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Fellow Residents

I trust you are all enjoying the warmer weather and I'm sure, like me, you're hoping it continues to last a while longer.

Unfortunately, Duncan Ashwell, a long-standing and devoted Director, has decided that his tenure on The Board must come to an end so he can focus on other personal and family commitments. Duncan has contributed extensively to the continuing development of Elsea Park and I am very grateful for all he has done to enhance the lives of those living within our community. I wish him all the best for the future.

I was delighted to welcome a new member to the staff team late last year. Sam filled the newly created position of Estate Warden and has been undertaking a variety of maintenance and groundwork duties, including the essential role of litter picking. He's already completed a number of projects, including the total refurbishment of the benches on Quaysides East and West, so if you see Sam around the estate, please say hello.

The planting of 39 trees along The Pollards, on Cooke's Field and on Linear Park has now been completed, and in drier periods, you may notice Peter out watering the trees. I'm sure you'll agree that these have made a significant improvement to the areas and we are hoping that the legal transfer of the play area on Great Leighs will be accomplished soon once the remedial fencing work has been completed. We remain optimistic that the current ongoing engagement with LCC's Highways department will provide a resolution to the much-needed footpath between Bourne Heights and the existing path on West Road, and we'll keep you informed as and when further information becomes available. Many of you will be aware that the Trust purchased an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) a few years ago, which is situated close to the entrance at the Community Centre. Clearly, we hope that this never has to be used, but to increase confidence in the use of AEDs, we plan to run formal (accredited) training sessions which will include other basic life support skills (please see Page 5). Training dates and timings are yet to be agreed and the number of courses that are run will depend on interest shown by residents, however, we will look to offer timings to suit residents who express an interest in the training.

The progress with the Artificial Grass Football Pitch is continuing in a very positive manner and some important meetings have been held recently to bring the project to life. Keep reading for further details.

When it comes to entertainment, the functions at The Centre have been very well supported, and Oak Family Entertainment have a fantastic line-up of activities planned this year. Please keep an eye out on their Facebook page; we'll also post details on our website and on social media.

Which reminds me; you can keep up to date with the latest developments and information on the Trust's website (www.elseapark.co.uk) and you might want to check out our official Facebook page (@elseaparkcommunitytrust).

I look forward to seeing you all in the near future and enjoying the smell of barbeques wafting across Elsea Park throughout the long (and very hot) summer.

So until the next time......

Jono Brough Chairman



School Aims for Eco Status

Bourne Elsea Park Church of England Primary Academy is turning a piece of land at the rear of the school into a Conservation Area in order to help it achieve Eco school status.

The Eco-Schools Programme is pupil-led; it embraces hands-on, real-world learning and gets the whole school and the wider community involved in exciting environmental projects. The school can achieve a Bronze award and then a Silver award, by self- assessment, culminating in an Eco schools Green Flag Award.

The school has formed an Eco Committee, with pupils as Eco Warriors and as Chair of the Local Governing Board, I have been asked to support the initiative as Eco Governor. As a member of The Trust Board and a School Governor, this is an ideal opportunity for The Trust and the school to form stronger community links.

The Trust have agreed to supply the school with some bird boxes and wild seed for the conservation area, as well as allowing Peter Ellis to support the school with his expertise in conservation matters.

I am sure you will agree as residents of Elsea Park that this is an excellent community project for The Trust to support.

Joanne Derrick

The No Cold Calling Zone is Coming!

In April, a large group of Bourne Police Cadets delivered over fifteen hundred letters to homes on Elsea Park. The letters were the result of an off chance remark by PCSO Graeme Parrott about successful "No Cold Calling Zones" (NCCZ) established in the county by collaboration between Lincolnshire Police and Trading Standards, primarily in roads that were part of Neighbourhood Watch schemes.

The Trust thought we might be able to take this idea one stage further by making the whole of Elsea Park a NCCZ, and when Graeme broached this idea to Trading Standards, they were very keen to get involved. But first, we had to prove residents were in favour of this, hence the letters.

At the time of writing, three hundred and sixty four homes have returned the letters or emailed us to express their support for the proposal. We have been



amazed at (and are very grateful) for the high number of returns, and are delighted to announce Trading Standards have now approved the scheme and have placed the order for the signs that will be displayed at all entrances to Elsea Park (and repeated on numerous roads within the development) that will make it the largest No Cold Calling Zone in Lincolnshire by a long shot.

The next phase of the project will be to procure and deliver the NCCZ packs to every home and we hope that as many of you as possible will affix the sticker that will be provided in the pack on or near your front door telling **uninvited callers trying to sell their wares or services that they need to try elsewhere!**



The Winds of Change & Picnic In The Park....

Back in March we waved goodbye to two stalwarts of the Elsea Park Events Group, Bob and Jane Welch, when they left the area to move nearer to their growing family in the depths of Derbyshire.

Bob and Jane had been staunch supporters of the group and indeed the wider community of Bourne since their arrival here in 2014. Of particular note, they have always led the catering operation for Picnic In The Park and the children's Christmas parties, managed the bar for community events, and organised the monthly Elsea Park Film Club. Bob and Jane headed west with our very best wishes for the future and our thanks for all that they've done here.

With the departure of Bob and Jane depleting the dwindling number of volunteers on the Events Group, the group, which formed in the run up to the opening of The Centre in 2012 decided to wind down, though they have kindly offered to support Oak Family Entertainment as and when they can. Everyone at The Trust would like to express their sincere gratitude to the long serving volunteers, and especially to Jacky Summers who has kept them all in order!

The Events Group have always been self-financing, using monies from bar profits, their weekly Drop In sessions and some of their other offerings to subsidise the activities that they have organised over the years, with two of the major events being funded or partly funded by The Trust (these being Picnic In The Park and the children's Christmas parties).

As a result of their finances being in very good shape, The Events Group were able to pass on a very generous legacy to a number of users of The Centre. Consequently, Elsea Park Youth Club, Elsea Park Stay and Play, and Oak Family Entertainment were gifted £500 each, and the Elsea Park Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts were gifted £100 each. The groups were very grateful for the donations, which came as a complete surprise.

Oak Family Entertainment have certainly got off to a great start and have already organised several functions that have been really well supported. They've put in a lot of work in the run up to this year's Picnic In The Park, which will have a completely different new format.

One of the changes that you'll notice this year is that residents will need to bring their own picnic if they want to eat during the afternoon. Last year, just over four hundred ploughman's platters were prepared, which far exceeded the available fridge space and meant the volunteers had to prepare meals throughout the day rather than beforehand. This change isn't a money saving measure; in fact the budget for this year's event is the biggest yet.

As well as the live music and attractions that are usually on offer on the day, there are going to be a number of fairground rides for the children to enjoy, and a coconut shy for you to try your skills at.

Entry this year will be by wristbands which will be available for collection from The Centre between 6:30 and 9:00 pm on Wednesday evenings (30th May, and the 6th, 13th and 20th June). Please enter the building via the Lounge Door, accessed from the car park. You'll need to bring proof of your Elsea Park address when you collect your wristbands.

Wristbands will also be available for collection on the day, but it would really help us if you could collect them beforehand as we expect to have limited volunteers on the day.



ARTIFICIAL GRASS FOOTBALL PITCH PROJECT AT ELSEA PARK

Several years ago, Kier applied for planning permission to lay out the two grass football pitches on the western edge of Elsea Park in accordance with the original Section 106 Agreement covering public open space and amenity land within the development. However, the application was blocked by The Health and Safety Executive due to changes in the regulations governing High Pressure Gas Pipelines (both pitches would have straddled the Pinchbeck to North Witham Pipeline).

Kier therefore proposed to lay one pitch to the north of the pipeline and a second pitch to the north of Wherry's Spinney, but The Trust was of the opinion that split locations were unworkable.

The Trust felt this presented an ideal opportunity for a single Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) to be built at the original site as this would offer much greater utilisation and be sustainable over the long term.

The Trust organised meetings with the Football Association and The Football Foundation (from whom funding would be required) and both organisations felt there was a real need for this sort of facility to serve Bourne and agreed to support the project in principle. Kier subsequently submitted an application to SKDC for a Variation in the conditions of the Masterplan for a single AGP which was approved in May 2017.

After a slow start and further meetings with the FA, a full Business Case and Programme of use was subsequently established. The project has received the full backing of Bourne Town and Bourne Town Juniors Football Clubs along with Thurlby Tigers, and the order for initial phases of the project up to and including full planning per-

mission was placed with the Football Foundation's Framework Contractor in March 2018.

The overall project costs are expected to be in the region of £1.4 million, with most of the money being provided by grants from the Football Foundation and other funding bodies, whilst Kier will be building the associated sports pavilion, car parking, roads, infrastructure and services and working closely with the Framework Contractors to obtain planning consent. The Trust will also be contributing significant funding from its reserves to deliver this project.



Though there are any number of hurdles that might scupper the facility being built, the hope is that full planning permission will be obtained by the end of this year with the Funding Application being submitted to the Football Foundation for their January 2019 funding cycle. If everything runs according to plan, The Trust hopes that this much needed all weather pitch will finally open in January 2020.

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During the Christmas holidays our Neighbourhood Policing Team organised free cycle marking here at The Centre. A handful of people came along, and the feedback we received was that an evening session might have been better attended.

We're pleased to advise that another session will take place on Wednesday 13th June in The Centre car park and you can bring your bike along and get it marked free of charge. We'll also be selling Immobitag RF tags at a fraction of the retail price that might enable the police to get your bike back to you if it's stolen and subsequently recovered.

Finally, we'll be selling some very good quality Cycle Safety kits (which include lights, hi viz vests, spoke reflectors and daysack covers), and "Sold Secure" bike locks at a massive saving.

So why not join us at The Centre that evening and see what's on offer?



Fancy some free recognised Life Saving Training?



As mentioned in "View From The Chair", we are planning to run some life support / safe use of AED courses at The Centre. Successful completion of the half day course will result in the award of a Level 2 Qualification which might look good on your CV or show your employer that you embrace the idea of Continuing Professional Development.

One of the aims of The Trust was to promote the health and education of Elsea Park Residents, and to that end, The Trust will fund places that are filled by residents.

If this idea appeals to you, please email or call The Trust Office and give us your contact details and preferred times (ie daytime, evenings, Saturdays or Sundays etc) and we will try and accommodate your requirements if we get enough interest.

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No newsletter would be complete without a few complaints, so just for a change, we'll hand over to a resident who has emailed us to say something about parking...

I am a resident of Elsea Park and have noticed an increasing number of arguments happening between local residents over car parking. I often walk past people arguing over the road in front of their property being "their space". I think it would be a good idea to include a feature about parking in your next newsletter- it might stop some of these fallouts from happening in the future- after all it is a public road and people need to stop being so petty!! Many Thanks

We couldn't agree more!

We've also been asked by other residents to remind some of their neighbours to advise their children that the fenced play areas within the development are strictly "No Ball Games Allowed" zones. There have been several instances of smaller children being hit in the face or on the back of the head by footballs resulting in a few tears and them being afraid to use the play areas.

There are plenty of open spaces to kick a ball round on Elsea Park, so please ask the youngsters in your charge to be respectful of the rules and think of those who are younger and more fragile than they are. It might also prevent you being hit with a bill for damage to a car or window.....

Hot off the press.....

- Barratt David Wilson Homes should be installing the new fence along one side of the play area on Great Leighs early next month if the supplies are delivered.
- Barratt Homes hope to start work on the new (larger) Neighbourhood Play Area to the north of their new development (The Furlongs) later this year with a view to it opening next year. This area will include a grass five-a-side pitch, and The Trust will be providing additional funding for the play area to enable Barratt Homes to install a roundabout that can be used by those in wheelchairs.
- The Trust have recently bought an additional picnic bench and table for the patio at The Centre. The table is over sized to allow for wheelchair / buggy users.
- A further twelve litter bins are now in our possession and the first couple have just been installed. You'll see the rest of the bins being deployed across other areas of Elsea Park that are already in the ownership of The Trust over the coming weeks.





Regular Activities & Clubs

Time	Activity	Cost	Contact
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09:30 - 10:30	Smart-FITT	£5.00	Amanda Abbott <i>Tel: 07535 788756</i>
10:30 - 11:30	Prime Time Active	£5.00	Amanda Abbott <i>Tel: 07535 788756</i>
10:00 - 11:00	Biliguasing for Pre-school	Please enquire	Sarah Powell <i>Tel: 07495 340726</i> Email: <u>sarah@bilinguasing.com</u>
18:00 - 19:30	Cubs (ages 8 to 10)	£38.00 per term	Email: elseaparkscouting@gmail.com
17:30 - 18:30	Beavers Boys & Girls ages 6 to 8	£30.00 per term	Linda Langham Email: lindalangham@live.co.uk
18:30 - 20:30	Scouts	ТВС	Email: elseaparkscouting@gmail.com
20:00 - 21:00	Fitsteps	£5.00	Janet Gill <i>Tel: 07730 223 557</i>
Tuesday			
10:00 - 11:30	Dance for Life followed by refreshments in the lounge	£4.50	Sarah Hill <i>Tel: 01778 421 229 or 07789 483 873</i>
18:30 – 19:30	Bulletproof Yoga	£5.00	Sion Williams
18:00 – 19:30	Kickboxing	Please enquire	Brotherhood Kick Boxing Academy <i>Tel: 07932 053 057</i> Email: <u>brotherhoodkickboxing@hotmail.co.uk</u>
20:00 - 21:00	Beginner's Yoga	£55 for 8 week course	Helen Hobling <i>Tel: 07706 511 925</i> Email: <u>hhyogaandfitness@gmail.com</u>
		Wednesday	
10:30 - 12:30	Drop In (Elsea Park Residents)	50p for tea, coffee, and biscuits	Run by residents, who meet and socialise over a cuppa
17:00 - 18:30	Elsea Park Youth Group (ages 7 to 12)	50p	Niki
19:00 - 21:00	Elsea Park Youth Group (ages 12 to 18)	50p	Tel: 07960 472910
16:30 – 21:00 Once a month	Lovely Loaves	Please enquire	Leslie Gadd Tel: 07904 956 825 Email: <u>gaddleslie@hotmail.co.uk</u>
		Thursday	
09:30 - 11:00	Stay and Play	£1.00 per family	Run by Elsea Park parents for 0 to 4 year olds - All welcome
09:30 -10:30	Rise & Shine (adult dance)	£4.00	Sarah Hill <i>Tel: 01778 421 229 or 07789 483 873</i>
17:00 – 18:00	Bangkok Fight Club	Please enquire	Kittisak Saeyone <i>Tel: 07860138231</i> fb Bangkok fight club
18:30 -20:30	Clubbercise	£5.00 per session	Nikki Healey <i>Tel: 07500 862412 fb</i> clubbercise bourne with nikki
	(two x one hour sessions)	Friday	· ·
Third Friday every month	Family Film night Doors open 17:00	Free	Open to all. Just turn up. Drinks and snacks are on sale Contact 07960 472910
Third Friday every month	Elsea Park Film Club Doors at 19:00 - the bar will also be open!	Free	Open to all Film Club Members Membership and entry is free and everyone is welcome! to join, please email filmclub@elseapark.co.uk
	I •	Saturday	
10:30 – 13:00	Tiska Karate Classes age 4 years plus	£6.00 Inc two-week trial & Instructional DVD	Joanne Mason-Lee <i>Tel: 07983 445 375</i>
		Sunday	
Last Sunday of the month	Belle Vera Events Sunday Market	Free entry	Norma Turner Email: <u>normaeturner@hotmail.com</u>

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Oak Family Entertainment Presents

IN THE PARK 23rd June, 2018 נטף Noon-Spm גפון גריקט

Residents of Elsea Park are invited to the main event!! Bring your picnic and enjoy the afternoon. <u>Come and join</u> us down the fair and enjoy:

Face painting Tea and cake with the WI Magic with RickyLocke Exotic pets will be joining us

Live music from:

Filthy Contact Dom Brister Jacob Shoestring

Demonstrations from our local groups:

Tiska karate Kickboxing with Rob Rise and shine adult class + Blue kangaroo photography will be there!

THE OAK TREE bar will also be open!

*Wrist band only event, for Elsea Park residents. Wrist band collection from the community centre, Weds 6:30-9pm. Proof of address will be required.