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EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL NEWS



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ARMED FORCES
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East Leake residents are invited to the
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
by East Leake Parish Council

at

EAST LEAKE VILLAGE HALL

on

WEDNESDAY 27TH APRIL 2022

at

7.00PM

The meeting will be an opportunity to ask questions, get answers from Councillors, and to take a look at ongoing projects including:

- **CLIMATE CHANGE**
- **PROPOSED COSTOCK ROAD CAR PARK**
- **EAST LEAKE PAVILION**

Questions from residents for considered responses should be submitted in advance by letter or email to the Parish Council Office by **Friday 22nd April 2022**.

Email: parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk

QUEEN'S DIAMOND JUBILEE - EAST LEAKE CELEBRATIONS



As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations we will be hosting a Jubilee Beacon Picnic on the evening of 2nd June 2022. It will start at 7.30pm and end shortly after the Beacon will be lit at 9.45pm. We will be calling on one resident who shares their birthday with the Jubilee to light the Beacon. Please get in touch with us if you were born on 6th February 1952 (accession date) or 2nd June 1953 (coronation date).

We are planning an evening of world foods which will showcase specific country dishes. There will be a beer tent and entertainment. A Piper will play the song "Diu Regard" at 9.45pm which was written by the Queens pageant master and then the Beacon will be lit.

There will be a competition to see who can bake the best Jubilee Tart which will be judged by the Women's Institute, who will also be attending the event with a "Great British Bake Off" themed stall.

Also, as part of the Queen's Jubilee Green Canopy, the Scouts will be planting two trees with commemorative plaques.

A cherry tree will be planted at the front of Oldershaw Park and a silver birch will be planted on Meadow Park.

If anyone would like to be involved in any aspect of this event, please contact Wendy Thompson (cldr.w.thompson@east-leake.gov.uk).

EAST LEAKE PARISH COUNCIL DECLARES A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

That's the easy part. Now comes the serious work of just what that means and **What to DO about it.**

East Leake Parish Council (ELPC) has set up a **Climate Change Working Party**, whose purpose is to bring together ALL individuals, groups, businesses and stakeholders (schools and youth groups, community groups, businesses etc) in the East Leake parish area to create an **Action Plan.**

We are asking all residents of East Leake Parish and anyone who works here or goes to school here to **Get Involved.**

The future of our planet is at stake.

Now, I know that it's easy to feel that here in East Leake we can do very little, but you'd be wrong.

I suspect that you are already making changes in your lives that collectively have HUGE impact – the choices we make about our everyday product choices do feed back to producers and retailers. The message gets through. But we must and can do more.

So, here's the important bit. Please JOIN US!

The Working Party will be looking at **all and any proposals and initiatives** that can make a difference. From how we shop and what we buy; how we travel including how often; how we live and work; right through to how we interact with our surroundings and the natural world. And how we can halt the dual crises of Climate and Biodiversity Emergencies.

If YOU want to Make a Difference here in East Leake to tackle Climate Change, please get in touch via the Parish office (parishclerk@east-leake.gov.uk).

We will be launching the Working Party at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April.

Please come along and join us. We can only succeed if we all take action NOW. I hope to see you on the 27th of April.

Councillor Jason Billin
Convenor – Climate Change Working Party

COSTOCK ROAD SPORTS GROUNDS

It has taken a long time and a lot of red tape, but it has finally happened. The old pavilion has been removed and the new building is going up at a pace. When finished, it will provide modern changing facilities for players and officials, a bar area and kitchen and a generous club room.



Alongside this we are also renovating the existing brick built two-storey pavilion to provide changing facilities on the ground floor and a spacious function room on the first floor which will be available for hire. This building will become fully inclusive with the installation of a new lift.

Part funding for these works has been obtained from The Premier League, The Football Association and The Government, plus contributions from various housing developers. There will be a shortfall of some £300,000 which the Parish Council will be providing.

The funding does not include fixtures and fittings and separate fundraising for this is now underway and details can be found at <https://eastleakepavilion.org.uk/donation>.

We are also now able to confirm that we have finally obtained planning consent for the much-needed car park to be constructed on the land which the Parish Council own opposite the sports pitches. We are therefore able to go out for tender for these works and the aim will be to get the work completed before the start of the next football season.

GOTHAM ROAD RECREATION GROUND

The Gotham Road Recreation Ground working party assembled recently to discuss the results of the play facilities survey for that site. The group consists of a mix of Parish Councillors and members of the public.

We had a great response from residents and the condensed results are summarised below:

- * 59% felt ages 7 upwards would benefit the most from additional equipment
- * 44% would prefer to see additional climbing equipment
- * 14% would like to see additional fitness equipment
- * 62% would like more seating
- * 67% felt there should be safer access to the play equipment



Many additional individual comments were made and have been noted and discussed by the working party. The group are using the survey results to prioritise actions and spending. We see the play area/facilities as an ongoing long-term project that will evolve over time and as funds allow. We are initially looking at improving access, adding climbing equipment and accessible swings. A football goal has already been purchased and installed. If you'd like to join in to help, please do get in touch.

GOTHAM ROAD SKATE PARK

Those of you that have been out and about will have noticed that our skatepark has had a facelift, thanks to Government allocated funding from the European Union, as part of the "Welcome back" to the high street" campaign. We are delighted that a Rushcliffe and Lady Bay local designer, Lee Williams of Knyte Studio, was the selected entry.

The skatepark artwork will make a fantastic backdrop for the many events that happen on the park. We hope that users will respect the hard work that has gone into creating the wonderful design for the community to enjoy and hope you like the design as much as we do.



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DOG FOULING

In December 2019, following numerous complaints from residents and a suggestion from a Parish Councillor, the Leake Ward Rushcliffe councillors asked Rushcliffe to look at the longstanding problem of dog fouling, including being able to fine dog owners for not carrying poo bags or another method of picking up. It is a slow process getting something like this changed but in Feb 2022 Rushcliffe's cabinet recommended to Council that it approves a Public Space Protection Order for the control of dog related anti-social behaviour. As well as the requirement to carry poo bags, this gives Rushcliffe enforcement officers the ability to issue fines for dog fouling on public open space on the new estates. A small step forward perhaps, but in a few months' time Rushcliffe will be better equipped to deal with this problem.



COMMUNITY CARE

East Leake Community Care Association is currently looking for more volunteers for its befriending group.

The aim of the befriending group is to help reduce feelings of loneliness and social isolation among people over 60 living in the village of East Leake. The Befriending Group started in 2008 and is part of the Community Care Association which has been active in the village for over 40 years.

Volunteers keep a person company in their own home for a couple of hours per week, have a chat, and offer a listening ear. They offer friendship and relieve isolation, brightening someone's day with a visit, and keep them up to date with local events and services.

Volunteers are interviewed and are checked with the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

If you think you might be able to help, or would like to find out more about it, East Leake Community Care can be contacted through Maggie Gordon on 01509 853866, through Facebook, or via eastleakecommunitycare@gmail.com.



HEALTH CENTRE CAR PARK



The Parish Council would like to remind residents that the Health Centre Car Park is for 'short stay' use only. If you park in the village for longer than 2 hours please avoid the Health Centre car park.

Spaces here are needed for residents visiting the Health Centre and Pharmacy who can't easily walk far.

Notices will be going up soon and councillors will be surveying car number plates to obtain information about patterns of use.

Thank you for your consideration.



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