjoy one another's company. We have a choice of activities including crafts, card making, memory games, painting and more. Or can simply talk to friends.

All very light hearted with the emphasis on fun and companionship. As well as offering a warm and friendly welcome we provide Tea/coffee and toast on arrival, a light lunch and refreshments through the day. Arrival time is between 9.30am – 10am finishing at around 2pm. The cost for the whole day is £8 each some people just choose to come in the mornings which is £4 per person.



Phyll (Stroke Survivor) with her husband Jeff – “ Emily’s caring nature and professionalism helped us through formidable times giving us confidence and we made it”.

At the Tuesday Friendship Group, Abbey Road Edwinstowe. We do low level seated exercise. the main aim of this group is to have fun, whilst doing some extremely gentle seated exercise then rewarding ourselves with tea and cake afterwards! We start at 1.30pm and finish at 3pm. Not only does exercise have many physical health benefits but it can improve our mood and levels of confidence. This is also suitable for stroke survivors.

For further information on Support After Stroke Services including the Friendship Groups please call Emily on **07702 192935**.

www.supportafterstroke.org
emily@supportafterstroke.org



Jess from Friendship Group showing teaching Graham to Knit.

COMMENTS

Please email your comments to :

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Annual Charity Golf Day

Lieutenant Colonel (retired) K Seddon MBE BEM, The Mercian Regiment, invites you to join the members of the Mercian Regiment at the Annual Charity Golf Day which is to be held at Rufford Park Golf and Country Club on Friday 25th August 2017.

All proceeds raised on the day will be donated to the Mercian Regiment Charity, the fund assists injured soldiers and their families. The Charity will also be raising funds towards the upkeep of the Regimental Memorial Tower at Crich in Derbyshire.

The members of the Regiment very much hope that you will be able to join them at this very important event in the Regimental



Calendar however, if you are not able to make the date and enter a team we very much hope that you might consider sponsoring one of the four testing par 3 holes, or donating a prize.

In anticipation of a favoured response.

Keith Seddon MBE BEM
Lieutenant Colonel (Retired)

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