

Nottsbus EConnect

As part of its commitment to improving air quality, addressing climate change and exploring sustainable transport opportunities, Nottinghamshire County Council has introduced two brand new electric buses on the 33 route running between Sutton Cum Granby (peak journeys only), Radcliffe and Nottingham. The new Nottsbus EConnect 33 links passengers from the villages south of Bingham with Cotgrave, Tollerton, Gamston, West Bridgford and Nottingham.



U3A Open Day

Have you discovered U3A yet? If not, then you have a golden opportunity on Thursday 8th September when Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A will be holding an Open Day at Edwalton Church Hall, located off Wellin Lane.

U3A is a UK wide co-operative movement of people who are no longer in full time work and meet together to continue their educational, social and creative interests in a friendly and informal environment.

Edwalton, Gamston & District U3A organise a wide range of different activities including art appreciation, a book group, wine tasting and writing for fun. At the Open Day you will be able to meet and talk to members of the different groups and find out more about what is on offer. No experience is needed to join an activity as everyone helps each other. There is no pressure on attendance so members can join in as much or as little as they like.

Admission is free and you can drop in anytime between 1.30pm to 3.30pm. Refreshments will be served although to help reduce plastic usage it would be appreciated if you could bring your own cup.

For more information, visit <http://edgamu3a.weebly.com>.

Millennium Garden

In 1999, the residents of Holme Pierrepont agreed to construct a landscaped seating area at the corner of Sanday's Lane and Holme Lane to mark the Millennium and, at the same time, tidy up an area which had previously been fly-tipped.

A legal agreement was drawn up by the landowners, Sidney Hackett and Sons, agreeing to the use of the land as a garden, in perpetuity. Tarmac carried out the work which included clearing the site, laying stone paving and building a low wall. The metal circular bench around the oak tree was made locally and installed by a resident. To mark the occasion, a plaque engraved with the names of the residents of the hamlet was installed on a stone block. The garden was opened on 24th June 2000 and since then has become a welcome resting place for walkers and cyclists.

Over the years the residents have maintained the garden. However, with the passage of time, the tree started to grow beyond the capacity of the seat causing damage to the trunk. Fortunately, the Parish Council stepped in and as a result the bench has now been modified. In addition, the Parish Council has agreed to take on the future care and maintenance of the garden so it can continue to be enjoyed by all those who pass by.



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Noisy Bikers

Have you been bothered by noisy motor bikers who have been roaming Gamston and Edwalton? Video evidence on the Nextdoor Gamston website indicates that the bikes are not licensed for use on the road, which also means that the bikers do not have insurance.

Police resources will only be directed to this area if there is sufficient evidence of regular occurrence so, if you do witness these bikers, please ring the police on 101 and log details of the date, time, number of bikes and, if possible, vehicle registrations. Please also forward on the log reference allocated by the police to the Parish Clerk so that the Parish Council can take this forward collectively.

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Holme Pierrepont &
Gamston Parish Council
Newsletter

Summer 2022

A few words from the Chairman

The early summer has been a busy time in the parish with works continuing along the A52 to try to improve traffic flow.

The proposed Gamston Fields development is still pending as we await the agreement from all the landowners of a master plan that can be taken forward as opposed to piecemeal development. Whilst this development is in Tollerton Parish, the works will impact greatly on this parish too. We will keep you updated.

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee was well celebrated with a number of street parties over the June Bank Holiday weekend. We look forward to continuing the celebrations at the Summer Play Day on Wednesday 10th August 2022.

Ambleside Play Park has now been cleaned and repainted and over the next few months there will be a number of new additions to improve accessibility in the park.

Two new friendship benches have now been installed on the parish side of the Gamston Canal as well as a small paved area for wheelchair use. The bench in the Millennium Garden at Holme Pierrepont has also been repaired. The Parish Council has funds for two more benches in the parish and welcome suggestions from residents on where these could be located.

We hope you enjoy the newsletter and look forward to seeing families at the Play Day.

Gary Arkless



Wildflowers

The wildflowers planted around the parish, with the help of the volunteers from the local U3A, are doing well. They have been framed by some careful mowing around the edges which sets them off perfectly and keeps them away from the paths. They will now be left until later in the year to self-seed and then cut back for the winter. With any luck they will go from strength to strength and continue to be a delight.

**A RIGHT ROYAL
PLAY DAY**

Wednesday 10th August
2pm - 4pm

AMBLESIDE PLAY PARK, GAMSTON, NG2 6NA

FREE EVENT

- bouncy castle •
- pony rides •
- woodland crafts •
- sand pit •
- story telling •
- music •
- fancy dress •
- ice cream van •
- and much more!

Organised by Holme Pierrepont & Gamston Parish Council

Platinum Jubilee Street Parties

Over the June Bank Holiday weekend, it was great to see so many residents hold street parties to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. Several streets took advantage of the contribution offered by the Parish Council and it was lovely to receive photos and feedback like this, on how successful their events had been:

"Here on Fellside Close we were really pleased with the opportunity to access the grant towards our wonderful street party held on Friday 3rd June. We had planned a few weeks in advance, knocking on our neighbours' doors, as well as some on Elterwater Drive asking if they'd be interested in a gathering to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. We got the kids to make leaflets and set up a WhatsApp to help keep everyone informed. The only ask of those attending was to bring a dish and a seat! We were so lucky to have had the weather on our side, it was perfect.

As well as a fabulous selection of food, we had a bouncy castle and games for adults and kids alike. We were even crowned Street Party Queens by one of our neighbours for organising the event, however, we say it was a whole team effort! We're even considering an annual event now, who needs a Jubilee?"

Gemma and Sarah



Platinum Jubilee Tree

To celebrate Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee, the Parish Council has recently organised for a tree to be planted in the front graveyard of St Edmund's Church in Holme Pierrepont.

The tree, which is accompanied by a commemorative plaque, is an Acer Palmatum Red Emperor 1. This is a hardy tree possessing outstanding deep red foliage and when fully grown will stand just over seven metres tall.

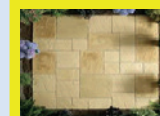


Canoe Freestyle World Championships

The ICF Canoe Freestyle World Championships took place on the white-water course at the National Water Sports Centre between the 27th June to 2nd July 2022 and the home crowd had plenty to cheer as Great Britain's Otilie Robinson-Shaw (known to most as Ottie RS) wrote her name into the record books in style. The 20-year-old, who trains at Holme Pierrepont, smashed a record score in the women's squirt, won the first ever women's canoe gold, and then shattered the world championship record score for a single ride on her way to kayak gold. Well done Ottie RS!

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Friendship Benches

Thanks to a donation by Nottinghamshire County Councillor, Roger Upton, and a contribution from the Parish Council, two new friendship benches have been installed next to the Grantham Canal footpath in Gamston. Constructed by local firm, Gibbs Fabrications, the benches are made from galvanised steel which will dull over time to a darker grey.

It is hoped that the benches and the newly paved area for wheelchairs, will not only provide somewhere for people to rest and relax but also a space where they can sit and talk. Some people can go for days or even weeks without human contact and as the "happy to chat" bench idea has shown, even a simple "hello" can help tackle loneliness.

Dog Fouling

At the full council meeting on 7th July 2022, Rushcliffe Borough Council introduced new powers in a borough wide Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO). Dog owners in the borough, and hence in the parish, must now carry bags or have other means to pick up dog waste or face a possible £100 fine. Dog fouling causes many issues so if you are a dog owner, please ensure that you always have bags with you, that you pick up after your pet and dispose of the waste in one of the many dog bins located throughout the area.

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