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Welcome to the Summer 2025 edition of the

Edwinstowe Village News

Welcome to the summer edition of the parish magazine, "Edwinstowe Village News", published and delivered to every house by Edwinstowe Parish Council. This is edition number 42 so it has now been going for 14 years and the regular articles from some of the many clubs and community groups are testament to our thriving village community. As always, we welcome any comments or suggestions and we hope you find the articles interesting and help you keep up to date with what is happening in the village.





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Well, what a spring we had this year with all the sunshine. It certainly lifted the spirits after a particularly grey and gloomy winter. Those of you who take your children or dogs to Jubilee Park on Mansfield Road will have seen the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) has been completed. It is already well used by children wanting to play football or practice their basketball skills. It offers something in addition to the recently upgraded ever popular skate park. As a member of the Parish Council, I know how much councillors are committed to providing outdoor play and sporting facilities to encourage children and young people to engage in healthy outdoor play. Jubilee Park is a wonderful outdoor space and the council are committed to adding additional children's play equipment on the various play parks in the village as funding becomes available.

A word about this magazine: we've been going for 14 years now with three editions per year. Obviously content can't compare with the immediacy of social media but we provide a different service. It's a magazine published by the Parish Council, so inevitably there are some articles keeping residents informed about the work of the council as part of being open and accountable. Importantly, it gives clubs and community groups a chance to promote themselves and their activities. Also, local businesses are able to advertise the services they can offer. So a traditional paper magazine still serves a useful purpose in reflecting all that is positive about our special village and I hope you'll agree, the articles are always positive!

Election result for Nottinghamshire County Council

For those of you who may have missed the result of the election for Nottinghamshire County Council, held on Thursday 1st May, the result and votes cast are listed below. Edwinstowe is one of six villages which make up the Sherwood Forest Division, the others being Clipstone, Kings Clipstone, Rufford, Wellow and Eakring. The Division is represented by one County Councillor. There are 66 County Councillors in all, so at least 34 seats need to be won for party to gain control of the council. The County Council is responsible for many local services such as education and children and young people's services, highways and street lighting, adult social care including services for the elderly and disabled, libraries and country parks.

The result for the Sherwood Forest Division was as follows:

Scott Carlton	(Conservative)	1139
Dave Dobbie	(Liberal Democrats)	95
Caroline Ellis	(Labour)	595
James Gamble	(Reform UK)	1610 * elected
Sheila Greatrex-White	(Green Party)	157

Reform UK took 40 seats and therefore have won control of the County Council taking over from the Conservatives who have controlled the council since 2017.

The Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held in the Parish Council room on Wednesday 14th May and was attended by parish councillors and several members of the public. The meeting is a legal requirement where a report of the Council's activities over the previous year is given to the public who have an opportunity to ask questions relating to Council activities and responsibilities.

The Chair of the Parish Council, Councillor Clive Parkin, welcomed members of the public and thanked councillors for their dedication and the considerable time they put in as elected members, who are all volunteers and claim no expenses. He reported that in addition to carrying out all its usual responsibilities in looking after the village and maintaining all the facilities, substantial improvements had been made to the skate park; a multi use games area had been built adjacent to the skate park; new play equipment had been installed on Fourth Avenue play area.

Also, major renovation work was being carried out on the Village Hall which should be completed by the end of June. The council planned to install more play equipment on the Jubilee Park and Henton Road play areas as soon as finances allowed. Councillor Parkin thanked the Parish Clerk, Mrs Alice Dunn, and her team for all their work during the year. The Parish Clerk gave a financial report which indicated the finances were in good order and the Council was on a sound financial footing looking to the future.

The Annual Parish Meeting Continued...

Several members of the public commented or asked questions. These included the need to restore the appearance of the history trail boards, tidying up the nature conservation area near the bridge, communication with the public, the possibility of reopening the public toilets, concern about the management of Sherwood Forest Country Park and lack of communication by RSPB. The Chair thanked the members of the public for their contributions and promised the Council would consider all the points raised and take appropriate action. A meeting with the RSPB was being sought to resolve some of the concerns raised by Edwinstowe residents.

The Annual Parish meeting was followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council. Councillor Clive Parkin was re-elected Chair of the Parish Council and Councillor John Peck was re-elected as Vice-chair. It was agreed that members would remain on the same committees and working parties which include, finance and general purposes, parks and open spaces, events, cemetery, allotments, human resources.

Which Council is responsible for which service?

It can be confusing for members of the public to find out which council is responsible for which service. Living in a village means there are three councils responsible for all the many public services and facilities available in the village and county. At the moment, if you want to know which council is responsible for what, there is the Edwinstowe Parish Council, Newark and Sherwood District Council and Nottinghamshire County Council. The Parish Council is the lowest tier of local government and is responsible for a limited number of facilities within the parish boundaries. The District Council is the middle tier of local government and carries out a range of services and responsibilities within the wider district (the county is divided into seven districts plus Nottingham City Council). The County Council is the upper-tier authority and has a much wider range of responsibilities than the district councils. Note, it is proposed that within the next two or three years, the district councils will disappear under a major reorganisation of local government, which will mean there will be one authority responsible for all the services currently provided by the district and county councils. Parish Councils will remain.

Whilst residents can always refer to the websites of the three councils to find out about particular services, a brief summary of some of the main responsibilities are listed here:

Parish Council responsibilities include: the Village Hall, Boy Lane and Ollerton Road allotments, the parish cemetery, Jubilee Park, Henton Road and Fourth Avenue play areas, litter picking and litter bin emptying, dog waste bins, maintenance of village facilities, the war memorial, Thoresby Colliery memorial garden, hanging baskets and floral displays, grass cutting of verges and parks, Christmas lights and organising the Christmas event.

Newark and Sherwood District Council responsibilities include: environmental health, council housing, homelessness, leisure centres, planning, public conveniences, refuse and garden waste collection.

Nottinghamshire County Council responsibilities include: Local authority schools including special needs provision, Highways (including on street parking, traffic management, street lighting, road and pavement repairs, adjacent trees and verges), libraries, youth services, country parks, children's social care, adult social care, waste disposal and recycling, trading standards, transport, strategic planning for such things as mineral extraction.

The names of your various Parish, District and County Councillors are listed at the end of this magazine.

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The Parish Council operates Allotments at Royal Oak Court and Boy Lane. Our plots are always in demand. If you would like an allotment, please contact us at The Council Office in the Village Hall.

Litter Picking Volunteers

Edwinstowe is blessed with having an active team of volunteer litter-pickers who have been receiving much acclaim for their efforts. I would like to add my thanks for excellent work along the roads into the village, collecting countless sacks of thoughtlessly discarded rubbish. They are always looking for additional volunteers so keep an eye open for their announcements on Facebook.

Playgrounds

Following the recently completed phase of installation of additional playground equipment at Fourth Avenue Playground, our focus now turns to improving the play equipment on Henton Road Park and the children's playground on Jubilee Park

We recently saw the installation of the new Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) at Jubilee Park next to the Skatepark. This is fabulous facility that enhances play and exercise opportunity for a wide range of users.



Parish Councillors at the new MUGA. (l to r): Cllr Clive Parkin, Cllr Karen Peck, Councillor John Peck, Cllr Celia Brooks, Cllr Paul Peacock

V E Day

A small service to commemorate the 80th anniversary of V E Day, organised by the local branch of the Royal British Legion took place at the village War Memorial on Thursday 8th May.

Cemetery Car Parking

I would like to appeal to car users to respect that parking in the Cemetery Car Park is for cemetery visitors only – for the duration of their visit. Motorists parking there when visiting the forest, or visitors centre, is not acceptable.

Car Parking

At long last, I can report that up-grading work has commenced on the Village Hall. This much-used and much-valued building has needed a significant investment in remedial work to weather-proof the roof, guttering, lantern and windows. It is hoped that this work will ensure the Village Hall is fit for use for many years to come

Cllr Clive Parkin, Chair of Edwinstowe Parish Council



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Top quality food is prepared on the premises under the careful supervision of our head Chef. Fresh local produce is delivered daily. Residents can choose their meals from our varied and tempting menus which are distributed daily to ensure individual choices can be met. All tastes and special dietary requirements are easily catered for. Visitors are welcome to join relatives for a meal or snack.

Bedrooms have been tastefully decorated and Residents may wish to choose their own décor or partially furnish their bedroom with their own belongings. This is both welcomed and encouraged to enhance the informal and home-like atmosphere of the home whilst promoting familiarity and belonging. All bedrooms and en suites are fitted with a call aid system.

The home is equipped with a Fire Alarm System and all staff receive (remove s) regular fire awareness training and fire drills are carried out weekly. "Monitored Dosage System" has been recently employed to safeguard best practice in relation to the storage and administration of medication.



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The Dukeries Singers

What a fantastic time we've had recently at our social event. It was an absolute blast and it was wonderful to see everyone come together, not just as singers but also as friends. The evening was filled with fun, singing, games and a quiz that had everyone laughing and competing in good spirits. Special thanks to everyone who helped organize and perform at the event; your efforts made the evening special.

In addition to our recent social gathering, we also had the privilege of attending a brilliant teaching musical workshop. Kate Bidwell is a music teacher from Grantham who helped those who didn't fully understand how to read music and achieve good pitch. Her teaching style was both engaging and supportive. Her patience and encouragement created a positive learning environment where everyone felt comfortable asking questions and trying new techniques. The techniques and insights she shared were invaluable, and it was wonderful to see everyone so engaged and eager to improve. The energy in the room was palpable, and I do not doubt that we all walked away with new skills and a renewed passion for our craft.

As we look ahead, our Summer Concerts are just around the corner. This is a chance to showcase all the hard work and dedication put into rehearsals. We are especially excited to be singing music from the stage shows, which I know will be a hit with our audience. We continue to support each other and bring the best to every practice, and I am confident that our combined talent and enthusiasm will deliver a performance that will be remembered for years to come.

We always welcome new singers, especially those who want to return to singing, so please do not hesitate to contact John Banbury on mobile 07759-086132.



Community Cricket Club

We have been very busy and are already halfway through a very successful season. The story so far :-

Our First team have won one and lost one, the same story for the Second team. Our Ladies team have already won a tournament at Clumber Park and the Junior Hardball teams are going well. We are fielding teams at Under 11, 12, 13 and 15 (shared team with Blyth) age groups.

The All Stars programme, held on Sunday mornings, have over 65 registered 4 – 8 yr olds. Please make a note of the following fixtures and Social events, we would love to see you at the Forest Corner.

Sat 28 June	Edwinstowe CCC - Family Day (An absolute MUST)
Sat 5 July	2nd XI v Clumber Park 3rd XI
Sat 12 July	1st XI v Sherwood Colliery 2nd XI
Sun 13 July	Ladies Softball Festival - Forest Corner - 10.00am
Sat 19 July	2nd XI v Blyth 2nd XI
Sat 26 July	1st XI v Anston CC 4th XI - Social Evening
Sat 2 August	2nd XI v Misterton Phoenix CC
Sat 9 August	1st XI v Papplewick & Linby 3rd XI
Sat 16 August	1st XI v Cuckney CC 4th XI
Fri 29 August	Band & Food
Sat 30 August	st XI v Teversal CC 2nd XI

As well as the above we have matches on Sundays involving either Wellow Exiles or our Edwinstowe Sunday XI. Once again our thanks go to our Sponsors, our supporters and above all those who make this thing work. They know who they are!



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1 Corinthians 16:14

Making memories is of great importance to us at St Mary's, here are just some of our memorable moments from the Spring term...

- Children's mental health day
- Football team successes
- Visit from Olympic athlete Jess Clarke
- Young Voices Choir performing at Sheffield Arena
- Visit from Graffiti Artists to provide lasting artwork on our building
- Visit to Southwell Minster
- Football team successes
- Handball festival success
- Mother's Day celebrations
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We also offer virtual tenancy, giving remote workers and small businesses a professional address and access to meeting rooms when needed, which is ideal for those wanting a presence without the commitment of a full-time office.

What truly sets us apart is our atmosphere. Home to a mix of professionals, accountants, consultants, therapists and stylists, Edwinstowe House fosters a unique, relaxed community. Connections happen naturally, whether over coffee in the breakout space or during a chat in the common areas.

Our management team is hands on, taking time to understand each tenant's needs and encouraging collaboration. It's this personalised support that makes the biggest difference, especially for start-ups or solo workers.

With free parking, good transport links, reception services, an onsite café and a central village location, we offer a stress-free space for people to thrive.

Edwinstowe House isn't about frills, it is authentic, grounded and centred on what really counts with the right environment, the right people and the right support to grow at your own pace.



What's on at Edwinstowe Library & Learning Centre?

REGULAR EVENTS

Fiction reading group – 1st Thursday of the month from 10.00am

Rhyme, Rattle & Roll – every Friday 2.00 – 2.30pm (term time only)

Non-fiction reading group – 1st Friday of the month from 10.00am

Places of Welcome – every Tuesday 2.00 – 3.30pm

Adult craft group – every Tuesday 10.00 – 12.00 midday

Lego club – every Tuesday & Friday 4.00 – 5.00pm

Children's craft club – 1st Saturday of the month 10.30 – 12.00 midday

Community jigsaw – available during normal opening hours

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

Tuesday 9.00 – 5.30pm
Thursday 9.00 – 12.30pm
Friday 9.00 – 5.30pm
Saturday 10.00 – 1.00pm

As well as the above, we also offer – various one-off events throughout the year, the Summer Reading Challenge for children (this will launch in July), a comfortable seating area where you can grab a hot drink and a biscuit while relaxing, browsing our stock or even colour one of our mindfulness pictures!

If you want to learn a new hobby or skill why not book on one of our Inspire learning courses – course guides available in the library

For more information about any of the above please pop into the library and speak to the library staff, look online at the Inspire website or contact Ask Inspire on 01623 677200

We look forward to welcoming you to our library very soon, Edwinstowe Library Team

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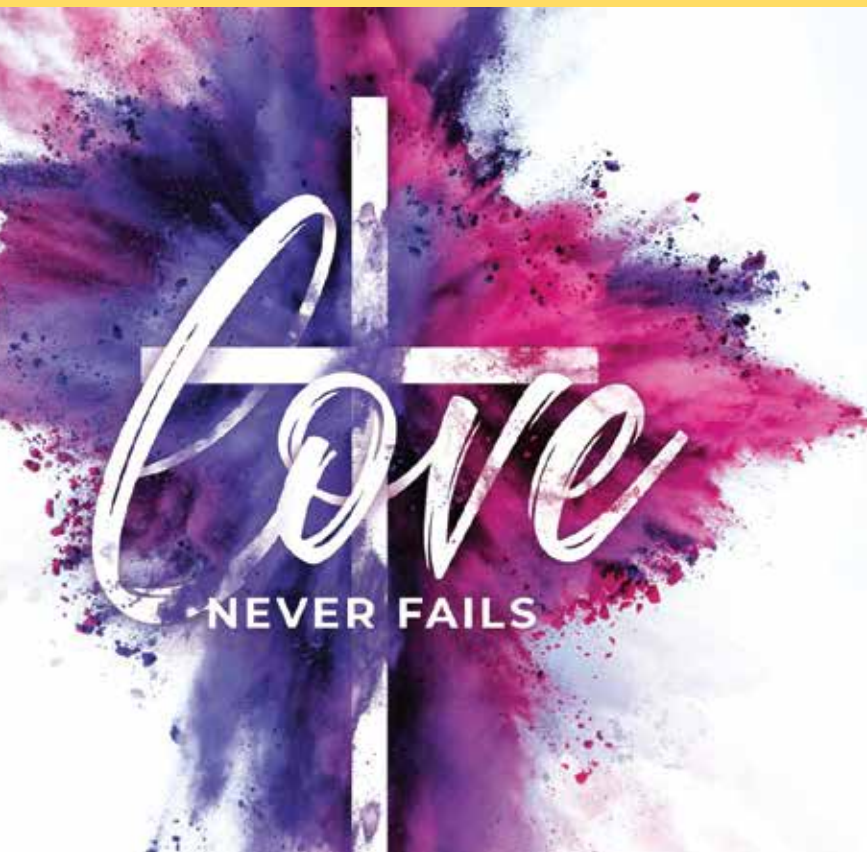
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What have we been up to? Our Brownies have been buzzing with excitement, welcoming lots of new friends and exploring the world with our 'I am one in 10 million badge' for World Thinking Day. We've been making beautiful blossom pictures for Asia, writing in Cartouche like they do in the Arab region, playing games from Chile, and of course having a blast with chocolate games inspired by Switzerland! This term we are getting reflective with our Reflection badge and diving into some brand new interest badges. Plus, get ready for our huge 60th-anniversary celebration later this year, complete with a special pack holiday!

Our Guides, a small but super group, have been just as busy! They've learned about different cultures by making roti bread from Africa and dream catchers for the Western Hemisphere, and yes, they definitely joined in the chocolate fun. This term, they're building skills with their next Skills Builder badge and enjoying the great outdoors.

Ready to join the fun? Whether you want to be a Brownie, Guide, or Ranger, we'd love to meet you! Register your interest here: <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>. Come and join us for a world of fun, friendship, and unforgettable adventures!

Thoresby Colliery Cricket Club

The 2025 season is now underway with the 1st XI competing in the Bassetlaw League Championship and the 2nds in Division 2.

The 1sts have been ably supported by the clubs Overseas player Pasindu [Pas] who hit the ground running in wicket taking and run making. Pas hails from Sri Lanka and has spent time before in this country playing for clubs in different areas. Pas has also been assisting in local schools to support the game of cricket and hopefully get more youngsters interested in playing competitively.

Coaching at club junior training nights is also part of his duties and is being assisted by Daisie another qualified club coach.

The club has invested in youth development to continue the clubs success and Henry and Aiden have established themselves as regular members of the 1st XI squad.

The 2nds have given the opportunity to youngsters to play in Senior cricket as part of their pathway. Both Kasper and Reuben have taken that big step from Junior level to playing in the Bassetlaw Division 2 and contributed with both bat and ball.

The club also compete in the Mansfield District Sunday League Premiership Division and this also gives the Juniors opportunity to gain more experience of the senior game.

The Ladies section continues to thrive with 2 softball teams and one featuring in the hardball format.

Anyone from any age, gender and ability is encouraged to contact the club to see if they would like to give the game a try.

Are you looking for opportunities to play competitively or just to give it a go and just socialise? We welcome you either way. Contact: Secretary Martin Cheshire mob no 07896 742669.



Local Charity Celebrates Funding Success

Home-Start Newark is celebrating after recently securing 3 years of funding from Children in Need for one of their key services – their supported Family Group.

Home-Start Newark has been operating in the local community for 40 years and provides a range of vital support services for families with children under the age of five. Their services cover Newark and the surrounding areas, including Ollerton, Boughton and Bilsthorpe.

This funding will support the vital running of their supported Family Group, a free service, which is provided twice weekly in central Newark, providing play, support and a free healthy breakfast to local families. Home-Start Family Group also organises a free summer trip each year for their supported families enjoy. This takes place in the school holidays so that older siblings can also join in the fun! In recent years coaches have been organised to take families to White Post Farm and a Butterfly Park.

At Christmas, Family Group also host a free party where their supported families can get together, have fun, and enjoy a selection of festive food. There is also a surprise visitor from the North Pole, with a gift for each child!

“It’s not always easy, keeping the charity afloat so am absolutely delighted to receive this crucial funding from Children In Need.” explains Sara Grant, Manager of Home-Start Newark, “This funding allows us to continue to provide one of our vital support services for another 3 years, which is so important as families continue to face a range of issues in this challenging climate”.

If you are a parent or carer with a child under five and would be interested in getting some support at home, or would like to attend the Home-Start Newark Family Group, please get in touch with Home-Start Newark directly on 01636 705011, or text ‘support’ to 07435 939713, email info@homestartnewark.co.uk or find them on social media. Or if you’d like to find out more about volunteering with the charity, get in touch and they would be delighted to talk to you.

Home-Start Newark, Registered Charity No: 1109551 “Registered charity in England and Wales (802052) and Scotland (SC039557)”



Thoresby Ladies Cricket Club

Hidden away in the avenues of Edwinstowe, away from the hustle and bustle, is the home of Thoresby colliery cricket club.

The ladies section has been established for a few years and has had a very successful couple of seasons. With the summer just around the corner, how about trying something different, to exercise, make a few new friends, or play competitively, Thoresby ladies always welcome new players. (Girls and ladies 12+)

We’ve got softball and hardball teams. You don’t need any experience or equipment to start. Our matches are quick. (No need to worry about standing in the field all day) We train on Friday evening from 6.30 at Thoresby colliery cricket club 4th avenue Edwinstowe (next to King Edwin School) The bar is always open!

Come along and have a go, you might actually love it! For more information please contact Sarah 07923 989 662 or sarah.bb.smith@gmail.com

A promotional poster for the Thoresby Ladies Cricket Club. The background is blue. At the top left, the text 'EVER THOUGHT ABOUT PLAYING CRICKET?' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. To the right is a circular logo with 'THORESBY COLLIERY' at the top, 'CC' in the center, and 'CRICKET CLUB' at the bottom. Below the main text, it says 'Come and join the Thoresby Ladies!' in yellow, followed by 'New to cricket? So were most of us! Come and give it a go!' in white. Then, 'Fun, fitness & friendship! No experience needed – just bring yourself and some enthusiasm!' in white. Below that, 'When: Fridays at 6:30pm' and 'Where: Thoresby Cricket Club, Fourth Avenue, Edwinstowe next to King Edwin Primary' are listed in white. At the bottom, 'Contact Sarah for more information: 07923 989 662 or sarah.bb.smith@gmail.com' is written in white. A cricket bat and a red ball are shown in the bottom right corner. A small note at the bottom left says '*Females aged 12+'.

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King Edwinner School Mini Marathon: A Triumph of Community Spirit

Mr Callaghan-Wetton Headteacher

To coincide this year's London Marathon, KEPS hosted its own remarkable mini marathon event, bringing together students, parents, and staff in a celebration of fitness, community, and generosity.

Our incredible King Edwinner children showcased their determination and enthusiasm by running at least 20 laps around our daily mile track, collectively covering over 1000 miles. Their efforts were not just about physical achievement but also about making a difference. Through their dedication, they raised over £3000, which will be used to purchase sports equipment, Forest School resources, and play equipment. The school council and play leaders will have the exciting task of selecting these new additions.

The event was a wonderful family affair, with parents and staff joining in the fun and contributing at least an additional 300 miles to the total distance. The atmosphere was filled with joy and camaraderie, highlighting the strong bond within our school community. We are already looking forward to our next event in 2026, where we hope to build on this year's success and continue to foster a spirit of togetherness and healthy living.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this fantastic initiative. Together, we are making King Edwin Primary School a better place for our children to learn, play, and grow.

Bridging Borders Through Books: King Edwin Pupils Join UK-Ukraine Reading Partnership.

By Mrs Lynn, Deputy Headteacher

This term, I was honoured to represent King Edwin Primary School at the launch of a remarkable new initiative: the **UK-Ukraine School Partnerships Programme**, led by the British Council and the National Literacy Trust. Funded by the UK Government as part of the 100-Year Partnership with Ukraine, this project is unlike anything we've been involved in before – and it couldn't have come at a more important time.

The programme brings together UK and Ukrainian schools to share the joy of reading and build mutual understanding through stories from our different cultures. In a world that sometimes feels fractured, this project is a powerful reminder of how literature can unite us – across languages, borders, and life experiences.

The experience began with a two-day workshop in Poland, where I had the privilege of meeting partner teachers from Ukraine. It was a moving and inspiring event. Despite the ongoing conflict in their country, our Ukrainian colleagues were full of warmth,



resilience, and a deep commitment to their pupils. Together, we began planning how our schools could work side-by-side, using reading as a bridge between our classrooms and our communities.

At King Edwin Primary School, this project will open a new window for our pupils – one that lets them see the world beyond classrooms. They will read stories from Ukraine, share their own favourites, and collaborate with children who are living through very different circumstances. In doing so, they'll not only develop their reading skills and vocabulary but also their empathy, cultural awareness, and global citizenship. For our children, the benefits are immense. Reading for pleasure is proven to boost mental wellbeing and academic achievement – but this project goes further. It connects our pupils with a real-world purpose for reading, and a deeper appreciation for the power of stories to heal, connect, and inspire.

We are proud to be part of this ground-breaking initiative. At King Edwin Primary School, we believe every child deserves to feel heard, understood, and connected – and through this partnership, they will.

Always A Special Moment For The Lions

Edwinstowe and the Dukeries Lions, like all Lions clubs, love to sign up new members. It is very difficult these days to get volunteers to help us and be proud to wear the badge. It is a very simple equation "more members the more of a difference we can make."

We write an article every month asking the community to consider joining us, it costs very little money to be a member, only £1 per week. Yes we pay to be a member, you may think that is odd when we are giving some of our time to help others. Personally I think it is one of our biggest selling points. The reason is that when we ask the public for a few shillings (shillings where did that come from?) we proudly say we don't use your gift to run the club, we use ALL of it for worthy causes. No chief execs on £200k plus a year, just a band of beautiful people who care about others. Of course it does cost money to run a club and we need a uniform so we are recognisable. We pay for our own tops but that is not compulsory as not everyone can afford it.

Whilst on this subject, if you are a BUSINESS, why not help us by being a SPONSOR? No matter what amount it all helps. We do occasionally organise fundraising for the club administration, but that is clearly stated. All our other events are for the good of the community.

Now back to our proud moment, at our last meeting we badged up Carl and Michelle to our club. Senior Lion Diane who has been a member for 20 years formally invited them to join and in the picture they were joined by their Sponsors, the lovely Kim and president elect Paul Whitmore.

If you fancy seeing what we get up to, why not contact us and maybe come to a meeting. We take what we do very very seriously, however we have many socials and have lots of fun, we are certainly one big family who care about each other.

Finally thank you for everyone who visited us at our stall at St Georges day in Ollerton. Our first charity music afternoon at the Old Red Lion at Wellow is on the 16th August. (Contact them for ticket details.)

To get in touch please contact Jon Yarwood on 07581 265531 or by email on jon.c.yarwood@gmail.com



Major Oak Pop Choir

2025 is very special for the Edwinstowe based Major Oak Pop Choir, as it marks their 10th anniversary. They recently celebrated this momentous occasion with some delicious cakes, kindly baked by one of the choir members, Jane Young. Founded by Edwinstowe resident, Pauline Daglish, time has flown since the choir's very first rehearsal, when 20 Ladies turned up to see what it was all about. Membership quickly increased to 80 members, and this number has remained constant throughout. (Fun fact – the reason we have a cap on 80 members is because there are 80 chairs in the Church rooms where we rehearse!) The Ladies of the choir are extremely proud of the fact that over the last 10 years, they have raised an incredible £80,000 for local charities. Well done to everyone involved for such a tremendous achievement!

Preparations are underway for an exciting summer performance on Sunday 6th July, to support cancer services at Kings Mill Hospital. As usual, the choir will be singing a 'feel-good' programme of songs from film, musicals, and popular song, all of which celebrate the power of love and friendship. Why not come along and support your local choir, as they fly the flag for Edwinstowe? We guarantee you an uplifting and toe-tapping experience, and you will help us to raise even more money for a very worthy cause.

Sunday 6th July 2025 – 6pm Mansfield Civic Centre – Tickets £10 Tickets available from 01623 676011 or sfh-tr.charity@nhs.net – Licensed bar & raffle



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In January we put on a mixed health event at Edwinstowe Village Hall for an afternoon with support from Major Oak Medical Practice and the Newark and Sherwood Community Voluntary Service who brought together various health organisations to attend the event. This was an opportunity for residents to meet local health and wellbeing organisations, learn about their services and discover resources to improve lifestyle.

To continue our work on bringing health advice and information to residents enabling them to be better informed to lead a healthier lifestyle, we are planning a summer health event which will have a lot more health related organisations and well-being related community groups. The event will be at South Forest Leisure Centre on 18th June in the afternoon. Look out for publicity around the village identifying the type of organisations attending and notification from the practice nearer the event.

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Michelle Welsh MP

It's a real privilege to represent a community as vibrant, historic, and welcoming as ours. It has almost been one year since being elected and I am reminded every day of our rich history and passionate community.

I was delighted to see the restored Robin Hood and Maid Marian statue in the heart of Edwinstowe. It's a fitting tribute to the legends and stories that continue to inspire visitors from around the world - a symbol of the pride we all share in our heritage.

That heritage is something I'm determined to promote. I'm currently working with local residents, including the Medieval Sheriff of Nottingham, to put Sherwood Forest firmly back on the map. From developing new tourism opportunities to promoting the Forest, we want Sherwood to be a place where history, nature, and community come together in a way that benefits everyone.

In other news, I recently had the pleasure of meeting with the Chief Officer of Newark and Sherwood Community and Voluntary Service, based in Edwinstowe. Their work supporting local charities, volunteers, and vital services is a powerful reminder of the strength and generosity within our community. I'll continue to do what I can in Parliament to support their efforts and ensure they get the backing they need. I also look forward to celebrating our community volunteers here in Edwinstowe during Volunteers' Week at the beginning of June. As always, my door is always open if you wish to contact me at michelle.welsh.mp@parliament.uk or on 0115 646 6219.

Edwinstowe Food Hub

Come and see us at Edwinstowe Food Hub. We are a not-for-profit community group and our aim is to provide low-cost food for residents and reduce food waste. The Food Hub work with FareShare, who collect food from supermarkets that they no longer require or is near its 'use by' date. FareShare then deliver 280kg of food to the Abbey Road Community Centre every Thursday and our team unpack, sort and box it ready for the afternoon.

Our food boxes cost £3.50 and are filled with a range of items including fruit, vegetables, packet, chilled and frozen foods. They are available every Thursday 2-4pm at Abbey Rd Community Centre.

For residents who have a food emergency

Contact the Food Hub any time on 07480 953356 and we can deliver a bag of essential food items Or contact Ollerton CAR group on 07754 536530. Available Monday Wednesday and Friday 10am to 1pm

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Edwinstowe Historical Society

The Society is pleased to announce that proposals are in hand for the provision of blue plaques on two buildings in the village, one on the Old Methodist Chapel on High Street and one for Edwinstowe Hall. The current display on the notice board in the Sherwood Forest Art and Craft Centre relates to pageants and events that have taken place in the village. The next display will be devoted to Thoresby Colliery, which closed ten years ago after being operational for one hundred years.

The Society continues to receive enquiries about relatives who once lived in the village. Heartfelt thanks were received from one gentleman in Holland after our researchers furnished details of his great grandfather (born in Galicia in 1904) who lost contact with his family when he came to live in Edwinstowe in the 1940's. These enabled him to inform his grandmother that her father was buried in the Forest cemetery.

Recent talks have referred to Mary Queen of Scots, an ocean liner stewardess who survived the sinking of the Titanic, the Mayflower pilgrims, Richard Bernard who wrote about witches and Thoresby Hall. The programme of talks is available on the Website. www.edwinstowehistory.org.uk. There are no talks during July and August. Meetings are held in the Church Rooms, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe, NG21 9NJ on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, commencing at 2.00 p.m. and lasting for approximately 2 hours. Tea/coffee and biscuits are available. The annual membership subscription is £15 and a welcome is extended to all at a charge of £3. Enquiries may be made to EdwinstoweHistorySoc@gmail.com.

The Robin Hood Festival returns

The Robin Hood Festival is back at Sherwood Forest this summer. The festivities begin with Films in the Forest, a weekend of outdoor cinema from 25th – 27th July. There are six films to choose from, including two Robin Hood movies – Prince of Thieves, starring Kevin Costner, and the Disney animated classic version from 1973.

- . The Knights of Nottingham ride into the forest once again for two days of spectacular jousting action on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd August.
- . All manner of curious creatures and characters will be among the ancient oaks of the outlaws' woodland for the Fantasy in the Greenwood Weekend on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August.
- . And the Sherwood Outlaws will be headlining the Grand Finale weekend from Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th August with their retelling of the Sherwood Forest legend in their own inimitable style in the arena.
- . There will be comedy with the Medieval Maniax, birds of prey shows with Go Active Falconry, magic, music, children's entertainment, storytelling, historical re-enactment, and so much more besides.

A veritable village of traders selling unique and unusual gifts will also be there. As usual, no booking or tickets are required, so admission is free. There is a £15 special event parking charge (£12 for RSPB members) and a charge for some activities, such as archery.

Full details are available here: <https://visitsherwood.co.uk/home/robin-hood-festival-2025/>

You can also follow updates on Facebook @robinhoodfestival – Volunteers needed for this year's Robin Hood Festival. The RSPB is always on the lookout for volunteers for the Robin Hood Festival. From helping to set up and pack down Festival shows and events, and managing queues and crowds, to selling merchandise and providing advice and information for visitors, there are lots of opportunities to help the Festival to run as smoothly as possible. Roles include Events Volunteer, Retail Volunteer, Café Volunteer and Car Park Volunteer.

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We have a contemporary worship service called 'Sunday @ 6' this is on the 4th Sunday of every month at 6pm. A chance to come and refresh, soak in the presence of God through worship music, praise, and prayer, scripture and word.

One Way Club (for 3-9 year olds) meet in the church rooms on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month at 10.45am and then joins the end of the Sunday service after this. Come along or get in touch for more information. The Ark (for toddlers and their carers) meets in the church rooms on the 1st Tuesday of every month 1:30-3pm - Illuminate (for 10-15 year olds) meets on the 1st Sunday of every month 6-7.30pm in The Church rooms.

Look out for more information about upcoming service and events on our Facebook page, search for St Mary's Church Edwinstowe. Every Blessing Revd Claire. If you would like to get in touch or have a chat, please contact me on 07840418922 or revclairemelless@churchesofsherwood.org



Edwinstowe Hospice Support Group

Heralding the start of a lovely Spring our Snowdrop Coffee Morning on the 15th February in the Village Hall was well supported raising the splendid sum of £768.

Thank you to all who have helped to run our events and especially to all our supporters and customers. We could not do it without you. Please make a note of these dates in your diary : Coffee Mornings on 20th September and 15th November in the Village Hall.

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Agenda Issued	5	3	7	4	2	6	4	6	5	5	9	7
Finance & Governance Committee		16			15			21			22	
Agenda Issued		10			9			15			16	
HR Committee	18			16			17			18		
Agenda Issued	12			11			11			12		
Events Committee	4			25		5		7			8	
Agenda Issued	29			18		30		1			2	
Cemetery Working Group	25				22			28			29	
Agenda Issued	19				16			22			23	
Allotment Working Group		23				19			18			6
Agenda Issued		17				13			12			30
Parks & Open Spaces Working Group				3			3			25		
Agenda Issued				28			26			19		
S106 Working Group				24			10			4		
Agenda Issued				17			4			26		

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