



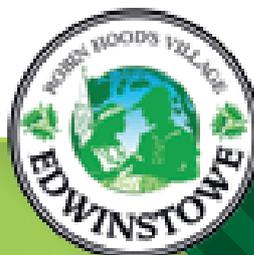
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Edwinstowe Village News Spring 2018

Welcome to our latest edition of Edwinstowe Village News produced by your Parish Council. We've received a lot of positive feedback from residents about the new format and people often tell us how much the magazine helps them to keep up with what's happening in the village. We encourage Edwinstowe's clubs and community groups to send in articles to publicise their activities and of course we try to bring you the latest news about the big developments which are taking place at the moment.

In this issue you will find articles about the Thoresby Colliery development, the new Visitor Centre, fracking and also information about the Parish precept (the parish share of the council tax) for 2018/19. As always, we welcome your comments and suggestions and there is a comment slip at the end of the magazine.



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The Parish Precept for 2018/19

The Parish Council have agreed to a small rise in the Parish precept (the parish part of your annual council tax bill) for 2018/19 due to of increased costs such as wages, utility bills and general inflation. This is the first time the Parish Council have raised the precept for since 2013. In fact in 2014 the precept was cut by 3.8% and it has been frozen at that level every year since. Parish Council Chair, Celia Brooks said, "we have decided a small increase in the precept of 3.4% is necessary this year to maintain all the services we provide, but as we have managed to cut the precept by 3.8% over the past four years it means people will still be charged slightly less for the Edwinstowe Parish part of the council tax bill than in 2014. We've managed to do this by being very careful with every penny, cutting costs wherever we can, working hard to win grants, but still maintaining the high level of services to residents."

As the Edwinstowe Parish precept is only a small part of council tax bills, a 3.4% rise will only amount to about £2.24 a year for a band D property or less than 5 pence a week.

Parish Council services include: daily litter picking and maintenance to keep the village clean and well looked after; provision and emptying of litter bins and dog bins; Jubilee Park and the skate park; Henton Road and Fourth Avenue play areas; the Village Hall; the Parish cemetery; maintaining the war memorial; the allotments; the public toilets; High Street floral displays; the Christmas lights; organising community events such as the Christmas lights and production of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News."

Chair of the parish finance committee John Peck said, "We've done really well to freeze the precept for several years but still keep our village facilities and services. We've also been very successful in winning grants to do such things as build the skate park and improve children's play areas. There are few villages in the county which are as well looked after as our village and I must praise the work of all our staff who make sure that Edwinstowe is well looked and is a village we can be proud of."

Thoresby Colliery Winding Wheels

Parish Councillors have met regularly with representatives of Harworth Estates, the developers of the Thoresby Colliery site. One matter for discussion has been the future of the two half winding wheels which stand at the entrance to the colliery site on Ollerton Road. At a recent meeting with the developers, Parish Council expressed their view that they should remain where they are. Councillors Paul Peacock, Terry McLaughlin, John Peck and Alison Troop all said they were sure they were speaking for many villagers especially those whose family members had worked at Thorseby and urged the developers to retain them. Harworth Estates made it clear they want a different appearance to the entrance to their new housing and employment development and the half winding wheels would be removed from the present location. However, they did promise councillors the winding wheels would be kept to create a memorial at an appropriate place on the former colliery site. They would also create a memorial at the top of the spoil heap which is being developed as a 350 acre country park. Harworth Estates promised to continue to consult with councillors and the local community. Councillors also requested one of the six half winding wheels which

currently exist, to erect at a suitable place in the village. Parish councillors were also informed about the progress in clearing the site and the dismantling of the headstocks. Planning permission for the 800 houses and a 500 job employment park has now been granted by Newark and Sherwood District Council and it is expected that the first phase of 150 houses will be started later this year.

Thoresby Colliery

Thoresby Colliery, Ollerton roundabout and more...

Councillors were given an update on progress of the development and some of the issues your councillors have regularly raised about Ollerton roundabout, pressure on the medical practice and school places. We can report that outline planning permission for the development was granted by the planning authority, Newark and Sherwood District Council, before Christmas. As expected, the development will be 800 houses and a 500 job business park. Separately, a 350 acre country park is being created through restoring the spoil heap. The developers will be making substantial contributions towards various community benefits including Ollerton roundabout, a possible new school, health provision and additional community facilities for Edwinstowe. Land has been identified and set aside for a school and community sporting and play facilities and the main colliery building should be retained to create a possible community and leisure facility. The whole project will take perhaps ten years and it is expected the work on the first phase of 150 houses will commence towards the end of this year. Meanwhile, the site is being cleared including the removal of the headstocks and work is continuing with the restoration of the spoil heap. This will include the planting of thousands of trees, open areas of heathland, the building of footpaths and a viewing point at the top. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "we are pleased that Harworth Estates meet with us regularly. They are keen to engage with the local community and their elected representatives. This is clearly going to be a big change for the village. There will be benefits in terms of housing, jobs and improved community facilities, but we also want to make sure our concerns about the doctors, school places and Ollerton roundabout are addressed." District Councillor Paul Peacock added, "our job is to be the voice of Edwinstowe residents and make sure their views are heard. We also want to make sure this new development is very much part of Edwinstowe and not a separate community."

'RELIEF IN NEED' & EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES

The Trustees of the Ann Monday & John Bellamy Charities invite applications for grants for 'relief in need' & educational purposes, for residents of Edwinstowe, Budby & Clipstone (including King's Clipstone). Requests for more details to be submitted in writing to the Clerk to the Trustees c/o St Mary's Church Office, Unit 1 Church Farm BC, Edwinstowe NG21 9NJ

Give as much information as you can when contacting the Clerk so guidance may be given for any subsequent application. The closing date for applications is 30 June 2018

Road improvements in Edwinstowe

Edwinstowe's County Councillor John Peck has welcomed the decision to surface dress all the roads on the Manvers estate - every road between and including Paddock Close and the Mansfield Road service roads. John said, "I've been regularly reporting potholes on all these roads ever since I was elected five years ago. I must have reported several dozen over the years and have been pressing for action on the case of many of our roads and pavements. In the meantime, I will keep pressing to make sure the work does actually get done and will keep making the case for Church Street and some of our worst pavements, especially on the Avenues, to be resurfaced. It took me several years before I managed to get Lansbury Road and the High Street resurfaced. You just have to keep making the case until you get there in the end." John carries out a regular "pothole patrol" around the village. If you see a pothole or faulty street light, let John know and he'll make sure it gets fixed.

The Highways programme for next year also includes two other improvements John has been campaigning for: a reduction in the weight limit on Rufford Road from 18 to 7.5 tonnes and double yellow lines at the corner of Mill Lane to stop vehicles parking right up to the corner, blocking the vision of drivers exiting Mill Lane.

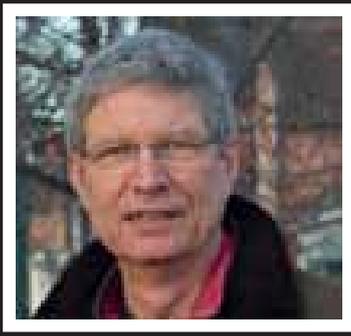


The Christmas Lights Event The best ever?

The event seems a long time ago now, as we're approaching Spring but there hasn't been a magazine since November. The Parish Council decorates the High Street with Christmas lights each year and we did purchase more lights to make the display look better still. The Parish Council has an events committee made up of parish councillors and local businesses, which starts planning the switch on event from early September. One of the organisers, Parish Councillor Karen Peck said, "a lot of work goes into organising the event and we are especially grateful to our Parish Clerk and all our staff who really do work hard to make it a success. Also, a "thank you" to all the businesses, community groups and performers who all come together to make it a wonderful community event. We received lots of positive feedback again this year and many people come to our lights switch on from other villages, because they say it's the best in the area."

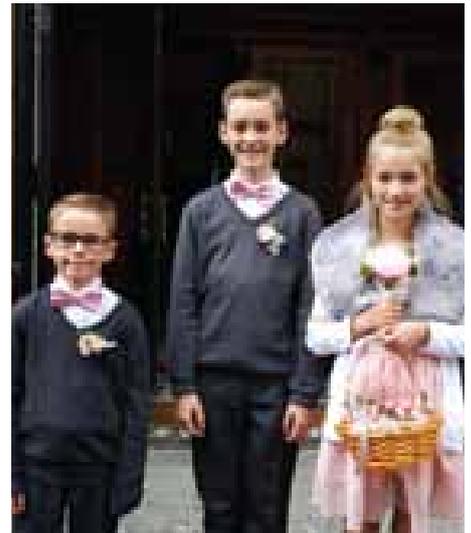


From your County Councillor, John Peck



I probably receive more complaints about traffic issues- speeding, parking and so on- than anything else. Finding a solution isn't always easy. However, I have managed to get agreement for some double yellow lines to be painted on the corner of Mill Lane, to discourage parking up to the junction. This will improve the view for drivers coming out of Mill Lane. I've also been successful in getting a reduction in the weight limit on Rufford Road from 18 to 7.5 tonnes. Both these measures are in the Highways programme for the coming year. Over the past few years, I've reported dozens of potholes on the Manvers Estate and regularly complained about the state of some of the roads. I'm therefore pleased that all the roads between Paddock Close and Mansfield Road will be surface dressed. This should give the road surface another ten years and prevent so many potholes. There's more to be done though: I'm continuing to press for Church Street to be resurfaced and also various pavements, particularly on the Avenues. On another matter, I fully support the Parish Council campaign against fracking in the Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest area and will continue to raise the matter at County Council meetings at every opportunity. Lastly, it was my pleasure to attend the fourth anniversary celebration of the Lynds Close Luncheon Club and their Christmas lunch. I was also able to give them £200 from my community fund to help them buy personal alarms for the elderly residents.

"St Mary's Edwinstowe along with its sister parishes, All Saints Clipstone & St John's Perlethorpe, look forward to welcoming the Revd Ian Webb as our new priest-in-charge from 30 April 2018. He will be residing with his family in the Vicarage in West Lane, Edwinstowe."



Happy New Year! From the Webb family

We're looking forward to joining you.

**Monday, 30th April 2018,
7.30pm St Johns, Perlethorpe**

As this new year begins I just wanted to let you know that we are looking forward to beginning a new phase of ministry and joining what will be a new chapter in the life of your parishes this April.

Whilst for now we are all concentrating on Dronfield, Derbyshire, and our life and ministry here, we are looking forward to making new

friends and seeing God at work in Clipstone, Edwinstowe and Perlethorpe.

I've included these pictures so you know what we look like! I can assure we are not the perfect family. But what I can say is that we, like you, and indeed the Wise Men who we remember at Epiphany, are in search of Christ and his Kingdom. It will be an exciting journey!

Rev. Ian Webb, Sarah, Tom, Layla & Austin xxx

Please note I will be glad to interact with you via social media just as soon as I am licensed.

A Poem by Cllr Starbrook's Nephew

Oliver Redfern Stretton, age 8

We had a plan all week
 I was so excited I could hardly speak
 Grandad took me to see the trains
 We were hoping it would not rain
 We went in Grandad's car
 The journey was very far
 When we got there the mail train flew past
 It was going very fast
 There was so much steam and smoke
 It got in my eyes and made me choke
 The first train we went on was very packed
 We couldn't even get a snack
 We rode up and down for most of the day
 We had so much fun we wanted to stay
 But soon it was going to get dark
 And the trains all needed to go and park
 There was still time for a cuppa
 And a sandwich for my supper
 Then it was back to the car
 And before I knew it we had travelled afar
 After all I'd been asleep
 And remembering my day a fantastic treat



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 ORDINARY MEETING DATES 2017/18 – TUESDAYS

- 13 March 2018
- 17 April 2018
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March 2018 – Forestry Commission

I am Amy Chandler, Community Ranger for the Forestry Commission. I help people engage with their local woodlands. More conifer trees have been thinned in the Birklands recently to continue the plan to remove all conifers from the National Nature Reserve part of the forest. As I write work is due to start on thinning trees from around the ancient oaks. This might look quite drastic but it is to allow the trees room to grow and protect them into the future.

As you may know Forest Live is back in Sherwood Pines for 2018. Gary Barlow has already sold out and Paul Heaton & Jacqui Abbott with special guest Billy Bragg will play on Friday 22nd June. UB40 will play Sunday 24th June. The gig will see them play material from their albums as a duo and songs from The Beautiful South and the Housemartins. For tickets please visit www.forestry.gov.uk/music or phone 03000 680400.

Do you enjoy the outdoors, getting stuck in and like a bit of hard work? I am always looking for volunteers to help care for the woods. I have a weekly volunteer group on a Wednesday afternoon based in the Ollerton area which caters for everyone.

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



SPRINGTIME ON BUDDY HEATH



giving
nature
a home

As the Budby Volunteer Team and I continue the seemingly endless task of tackling of the encroaching scrub, we can almost smell the springtime arriving. It won't be long before we down tools and douse the final bonfire as the breeding season kicks off.

Lime green buds will start to burst on the ghostly birch trees, the first colour to creep into the landscape. The ground will start erupting with beetles, reptiles and small mammals as they emerge from their cosy winter burrows. The early spring birds will start to warm up the vocal chords and begin their territorial singing. That means it's time to start the bird surveys...

One of the earliest birds we hear are the woodlarks that we're lucky enough to have as residents in Sherwood Forest. They start setting up their breeding territories as early as late January in some years. The song of the woodlark is a beautiful thing, belted out by the male birds as they parachute from perches in tall trees down to the ground.

By March, they've found a mate and are trying to raise their first brood of youngsters. The females make their well camouflaged nests on the ground, nestled amongst a tuft of grass or young heather and out of the way of predators. They'll be foraging for seeds and insects in the short stubbly plants all through summer, when they'll have hopefully had two or three lots of chicks.

Woodlarks are one of our most vulnerable heathland species and need your help to thrive. Please help them succeed at raising the next generation of songsters this breeding season. From 1 March to 31 August, when you visit the heath, please stick to the paths and keep your dogs on leads while in the fenced grazing compartments.

We will be monitoring the birds throughout the breeding season so lookout for the surveyors on your early morning walks!

If you have any questions about the wildlife or work at Budby South Forest, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Chloe Ryder, Site Manager for Budby South Forest

Email: Chloe.ryder@rspb.org.uk

Tel: 07718 248 953

Woodlark about to parachute down to the ground
Mary Braddock (rspb-images.com)



POLICE BEAT SURGERIES - Dates

Police Beat Surgeries will be held at the Parish Council Office in the Village Hall, Mansfield Road on

Monday 26th March at 11.00 am

Monday 23rd April at 11.00 am

Look out for the banner on the Village Hall gates.

DOG BINS - please use them!

Most dog owners are responsible and "scoop the poop." There is far less dog mess in the village than say 10 or 20 years ago. There are still a few irresponsible dog owners though who persist in allowing their dog to poo in the middle of the pavement. Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "The Parish Council spends something like £2,000 a year having dog bins installed and emptied and we've gone to considerable expense putting dog bins around the village. Dog fouling is unpleasant for residents and visitors so my message is please bin it."

Dog owners may not be aware that if there isn't a dog bin nearby, you can put the tied up bag in an ordinary litter bin, but do make sure the bag is properly sealed.



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ABBEY ROAD ART AND CRAFT GROUP

We had a wonderful time last year celebrating the tenth anniversary of the founding of the group, finally closing the year with a Christmas party at which we were entertained by group members. {Thanks ladies, didn't know we had so much talent in the group}. It was great fun and finalised the year perfectly.

Past members and friends were remembered as we celebrated throughout the year by visiting several local pubs and enjoying the food they prepared for us.

Husbands were invited to accompany our members on these outings as a thank you to them for their support over the years by bringing their wives and their friends to the meetings each Friday afternoon.

Some of our members still make very professional looking greeting cards, several ladies now bring knitting and crochet work to do and of course our artists produce a variety of techniques in art forms.

We look forward to many more years of companionship on Friday afternoons come rain or shine!

Our meeting times are unchanged, each Friday afternoon 1pm until 4pm at the Abbey Road Centre should anyone care to look in and see our crafters and artist enjoying their afternoons.

Barbara Freer

Friday 30th March - The Crafty Tea Room

11.00am - 1.00pm in the Church Rooms. No admission fee.
Kids - Easter Bunny painting. Craft Group - bring along your latest project - Tea, Coffee and cakes. Wool Sale - check our prices. Kind regards

WHAT GOES ON HERE AT THE ABBEY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

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

THE FRIENDS OF THYNGHOWE

Each year the local history group The Friends of Thynghowe are involved in organising events to share the heritage of northern Sherwood. Thynghowe is a Viking Age site on the borders of Warsop, Budby and Edwinstowe where 'Thing' assemblies would have been held by the Danish Vikings who settled in the area.

Once again Viking re-enactors will be coming to Sherwood Pines for their annual Spring Thing over the weekend of 12th - 13th May. The Spring Thing is organised by the Forestry Commission, Regia Anglorum and The Friends of Thynghowe. The brilliant re-enactors will be taking us back over 1000 years as they recreate the violent conflicts from that time and also demonstrate the skills needed for everyday life in Sherwood Forest.

Throughout this colourful weekend, warriors will battle in the arena and there will be demonstrations of a wide range of crafts in the living history camp. This is a FREE event although parking charges apply.

If you have not visited Thynghowe you may wish to join us on Saturday 21st April. We will walk to Thynghowe relating the stories from the past of the Forest and recalling the assemblies that took place on Thynghowe a thousand years ago.

We will meet at Budby Pumping Station from 9:45, starting the walk at 10am. This walk is about 3 to 4 miles and will take about 4 hours. No need to book, just turn up. Wear robust footwear, bring a drink and some lunch.



NEWS FROM THE EVERGREEN CLUB AT THE ABBEY ROAD COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Evergreen Club had a wonderful Christmas dinner provided by our local caterers Culinary Delights. (Thank you Tracey and Jason) we were all full after eating a delicious three course meal ending with mince pies, chocolate mints and tea or coffee, the club put plenty of good wine and softs drinks on the table for everyone to enjoy at their leisure. There was a raffle consisting of a fantastic Christmas hamper worth around £30 which Chairperson Chris Ayre put together, and her husband Peter donated a good bottle of wine, both prizes were gratefully received by the winners. Members also got a £10 Christmas money gift card to spend, and earlier in the year were all given a diary and pen for 2018 so social events could be entered early into it.

The evergreen Club is self-funded and all the above was paid out of the funds carefully raised by holding Bingo and Domino evenings which take place on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday also once a month members Sandra Green and Eileen Flame organize a raffle in which each memeber takes turn alphabetically to donate a prize and what is raised goes into the club funds.

There is also a fund-raising table top where donations of new and nearly new clothes and Bric a Brac are sold at a minimal cost which member Betty Sturgess has taken pride in for many years making sure that all items are clean and that price tickets are on everything, all money raised goes into the funds for social events in the centre and meals out.

Chris also made up 2 beautiful christmas hampers of goodies out of the funds from The Evergreen Club to say thanks for your support to Emily's Friendship Group who are at the centre on a Friday afternoon. Everyone was given a free raffle ticket and one person from each group won a Christmas hamper. It received wonderful response and a card of thanks was given to The Evergreen Club for their kindness.

The club would also like to say a big thank you to Jane from The Flower Room here in Edwinstowe for her support in beautifully gift wrapping FREE OF CHARGE the Christmas hampers making them look so professional.

I also would like to give a big thank you to my committee members Betty, Sandra, Malc, Pearl and Bill plus all members of the club for the support given helping our Evergreen Club go forward into 2018.

Well done, let's see what goodies this year brings. Best wishes Chris Ayre x

Cemetery Fees

As part of the budget for the next financial year, the Parish Council have reviewed the fees for plots in the Parish cemetery. For many years, the fees have not covered the costs of running the cemetery, with a shortfall of several thousand pounds. The fees have also been much lower than neighbouring parishes. The Council therefore decided to raise the fees, so that the charges covered the cost of running the cemetery. However, councillors expressed concern about putting the fees up in one go and decided that half the rise should take place from 1st April this year and the other half from 1st April 2019. This gives an opportunity for any resident wishing to reserve a plot to do so at the present fee before 1st April, or before the full revised charge comes in next year. The Parish Council as part of their drive to keep the Parish precept as low as possible, believe the cemetery charges should as far as possible break even. In time, the cemetery will become full and councillors estimate spaces will run out in possibly ten years time. The Parish council is therefore negotiating with Thoresby Estates who own the surrounding land, with a view to purchasing sufficient land to extend the cemetery. The Chairman of the cemetery committee, Councillor Dennis Tattershall said, "The Parish cemetery is very well looked after by our staff. A lot of work goes in to make sure it is well cared for, peaceful place but we are running out of space and do need to try to buy some more land to extend the cemetery in the future." He urged people who wished to do so, to consider reserving plots, which can be done by contacting the Parish office.

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SIXTH FORM STUDENTS ASPIRE



**THE DUKERIES
ACADEMY**

The Sixth form students at Dukeries Academy have been congratulated on their outstanding advances in the campaign to win places at top Universities. For the first time in decades two candidates applied for Oxford University. One student has been offered a place to read History and the other student is awaiting an offer from Durham University. Claire Leitheiser, Principal, was deeply impressed by the way that staff and students have combined to ensure students have the highest aspirations and are fighting for some of these most prestigious places. "We have excellent programmes for a range of different students; this includes the most academically able. We have students who successfully overcome different challenges and it is wonderful to see this affirmation that we are getting it right, for all levels of ability. This forms part of the work undertaken to raise aspirations and the culture from "it's not for us" to "we can and we will".

The Head of Sixth Form, is reaching right down through the years to find pupils who have the ambition and the brains. She is collaborating with the admissions offices at Peterhouse College, Cambridge, and Magdalen College, Oxford, to arrange summer schools and taster sessions which the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed. The colleges have worked with students in years 10 to 13 and a further 5 students have already started preparing for their Oxbridge applications next year. The Dukeries has also started a debating club and have entered a national debating competition for year 9 students.

Note to the editor

Ms Hackett's ambitions are not just for the most able to get to Oxbridge courses but for others to go on to study at the Russell Group; the top 24 research intensive Universities in Britain. 80% of sixth formers have applied to university this year and all have offers or interviews from 1 or more choices. 10 students have impressed universities so much they have received unconditional offers. 50% of applications have at least 1 Russell Group university in their options.

1st Edwinstowe Guides

Since last writing we have welcomed a new guide into our unit. As a unit we made unicorn themed Christmas tree decorations for the church. We also had a Christmas party with lots of food and games before breaking up. We kicked off the New Year by having a games night with 2 visiting Brownies and getting the girls involved in planning what they want to do over this year.

The start of this year some guides went along with 100 other children to have a sleep over at The Deep in Hull. We had lots of fun sleeping in front of the tanks. We will be celebrating national pizza day by make and eating our own pizza's. We are also getting excited about our mega moot camp in May.

At guides I want to be able to give the girls adventure and new challenges. This is sometimes hard to achieve as we only have 2 leaders at guides. It would be great if we could up our number of members, but, we would need another volunteer. If you are a woman aged 18 or over, are available most Thursday evenings and feel you could make a positive difference to young girls please go to www.girlguiding.org.uk and click on get involved.

1st EDWINSTOWE SCOUT GROUP

Thank you to the local shops for selling scout post stamps for us this year. The scouters had fun posting all the Christmas cards again this year. We would like to thank the Co-op for choosing us for the local community fund this year and for all the Co-op members who choose to support us.

Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and leaders enjoyed a fun packed evening at i Jump Mansfield for our joint Christmas party in December. All the young people were a credit to parents and the Scout Group.

Our Cubs and Scouts were joined with Edwinstowe Guides and Warsop Scout Group on an overnight stay at the Deep in January. They all had fun sleeping with the fish and sharks.

We all have fun filled programmes and have plans for a few camps and days out in the coming weeks including a visit to the county Mega Moot camp at Walesby.

If you are interested in helping at any of the sections or you would like your child to join the scout group please contact Sue on 823761

RAISING THE ROOF AT SHERWOOD

If you regularly visit Forest Corner, you'll have been able to see the great progress on the site of the new visitor centre. But we hope you'll enjoy the photo we've included here too, which is a sight usually reserved for the birds!

The roof is now on, and the glazing is going in, which will help to complete the current external works.

Attention will then turn to inside the building, adding the internal walls and first fixes, and preparing to transform this impressive shell into the world-class Visitor Centre we know Sherwood Forest deserves.

As well as progress on site, 2018 has also brought some great news from the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, who have agreed to invest £500,000 in the project, following approval by the D2N2 Infrastructure and Investment Board.

D2N2 is the private sector-led partnership of business, local authorities, skills and training providers, and community and voluntary services representatives which promotes economic and jobs growth across Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.

We're looking forward to announcing our opening date soon, and confirming details for the Robin Hood Festival too, so please keep an eye on our website www.visitsherwood.co.uk for more updates.



Photograph courtesy of our contractors Woodhead Group

MAJOR OAK MEDICAL PRACTICE

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

Sixth Form Student Representatives
Your PPG is pleased to announce that two sixth form students from different schools have recently joined the group helping to bring a younger viewpoint to our meetings, the two students have already made valuable contributions to our discussions. We would still like to add new members to the virtual PPG accessed by logging on to the Major Oak website and selecting the sign up for our patient group tab. The PPG acts as a "critical friend" to the practice, meaning that we are encouraging and supporting, but also provide honest and candid feedback and aim to offer constructive criticism and help to find solutions to problems wherever possible.

Did Not Attend (DNA)

surgery appointment

The PPG minutes, which you can pick up from the PPG corner and read in the surgery waiting room, now contain the DNA statistics taken every month. You will see that the number of patients not attending their appointments is significant and the costs to your surgery averages over £1000 per month. One suggestion to avoid missing an appointment is that people with smart 'phones could add their appointment date and time to their reminder app to sound an alert before and on the day so that they won't miss that valuable appointment which could have been given to another patient. Please do what you can to avoid missing an appointment or cancel if no longer required, someone else could use it.

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Twinning News

Since Paul and I last visited Robiac-Rochessadoules during June last year, there has been an exciting development between our two villages! I'm pleased to report that students from the French primary school and our very own St Mary's School have begun to forge links, with the kind support of staff from each establishment.

In December, Jane and Tony Churly made their third visit to Edwinstowe and accompanied by myself, we met Marilyn Shaw at St Mary's School. Marilyn teaches French on a part-time basis at St Mary's.

Christmas decorations, made by pupils at Robiac-Rochessadoules, were given to Marilyn to hand out as presents to pupils at St Mary's School. In turn, Marilyn gave Jane and Tony, letters written in French by her students, to give to students at Robiac-Rochessadoules. In January, they have continued to exchange information between each other.

As the children of our villages lead the way in getting to know each other, it would be great if these links extend further into our community. With or without Brexit, France is our nearest neighbour and French is an important foreign language across the world, so the development of links with Robiac-Rochessadoules can provide an enjoyable, informal way to learn more about the country and its way of life.

If you would like your family, club or organisation to become more involved in making further ties with Robiac-Rochessadoules, or just get to know more about what is going on, please sign up to our Facebook page (search under Edwinstowe, Robiac-Rochessadoules or "jumelage") or get in touch with me, (telephone 07513090762) the Parish Council (info@edwinstowe.co.uk) or Jane (jane@churly.co.uk). Look forward to hearing from you!



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Entry Cost: I enclose a cheque for £140.00. Cheques made payable to ' RHQ MERCIAN' The entry fee for a team of members from Rifford Park golf club will be £100.00. Please send all entries and cheques to the address at the bottom of this entry form.

Format: the format of the day will be: 18 Hole stableford for individual pairs and 4 man team prizes, plus 4 nearest the pin prizes. Maximum Handicap is 28 for gentlemen and 36 for ladies.

Entry price also includes a bacon roll and coffee on arrival, plus a two course meal during the evening function. none players can purchase a ticket to the evening celebration party for £15.00 per ticket.

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Team Captain Contact Details: Name _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

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Royal Oak Allotment Association, based on the Ollerton Road site, are holding public events later this year. They hope to have a scarecrow competition and a pumpkin growing contest. These will be open to all Edwinstowe residents. The association will be publishing further details later in the year.

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Mark Spencer MP

Since getting back from the Christmas break it's been non-stop for me, both down in London and here up in Sherwood. As some of you may know, I got a promotion in the recent reshuffle which has given me quite a few new responsibilities, including writing a report of the day's proceedings in Parliament for Her Majesty The Queen!

I've been bending ears at the Department for Transport about my view that the A614 and A617 should be dualled. I really do think it would solve a lot of the problems that my constituents are seeing on a daily basis. Using these major roads. I've put this out in other newsletters, but if you've got a view on the matter please do get in touch with my office – I always want to know what people think.

I also had a constructive meeting last week with East Midlands Trains about the franchise for the Robin Hood Line. If the Government puts that franchise up in 2019 (something I'm pushing hard for), I want to know that EMT have got all their ducks in a row in terms of putting in a bid – something that, if successful, would be such a boost to Edwinstowe's economy.

I'm pleased to see that the local police have been holding their regular beat surgeries at the Village Hall. I encourage as many people as possible to try and go along – I've been working with Nottinghamshire Police recently to try to face the challenge from petty crime, in particular vehicle theft, and I know they've got a lot of good advice to give on the matter.

As always, if you ever feel that I can assist you with something, don't hesitate to contact my office – it's best to email on mark.spencer.mp@parliament.uk.



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Hospice Support Group

Thursday 23rd November saw us in action fundraising on the High Street during the Christmas Lights evening. Once again our stall with its Christmas hamper raffle prizes proved a successful venture as we returned a very pleasing £318.

On the following Saturday 25th we held a Coffee Morning in the Village Hall where we were pleased to be able to present a cheque for £7,000 to Diane Humphreys, Hospice Trust Manager. This very pleasing sum was raised in the previous 12 months from events and donations and takes the amount given to the John Eastwood Hospice over the life time of the group to £117,495.

Despite competition from Christmas shopping and other events the morning itself raised £483. So we say thank you to all our supporters and helpers who have helped us to continue to successfully raise funds over the years.

Thanks also to the Pet Shop, Pharmacy and Mills for allowing us to place Christmas collecting boxes on their counters.

Our next Coffee Morning is on Saturday 17th February in the Village Hall from 10 until 11.45am.

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Suffragettes vote 1918 and links to our area

In the 19th century women were not allowed to vote. It was presumed that women did not need the vote because their husbands would take responsibility in political matters. A woman's role was seen as looking after children and the home.

In 1897, there were two separate suffrage movements. The Suffragist Movement, which was formed by Millicent Fawcett, who led a peaceful protest and later the Suffragette Movement which was started by Emmeline Pankhurst. It was more violent and viewed by many as unfeminine.

Emmeline and her daughters, Christabel and Sylvia, came from a wealthy family but women from middle-class and working-class backgrounds joined the movement to fight for the vote.

Some Suffragettes handcuffed themselves to railings, attacked officials, spoilt mail and broke shop windows so they would be arrested by the police. They would then go on hunger strike and at times they were force fed. It was alleged that the police were brutal towards them and many people had sympathy for the Suffragettes.

Emily Wilding-Davison, in 1913, threw herself at the King's horse during the 'Derby' and died.

Because of the work women did during WW1, the Prime Minister, David Lloyd George, granted female householders, over 30 years, the vote in 1918. However, it was not until 1928 that women gained the vote on the same terms as men. Emmeline Pankhurst, died on 14 June 1928, just 18 days before equal rights were granted. In 1919, the first female member of Parliament was elected, Lady Nancy Astor.

Mansfield and Southwell had peaceful branches of the suffragists. They were active groups and many of their meetings were recorded; however, some non-peaceful incidents were also reported.

- 17th February 1908, the suffragettes disrupted the Mansfield Liberals Annual Meeting when Alderman J. S. Alcock presiding.

- 23rd April 1910, Southwell Women's Suffrage Society held their meeting at the Southwell Assembly Hall under the presidency of Mrs Hoskyns, wife of the Bishop of Southwell who was one of the founder members.

- 1912, Emmeline Pankhurst and a group of Suffragettes visited Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest. They all managed to fit inside the Major Oak.

- 20th February 1913, letters were damaged at Mansfield Post Office by Suffragettes. When the post boxes were opened at 8.15 they were smeared with oil.

- 19th July 1913, it was reported that they damaged specimens at Mansfield Museum.



- On Saturday 27th June 1914, a London suffragette was arrested at Kirkby and conveyed to Mansfield. However, nothing could be proved against her and she was allowed her liberty. Several local Suffragettes visited the police court during the time the woman was questioned in support.

The struggle for equality continues today and it remains a focus for our future.

L G & Edited by Rev. D. Smith.

Fracking in Sherwood Forest let's have the truth

Many residents will have read about the seismic testing being carried out by shale gas companies in this area. Seismic testing is the first stage in the process of establishing whether there are likely to be commercial quantities of shale gas, in which case could then lead to a planning application to extract it using the controversial method of "fracking." Ineos, the company which holds the licence to explore for shale gas in this area gave the impression they did not intend to frack in the designated site of special scientific interest in Sherwood Forest. However, this is somewhat misleading as Sherwood Forest covers a much wider area. Recently, one of our Parish Councillors was out walking in the forest in the historic Birklands area with its many ancient oaks and spotted a number of the instruments for seismic testing along the edge of the pathway. Councillor Karen Peck said, "it's extremely worrying to see that seismic testing is taking place in the heart of our historic Sherwood Forest. It shows that if Ineos do find commercial quantities of shale gas in this area, they would be fully prepared to frack in and around Edwinstowe and Sherwood Forest. The area would become a large gas field." The Parish Council are campaigning against any attempt to frack in Sherwood Forest and Edwinstowe. It's a controversial method, with fears for water contamination, earthquakes and a big increase in HGVs on our roads.

Thoresby Miners' Memorial

As we reported in the last issue, the Parish Council working group to create a memorial to those men who died working at Thoresby Colliery during its nearly ninety years existence, is making good progress with the project. A £200 donation from Center Parcs means the fund now stands at £6600. A bid has been made for a grant from the County Council's LIS fund for community projects. It is estimated the whole project will cost £20 - 25 thousand pounds. A garden area on Mansfield Road next to the Village Hall has been identified and it has been cleared ready to create the memorial garden. Bricks from the colliery will be used to rebuild the wall and the railings will be refurbished. As well as the memorial, there will be a history board describing the history of the colliery. Any further donations from residents or businesses would be very gratefully received and should be sent to Edwinstowe Parish Council.

King Edwin Primary School

New Headteacher at King Edwin Primary School, Andy Callaghan-Wetton, 'privileged' to start role

It is a great privilege to be the new headteacher of King Edwin Primary School and I have thoroughly enjoyed the first few months of my new position in this wonderful community. After spending the last 17 years working across Nottinghamshire, it feels fantastic to be back home!

I began preparations for the new role back in June of last year whilst still the Headteacher at Flintham Primary School. Flintham is a truly outstanding school and I left with a very heavy heart but knew that King Edwin was exactly where I belong.

The autumn term was extremely busy as the KEPS team implemented many changes, most significantly our new values of Respect, Good Choices, Determination, Excellence and Creativity. These values underpin everything we do at KEPS and they are recognised as our 'HIGH 5 VALUES' by the children, who strive to be King Edwinners by 'growing, learning and achieving together' at our very special school.

In the short space of time I've spent here in the village it's very clear that our school means so much to the local community. This has been most evident by the warm welcome and offer of support that I've personally received from so many.

I believe passionately in the values and ethos of this school and will do everything I can to help achieve academic success and personal development for our young people. They truly deserve the best and Team KEPS will do their best to make this happen.

We have made a great start and so far have been reaping the benefits of our hard work but there's a long way to go and we are at the very beginning of our journey.

We've organised many school visits, improved school communication, raised expectations and begun implementing a range of initiatives aimed at showcasing the skills and talents of our children. We've got so much planned for the rest of the year as we continue to thrive as a school community.

Information about our school can be accessed via our social media and website which are all updated frequently. If you have any ideas or suggestions of activities that may benefit our children please feel free to get in touch, we would love to hear from you. We look forward to a busy and fruitful 2018 as we aspire for further success and strengthen school links with our community.



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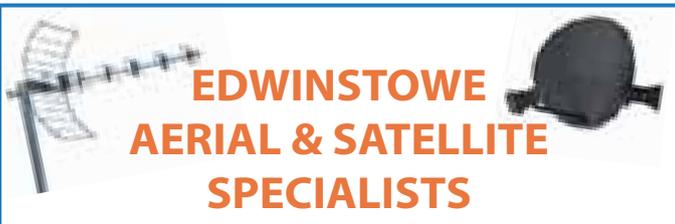
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LOOKING AFTER THE PARISH CEMETERY

The Parish Cemetery at Forest Corner opened in the 1950's and has been the responsibility of the Parish Council since then. The Parish Council employs a member of staff to look after it and great care and pride is taken to ensure the cemetery is a beautiful, peaceful last resting place. Councillors take their responsibilities very seriously and a cemetery committee meets regularly to ensure the cemetery is maintained to the very highest standard. As with cemeteries everywhere, there have to be rules to ensure the cemetery always looks cared for.

The Parish Council welcomes flowers, pots and special items of memory on graves, but do ask that they are placed on the plinth of the gravestone (in line with the cemetery rules) and not on the grass. This rule has been in place for many years and is in line with neighbouring cemeteries. The reason for this is there are some 1200 graves and memorial stones in the cemetery and our member of staff has to mow between every one and strim around each grave stone. This is a huge task, especially when the grass is growing fast and it would not be possible to keep stopping and re-starting to keep moving pots out of the way and returning them.



Sadly, it was recently necessary for us to move items left on the grass and we understand that this caused some distress. Parish Council Chair, Councillor Celia Brooks said, "Our priority is always to keep the cemetery as a beautiful, peaceful place of rest where family members can spend time and know the cemetery will always be looked after. We are very sympathetic and understanding of any concerns- after all many of the councillors also have loved ones in the cemetery. We are always willing to meet with anyone who has a concern or who might wish to make suggestions about the cemetery. We discuss and review cemetery matters regularly at Parish Council meetings. Concerns raised are considered sympathetically "

What's on at Outside the Cave this Spring for the kids

For the kids

- Kids Yoga (Saturday 2.15 - 3.00pm)
- Teenage Mindfulness (Fridays 5 - 6pm)
- Confidence building through art (Mondays 4pm-5)
- Family yoga (school holidays)
- Fairy Tales in the Forest (school holidays)
- Arts and Crafts (various sessions)
- Family gardening sessions

For the grown ups

- Yoga for beginners (including seniors, men only class and gentle yoga) Daytime and evening sessions available
- Mindfulness for Individuals – nine week course (Tuesdays 7pm - 8.30pm Wednesdays 1pm - 2.30pm)
- Community garden, horticulture therapy and flower power workshops (Thursday mornings)
- Acupuncture and Indian Head Massage (all day Wednesday and Saturday)
- Holistic Massage and Facials (all day Friday)
- Boxercise and circuit fitness (Monday 7 - 8pm)
- Sugar free living classes (Wednesday 7 - 8pm)
- Art and Mindfulness Workshops (various dates/times)
- Pregnancy and Baby Massage sessions (Mondays and Tuesdays)
- Chakra energy therapy workshops and dance (dates tbc)

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Chase the Rainbow & Newark Half Marathon

We're entering 2018 with some exciting events! Two of them being our Chase the Rainbow paint run and Newark Half Marathon.

Being held on Saturday 19th May at the Southwell Racecourse, our Chase the Rainbow 5k paint run is the most fun and colourful run you will ever do! Finish the 5k through a cloud of colourful, environmentally friendly powder paint and enjoy a fun paint fight at the finish line. The 5k is for all abilities – it isn't a race so you don't have to run! Registration will be open shortly so please keep your eye out on Facebook or our website for further details.

To be notified when registration is open, please contact Holly Fowler on 01636 610556 or email holly.fowler@beaumontdhouse.co.uk.

This year, the run will be part of a family fun day, with lots to do for all ages! If you would be interested in a pitch, please contact Holly Fowler on the details above.

Beaumont House has been allocated 30 spaces in the Newark Half Marathon, which will be held on Sunday 12th August starting at Newark Sconce Park. The Marathon is a flat and scenic summer race, through Newark and surrounding villages.

There will be a 5k Fun Run too! If you can pledge to raise just £150 for your local hospice, we will give you a free place and a free running vest.

For further details please call 01636 610556, email fundraising@beaumontdhouse.co.uk or visit www.beaumontdhouse.co.uk

EDWINSTOWE REMEMBERS

This coming year will be a huge period of remembrance as we commemorate 100 years since the ending of the Great War of 1914-1918. Several of the RBL members, together with friends and volunteers in the community have been approached with a request to do something in this centenary year to leave a lasting token of our remembrance of the huge sacrifice made by so many in that war. This was quickly followed by several very generous donations to the Edwinstowe Remembrance Group. As a result we have decided to raise funds within our community to purchase a small statue and a dedication plaque to those who died nearly 100 years ago. It is our hope that this can be installed in our remembrance garden, and will be planned for unveiling during the summer weeks of August/September this year.

This will correspond with the major commonwealth event that will take place on the Somme, Ypres and culminate in a parade at the Menin Gate in early August. We have called this fund the Edwinstowe Centenary Memorial and Remembrance Fund. We wish to make clear that this is not a formal RBL fundraiser, but rather a community group that wish to recognise remembrance. We know from the wonderful support we get from our community in the Festival of Remembrance in November each year, that we can count on your support. More information will be provided once this plan starts to mature.

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And so do I"

Let's hope we get cuckoo weather as we sing into Spring.



We have purchased a new keyboard and accompanying hardware for the Choir. The old one was really past its use-by date and let us down at some of our Christmas engagements. Ash, our Musical Director offered to research the project so we availed ourselves of his expertise and thanks to his diligence we now have a shiny new instrument which "plays all the right notes and necessarily in the right order!" (Memories of Morecambe and Wise and "Mr.Preview.")

We continue to work on our repertoire for our upcoming engagements and concentrating on the perfecting of singing in parts. When all the harmonies are right and fit together there is no better sound. All voices blend to form wonderful music that is a pleasure to hear and perform.

The Choir rehearses every Wednesday evening from 7.30pm. until 9.15pm. in the Concert Hall at the Dukeries Academy in Ollerton. This is best accessed via the Leisure Centre entrance and car park. You will find more information regarding the Choir on our website;

Our Diary Dates;

A concert at Weston Church, A joint concert with Newstead Abbey Singers, A concert at the R.A.F.A. club Newark. All three engagements to be confirmed.

Our Annual Summer Concert will for this year break with tradition and will be held at The Jubilee Hall on the Wellow Road in Ollerton. It will be on Saturday 23 June and this will also be our Choir's 40th Anniversary. We have also been requested to sing at Milton Mausoleum on 21st July. A truly magical and atmospheric venue at which to sing.

If you would like to book the Choir to sing for your Fund Raising, Charity, or Celebration event please contact Phil on 01623 822070, he would be delighted to hear from you.

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Monday morning - but not as we know it: St. Mary's School

St. Mary's school was evacuated on Monday, 24th January due to an electrical fault. A strange smell was detected by a member of staff whilst supervising Breakfast Club.

Our new Executive Headteacher, Mrs Coupe, made the prompt decision to inform the fire service, who suggested that, the school be evacuated. This meant that the rest of the school were kept just outside school grounds where they waited with their parents for news. Once the firefighters arrived, they recommended that, for the safety of the children, the school should be closed until further notice.

"We all cheered when messages passed down the line that school would close, but we wondered whether there would be a big fire. We were glad the fire brigade had arrived," a year 6 pupil stated.

The problem was swiftly solved, with the firefighters keeping the breakfast children entertained and informed with their fire safety tips whilst waiting for their parents.

The school would like to say a massive thanks to all.

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Saturday 10th March, 8am – 10am, Woodpecker Walk, £5 per person

Saturday 24th March, 10.30am – 12.30pm & 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Willow Weaving Workshop, £15.00 per person/obelisk

Friday 30th March – Sunday 15th April, 11am – 3pm, Easter Trail, £1.00 per trail leaflet

Friday 13th April, 9.30 – 10.30am, Family Bird Walk, Adults £2, Children £1

Sunday 22nd April, 10.30am – 3.00pm, Willow Weaving Workshop, £30 per person/plant basket

Saturday 28th April, 7.30am – 10am, Redstart Ramble, £5 per person

Sunday 6th - Monday 7th May, 11am – 4pm, Living History Weekend, Free Event

Saturday 12th May, 8am – 11am, Spring Bird Explorer, £5 per person

Saturday 26th - Monday 28th May, 11am-4pm, Living History Camp – The Falchions, Free Event

Thursday 31st May & Friday 1st June, 10.30am -12noon, Summer Mini-beast Safari, £2.50 children, accompanying adults free

Thursday 31st May & Friday 1st June, 10.30am -12noon, Summer Mini-beast Safari, £2.50 children, accompanying adults free

Saturday 2nd June, 9pm – 11pm approx., Nightjar Walk (2.5 miles), £5 per person

Sunday 3rd June, 10.00am - 12.30pm, Tracks, Trails & Signs, £3 Adults, £1.50 Children

Saturday 9th & Sunday 10th June, 11am – 4pm, Major Oak Woodland Festival, Free Event

Saturday 16th June & Saturday 30th June, 9.30pm-11pm approx, Glow Worm Walk (2.5 miles), £5 per person

Saturday 23rd June, 1.30-3.30pm, Fairy & Elf Forest Fun, £1 per person/wand

Sunday 1st July, 10 am – 12.30pm, Family Task Morning, £2 per family

Saturday 7th July, 8.45pm-10.30pm approx, Bat Walk, £5 per person

Saturday 21st July, 10.30am – 12noon, Mini Butterfly Hunt (under 7's), £2.50 children (accompanying adults free)

Saturday 28th July, 10.30am – 12noon, Butterfly Hunt (ages 7-12), £2.50 children (accompanying adults free)

Monday 27th August – Sunday 2nd September – Robin Hood Festival, Free Event

Keeping Brass Alive in Nottinghamshire

The past few months have been busy for Local Brass Band “Sherwood Forest Brass” entertaining the local community in a range of festive Concerts. The hard work started back in October when the carol books hit the stands. This was the start of a range performances across the local area making appearances at Edwinstowe High Street, Clipstone Christmas Festival, Edwinstowe Arts and Craft Centre and Clipstone Social Club.

Sunday 10th December presented the band’s annual Christmas Concert, led by our Musical Director Christine Lippeatt the



evening was packed with live music and festive fun enjoyed by all. In addition, the band was vigorously working hard on the Test Piece “Second Suite in F” for their upcoming contest (Butlins Mineworkers Championship) at Skegness. Despite being awarded 8th position in the 4th section it was an enjoyable performance by the band.

As part of the bands on-going mission in Musical Learning members are looking forward to a once in a lifetime musical workshop with two of the country’s finest players, Sheona Wade (Solo Horn) and Kathleen Gaspoz (Principal Cornet). both from Brighthouse and Rastrick Band they will be demonstrating playing techniques. Helping in preparation for our next contest the “Midland Regional Championships” in March. In addition, members are excited for the up-coming months with a new programme and our spring concerts on the horizon. For information visit our website www.sherwoodforestbrass.com

Giants on the move...

Hidden within the grounds of Thoresby Park is a rare treasure. Built circa 1765 the Kitchen Garden, more widely known as the Walled Garden, was once a centre of activity on the Estate. Surrounded by walls three times the size of a man, the 5 acre garden originally provided fresh food and flowers for the family living in Thoresby Hall.

Exciting plans to establish the new 'Echium Garden' in a corner of this important heritage garden are well under way, opening to visitors from May 2018.

A huge undertaking for local horticultural growers and RHS medal winners Linda and Ray Heywood, Echium World to transform part of a derelict walled garden into a show garden for over 30 varieties of Echium plants to showcase the 'National Collection of Echium' in Nottinghamshire. The star of the garden displays is the giant tree Echium, Echium Pininana, a wow factor plant that grows to over 15 feet tall and endemic to the holiday island of Tenerife but loving the sandy soil borders in Thoresby!

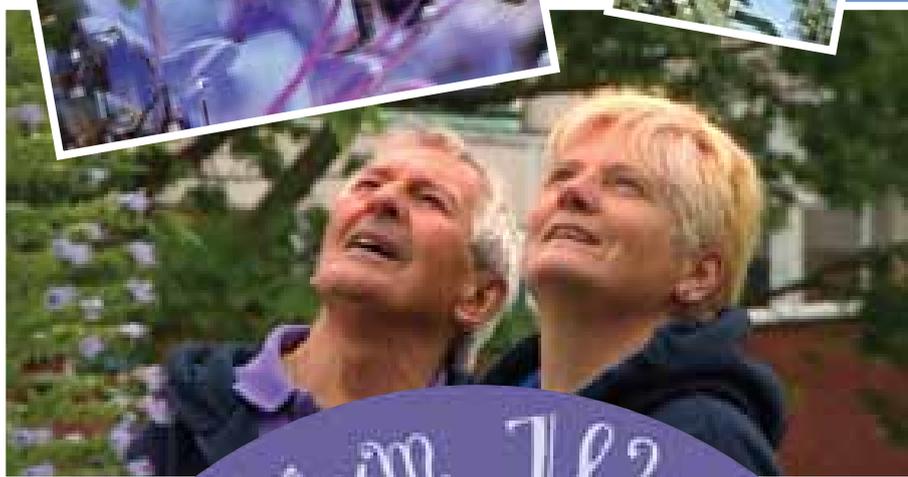
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Visitors to the garden will see some examples of heritage plants grown, by the first head gardener Mr Henderson and his gardeners.

Linda says "Every year sees a new challenge for us and this year will be our biggest yet! We will be opening the old wooden door and welcoming visitors into this forgotten garden (derelict for far too long!) at Thoresby. We feel privileged to be walking in the footsteps and turning the same earth as our gardening ancestors".

Parking and facilities are at Thoresby Courtyard and a range of plants (as well as Echium) will be on sale within the new nursery in the Echium Garden. Admission charge - adults £3, children free, dogs on lead welcome.

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The craft centre's studios are accessible to everyone including wheel chair users and prams and pushchairs are also welcome. There are also baby-changing facilities.

Groups are welcome, either with or without prior notice. Car parking is free at the centre and additional public car parks are available nearby (charges may apply). Best of all, admission is completely free!

A resource room at the centre is available for hire for meetings, functions etc. If you would like to book it, call Jayne Shaw on 01636 655697.



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WW1 - 1918

was the final year of warfare

1918 was the fifth and final year of warfare. On the 21st March the Germans opened up the Spring Offensive with an attack on British forces near Saint-Quentin. The German leadership hoped to end the war before significant U.S. forces arrived. The initial offensive was so successful that Kaiser Wilhelm II declared 24 March a national holiday. Many Germans thought victory was near. After heavy fighting, however, the offensive was halted. Germany then launched Operation Georgette against the northern English Channel ports. The Allies halted the drive after limited territorial gains by Germany. The German Army to the south then conducted Operations Blücher and Yorck, pushing broadly towards Paris. Germany launched Operation Mame (Second Battle of the Marne) 15 July, in an attempt to encircle Reims. The resulting counterattack, which started the Hundred Days Offensive, marked the first successful Allied offensive of the war.

German casualties between March and April 1918 were 270,000. Meanwhile, Germany was falling apart at home. Anti-war marches became frequent and morale in the army fell.

The Allied counteroffensive, known as the Hundred Days Offensive, began on 8 August 1918, with the Battle of Amiens. The battle involved over 400 tanks and 120,000 British, Dominion, and French troops, and by the end of its first day a gap 24 kilometres (15 mi) long had been created in the German lines. After the initial advance, German resistance stiffened, and the battle was concluded on 12 August.

British and Dominion forces launched the next phase of the campaign with the Battle of Albert on 21 August. The assault was widened by French and then further British forces in the following days. During the last week of August the Allied pressure along a 110-kilometre (68 mi) front against the enemy was heavy and unrelenting. On 2 September the German Supreme Army Command issued orders to withdraw to the Hindenburg Line in the south. In nearly four weeks of fighting beginning on 8 August, over 100,000 German prisoners were taken. The final assault on the Hindenburg Line began with the Meuse-Argonne Offensive, launched by French and American troops on 26 September. News of Germany's impending military defeat spread throughout the German armed forces. On 9 November Germany was declared to be a republic. The Kaiser, kings and other hereditary rulers all were removed from power and Wilhelm fled to exile in the Netherlands.

The collapse of the Central Powers came swiftly. Bulgaria was the first to sign an armistice, on 29 September 1918 at Saloniki. On 30 October, the Ottoman Empire capitulated, signing the Armistice of Mudros. During the last week of October, declarations of independence were made in Budapest, Prague, and Zagreb. The Armistice with Austria was signed on 3 November.

On 11 November, at 5:00 am, an armistice with Germany was signed in a railroad carriage at Compiègne. At 11 am on 11 November 1918—"the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month"—a ceasefire came into effect.

There are ten servicemen from Edwinstowe who are recorded as having died in 1918 and one in 1919. There are a further two for whom no details have been found

Charles William Branford was a private (72676) in the 1st Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbys) Regiment but had served previously in the Royal Army Service Corps. He died on the 27th October 1918 having been listed as a prisoner of war in 1918. Charles had lived in Edwinstowe on Town Street with his family for the whole of his life and started work as a groom (not domestic) becoming a baker in 1915. His father, Walter was a general dealer, also born in Edwinstowe. His mother, Ellen, was born in Creswell. He had an elder brother Horace who was a farm Labourer. He also had two younger brothers Freddie and Albert, and two younger sisters Mabel and Ivy. All were born in Edwinstowe. Charles enlisted on 12 January 1915 in ASC. He was 19 years 264 days of age and a Baker. He was listed as 'home'(UK) from 12/1/15 until 24/2/15. On 25 February 1915 he was posted to the BEF in France and 44th Field Bakery. He actually embarked on the SS Matheran at Southampton on 27 February, disembarking the next day at Havre France. On 4 March he was attached to 44th Field Bakery. He was given leave from 4 to 11 January 1916. He was posted to No12 Field Bakery on 19 June 1916 during a reorganisation of bakeries. On 23 January 1917 he was awarded his first Good Conduct badge. On 15 October 1917 he was given a compulsory transfer to the Sherwood Foresters but kept his ASC rate of pay. He was given leave from 4 to 18 January 1918.

Charles was reported missing on 27 March 1918 and officially accepted as being a POW on 19 October 1918. He died at Hautmont on 27 October 1918 and was buried in the Communal cemetery - Hautmont Communal Cemetery, Nord, France, 4.D.12.

The German Spring offensive began on 21st March 1918 and the 1st Battalion came under heavy pressure to fight off these assaults. On 27th March, the battalion was in support of the front line forward of Vrely when the enemy attacked. The battalion hurried forward to help in a counter attack, which proved successful. During this action Charles was taken prisoner.



George William Coupe was a driver in the 179th Infantry Brigade, Army Service Corps T/386842,39014 and had transferred from the Leicester Regiment. He died on the 5th November 1918 aged 19. He is buried in the Ramleh War Cemetery, Israel EE10. George was born in Thorpe Salvin and lived with his family in East Lane, Edwinstowe. His father, William, was a railway Plate Layer. His mother and sister were both called Edith and were born and raised in Edwinstowe. They had a boarder Sidney Coupe, a farm Labourer.

William Creamer was a Lance Corporal in the 1st/8th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbys) Regiment. He died on 17th October 1918 aged 24. He is buried in Fresnoy-le-Grand Communal Cemetery Extension, Aisne, France. He was the son of Mrs. Annie Creamer, of White House, Sutton Rd., Mansfield.

Ernest Richard Dorsey was a Private (250853, 113929) in the 733rd Coy. Labour Corps formerly Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on 02 Nov 1918 aged 33 and is buried in the Terlincthun British Cemetery, Wimille, Pas de Calais, France. 7.B.11. He was the Son of Richard and Ruth Dorsey, of Edwinstowe, Newark and husband of Louisa Dorsey, of 80, Seville Place, Strand Rd, Dublin.

Charles Albert Jackson was a private in the 8th Battalion Prince of Wales (North Staffordshire Regiment) having previously served in the Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbys) Regiment. He died on the 12th April 1918. He is buried in the Lijssenthoek Military Cemetery, West-Vlaanderen, Belgium. He was a Farm day boy. He lived with his father, Charles Gregory Jackson and mother, Frances Fanny Jackson, at Mill Cottages, Hazel Grove, Edwinstowe. His father, Charles, was a carter for the Estate. He had two younger brothers, Lawrence and Horace and two younger sisters Fanny and Doris all born in Edwinstowe.

Sidney Reuben Pinder was a Lieutenant in the Royal Flying Corps. He died on the 19th February 1918 aged 29. He is buried at Cabaret-Rouge British Cemetery, Souchez, Pas de Calais, France. Sidney is the younger brother of Arthur who was killed in 1917 and the son of George and Elizabeth Pinder who lived at Lidgett House, Edwinstowe. The house backed on to the Fireworks factory on Sandy Lane that allegedly burnt down in the 1900s. His father George was born at Laxton and was a retired Pyrotechnician. His mother Elizabeth was born in Kirklington. He had two sisters, Georgina and Frances Mary both born in Edwinstowe. His parents subsequently moved to The Crown Hotel, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk.

Walter Rabbitt was a private in the 11th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbys) Regiment. He died on the 8th October 1918. He is buried in the Doingt Communal Cemetery Extension, Somme, France. He was the son of Joseph and Maggie Rabbitt and the brother of Ephraim (killed in action 25/4/1917), and Lewis Rabbitt. In 1911 they lived at 7 Hazel Grove Edwinstowe Nottinghamshire. He is the last of four Rabbitts from Edwinstowe who were killed in the War.

John George Hill Roberts was a telegraphist on HM Submarine H10, Royal Navy. He died on the 19th January 1918 aged 19. He is named on the Portsmouth Naval Memorial, Hampshire and possibly died at sea. John was the son of John W. and Sarah Grace Roberts, of Clipstone Archway, Edwinstowe. His father John worked as a forester woods foreman. He had an elder sister Grace M, and a younger sister Kathleen M.

John William Roberts and Sarah Grace Skepper (or Skipper) married in Horncastle, Lincs in 1895. In 1890, Sarah was living with her in laws and had two children, Grace born 1896 in Lowick, Northants and John George Hill Roberts in 1898 in Lancashire. The family appear to have moved around somewhat as their next child, Kathleen was born in 1904 in Mostyn, Flintshire and by 1911, they were living in the Archway Clipstone Edwinstowe, Notts. where John William was

was employed as an estate forester. Records show that son, John George had been educated at Prestatyn and Mansfield and following became an apprentice carpenter, possibly on the Welbeck estate

John George was 17 when he volunteered for the Royal Navy on 14th May 1915. His first ship was the training ship, H M S Ganges where he trained as a telegraphist. He then served on depot ship HMS Alecto until joining submarine H 10. H 10 sailed on 6th January 1918 to cruise and patrol the N.W. of Vlieland in the North Sea. She was expected back about noon 14th January 1918 but failed to arrive. It was then considered lost at sea, the actual date unknown so loss is assumed to be the 'Paying-off date' of 29th January 1918. All the 26 crews bodies were never recovered and appear on the Portsmouth War Memorial, on the 29th panel.

Samuel Steeples was a private in the 14th (King's) Hussars. He died on the 16th October 1918 aged 27. He is buried in the Tehran War Cemetery, Iran. Also known as JS and SG Steeples he lived in Edwinstowe.

William Wilkinson was a Gunner in the 160th Heavy Battery, Royal Garrison Artillery. He died on 2nd January 1919 aged 31. He died of Bronchial Pneumonia at Salonika and is buried at the Mikra British Cemetery, Kalamaria, Greece. He was the son of Henry and Sarah Wilkinson, of Besthorpe, Newark, and the husband of Eveline Gertrude Wilkinson, of High St., Edwinstowe.

Charles Henry Wilson was a private in the 2nd/6th Battalion Sherwood Foresters (Notts and Derbys) Regiment. He died on the 21st March 1918 aged 25. He is named on the Arras memorial, Pas de Calais, France. Charles was an Estate Garden labourer, was born in S Collingham and was the son of Henry and Sarah E. Wilson, of Clumber Gates, Carburton. His father, Henry, was an Estate garden labourer and was born Carlton at Lindrick. His mother Sarah Elizabeth was born in South Collingham. Charles had two younger sisters - Alice Elizabeth and Florence May, both born at Carburton. Two further siblings had died. In 1911 they also had a lodger, Arthur Scott, estate Rabbit catcher, born in Dry Doddington, Lincs.

C Bentley No details found

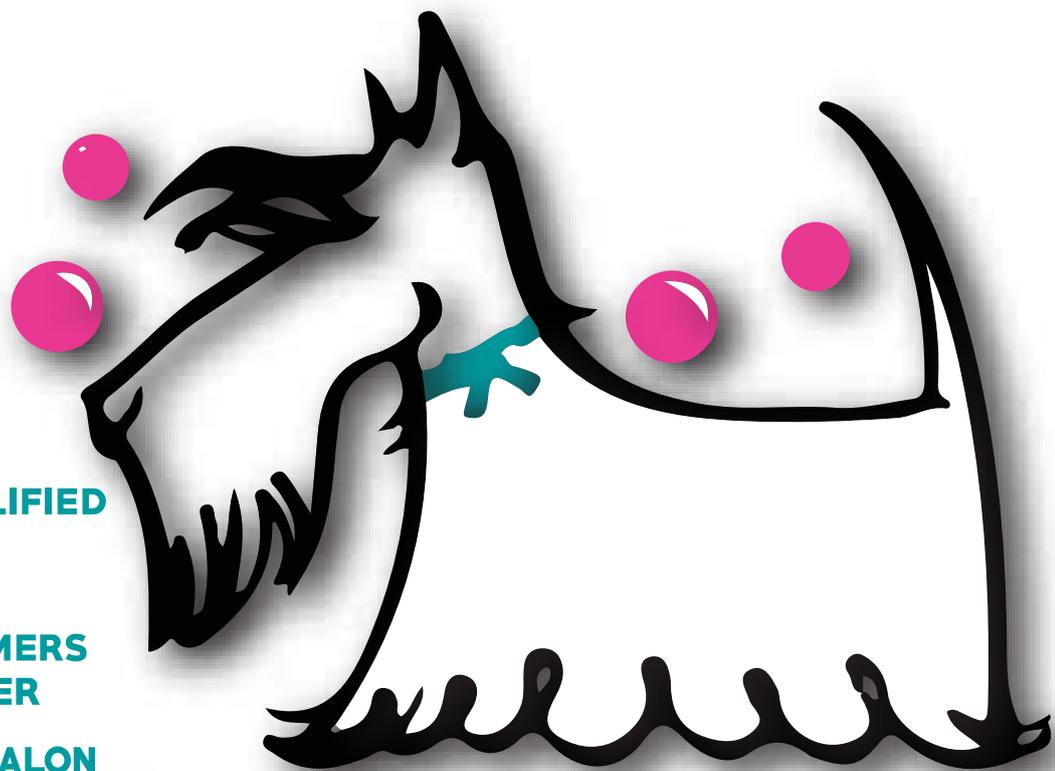
J Dalby No details found

As with all but one of the men of Edwinstowe, Clipstone and Carburton who died in this war, their bodies were buried overseas. We will be remembering them by ringing the church bells at St Mary's on the Sunday evening nearest to the 100th anniversary of their death.

On Sunday 11th November, the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, bells throughout the country will be rung half muffled before 11am in memory of those who died in the 1st World War and fully open after 11.00am to commemorate the anniversary of peace being declared.

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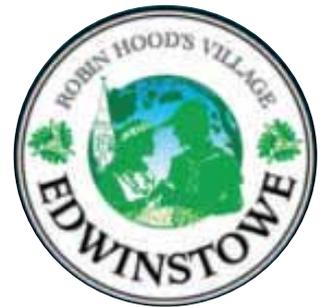
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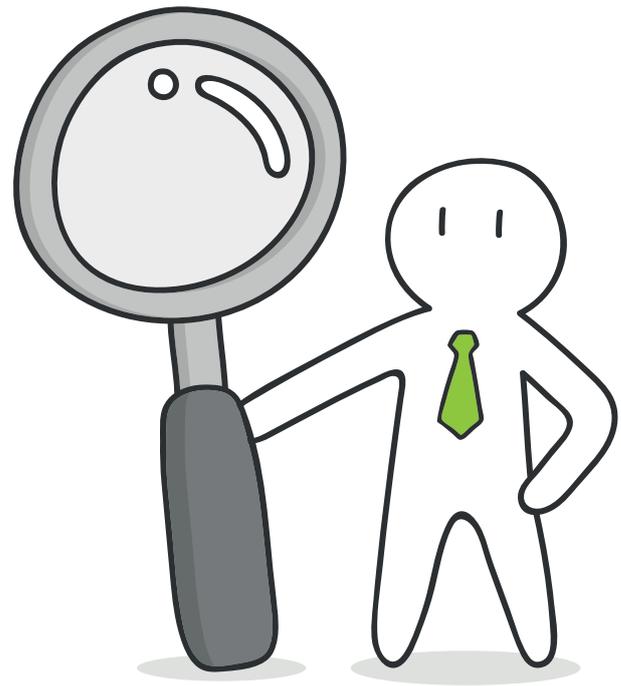
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