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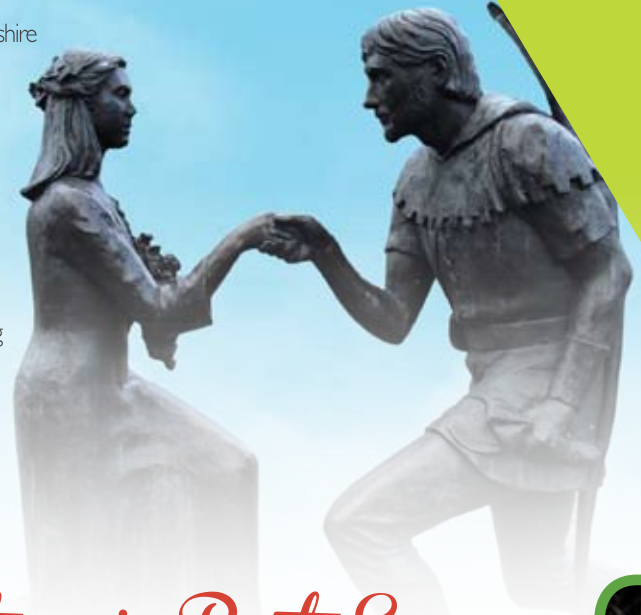
## 19 EARTHQUAKES IN EDWINSTOWE? DID YOU FEEL THEM?

According to a January article in the Daily Mirror: "Fed up homeowners in a Nottinghamshire village have endured 19 earthquakes" - all in the space of a fortnight! Other newspapers reported the tremors as being in Ollerton which are probably more accurate.

It goes on, "seismologists say the tremors in Edwinstowe- the largest of which was 1.7 magnitude- have coincided with mining work at the nearby (Thoresby) colliery". According to the Mirror; the tremors have "rocked homes" and they report seismologist Davie Galloway from the British Geological Survey as saying: "People are probably getting a bit fed up by now."

Most have them have been small tremors but because they are so shallow, they are being felt most of the time. People have reported their homes shuddering, windows rattling and a loud bang. We do not know the reasons but it could be the mine workings are simply upsetting the underground stresses in the region."

So there you have it. Luckily, despite the alarming tone of the report, Edwinstowe is still standing and most people haven't even seen a tea cup shake!



## Edwinstowe's Best Ever Christmas Lights Event

A delighted Parish Councillor Karen Peck, Chair of the Events Committee said, "many people have said they thought the Parish Council's Annual Christmas Lights event was possibly the best ever- a real community event which brought the community together: It was helped by excellent dry weather; which hasn't always been the case in recent years. We estimated 2000 plus people turned out during the three hours, including many from other villages as it is probably the best Christmas lights event in the area."

The Parish Council purchased extra lights this year, so there were more lights on the High Street than previously. Also Forest Holidays (the new holiday cabins at Sherwood Pines) kindly donated the Christmas tree which was beautifully lit up on the war memorial at the top of the High Street. Our special thanks to the general manager, Amby Tatla and his team.

There were also a record number of stalls, which were taken up by local businesses and community groups. They made a really big effort. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "our thanks to local businesses and community groups, to Thoresby Band, the singers and entertainers, including the King Edwin and St Mary's choirs and Rev's Tony Evans, and Louise who opened the event. Also to Alan, owner of the newsagents who provided the magnificent traditional holiday fairground organ, which added to the atmosphere. Lastly, a big thank you to the Parish Clerk, Alice Dunn and the Parish Council staff who, along with the Events Committee, worked so hard to make the event a success."



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## EDWINSTOWE VILLAGE HALL

Entering our 30th year as the Village Hall we are doing very well. The new heating system has settled down and is working well as long as no-one fiddles with the buttons!! Bookings by regulars such as Tai Chi and pre-school nursery continue and other "one off" bookings for coffee mornings, children and adult parties and art exhibitions etc seem to be increasing (perhaps because of the closure of the Welfare Club) and we welcome them all.

The Village Hall Committee are having a "Spring Fair" on Saturday the 1st of March 10 am to 11.30 am (usual stalls) to raise some money to buy a new vacuum cleaner. The (very) old one is "clapped out", so please come and support us. All money raised at Village Hall fund raising events is spent on things needed to keep up standards in the Hall. We have recently purchased some new blue chairs.

The next Village Hall Committee meeting is on Thursday the 4th March. If you have any issues you wish to raise please contact Secretary Peter Hull on 01623822148.



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## SHERWOOD FOREST PROBUS CLUB

The Sherwood Forest Probus Club is an organisation for men over aged 53 who are retired or semi retired. It is a very friendly non-fundraising and non-profit making organisation, which meets on the first Thursday of each month at the South Forest Complex, Clipstone Road, Edwinstowe. The meetings commence at 11.30 a.m. and consist of a speaker, lunch and then the Club business is conducted. The subject of the speakers vary considerably and very often the talks are accompanied with slides or Power Point illustrations. On the first Thursday in July the Club holds the Presidents Lunch. The first Thursday in December is the Christmas Lunch and relations, friends, neighbours etc are very welcome to attend these lunches.

It is a very friendly Club and at present the membership is very low. New members are urgently needed, and with a yearly membership of only £20.00 it is a bargain! Anyone interested in joining or attending a meeting please contact either President Peter Hull on 01623822148, or Secretary Keith Wardle on 01623823006. The next meetings are on 6th March - "In the Parishes Part 2" and on 3rd April - "Crossing the Atlantic by Light Aircraft".

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# EDWINSTOWE HOSPICE SUPPORT GROUP

During the pre-Christmas period we experienced one of our most successful fund raising weeks raising over £1000 within the space of a few days!

Our Coffee Morning on 23rd November was well patronised creating a good 'buzzing' atmosphere which led to us raising £596, a very rewarding amount. It was good to see so many folks enjoying the event. Then, a few days later at the High Street Lights Event, our grand hamper raffle and sale of Christmas goods took an amazing total of £442! Thanks are due to everyone who bought tickets at the stall or who were persuaded to buy tickets by our fantastic team of helpers.

In my last article I mentioned that the Hospice could be supported in an on-line vote to receive £3000 from Lloyd's Bank. Well it topped the community poll and duly received the money just prior to Christmas. Thanks to everyone who voted.

When you read this article we will have run our February Coffee Morning and will be planning our Coffee Morning and Plant Sale on 17th May in the Village Hall. We hope to see you there as we strive to attain our milestone £100,000.

We are nearly there and if you can help us in any way please give me a ring on 822070.

**Phil Robinson**

# South Forest Bingo

Members of South Forest Bingo raised a fantastic £1,000 which was donated to Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice recently.

They meet every Wednesday at 9.15pm at South Forest

**All Welcome**

## Edwinstowe Fire Station

Proud to support The Fire Fighters Charity

The Charity is the UK's leading provider of services that enhance the quality of life for serving and retired fire fighters, fire personnel and their families. Their vision is to make a positive difference by supporting people in the Fire & Rescue community when they are in need. Over the years, they have helped hundreds of thousands of individuals by providing world-class treatment and support services.

The Charity needs £9,000,000 each year and receives no Government funding so they rely upon the generosity of members of the Fire & Rescue Service and members of the public. During 2013 the people of Edwinstowe and surrounding areas contributed to us being able to raise £1800 for the Charity. We held two successful car washes, an open day and a number of craft fairs in the Village Hall.

This year the Fire Station will be taking part in the Charity's annual car wash on the 29 March 2014 where members of the public will be welcome to have their cars washed by the Fire Fighters in exchange for a donation to the Charity.

To keep up to date with the Station's fundraising activities 'Like' us on Facebook at [facebook.com/EdwinstoweFireFightersCharity](https://www.facebook.com/EdwinstoweFireFightersCharity) or follow us on Twitter @STN06FFC.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and generosity.  
FF Josh Roberts, (White Watch)



# Dukeries Academy

## Combined Cadet Force

The Dukeries Academy has been working with Worksop College to set up a Combined Cadet Force (Army) unit for the academy, as part of the Government's Schools' Cadet Expansion Programme.

The aim of the programme is to have an additional 100 cadet units in state-funded schools in England by 2015. Worksop College, which already has a CCF unit and has been involved with the CCF movement since the 1900s, will mentor teachers, volunteers and students from The Dukeries until the new detachment is ready to go it alone.

Kevin Dukes, Assistant Principal at The Dukeries Academy, has been helping to set up the new detachment. He said: "We decided we wanted to set up a new cadet unit for our students to support their academic learning with other sports, adventure and team-based activities. "Students involved will have the opportunity to develop their teamwork, resilience and leadership skills as well as developing their self-confidence and making new friends. "Cadet activities include drill, field craft and navigation.

A number of teachers and other adult volunteers will be running the unit on a week to week basis although the Principal will have overall responsibility for how the unit operates once independent status has been attained after the partnership period with Worksop College. "We are all looking forward to developing our unit over the forthcoming months."

Gavin Horgan, Headmaster at Worksop College, said: "We are very excited to be working with The Dukeries Academy on this initiative. Combined Cadet Force (CCF) offers an extremely rewarding experience for students at Worksop College – our pupils have long benefited from the leadership and life challenges presented to them by the CCF and we are sure that students at The Dukeries Academy will benefit enormously from the opportunities it offers them."

Group Captain Nick Sharpe, Chief Executive at East Midlands Reserve Forces and Cadets Association (RFCA), said: "The Prime Minister's initiative to increase the number of cadet units in the nation's schools clearly recognises the benefits that being a member of the cadet forces brings, not just to the individual, but to their school and their community.

"The range of activities that membership of the cadets

brings is simply not available elsewhere and builds the confidence and capability of all those who participate.

"The RFCA is extremely grateful to those schools who have taken up the challenge of establishing a cadet unit and looks forward to working with them to ensure that students gain as much as possible from their membership."

The first parade for Dukeries Academy students took place at Worksop College on September 6.



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- Savings
- Employment – changes in hours and pay
- Number of people in the house
- Your health condition

Failure to notify changes as soon as possible can result in:

- An over or underpayment of benefit
- Suspension of the benefit
- A civil penalty for failing to disclose information (£50)
- An administrative penalty as an alternative to prosecution (£250 - £2,000)
- Prosecution for benefit fraud

It is important to notify changes to EACH benefit body, e.g. Council, Tax Credits, Jobseekers Allowance – do not assume they talk to each other!

If you have received a letter about a possible benefit overpayment, do not delay in obtaining confidential advice.



## SAVE ENERGY NOW

Top ten tips to help you check, switch and insulate

1. Check your bills carefully and read your meter regularly – make sure you are paying the right amount, particularly if you pay a fixed monthly Direct Debit.
2. Talk to your supplier if the bill is wrong or it is difficult to pay
3. If money is tight, talk to your local Citizens Advice bureau for possible help
4. Are you on the cheapest tariff? – talk to your supplier and/or use a switching website for the best deal
5. Would a fixed price tariff help you? – most suppliers offer them and it may be cheaper and easier to budget
6. Using a pre-payment meter? – standing charges are added daily so keep your meter topped up in warmer weather, even if everything is turned off!
7. Heating oil – best bought before winter when it's cheaper. Is there a local oil club you can join to get cheaper fuel?
8. Make your home energy efficient – insulation, doubleglazing, thick curtains, service your boiler or

replace with an energy efficient boiler. You may get a grant.

9. Save money and energy – don't leave appliances on standby, don't charge laptops/phones unnecessarily, fix leaking taps and turn off lights you aren't using

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## LOCAL ARMY CADETS REIGN SUPREME

Army Cadets from local detachments have been celebrating success in 2013. They have celebrated high achievements in sporting events, drill competition, shooting and many other Army cadet activities.

Cadets from B Company Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force have lots to celebrate from 2013. Winning the inter unit drill competition in June. The four teams are given a drill routine to memorise, then being led by a senior cadet perform the routine for the Headquarters staff who also judge the competition. Adult Company Sergeant Major Martin Sharpe said "The cadets worked very hard practising the drill movements. I am very proud of them all."

Sgt Callum Davies from Ollerton detachment represented Nottinghamshire ACF in a shooting competition in Canada in August 2013. Callum said "It was an



**DRILL COMPETITION WINNERS 2013. B COMPANY (MERCIAN) NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ACF.**

experience of a lifetime. The Army Cadet Force has given me so many opportunities I wouldn't normally have been given."

B Company also took the trophy for best detachment in Nottinghamshire (Worksop detachment) and the crowning glory was winning the

punchbowl on annual camp. This is awarded to the winning unit on a points system for achievements made throughout the year. Major P Maguire, officer commanding B Company said "The achievements made by the cadets has been amazing. May it continue in 2014".

## ART EXHIBITION MAY 3rd /4th 2014

Edwinstowe Leisure Painters are to hold their Spring Exhibition together with the Flower Club display at Edwinstowe Village Hall on Saturday and Sunday the 3rd and 4th May between 10-4pm each day.

There will be refreshments and a tombola etc. With the Flower Club display sharing this venue with us, we are expecting a very colourful exhibition all round! Edwinstowe Leisure Painters keep attracting new members currently as we have lots of space and a really friendly team. We meet on Mondays at 2-4pm and all levels of ability are welcome. Visit us or contact Graham on 01777870588.

## In Memory of

I wanted to let people know that my mother, Mrs Jean Talbot, died peacefully this February.

Mrs Jean Talbot lived for several years on Greendale Avenue, Edwinstowe (with her husband, Harry who died in 2005). She had featured in 'The Acorn' some time ago as a local artist and has exhibited work in the Mansfield Art Gallery and in the Edwinstowe library. She moved from Edwinstowe in 1997 to be closer to her grandson (Harry) and two granddaughters (Emma and Lucy) living in Hampshire near Romsey.

If you knew Mrs Talbot you can send us a message: [richard@oldchapelworks.freereserve.co.uk](mailto:richard@oldchapelworks.freereserve.co.uk), as I'd be happy to hear from any friends & acquaintances.

Thanks, Richard Talbot

# Robert Woodhead Ltd returns to its roots in Edwinstowe

After 23 years in Bilsthorpe, Robert Woodhead Ltd, the East Midlands construction company has returned to Edwinstowe, having recently acquired the business and assets of the former NE Group at Edwinstowe House. The whole team at Robert Woodhead Ltd is excited to be back in Edwinstowe and is keen to play an active part in the local business community.

With 2012 proving a record year for growth with a 58% increase in turnover, and with 20% growth forecast for the current year and next, they are positive about the future. This growth has seen the workforce expand from 51 in 2012 to over 80 today.

David Woodhead, Managing Director at Robert Woodhead Ltd highlights, "We are delighted to return to Edwinstowe, the serviced meeting facilities, conference rooms as well as extensive parking made Edwinstowe House a logical choice. It is a great place for our staff, as well as our clients and other partners. We have space for future expansion and a better place for hosting corporate and training events."

Robert Woodhead Ltd's commitment to Edwinstowe, Edwinstowe House and the local area has been further highlighted by the purchase of the NE Group and the entire 55,000sq. foot Edwinstowe House site. Through Nurture Enterprises Ltd, Edwinstowe House continues to provide serviced office space, meeting rooms, training and conference facilities for businesses.

The company will be inviting the local businesses and community leaders to an early evening event in the near future.



## Chinese Brush Painting

If you would like to try an art form that is a bit different come along to the Edwinstowe Church Hall on Wednesday afternoon at 2.00-4.00pm. I will supply materials for people to borrow until they decide whether it is for them, or not. The classes are conducted in a relaxed, informal way with the emphasis on learning a new skill. The price is £5.00 for a two hour session.

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If you are interested please contact me on the above first because it is not always viable to be at the Church Hall every week. Elaine Kimberley (Member of National Society of Chinese Brush Painters and secretary of the East Midlands Society of Chinese Brush Painters.



## FIVE OF THE BEST

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# WAR MEMORIAL

2014 sees the anniversary of the outbreak of "The Great War", World War One. The Edwinstowe Village War Memorial tells us that 31 men from Edwinstowe, Clipstone and Carburton lost their lives in that War. Of those 31 only one, Arthur Pinder, is buried here in Edwinstowe. The others are spread throughout the graveyards of Europe, Belgium, France, Israel, Turkey, Pakistan, Iran, Greece with two of them buried or lost at sea. There are two, C Bentley and J Dalby of whom we know nothing at all other than their names. The oldest of those that died was 33 and the youngest was 19. Two were in the Navy, one on Submarines, two were in the Royal Flying Corps, and the remainder were in the Army, ten of them in the Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment). Among the dead are four pairs of brothers,

Bernard and Sidney Rodgers, Arthur and Sidney Pinder, Ephraim and Walter Rabbitt, Fred and Harry Rabbitt.

Edwinstowe and Clipstone were very different places in 1914, small rural communities with agriculture as the main industry. Edwinstowe comprised a cluster of houses along Town Street, East Lane, Church Street and High Street, a hamlet called Hazel Grove at Mill Lane and a cluster of houses at the top of Rufford Road called the Lidgett. Clipstone was a group of houses around Kings Clipstone. The main employers were the Ducal Estates of Welbeck and Thoresby. Coal mining was in Mansfield but had not yet been introduced to this area of Nottinghamshire and the railway had only just arrived.

It was from this rural backwater that 31 young men, a considerable proportion of their generation, were uprooted, put in uniform and spread throughout the battlefields of Europe, never to return. Once a year their names are read out at the

Annual Service of Remembrance and a wreath placed in their memory at the War memorial but this is a rather impersonal memorial for them.

In Edwinstowe we intend to ring the church bells on the Sunday evening nearest the anniversary of their death. The bells will be rung half muffled for a little over half an hour. When you hear the bells please spend a moment in contemplation and remembrance. It will be one hundred years since a young man from Edwinstowe, Clipstone or Carburton died. He gave his tomorrow that you might have your today.

That we know as much as we do about those that died is due to the efforts of the team at The Nottinghamshire Great War Roll Of Honour; and Gary Tranter in particular. If you have any knowledge of any of those who fell please get in contact. It is hoped that we can make their memory as personal as we can.  
jpottaway@uwclub.net

## KEEP THE BURGLARS OUT ARE YOU TAKING CARE?



### **We would like to offer the following crime prevention advice:**

- Ensure you lock your doors and windows even when you are in.
- Fit good quality locks to your exterior doors.
- If you have an intruder alarm make sure you set it when you go out and when you go to bed.
- Leave a light on when it's dark, make use of timer switches and consider leaving a radio on or investing in a fake TV device.
- Register your property for free on the national property database [www.immobilise.com](http://www.immobilise.com) Immobilise helps Police to reunite stolen items with their rightful owners in the event of them being recovered.
- Protectively mark your valuable property with your name and postcode preferably using a visible property marking kit such as Cremark or SelectaMARK and don't leave valuables such as laptops on view.

# The Dukeries Singers

Here we are in a New Year full of get up and go after a winter break. All my seeds have been bought and I am just waiting for Spring to show a bit of promise. Hopefully the choir is in good voice for our first rehearsal on 5 March. Just a reminder that we meet every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm at The Dukeries Complex, New Ollerton in the 6th Form block. This is accessed via the Whinney Lane entrance and car park.

## Thursday 17 April 2014

Farndon Memorial Hall for the Farndon W.I.  
(Time and booking still to be confirmed.)

## Saturday 28 June 2014

Edwinstowe Village Hall 7.00pm

## Saturday 5 July 2014

St. Chad's, Pleasley Vale

As you can see we have plenty of dates available if you would like to book us. We can offer programmes for Weddings, Christenings, Societies, Fund Raising or Celebrations of any kind.

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# St Marys CE Primary School YOUNG VOICES 2014

On Thursday 23rd January, St Marys CE Primary School Choir took part in the YoungVoices concert at Sheffield Motorpoint Arena. 31 of our Key Stage 2 pupils, along with a further 8,000 pupils from school's choirs across the country took part in this inspirational, exciting and educational day, performing to an audience of over 13,000 people. Our choir, ably lead by Miss Stevenson, who had been rehearsing after school and at lunch times for months before the event, performed songs including the favourites Mr Blue Sky, Lean On Me and Troublemaker together with family film fun songs such as Flash Bang Wallop and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious! Miss Stevenson also performed centre stage, representing St Marys in the Teacher's Choir singing The Lord's Prayer.

Whilst it was a long day and a late night for our pupils, we know that the whole experience has created life long and lasting memories for them which will endure far beyond their school days. This was confirmed by the comments received from our parents who supported the school throughout the event - "Fantastic night and well done to St Marys, so proud of you

all" & "Wow, it was amazing, well done to you all!"

The school choir and after school singing club are now focussing their attentions and efforts on preparing for next year's concert, learning new skills and songs to further encourage their love of music and singing.



## Major Oak Patient Participation Group (PPG) Patient DNA –Do Not Attends

During the last 6 months there have been 1056 missed appointments. These have been with both GP's and nurses. This amounts to over 182 hours of wasted clinicians' time, time in which people were waiting for and in some cases unable to get an appointment.

The patient participation group (PPG) is concerned about the number of patients who miss their scheduled appointments, and the impact that it has on all patients. We accept that at times we can all forget things, but the level of missed appointments suggests more than an odd lapse in memory. Patients who do not attend their appointments are recognised by the computer system and classed as DNAs. Patients who are repeatedly DNA, may be asked to register with another practice.

**Please keep your appointments, if you don't need it, cancel it. Someone else may need it!!!**

*Did you know that the surgery is able to send you a reminder for your appointment by SMS text, do they have your mobile number???*

## LADIES PROBUS CLUB OF SHERWOOD FOREST

We are a group of retired but young at heart ladies who would be pleased to welcome you to our meetings. These are held at the Forest Lodge Hotel on the third Thursday of each month at 11.15a.m.

Recent speakers have entertained us on wide range of topics from Borneo to the Gun Powder Plot, and Dr. Ebermezer Cobham Brewer to Advertising.

A representative from Bliss, the charity which supports parents whose children were born too soon, too small or too sick (our charity for this year), gave an excellent power point presentation. We then enjoy conversation over lunch.

If you think this might be for you just come along and introduce yourself or, if you prefer contact Di Roker on 01623 822220 or email me on [colinanddi@dawnlink.ltd.uk](mailto:colinanddi@dawnlink.ltd.uk)

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# The Dukeries Academy Edwinstowe Student Picks Up An Award

Edwinstowe's Eddie Fenwick (16), from The Dukeries Academy in Newark picked up a prestigious award during the Youth Sport Trust's 2014 Conference on Wednesday 5 February for his significant contribution to PE and sport in his school and community.

Eddie won the Youth Sport Trust's 'Young Person Award', during a ceremony held at Telford International Centre, recognising and rewarding best practice and achievements through PE and sport by schools, academies, colleges and young people.

On stage to present Eddie with his prestigious award were Baroness Sue Campbell CBE, Chair of the Youth Sport Trust, and Youth Sport Trust Ambassadors Darren Campbell and Gail Emms.

The Dukeries Academy will receive a visit from Olympic Silver medallist badminton player Gail Emms as part of Eddie's prize.

The Youth Sport Trust National Conference, which is sponsored by Technogym, took place on February 5 & 6 with over 500 Head Teachers and school sport professionals attending. A number of workshops and mini key note speeches featured discussion on the key issues in the PE and school sport sector, including a focus on how schools make maximum use of the Government's £150m a year investment for primary schools.

Eddie said: "I'm overwhelmed to win this award, it is a real shock and a privilege. The sporting opportunities I've been given have been so helpful, so I really wanted to give something back.

"It feels really good to be recognised nationally, and I hope this will inspire more people to get involved with volunteering in their community."

**Photo (left to right): Darren Campbell, Eddie Fenwick, Gail Emms and Baroness Sue Campbell CBE**



## Thoresby Courtyard

'We are SPRINGING into action at Thoresby with events for all, including the craft show on 1st and 2nd March, with the Spring Food Fair on 12th and 13th April, car show on 5th May and Festival of cycling 17th and 18th May.

The Art Gallery features Brian Hible's ultra real images in 'Life's a Game,' until 9th March, Jim Malone ceramics from 15th to 23rd March followed by the Wide Open exhibition with a celebratory music launch in the gallery. Local artists remember to send in your wonderful works!

In the Riding Hall, Sue and Caroline will be presenting wedding open days on 16th March and 6th April, or you can visit our wedding fair on 23rd March. For a choral treat you can enjoy 'Come and Sing' with 'In Accord' choir on 27th April, then on 8th May our Village Ventures team present a production by Nottingham Playhouse of The Second Minute, a story of letters from The First World War. On 21st May we have children's theatre with 'Too Many Penguins,' especially for children 1 to 4 years and their families.

**Full details of these and all other events at [www.thoresbycourtyard.com](http://www.thoresbycourtyard.com)**



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increase, that way your existing supplier can't enforce the price rise.

Under new rules, if you're on a fixed term contract and it's coming to an end, your supplier must tell you between 42 and 49 days beforehand so, if you want to, you can switch suppliers during this time without any penalties.

And if you are on a fixed term contract signed on or after 15th July 2013, suppliers can't increase prices, unless the price increase was agreed in advance - for example with a tracker tariff. If your supplier breaks these rules you can complain, first to the energy supplier, then to the Energy Ombudsman.

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## Abbey Road Art Group

The group had a very successful year in 2013, our membership remained steady and the work produced by our artists, from the beginners to the more experienced is improving all the time.

Our crafters never cease to amaze me with their original ideas and the quality of their work. The standard of their cardmaking is extremely professional and a credit to their patience and skill.

During 2013 we had to say 'goodbye' to two of our members who joined their family in New Zealand and also were extremely saddened by losing yet another founder member, Jean Urwin, who lost her battle against cancer in December.

We can now offer places to two cardmakers and two artists if anyone would care to join our group on Friday afternoon from 1pm until 4pm. The cost is still just £1.00 per session. Whilst we do not teach in either skills, help is always on hand should it be needed.

We are planning an outing in the Springtime, venue yet to be decided, which will benefit all members of our group and look forward to another happy and successful year as 2014 begins.



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# AT LAST- EDWINSTOWE HAS ITS SKATE PARK

Edwinstowe has something to celebrate! The Edwinstowe skate park has finally grown from a dream to reality. After 13 years of campaigning and 9 months of planning, our young people have achieved their ambition for a “state of the art” facility on their doorstep. The builders moved on to the site, on the Jubilee Park (off Mansfield Road), on the 6th January and the skate park will be completed in the Spring. Councillor Karen Peck, who has been working with our young people to design the skate park said “I have been so proud of all the young people involved throughout the campaigning and planning process. They truly deserve this success”.

This has been a major project for the village. It has been funded jointly by the Parish Council with money from land sales set aside to provide facilities for young people and a grant from the County Council's Local Improvement Scheme fund. Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks, said: “we promised we would build a skate park because many people have told us there isn't enough for young people to do. There have been campaigns and petitions requesting a skate park going back years. It's taken a lot of hard work and determination, but we got there in the end. I'm sure Edwinstowe youngsters will enjoy this facility for years to come”.

Look out for an event in the Spring to formally open the skate park and bring the whole village together to celebrate this new addition to our village.

The Parish Council would like to continue to develop the Jubilee Park as a recreation facility for all ages and will look at how the children's play facilities can be further developed to encourage active play.

## BUT SOME FRIARS PARK RESIDENTS THREATEN TO “GET IT DEMOLISHED”

**As we reported in the last issue, the Parish Council has received complaints from villagers, including some Friars Park residents, because a gate has been put up, blocking the Old School Drive entrance to the Jubilee Park. This gate has been put up by the Friars Park residents who oppose the skate park- it has not been erected by the Parish Council who strongly oppose attempts to stop free access to the park.**

A small group of residents on Friars Park have vowed to continue their campaign against the skate park. A spokesperson, has written to the Chad and to the Chair of the Parish Council stating: “we will..... continue to campaign to get it demolished.” Chair of the Parish Council, Celia Brooks said: “We have made every effort to take residents' views into account when designing the skate park. I'm disappointed this group are now threatening to campaign to get it demolished”.



# NO RISE IN THE EDWINSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT FOR 2014/2015

There will be no rise in Edwinstowe Parish Council's share of the Council Tax (known as "the Parish Precept").

The Finance Committee of Edwinstowe Parish Council have voted to keep the precept the same for 2014/2015. As inflation has averaged 2.4% throughout the year, this means a reduction of 2.4% in real terms. The grant from last year has been included in the calculation.

Chair of the Finance Committee, Councillor John Peck said: "despite the fact we have had some hefty bills this year- we had to buy two new boilers for the Village Hall at a cost of £9000- we have continued to manage the Parish finances very carefully and not put up our share of the Council Tax. We do not waste a penny of Council Tax payers' money, but we deliver excellent services and make sure the village is well looked after."

Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks added: "I must complement the Parish Clerk, Alice Dunn and our Finance committee, who manage the budget so well. We've kept the precept down, despite increased costs, but still managed to agree to pay our staff the Living Wage because it's the right thing to do."

## FIRST WORLD WAR COMMEMORATION ANY FAMILY CONNECTION?

We will run an article in the summer edition of "Edwinstowe Village News" about Edwinstowe's connection with the First World War. Our War Memorial is a permanent reminder that many of Edwinstowe's young men lost their lives in that terrible conflict.

We are looking for any articles or information from family histories concerning any of those men or those that survived. Please email any articles to [edwinstowe.pc@btinternet.com](mailto:edwinstowe.pc@btinternet.com) or drop in any photographs to the Parish Council Office, which we will return.

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| 20 April | 6 Days  | Holland Dutch Bulb Field Cruise          | £600 |
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| 29 Sep   | 5 Days  | Enchanting New Forest                    | £290 |
| 13 Oct   | 5 Days  | Constable Country & East Anglia          | £289 |
| 20 Oct   | 5 Days  | Llandudno Holly & Mistletoe              | £307 |

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| Sun 16 Feb   | Sunday Drive Otley Garden Centre & Skipton | £13.50    | £13    |
| Tues 18 Feb  | Boundary Mills Sheffield                   | £9.50     | £9     |
| Thurs 20 Feb | York                                       | £13       | £12.50 |
| Sun 2 Mar    | Botany Bay Shopping & Food Mill            | £13.50    | £13    |
| Sun 16 Mar   | Sunday Drive Bakewell & Matlock Bath       | £12.50    | £12    |
| Wed 19 Mar   | Boston Market & Skegness                   | £13.50    | £13    |
| Sun 23 Mar   | Sewing for Pleasure - NEC                  | £17.50    | £17    |
| Fri 28 Mar   | National Trust Birmingham Back to Backs    | £15       | £14.50 |
| Sun 30 Mar   | Helmsley & Whitby Mothering Sunday         | £16.50    | £16    |
| Thurs 3 Apr  | Bolton Market with Fish & Chip Lunch       | £26       | £25.50 |
| Fri 25 Apr   | Harrogate Spring Flower Show               | £28.50    | £28    |
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# Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions Club

The Edwinstowe & Dukeries Lions Club spent many hours on the traditional Santa Sleigh pull again in December. Santa greeted thousands of local people and children in our communities and were all thrilled to see Santa and his helpers. Many people remarked "We know Christmas is on its way when we see Santa and the Lions with the sleigh and we can hear the festive music". Well the music and the sleigh have been put away until Santa comes again next Christmas.

**This year the money raised for the Lions benevolent fund reached £5162.97.**

Our thanks go to everyone who made a contribution whether it was on the doorstep when we called or at a collection point. Every penny the Lions raise for the benevolent fund is given to good causes or organisations in our communities.

We would not be able to offer help and assistance without the generosity of our citizens. In difficult times it is so encouraging for the Lions to see everyone trying to help.

If you are interested in becoming a Lion or to find out how you can become involved please let us know, we are Lions but we do not bite. We meet every second and fourth Thursday at Ollerton House Hotel Wellow Road Ollerton.

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## Calling EDWINSTOWE ANGELS FRIENDSHIP WALK, SUNDAY 28th June 2014

Please come and join us for a 5 mile walk through our beautiful Sherwood Forest on Sunday 29th June, leaving the Cricket Pavilion at 10.00 am.

This is the perfect family event and a great opportunity for you to catch up with friends. There are around 550,000 people living today in the UK that have been diagnosed with breast cancer and the money we raise is spent on research carried out at Nottingham University. To help us build a brighter future for them, we ask walkers to aim to raise a minimum of £20 each please. Come and have fun walking with our 'pink' angels!

This is our 10th year which we would like to celebrate by reaching the milestone of £100,000 and dedicate the event to all those who lost their fight to Breast Cancer but who we will always remember with much love.

I know many of you who do not walk sponsor others and we would like to thank you very much for your kind support.



The Sherwood Forest Trust (SFT) is very pleased to announce that we have taken on a local environmentalist, Andy Hollis, (Pictured) to help us with our site and land management works across the Sherwood area.

Andy, who lives in Ollerton and has been involved in a lot of excellent environmental and conservation work for the past 30 years, will be working as a Community Conservation Officer to help make sure our many community and other activities take place for the benefit of local people. For example, Andy is presently organising a series of tree planting sessions and is looking for volunteer helpers. If you are interested in

helping out, please give him a ring on the number below.

As many Village News readers will already know, The Sherwood Forest Trust is the only registered charity and company dedicated to the preservation, conservation but also cultural, heritage, community and economic development of Sherwood Forest - an area that stretches from Worksop in the north of the county to parts of Nottingham City.

For the past ten years the Trust has achieved many notable successes in the Sherwood area and has supported many organisations and individuals who have wanted to help improve their communities. However, as times are changing and to meet an array of many new challenges, we have now developed an exciting new Business Plan which sets out what we want to achieve over the next ten years. In the coming months, we will be able to give more details as

to the actions and opportunities that we will be doing.

If you want to know more about the work of the Trust and how we could help you, please do not hesitate to drop into our offices or call us on 01623 821490.

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## What's in a date?

*Last year it was March 31st. Next year it will be April 5th and 2016 March 27th.*

I am talking about Easter Day. This year Easter Day is on April 20th, so very early that our schools go back on Easter Tuesday, April 22nd. (unless they have an inset day when only the staff do). So why does it keep changing? The answer is complicated but it is to do with the Paschal new moon in the Spring.

Because Jesus, a Jew, died around Passover time, Good Friday (when he died on the cross) and Easter (when he rose to life) have to be after that celebration. Originally tied to the moon's phases it is now worked out by historical tables. Christians in the Orthodox churches keep Easter on a different day. I said it was complicated!

Actually, officially, the churches have no objection to fixing the date of Easter. And a law was passed in the UK in 1928 to fix the date, but it has never been implemented.

Does it matter? Not a lot! But it does remind us that there are things bigger than us; there are concerns larger than my life, my family, my village or even nation. I do not and cannot control everything.

Christians believe that the resurrection of Jesus shows that God loves us and wants us to love each other; and that even when things seem to have gone wrong, even if life is horrible, God is still loving us. And there is new life to look forward to. Easter is either the biggest 'con' ever. Or Easter is the biggest truth ever.

Not sure. Well I guess most of us are on the spectrum from very sure to not sure. Wherever your faith is come and celebrate Easter; find out more and explore faith and life with one of your village churches this Easter. You will be very welcome; whatever the date is!

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## PARISH COUNCIL TAKE OVER THE CAR PARKS

As we mentioned in the last issue, the Parish Council will take over the three village car parks (East and West Lanes and the Village Hall) from Newark and Sherwood District Council on 1st April. If you use these car parks, you won't see any change, other than the sign will now be headed "Edwinstowe Parish Council." However, the Parish Council will now be responsible for maintaining the car parks and making sure they are litter free and well looked after. We believe our Parish Council staff, who make such a great job

of looking after the village, are best placed to do this.

**This Parish Council will also guarantee the car parks remain free. This is an important reason why we wanted to take them over.**

Villagers should be aware that the traffic wardens will still visit the car parks to make sure people are sticking to the rules, which remain exactly the same. People who park outside the marked lines will still get a fixed penalty notice if the traffic warden visits, so it's best not to take the chance.

The present Parish Council has a policy of taking over many of the responsibilities from Newark and Sherwood District Council, because we think our staff can do the best job and give best value for money. The Parish Council is now responsible for: litter picking and litter bin emptying; verge and park grass cutting; Henton Road children's play area; Jubilee Park off Mansfield Road; the cemetery; the public toilets; the War Memorial; the Village Hall; organising events such as the Christmas Lights and Olympic Torch. This means Parish Council staff are out and about every day picking up the litter and making sure everywhere is looked after. Our grass verges are cut more than many other places. In fact, the Parish Council has now taken on almost all responsibilities in Edwinstowe from the District Council, other than wheelie bin emptying and social housing.

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## EDWINSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL STAFF AWARDED THE LIVING WAGE.

Many Councils and businesses across the country have been adopting the "Living Wage" for their lowest paid staff. The Living Wage (£7.65 an hour) is higher than the minimum wage which has not kept up with the cost of living in recent years. Locally, both Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council have both adopted the Living Wage for their lowest paid staff.

Edwinstowe Parish Council has agreed to do the same. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "I'm sure villagers agree our staff do a great job looking after the village- you can see them out and about every day in all weathers. Obviously this will increase the Parish Council wage bill, but to set against that, the Parish Council has managed the finances extremely carefully and made a number of substantial savings during the past two or three years."



# King Edwin a 'good' school says Ofsted

*A school that was heavily criticised 12 months ago by Ofsted inspectors has turned the corner following its latest report.*

King Edwin Primary in Edwinstowe was told it was 'inadequate' by inspectors last year in three of the four key areas. But following a more recent visit, they have made enough progress to be deemed as 'good' in all areas. That includes the achievement of pupils, the quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils and leadership and management.

Acting headteacher Emma Haywood was singled out for praise for providing 'strong leadership', that 'achievements were good and standards rising', 'teaching was almost always good and is sometimes outstanding' and that 'pupils' behaviour is consistently good'. But Emma praised former headteacher Peter Dalby and the work he did before his retirement, but she was overjoyed to make the leap from inadequate to good in the space of a year.

"It's very rare for this to happen, and this is due to the hard work to address all the issues raised last year," she said. "The staff are ecstatic and there has been some extremely hard work from fully-dedicated staff and governors, while support from parents has all contributed."

Chair of the school governors, Sarah Betts, said "The governing body is extremely pleased with the outcome of the recent inspection." Sarah also thanked the parents and pupils' patience with staff at the school as they worked to turn the situation around.



## HMS Ganges

At the last meeting of the HMS Ganges Association prior to Christmas, the Raffle that took place gave us a large donation from members of tinned food and other assorted items, it was decided to donate these to the residents association Christmas lunch, which was a generous thought by our members,



We also gained two members to our Branch who were incidentally Sea Cadets together at the village sea cadet unit, and they joined the navy within a short time of each other; one became a seaman and the other a chef, and the chef returned to HMS Ganges to instruct.

We continue to meet at the Manvers Arms the second Wednesday of the Month, and would welcome anyone naval to join us. Time 1930 hours to whenever.

**Yours aye Dave Poyser**

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Also, parents should not park in front of the Nursery entrance, nor on the pavement.



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## EDWINSTOWE MINERS WELFARE DEMOLISHED- A SAD END TO AN ERA

There will be a sense of sadness for many people in Edwinstowe to see that the Miners' Welfare on Fourth Avenue has been demolished. Older people will of course remember there were originally two Welfares. The other one was demolished almost twenty years ago to be replaced by the Nightingale Nursing Home. Many villagers, especially those from mining families will have fond memories of happy times spent in the Welfare, at dances and all kinds of social functions. As the largest hall in Edwinstowe, it's a big loss to the village, but it had been in financial difficulty for several years.

The demolition follows the loss of Welfares all over Nottinghamshire and other ex coal field areas, following the sad demise of Britain's coal mining industry. The irony is, the Welfare is no more but Edwinstowe still has Thoresby Colliery and is possibly Britain's last remaining village with a working deep coal mine.

Some time ago, Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck, made a last ditch attempt to see if the Welfare could be taken over to provide a youth club. It was a non starter, because of the costs involved and the fact that the Welfare Trustees and CISWO (the Coalfield Industry Social Welfare Organisation) have other plans for the site. Councillor Peck and Councillor Brooks will continue to keep pressing them to come to an early decision about what to do with the vacant site. Coun. Peck said: "It's really sad to see the end of the Welfare. I've attended many events there over the years, as have my family.

I would have dearly liked to have seen a young people's facility there, but that was not possible. However, we've got to keep a close eye on what happens to the site and monitor any plans closely. If it is to be housing, for example, Edwinstowe's Councillors will want to make sure we get some community benefit for the village, such as a better children's play area."



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Sherwood Forest whilst playing with other children and being supervised by highly qualified staff.

Some free places are available (subject to conditions) for children from the age of 2. Please contact us on 07989 892831 for more information about any of our sessions.

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Christmas fundraising including the many local businesses who donated raffle prizes – you helped raise over £760.

We're holding an Easter party on Sunday 29th March between 1pm and 4pm at the St John's hut near the Sherwood Forest Cricket Ground. Come and join us for an Easter egg hunt along with other fun activities!

**Also look out for our Duck Race and Halloween party later in the year.**

**Like us on Facebook to keep up to date with forthcoming events.**

# THE VISITOR CENTRE AN UPDATE

There will be a new Sherwood Forest Visitor but will it be the promised "Robin Hood Attraction" promised by Discovery Attractions, which was to have been built on Naish's Field? There is some doubt as to whether the private company can come up with the funding. The County Council have given Discovery Attractions until the end of March.

Edwinstowe's County Councillor, John Peck said: "if the Discovery Attractions proposal falls through, it will be a disappointment. If that does happen, I will be pressing the County Council to take on the building of the new visitor centre. I think there are viable alternative solutions.

The existing Centre has to go in any case because English Nature want to reclaim the site and return it to forest. Whatever form the new centre takes, it will be close to the Village centre. and I want to make sure there is a real benefit to our Edwinstowe businesses, because we need to maintain a thriving, attractive village High Street."



# NEWS FROM YOUR TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE AT RUFFORD COUNTRY PARK

It may seem a long way off but now is the time to be planning those summer holidays or days out so call in to our centre and pick up a variety of the new 2014 holiday brochures. Or visit the park for a leisurely walk and view one of the many exhibitions taking place in the Gallery. Easter is just around the corner so if you are looking for events and activities call into our office for ideas and we will, of course, again be selling the ever popular Easter Trail for the park. Sherwood Pines are hosting their annual concerts again this year with an extra day covering 12-14th June and we have a limited stock of tickets - the acts are Boyzone, Jesse J and Paul Weller respectively and prices start from £41.00 (including Booking Fee) upwards.

Your Tourist Information Centre at Rufford Country Park is open daily 10.30am-4.30pm. Outside of these hours you can leave a message on our answer phone and we will reply to you the following morning. Tel: 01623824545.



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# BELL RINGING AT ST MARY'S EDWINSTOWE

Church bell ringing is a thriving ancient English art that still plays an important part in community life.

Nationally, there are about 40,000 ringers who regularly ring for Sunday services as well as for special occasions, national events, anniversaries and weddings. But more ringers are always needed. Everyone is welcome to learn, no matter what their age or ability.

The present method of ringing began in the 17th Century when churches restored bells that had been lost or destroyed during the dissolution of the monasteries. Before this, bells were chimed randomly, as still happens on the continent.

However, now a new mechanism is used. The bells are mounted with full wheels which allow them to rotate through an entire 3600 to produce each strike of the bell. This revolutionary change means that bells weighing many hundredweight can be controlled very precisely with minimal physical effort, and also to strike at the top of their swing to produce a louder more evenly spaced sound.

This heralded the start of "change ringing", the ringing of bells in pre-defined patterns of changes, called "methods". Many of those methods are still rung today with names like Plain Bob, Grandsire, Surprise and Delight. To describe how many bells are involved in the method they are suffixed as Singles (3), Minimus (4), Doubles (5), Minor (6), Triples (7), Major (8), Cinques (9), Royal (10), Caters (11), and Maximus (12).

## ABOUT BELLS

Church bells are cast from an alloy of copper and tin. This special alloy enables the bell to produce a resonant sound and at the same time makes it strong enough to withstand being struck with a clapper.

A ring of bells in a tower ranges in number from 3 to 16, although it is usually 6 or 8. The lightest bell is called the treble and the heaviest the tenor. The weight of the bells varies from tower to tower.

The weight of Edwinstowe tenor is 6 cwt. Originally Edwinstowe had three bells, one dated 1662 and the other two 1752. These were recast and absorbed into a new peal of 6 bells by Mears and Stainbank of

Whitechapel, London in 1889. They are hung in a wooden oak frame.

## ABOUT BELL RINGERS

Bell ringers come from all sections of society. All backgrounds, ages and occupations are represented and bound together by their common interest in ringing.

Ringling is not a solo performance. There are many different aspects of ringing to get involved in. Most ringers enjoy the social side of meeting friends at least once a week at the practice, and perhaps also in the pub afterwards. Many towers arrange ringing outings – a day out to visit and ring at several towers in another part of the country. Some ringers try to ring at as many towers with bells as they can. Some specialise in ringing many "peals", long performances of the ringers' art.

Edwinstowe practice night is on Fridays and is held jointly with Farnsfield ringing at each tower on alternate weeks.

## INTERESTED IN LEARNING?

Learning to ring is fun, and once the basics of bell handling have been mastered, you will have a skill for life.

Most people have the ability to become a good ringer. There is no great strength required but rather balance and timing. Recruits of all ages from 12 upwards are welcomed.

If you are interested in learning to ring or if you know someone else who might be, we would very much like to hear from you.

For more information about church bell ringing and to find out where and when you can learn please call

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## Edwinstowe Co-operative Society 1895 - 1907

2014 marks 170 years since the founding of the Co-operative movement by the Rochdale Pioneers. It soon proved to be a successful venture in many places and within a few years there were advertising tracts being printed on their own printing works. The movement swept through the country but it is surprising that the aristocratic Earl Manvers should consider founding a Co-operative store in Edwinstowe. It was sometime before 1895 that Earl Manvers read a pamphlet aimed at the gentry and discovered that Mrs Alexander of Edwinstowe Hall was already interested in the idea. She had obtained a pamphlet on how to start a co-operative. She also mentioned that the Vicar, Rev. H.T. Hayman, had discussed the subject with her also. She was sure that a speaker could be obtained from the central Co-operative Board in Manchester.

The death of Mr. Richard W. Marston, aged 74, the village grocer and postmaster and cousin of a famous poet, made a shop available on Town Street (now High St) It was proposed, therefore, to open the co-operative early in April, as soon as the premises were put in order and the necessary stores bought in. By March 22nd there was a draft agreement with the shop owner drawn up by the solicitor. Earl Manvers had a paper prepared expressing the two objectives

1. To promote thrift amongst those who worked for him at Thoresby.
2. To enable those who lived under him to have the opportunity of buying, not only some of the first necessities of life, but also other articles which at present were not procurable in the village of good quality and upon fair terms .

The Secretary was to be the

schoolmaster Mr. William Curtis and the Committee consisted of the Vicar of Edwinstowe, 3 members nominated by Earl Manvers, 4 working men from Edwinstowe , 1 from Budby and 1 from Perlethorpe; all such men to be employed by Earl Manvers Estate.

The men asked by Earl Manvers to form the Committee were :-

**The Rev. H T Hayman**  
**Alfred Robinson**  
**R. W. Wordsworth**  
**William Tindall**  
**Alfred Naish**  
**John Woodhead**  
**William I Curtis**  
**Alfred Yates**  
**Charles Robinson**  
**James Denman**

Members would receive the full dividend on purchases made, non-members a half dividend - the dividend to be declared quarterly. The shop opened on 1st April 1895 with a loan of £250 from Earl Manvers and £205 4s 11d worth of stock, the rent for the premises for 6 months was £5. They also had licenses for beer, tobacco, and patent medicines at £5.

From the first year the shop prospered. On July 31st 1896 at the half yearly meeting of shareholders, the President, the Rev. H.T. Hayman announced that the society was in a flourishing condition. A letter was read from Mr. R.W. Wordsworth. Earl Manver's agent, offering to largely extend the Society's buildings, and the offer was unanimously accepted. The auditors report showed a fair profit, and the dividend of 1s 6d in the pound was recommended after paying 5 % interest on capital.

Several cottages on Town St. were demolished to make way for the extension to the shop. Earl Manvers had replacement houses built for his tenants on West Lane with extensive front gardens and a date stone 1897 on the front of one house. The Societies premises now occupied the corner site and had two large shop windows. There was later to be a bakery in 1899 and a butchers, facing West lane was the Drapery.

These buildings remained in use until the 1960s when they were rebuilt and brought up to date.



# J. Bealby & Sons Ltd.

**If anyone reading this used to work for us and has any good memories, particularly around the war time and just after, we would love to hear them**

John and Nellie Bealby, arrived at Broomhill Grange in March 1914 as tenants of The Duke of Portland. They were married and took a farm at Hardwick where Mary and Ben were born. After their move to Edwinstowe, John jnr was born in 1916.

They were keen horsemen, supplementing their farming income by "bringing-on" horses and selling them, something John had done in his youth. The children were brought up to ride, and for a short time Mary had a riding school at Broomhill. During the 1950's many horses went through the "Bealby's" hands both at point-to-points and National Hunts, the most famous Larry Finn; Martini and Mariners Hand.

John, snr known as "The Governor," was forward thinking and innovative. Apart from being an excellent judge of horses, he had a keen eye for good cattle and sheep which he showed locally and further afield, winning many prizes. Ben followed in his father's footsteps, his brother, John, developed a bent for agricultural engineering, becoming the man to mend "all this fancy new mechanical stuff"

Before the war, land was purchased Radmanthwaite Farm. Later they purchased Burnt Leys Farm at Steetley and Shireoaks Hall Farm, where "The Governor" built a bungalow, and retired there. In 1965, he purchased Newbound Farm, Teversal.

After the war, Welbeck Estates sold Clipstone Estate including Broomhill Grange, 421 acres and six cottages for £10,000, and land at New Buildings. Later the Bealbys purchased Holly Farm and 1/3 Portland Row. The family lived at Holly Farm until it was sold with 12 acres in 1969. By the mid 1960's the family were farming around 2000 acres, similar to today. Square Farm, Hodthorpe, was purchased in 1996. The company of J. Bealby & Sons Ltd was registered in 1952. Recently more land at New Buildings, Clipstone has rejoined the farm.

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## THE DUKERIES ACADEMY

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We would be very grateful if you, or anyone you know could provide us with any memories of the school. This could be photographs, old exercise books, trophies, sporting memorabilia, certificates, newspaper clippings or simply anecdotes about life at The Dukeries.

Please contact Jane Paling on 01623 860545 or email [j.paling@dukeries.atrust.org.uk](mailto:j.paling@dukeries.atrust.org.uk) for further information.



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## EDWINSTOWE VILLAGE NEWS EDITORIAL TEAM

**Cllr Josie Cocking, Cllr John Peck, Jill Sansom, Robin Woodhead, Alice Dunn**

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If you would like to submit an article or an advert for the next issue email us at: **edwinstowe.pc@btconnect.com**



### Have you a birth, death or marriage you wish to announce?

We have been getting a few requests to include such announcements. Therefore, in future editions we are going to have a page for people who wish to announce a birth, death or marriage of Edwinstowe residents. We do not have much room, so we will have to have a strict limit of 50 words maximum (no photographs). We have to set a limit because space is tight and extra pages mean extra printing costs. If you would like to make an announcement in the next edition of Edwinstowe Village News, please email it as a Word document to the Parish Office (**edwinstowe.pc@btconnect.com**).

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