



VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Fellow Residents,

I do hope you have all been enjoying the summer. I think we managed a week of warm weather at the end of June, and August was pretty good!

I would like to begin by expressing my sincere gratitude to Jane Whitehead who stood down as a Director of The Trust earlier this year. Jane devoted five years helping to improve the lot of everyone living here and all of us at The Trust are grateful for her dedication. We wish her all the best for the future.

Picnic in the Park 2017 turned out to be the best one yet and I have no doubt the Events group will be pulling out all the stops to make next year's even better. The commitment shown by a small group of volunteers continues to impress me and the months of prior planning ensured that the day was a tremendous success. We are also really grateful to Tesco for the supplies they offered, likewise Elsea Park COOP for their

support, in particular the reappearance this year of the catering pod!

I pass on my thanks to everyone that assisted, and especially to those of you who attended; without you the event would be a pointless endeavour. I look forward to seeing you all at next year's event, along with some new faces.

The past few months have seen major improvements on the play areas; expanding the basketball court has been extremely popular and the recent work around the play equipment has not only made this area more appealing, it has also improved the safety of those using the facilities.

We understand the value many families place on these areas and will continue to improve them when and where we can.

The Trust are aware that speeding within certain areas is a big issue and we implore all drivers to observe the speed limits

and drive in a manner that is appropriate for the conditions. In an effort to improve safety and raise awareness of vehicle speeds, The Trust are purchasing a speed warning sign that can be moved between locations throughout the development in the hope that it might reduce the speed at which some road users drive.

The open-closed-open-closed debacle with the Salisbury Gardens to South Road link is finally over and the path has been laid. Peter has already commenced work on improving the aesthetics along this area and in time this will become not only a useful addition, but a pleasant place to walk through.

This year's Annual General Meeting has been set for the 11th October. We hope that you will make every effort to attend, but as always, the minutes will be published on the website for those of you who can't manage it.

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Meanwhile, if you have questions that you would like to pose to the Board, I politely request that these be submitted prior to the AGM so we can discuss them beforehand to ensure we can provide you with a full and accurate answer on the evening. Time will still be afforded to allow for open questions towards the end of the meeting.

I hope you all enjoy what's left of the summer, so until the next time.....

Jono Brough
Chairman



1Life are offering a fantastic deal to Residents of Elsea Park who take out a new membership during September only.

Residents will need to sign up at The Leisure Centre in Queens Road, and will benefit from

- 30% off a flexible, no contract membership
- Unlimited swimming
- Unlimited use of the gym
- Free classes (around 25 a week)
- Free Sauna

Anyone signing up in Bourne can also use the centres in Stamford and Deeping.

Contact 1Life on 01778 421435 or call in and see them at Bourne Leisure Centre to take up this great offer.

Everyone who uses the cycle path that runs past the play areas and outdoor gym equipment near The Centre will have seen the beautiful bench that was presented by Bourne Lions to mark this, their Centenary Year.

We're always grateful for the support the Lions give us, and you may have enjoyed a ride on their Fun Bus at Picnic In The Park.

Please remember all The Lions do for the town by supporting the events they organise, and giving generously in December when Santa's sleigh comes calling.....

New
Fibrefall
Installation
on the LEAP
near The
Centre



No newsletter would be complete without a polite request to residents to ask them to show consideration to their neighbours and the wider population of Elsea Park.

There have been three issues that have attracted complaints over the summer, one being the continued blocking of pavements by motorists which forces pedestrians into the roads. This is particularly difficult for those pushing buggies, in wheelchairs, or on mobility scooters and is a real danger to anyone with a visual impairment. In the future (when the roads are finally adopted) some drivers may get a polite visit from Bourne Police, or even receive fixed penalty notices. On several occasions, refuse collection and delivery vehicles have been unable to gain access to some areas, causing missed collections and failed deliveries.

The second issue has been groups of children playing (and at times causing a nuisance) in some of the car parks and private drives that can be found scattered across the development. These areas are provided for the sole use of the people who own them, and everyone else should keep out! There are abundant play parks and public open spaces throughout Elsea Park, so please encourage your children to make use of them.

Finally, residents are reminded that there is a restriction on the title of all properties within the development by which owners agreed not to park or permit to be parked any caravan, trailer, boat or yacht on their property unless the same is in a fully screened location previously approved in writing by the transferor.

Entertainment & Events at The Centre

“Oak Family Entertainment” recently formed at Elsea Park with the aim of organising social activities and functions that will appeal to younger families, particularly those with children. They launched with a free Family BBQ and games afternoon on Sunday 20th August which was very well attended.

It’s hoped that Oak’ will compliment the established Events Group, and we see the two groups organising a range of activities that will appeal to different sections of our community, perhaps combining their efforts on occasion to run functions that will have universal appeal.

Wednesday 27th September:

Elsea Park COOP will be hosting a coffee morning at The Centre in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support from 9:30am. Come and enjoy cake and a cuppa!

Saturday 30th September: Old Skool Disco

Dust off that school uniform and head to The Centre in support of this year’s Mayor’s Charity, with all money raised helping to create the new Arts Centre in the former Town Hall.

Tickets are £10.00, available from The Trust Office or Bourne Town Council Office to include school dinner, live music and of course the skool disco.

Sunday 1 October: Ladies Afternoon Tea

Oak’s second event is a Ladies Afternoon Tea in aid of Macmillan Nurses.

There will be three sittings;

3pm, 4pm and 5pm.

Tea will be taken using vintage crockery on fully laid tables in tranquil surroundings, decorated with bunting whilst enjoying soft background music.

Enjoy a selection of ribbon sandwiches, with cakes kindly being donated by The White Horse at Baston.

Please book your seats in advance by contacting Niki on 07960 472910. Tickets are £8.00 and can be collected on Wednesday evenings during Youth Club.

Saturday 6th October: Ceilidh

Join us at The Centre for an appearance by “The Elusive Black Dog”.

Tickets are just £5.00 (subsidised by The Events Group) to include supper, and are available from The Trust Office.

Friday 27th October: Halloween Experience

Halloween fun including a family disco, fancy dress competition and judging of pumpkin carving (carve at home and bring them with you). Entry is free, hotdogs & hamburgers will be on sale. Starts at 6pm.

Sunday 19th November: Christmas Market

Get your Christmas gifts and enjoy some great entertainment (all pitches are now fully booked).

Friday 1st December: Christmas Carols

Join us for the first “official switch on” of our Christmas lights at The Centre with carol singing, mince pies, and mulled wine.

Friday 14th December: Children’s Christmas Party

Details to follow.....



They were not disappointed and caught a great number of mini beasts including sticklebacks, dragonfly larvae, water boatmen, leeches and lots of large pond snails. The children had a tick list of the creatures they found and drew pictures of their favourites .

Thanks go to Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust members Dave Vandome and Flynn Pakey, and to Jane Benton and Vicky Elsom from Elsea Park for all their help. We are already looking forward to next year!

Tricia Stubley

A bright and breezy day saw Picnic in the Park get off to a great start and perfect for pond dipping. Enthusiastic children and parents (brought up to Elsea Meadows by a tractor and trailer driven by Peter Ellis) had fun pond dipping, identifying trees, and doing leaf rubbings.



Photos from PiP 2017

