

Edwinstowe Village

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Welcome to the Spring 2021 edition of the Parish Magazine 'Edwinstowe Village News' produced by your Parish Council

Welcome to the Spring edition of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News." By the time this arrives through your letterbox, we hope we can all see sunnier and better times on the horizon. Inside, you will find all the usual news about what's happening in the village along with articles from some of our community and voluntary groups. There is also a message from the Chair of the Parish Council to all our residents, paying tribute to all our front line workers, carers and volunteers in our community. We do hope you'll find time to read it.

Please note. Changes to opening times advertised within may be subject to change because of national lockdown conditions.



The Edwinstowe Covid-19 Community Volunteer Group: Here to help!

If you are self-isolating and need emergency help with shopping or prescriptions, ring any of Edwinstowe's community volunteer coordinators for help

Tee Ailward: 07815 951 135

Jayne Millions: 07795 606 719

Paul Peacock: 07956 370 984

Chrissie Ayre: 07775 902 912

Liane Shore: 07739 412 147

Sue Howells: 07800 803 728

When the Edwinstowe Community Volunteer group was set up in March 2020 at the beginning of pandemic and the first lockdown, we did not expect to still be here in Feb 2021 providing support for our residents. But, following a third lockdown our older and vulnerable residents have continued to rely on our volunteers for help and we are truly grateful for their dedication and support.

In the early months of the first lockdown, many residents needed immediate help while they and their families got to grips with online shopping and other services. But each new lockdown has brought its own challenges and we have taken over 250 calls and helped over 100 vulnerable households by matching them with volunteers who are keen to provide the support they need. Some residents have accessed our support regularly, others have called us only once, but they have all been grateful for the fantastic help given by our coordinators and volunteers.

Signs of hope – The vaccine has brought us all hope and we have seen our residents across the village getting vaccinated. However, we can't relax our guard and must continue to follow government guidance to keep all our residents fit and well until the virus is fully under control. The Community Volunteers will continue to provide support as long as they are needed.

We can help with urgent shopping, collecting prescriptions and medication and other essential local errands. If you are self-isolating, shielding or quarantining and cannot get out, call any of our community volunteer coordinators and they will match you with a volunteer who lives nearby.

We can all help keep our residents safe and well. Follow government guidance and reduce the spread of the covid-19 virus in our village.

Cllr Karen Peck

Edwinstowe Community Volunteers

This has been a difficult year for many of our Edwinstowe residents and we understand that finances have been stretched with the recent lockdown. Since March last year, we have supported residents affected financially by the Covid-19 pandemic and provided essential food boxes to residents in Edwinstowe.

No fuss, no forms - If you are finding it difficult to provide food for yourself or your family, we can help with a food box appropriate for you. Call **07815 951 135** or **07739 412 147** (All calls are treated confidentially)

Food boxes for Edwinstowe Residents

2020 Christmas in Edwinstowe

2020 Christmas in Edwinstowe couldn't follow our usual traditions, but many residents went to town on their houses and the Parish Council and businesses added lots of extra decorations to light up the High Street and bring some Christmas cheer to the village. Thank you to everyone involved and to all the businesses and organisations who did something special for our residents.

As we couldn't have our usual Christmas High Street event, the Parish Council worked with residents Mark Wardle and Simon Ford, who filmed and produced a fantastic Edwinstowe Christmas video that had over 4,000 views. It was a wonderful Christmas story, with Edwinstowe's own Pete Jones providing the accompanying music and Santa and his sleigh courtesy of the Lions. If you missed it you can still see the video on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pAcIGk2oWtl&t=2s>.

Thank you to everybody who helped make this so special.



From your County Councillor, John Peck

Firstly I hope you are keeping safe and well but also my sympathy to all those in our community who have been affected by this terrible pandemic. I want to pay tribute again to everyone in our community who are working above and beyond: our doctors, nurses, care workers, volunteers, teachers and school staff, front line workers, and those in shops and businesses, who are all contributing so much.



This will be my last message to Edwinstowe residents as your County Councillor. I will not be standing again in the next County Council election due in May. I've decided that after nearly nine years, it's time to finally retire from what is pretty much a full time job and spend more time with my family, including two lovely grandsons born last year. It's been hard work and challenging at times, but I've been proud to represent the people of Edwinstowe and the five other villages in my division. It's been a privilege to meet so many kind and interesting people. I've enjoyed the conversations and trying to help the hundreds of people who have contacted me over the years. Amongst other things, I'm particularly pleased to have got a number of our roads resurfaced, including High Street, West Lane, Church Street and I've finally got agreement for Boy Lane to be resurfaced during the next year. My biggest disappointment is after years of campaigning, I haven't yet seen the Robin Hood Line extended to Edwinstowe. I do hope I will see it happen one day.

I will give my successor, whoever that may be, my very best wishes and support. However, I will still be around to contribute to our wonderful community, as I'm still on the Parish Council. My sincere thanks to everyone and do keep safe.

Kind regards, John

Do make sure you're registered to vote

At the time of writing, both the Nottinghamshire County Council election and the election (delayed from last year because of the pandemic) of Nottinghamshire's Police and Crime Commissioner are due to go ahead on Thursday 6th May, unless the Government orders a postponement. Some people in the current circumstances may feel they do not wish to visit a polling station. In which case, it is easy to register for a postal vote. Either go online to the Newark and Sherwood District Council website or ring their office to obtain details. It's a very straightforward form to fill in and will ensure you don't miss out on the chance to cast your vote.

Parking concerns around the village

The Parish Council and some of our residents are becoming increasingly concerned about parking problems around the village. We know that a number of visitors to Sherwood Forest are avoiding using the Visitor Centre car park and parking on our residential streets and our car parks. Visitors can be seen parking their car in East Lane car park then putting their walking boots on for a walk in the forest, thus taking up parking spaces. When the car park is full, it then pushes people to park on surrounding roads such as East Lane.

Chairman of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We've been concerned for a long time about people parking in our car parks for hours or even all day. Last year, before the pandemic, the Parish Council was trying to find a solution. It's on hold at the moment, but when this is all over, we will need to consult with residents and traders to see if we can address the problem. All options are open and we will want to hear the views of residents."

Recycling - doing our bit for the planet

We've all got used to putting paper, empty tins, and plastic bottles into our grey bins, although it's sometimes a bit confusing as to what can and can't be recycled. Did you know empty aerosol cans can go into the grey bin? Many plastics can be recycled but look for the PET number in the triangle. Numbers 1, 2 and 3 are OK but such things as plastic plant pots which are usually number 5 are not. More detailed information can be found on the Newark and Sherwood District Council website.

Most of us can probably up our game when it comes to reducing waste. Think about what we buy and what it's wrapped up in. Do we need to buy vegetables that are wrapped up in plastic? Why not buy loose mushrooms instead of in a plastic tray which is not the kind of plastic we can recycle?

Many people in the village have a brown bin now for garden waste. It's more convenient than going to the tip. How about a compost bin to put all your vegetable and food waste in? It'll eventually break down into compost to put on your garden. Much better than the waste going into landfill or incinerators. We're all becoming much more aware of the effect of human activity on our planet but each of us has a part to play in making it a better place for our children and grandchildren.



SAVE THE EARTH

Raw sewage discharged into the River Maun

Who knew that in this day and age raw untreated sewage is being all too frequently discharged into our rivers? A recent report in the national media highlighted such discharges occurred across the country more than a quarter of a million times during 2019.

Locally, investigations revealed this is happening to our Nottinghamshire rivers including the River Trent and rivers such as the Maun which flows through Edwinstowe. Our local County Councillor, John Peck, supported a strongly worded resolution from the County Council, backed by all parties, calling on Severn Trent to put measures in place to stop this practice.

John said, "In this day and age, this should not be happening. I had no idea how often untreated sewage is released into our rivers. It's time for water companies to invest to make sure there is no need to be releasing raw sewerage into our river system."



Update on footpath closure between Mill Lane and bridge

The footpath between Mill Lane and the bridge heading west has been closed for some time due to a collapsed section of river bank which removed some of the path. County Councillor John Peck has been in regular contact with the County Council's Rights of Way officer to check when the footpath will be reopened.

John has been told that rebuilding the bank would be expensive and further collapses could still occur on other sections. The preferred option is to re-route the footpath away from the top of the bank. However, this is not straightforward and requires an agreement with the landowner. Negotiations are still ongoing and so it's likely to be some time before the path can be rebuilt and open to the public again.

John said, "I'll keep urging this to be resolved but I'm afraid there isn't a very quick solution. I hope the County Council and the landowner can come to an agreement as soon as possible."

The Parish Council and Covid-19

The Parish Council office is unlikely to be able to open to the public for some time. However; the work of the Council carries on, thanks to our staff.

The Parish Council has monthly Zoom meetings which the public can attend. Get in touch with the Clerk for a link, if you are interested. You do have to be an Edwinstowe voter to speak at a meeting. There is a public comment agenda slot which is run in the same way as it would be were we able to have meetings in person. Whilst most Councillors are, I'm sure, grateful to have the opportunity for meetings through such things as Zoom, we would all love to meet in person.

The work in the cemetery and with allotments goes on as does work in our car parks and Open Spaces.

Some of the outside bodies with whom we work have had furloughed staff so not everything has been as straightforward as we would expect in more normal times. Our staff have all had to work in modified ways to reduce the potential spread of the Covid-19 virus as much as possible.

There are small projects we hope to be working on over the coming year but our plans are subject to what happens with restrictions imposed nationally as well as other factors which may impact on the work we are able to do.

Look out on the website for news of Parish Council work around the Village and for when we are able to open up the office and hold 'real' meetings again! In the meantime, keep safe, ready to make the most of things as the world emerges from this awful pandemic

The Edwinstowe Parish Precept 2021/22

It has been necessary to raise the Parish precept this year. The Parish precept is the amount on your annual council tax bill which goes to the Parish Council to provide the essential services in the village and pay the wages of the staff who ensure those services are carried out. There are three reasons why the precept has been raised:

- The van has had to be scrapped after many years service and another van purchased.
- £6000 has had to be set aside to cover a possible by election due to two vacancies on the parish council.
- The annual national local government wage settlement.

The second one of these is the biggest single reason for a rise in the precept this year. £6000 is equivalent to an additional 4.7% on the precept. It is unusual for parish councils to have by elections. Normally, when there is a vacancy, applications are invited from residents and the vacancy is filled by co-opting one of the applicants. However, a group of residents have signed to call an election, so it will have to be paid for through the precept. Inevitably, this cost falls on residents.

However, whilst the rise in the Edwinstowe Parish precept this year might look quite high in percentage terms, it is actually a very small part of the council tax bill. Each one per cent rise in the precept would be about 75 pence per year, or six pence a month, on a Band D property. Residents should also bear in mind this is only the third rise in the precept since 2013/14. In the other years, there was either no rise, or a reduction.

The amenities owned by your Parish Council include: the parish cemetery, the war memorial, the allotments, the three car parks, Jubilee Park and the skate park, Henton Road and Fourth Avenue play areas, the Village Hall (run by a Village Hall management committee), the Thoresby Colliery memorial. Our hard working staff also pick the litter around the village, empty the bins, maintain all the facilities and floral displays. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "We've had to raise the precept this year because we have been hit with some unavoidable expenses, such as having to replace the van and a possible by election called by some residents, due to a vacancy. Our priority is always to make sure Edwinstowe is well looked after and remains a great place to live."



Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark is here to support people who are in debt

Does this sound like you and the way you are feeling?

‘I’ve fallen behind on my bills and the debts are building up. I don’t know where to start?’

Jackie Insley, Chief Officer of Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark, said:

**A great first step is to realise you have a problem and then to ask for help.
It’s important to know you don’t need to face this alone. You can contact us for help**

In the meantime here are four steps you can take to get started:

1. Work out how much you owe - Make a list of whom you owe money to and add up how much you need to pay each month. If you don’t have your most recent statements, contact your creditor to find out what you owe. Some creditors will have special arrangements for people with Covid-related arrears.
2. Prioritise your debts - Your rent or mortgage, energy and council tax are called priority debts as there can be serious consequences if you don’t pay them. Separate these and work out how much you owe. Again, you can ask the companies or council what support might be available during the pandemic.
3. Work out how much you can pay - Create a budget by adding up your essential living costs, such as food and housing, and taking these away from your income. The Citizens Advice budgeting tool can help.

Any money you have spare can be put towards your debts, starting with the priority debts first.

If you have any money left after paying priority debts, but not enough to make your usual payments on other debts, consider getting advice on the best way for you to start getting on top of them. Or contact your creditors and offer them what you can afford to pay.

4. If you can’t pay your debts - If you’ve got little or no money spare to pay your priority debts seek advice from Citizens Advice straight away. If you’re struggling to pay for basics like food, seek help immediately to see what support might be available to you. If you can’t pay off other debts, such as credit cards and loans, it would also be worth contacting your nearest Citizens Advice.

We know it can feel very daunting to deal with debt, but having a plan really helps and our team will be here to help you each step of the way.

You can contact Citizens Advice Sherwood & Newark for information and advice:

- General advice will be given via our Advice line on 0800 144 88 48 or Textphone: 18001 0800 144 8 444 Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. Alternatively, you can ring our local office number on 01623 861769 where you may be offered a call back
- People can chat online to an advisor by visiting our website www.citizensadvice.org.uk/contact-us.
- To contact us via email use advice@sn-ca.org.uk

- Citizens Advice is made up of the national charity Citizens Advice; the network of independent local Citizens Advice charities across England and Wales; the Citizens Advice consumer service; and the Witness Service.
- Our network of charities offers impartial advice online, over the phone, and in person, for free.
- Citizens Advice is the largest provider of free, multi-channel debt advice. Providing that help gives Citizens Advice unique insight into the types of debts people struggle with.
- Contact us on **01623 861769**



Edwinstowe Handbell Ringers

Like so many groups we have been unable to meet to play or rehearse since the Covid 19 restrictions came into force. We did manage to meet briefly last summer ringing outdoors and 2 metres apart under a tent in a back garden, but such freedom was short lived. Since then we have been limited to Whatsapp messaging and ringing by nostalgia.

What we do have to look forward to when social interaction becomes normal again is a wealth of new music and two new handbells. These arrived last summer and have remained under wraps ever since. Our handbell set now comprises three and a half chromatic octaves and some 45 handbells, most of which are shown on the attached photo.

Here's hoping that by early summer we can meet again, all fully inoculated and raring to go.



Litter Picking Volunteers 2021

More people and their children have been walking all the local footpaths during Covid restrictions and many complaints have been received about general litter and particularly discarded poo bags. Both of these are a health danger to humans, their pets and wildlife.

A group of local volunteers, organised by District Councillor Paul Peacock, have been out litter picking on several occasions so far this year. On the first pick, in just under 1½ hours four people collected twenty bags of litter along the verges of Mansfield Road from beyond the nursing home towards Mansfield.

Inspired by our early success, two of our volunteers decided to litter pick the footpath leading from Boy Lane across the fields to the railway and along the footpath leading to Rufford Road. In one litter pick they filled four large bags with rubbish and collected over 40 dog poo bags, they were just the ones accessible from the path, many had been thrown into hedges and onto the railway embankment. These bags if ordinary plastic, will not biodegrade and will leave plastic particles for generations to come. Why do this when there is a dog poo bin at either end of this popular family walking route?

Our volunteers now go out regularly and we hope that this is a movement that will grow and be maintained as we are aware that quite a few village residents have already taken it upon themselves to litter pick regularly. You can call Paul on 07956370984 if you'd like to join us. This is an ongoing initiative that I have hoped to see for some time.

Help us keep our local area clean, safe and beautiful. Please Bag and Bin your litter and poo bags...or take it home for disposal.

Written by Celia Hemstock (Volunteer)



Council provides grants to improve home heating

Newark and Sherwood District Council 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.

In the last financial year, Newark and Sherwood District Council supported over 150 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 benefited 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.



The Dukeries Singers



It is now twelve months, or thereabouts, since the choir were last able to meet and sing together. I’m sure that when we had to stop meeting in March 2020 that none of us expected the enforced break to last this long. But, needs must, and now the vaccine roll-out is underway, at least we have a glimmer of light at the end of this long tunnel. Our choir members have been busy during the last few months, some have even been learning to play a new musical instrument, so who knows, we may have some new soloists at our future concerts!

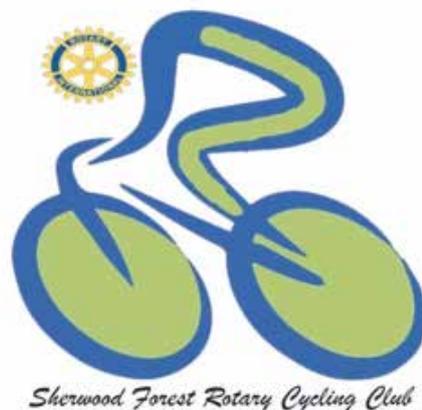
We are all looking forward to being able to get back to rehearsals, although we may need a ‘getting to know you’ session at our first week back. What a noisy reunion that will be! In the meantime we can be contacted at

Website - thedukeriessingers.com

Email - thedukeriessingers@gmail.com

Concert Secretary - Margaret Al-Rekabi 01623 642464 or 07896491314

We can also be found on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube



Sherwood Forest Rotary

We are now well into the second half of our Rotary Year and are still meeting as a group albeit using modern technology. Our main project is the 1220 Bike Ride in aid of Prostate Cancer which will finish at the end of June. We have passed the £2000 mark and hope to increase this amount over the next few months. It is not too late to join in if you wish to cycle (even on an exercise bike!) and can record your mileage.

We celebrated Burns’ Night virtually with Haggis, neeps and tatties with some participants enjoying a wee dram as well. We are planning similar evenings commencing with St. David’s Day in March, followed by St. Patrick’s Day and St. George’s Day. At this time of year we usually announce the recipient of our Robin Hood Award. However, we have decided to award this a little later and ask you to look out for our announcement encouraging nominations from April onwards.

We have a provisional date for our Charity Golf Day on 7th May 2021 at Rufford Park Golf Club. Final decisions will be made when the Club is allowed to reopen. Information will be given as soon as we possibly can.

So, as you can see, we are keeping busy and hope that there may be members of our community who would like to join us. To find out more contact us at sherwoodforestrotary@yahoo.com.

Playwright Kieran Brooks

Teacher quits Job in London to fulfil dream of becoming a playwright.

Kieran Brooks (30, Nottingham) was the Head of Drama in an Outstanding Performing Arts Academy in Central London before deciding “Enough is enough” and quit to become a playwright and move back to Nottingham. This year he has published his play ‘Welcome to the Rose Cottage’ which had a run in two Fringe theatres in London.

“Making the decision to leave teaching was petrifying. But when is the right time?” Kieran was very scared at the prospect of setting out to achieve his dream but is now extremely happy with his decision. “Teaching is the most fun job I’ve ever had, but I couldn’t teach and write, so I had to choose, and writing won”.

Welcome to the Rose Cottage was written by Kieran who studied playwriting at The University of Roehampton before becoming a teacher. The Play was then published on Amazon via Kindle and hardback. “I wanted to write a Comedy Drama that the general public could relate to and make it accessible, what young person hasn’t had to work in some job they hate?” The Rose Cottage was dubbed by its audiences in London as “extremely modern and hilarious with its Soap like Drama and relatable characters.” The Play toured in London but future plans were put on hold due to the Corona Virus.

However, alongside playwriting Kieran has also set up a Children’s Theatre Company in Edwinstowe called Robin Hood Dramatics which is Drama classes aimed at young people. When setting up the promotions for this business Kieran united fellow actors, theatre professions and even a Drag Queen to talk about their experience within the Arts. “I think Drama has many forms and I wanted to help show young people that there are endless routes within the Arts. I think it’s important to teach that from a young age”. Parents of the children who have attended any of these have all been thrilled by the confidence their children have gained. Laura Lyons of Edwinstowe said, “My son has made significant progress in Year 6 since joining Robin Hood Dramatics, his confidence is thriving”.

“It’s changed my life not teaching in a secondary school and I do miss it but I’m so happy being a writer and owner of a children’s theatre company, though the plays are comedy for adults so differ immensely from the children’s clubs.”

Courses for Robin Hood Dramatics will start again in the New Year, information can be found on the website: www.robinhooddramatics.com.

The play, Welcome to the Rose Cottage will hopefully begin a new tour next summer. However, if you can’t wait until then you can read the play on Amazon, simply type Kieran Brooks or Welcome to the Rose Cottage.



The Friends of Thynghowe

Despite the suspension of our events due to Covid restrictions, those of us lucky enough to live close to the forest can still enjoy walking through Sherwood on our own. Early spring is a fine time for walking in the woodlands. If you would like some additional interest you may walk along the Thynghowe Trail along the western edge of Birklands where the waymark posts highlight features of heritage interest.

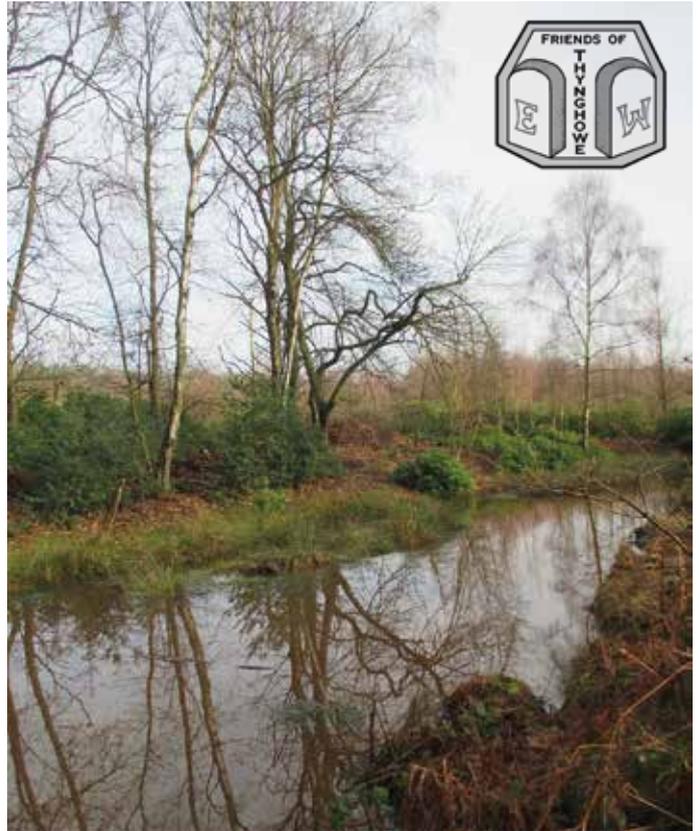
Our revised website includes a guide to the trail and also details of circular walk from Edwinstowe that includes most of the trail.

You can access these on thynghowe521978831.wordpress.com

This winter we were able to take part in one (suitably distanced) work session in Birklands clearing rhododendron plants from the banks of the Black Pool. After several years of sawing and lopping, the edges of this valuable habitat are clear for the first time in a while. This pool is the only water source in this part of the woodlands and is important for many wildlife species. During recent dry periods the pool has dried up for the first time that I am aware of.

Black Pool is located close to the spot where the Russian Log Cabin was located and may have been included in the ornamental landscape created by the Dukes of Portland. The introduction of invasive rhododendron plants into this area is probably part of the dukes' planting schemes.

The Thynghowe Facebook page facebook.com/Thynghowe includes our news and pictures from the forest.



Looking for a Church Service online

Lifespring is online
Every Sunday 11.00am

Just go to:

Facebook:

[lifespringcentreollerton](https://www.facebook.com/lifespringcentreollerton)

Website:

<https://lifespring.freeonlinechurch.com/live>



www.lifespring.org.uk



Renting the Church

The Church building is open again to community groups. Anyone interested in renting a space call 01623 860303 or email the office at office@lifespring.org.uk.



Community Action Response
OLLERTON & DISTRICT

Community Action Response operates out of Lifespring Church and Centre. It is a "consortium" of local organisations responding to COVID-19. So far the project has delivered 1321 free hampers of food to 1970 adults and 1674 children). This means we served more than 76,000 meals. The project provides telephone support to hundreds of people.

If you need help - a food hamper, telephone support, a mental health pack or children's activities, please ring:

07754 536530

Alternatively, you can email us at:

office@lifespring.org.uk



www.lifespringcentre.net

14 year old inspires talk of a Pump Track in Edwinstowe

14 year old Charlie Sheppard has been looking into the possibility of building a Pump Track in Edwinstowe. Charlie and his friends love racing on Pump Tracks and Charlie knows that this is a growing trend. Charlie has taken this further by setting up a Facebook page and undertaking a survey to gain support and hear new ideas. 'I'm a very passionate cyclist; the bike track is something many young people would love to see and use. The skate park installed on Jubilee Park was a great investment for people to have fun. However, not everyone enjoys scooting and skateboarding therefore installing a Pump Track would be great for the upcoming future'

Charlie is determined to get the idea off the ground and contacted District Councillor Paul Peacock to see if it was possible. Councillor Peacock has committed himself to exploring the idea after meeting with Charlie and his parents Steve and Claire. 'The idea is really positive but there is a lot of work to do, we need to find a suitable site and, of course the funding but I think between us we can gain the support necessary. I'm hoping that we can link this idea to part of the Thoresby Vale development.'

Charlie's parents are extremely proud of his efforts, his mum Claire was initially unaware of the project. 'Charlie did this without any help from us, he just rolled his sleeves up and got on with it'. His dad Steve said 'Charlie is determined and confident, I really hope his ideas get off the ground.'

Charlie has committed himself to increase support and awareness amongst young people in the area and Councillor Peacock is determined to keep the idea on the agenda at the Parish and District Council. 'Charlie a great example to other young people; I welcome



Newark Business Awards

Best Independent Retailer in the 2020 Newark Business Awards, SimplyNatural Ltd were said to be the “natural choice for judges”. What a fantastic feeling to be told we were the winners. After a very challenging year being to be given this award, made us all feel very proud. SimplyNatural started out on Newark Royal Market in 2009 soon to make their home in Edwinstowe in a shop/workshop at Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre. The people of Edwinstowe took us to their hearts and supported us through ups and the downs. With a fantastic team supporting us over the years we grew and returned to Newark to open our 2nd shop in 2017.

We realise now how much we all took for granted, when last year we along with so many others had to close our doors and find ways to ensure our businesses would be in a position to “bounce back”.- BUT without the support of communities this would prove nigh on impossible for us and many other local businesses.

I would like to say a huge “thank you” Edwinstowe for supporting us, during the times we were able to open we were overwhelmed with the support, good wishes and “sharing” on FaceBook – so important in these times. I would also like to say a thank you to Edwinstowe Cricket Club, Woodhead for their terrific support of local businesses.

Thank you Edwinstowe, the SimplyNatural team look forward to opening our doors and seeing you all soon.

Trisha SimplyNatural.



Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group

Our group would particularly like to thank Tracey Wilson of Robin Hood Avenue and her family and helpers for working so hard in raising the magnificent total of £9007 for The John Eastwood Hospice during 2020.

We are all experiencing difficult times but we hope that some time this year we will be able to resume our popular Coffee Mornings.

Meanwhile if you have any fund raising ideas or wish to donate to the Support Group we would be pleased to hear from you.

Best wishes for a healthier 2021 and thank you for your continued support, Phil Robinson, Chairman. Telephone: 01623 822070

Update on the former Thoresby Colliery redevelopment

Thoresby Vale

Following an update in September 2020, the developer, Harworth has completed the earthworks, infrastructure, and associated landscaping on the initial phases of the site. Construction work has also been completed on the entrance and Ollerton road, where the Parish Council are locating a new village sign, emphasising Thoresby Vale's relationship with the existing village.

In December, Harron Homes saw its first new residents move into properties, additional landscaping and fencing improvements have been undertaken to ensure the new residents are buffered from on-going site works. The marketing suite has seen a lot of interest from prospective buyers with much intrigue into the wider development proposals and school, which Harworth is scheduling for completion in time for the September 2023 school year.

A Reserved Matters Application (Reference: 20/02488/RMAM) was submitted in December for enabling infrastructure to the outstanding phases, including refurbishment of the workshop building, delivery of Public Open Space, a children's play area and new footpath links.

Formation of the 350-acre country park is progressing and the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are delivering specialist woodland management as part of the tip restoration obligations following closure of the mine. This involves removal of non-native tree species planted during previous restoration works and replacement with native trees to protect the existing SSSI woodland. It is hoped some areas of the Country Park can be open within the next six months.

Further information relating to the site can be found on the website: <https://thoresbyvale.co.uk/>

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Major Oak Medical Practice

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Sadly, the practice had to take the decision to lock the surgery door in common with most practices, as patients were visiting for unnecessary reasons during the pandemic. An intercom system will be used to call patients to meet their appointment.

Did Not Attend Appointments is still an issue for the practice, a snapshot of three months at the end of 2020 covering GPs, Nurses and the Physiotherapist totalled 130 appointments not attended, that is over 22 hours wasted, apart from the cost to our NHS, if you don't cancel your appointment when no longer needed, you could be depriving another patient of a chance of an appointment in your place. We patients can play our part to aid the smooth running of the practice.

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Beaumont House - London Marathon

One lucky runner has the chance to take part in this year's Virgin Money London Marathon and help Beaumont House Hospice Care too.

Ashleigh Haggard of Fernwood completed the London Marathon in 2016 and raised more than £2,000 for Beaumont House.

He spent five months training and although it was hard at times he was determined to ensure he was well prepared.

"Once I put it out that I was doing the London Marathon for Beaumont House, I had a great response," he said. "It was amazing how generous people were and how many people wanted to help."

He said the last two or three miles were the most enjoyable – knowing that the end was in sight and that it was achievable.

"There was a feeling of real achievement when I crossed the finishing line."

Individual fundraising manager Kat Wright said she was thrilled the hospice has a charity place.

"Places are highly sought after, so we would love someone to run for Beaumont House who ideally has a special connection to the charity and can raise as much money as possible," she said.

The hospice has set a fundraising target of £3000 for the successful applicant.

"Our income has been hit badly during the pandemic so this is an opportunity for us to raise some much needed funds."

The hospice is offering a Marathon Package.

Applicants must be over 18 and can apply through the London Marathon page on the hospice website – www.beaumonthouse.co.uk. The closing date is March 19.



Dukeries u3a

Make the most of your life once you're no longer in full time work by exploring new ideas, skills and interests with your local Dukeries u3a.

Are you over 50 and about to retire, or recently retired, working part-time or just find yourself with time on your hands? Maybe you've recently moved into the area or your circumstances have changed and you'd like to make some new friends or take up a new hobby or explore an interest with like-minded people? Then Dukeries u3a may be the answer.

Dukeries u3a, registered charity no. 1118205, was founded in 1992 to cater for retired and semi-retired people from Edwinstowe, Ollerton and the surrounding villages. u3a means University of the Third Age. The word university is used in its original sense of "a collective of people devoted to a particular kind of activity of personal development". A fundamental principle of u3a is that in retirement, members can learn, stay active and have fun. It is very much based on self help and offers members the opportunity to take up something new and develop interests in a friendly atmosphere. Dukeries u3a has 100 members who are part of a movement with 450,000 UK members with over 40,000 interest groups meeting every week, more recently online. The choice is endless and reflects local interests and can include subjects such as creative writing, photography and films to mindfulness and outdoor activities. Groups set up their own programmes and structure and members are encouraged to contribute as much as they are able.

During the Covid virus situation we continued to meet online for quizzes, social occasions and tutorials using Zoom and hope that a successful roll out of the vaccine will enable us to resume our regular activities and monthly meetings in person. Our members also kept in touch by contributing to and receiving our monthly newsletter 'Staying Connected' (which in December ran to 47 pages!). In more normal times, we meet for a monthly members' meeting on the third Monday of the month from 1pm till around 3.30 in the Jubilee Hall, Wellow Rd, Ollerton, when we have a visiting speaker followed by a social gathering. In January 2021 we restarted our monthly members' meetings using Zoom. We were visited online by professional speaker, Sandy Leong, who entertained us with the origins and history of surnames. The February speaker will be Rose Cook Monk who will tell us about the Duncan Edwards Foundation which celebrates the English footballer who died in the Munich air crash. The March speaker will be David Clark who will speak about the fortunes of a group of 18th Century women convicts who were 'Sentenced Beyond the Seas' to Australia.

Dukeries u3a's motto is 'Learn, Laugh, Live'. It's a great way to make new friends, enjoy socialising and learn or share skills.

Find out more about u3a by visiting www.u3a.org.uk and what Dukeries u3a offer by visiting

<https://u3asites.org.uk/dukeries/welcome> and contact Marie our Membership Manager, or give our Chairperson Leslye a call on 07946 702296.

Cricket At The Forest Corner



Edwinstowe Cricket Club will be hosting both Disabled Cricket and Ladies Cricket at the Forest Corner this Summer.

The first date to note is Sunday 18 April when an ALL day tournament is arranged for Disabled cricketers from Yorkshire Terriers, Clumber, Bridon, Blyth and Retford will be taking place.

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Edwinstowe Cricket Club

2020 was a depleted season with cricket having to be played under ECB directives due to the Coronavirus. However, this did not deter the Club's flourishing junior section. Again, up to 30 youngsters each Sunday morning from July to September took part in the ECB All Stars programme for 5-8 year-olds. Unfortunately, due to the virus the ECB had to cancel their much-anticipated Dynamos Cricket initiative aimed at 8-10 year-olds. However, the Club continued to provide cricket on a Friday evening for this older age group. Some of them represented the Club in pairs cricket tournaments, being a credit to the Club.

This junior arm of the Club continues to go from strength to strength. This coming season in addition to All Stars and Dynamos the Club will also be fielding teams at under 11 and under 13 age groups in the Bassetlaw and District Junior League. The Club is open to all new players regardless of age, gender and ability.

All stars 5-8 year olds will be on Sunday mornings 10.30 – 12.00, starting 16 May until 4 July

Dynamos 8-10 year olds Friday evenings 5.30-7.00pm, starting 23 April

Under 11 & 13 hardball will be Friday 5.30 – 7.00pm, starting 23 April, plus a full fixture list.

There will also be a full programme of Senior cricket on Saturdays and Sundays, and even midweek, details soon to be available.

At all of these sessions the clubhouse and facilities will be open, the bar stocked, food available and we ask ALL families with any interest at all to come along, meet with other families and join us .

Further information is available by contacting the Club secretary Jon Garnham on :
Mob 07967 487295 or
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Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club - Fourth Avenue

With the start of the cricket season fast approaching it's all fingers crossed that restrictions will be lifted to allow games to begin on time.

The 1st XI will compete in the Bassetlaw Cricket League Championship Division, 2nd's in Division 2 and the 3rd's in Division 5.

As a Clubmark club registered for AllStars and Dynamos Junior Cricket the club will run a Kwik cricket team with U11's, U13's and U15's hardball teams competing in the Bassetlaw Junior League.

Having the accolade of one of the best cricket pitches in the Notts the club are scheduled to host 3 County Youth games during the season. Hopefully we will have some of our players taking part

Close season has been busy with major refurbishment undertaken in the dressing rooms and also with the practice nets.

Senior practice/training evenings take place on Thursdays with Junior sessions on Fridays.

Sessions are FREE to all ages and abilities.

For further info contact:

Secretary Martin Cheshire on Mob No 07896742660 / Chairman Trevor Haywood on Mob No 07794971586



Edwinstowe Cricket Club Course For Children 5-8 Years Old Starts Sunday 16th May 10.30 am

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Edwinstowe Merry Women WI.

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INSPIRING WOMEN

Greetings from the members of Edwinstowe Merry Women WI

Like the rest of the population, our groups' activities have been curtailed due to the pandemic. We were a little slow to adapt when restrictions first hit last year, optimistically thinking that we'd be back to in-person meetings in no time. We were wrong! We've got our act together now and regularly meet via Zoom to catch-up with each other and we stay in touch via social media and group email too.

November and December were busy months for the group as members were focused on hand making heart-shaped decorations. Once made the decorations were used to decorate the High Street, Edwinstowe.

The idea being that the decorations would, hopefully, bring a bit of cheer to everyone during a difficult time. Our two 'heart-bomb' events were advertised on local social media sites with the public being invited to visit the High Street to see the decorations in situ and then choose one to take home. Within 36 hours of being hung all decorations were gone - Yay!

The group made and distributed 250 decorations in total.

The photo shows 4 members of Edwinstowe Merry women decorating the High street with handmade decorations.

The group meets each month (via virtual media) with events advertised on our Facebook site: Edwinstowe Merry Women WI.



Planning Committee

Some information for those of you who would like a little information about the planning process and how the Parish Council fits into it.

Anyone wishing to build new buildings or substantially alter existing ones has to have planning permission. Plans for such projects must be submitted to the Local Authority, in this case Newark and Sherwood District Council, for approval. Advice can be sought from the Planning Department before detailed plans are produced if necessary. Some small alterations to buildings can be carried out without planning permission. This work is called 'permitted development' and details of what is covered by it can be found on the planning portal, a Government website.

When plans are submitted to the Planning Department some will be considered by the Planning Committee of the District Council which meets monthly. Only a very small number of plans are looked at by that Committee, the vast majority are dealt with by planners in the department.

All plans relating to Edwinstowe will be forwarded to the Parish Council for consideration. However, the Parish Council can only give opinions, it does not have any power to approve, or otherwise, any application. Any concerns expressed by the Parish Council must be based on planning issues only.

Individual residents can also comment on any application through the Newark and Sherwood website. The Planning Committee usually looks at larger developments of eleven plus houses or smaller applications that might be deemed controversial in some way. One of these might be something within a conservation area or have been 'called in' by a District Councillor.

The Local Development Plan for each area is drawn up, with local area consultation, as a five year plan to identify areas suitable for housing and other projects. Again residents and Councillors can comment on the plan before it is finalised.

The Local Authority, in our case Newark and Sherwood District Council, are directed by the Government as to how many houses are expected to built in their area over a five year period. The number is not usually negotiable!





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Spring Approaches in the Forest

Our new green fingered gardening volunteer team have been hard at work planting up the visitor centre beds with plugs, bulbs and shrubs so there should be a riot of colour around Forest Corner over the coming months and young hedgerows beginning to form. Thank you to Severn Trent Water for funding this. Look out for more habitat work across Sherwood and Budby thanks to their support over the coming year.

As spring approaches our wildlife survey volunteers are gearing up to get out and find out who will take up residence in the forest. We always love to hear your records and sightings to please do share them with us. As ever, many birds breed, feed and rest on or close to the ground all around the woodland and heathland. They need all their energy at this time of year and it doesn't take much to disturb them. If they can't eat, rest or get scared away from their nests, their eggs and chicks may not survive, all without anyone noticing. The law requires dogs be kept on a lead in some areas, and we encourage everyone to follow the Countryside Code by keeping them in sight and recall distance across the reserve from March – September. Look out for signs telling you where you will need to put your dog on a lead, in particular on Budby where Open Access laws are in place. Together we can make sure wildlife thrives throughout the forest.

Students Journey to Cambridge

I knew that I wanted to study at Oxbridge when I was thirteen years old, and I'm so lucky to have attended a school that has nurtured that ambition. It helped me realise that it was certainly possible to achieve – even if I didn't really know of anyone who had. Teachers have involved me in the Oxbridge pathway scheme, writing groups and residentials and I received incredible support when it came to achieving the best grades I could at GCSE. I eventually decided that I wanted to apply to do English at Cambridge and realised that the school's sixth form provided me with the best environment for this process. Doing A-levels here has really made me feel capable, comfortable and independent.

Staff have been there for me throughout this unsurprisingly stressful point in my life – the writing of my personal statement, the hectic marking of written work and the post-interview blues. As with every university applicant, there were moments where I doubted myself; it was reassuring knowing I had a school that never gave up on me.

When I received my offer to study English at Christ's college, I was so unbelievably thrilled and couldn't wait to tell teachers that helped me and had felt just as much a part of it as myself. I honestly don't think I could have achieved this without the school, a school which has become my second home.

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Brian & Michael's 1,000,000 steps to raise funds for John Eastwood Hospice

Like most people Michael and Brian had plans for 2020. They intended embarking on a series of walks to raise funds for The John Eastwood Hospice. Events overtook all of our plans including theirs. When the Covid-19 lockdown came into force in March they resigned themselves to doing as we had been asked and remaining at home shielding for our own health and to do our part in protecting the NHS.

Little did they realise that a challenge set by a friend, to walk one million steps at home would result in such amazing support and generosity. Not only have they walked the initial one million steps, they have both gone onto walk over two million steps each at their respective homes. Fortunately, they both have good understanding neighbours who will no doubt have seen them on their daily circuits and have embraced their endeavours (although I am sure they must have at times wondered about their sanity as they must have looked like caged animals in a zoo enclosure constantly walking up and down!) In fact, it gave them a purpose and an incentive which has kept them sane!!

Brian and Michael would like to say an enormous thank you to everyone who has supported them in raising £17,723.00 to date. It isn't too late to add your support/donation by following the link below on Just Giving.

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What is happening at St. Mary's?

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2. Restoration Fund – Sponsored Walk

Brian & Michael, our pair of dedicated Warriors, continue to plough on to finish the last miles of the Robin Hood Way to raise funds for the church. To date, we have raised over **£2,600** so we are well on our way to the **£10,000** needed.

The new boiler is in place & already we have reduced our carbon footprint. We are working towards becoming an eco-church. We are incredibly grateful to them and everyone who has contributed in anyway.

If you can help, then go to - **Just Giving - St Mary's Restoration Fund**



3. Food boxes for Edwinstowe. Edwinstowe Community Volunteers & St Mary's Church: Since March last year, we have been supporting residents affected by the Covid-19 pandemic & if you are finding it difficult to feed yourself or your family, we can help with a food box appropriate for you. Call on **07375 931 243** or **07815 951 135**

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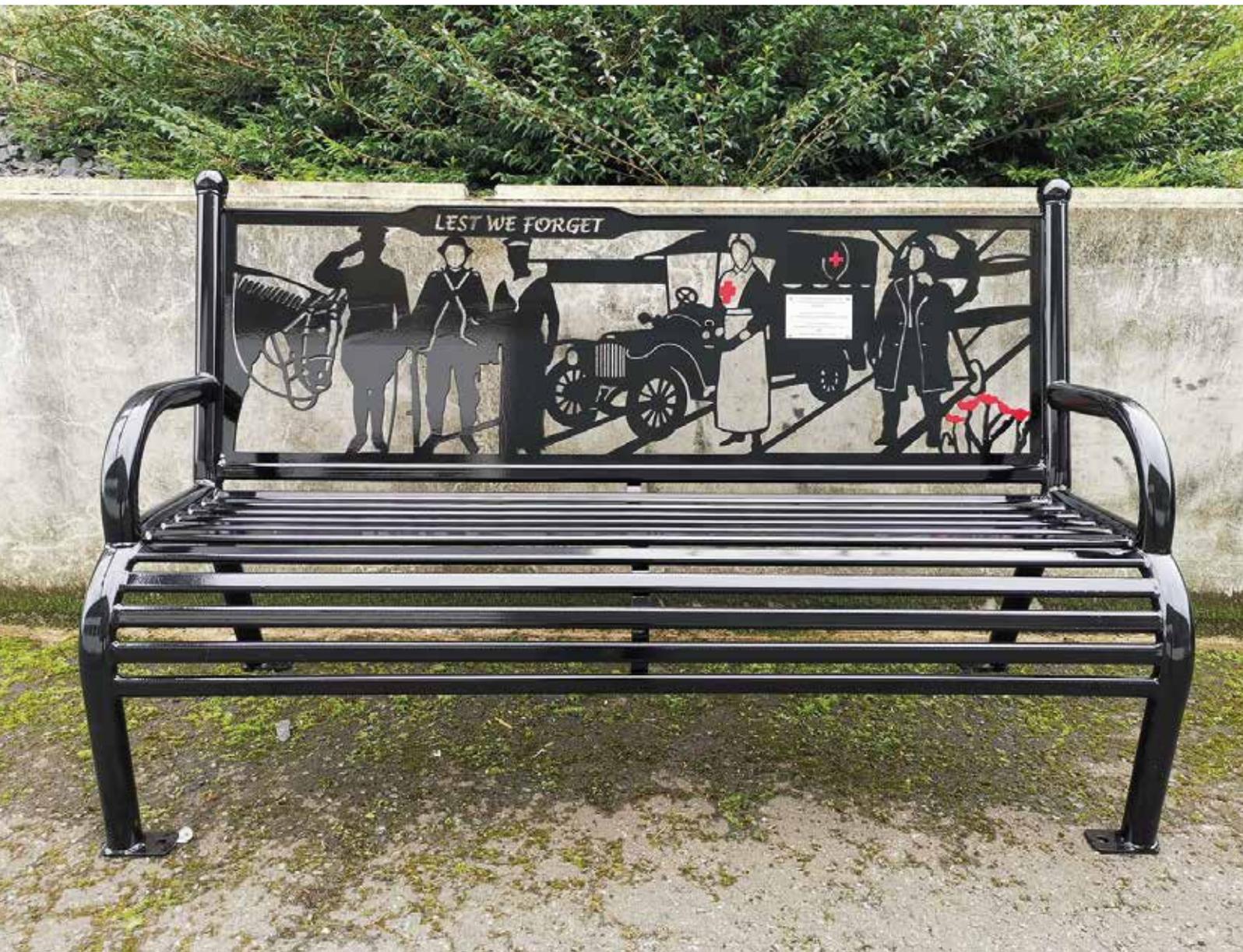
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The clock is running slow this is in hand.

6. Light a candle to remember someone. By lighting a virtual candle, you are making space to remember someone. Please visit this website & follow the instructions:
<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/funerals/lightcandle-remember-someone>
If you are unable to do this but wish to have a virtual candle lit, please contact the Church office or the pastoral team and one of us will do this on your behalf.

7. Armed Forces Memorial Bench will be placed in the church yard to remember the men and women of Edwinstowe whose lives were lost in all conflicts. The bench is a donation by Brian Hawkins of Edwinstowe.



St Mary's Edwinstowe

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Finally, St. Mary's may look closed, apart from funerals, but we would like to assure you that we are here, at all times, to support and offer a friendly ear and will continue to keep you in our prayers.



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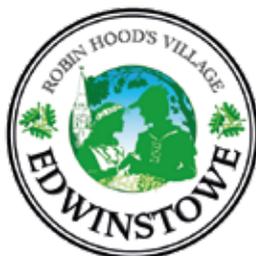
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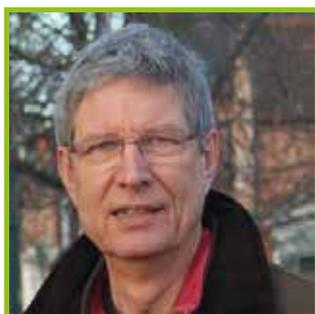
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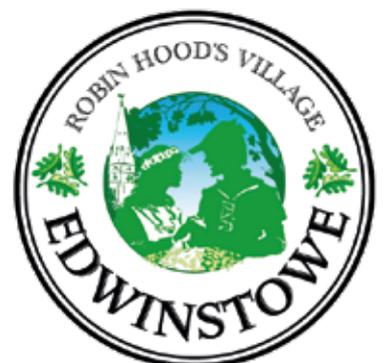
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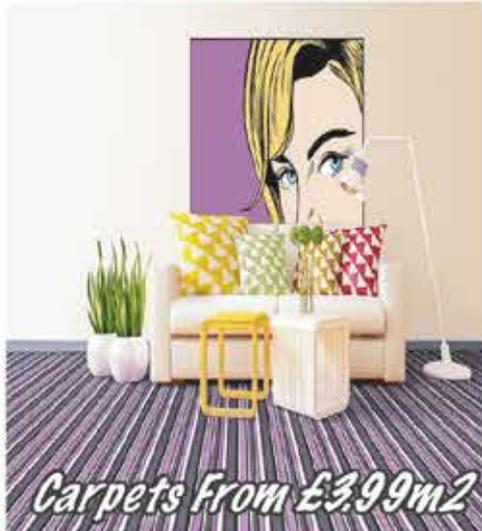
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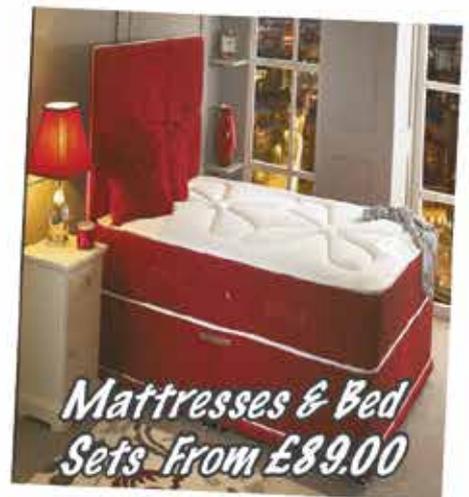
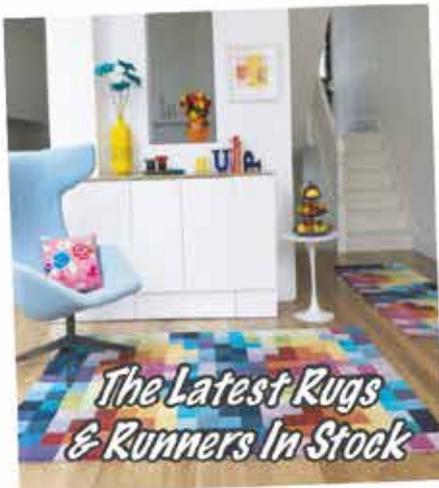


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