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EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



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WELCOME BACK, EAST LEAKE!



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East Leake Parish Council hosted two 'Welcome Back, East Leake!' days on Saturday 12th October and Saturday 16th October, and both were a great success!



The fun days were funded by the Welcome Back fund which has been developed by the Government as part of the Covid-19 response, comes from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and aims to support the high street and tourist attractions in welcoming back shoppers and visitors.

On the 12th October the village welcomed a variety of entertainment, including live music from 'The Moonshiners Duo' along with face painting, a stilt walker, and a creative circus workshop (courtesy of 'Black Sheep Theatre').

Then, on the 16th October, we were treated to yet more live music from 'The Gathering' along with 3 amazing performances from 'The Dust Busters' (brought to us by Feasible Ferret Theatre), and a 'Come and Play Demonstration' from the Nottingham Croquet Club.



We hope everyone had a wonderful time and enjoyed embracing the return to our village centre!



THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK



As part of the Nationwide 'The Great Big Green Week' we held a 'Green Weekend' on 18th & 19th September which included litter picking action in the village and the building of some fabulous bug hotels on the Oldershaw Trust Land!

The litter pick volunteers managed to collect several bags over the two days and we were so grateful to each and every one of you who came along.



Big thanks to the families who braved the rainy Sunday morning to build our mini-beast mansions. They are wonderful - we hope you are going to keep on eye on them for new residents as the Autumn sets in. We hope you will help maintain them when they are ready for a refill in the future? Parents & guardians please be aware that the pallets are not fixed together to enable re-filling and therefore must not be climbed upon. If you are keen to get involved and help-out with other similar activities, follow the Tidy Team or East Leake Parish Council on Facebook.



COSTOCK ROAD DEVELOPMENTS

Some good news and some not-so-good news...

Most of the funding for the new pavilion and refurbishment of the two-storey building is now in place and, if necessary, the Parish Council have agreed to fund the small shortfall. The main contractor and all support staff have been appointed and it is hoped that work will start in November. Temporary arrangements for the players will be put in place. To cover the remainder, it is hoped to receive money from Rushcliffe Borough Council money contributed by developers as Community Infrastructure Levy. The public have a part to play in the fund raising to help fit out the interior of the building - watch out for details of our "buy a brick" scheme and other ways to contribute.

Not such good news about the car park, however, with a further set back in obtaining planning consent. Unfortunately, the Environment Agency have objected on the grounds that the site is within flood plain level 3 and as such there is a severe risk of flooding and danger to users.

We have challenged this finding because the small area of the site that we wish to develop as a car park is within flood plain level 1, which means that there is only minimal risk.

EAST LEAKE MARKET SUCCESS



Thanks to you the stall holders and traders who love attending our market and often remark on the warm atmosphere in East Leake and the friendliness of the people. They truly value your custom and support, especially through one of the toughest years in recent history. The volunteer marshals who readily give up their free time to lend a

hand on market days are a testament to this and a real credit to our village. The ELMA team would like to extend huge thanks to all involved. The next market will be our Christmas Market on the 3rd December which will be advertised very soon!



TREE WARDEN UPDATE

I'd like to thank the community for the donations that I have received over the summer. The various home-grown trees and donated plant pots have all been really useful for the fledging trees that I have been growing for future planting in the Village.

A special thank you also goes to the children of Brookside Primary School who all planted acorns that are now small oak trees which I'm now taking care of until they are ready to plant (photo right).

I recently met with the 2nd East Leake Scout Committee and we have a planting project in the pipeline for the Spring which will be in line with the plant a tree for Jubilee scheme.



The new Castle themed playpark on the Oldershaw trust field over the summer has been a welcome addition to the field. The trees that were planted with the Girl Guides to the rear of the field are flourishing. It's been lovely to see families not only playing on the park but walking around the trees and enjoying the surroundings.

Sadly, it appears some trees were stripped of their bark on Meadow park over the summer. It's important to understand that stripping bark from a tree branch reduces the tree's ability to protect itself from the environment. The tough outer bark surface protects the tree from diseases, weather, insects, wildlife and pollution damage. It also protects the inner bark layer and the system that transports sugars and growth regulators to all parts of the tree. Please take care of trees and educate those who are not aware of this.

Some planned pruning and tree maintenance has been taking place around the village, and sadly we have lost a few trees as a result, but there are plans to replace those that have been lost.

If you have any tree concerns in the village/ tree damage or have any future planting suggestions, please email me at eastleaketreewarden@gmail.com or follow the Facebook page 'East Leake Tree Warden'.

Wendy Thompson of East Leake Parish Council

THE FRIENDSHIP GARDEN

The garden opposite the Post Office has been renamed 'The Friendship Garden' and we are planning some exciting changes. We already have a memory tree which was planted last Christmas. This will be lit up again this year and you are invited to add a message on it, in remembrance of a loved one. We will be adding a raised bed which will be filled with appropriate plants to commemorate those affected by Covid and in thanks for NHS staff and keyworkers who kept us all going over the last twenty months. As well as an entrance archway we will be adding new seating to encourage you to sit and chat with friends, or make new friends. The border along the left hand side will receive an upgrade with the existing plants trimmed and pruned and new plants and shrubs added to provide more colour and year round interest. The right hand side has been cleared and seeds will be sown alongside the fence so we will have a wildflower border next year. All of this will be undertaken by local volunteers with the guidance of the Parish Council grounds staff. If you would like to join our group working on the garden, please let the Parish Clerk know, and we will be in touch.



CONSIDERATE PARKING

At the Parish Council we receive a large amount of complaints regarding parking in and around the village. The majority of these complaints stem from inconsiderate parking such as motorists blocking junctions/driveways, parking on double yellow lines or obstructing pavement access. Particular problem areas include Costock Road on Sunday mornings and Lantern Lane at school pick up/drop off times. Badly parked vehicles can obstruct the flow of traffic along roads and can increase the risk of injury to pedestrians and other road users. While not necessarily illegal or in contravention of existing Traffic Regulation Orders, this sort of parking can inconvenience other drivers and pedestrians, lead to unnecessary additional on street parking, in some cases be dangerous and if carried out persistently, can lead to disagreements between neighbours.

Pavements are provided and constructed for pedestrian use. Vehicles parked on pavements/junctions and zigzag school markings present a hazard to pedestrians by causing an obstruction, which may result in them having to step off the pavement and onto the highway, thus putting them in danger. This also presents a hazard by restricting the width of a pavement, making it difficult for someone with a pushchair or wheelchair to pass safely – again this person may have to go into the highway to avoid the obstruction. The Parish Council would like to address the issue of anti-social parking and the effect this can have on a community, by requesting that drivers park with consideration at all times for the safety and wellbeing of others.



OLDERSHAW TRUST LAND



The new playground on the Oldershaw Trust land opened in July just in time for the summer holidays and has been busy ever since. The target age range for the equipment is 2 to 6 years old. Everyone seems to love the castle theme and there is plenty for the little ones to do for an hour or so. There is more tree planting to come, with some bird and bat boxes and other

surprises to discover around the edge along with another picnic bench and a brand new mower gate coming soon!



RUSHCLIFFE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Our three Borough Councillors; Lesley Way, Carys Thomas, and Kevin Shaw, are happy to be contacted by phone or email if you have any issues relating to Rushcliffe's services. Their contact details are on the Rushcliffe web site and they provide information via their Facebook page "Independent Rushcliffe Councillors for Leake Ward".

Full information for all of the East Leake Parish Councillors can be found on our website.



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