

Edwinstowe Village

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A message to residents from the Parish Council

We hope you, your family and loved ones are keeping safe and well. Edwinstowe is a strong community and we will all come through this difficult time if we look out for each other, keeping a special eye out for the elderly and vulnerable. Already, many residents have stepped forward to volunteer to help where needed. Also the Parish Council has come together with St. Mary's Church to co-ordinate a database of volunteers who are willing to help those in need. Many thanks to all those fantastic people who were so quick to step forward. A leaflet has been delivered through every door which gives you vital information for those in self isolation.

The articles in this magazine were written several weeks ago, before the current crisis and do not reflect the present situation, but we thought you would still want to receive the magazine to keep in contact with what has been happening in the village. We have inserted two pages which give you some of the essential information again which was contained in the recent leaflet.

For your safety, don't accept help from anyone who you are not expecting or do not know. If you do not have cash and do not have a trusted person to help you, call the helpline on the church leaflet.

The Parish Council office is closed and the Parish Clerk and administrator are working from home, but can be contacted by phone or email. Our amenity staff are still working to keep the village clean and well looked after.

The months ahead will be a test for our community but we will all look out for each other. Our heartfelt thanks to all those in our community who work in the front line, in our medical practice and NHS, the pharmacy and the members of emergency services.

With our very best wishes to you all! Celia Brooks, Chair on behalf of Edwinstowe Parish Council

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Edwinstowe Parish Council

Vital Information for Self-Isolation

If you are self-isolating and have no one to ask for help, please ring any of Edwinstowe's volunteer coordinators

Chrissie Ayre: 07775 902 912

Julie Hallam: 07803 566 670

Julie King: 07506 539 749 kingjulie@hotmail.co.uk

Liane Shore: 01623 820206 / 07739 412 147

Steph Hancock: 07933 006 511

Sue Howells: 07800 803 728

Paul Peacock: 07956 370 984 peacock141@sky.com

Tracy Walker: 07736 097 989 tracywalker11@live.com

Important numbers and contacts

Major Oak Medical Practice: 01623 822303

High Street Pharmacy: 01623 822207

Citizens Advice Ollerton: 03444111444

Social services support: 03005008080

Nottinghamshire County Council: 0300 5008 080

Newark and Sherwood District

Council Helpline: 01636 650000

Edwinstowe Parish Council: 01623 824243

Local businesses will deliver to customers who are self-isolating or at risk in Edwinstowe - Essential items can be delivered

Coleman and Son Milk Delivery Service: 07599 293 374 Milk, eggs, bread etc. Allow at least 24 hours for orders.

Fruits of the Earth: 07500 804 057 - Goff's Butchers: 01623 824598

Lock's Butchers: 01623 822200 delivery Tuesday and Thursday

Edwinstowe News and Post Office: 01623 822324 to arrange delivery for all newspapers and other goods available.

Cafes and restaurants who will deliver

Bistro Balsamico: 01623 824880; Fables Coffee House: 01623 822881 South Forest: 01623 823866; The Honey Pot Café: 07706459907 Village Kitchen: 07890913127; Lime Tree Pantry Foods: 01623 836288

Other businesses who will deliver

Away with the Fairies: 07486 037 477; Robin's Den: 01623 824117 (Will take a selection of cards/gifts); Simpley Natural: 01623 825982; The Sweet Shop Edwinstowe: 01623 396300; Woolshop: 07580 132 799

Services available

Central Garage: 01623 822661 collection / drop off for servicing and MOTs

Karrisma Hairdressers: 01623 825853 / 07507 128 205 mobile service

For Collection

Robin Hood Plaice: 01623 823051 collection or delivery for over 60s

Dukeries Lodge: 01623 822553 takeaway, bring your own plate

If you are lonely or need somebody to talk to, call 07936452128. Edwinstowe's Outside the Cave team have dedicated people to answer your call.

They can even arrange a daily call back to keep you company in self-isolation. You can also contact them through www.outsidethecave.co.uk

Here to Help during the Coronavirus Crisis

Should you find yourself in a desperate need for specific food, medicines or other important items, but are unable to leave the house, then the Edwinstowe community are here to help.

During this time of global uncertainty, the people of our village are already rallying together, to help our more vulnerable residents who are unable to leave the house and get the provisions they need. So don't be afraid to reach out to those who are offering help.

In cooperation with the Parish Council, a team of volunteers is being drawn together to help you (led by Rev. Ian Webb & Tee Ailward (Scouts)) with emergency shopping needs.

Should you find yourself running out of essential items and do not have the means or finances to get further supplies, then please contact our team via the telephone number or email below. (Your contact will be kept confidentially within the small team.) We will allocate one of our volunteers who lives close by to pop to the shop for your items. Or, if you are short of money, we will talk to you about what help can be provided.

How the emergency shopping service works:

- Phone on the number below or email us.
- We will ask you for your name, where you live, for your telephone number and what items you need.
- Volunteers will go to the shops and buy the items. They will take appropriate precautions to avoid spreading the virus through contact with the items.
- We will then call you back to tell you the name of the person who will be bringing your items and how much the items have cost.
- You will need to have the exact money to pay for the shopping when it is delivered.
- No close contact is allowed between you and the volunteers, so please leave the cash in an envelope/yoghurt pot/disposable container on the doorstep and once you are safe inside the volunteer will collect it.

Food donations to help those in need can be dropped off at King Edwin Primary School or St. Mary's Church.



St Mary's
Edwinstowe
Love at the heart of life



Tel: 824491 or 07815 951135 Email: shop@churchesofsherwood.org

Nobody will contact you, unless you first get in touch with us. Beware of fraudulent activity.

From your County Councillor, John Peck

I've been pressing for Church Street to be resurfaced for the past three years and I'm delighted to be able to let Edwinstowe residents know the County Council Highways Department has now agreed to carry out the work during the financial year 2020/21.



I also asked for the pavement to be done and this has also been included. More good news is that another section of road I've been pressing to be resurfaced is also going to be done during the next twelve months- a section of Mansfield Road from the cross roads to the West Lane junction and Ollerton Road from the cross roads to near the East Lane junction.

I managed to get High Street resurfaced a couple of years ago, so once Church Street and the Mansfield Road/Ollerton Road section are done, it will mean the central part of the village main roads should be in good condition. There is still much to be done though - Boy Lane is particularly bad and some of the pavements on the Avenues are in a dreadful state. I'll keep trying!

Welcome from the Chair of the Parish Council

Welcome to our early 2020 edition of our Village Magazine. Over the coming year the Parish Council are bringing in several changes across the village. You will find more details about them in the magazine but I will just list some of them here.

In order to help, we hope, the car parking problems in Edwinstowe, we are introducing 2 hour parking in all of the village car parks in line with what is already in place in the Mansfield Road car park.

We are phasing out the use of specific bins for dog waste, though the existing ones will remain in place until they are no longer fit for purpose. Dog waste, if in bags, can be deposited in the ordinary bins around the village.

It is hoped that work can begin on upgrading the Village Hall toilets and on improving energy provision at the John Benson Pavilion on Sherwood Fields playing fields.

The Parish Council are offering smaller plots for rent on the Ollerton Road allotment site for those who would like to grow some of their own produce but on a small scale.

There will be more opportunities for residents and others with relatives and friends buried in our Forest Cemetery to purchase bird boxes with commemorative dedications on the front to be placed on trees of their choice in the cemetery, in memory of their loved ones.

The Parish Council also hopes, over the coming year, to carry out work upgrading the 4th Avenue play area.

All of this is, of course, in addition to the usual work carried out by office staff and amenity workers looking after and providing services for our village. My thanks to them at this very busy time.

The blessing of the Thoresby Colliery Memorial

On 19th October a ceremony was held to officially open the new Thoresby Colliery Memorial Garden next to the Village Hall and to bless the memorial stone. Around 100 people attended the ceremony including ex miners and families with connections to the colliery. Councillor Paul Peacock, representing former workers at the colliery gave a short speech in which he stressed how important it was to remember Edwinstowe's mining history and to pay tribute to all who worked at Thoresby and all the miners who lost their lives during the 90 year existence of the mine.

The Vicar of St Mary's Church, Reverend Ian Webb, led those present in prayer and blessed the memorial stone. The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks then cut the ribbon. Afterwards, residents and ex miners were able to share memories over refreshments in the Village Hall, where an exhibition of mining equipment and memorabilia was provided by the Bilsthorpe Heritage Museum and also working group member and ex Thoresby miner, Mick Allen.

Chair of the working group, Councillor John Peck said, "I'd like to thank the Parish Council for backing this project, the members of the working group for all their work and the contributions of donors. We started with an idea and over two years, managed to raise the money and ended up turning a neglected area of land into a beautiful memorial garden." £12000 was awarded from the Nottinghamshire County Council Local Improvement Scheme and the rest of the £24000 was raised from contributions by individuals and local businesses.

Councillor Paul Peacock said: "The project has been really worthwhile and I believe we've created a fitting memorial which ensures our mining heritage and those who worked and those who lost their lives are not forgotten." The project involved clearing the land, rebuilding the wall, installing new fencing and landscaping the garden. The memorial stone's inscription pays tribute to those who worked at the colliery and remembers the men who died during the course of their work. There is a story board where visitors can read about the history of the colliery including the fact it was the first mine to produce a million tonnes of coal in a year and then later two million tonnes. These feats earned Thoresby the title "the jewel in the crown" which is proudly inscribed at the foot of the memorial stone. As the garden develops, it will be full of colour in the summer and perhaps a place to sit and quietly remember.



Shared Lives - could you support an older or disabled person to lead an active life?

In Nottinghamshire “Shared Lives”, a project supported by the County Council, currently supports thousands of older people and people with disabilities to lead fulfilling and active lives. Uniquely, it enables people from all backgrounds to draw on their families, friends and neighbours in supporting some of our most isolated and vulnerable people, using the carer’s own family home.

In Nottinghamshire, Shared Lives carers share their home and community life with individuals, ranging from a few hours a week, to long term live in arrangements. Carers support older people, people with disabilities or mental health needs, as well as young people leaving foster care and people with learning disabilities. Shared Lives carers and the people they support are matched carefully to make sure that they feel comfortable with each other before agreeing to spend time together. The Shared Life acts as “extended family” so that someone can live at the heart of the community with the benefit of a supportive family setting.

Shared Lives carers need to be flexible, patient and practical. Commitment, motivation and enthusiasm are more important than qualifications. Shared Lives carers are self employed and work from home. They receive payments depending on the amount of help provided and the level of need of the person they support. Shared Lives carers typically provide more than they can be paid for but payments do help with expenses and the running of the household. There is also eligibility for a tax break relating to the payments.

If you could help someone live a fulfilling and active life please contact:

0300 500 80 80 or nottinghamshire.gov.uk/sharedlives or sharedlives@nottscc.gov.uk

Ollerton Road Allotments

It has been decided to offer smaller areas as allotments than the customary 250sq mtr plots.

These are being marked out by our senior amenity supervisor and will be around 40 sq mtrs. So, if you want to ‘grow your own’ but find the larger areas too daunting, have a look at the new sizes and get in touch with James or Beverley at the Parish Council office.

Should you still want the larger sized plots there may be a few available from April 2020.

Two hour limit on parking to be introduced in village car parks

At a date to be decided, the Parish Council is considering introducing a two hour car parking limit between the hours of 8am and 6pm., Monday to Saturday in West Lane and East Lane car parks. This will bring them in line with the Village Hall car park which has had a two hour limit for many years. Parking will still be free for the duration of the two hours. The limit will not apply on Sunday and Bank Holidays. The traffic warden will visit regularly and just as with the High Street parking and Village Hall car park, will issue fixed penalty notices to anyone who overstays.

Councillors have received many complaints from residents who have said it’s often been difficult finding a parking space in the car parks. A survey carried out in October found that 28 cars were parked in both car parks all day, taking up nearly half the spaces. It is thought some cars may belong to traders, but some may be visitors to Sherwood Forest. Three vehicles which appeared to have been abandoned have been moved.

Parish Council Chair Councillor Celia Brooks said, “Councillors believe we need to act now, because as the village grows the parking situation will only get worse - we have to have some way of controlling the use of the car parks so that residents who want to visit the High Street can find a space if they need to come by car and people aren’t abusing the free parking by leaving their cars all day.”

The council is considering issue a limited number of permits, for which there will be a charge, to some traders and staff who have to come by car, but by controlling the numbers of vehicles left in the car parks all day, it is hoped spaces will be freed up. Councillors would review the new system after six months..

Comments from residents and businesses would be welcome.



Parish precept set to rise

After having no rise in six out of the last seven years, the Parish precept (the Parish Council share of the council tax bill) is set to rise this year. The reasons for this are:

- annual wage rises
- an increase in weekly hours of the Parish Clerk and admin. Assistant due to increased workload and responsibilities
- an unexpected large increase in the employers pension contribution of several thousand pounds each year
- rising costs of materials and purchases

This means the precept is likely to rise by about 10%. As a percentage this appears to be at first sight a large rise, because of the way parish precepts are calculated. However, it is actually a very small amount of the council tax bill, amounting to a little over £7 a year on a Band D property, less on a Band A, B or C and slightly more on a Band E or above.

Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "Over the past few years, we've been very good at cutting costs and keeping the parish precept low. In fact at present it's no bigger than in 2013. But this year, we've needed to increase the hours of some staff and wages are by far the largest part of our budget. We've been hit hard by a big rise in our pension contribution which we have to pay. As always, our priority is making sure our village is clean, well looked after and a place we are proud to live."

Chair of the Finance Committee John Peck said, "We've always run a very tight ship and made many savings. We've not raised the precept in most years, but this year we have had a big rise in costs. We'll continue to look at every item of expenditure to find savings wherever we can."

Bilsthorne Heritage Museum - a little local gem

Interested in our local coal mining heritage? Did you know there's a fascinating little museum right on our doorstep which has on display an ever growing collection of mining equipment, banners and other memorabilia from the days when "coal was king" in this part of the world? The museum is situated behind the village hall on Cross Street, Bilsthorne and is well worth a visit. It has been a labour of love for some of Bilsthorne's residents including ex miners, who spent several years raising the money, obtaining and redeveloping the premises and building up the extensive collection of mining artefacts and items of everyday life in the mining communities.

The opening times are in summer, Monday, Wednesday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm and in winter on Wednesday and Sunday from 11am to 3pm. Volunteers are always on hand to talk with knowledge about the exhibits. Private guided tours and talks to schools are also available. Contact details:

telephone: 01623 871533 Or 01623 870512
email: bilsthorne-heritage@btconnect.com
www.bilsthornemuseum.co.uk

Parking outside our schools

Councillors often hear complaints from residents about parking outside our two primary schools at the beginning and end of the school day. Sometimes the complaints refer to parking which is inconsiderate to residents, or it's often parents who are concerned about the safety of children by for example, parking on the zig zag lines. Head teachers and school governors not only in Edwinstowe, but across the country are often on the receiving end of such complaints and usually do their best to ask parents to consider residents and the safety of children when parking.

Edwinstowe's County Councillor John Peck, himself a former primary school Headteacher says, "There's not a lot a councillor or Headteacher can do except request that parents are considerate when parking or driving in the vicinity of a school. Of course, we are talking about a minority of parents- most parents are well aware of the dangers and are extremely considerate." However, John points out the County Council takes school safety extremely seriously and the council has brought in a number of measures during the last three or four years. The zig zag no parking lines which give children crossing a clearer unobstructed view, have now been made enforceable- fines can now be issued for parking on them. Three camera cars with number plate recognition technology are now in operation touring the county's schools to enable fines to be issued to motorists photographed parking on the zig zag lines. Headteachers and governors can request visits from the camera cars where there are frequent parking problems. Also all schools in the county now have designated school safety zones in the vicinity of the schools with a recommended 20mph speed limit. John added, "Thankfully, accidents to children outside schools are rare although one is one too many and great care is needed with both parking and driving speeds to make sure all our children are as safe as they can be. Also parents dropping off or picking up their children should always give consideration to the needs of nearby residents."

Forest Cemetery News

Just a reminder that it is possible to purchase bird boxes with commemorative plates on the front to be placed on trees of your choice in the Forest Cemetery.

Some are already in place if you would like to see how they look. Contact James in the Parish Council office for more details.

The new area Garden of Rest is also now available.

CCTV installed on the High Street

Newark and Sherwood District Council installed CCTV on the High Street during last Autumn, following a petition initiated by trader Scott Carlton, now an Edwinstowe Parish and District Councillor. The demand for CCTV was backed by the Parish Council and District Councillor Paul Peacock and former District Councillor Celia Brooks, who both made a strong case in support of the scheme on behalf of the Parish Council. The petition's call for CCTV arose from a spate of crimes on the High Street including raids on the cash machines. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We welcome the installation of CCTV and hope it acts as a deterrent to criminal or anti social behaviour. Whilst the police tell us their records show that Edwinstowe is statistically a relatively low crime area and it is a safe place to live, we welcome any initiative to further reduce crime or anti social behaviour." Councillors meet regularly with police officers to discuss policing matters and raise any residents' concerns.

Church Street to be resurfaced at last!



Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck informed a recent Parish Council meeting that the County Council's Highways Department would be re-surfacing Church Street during the 2020/21 financial year. John said: "I'm really pleased that my request to resurface Church Street has been accepted at last. It's been one of my priorities and I was turned down last year and the year before. It shows you just have to keep plugging away! I also asked for the pavement to be done and that's been included too."

More good news is a really poor section of Mansfield Road and Ollerton Road between East and West Lanes will also be resurfaced. Again, I'm really pleased because I've been forever reporting potholes along this section and asking for proper resurfacing work to be done."

Over the past few years John has managed to get roads such as High Street resurfaced and much of Lansbury Road but says there's always more to do: Boy Lane and many of the pavements are priorities he'd like to get done. John regularly reports potholes.

If you see one on your road, let John know:
email: cllr.john.peck@nottsc.gov.uk
mobile: 07748181719

All Change at The Village Hall

November saw the 35th Village Hall Annual General Meeting (AGM).

However this year saw a few changes to the committee and a huge change for someone very special.

Village Hall long standing supporter Pat Bamford stood down as Chair of the Village Hall Committee at the AGM. A role which she has held for 19 years. She became involved in supporting the Village Hall as a committee member when the Play Group (which Pat helped to run) moved into the Hall in 1984. She has been involved in raising significant amounts of money for many groups during her time as Chair.

Pat has been instrumental in the running of the village hall for many years and driven many changes over this time. She has won community awards and seen countless anniversaries and other village events over the years.

On the evening of her final AGM as Chair, Pat was presented with gifts of appreciation from both the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council. She may be passing the baton of 'Chair' however Pat will still be involved in supporting the Village Hall Committee.

This vital community space would not be as successful as it today if it wasn't for Pat, however I'm sure Pat would want all other members of the village hall committee and other volunteers who have helped over the past 35 years to be recognised also.

The Village Hall is available for hire for both occasional and regular use.

Please contact John Scaysbrook (New Chair) for further information on email at edwinstowevillagehall@gmail.com.

John Scaysbrook
Village Hall Management Committee Chair



Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group



Our Coffee Morning on 21st September raised £556.42 which enabled us to donate a further £7000 to The John Eastwood Hospice at our November Coffee Morning. A significant amount of this, £4007, was donated to us by Tracey Wilson who has worked hard throughout the year selling items online. We thank Tracey, her mum Jean Frettsome and all her family for this great support.

Hospice Trustee Helen Gregory received the cheque and thanked everyone for their continued support and we, in turn, thank all helpers and supporters. This November Coffee Morning itself raised a very pleasing £651.33.

Thursday 28th November was the occasion of the Christmas Lights Event on the High Street and the Support Group had a stall raffling Christmas Hampers sharing it with the Trefoil Guild tombola. We are very pleased to say that due to the tremendous generosity of the public the stall raised a magnificent £401.53. Thanks to all those who bought tickets and to our ticket sellers and helpers.

This Christmas saw the retirement of Hospice Trust manager, Diane Humphries, who has been a great friend and supporter of our group for the last 25 years. We wish her all the very best for her retirement.

We hope to continue our successful fundraising in 2020 so please note that our popular Coffee Morning and Plant Sale will be on Saturday 16th May in the Village Hall from 10am till 12 noon.

I am one of the Community Rangers for the Forestry England Sites around North Nottinghamshire. We have weekly volunteer sessions on Wednesday and Thursday and monthly sessions on a Sunday and would like to let more people know about them. We do practical projects which have elements suitable to a wide range of abilities and experience and are carried out to benefit the woodlands, their wildlife and the people who visit them.

Common projects are scrub removal (ensuring the grassland areas are kept free of unwanted vegetation, helping to protect the habitat for wildlife), ride widening (cutting back vegetation along paths, which benefits wildlife, in particular butterflies, and visitors to the sites), pruning of trees to help them develop and maintaining ponds to keep them suitable for wildlife.

As well as helping the woodlands, their wildlife and visitors, it can be very beneficial for the volunteers too, as being active in a woodland can have many health benefits and can be quite social, meeting new people.

If you want further information or you have a question feel free to get in touch at amy.chandler@forestry.gov.uk or ring me on 0300 067 5443.



Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions Roaring

Hi Everyone and we would like to wish all readers a belated Happy & Healthy New Year.

First of all we wish to THANK YOU VERY MUCH the residents of Edwinstowe who gave a donation to the LIONS when we knocked on your door at Christmas.

The nights were dark and cold but we soon got warm and we had a few laughs on the way. I personally was given a glass of wine which made my colleagues envious. It was such a good feeling when children came out to say hello to Santa. Long may it continue.

WOW some residents even had a jar or basket which they put their spare change in throughout the year and just tipped the whole lot in our collection bucket which made it very heavy. Not complaining at all it was great when that happened so if more of you do this we will all be walking round with drooping shoulders. Be good if you could do that.

Go on do it.

We were present at the Edwinstowe light switch on in the Grotto and also the Ollerton and later Bilsthorpe switch on.

We must say Santa is very obliging to THE LIONS.

We wish TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH again everyone who donated so we are able to continue with our work helping the community who need that little bit of extra help.

On the topic of Christmas, Santa needs a new Sleigh as the present one has become worn out having worked hard for many years. We have been successful in our application for the blue button scheme at Tesco Ollerton and Edwinstowe & Dukeries LIONS will be partaking in the scheme from 1st April. So please look out for the LIONS slot if you shop at Tesco Ollerton and help us to achieve our goal for a new sleigh for Santa.

We recently celebrated The LIONS 40TH BIRTHDAY at The South Forest Leisure Centre.

The evening was a great success with a 3 course meal and wine on the table and carriages at midnight. All these costs were met by ourselves and not taken out of funds which you, local people have contributed. Present were friends and other Lions in our district. The food served was as normal excellent and we wish to THANK ALL at SFLC for their hospitality. My wife and I have only been Lions for just over 12 months and enjoy it immensely and it was our pleasure before the birthday bash to ask local shops, restaurants etc. for a possible prize donation for the raffle on the night so we could make a little money to help others in the community. We were amazed at the response from the establishments and how much THE LIONS are loved in the area. ALL the contributors made a difference to our evening as we raised over £400 on the raffle.

The establishments were:- In alphabetical order -

AWAY WITH THE FAIRIES High Street Edwinstowe
BOYES (Ollerton)
CENTER PARCS (Sherwood Forest)
CO-OP EDWINSTOWE High Street Edwinstowe
DUDLEY TAYLOR CHEMIST High Street Edwinstowe
DUKERIES LODGE Rufford Road Edwinstowe
EDWINSTOWE NEWS High Street Edwinstowe
FOREST LODGE HOTEL Church Street Edwinstowe
FRUITS OF THE EARTH High Street
GANACHE CAFE High Street Edwinstowe
LAUNEY'S RESTAURANT Church Street Edwinstowe
MARKET GARDEN Church Street Edwinstowe
NATIONAL TRUST (Clumber Park)
ROBINS DEN High Street Edwinstowe

RUFFORD PARK GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB
SIMPLY NATURAL Edwinstowe Craft Centre
THREE LITTLE DAISIES Edwinstowe Craft Centre
THE OLD SCHOOL ROOMS CARBURTON
The above is owned by the Cafe in the
Edwinstowe Craft Centre



Santa on his tour of Edwinstowe



Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions Roaring

Homelessness is rife and Edwinstowe Councillor Adam Murphy approached the LIONS to see if we could help in any way to support the Beacon Project in Mansfield and Emmanuel House Nottingham.

People from our area had a community sleep out on the night of the 15th February when storm Dennis was at its peak from 10pm to 6am. This was to raise awareness of the homeless in the local area.

It is still possible to sponsor the above please go to the Go Fund Me page named -: Edwinstowe Community Sleep out/in. They deserve it. Adam and his wife Rachael are now members of the LIONS.

We did not sleep out ourselves although we helped them financially because the following had been organised a while ago.

We gave our time administering a CASINO night in the Newark area in support of the Air Ambulance. We charge a fee which goes to sustain the LIONS and are fed by the hosts. There are 6 games run including Roulette, horse racing, blackjack and others. All LIONS wear black tie and a fun night is had by all. Lots of funny money around so if you are in a group, community, charity etc. then contact us and we may be able to help you to raise money for your group. (Bob 07815-473802).

Adam Murphy, wife Rachael and other sleepouts.



Adam Murphy boxing down for the night



We continually support Brain Tumour Research - Shaun Gibson

In February we helped a local guy Shaun Gibson who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma which is a type of Cancer. He underwent 4 rounds of chemotherapy at the Teenage Cancer Trust Unit at Nottingham City Hospital and is now in remission.

As a THANK YOU Shaun with his family and the LIONS at South Forest Leisure Centre Edwinstowe held a race night and over £2500 was raised which included a signed Anthony Joshua Boxing glove auction.

An absolutely brilliant night. The monies will go to CLIC Sargent and MOVE charity.org.



MARIE CURIE Please look out for the Marie Curie collections in Edwinstowe we have organised and 100% of donations will go towards this very deserving foundation.

The above is just a small part of the Edwinstowe & Dukeries LIONS work in the community and if you would like to help the LIONS please contact our president Diane 01623-411136 and she will gladly tell you more about us and invite you to one of our twice monthly meetings.

Shaun Gibson(left) presenting the boxing glove to Joshua Skinner



Dementia UK's National campaign 'Time for a Cuppa'

Hello, I am writing to you as the current Miss Mansfield & Sherwood Forest and throughout a 12 month period I am fundraising for Dementia UK. This is a charity that means a lot to me and I have so far raised over £3,500, which will help the lives of people with Dementia and their families

Became Miss Mansfield in July 2019 – set goal to raise £5000 for Dementia UK

Grew up and live in Edwinstowe. Attended King Edwin Primary School

Chose Dementia UK as it holds as dementia has affected my family so I want to help other families like mine.

Reached my goal. Raised a total of £5591.

Held 6 events so far (2 quiz nights, afternoon tea, Battle of the Couples, Buble night, Race night).

Running a 'Time for a cuppa' campaign on Fri 6 March and visiting local business and care homes who are kindly hosting coffee mornings in aid of my chosen charity

In June 2020 I am attending Ohio, USA as a guest at the Miss Ohio Scholarship Programme and visiting Mansfield, Ohio (our sister city!!)

You can still help, the donations can either be collected by myself or alternatively you can send online via my Just Giving page – link below:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-display/showROFundraiserPage?pagelId=1079921>

More details can be found on my Facebook Page here: www.facebook.com/missmansfieldandsherwoodforest/

If you would like to get involved or need any more information please do get in touch.

Amy Sunderland - Miss Mansfield and Sherwood Forest 2019/2020



Council provides grants to improve home heating

Newark and Sherwood District Council currently has grant funding available to help local residents on low incomes to repair or replace inadequate heating systems.

If you or someone you know is on a low income and suffering with a long term health condition made worse by living in a cold home, the council may be able to help thanks to the Warm Homes on Prescription scheme.

Last year Newark and Sherwood District Council supported more than 45 residents (private home owners and those in private rented accommodation) to make their homes warmer, potentially avoiding unnecessary hospital admissions due to cold-related illnesses.

A Newark and Sherwood resident who recently benefitted from the scheme said:

“As I've got older I was finding it more and more difficult to manage my solid fuel heating. I can't get down to clean out the ashes and I'm not strong enough to carry the buckets of coal any more. I hadn't got enough savings to fit a new gas central heating system but I was worried about relying on family and friends to keep my fire going. My neighbour said help might be available through the Council so I asked her to call them for me because my hearing isn't so good. They were great and sorted everything out for me and I didn't have to pay a penny. I've now got a brand new gas central heating system which can be set to come on automatically. It keeps me lovely and warm without any of the hassle of solid fuel!”

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



Edwinstowe Leisure Painters

Our painting and drawing group are a friendly group of amateur and raw beginners who are not afraid of exploring and developing their innate skills.

Artist Graham Laughton is the class tutor always on hand to give helpful advice and professional tips. We cover oil, watercolour, acrylic, guache, pastel and drawing skills and there are occasional demos.

New members are always welcome and we have a tea break in the middle of our sessions in Edwinstowe Village Hall every Monday at 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Class fees are £5.00 / class currently. We have our own exhibition in June and visit art galleries occasionally. We encourage all artists.

If you would like to join us, contact Graham on Tel. 01777472885 or grahamlaughton50@gmail.com.



Thoresby Colliery Regeneration Update

Following an update on the development in July 2019, the developer, Harworth Estates has made progress achieving approval of a Reserved Matters planning application for the initial package of enabling works. This comprises earthworks, entrance/ spine road improvements, foul and surface water sewer connections, utility connections and associated landscaping. The above works commenced on site October 2019 and are now well progressed, due to complete in spring 2020.

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Harworth

Major Oak Medical Practice Patient Participation Group

Would you like to be a volunteer, do something interesting, stimulating and help your community? You could join your Patient Participation Group (PPG,) we are looking for new members. It is open to patients of any age and we would particularly like to hear more from younger patients. We currently have one 6th form student, our former student volunteers are now at university, we would be happy to have more. Volunteering for community groups as a student, becoming involved and attending meetings regularly is valuable when applying for college, university or on job applications.

Your PPG meets every 5 to 6 weeks, usually for an hour and a half and usually during the day, but this can be varied to suit members e.g. to accommodate student members. The main aims for all PPGs are to be a critical friend to their practice and to offer constructive criticism and solutions to issues and problems that patients have brought to the attention of the practice. We also organise talks at the surgery on health issues for the benefit our patients, and attend occasional PPG networking events where we can discuss ideas with other PPGs and adopt best practice. All our meetings are strictly confidential. If you think you might be interested in joining us and feel you can offer us some time and a contribution to our work you can obtain an application form from reception at the surgery.

More information about PPGs can be found at www.napp.org.uk

The Friends of Thynghowe



Our two biggest events of the year are happening soon. It would be good to see lots of Edwinstowe folk coming along.

Each year we 'beat the bounds' of the Manor of Warsop as we walk to Hanger Hill on the Saturday closest to St George's Day. On the hill we will mark the site's Viking association (its old name was Thynghowe) by holding a 'Thing' assembly. This year the walk will be on Saturday 25th April. We will meet at Warsop Windmill forest barrier at 10am (extra parking is available) and then walk through Birklands visiting historic features along the route to Thynghowe. This walk is 3 to 4 miles, taking around 4 hours.

Over the weekend of 2nd and 3rd May you will be able to experience life in Sherwood during the Viking Age as the brilliant re-enactors of Regia Anglorum return to Sherwood Pines with their living history camp and superb warrior action in the arena. The opportunity to chat with the experts about their authentic craft skills on display in the camp is a highlight. The action takes place between 10am and 4pm each day, usually with a major battle in the afternoon. This is a FREE event although standard Forestry England parking charges apply. A great family day out!

You can find details of all our events are on fotevents.wordpress.com. Please check for late changes if you are planning to join us. You can also follow us on facebook.com/Thynghowe

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St. Mary's Church

St. Mary's Church is pleased to share that they support the unveiling of a Blue Plaque to commemorate the generosity of John and Ellen Bellamy. Who were they and why should we celebrate their charitable actions? Well, you may have previously seen in the Edwinstowe Village News this article: 'RELIEF IN NEED' & EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

The Trustees of the John Bellamy Charities invite applications for grants for 'relief in need' & educational purposes, for residents of Edwinstowe.

A little of their history. In 1719, a school started by John and Ellin Bellamy was in place for the education of eight boys, 'of poor, honest and religious parents, such as shall be born in the town.' His Will stated, 'I give and bequeath the school house in Edwinstowe - 1724.' It was situated on the site of the War Memorial which was constructed in 1919. Mr. John Hanson was Schoolmaster and parish clerk from 1770 until 1805 when he died.

John and Ellin gave yearly rent from 2 houses adjoining the schoolhouse to be distributed by Trustees to 4 of the Poorest Honest Widows who were" thought to be the most Needfull". Around 1800, the 2 houses were pulled down and Parish Officers chose widows to occupy the 4 small houses which replaced them.

The dedication stone from the original Alms-houses is built into the wall round the War Memorial, although the inscription has totally worn away (last section of wall, top of the High Street). It read 'John and Ellin Bellamy 1678'

Abbey Road Art & Craft Group

2019 was a successful year for the Abbey Road Art and Craft Group, finishing with a Christmas Dinner served at the Abbey Road Centre by local caterers "Culinary Delights". The afternoon's entertainment continued to everyone's delight, with Quizzes and Stories by June Dyson.

After a well earned rest the Club is now open on Friday Afternoons at the Community Centre on Abbey Road in Edwinstowe and is welcoming anyone interested in doing Craft Work in a friendly and warm atmosphere.

Regular Crafts include Knitting, Painting, Card Making, Parchment and other Crafts, the main object is to generally enjoy ourselves.

This happy group welcomes old and new friends to join them on Friday afternoons from 1.00pm to 4.00pm and enjoy a Natter with Tea/Coffee and Biscuits with friendly Crafters whilst carrying on with their favourite hobby.

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Edwinstowe Handbell Ringers

Our Handbell choir has been out and about over the last few months.

At the Ollerton proms, we were on stage showing that a handbell is not just for Christmas. We played some classical pieces and a folk arrangement of Grandfathers Clock which was so successful that we recruited one of the audience to join our team.

At Thoresby we were part of their Winterfest Festival and played an assortment of carols in the courtyard. The following week we were at Creswell Crags adding some festive music to their Santa's Grotto. And it was a pleasure to join in the Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's and the Childrens Nativity play at Kneesall with some more seasonal carols.

We meet once a week throughout the year and play a wide assortment of music on a set of some 40 handbells, which we are looking to add to in the next few months with the assistance of a donation from John Pecks Fund . One of our team has handbells as part of her D of E award scheme but still manages to fit in a long distant hike or two when she can be persuaded to leave the handbells for a week or two. We welcome new members. An ability to count up to six, a sense of rhythm, and a sense of humour are the skills required. Do come and join us.

John Ottaway

1st Edwinstowe Guides

At guides we have had a busy few months, continuing our work on the girl guiding programme activities including learning about endangered animals where we voted to have the mountain gorilla as our unit mascot.

Some of the girls went with other guides from the division to the Big Gig an amazing experience, where we watched performances from Rak-Su, Fluer East, Louisa, Donel to name a few, which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Guides also displayed a Christmas tree at St. Marys church, our theme of saving the sea creatures a topic the guides are passionate about including plastic pollution.

We also had a trip to the cinema at the start of the year to see Frozen 2 and we are joining the division at an event held at the Birmingham NEC to celebrate World Thinking Day.

If you are interested in joining Edwinstowe Guides or any other local Guiding units, whether as a young member or as a volunteer go to the Girl Guiding website and follow the links.



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Growing a forest for the future at Sherwood

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Sherwood has one of Europe's biggest collections of ancient oaks (trees aged 400 years and more) which is especially important as these oaks provide homes for more species than any other native trees.

But whilst there's almost 1,000 ancients, the remaining oaks in the forest are relatively young as a whole generation of trees were taken over the years to build naval ships and a host of other things.

This is a problem because once our oldest trees have gone, there are very few others of the right age to provide homes for some of our most endangered species – especially the insects which rely on decaying wood, many of which are extremely rare.

In February, we began a programme of work on a small number of young trees which aims to help us begin to bridge the 'generation gap'.

Working with arboricultural experts, we are starting a programme of veteranisation work, using processes known as biomimicry as they introduce the effects of nature and aging in younger trees.

For example, making a small hole in the bark – similar to what a woodpecker does – can kick-start processes in the tree which will create features seen in ancient trees and help provide more of that vital missing habitat. Overall, this will protect the essential life cycle of the forest.

If you'd like to find out more, visit our blog on www.visitsherwood.co.uk or speak to our reserve team.





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Edwinstowe Cricket Club

Sadly there will be no senior Edwinstowe CC team this year. Senior cricket WILL be played at the Forest Corner beginning in late April. Thoresby Colliery 3 Team (Sats) ,Woodsetts and Wellow (Suns) will be using our ground for their home fixtures.

The clubhouse will be open regularly throughout the season on match days BUT also when our flourishing Junior Section is active.

In 2019 we had approx' 40 youngsters each Sunday morning from May to July. About 10 went on to compete in pairs cricket softball tournaments into August.

In 2020 we will again be offering the All Stars programme for 5 – 8 yr olds each Sunday morning and on Friday evenings we will be offering the Dynamos cricket for the older children 7 - 10yrs old.

At both of these sessions we will be ensuring the clubhouse and facilities will be open, the bar stocked, food available and we ask ALL families with any interest at all to come and join us. Whilst the youngsters are playing on Sundays there will be the opportunity for older children to practice and/or play in the surrounding areas, bring bikes, and any other equipment, there is plenty of space.

On Friday evenings whilst the Dynamos are working the rest of the family can come and use the clubhouse, the grass areas and playgrounds etc.

The idea is to be safe, have fun and be sociable!



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Check us out on Facebook and Instagram at Edwinstowe cricket club for upcoming details.

The Evergreen Club

The Evergreen Club meet three times per week at the Abbey Road Community Centre, Edwinstowe. Monday and Friday see the members playing Bingo and Wednesday both Dominoes and Bingo. Starting times are 5pm on Monday and Friday and 4pm on Wednesdays.

In addition to these sessions outings are arranged, last year saw the members having a meal on a boat whilst travelling down the River Trent, visiting various Garden Centres and enjoying meals catered for them at the Centre. Membership of the group is free and members support funds by paying for drinks (with biscuits) taking part in raffles and supporting other fund-raising ideas. We have a Committee and Chairperson who organize all our events.

New members are always welcome and should anyone wish to have more information, please call in at the Centre at any of the above times and you will be made very welcome.

Eyes open - Lead theft alerts

The Diocese has issued the following caution - Lead theft alerts

Churches are being encouraged to check their security arrangements following lead thefts in the south of Notts.

Lead downpipes were stolen from Bunny St Mary this week, and there was a similar incident at Ratcliffe on Soar. Just over the border in Leicestershire, lead was taken from the roof of Knipton church.

Please could all readers of the Village magazine be alert & ask their friends & relations to keep an eye open for St Mary's

AWSM Community News

Richard Kinnaird our very own Business Development Manager seen below sharing some of this mixed martial arts mastery with the Edwinstowe local scout group run by Adrian Kirkby one of our H&S consultants. By picture 3 that headlock position seems pretty convincing are you sure you weren't being hustled here Richard?...get out of that if you can!

AWSM are always happy to share the skills and knowledge of our employees with community information and skills events.





FOOTBALL
IN THE
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AW Safety Management Restart-a-Heart 2019 Campaign



October saw the AW Safety team office manager Amanda Neuville and our trainer Glyn Bagshaw visit the Football in the Community team at the Stags Football ground during the October half term holiday club, in support of the British Heart Foundation yearly campaign. The children enjoyed their short **Restart-a-Heart** workshop learning vital skills like assessing a casualty and performing CPR.

Thanks to the Football in the Community team for partnering with AW Safety Management Ltd for enriching the children’s learning whilst attending their ever popular school holiday club.



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The Dukeries Singers

Welcome to Spring. "In March, Winter is holding back and Spring is pulling forward." (Jean Hersey)

Let's hope Spring wins this "tug of war."

The Choir has welcomed Vicki Melling as our new Musical Director. She studied at Trinity Laban Conservatoire in London and is an accomplished singer and musician and enjoys a wide variety of music styles.

As well as accepting the invitation to be M.D. for the Dukeries Singers, this busy lady is also M.D. for the region's Women's Institute Choir. She is M.D. for the Forest Singers and has been for the last ten years. I think this shows her interest in Choral Music.

Vicki is keen to encourage more people to get involved in singing with a Choir and we are always looking for new singers to come and join in the friendliness and fun. We have spaces for all voice parts and you are welcome to come and hear us or try us out. Singing with others is fun and very high on the "feel good" scale.

You can find more about us on our Website thedukeriessingers.com on Facebook and YouTube and our email address is thedukeriessingers@gmail.com

We rehearse every Wednesday evening from 7-30pm until 9-00pm in the foyer of the Theatre at the Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. This is accessed via the Main Entrance and car park on Whinney Lane. Go through the Main Door and through Reception and out across the Courtyard to enter the Theatre area opposite.

Our Concert Secretary, Margaret on 01623 642464 or 07896491314 would be delighted to hear from you if you wish to book the Choir for your Fundraising, Charity or Celebratory event.

Look out for those "Daffodils, fluttering and dancing in the breeze." (W. Wordsworth) Jan

AWSM Community News

AW Safety Management were delighted we could volunteer the services of our two business professionals Richard and Adrian to participate at Brunts Academy in assistance with their year 11 Mock interviews held on November 15th. Our guys were very impressed with the students' impeccable manners and preparedness for the mock interview event.

The school CEIAG Coordinator Kay Barnard wrote: A huge thank you to you both for taking the time out of your busy schedule to come and interview our students. Our students have all benefited from the experience.

One parent wrote - "xx is never enthusiastic about anything but I could tell that today he felt proud that he had given it his best shot and showed some confidence."



Staff wrote; "The interviewers took on board their needs and adapted the interviews accordingly. The students felt so at ease that they all answered and asked lots of questions. They enjoyed the experience."

Your support has been very much appreciated and has made a real difference to helping to improve students interview skills and to open their minds to the world of work.

Here at AW Safety Management we are always looking for ways to support our local community so if you have any special requests please contact us on 01623 827845 and ask for Amanda Neuville

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How I Became a Church Steward at St. Mary's

It started with the Parish Council Summer quarter news magazine.

The vicar of St. Mary's, Rev Ian Webb, had written an article in it and a footnote to the article was a request for volunteers with 2 hours to spare a week to steward the church in an attempt to keep the church open for visitors.

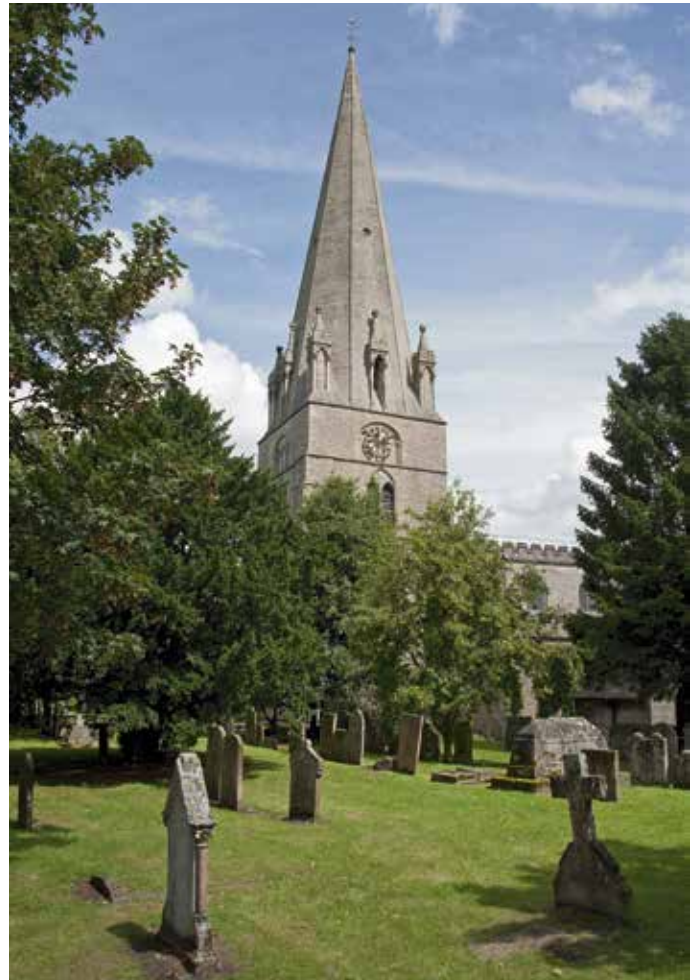
My wife had unfortunately passed away 3½ years earlier and I was retired so I had the time. I arranged to see Greg (a lay preacher) and explained that I had seen the request and that I had the time but had to confess, although not an atheist, I did not attend church. Not a problem said Greg we just need a presence in church when the doors are open to make sure everything is OK. I therefore volunteered for 2 hours on a Tuesday afternoon.

My first Tuesday, Graham, a church warden, was there to talk me through the role. I am embarrassed to say although I have lived in the village for 42 years and my wife and I renewed our vows here I knew nothing of the history of the church. With the help of the wardens, other stewards and churchgoers I quickly acquired some knowledge (not as much as seasoned stewards). Everyone I have met in the church has been welcoming and friendly.

The 2 hours on Tuesday very soon became almost daily visits as I found myself really enjoying the experience of meeting and engaging with the visitors and I have been involved in a couple of projects for the church. I have also, as a non-churchgoer, been to a morning service, a Harvest festival and a beautiful Remembering Service.

I can state categorically that volunteering to 'steward' is the best thing I have done since my wife passed away. I LOVE IT!!

I would encourage anyone who enjoys meeting people and has time to spare, to volunteer and enjoy the pleasure of meeting strangers. JUST DO IT!!





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Cambridge University Brilliant Club



Twelve students are currently participating in an amazing opportunity to experience university style study through the Brilliant Club programme. This term, they are working closely with their PhD supervisor to complete an assignment about power and conflict in medieval Dubrovnik and their tutor has been very impressed with their work so far.

We also had an excellent day at Cambridge University as part of the programme and learnt a lot about what studying at Oxbridge is like and the kind of students that are likely to be considered for places. It was an inspiring visit and an excellent opportunity to participate in academic lectures

Year 9 Ambition Nottingham



The continued engagement of the Dukeries Academy with the Ambition Nottingham programme has recently seen a wide-range of Year 9 students visit the University of Nottingham. On this visit, students were taken on a fact-finding campus tour with specific focus on catering and restaurant businesses located on-site. They were then challenged to propose a new eatery in a Dragons Den style presentation. As well developing teamwork and communication skills, students on the programme are now being set the target of working in an academic way – researching, analysing, presenting and evaluating performance. An excellent day enjoyed by all

Sports Leaders UK Graduates



We were delighted to issue our most recent cohort of Sports Leaders with their course completion certificates. The Dukeries Academy PE Department has a great tradition of training young leaders through the Sports Leaders UK course that is delivered to Year 9 students each year. This year 36 exceptional young people have earned their certificate over the past year by dedicating their time and energy to developing their leadership skills and then applying these to running a series of events for our local family of primary schools.

Many congratulations to them all!

Cambridge University Brilliant Club



Huge congratulations to our sister-act dynamic duo of Charlotte and Emily who have both qualified from the Newark & Sherwood District Cross-Country Trials and go on to represent Newark Schools at the County Championships in February 2020.

Special mention to Charlotte in Year 8, who competed against students across the district from both Years 8 & 9, finishing 3rd overall to take one of the 12 qualifying places. Emily will be continuing her consistently excellent cross-country performances in the senior category.

Wishing you the very best of luck at County level, girls!

Question Time!



Our Year 12 and 13 Philosophy students embarked on a cultural trip to London to take part in Question Time at Westminster Abbey. This involved a debate into current issues such as tuition fees, the role of religion in Britain today and issues of equality.

The debate was chaired by award-winning journalist and broadcaster Samira Ahmed and we were delighted to see our students getting involved in posing some hard-hitting questions.

They really had the distinguished panel of guests talking and deliberating!

Dukeries Academy articles - Free Sanitary Products in Schools



We are pleased to be part of the Government initiative to offer free sanitary products for girls in our academy.

For the Dukeries this signals a continuation of our commitment to end period poverty that has been supported by our partners in the community.

Extra special thanks to the staff at Ollerton Tesco who have been fantastic in their hard work collecting and sorting donations

Major Oak Pop Choir

2020 is a very special year for the Ladies of the Major Oak Pop Choir, as in April they will celebrate the 5th anniversary of being established. Since this time, the choir has grown considerably from the original 20 singers to 80 members, with an additional waiting list of names of prospective members who wish to join us.

The choir enjoy the fun, friendship and feeling of well-being which comes with being part of a choir, and they are now very much in demand in Nottinghamshire and the surrounding areas for concert performances which feature repertoire from classic chart hits, old and new. They have a busy concert programme already planned for the rest of the year, and through these, the choir are looking forward to raising vital funds for various local charities.

At the time of writing, performance dates for your diary include: 6th May - St Mary's, 23rd May - South Forest, Edwinstowe, 13th June - The Lyric Theatre, Dinnington, 20th June - Retford Town Hall, 17th October - The Crossing, Worksop



The Major Oak Pop choir, Edwinstowe, Nottinghamshire, there are no auditions to join, and you don't even have to be able to read music. Our choir members come from all walks of life and attend weekly rehearsals to enjoy friendship, fun, and to share a love of singing. Through their performances, the choir raises money for charity, and they are proud to have raised thousands of pounds for good causes, many of them local to Nottinghamshire.

You can find out more about the choir, including details of the charities we have supported and all our future performances by finding us on Facebook @ majoroakpopchoir, visiting www.majoroakmusic.co.uk, or by contacting Pauline Daghish on 07450 316756. The Choir is an adult choir, exclusively for Ladies.



WALLED GARDEN MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nottingham's Cosmic American Music has teamed up with the historic Thoresby Park in Sherwood Forest to curate a brand new Americana and Roots festival within the grounds of the estate in North Nottinghamshire, a stone's throw from Robin Hood's famous Major Oak.

This new music festival will be held in the fabulous 5 acre Walled Garden over the weekend of 10th to 12th July this summer and feature some big name artists kicking off with an intimate Friday night session from the Vandoliers.

With 2 stages presenting over 30 artists the confirmed line up includes some powerful old favourites like Peter Bruntnell and Wreckless Eric, some newer kids on the block like Curse of Lono with well respected local bands like Most Ugly Child and Banjo Jen in support.

Following on from Maverick Festival the previous weekend this boutique festival finds itself enjoying sharing bands with the fabulous Static Roots Festival in Germany that runs the same weekend.

This is no festival in a field as Thoresby Park offers plenty of other "between the acts" entertainment supported by several local breweries and with 3 nights camping included in the weekend ticket price of only £69 this truly is a bargain festival with a big Americana bang for your buck.

Edwinstowe Christmas Lighting Up Event: A magical evening on our High Street

The 2019 Edwinstowe Lighting Up event once again brought the village together to get Christmas off to a terrific start. The Parish Council team worked incredibly hard to organise the event and our staff and councillors were out in force on the day to make it all possible. It was a wonderful evening and thousands of people flocked to the High Street to join our celebrations. Thank you to all our dedicated stall holders who came out in the rain to set up and whose optimism was rewarded as the clouds lifted in perfect time.

A big thank you to Greg Abbott from St Mary's Church for switching on the lights and delivering the blessing and Miss Mansfield (Amy Sunderland) for joining us on this event, it was great to hear the work she is doing.

So many organisations and businesses contributed to make the event a success; a special thanks to the Alan Scaife at Edwinstowe News and Post Office and to Calvie Gallery for organising and hosting the wonderful SteelGen Steel band, with funding contributions from Away With The Fairies, Fruits of the Earth, Pizza Hood BBQ Grill, Robin Hood Plaice, Yumsing Chinese Takeaway, Robin's Den and Karissma Hair.

This year, we had more entertainment than ever. Our children from local schools got us off to a festive start, which continued through the evening with The Dukeries Singers and The Sherwood Forest Brass Band and we were delighted that Maxine joined us again to sing outside Calvie Gallery. The Library kindly hosted the excellent Major Oak choir and provided coffee and biscuits, and Fables hosted the Ukulele band, who generously donated their time for free.

Finally, thank you to the Lions for arranging for Santa to visit us and The Sweet Shop who helped Santa with his presents for the children, generously donating their time and contributing toward the sweets. This really was a community event. Thank you to everyone who made it so special. Karen Peck (Chair of Events Committee)



The Echium Gardens - Onwards & Upwards!

Spring is always an exciting time of year as our gardens burst into life and start to unfold bringing with it the promise of delightful summer days ahead.

As gardeners we especially look forward to seeing our Echium Garden erupt after the sleepy days of winter. Visitors wow at the towers of flowers of Echium Pininana (the giant tree Echium endemic to the Canary Islands) reaching the dizzy heights of over 16 feet by June in the walled garden at Thoresby Park only a few miles from Edwinstowe. Packed with many varieties of Echium the borders and containers also showcase many other interesting plants all attracting a vast number of insects and bees for visitors to enjoy.

Last year we were successful in growing Loofah, old fashioned bath sponges..... Yes we all think they are harvested from the sea! They are a great natural product, environmentally friendly and fun to grow. The Victorian gardeners would have grown Loofah on this heritage site at Thoresby so we are growing them again in 2020!

We welcome visitors to 'The Echium Garden' on Sundays and Thursdays, throughout the summer, 10 – 3pm, beginning Sunday 5th April - £3 entry, children free. Groups and talks by arrangement. Selection of Echium and garden plants on sale.

NGS open day with proceeds to charity on Saturday 6th June, 12 – 4pm (£5)

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Monday Evening

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Tuesday Afternoon

Emily's Exercise Class

Starting at 1.00pm

Wednesday Evening

Evergreen Club - Dominoes/Bingo

Starting at 4.00pm

Friday Afternoon

Abbey Road - Art/Craft Group

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Friday Evening

Evergreen Club - Social/Bingo

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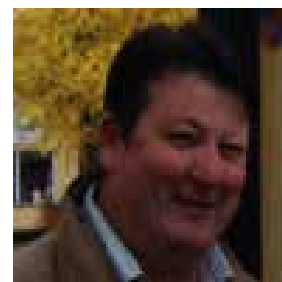
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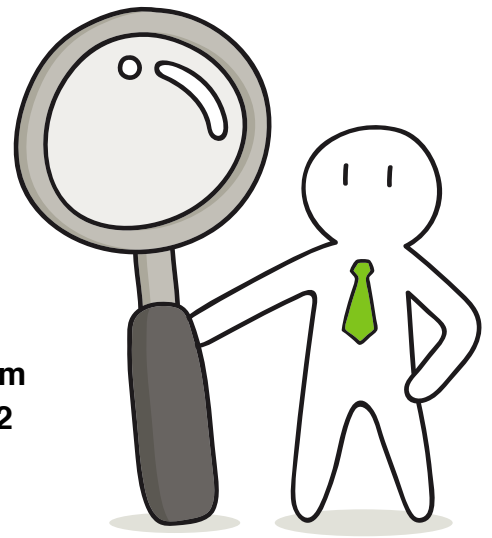
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