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EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

November 2019

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL 2019-2023



Front from left: Cllrs Eleanor Robinson, Donna Griggs, Lesley Way, Liz Taylor, Chris Mulligan, Conrad Oatey (Chairman)

Back : Cllrs Lindsey Maggs, Peter Rapley, Sara Budzik, Len Simmons, Kevin Shaw (Vice –Chair), Mel Roper, Sue Lewis (Deputy Clerk) and Neil Lambert (Clerk)

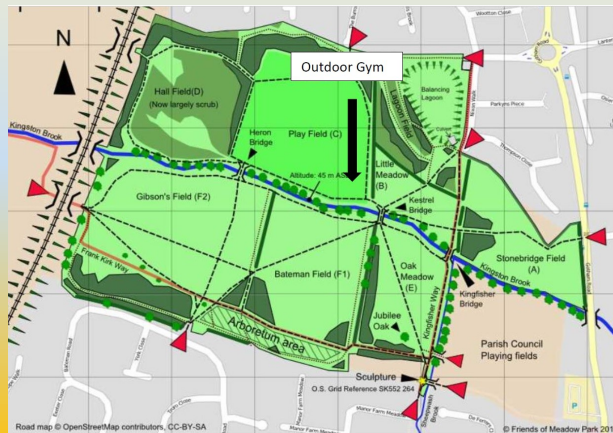
Missing from the picture: Cllrs Jenny de Villiers, Lynn Forsyth and Carys Thomas

(Full contact details on the back of this newsletter)

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Outdoor Gym

Did you know we have a fabulous outdoor gym located in Meadow Park? Six pieces of kit enabling a full body work out in the fresh air for free! Its in the field known as 'Playfield' that's kept mown short all year round



May Day Festival is Returning to East Leake

The popular May Day festival is returning to East Leake after a break of 4 years and this one promises to be bigger and better than ever.

As many of you will know next year May Day Bank Holiday has been moved from it's traditional 1st Monday in May to Friday the 8th of May to coincide with the 75th "Victory in Europe" (VE) day celebrations. So if there ever was an excuse to re-start the popular May day event a national party seemed like as good a reason as any.



The UK government hopes that the VE day celebrations will actually be a weekend long celebration starting on the Friday and they have employed a Pageant Master to coordinate Parish Councils and organisations nationally in some coordinated events, including national church bells being rung at 3pm and toasts to the nation.

The East Leake Scouts will put on a traditional May Day event with games, local events, Maypole dancing, May Queen, food, local produce and more on Gotham Road Recreation Ground. We're working on a few new ideas at present to add to this popular format. The Mayday festival will then morph into a VE day celebration with the help of the Parish Council delivering music, food, drink and fun in coordination with the national celebration plans.

The Scouts will be contacting local organisations and businesses who may wish to be involved in the celebrations and with the Parish Council plan to put on a day to remember. Put the date in your diary and come and join us on the 8th of May.

2nd East Leake Scouts



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EAST LEAKE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

We are looking for new Coordinators and members in these areas



Woodgate Road/Sycamore and Trees Estate/Twentylands/Kirk Ley/ Leveret/Burton Walk/
Meeting House Close/The Green/Manor Farm Meadow/ Main Street/ De Ferrers/
Stonebridge/Brookfield Way/Thistle Bank/St Marys Crescent and all roads off/Woodroffe Way and all
roads off/Angrave.

The success of Neighbourhood Watch is largely down to volunteers who give up their time to engage with their neighbourhoods and communities.

Co-ordinators are the first point of contact for local residents and the wider community and ensure a smooth flow of information and communication between the police and scheme members. The scheme is a valuable way of bringing people together to combat community issues and crime. You can look out for suspicious activity around you and your neighbour's property, especially over holiday periods and share information and reporting it accordingly.

As a coordinator all you have to do is welcome new residents to the NW scheme area and invite other neighbours to join, keep a list of names and emails/numbers, maybe set up a WhatsApp group, and circulate any information from relevant authorities. You can also arrange for NW signs to be put up in your area.

Anyone can join up to an existing Scheme if there is one in their area.

If you are interested in joining as a Coordinator please contact me so I can check if there is scheme in your area or not, otherwise you can join an existing scheme.

Sara Dickinson, ELNW Coordinator , Tel 07510123690, 'emaildicko@yahoo.co.uk'

Tree Planting

Most people know that trees are good for the environment, capturing and storing carbon and stabilising soil. They also enhance the environment. At a recent Parish Council meeting, it was noted that East Leake has very little woodland, and even less accessible to the general public. It was therefore decided to plant up the Oldershaw Trust land off Costock Road and relocate the football goals.

The 2nd East Leake Guides have planted about 200 small trees (whips) in this area. These will be supplemented by trees which members of the public have requested from Rushcliffe Borough Council and donated to the parish. Clearly it will take some time before this area will feel like a wood. However I am reminded of a quotation I saw in a northern wood. "The best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago. The next best time is now."

The area will remain open for people to walk through, but please respect the small trees.

Best Kept Village?



Are you interested in joining a driving committee of like minded people to enable us to consider entering this Competition. It will involve working parties to improve areas of the village in advance of the judging process.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to get involved.

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Progress on new Health Centre.



Work has been continuing to prepare a business case. The focus has been on three potential sites, which have been assessed qualitatively and financially. The business case (full costs and benefits) is nearing completion.

The next stage is to await an announcement from HM Government of a Capital Fund against which the project can bid for funding.

Conrad Oatey

DOG FOULING...

Seems to be a problem in certain areas of our village. The Parish Council would like to urge all dog owners to clean up after their dogs responsibly.

This means that if your dog fouls the pavement, park or other public space whilst on a walk, you need to use a bag to pick it up and dispose of it in the nearest appropriate bin. You don't have to/need to keep hold of it until you find a dog bin, you can also use the black general waste bins too. Or failing that, take it home and pop it in your grey bin!

Dog faeces pose a potentially serious health risk to children, in particular loss of eyesight. Never mind the horrible smell and the mess it makes. No one likes cleaning it off their shoe, let alone their pushchair, wheelchair or worse still hands. It's very worrying to hear that some of the worst hot spots for fouling offences are along pavements on route to Brookside Primary School.

DOG FOULING



**Please clean up
after your dog**

Reporting Crime & Anti Social Behaviour



If you are witnessing a crime as its happening dial 999!

You should call 101 to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency response.

We are advised to report all cases, as statistics are taken in to consideration when allocating PC's and PCSO's to our area. It may seem insignificant but its part of a bigger picture

East Leake Community Action Group

The East Leake Community Action Group has now reviewed its function and will continue as East Leake Community Group on Facebook for now. We hope that interest will continue for the "Meet Your Village" event. Can I personally thank all those involved from traders, residents and local community groups for their support over the years. We found it very rewarding and hope we can continue to share ideas in the future.

Jenny de Villiers - Chair

Parish/Borough Council Saturday Surgeries

These surgeries are held on the 1st Saturday of the Month from 10am—12noon in the Parish Office for residents to pop in and speak to a councillor. Please see noticeboards/FB/Website for details

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Pavilion Development – update November 2019

1 New ELPC Sub-Committee

The first meeting of the new group, including the chairs of the 3 working groups, was held on 19.11.19 and made important progress, seeking the best possible collaboration of the Charity, Sports Clubs and ELPC, to replace the old pavilion and have modern changing facilities and more!

2 Logo for “The Pavilion” – see below

3 Building Options

The Construction Group have received further costed designs: A single storey version costs just over £1m; A Ground Floor and shell, with first floor fitted out later (2 phases) costs almost £1.5m and the design from last year, images seen by many, with balcony, costs almost £1.6m – using comparable figure estimates. Each has merits and would result in more than just new changing rooms

However, as yet we only have **up to approx £0.75m** available, so the challenge is to decide which funding shortfall we can take on and realistically expect to achieve in a reasonable timescale

ELPC will be requested to fund tender documents and research details about loans and repayments over a period.



Neil Lambert, Parish Clerk, Project Manager

Recycling Centre



Do you know where our recycling centre is in the village? We have put a request in for a new sign on Main Street as it was brought to our attention that some residents didn't know where it is!

The recycling centre is located in the Co-op car park. Here you can recycle glass, cardboard, clothing, tetra packs and shoes.

Emergency Contact Details for Flooding Issues

- Nottinghamshire County Council Out of Hours—Tel 01253 502776
- Severn Trent (24hrs Service) - 0800 783 4444
- Environment Agency Flood Line (24hrs Service) - 0345 988 1188

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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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Conrad Oatey (Chair)	Cllr.c.oatey@east-leake.gov.uk	Planning, Amenities, Management
Kevin Shaw (Vice-Chair)*	Cllr.k.shaw@east-leake.gov.uk	Planning, Amenities, Management
Carys Thomas*	Cllr.c.thomas@east-leake.gov.uk	Planning,
Stonebridge Ward (6 Seats)		
Donna Griggs	Cllr.d.griggs@east-leake.gov.uk	Planning, Management
Lynn Forsyth	Cllr.l.forsyth@east-leake.gov.uk	Amenities, Management
Lindsey Maggs	Cllr.l.maggs@east-leake.gov.uk	Planning, Management
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Peter Rapley	Cllr.p.rapley@east-leake.gov.uk	Amenities
Mel Roper	Cllr.m.roper@east-leake.gov.uk	Amenities, Management
Len Simmons	Cllr.l.simmons@east-leake.gov.uk	Amenities, Planning, Management
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Sue Lewis (Deputy Clerk)	parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk	Tel No. 01509-852217
County Councillor Andrew Brown	cllr.andrew1.brown@nottscc.gov.uk	Nottinghamshire County Councillors
County Councillor Reg Adair	cllr.reg.adair@nottscc.gov.uk	

* Borough Councillors

East Leake Parish Council's contact address: East Leake Parish Council Office, 45 Main Street, East Leake, Loughborough, LE12 6PF; Website: www.east-leake.gov.uk, Tel No. 852217

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Planning Update

The Planning Committee of East Leake Parish Council continues to work hard for the village.

- Several proposals for larger housing development within East Leake have been submitted over the last few weeks and months. In addition to the Planning Committee considering planning matters, we have met as a whole Council recently to consider the following:

19/00288/OUT – Land East of Stonebridge Drive, outline planning application for the erection of up to 95 dwellings. All matters reserved except for means of access.

19/02319/OUT – Land West of Field End Close –Resubmission - residential development of up to 101 dwellings including means of access (Outline application with all matters reserved except for access)

19/02205/FUL - Land East of Cornflower Way, Costock Road, 22 dwellings and balancing ponds

19/02325/FUL – 28 Main Street, change of use from car repair workshop, retail unit and residential accommodation to cafe (A3) and residential (C3). .

Thank you to those residents who attended the public meetings to give their views and make comment on the applications. The Parish Council has objected to these developments and currently awaits the decision of Rushcliffe Borough Council, as the Planning Authority. Details of the planning proposals and responses made can be found on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website at www.rushcliffe.gov.uk under the 'find a planning application' link if you wish to take a look at them and express your views.

- The Planning Committee was pleased to learn that Local Plan Part 2 was formally adopted by Rushcliffe Borough Council at its Council meeting on Tuesday 8 October 2019. The Plan recommends that no further land at East Leake should be allocated for housing development. It states, *"to do so would put at risk the Core Strategy's focus to locate development within or adjacent to the main urban area of Nottingham" and "there are also concerns over East Leake's capacity to support additional housing at this time and the affect that any further development would have on the character of the village"*.
- In addition, some Councillors have recently visited exhibitions about the Fairham Pastures development. Fairham Pastures is the new name for approximately 244 hectares of land identified in Rushcliffe's Local Plan as Land South of Clifton.

The outline application for Fairham Pastures includes residential development of up to 3000 dwellings, employment and retail developments, community buildings, leisure uses, a three-form entry primary school, gypsy and traveller pitches, access to the site; new roads, footpaths and cycleways, green infrastructure (including new community park), ancillary infrastructure and groundworks. A site of this size will take approximately 15 years to fully develop.

Cllr. Donna Griggs, Chair of Planning

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Rushcliffe Community Support Scheme

Small grants can be invaluable to community groups operating on tight budgets to provide essential facilities and to enable events and activities. Each Borough Councillor is allocated £1000 grant funding which can be applied for by local groups. Unallocated funds are not rolled over to the next year. Our Borough Councillors – Kevin Shaw, Carys Thomas, and Lesley Way have asked us to publicise the scheme as they each have money left to allocate before March. They work together in allocating funds, so you need only to get in touch with one of them.

Details of the scheme can be found here:

<https://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/councilanddemocracy/communitysupportscheme/>

The criteria are:

Improvements to community facilities within the ward

Community events or activities within the ward

Investment in community infrastructure within the ward

Support to a religious organisation where the project/event to be delivered benefits the wider ward

Requests which support an individual who is part of a team or are representing their local community at an event

Support to a local school or academy where the project/event to be delivered benefits the wider ward

Section of the community within the ward with a specific need

The following items were funded in Leake Ward in 2018-19:

East Leake History Society, Printing costs of WW1 Book, £725

St James' Church Normanton on Soar, Repairs £500

East Leake Cricket Club, Equipment, £300

East Leake Parish Council, Tour of Britain Promotion, £300

East Leake Village Show, Village hall hire for show & exhibitions, £150

Contacting Rushcliffe Borough Council

East Leake contact point (face to face): East Leake Parish Council Office, Main Street LE12 6PF. **Tuesday 9am-12.30pm.**

There are plans afoot to move the contact point to the East Leake Library, with increased staffing hours for both services. Further details will be posted on notice-boards, on-line etc when known.

You can telephone the Council on **0115 981 9911** 8.30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday.

You can contact the Council at **customerservices@rushcliffe.gov.uk**

To contact your Borough Councillors for grant applications (see above) or if you would like to discuss any issues relating to Borough Council services:

Kevin Shaw - Cllr.KShaw@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Carys Thomas - Cllr.CThomas@rushcliffe.gov.uk,

Lesley Way - Cllr.LWay@rushcliffe.gov.uk

Or follow at <https://www.facebook.com/Leakeward/>