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EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

October 2018



Tour of Britain

What a fantastic day that was! It was great to see the village streets full of spectators young and old and we hope you had an enjoyable experience of this national sporting spectacle. The Parish Council along with volunteers arranged for the village to be decorated up with knitted bunting, which was knitted by local residents and bikes kindly donated by our local scrap man, were painted yellow and positioned in prominent places around the village and decorated up with plants. A workshop was held for

the younger members of the Community over the summer holidays in the village hall for them to come along and decorate the bunting. On the day members of the Parish Council handed cowbells to all children attending so they could make a lot of noise when the cyclists came through the village. The Gresley Colliery Brass Band played in the Rest Garden adding to the sense of occasion. The police motorcyclists kept the crowd entertained by sounding their sirens and waving to the crowd. A couple of signs held up by children caused some amusement as they had Hinault, Merckx and Wiggins written on them, none of these were race participants and haven't raced for a number of years!

When the anticipation was running high the cyclists appeared along Gotham Road and some of them were seen bunny hopping the kerb much to the amusement of the crowd. Whoosh and the cyclists had moved on although that didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the spectators.

You may have noticed that the flowers from the bikes have now been put to good use and are planted in the raised beds in the village centre.

It was good to see so many people from the village and from outside the village come to join in the fun.

Anyone who might have caught the TV coverage will have noticed that the bike 'sculpture' at the Bowls Club made a brief appearance but sadly in spite of our best efforts nothing else of East Leake was shown. Well done Bowls Club!

The Parish Council would like to thank Rushcliffe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council for enabling this event to go ahead and the organisation that was put in to it. A big thank you to all the volunteers that helped make the event so successful.

Also happening in the village the same weekend was the Village Show and East Leake Live - please see message from Cllr Mel Roper on page 7 on this event.



Could it be YOU?



Have YOU ever considered standing to be Councillor? There are council elections on 2nd May 2019, and all 15 seats on the Parish Council are up for re-election for the next four year period. So this is YOUR chance to make a difference to our village, rather than just moaning about things on Facebook. If you are a new resident it is a wonderful opportunity to get involved in the community and to get to know people.

What is the Parish Council?

The parish of East Leake is an administrative area - the village and area around it - and the Parish Council is the level of local government closest to the community, with responsibilities for making decisions affecting day to day

village matters and for representing East Leake's views to other authorities. (The word "parish" can be misleading – the Parish Council is nothing at all to do with the church.)

How much time does it take?

There is one Council meeting a month on the fourth Tuesday at 7:30pm, usually lasting about 2 hours. There are 3 committees also meeting on Tuesday evenings that councillors can also be members of – dealing with Planning, Amenities, and Management. Some councillors get involved in other meetings and activities outside these times, but it is perfectly possible to be a parish councillor if you have a full time job during the day.

Am I Eligible?

Broadly, you must be a UK (or Commonwealth or EU) citizen and at least 18 years old, registered to vote and living within 3 miles or working in the parish.

Must I Belong to a Political Party?

No – you can stand as an independent candidate. At present about half our councillors are Conservatives and half have no political affiliation.

How do I Find Out More?

Rushcliffe Borough Council will publish details of how to stand as a candidate for parish and borough elections in the new year. It is not a difficult process. In the meantime, why not find out more about it by coming along to some meetings? All Parish Council meetings are open to the public – you can just sit and listen if you don't want to say anything, to see how things work. You could contact an existing councillor for a chat about the role, or talk with Neil or Sue (our Clerk and Deputy Clerk). The contact details are on the back of the newsletter and the website, and we are very approachable and eager to hear from people who might be interested. So, why not give it some thought?



East Leake Sports & Community Hub Project

As many of you will know, the old pavilion on the Costock Road Playing Fields has been in a very poor state for a number of years now. The charity that operates the playing fields, East Leake Playing Fields Charity (ELPFC), is running a project that aims to replace the existing single storey “shed” with a new facility that will continue to meet the primary aim, i.e. supporting sports and activity in the village and surrounding area, but also serve as a community hub, to be available as a venue for a wide range of other activities. The general feeling is that the development of this kind of space is long overdue.

With seed funding support from the Parish Council, the ELPFC has been able to engage with a specialist team of architects to produce plans and designs for the new building, and these are now being finalised to submit to Rushcliffe Borough Council for planning approval.

When it comes to funding the construction, there is a significant amount of money available from Section 106 development funding that has been specifically allocated for this purpose, but the charity will need to raise a considerable amount of additional funding from other sources. This is where the “community” aspect of the project will be so important. While volunteers will be needed (and some have already come forward) to identify and apply for funding, organise local fundraising events etc. the project will really need support from the wider community, whether it be buying tickets to fundraising events, donations, or using professional & personal contacts to help raise the profile of the project.

A public meeting is being arranged for the evening of Thursday 25th October, at which the architects will present the plans and 3D visuals for the new building, and both they and members of the charity will be on hand to answer questions. Please come along and find out more, and lend your support to this

Venue: Old Pavilion, Costock Road Playing Fields

Date: Thursday 25th October

Time: 7.30 – 8.30pm



Remembrance Sunday November 11th 2018 at 11am



Most people will know this year marks 100 years since the Armistice at the end of WW1.

The Parish Council is therefore planning to facilitate a service performed by the Rector of St Marys at the Memorial on Main Street, in front of the Church and Church rooms on School Green.

The parade by the Royal British Legion is in Gotham this year due to the bi-annual arrangements agreed for some time, it having been in East Leake last year.

Therefore, there will not be a parade in East Leake and the road closure will only be from Station Road to Manor Farm Meadow, approx. 1045 - 1130. East Leake Parish Council will provide Marshalls on the day in compliance with Police and Highways requirements and regulations

Diversions for through traffic will be needed from both Station Road and Gotham Road, but access for residents and churches will be allowed from Gotham Road to Manor Farm Meadow inclusive. Buses will divert during this closure.

As well as this Newsletter article, there will be

- Leaflets to premises affected

- Notices on lamp posts on Main Street

- Large poppies on lamp posts on Main Street



Would you like to volunteer to help on the day? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk.

SKATE PARK



You will, no doubt, have noticed that work started on the new concrete skate park, with the removal of the old wooden structure and the widening of the base to accommodate the new design.

Fate has, however, conspired against us with a family illness meaning that the senior member of the build team had to leave the site which halted work for a few days. The team returned to site and brought with them all the equipment that they would need but unfortunately two of these items of equipment were stolen over the weekend of 14th October which has further delayed things.

No doubt the new build will eventually go ahead as planned, but at the time of writing we do not have a revised completion date. As soon as this is available we will let you know via the Facebook page.

PLANNING



Rempstone Road Site

Planning applications continue to come in despite the Rushcliffe Local Plan Part 2 allocating no further development for East Leake. A second site off Lantern Lane obtained approval for 195 homes by means of an appeal, with the hearing held in June. Building work has not yet started on this site or the site off Rempstone Road, as neither have detailed plans approved yet. There will be comments to be made at that stage; the principle of developing the sites has been agreed, but consultation has the power to influence items like layout, green space, connectivity, and the housing mix to make these better places to live and lessen the impact on neighbours.

We are hearing of two further large applications being prepared, and these will no doubt be coming up for consultation in the coming months. We do not have any details but believe large sites will come forward for the field adjacent to Field End Close (off West Leake Road) and for fields at Brook Furlong Farm.



We understand from the County Council that there are now plans to build a third primary school for the village on the Rempstone Road site. No doubt more information will emerge in due course. As far as we know there are no definite plans to build a new Health Centre and this remains a huge concern to many.

While Rushcliffe Borough Council cannot demonstrate a 5 year housing land supply these applications are more likely to be approved, as the government takes the view that they have to build their allocated homes somewhere in the borough. Their Local Plan Part 2, if approved by the planning inspector, could provide the necessary sites elsewhere in Rushcliffe. This is likely to be decided at the end of the year or early in 2019 with the hearing running from 27th November for 3 weeks.



Field End Close 2016

Housing is not the only development looming on our borders. The County Council is currently consulting on their minerals plan which includes an extension to the sand and gravel quarry which comes quite close to the playing fields and houses at the top of the estates along Costock Road. The Parish Council has lodged an objection.

We publish our consultation responses on our website and keep you updated as much as possible via our Facebook page. It may not seem like it, but it really helps if residents also comment on consultations, so please keep on doing this, whether you object to a particular development or support it.

Memorial plaques



'Mock-up' Board'

The Parish Council fundamentally respects and understands the distress people suffer when they experience bereavement. Marking the life of a loved one in a suitable way in public may help to overcome the sense of loss and assist people to cope and move on.

We are considering the idea of displaying memorial plaques on a "board" inside the Pinfold, in the Memorial Garden alongside the brook on Main Street. Plaques would be of a standard size and appearance, and have similar lettering, and only be available from the Parish Council.

To that end we have erected a "mock-up" and are asking for views from the public:-

Do you think this is a good idea?

Would you purchase a plaque to a standard design from ELPC?

Installation of a Plaque would be to cover costs only, up to £100

The full Remembrance and Memorials policy statement is available from the Parish Office on request.

The Parish Council also offers the Lych Gate at the Burial Ground on West Leake Road for plaques, whether or not the deceased is buried or interred there, and reserves the right to mount plaques on bench seats around the village.



Lych Gate, Burial Ground, West Leake Road

SCARECROW TRAIL

As part of the Tour of Britain this year the Parish Council organised a Scarecrow Trail, which was a great success with some very inventive entries. A huge well done to everyone who took part .

With it being such a success we have agreed to continue it next year and it may follow the Carnival theme, which will be decided early next year so please keep an eye on Facebook and the websites for dates of when it will be .



This years winner - Mona



A few of the entries including the Parish Council's effort!

East Leake Live!

What a fabulous time for East Leake! Starting with tidying the village, workshops to make bunting, painting bikes and decorating the village - a real heart-warming experience for me with the number of volunteers far exceeding expectations and oozing with community spirit! Friday night was the start of East Leake Live with music at all four pubs – the village was buzzing. Saturday morning was the build-up to the Tour of Britain – Gresley Colliery Brass Band set the tone and it just got better & better – the streets filled and the atmosphere was electric – cowbells given out by the Parish Council as a souvenir were ringing loud and clear as the race sped through! East Leake Live continued with clog dancing in the village centre and an excellent programme at St Mary's Church put together by Simon Ackroyd – there was standing room only at some points! It was great to see the pubs busy and so many people having a lovely time. A chilled acoustic set put together by Tori Sheard entertained us on Sunday afternoon. Huge thanks to all our performers - East Leake are truly grateful!



Village Centre Vision – people and traffic

The Parish Council held a visioning evening in April and since then has been liaising with other authorities to seek to make progress in balancing the needs of pedestrians and vehicles

The East Leake Growth Board, facilitated by Rushcliffe Borough Council, has now made a visit to the T-junction and asked the Highways Department at Nottinghamshire County Council to consider options for change.



A small working group of parish councillors is meeting to collate ideas and suggestions and then work with Highways to establish potential costs and what funding would be needed. We have invited representatives from East Leake Traders and Speed Watch, and wonder if a local resident would also like to be involved?

If you might be interested, please contact the Parish Clerk.



You can keep up to date on Parish Council News via our website — east-leake.gov.uk or on our Facebook page.

Do you want 'Open Gardens' in the Village?

A group of volunteers are thinking of setting up an East Leake Open Gardens day in the late spring, early summer.

They want to put feelers out to see if there are enough people interested in opening their gardens to make it worthwhile.

Gardens need not be Royal Horticultural Society level gardens, any garden which you are proud of, has a nice place to sit, a good view of a nice pond or even a few pot plants is welcome. If you wanted to sell tea and cake for donations then that would be wonderful but not a requirement!!

All proceeds raised would be donated to the Costock Road Pavilion fund.



If you think this is a good idea please share with your friends and neighbours and either email hannah.e.owen@gmail.com or pop in to see Mel at the Greengrocers to register your interest.

East Leake Christmas Lights Event— Saturday 24 November

Kick-start your Christmas festivities in East Leake where there's lots going on ...



3pm	Christmas Fair – Village Hall (for a stall contact jacquieowen@hotmail.com)
3.30pm	Santa Fun Run – Meadow Park (for further info contact Physioneeds)
4pm	Village Centre Music & Singing Charnwood Concert Band, Churches Together Choir & Primary School Choir
4.50pm	Arrival of Father Christmas!
5pm	Lights Switch On!

Also in the Village Centre – Hot Food, Mulled Wine, Live Nativity, Christmas Family Photo Shoot, Mince Pies, Real Ale, Speciality Gin, Hot Drinks, Santa Photo Opportunity, Christmas Gifts.

Come down and enjoy the festive atmosphere – see East Leake at its best – spend a lovely evening with friends and family – there's something for everyone!

Advertising banners and notices

Recently there have been quite a lot of banners and posters around the village advertising the great events which have been taking place. A couple of weeks ago the banners in the village centre were removed by Streetwise on behalf of Rushcliffe Borough Council as being considered as fly-posting. There are regulations governing the placing of advertising posters and information can be found at <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/environmentandwaste/streetwise/keepingrushcliffeclean/flypostingandgraffiti/>



Need a hand improving the quality of your shopfront?

Then take advantage of Rushcliffe Borough Council's shop front improvement grant. The fund can assist by providing grants of up to £5000 for the renovation and/or improvement of shop fronts.

As this is a match funded grant, the applicant will only have to account for 50% of the costs of the renovation and/or improvement.

The fund is available to businesses operating in both the retail and service sectors that wish to make visible improvements to the ground floor appearance of their shop.

Case Study



The pictures above shows the renovation of what is now known as Forde's café in West Bridgford. There has been a drastic change in the quality of the aesthetic, giving Forde's a high quality and welcoming feel. The changes made to Forde's were made accessible through the SFIG.

For more information on SFIG please get in contact with Joshua Powdrill at: JPowdrill@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Or visit: <https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/business/supportingbusiness/businesssupport/#Shop%20Front%20Support>

SFIG Application form: [Shop Front Improvement Grant - Application Form](#)

SFIG Application Guidance form: [Shop Front Improvement Grant - Application Guidance](#)

The Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC) Programme – Communications and contact points – October 2018



In 2011 the Stanford Hall Estate was purchased on behalf of the Duke of Westminster for the purpose of establishing the Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre (DNRC). The freehold title of the entire estate was vested in the Black Stork Charity (BSC) in 2015. The Charity has granted a long lease to the MoD to operate the new Defence facility (the 'D') within a specific curtilage. A similar arrangement would be likely in the case of the national facility (the 'N') being planned for the western end of the park.

From the outset, the DNRC Programme has communicated its plans, activities and news to a wide range of interested parties and audiences and responded to questions and enquiries. It also established and maintains a website (www.thednrc.org.uk), intended as a comprehensive source of information and the first place to find out more about the DNRC.

In August 2018 the MoD became the tenant of the Defence facility (the 'D') and moved all its patients from Headley Court to the new establishment by mid-October that year. The Headley Court staff also moved and the establishment is now functioning as the 'DMRC (Defence Medical Rehabilitation Centre) Stanford Hall', which is the official name for the facility. Since June the entire estate has been known as the 'Stanford Hall Rehabilitation Estate' (SHRE) and the estate manager is Jim Boyle.

Recognising that the Defence element of the overall DNRC Programme has now been achieved and is being run by the MoD, this note provides an update on contact points for the local community and others with an interest in the DNRC Programme and what, subject to further decisions by government and those involved, might happen in the future.

Who to contact?

DMRC Stanford Hall. The DMRC is a facility within the range of services provided by the Defence Medical Services (DMS), presided over by the Surgeon General whose headquarters is in Lichfield. All enquiries relating to this clinical rehabilitation facility now being run by the MoD should be directed to Lieutenant Colonel Gareth Thomas as principal point of contact on Gareth.Thomas315@mod.gov.uk. The DMRC commanding officer (CO) is Group Captain Teresa Griffiths.



The DNRC Programme. The DNRC Programme is the means by which the BSC fulfils its charitable objects. Having achieved the 'D' element, the Charity remains responsible for the management of the SHRE as well as continuing to pursue the 'N' element of the Programme which embraces, not least, the opportunity to create the first ever civilian clinical rehabilitation establishment on the western side of the SHRE. The DNRC Programme is directed by General Sir Timothy Granville-Chapman. All enquiries relating to the scope and intentions of the DNRC Programme as a whole (including the 'N') should be directed to Ben Copithorne or Emily Barnes at Camargue on dnrc@camargue.uk / Tel: 020 7636 7366. The potential for the 'N' is currently under consideration by government. A decision on next steps is anticipated at the end of 2018.

Off-street Car parks in East Leake

Many car users are taking advantage of the new extension to the Gotham Road free car park which we hope will take some cars away from on-street parking.



The lighting is installed and loose stones are being removed, and finally we are waiting for the gas main to be moved under the pavement, so that the contractor can form the exit/egress ramp.

There will then be a through flow, one-way system, vehicle entrance only

nearer the shops, and exit opposite the fire station.

A new pedestrian path will open up a route from Gotham Road alongside the exit ramp to the play areas.

We are considering a car park user survey to find out

Who is using the car parks? Local residents or from out of village

How long they stay? Less than an hour to all day

Where they go whilst parked? Shopping, eating, working

This will include the car park near the Health Centre and in front of the Parish Office.

We have received some feedback about parking experiences elsewhere, including charges for longer-stay and separating free short-stay spaces. East Leake Parish Councils policy is not to charge.

To that end would you like to volunteer to help conduct the survey, asking for views from the people parking? If so, please contact the Parish Clerk.

NEWSLETTER FORMAT – FEEDBACK REQUIRED

Most of you will be familiar with the small (A4 folded) Parish Council newsletter printed on green paper. With this edition we are trying a new format, incorporating colour, more pages and larger print.

We would very much appreciate feedback on whether you approve of the new format, and any ideas for further improvements. We aim to provide something informative, very readable and (hopefully) timely. Please pass your thoughts to the Parish Council.

Footnote. We would appreciate more volunteers to help get the newsletter delivered to every house in the village. Can you help? If so please contact the Deputy Parish Clerk.



Contact Details of East Leake Parish Council

Below are contact details for the Parish Council and all 15 Parish Councillors and the Committees they sit on plus the Wards that they represent.

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