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EDWINSTOWE VILLAGE NEWS

Welcome to our summer edition of Edwinstowe Village News

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This is the time of year when the village perhaps looks at its best with an eye catching High Street resplendent with hanging baskets and tubs of flowers. In this edition we keep residents up to date with news about the new Visitor Centre, Ollerton roundabout, much needed road repairs in the village and progress on creating a memorial garden for the miners who lost their lives in mining accidents at the colliery, plus articles from some of the many community and sporting groups in our village. There is also some news about the parish cemetery.

The Tour of Britain

Saturday 8th September 2018

The tour is returning to Edwinstowe for the second year because of the amazing welcome we gave the cyclists last year. The lead vehicles are expected to arrive shortly after 1.00pm – the tour could take around hour to pass through the village. Let's make Edwinstowe look fantastic by decorating the village in yellow. This year the route is a reverse of last year and it is planned that the cyclists will go down the High Street although we are still awaiting final confirmation.



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News about the Parish Cemetery

At the April meeting of the Parish Council it was agreed to add some additional special occasions when family members may, if they wish, place flowers and memorials on the grass around headstones in addition to the ones which are placed on the headstones.

In line with most other cemeteries across the country, Edwinstowe has a long standing rule that, whilst flowers and memorials can always be placed on the headstones, flower vases and other objects are not allowed on the grass. This is for two reasons: firstly to ensure the cemetery always looks a beautiful well looked after place and secondly, because there are now some 1,200 gravestones and memorials for our cemetery worker to mow and trim around impossible if vases and other objects are placed permanently on the grass. However the Parish Council will always do their best to meet people's wishes as far as possible and have agreed that flowers and memorials can be placed on the grass additional to the usual ones on the headstones on the following special days (Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Easter, Father's Day, Remembrance Sunday and Christmas) It was also decided that flowers or vases could be attached to the metal memorial plaques which some residents have, provided sufficient room is left underneath to allow the strimmer to cut the grass.

Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "Whilst most people in the village tell us how beautiful and well looked after the cemetery is and understand why we have to have rules to keep it looking its best, we have listened to what some people have been saying and brought in some sensible adjustments to the rules. We get many compliments about how exceptionally well looked after our cemetery is and it is a great credit to our dedicated staff." However, Councillors expressed their concern about a social media campaign by a small group of people at least one of whom has no connection to the village or the cemetery, who have made some very unpleasant and distasteful threats to Parish Council staff. These have been passed on to police.

Residents are reminded that the charge for booking a plot for a grave or memorial stone will rise next year to ensure charges match the costs of running the cemetery. Also, the cemetery will become full in a few years so the Parish Council is engaged in discussion with landowner, Thoresby Estates, with a view to purchasing some more land to extend the cemetery. Plots may be reserved by contacting the Parish Council office.

Looking after the High Street and village conservation area

Many residents may know that High Street, Church Street and part of East and West Lanes are designated as a conservation area. Newark and Sherwood District Council employ conservation officers whose job is to ensure the conservation areas are preserved and the rules followed. The Parish Council are the eyes and ears who keep a watch on the area and contact the conservation team if there are concerns. District Councillor Celia Brooks, who is Chair of the Parish Council recently invited a conservation officer to walk around the area. There are some matters which are in hand. For example, the new antiques business in the old chapel (the former Bentley's Bakery) will be replacing the temporary grey wooden fence with railings in the style of the original ones. The historic Old Library building which has recently been refurbished has replaced the front windows without planning permission. They have been served with an order to remove them and restore windows in the style of the original ones. At the time of writing, the developer has appealed against the decision and the outcome of that appeal is awaited. Councillor Brooks said, "It is important we look after the conservation area, otherwise we would lose the essential character of the village and what makes Edwinstowe special and such an attractive place to live. We also need to look at inappropriate signage. A balance has to be struck between the need for traders to advertise their businesses and the overall appearance of the High Street."

If you would like to know more about the conservation area there is an information day in Library on Saturday 21st July 2018 (10am - 12pm)

The Parish Council works hard to keep the village attractive. Parish Council staff can be seen on the High Street and elsewhere in the village from 7am each day, picking up the litter, watering the plants and carrying out general maintenance. All the street furniture was freshly painted last year and new flower tubs installed and County Councillor John Peck got the High Street resurfaced. Many visitors to the village comment on how attractive our village is, especially the High Street.



Parish Council gets £12,000 grant towards the Thoresby Miners' Memorial

We've mentioned in previous issues the Parish Council has a working group which is creating the memorial garden to remember the miners who died in tragic accidents during the course of their work at Thoresby Colliery. In May, the County Council announced the Parish Council bid for a grant towards the project had been successful and £12,000 has been awarded to the project from the Local Improvement Scheme fund. This will enable to move ahead as soon as possible. A suitable site has been identified next to the Village Hall on Mansfield Road. The site has now been cleared and the working group are in the process of selecting a suitable design for the memorial. A board will also be installed outlining the history of the colliery, along with a seat and suitable planting. To date, the fund stands at around £20,000 including the grant and generous donations made by local businesses and members of the public. County Councillor John Peck has been able to donate money from his community fund to re-store the railings and brickwork and the cost of clearing the site. Working Group member Councillor Paul Peacock said, "I'm pleased with the progress we've made so far. Finding a suitable site was the first step and now the land has been cleared we can see that it's just the right size and in a prominent position. Getting the grant is great news and we're grateful for all the donations. Anyone else who wishes to make a donation towards the memorial should contact the Parish Council office." Paul and the Parish Council have also been concerned to make sure the winding wheels are kept as a memorial to the colliery and have held meetings with the Thoresby Colliery developer to reach agreement on where and how at least one, if not both can best be displayed.



Road resurfacing in Edwinstowe

A combination of the weather and Government cuts to local council budgets may be taking its toll in the form of potholes but at least some of Edwinstowe's roads have been getting some attention. Many residents will know that Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck successfully campaigned to get Lansbury Road and the High Street resurfaced. More recently he had cause to ask Highways officers to meet him on West Lane to show them how the surface had suddenly badly deteriorated during a spell of bad weather.

"I couldn't believe how all the surface had crumbled from the junction with Fourth Avenue to the fire station. Anyway, the officers agreed with me that something needed to be done urgently and I'm pleased to say that stretch of West Lane has been resurfaced and they've made a good job of it. I'm also pleased that the roads on the Manvers estate have been done, they're much better now. My next targets are to press for Church Street, Merryweather Close and some of the very poor pavements, especially on the Avenues to be done. It usually takes me two or three years of persistently making the case, because I know funding is tight, but I'll keep chipping away!"

John also reminds residents to contact him about any potholes or faulty street lights on their road and he'll report them straight away.

From your County Councillor, John Peck



As usual, I've been busy going around the village with my notebook reporting potholes wherever I've seen them. I can't remember seeing Nottinghamshire's roads in such a poor state but I'm doing my best to make sure Edwinstowe's roads get repaired. I'm pleased to have been successful in getting the worst stretch of West Lane resurfaced after having met with Highways officers to show them how bad it was. I'm also pleased that all of the roads on the Manvers estate are now looking much better, having been surfaced dressed. At least I won't need to be reporting potholes in that area for a few years. There is more to be done though and I will be continuing to press for repairs to our worst roads and pavements.

I'm annoyed that the bid for Government funding to help improve Ollerton roundabout has been turned down and I've been taking every opportunity to press the case for urgent action by the County Council to secure the necessary funding. Traffic volumes are only going to increase especially as the Thoresby Colliery site develops.

I have to say the new visitor centre looks impressive. I believe this will give many of our local businesses, especially those in the Craft Centre and on the High Street, a real boost. Edwinstowe is in a very fortunate position. High Streets are in decline across the country and many villages have very few facilities. If we can attract more visitors to our lovely village the gateway to Sherwood Forest then our High Street and local economy will thrive.

Lastly, I've been pleased to use my community fund over the past year to purchase a defibrillator for the village and make donations to several community groups. Also to help fund the proposed Thoresby Miners' memorial garden which I hope will be completed during the next twelve months.

NEWS

New housing on Edwinstowe House site

Local construction firm, Robert Woodhead Ltd who are based at Edwinstowe House are building 31 new houses on part of their land next to the High Street and West Lane. Residents will have seen the old buildings being demolished during April and the temporary boards going up around the corner. We have been informed the building will start soon and Woodheads expect to be finished by September next year.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said, "We welcome the fact that Woodheads will be making speedy progress with this project which we think will improve the appearance of what has been a rather scruffy corner of the High Street and West Lane, with a number of disused and semi-derelict buildings which have now been demolished."

There will be a couple of other bonuses for the village. Firstly, the developers will be making a community contribution which will help the Parish Council to further develop the Fourth Avenue play area with further children's play equipment. Secondly, the Parish Council will be taking over the land which runs from the bridge between the river and the Edwinstowe Hall car park. This will be restored as a village conservation area, with a riverside walk and picnic area open to the public.

Councillor Brooks said, "This will be another exciting project for the Parish Council to open up this area. We want to create a really attractive riverside walk and nature area, creating another attractive open space for Edwinstowe residents."

area and I'm disappointed the bid for a Government grant has not been successful. I will continue to press the case along with the other local councillors in Edwinstowe and Ollerton for this project to get started as soon as possible. The funding must be found. County Councillor John Peck recently moved a motion at a meeting of the County Council along with Ollerton's Mike Pringle urging the County Council to make the project a priority. John said, "It is the County Council who are responsible for Highways improvements and they must find the money to ensure this long overdue project goes ahead as soon as possible as the bottleneck at the roundabout will only get worse." When the Alders pub was built, John obtained assurances that sufficient land was retained to enable the Ollerton roundabout improvement to go ahead



Campaign to improve Ollerton roundabout - latest

Anyone who uses Ollerton roundabout has known for years that it needs upgrading. It's too small for the number of busy roads feeding into it. Plans to upgrade it in the past were shelved and only a piecemeal change to road markings on the Ollerton side has been carried out. Since then, traffic volumes have increased, vehicle sizes have increased and there have been substantial numbers of new homes built in Edwinstowe and Ollerton, with more in the pipeline not least the redevelopment of the Thoresby Colliery site with up to 800 houses planned over the next 10 years or so.

As part of the planning agreement, Harworth Estates, the developer of the Thoresby site will be contributing over £1million towards the upgrading of the roundabout. However, it is estimated the upgrade would cost something in the region of £8 million. District Councillor Paul Peacock said, "This project is a priority for this

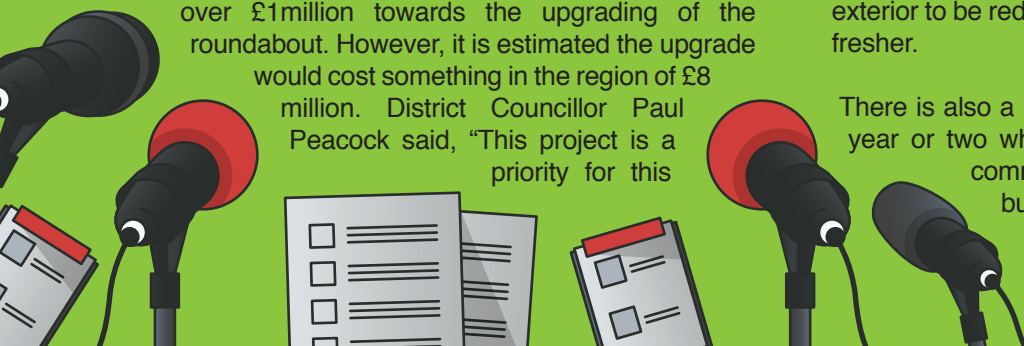
Village Hall redecoration

Many older residents will remember our Village Hall as the original St. Mary's school, which some will have attended. After it closed it became the Village Hall and also houses the Parish Council office.

It's always very well used by a variety of community groups and is run and very well looked after by a group of dedicated volunteers, the Village Hall Management Committee which includes Parish Council representatives.

It has been needing redecoration and refurbishment for some time. The Management Committee have been successful, with the help of Councillor Paul Peacock, in obtaining grants which have enabled the interior and exterior to be redecorated and it all looks much brighter and fresher.

There is also a plan to refurbish the toilets within the next year or two when additional money comes in from the community contributions from the new house building in the village.



Defibrillators save lives!

These easy to use brilliant pieces of medical technology really can save lives and give someone a fighting chance in those minutes before a first responder or paramedic arrives. Many people will have noticed them as they become more common around the country, sometimes installed in disused red telephone boxes. We reported in the last issue that the Parish Council have installed one at the Abbey Road Community Centre. Thoresby Cricket Club have installed one at their Pavillion, the Fire Station and the Big House also have one. Councillor John Peck donated money to the Parish Council from his community fund to buy another defibrillator to be installed in the High Street area. It has been purchased but a suitable location is still being negotiated. The library agreed to install it but that turned out to be very expensive due to the construction of the building. The medical practice and the CO-OP has therefore been approached with a view to installation on the outside of their building.



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April 2018 – Forestry Commission

I am Amy Chandler, Community Ranger for the Forestry Commission. I help people engage with their local woodlands. The work has recently been completed in Birklands to halo round the veteran oak trees to allow the trees room to grow. I am working on rhododendron and laurel removal with volunteers and recently had some help from students at Nottingham Trent University.

There is still plenty of work to do in the woods so I am always looking for volunteers to help. I have a weekly volunteer group on a Wednesday afternoon based in the Ollerton area which caters for everyone. It would be great to see you whether you just want to get some fresh air or are looking for a career in the environmental sector it could be just the thing for you.

Forest Live was back in Sherwood Pines for 2018 in June. I am sure some of you can hear in your gardens. Gary Barlow, UB40, Paul Heaton and Jacqui Abbott were this year's performers.

If you want any further information or you have a question about the woods or the Forestry Commission feel free to get in touch at amy.chandler@forestry.gov.uk or ring me on 0300 067 5443 or visit www.forestry.gov.uk/visit

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ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2018/19

Tuesdays – (unless stated)

18 July 2018 – (Weds)

11 September 2018

16 October 2018

13 November 2018

11 December 2018 (if required)

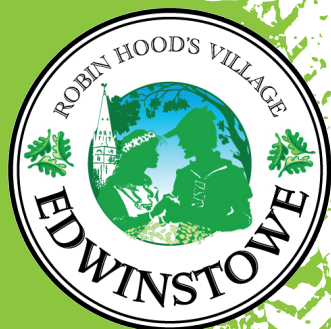
8 January 2019

12 February 2019 (Start at 7.30pm)

12 March 2019

2 April 2019

15 May 2019 (including AGM)(Wednesday)



Lynds Close Luncheon Club Psychic Night 2018

On Friday 27th April 2018 Lynds Close Luncheon Club held a Psychic Night Pie and Pea Supper to raise funds for the Summer trip to Skegness for all the diners. They can look forward to a free trip to Skegness when hopefully the sun will shine.

Four Psychic Mediums entertained 32 guests. We would like to thank Sharon Sinclair, Carolyn Allsop and Mary Paxton for giving their time freely in support of our fund raiser.

A total of £360 was raised through ticket sales and a raffle.

We would like to extend a BIG thank you to all who purchased tickets for the event as well as those who supported the raffle and not forgetting the team of volunteers who gave their time to organise and stage the event.

Our next fundraiser will be the Cream Tea at Lynds Close Community Lounge on Saturday 21st July 2018. Please come along and support us.

For more information please contact Sue Howells on 07800803728.



Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group

The Parish Council and Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) are keen to understand what people in Edwinstowe think about health and social care services in the village. The CCG is responsible for planning and paying for local healthcare services. We would be grateful if you would spend a few minutes answering this survey. The results will be published in a future edition of your parish newsletter. You can either complete the survey on line by typing this address <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Edwinstowe>

We are not asking for your name and address but need to tell you that your computer IP address will be stored by survey monkey if you would like to read more please see here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/legal/privacy-policy/> Alternatively please complete the paper survey that can be found in the library or GP surgery and pop it in the box or send it directly back to us using this freepost address

Please return the form freepost to; Engagement, FREEPOST RTGE-CRAT-BABH, NHS Mansfield & Ashfield CCG, Birch House, Mansfield, Notts NG21 0HJ. Any questions please contact Sally Dore at sally.dore@nhs.net or call on 07909 004393

Dog Fouling - bag it and bin it!



Dog waste bin

Yes, it's still an issue that people complain about to the Parish Council. None of us like to see dog poo in the middle of the pavement and anyone who has children will know the hazards. The Parish Council take the matter seriously and have installed many dog bins around the village over the years and put up warning notices about the heavy fines if caught. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We spend something like £2,000 every year on the fees for emptying the dog bins. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible people who are diligent about bagging and binning the poo and the village has far less fouling on the pavements than say, 20 years ago. However, there is still a small minority of people who are not taking their responsibilities as a dog owner seriously." The Parish Council will contact the dog warden if necessary and a heavy fine can be issued.

Dog owners are reminded that ordinary litter bins can also be used provided the bag is properly sealed or tied.

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ABBEY ROAD ART AND CRAFT GROUP

After 10 years of running this happy and active Group Barbara Freer has decided to 'step down' and pass the reins on to Janet Mitchell. Our grateful thanks go to Barbara for all the things she has done for us, keeping the Group on the "straight and narrow" and organising events and outings. Janet is looking forward to this challenge and will try to keep up the high standard set by Barbara. Within the Craft Group is a thriving Artists section producing some marvellous work.

Occasionally visitors are welcomed bringing other skills to our Group, the latest being a Flower Arrangement Demonstration.

With a wonderful mix of Card Makers, Artists, Knitters and Crochet Workers the Art and Craft Group continues to thrive meeting on Friday afternoons from 1.00pm to 4.00pm in the Abbey Road Community Centre. New Members are always welcome so please come and join us. There is a small charge of £1 to cover the Tea, Coffee and Biscuits.



WHAT GOES ON HERE AT THE ABBEY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday Emily's Friendship Group	Starting at 9.30am
Monday Evening Evergreen Club - Social/Bingo	Starting at 6.00pm
Tuesday Afternoon Emily's Exercise Class	Starting at 1.00pm
Wednesday Evening Evergreen Club - Dominoes/Bingo	Starting at 6.00pm
Thursday Evening Whist Group	Starting at 6.00pm
Friday Afternoon Abbey Road - Art/Craft Group	Starting at 1.00pm
Friday Evening Evergreen Club - Social/Bingo	Starting at 6.30pm

Edwinstowe Scarecrow Festival 2018

Join in the fun this summer from 28th July – 19th August as the residents and businesses of Edwinstowe display their Scarecrows throughout our wonderful village. The festival organised by Royal Oak Allotment Association and Outside the Cave, will give families the opportunity to follow the Scarecrow Trail around the village and find out more about what Edwinstowe has to offer. The festival runs for three weeks, including National Allotment week (13-19th August), at the end of which our panel of judges will announce the winner of the Best Scarecrow competition. Trail maps will be available at various locations throughout the village and at the Craft Centre, so why not incorporate this activity into your planned day out in Edwinstowe this summer? For more information about the event call 01623 822428 or call in at Outside the Cave, Sherwood House, Ollerton Road, opposite the Royal Oak. And the best thing is it's completely free to join in the fun!

Why not take part in the Pumpkin Competition run by Royal Oak Court Allotment association. Have a go at planting the seeds and over the summer watch how easy it is to grow a HUGE pumpkin in time for Halloween. Just bring your home grown pumpkin along to the weigh in at Outside the Cave on the 21st October then we will announce the winner.



NEWS FROM THE EVERGREEN CLUB AT THE ABBEY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

Following on from our last update we have enjoyed two meals, one of which was a Valentine's Tea, and both meals were provided by our local caterers at Culinary Delights, Tracey and Jason. We have also had a wonderful three course meal at Launay's, all paid for from The Evergreen Club funds.

New members are welcome. Please contact Chrissie on 07775902912.

Please note that the "News from the Evergreen Club at the Abbey Road Community Centre" article on page 8 of the Spring edition contained an unfortunate misprint, and should have read

"Chris also made up 2 beautiful Christmas hampers of goodies out of the funds from The Evergreen Club to say thanks for your support to Emily's Friendship Group who are at the centre on Monday & Tuesday, and Abbey Road Art & Craft Group who attend the centre on a Friday afternoon"



Edwinstowe Has a New WI

After three consultation meetings late last year, Edwinstowe now has a brand new WI. Edwinstowe Merry Women WI formed in January at a meeting at Edwinstowe Village Hall. A committee drawn from attendees at the 3 consultations has taken over the running and administration of the new group and membership numbers are growing each month.

As well as a warm welcome and friendship, Edwinstowe Merry Women offers crafts, speakers, trips and outings and lots of other fun activities for members over 11 meetings a year with occasional extra 'activity days' at weekends. So far this year our ladies have enjoyed card making, mindfulness, community police visit and a dementia talk. June saw the first of our craft and supper evenings and in July we have a talk and tasting with Polgoon Vineyard. We have a full programme planned up to Christmas and into 2019 including dancing, wreath making and Christmas Cocktail making.

The first of our activity days was a Machine Patchwork Quilting Class in June. We also have a visit to a Honey Farm and a Christmas Craft day coming up.

Meetings are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month except August from 7pm - 9pm. Doors will be from 6.45pm. Membership for the year is £41 but we also welcome visitors at a cost of £5. Do come along and see what we have to offer.

We look forward to meeting you!

Contact

Facebook: Edwinstowe Merry Women WI

Email: edwinstowemerrywomenwi@gmail.com

The logo for 'theWI INSPIRING WOMEN' is displayed in a green-bordered box. 'theWI' is in a large, green, lowercase font, and 'INSPIRING WOMEN' is in a smaller, black, uppercase font below it.



THE CARERSMATTER CLUB

*We are a new support group for the carers of people who have dementia.
We would love to meet you with a warm welcome on a weekly basis from*

11th July from 11am-1pm at Abbey Road Community Centre

For information Contact

07775 902912



MP for Sherwood, Mark Spencer, has praised Construction Company, Robert Woodhead Ltd's response to the Edwinstowe community when they showed concern over the safety of a pedestrian crossing in the North Nottinghamshire village.

The crossing connects the car park for the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre to the tourist attraction itself.

Woodhead is currently responsible for the build of the fantastic new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre, set to open in 2018. The centre will include information about the legendary tales of Robin Hood, and the local environment and wildlife.

Nottinghamshire County Council is working together with the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), which heads a partnership to bring this state-of-the-art and impressive building to the local area, in the hope that it will help to inspire and entertain anyone who visits from nearby to further afield. Other partners include The Sherwood Forest Trust, Thoresby Estate, Continuum Attractions and the Woodland Trust.

The new centre, based in Forest Corner just outside the village of Edwinstowe, will include a shop and café, with a terrace and amphitheatre outside. Plans feature the addition of a brand new play area with a Robin Hood theme.

Woodhead installed the new pedestrian barrier to improve safety at the crossing.

Woodhead's Project Manager for the scheme, Sue Hunter, said: "We were only too happy to help Mark Spencer and the local community with their request. We always aim to do what we can to support the surrounding community and enhance the local environment when we're working on any site, so it's great to be able to have such an impact and of course the new barrier is a huge benefit and safety measure for the completed visitor centre itself."

Mark Spencer, MP for Sherwood added: "I am really pleased and would like to thank the team at Woodhead for how they have responded so willingly and quickly to our request. This crossing was a real concern to the local residents, but now this barrier should make a huge difference to the safety of those visiting this fantastic new centre which will be a great edition to the tourism industry in Nottinghamshire."

Ross Frazer, RSPB's project manager for the new visitor centre, said; "I was impressed with the swift and positive way that Woodhead dealt with this concern about safety, which is absolutely paramount to everyone working on this project."

For more information about the project, please go to www.visitsherwood.co.uk

For further information, please contact Clare or Katy at Stag Communications on 0115 783 7361 / 07792 716 345 or email: clare@stagcommunications.com.



1st Edwinstowe Guides

Since last writing Guides have done quite a few things including achieving their cook badge, did activities to coincide with international women's day, walked up the forest, made pizza for National Pizza Day, did Easter crafts, we also had a party to celebrate the achievement of one guide finishing her Baden Powell. One evening we did cooperative games led by a girl working towards her Baden Powell Award.

At the start of May a few of the Guides joined 100 other girls and leaders from Ollerton division to attend Mega Moot held at Walesby Forest Scout Camp. Having fun and meeting new people along with the 5,000 other people attending. Trying different and new activities including Backwoods cooking, kayaking, swimming, crate staking, shooting and many more, before bedding down for the night under canvas.

Looking to the future we are looking forward to going swimming at South Forest and having a visit to IJump. We are also hoping to attend the Big Gig in October.

If you know a girl aged 10-14 who is interested in becoming a member of Edwinstowe Guides, then go to the Girl Guiding website/Get involved/Join Girl Guiding and follow the link.

Likewise, if you are a women of any age, are enthusiastic about sharing your skills or time and interested in volunteering with Guides or any local unit again go to the Girl Guiding website/Get Involved/Become a volunteer/Register your interest and follow the link.

1st Edwinstowe Scout Group

This term has seen lots of fun activities for the young people in our scout group. We had fun at the district St George's day event on 22nd April.

Beavers and Scouts attended the County MegaMoot at Walesby camp site, Scouts spent 4 days camping and Beavers joined them on the Sunday.

Cubs held their annual cub camp at RobinHood camp site. They had a lovely weekend with the sun shining all weekend. The Cubs enjoy learning lots of camping skills.

Beavers went to Rufford on their day camp, they played crazy golf, went on a hike and had a BBQ.

We are going to Conkers for our group outing at the end of June and we will end activities for the summer with a night at the Fair.

Come and join Edwinstowe Scout Group for Fun, Challenges and Adventure.

Contact Sue at suecocking@rocketmail.com for more information on Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Explorers.

Update on the works at the former Thoresby Colliery development

Harworth Group plc received approval from the members at the planning committee towards the end of 2017, for the regeneration of the former Thoresby Colliery.

Detailed discussions are ongoing with both the District Council and the County Council on how and when the development can contribute to local priorities, including the provision of new school places and transport improvements such as a contribution towards the widening of Ollerton roundabout.

The site clearance and demolition is well progressed and the restoration works to establish the proposed 200 acres country park will be largely complete in 2018.

In the meantime the development plans are progressing and all being well, the initial enabling works on site will be commencing towards the end of summer 2018, including improvements to the existing entrance from Ollerton Road. These works will facilitate the sale to a housebuilder of the first parcel of land, adjacent Ollerton Road, comprising approximately 150 new homes, anticipated in 2019.

Harworth will be providing further updates to the magazine throughout 2018, however, further information can also be found on a new dedicated website for the development project which will be launched online next month.

Edwinstowe Library Modernisation

Edwinstowe Library is being refurbished and we would like your help.

The library will close in the autumn of 2018 and reopen early in the new year. The modernisation will include general building work for increased building efficiency and improved customer access; redecoration and new flooring; new shelving and furniture; an accessible customer toilet and a meeting room.

We would now like your view on the services that we provide.

We will be hosting a number of consultation sessions for you to talk to us about the modernisation and for you to suggest your ideas.

In addition, you can get involved by completing our online survey. You can also keep up to speed with the progress of the refurbishment by visiting www.inspireculture.org.uk/edwinstowelibrary

Consultation sessions will take place within and outside the library at these times:

Saturday 21st July 10.00am -12.30pm
 Tuesday 24th July 2.00pm-4.30pm
 Thursday 26th July 10.00am-12.30pm

You will be able to have your say on how YOU would like to use YOUR library, and help to influence the learning and cultural activities that will take place in your community.



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Foodbank Flurry

AW Safety Management Ltd a local H&S Consultancy and Training provider in Edwinstowe as part of our “giving back” theme recently organised a charity event on 28th March 2018 which we named “Foodbank Flurry” to support the ever-growing need of our local foodbank for continued community support.

I am pleased to advise that with the combined and very generous efforts in support of our local community AW Safety Management Ltd, Robert Woodhead homes Newark & Sherwood Social housing project team and our local King Edwin Primary school we were able to donate over 362kgs of groceries.

Lynn Matthews the foodbank manager also commented that this was the single biggest donation since the operation in Ollerton opened 5 years ago and they were thrilled and thankful for the generous donation.

Pictured left to right

Adam Wade – Owner/Director AW Safety Management Ltd, Edwinstowe

Dave Turner - Robert Woodhead Limited - Newark & Sherwood Social Housing Project

Jenni Bond – Ollerton Foodbank

Cathy Lainsbury – Community Liason

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KING EDWIN COMMUNITY DAY IS A HUGE SUCCESS

On Sunday 30th April our community turned out in droves to help put the shine back on our wonderful school. Over 150 volunteers from 6.30 in the morning worked together and they achieved amazing results.

We painted fences, shed and a playhouse. All of our 20 raised beds were weeded, covered with bark and filled with some beautiful plants from Frosts Plant Centre. Our landscaped gardens were filled with 20 tonnes of decorative bark supplied by 'Robinson and Sons' and 'Key Building Supplies'. The Flower Room donated some plants for outside our main office and our Friends of King Edwin helpers supported with refreshments on a very cold but productive day.

The event was a huge success and we cannot thank people enough for what they managed to accomplish. It is estimated that in excess of £10,000 worth of work was completed on the day! Not only does this make our school look amazing again but it also means that we can direct such resource into other areas of our school. The benefit to our children is enormous and we cannot thank our community enough.

If any members of our community are interested in supporting King Edwin Primary School, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We have many more ideas in the pipeline moving forward and are always on the lookout for volunteers to support us





Hospice Support Group

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Once again the Village Hall was the venue for our regular 'end of winter' Coffee Morning which this year was held on Saturday 17th February. A combination of 'new faces' and regular supporters enabled us to raise the very pleasing amount of £665 maintaining 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 26th was a tremendous success raising a magnificent £828. 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 31 years and has now given £117,495 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 21st July. Coffee Mornings in the Village Hall on Saturday 22nd September and 24th November. We will have our usual hamper raffle stall at the Christmas Lights event on 29th November..

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Council provides grants to improve home heating



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Last year Newark & Sherwood District Council supported more than 30 home owners (and two tenants renting from private landlords), to make their home warmer, potentially avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions due to cold-related illnesses.

A Newark resident who recently benefitted from the scheme said:

"I suffer with mobility problems so spend a lot of time at home and feel the cold. My old back boiler broke down just before Christmas. I couldn't afford to repair or replace it and I was getting a bit depressed with the situation so phoned the Council – they were brilliant. I've now got a new gas boiler and my home is toasty and warm again!"

If you would like to know more about the Warm Homes on Prescription scheme, contact Newark & Sherwood District Council on 01636 650000.

For further information contact Newark & Sherwood District Council on 01636 650000 and ask for Winter Homes on prescription. Alternatively email winterwarmth@nsdc.info with your details or fill in the online application form on Newark & Sherwood District Council website.



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Thief jailed for
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St.Mary's Church

A scrap metal thief has been jailed for damaging the roof of St.Mary's Church. Jordan Peacock (age 22) was sentenced to four months in custody by Judge James Simpson who said: "This is a Grade One listed Parish Church dating back to 1175, restored in 1869 and 1890. It is part of our heritage visited by tourists who come to see the church because it is said to be Robin Hood and Maid Marion had their wedding. This is a serious offence." The robber was caught by 24hour surveillance set up to protect the Church. Unfortunately the hole he left when stripping the lead caused £1,000 worth of water damage.

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SHERWOOD FOREST



Sherwood Forest once stretched for over 30 miles from Nottingham to Worksop. It was a famous Royal Hunting Forest and the home of the legendary Robin Hood. Today, it is a country park with a wealth of woodland, which includes great oaks, nature trails and walks. A unique place that is much loved and treasured by many.

Have you considered what treasures are hidden beneath our feet in Sherwood Forest?

Coal Measure rocks are in abundance throughout this area, hence the history of coalfields. In fact, the most abundant fossils in the UK are found in the Carboniferous Coal Measures which include plants, marine shells and animals that lived 300 million years ago. Many miners over the years brought home fossils from various Nottinghamshire collieries.

Rocks beneath the original Sherwood Forest have numerous uses. They range from the finest Bullwell rockery stone which has been used in many Royal gardens, to the hardest rock, which come from Mapperley Plains, Mapperley Bricks were used to build St. Pancras Station. In the South, is Mercia Mudstone which provides rich pasture for dairy farming. The soil of our current Sherwood Forest is Bunter sandstone which is poor and porous and does not retain water well but supports a natural cover of oak, birch and bracken. To the East, near Eakring, is Sherwood Sandstone which holds an oilfield. Drilling started in 1943 and supported the WW2 war effort by producing the equivalent of 45 tankers of oil in total. The oil production, which is of a higher grade than North Sea oil, ended in 1989.

In 1835, fire destroyed the old Houses of Parliament, and the Duke of Portland offered limestone from his quarries at Mansfield Woodhouse to build the replacement. He built Archway House to show how perfect the stone would be, but sadly it was not chosen.

Coal Measure Shale, from a quarry near Worksop, has been used for many paths in the forest. It is a reddish stone that contains fossil ferns. The redness comes from being close to volcanic vents which cooks and hardens the shale.

Closer to home, dinosaur footprints have been found at Gregory's Quarry, Mansfield showing that dinosaurs roamed the forest too. The dinosaur, 'Dicynodonts', probably a plant eater, measuring 2 to 3 metres. The dinosaur was probably a plant eater, that lived 250 Million years ago.

There is external footprint outside Stone Treasures at the Craft Centre, Forest Corner.



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South Forest Indoor Bowls Club

South Forest Leisure complex is the hub of community life in Edwinstowe offering swimming, bowls and a gym as well as excellent restaurant facilities all the year round.

In October both the junior and senior bowls clubs start their new seasons and are always looking for new members.

The junior club runs on every Saturday morning starting at 10.00 am is a friendly club with coaches on hand to teach the juniors how to play. All members who coach are fully D.B.R. checked. Equipment is provided so no initial expense required.

The senior club can offer anything for all standards of bowling from the beginner right through to competition bowlers.

Leagues run on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings and evenings and some afternoons. On Friday afternoon there is a bowls drive .

Coaching can be arranged for bowlers who want to learn how to play or improve their game done by qualified coaches or experienced players.

So if you are looking for something new to do or you have been a competitive sports person who wants to play a sport which is still competitive but not as demanding on the body then bowls is just the job.

If you are interested just give the leisure centre a call and I am sure that the friendly staff will put you in contact with the right people phone 01623 823866

Sherwood Forest Event dates

Saturday 21st July. 10.30am – 12noon

Mini Butterfly Hunt (under 7's)

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 - 6. Booking essential, phone 01623 823202. £2.50 children (accompanying adults free)

Saturday 28th July. 10.30am – 12noon

Butterfly Hunt (ages 7-12)

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 7-12. Booking essential, phone 01623 823202. £2.50 children (accompanying adults free)
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The 34th Annual Robin Hood Festival

Edwinstowe Fire Station

Hello, I am Matt Nash, the new Station Manager at Edwinstowe Fire Station. I hope to continue providing useful updates from our station and our Service.

Firstly, we are currently planning an Open Day at Edwinstowe Fire Station, to coincide with the Robin Hood Festival Week in August. Planning has just begun, however we are hoping to include the following features:

- An extrication demonstration, rescuing a casualty from a vehicle following a road traffic collision.
- A breathing apparatus demonstration, showing the procedures fire crews use to safely enter property fires.
- Demonstration of specialist appliances, such as Aerial Ladder Platform and Rescue Tender.
- Fire Fighters Charity stall.
- Fire safety advice from our Prevention Team.

Something else you might be interested in is that the organisation recently opened recruitment for Whole time Firefighters. This saw 500 applicants apply within the first 48 hours of the process opening. The applicants underwent job related tests in May and the successful applicants from that stage will undergo assessments throughout June. It is anticipated that the first recruits course will begin in September.

Last, but certainly not least, a brand new joint safety rural information pack was launched at the County Show earlier in May. The pack has been developed in collaboration with Nottinghamshire Police and East Midlands Ambulance Service as part of a multi-agency push to keep people living within rural parts of the county safe. Each of the agencies has a section within the pack, which contains a range of safety information that is tailored for farm owners and people living within the countryside.

If you are interested in updates from Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service, please follow us on social media:

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Major Oak Pop Choir

The Edwinstowe based Major Oak Pop Choir recently celebrated their third anniversary. Since the choir began in 2015, it has grown considerably in size, and now has a total membership of 80 Ladies who meet weekly to enjoy singing great songs, to share friendship, and to benefit from the feeling of well-being which is gained from singing in a group.

The choir are very proud of the fact that since it began, they have raised over £15,000 for various local charities through their concert performances.

The Ladies of the choir have been working hard to learn a new programme of popular chart hits, old and new, with their most recent concerts being very well received by enthusiastic audiences at Rainworth Village Hall and the Hill Methodist Church in Kirkby-in-Ashfield.

Future performance dates for your diary are:

Saturday 21st July 2018: The Ballroom, Retford Town Hall

Saturday 6th October 2018: The Crossing, Worksop

Thursday 29th November 2018: Edwinstowe Christmas Lights event

You can find out more about us, including further details of future performances by finding us on Facebook @ majoroakpopchoir, visiting www.majoroakmusic.co.uk, or by contacting Pauline Daghish on 07450 316756



What's on at Outside the Cave this Summer

We have lots going on at Outside the Cave this summer. As usual we have a wide range of workshops and activities for you to enjoy and new information is posted regularly on our Facebook page @outsidethecave and in our notice board outside Sherwood House. Here are some of the things on offer over the coming weeks:

9 week Mindfulness course for adults (Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons)

Mindfulness for Teenagers and from June 'Tweenagers' (Friday afternoons from 4pm)

Yoga for Beginners (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday various times)

Senior Yoga (seated) every Thursday at 9.00am

Cultivating Self-Love four week workshop (Friday afternoon)

Community Garden horticulture sessions (Thursday mornings)

Gardening workshops (various dates and times) Learn how to grow your own cut flowers, DIY wedding flowers or make and care for hanging baskets and containers.

Boxercise and circuit training with 'Sporty B' (Monday Evenings)

Crafty sessions with 'Torty B' Learn how to Upcycle old Clothes or even Yarn Bomb! Lots on offer so look out for new sessions coming up. (various dates)

Art and Mindfulness – Learn how to create beautiful mixed media artwork and develop mindfulness practice at the same time with artist Fay E Hartwell (various dates available)

Purple Lotus Acupuncture specialist Amanda Statham-Waring is with us every Wednesday and Saturday offering Acupuncture, Indian Head Massage and Hopi ear candle treatments

Holistic Massage Therapist Emma of Pure Pampered Massage is at OTC every Friday offering Massage, Facials and manicures and pedicures. And for your little Princesses she also offers Pamper Parties

Baby Massage workshops with Amy Roberts run for three weeks each month where you can meet other mums and dads and learn valuable baby massage techniques

We also run a number of one off workshops so please keep your eye open for updates. And don't forget we sell a lovely range of products from local crafts people as well as healthy, mainly home grown, plants and shrubs Tuesday – Saturday 10.00 am - 3.00pm



Sherwood Forest Probus Club

The aim of the Probus movement is to give the opportunity for persons to develop new Friendships following their retirement. Usually people on retirement still feel active and mentally alert and Probus can help in the transitional period, often from a stressful full time profession.

The word PROBUS is an abbreviation of the words Professional and Business but membership is not restricted to persons from these two groups. It embraces anyone who has had some measure of responsibility in any field and have interests in common with others and who have now have either totally or largely relinquished such responsibility.

Probus offers such persons the opportunity to meet socially with fellow members and to become more aware of the enthusiasms and interests of others from talks, often illustrated, by guest speakers.

The SHERWOOD FOREST PROBUS CLUB meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month at the South Forest Complex, Clipstone Road, Edwinstowe, the meetings commencing at 11.30 am, with a speaker and followed by lunch and usually a short business meeting. In addition, twice yearly club lunches are held and outings are arranged.

We are offering anyone an added interest in your retirement and the opportunity to join a congenial social gathering from all walks of life. Why not give us a try and come along as a guest – there is no obligation but if you have not been to see PROBUS, you are not really able to answer the question –

IS IT FOR ME??

If you need any more details about the club please contact the President Mr. Bryan Frettsome on 01623 822827 or Secretary Colin Roker on 01623 822220

Edwinstowe Village Hall

The Village Hall is continuing to prosper and be well used for many and varied activities. The Village Hall Management Committee, looks after the Hall, not only the letting, 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. This year so far, grants have been kindly received from numerous places and the hall has been painted inside and out, new cupboards installed, new front door and new curtains hung. The Parish Council have also received grants for new flooring and other building work.

The Committee and Parish Council are very grateful to all who have given grants and donations and held an Open Day on Saturday 23rd June where many people attended to look at the hall and talk to those who run groups.

The next meetings of the Hall are on Tuesday 10th July and Tuesday 25th September.

The Annual Meeting is on Tuesday 27th November where all are welcome – perhaps you may wish to attend personally or represent your Society, Club or the Village.

Please note: - there is still some confusion regarding parking. The car park is a public one and as such can be used by all people (residents and visitors) which of course means it can get very full and busy at times. Thank you for your understanding.

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As Summer is in mid stride the Choir is finishing its Summer season of singing with its last two Concerts. We are looking forward to performing a Concert at Weston Church on Saturday, 7th July at 7-30pm. This is a new venue for us and we have a good repertoire of music for the Concert with something to please everyone. Our last Concert for this season is a Summer Concert at Milton Mausoleum on Saturday 21st July at 7-00pm. Do not be put off by the name of the venue, it is a unique building in a tranquil setting and an atmosphere all of its own.

The Choir will have a "do" of their own and meet up again on Wednesday 29 August 2018 with all our Christmas Music to hand!!!! We practise every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-15pm in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy, Ollerton.

This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park. We already have some Christmas engagements booked. If you wish to use the Choir to help celebrate your fundraising, charity or anniversary event, please contact Phil on 01623 822070

More information on the Choir may be found on www.thedukeriesingers.com. We are also on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube.

We wish you a scintillating, super, sunny Summer. Jan

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Vandal with air rifle damages shop windows

According to the police, Edwinstowe is thankfully a relatively crime free area and there is very little vandalism. However, that's not to say we don't experience criminal acts from time to time (see the article about the damage to St. Mary's Church). One particularly mindless crime during April was the person who thought it would be fun to damage several shop windows with an air rifle.

A few months ago we had the person who targeted elderly people asking them for change then running off with their money. Fortunately he was caught in another village. Also during the past twelve months we had a spate of shed break ins and vans targeted for tools. Parish Councillors meet with the police on a regular basis along with members of the public at the Safer Neighbourhood Group, jointly chaired by Councillors Celia Brooks and John Peck. These meetings are advertised and members of the public can attend to raise any concerns about crime and community safety. The police advice to residents is: review the security of your home and consider such things as window locks, a burglar alarm and even a camera which are very cheap now. If you keep mowers and tools in a shed, how secure is it? Also, make sure nothing is on view in your car and don't leave tools in a van overnight.

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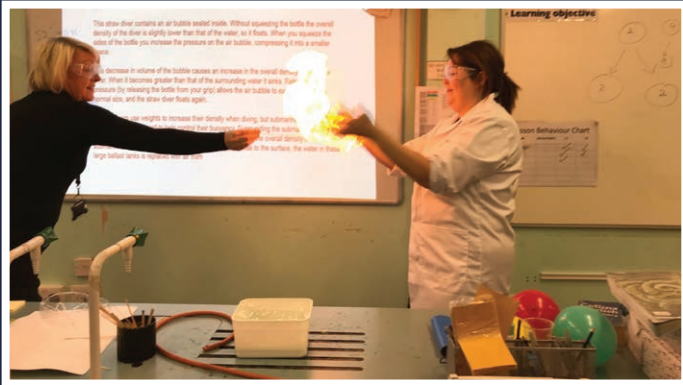


THE DUKERIES ACADEMY

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Science Week

Year 7 and 8 had a fantastic time during Science week, when they met different teachers, all showing lots of exciting experiments. Students rotated around the classrooms taking part in mini-activities, including soda-snakes, the Van-de-Graaf generator, reactions of Group 1 metals, titrations and lots more. This gave students an insight into how Science fits into their everyday lives and its importance.



THE DUKERIES ACADEMY ARTICLES PAGE

Parent Teacher Association

We now have a PTA Group which will meet at the Academy every half term. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11th July 2018 - 6pm. Refreshments and homemade cakes will be available

The meeting will be held by the Principal, Claire Leitheiser. Please contact the office with your details if you are interested in becoming a volunteer.

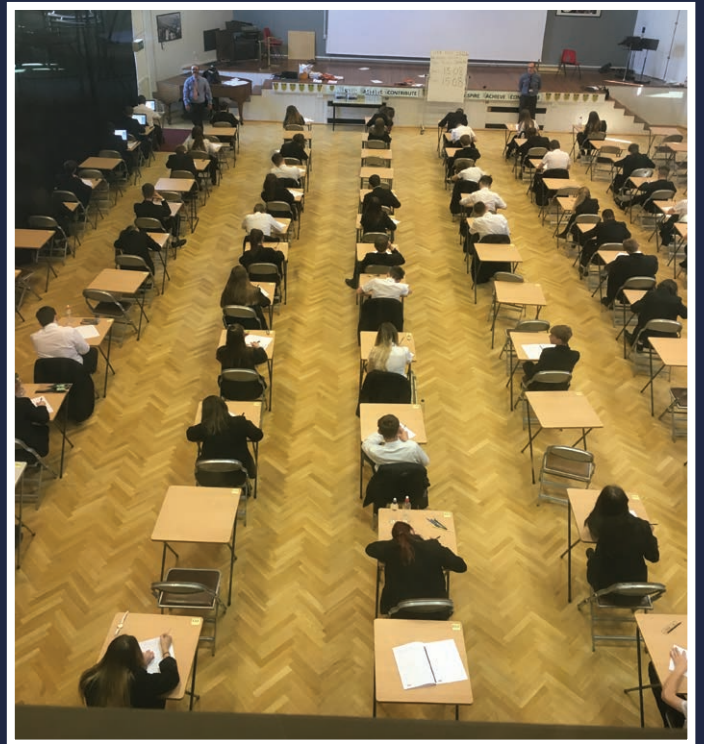
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Exam Season Commences at The Dukeries Academy

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Pictures of some of our wonderful students accessing addition revision sessions on Saturday mornings and the beginning of the exams. Good luck to all our students taking exams over the next 6 week.



CIRCUS SKILLS

Year 7, 8 & 9 absolutely loving their Circus Skills reward session for fantastic progress and attitudes to learning. New skills learned and lots of fun had. Many thanks to Lynne Preece who worked alongside our students



PRESS RELEASE



Date of issue: 24/04/2018

Beware imposter 'Citizens Advice' cold callers offering debt help, warns Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice

Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice is warning people to be on their guard against fake 'Citizens Advice' cold callers, who promise help with debts.

The charity never calls people out of the blue offering to set up a plan to settle debts - and urges people who receive such calls to report it as a scam.

Anyone with money worries can contact the charity for free, independent advice to help resolve their debt problems.

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

"This is a despicable scam that trades on public trust in our service.

"No-one from Citizens Advice will ever phone or text someone out of the blue to offer debt management services. Anyone who gets a bogus call like this should end the call as quickly as possible, never give or confirm any personal information, and report it immediately to Action Fraud.

"We also want to reassure anyone experiencing debt or money worries that we can help. Whether you've just started to miss payments or are struggling with multiple debts, we can help you make sense of your finances and understand your options."

To report fake 'Citizens Advice' cold calls contact Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040.

For money help, you can find advice online at www.citizensadvice.org.uk or Sherwood and Newark Citizens Advice see opening times below

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Take a look at the progress of Sherwood Forest's brand new Visitor Centre

The build of the brand new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre in Edwinstowe is well underway.

The RSPB and its partners are building a modern new facility to cater for the 350,000 visitors it receives each year and provide an inspiring visitor experience at this world famous site.

Edwinstowe based construction company Robert Woodhead Ltd is responsible for the build of this impressive new centre and recent drone footage of the site shows fantastic aerial views of the beautiful and contemporary new centre coming together.

The build is well on track for its official opening in the summer when visitors will be able to come along and experience everything the new centre has to offer, such as the tale of Sherwood's legendary Robin Hood and opportunities to learn about and the local wildlife and environment.

Take a look for yourself at this link:

<https://youtube/VbAokHxIJa8>





Welcome home...

On April 30th I was licensed and installed as the priest-in-charge of St Marys, Edwinstowe, as well as All Saints, Clipstone and St Johns, Perlethorpe. Or to put it more simply, I became your new vicar! I've moved with my family from Dronfield in north east Derbyshire where I'd been curate (trainee vicar) for four years, and before that I lived in and around Bristol.

To a lot of people vicars are a bit of an enigma. In the popular mind, vicars are generally old, stuffy, middle-class men, stuck in the 1950s; only working one day a week and spending the rest of the time indulging in hobbies. Or they're completely hapless and faithless: think of Rowan Atkinson's characters or Father Ted. Apart from the slightly thinning and greying hair, I'm sorry to say that in my case this description couldn't be further from the truth!

So here's what you need to know about me and about the Church. I do have lots of responsibilities and work as hard as many of you: but I am here for you; I am approachable and I'm not here to judge you. I am licensed, not in the sense of getting a driving license, but in the sense of being given responsibility to care for the people in a particular place. So I am your priest, people of Edwinstowe; I am not here just for those of you who come every Sunday. Don't worry, I am not here to shove religion down your throats - but I will take every opportunity to share the Good News of love, forgiveness, and freedom from fear that comes from Jesus Christ.

Likewise St Mary's Church stands proud at the centre of our village as a sign of this great love. The Church does not belong just to me, or the congregation, or the church wardens: it belongs to you, the people of Edwinstowe. It is God's gift to you: as a place where you can find sanctuary and be welcomed as you are. I look forward to meeting you in the community and welcoming you at Church - not as a guest - but as someone who is coming home.

Every blessing,

Ian



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Towers of flowers for London...

The Echium World story continues to grow! If you visit London this year look out for the amazing Echium plants displayed outside one of London's iconic landmarks.

The Natural History Museum's grand main entrance has been enhanced by two brand new botanical displays showcasing the diverse and unique flora of the Macaronesian region – the islands of the Canaries, Madeira and the Azores in the North Atlantic.

Local plant specialist Linda and Ray Heywood from Echium World at Thoresby Park have supplied the plants from their National Collection of Echium to wow visitors throughout the summer at this worldwide venue.

Linda says: "We were delighted to be approached to grow and supply the plants for this amazing display back in 2016 as part of the Museum's new development. Many of the plants we grow are from the Macaronesian islands and are endangered in the wild. This fabulous display showcases Echium varieties and enables us to talk about how these plants can be grown here in the UK and all on show locally

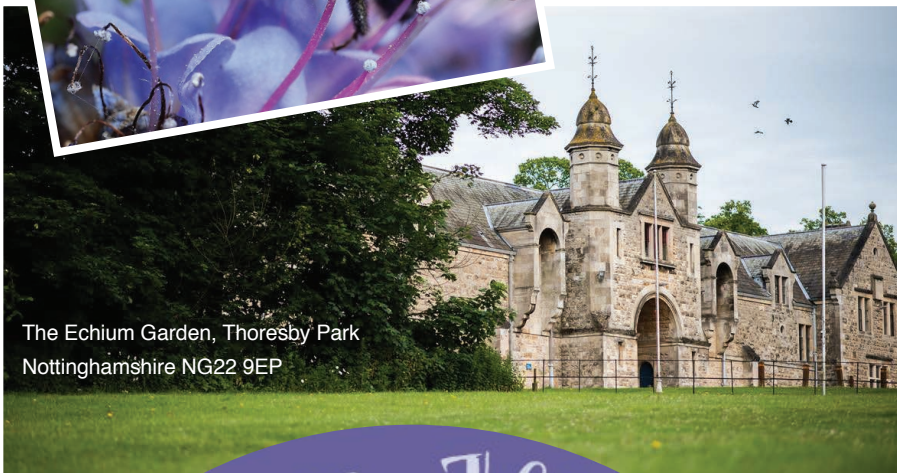
in our new Echium Garden within the walled garden at Thoresby Park in Nottinghamshire".

The Echium Garden is open on Sundays and Thursdays 10 - 4pm, from Sunday 22nd July to 26th August and also open on Bank Holiday Monday 27th August (other times by arrangement). Admission is £3 for adults.

A talk entitled, 'A potted history of Thoresby Walled Garden' is available to book for groups or individuals.

For more information visit our website
www.echiumworld.co.uk
 or email echiumworld@gmail.com

Echium World spires at the Natural History Museum, London



The Echium Garden, Thoresby Park
 Nottinghamshire NG22 9EP



Newark Half Marathon & Fun Run

The Eden Hall Middlebeck Newark Half Marathon is a flat, fast and scenic summer race. It is limited to 1,500 entrants with a fun run and entertainment for all the family. Beaumont House been allocated 30 spaces. Can you run it to raise money for Beaumont House? If you can pledge to raise £150, you will be offered a FREE place and a FREE running vest!

The race starts and finishes at the Sconce Park, site of civil war battles, passes the Ice Age Journey dig, where our ancestors settled over 13,000 years ago, skirts East Stoke, site of the bloodiest civil battle through Elston, birth place of the Darwin family and then back to the Sconce Park. The route is flat and fast and mainly on closed roads.

You can download our registration form from our website www.beaumonthouse.co.uk

To join us or for further details, please contact:

Cathryn Crane on 01636 610556 or email cathryn.crane@beaumonthouse.co.uk



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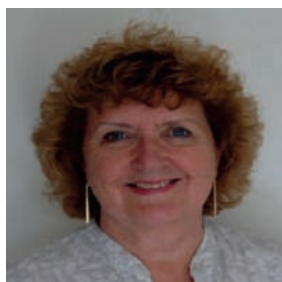
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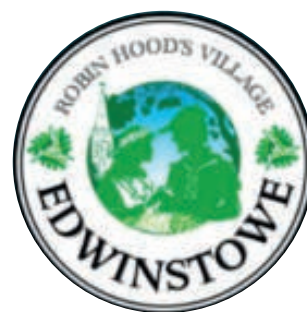
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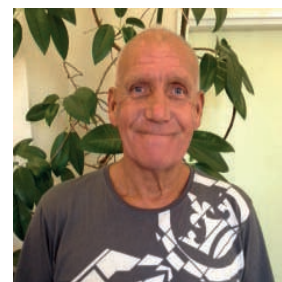
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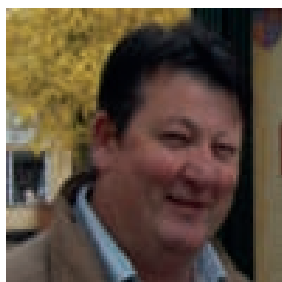
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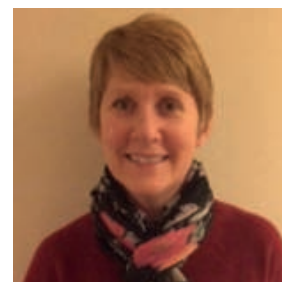
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LOCAL SERVICES & GROUPS DIRECTORY

Local (01623) number applies unless otherwise stated

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD YOUR GROUP TO OUR DIRECTORY LIST

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Parish Council Office - **824243**
 Newark & Sherwood District Council - **01636 650000**
 Nottinghamshire County Council - **0300 5008080**
 Citizens Advice Bureau - **0344 411 1444**
 Major Oak Medical Practice - **822303**
 Edwinstowe Library - **822280**
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 Sherwood Forest Visitors Centre - **823202**
 The Village Hall - **07594 460846**

Local Groups

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 Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group - **822070**
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 Edwinstowe's Helping Hands - **07800 803728**
 Major Oak Pop Choir - **07450 316756**
 Dukeries Singers - **822070**
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 Royal British Legion - **824787**
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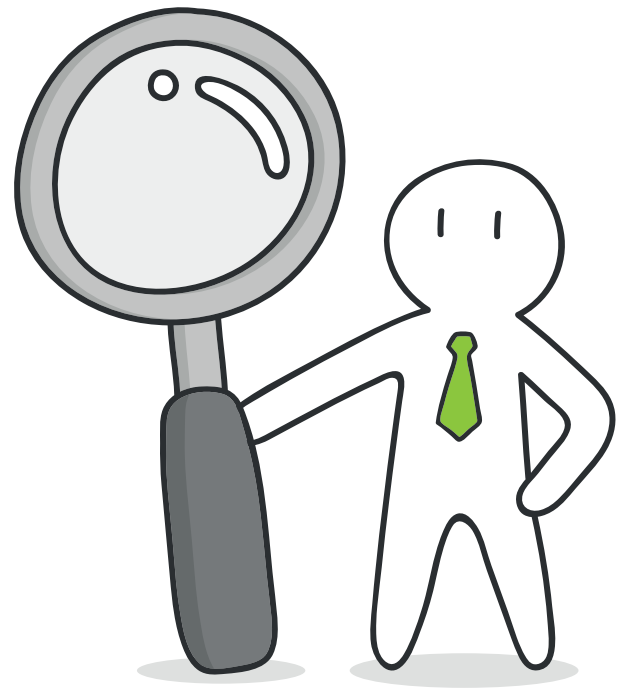
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