



NEWSLETTER

View From The Chair

If you are reading this, then we are getting there. If you read it all the way through then we are succeeding!

I often hear of residents saying that they didn't know such an event was going on at Elsea Park or the Centre and my response is, "Did you read the Newsletter?" We all get so much junk mail through our letterboxes it's easy to miss so we also use other means: the website, facebook and good old posters.

Soon we hope to have notice boards around the Park as well. However a really good way of communicating is talking enthusiastically. A few people who have enjoyed our events before can really get an evening buzzing; all you have to do is knock on neighbours' doors and drum up support, maybe getting a team together for the Quiz Night or a social group together for Film Club. Ask the Leytonstone Ladies! It also means that new neighbours get a chance to see the Centre and join our community.

So if you haven't time to help us organise things, please help us by spreading the word. If you have the time and any ideas then email us, give us a ring, pop in, come to the AGM. We will carry on communicating and we would really appreciate more help and feedback from you. If you enjoyed Picnic in the Park let us know how we can make it better next year. If you didn't enjoy it, please let us know why. Maybe you could offer to organise a small part of it, a kid's basketball challenge, games etc.

Just another plug for the AGM on Wednesday 17th September. We do try to keep it lively and will be talking about what we hope to do on your behalf in the future as well as about what we have already done. So please join us at 7:00 pm (doors at 6:30 pm). Hop to See you then

Angela Bailey
Chairman

Elsea Park Community Trust

Inside:

Events at The Centre

On Yer Bike

Wanted! Resident Directors

Dog Control and Littering



The Centre @
elseapark

Elsea Park Community Trust
The Centre @ Elsea Park

1 Sandown Drive, Bourne, PE10 0US
01778 423062

Email: admin@elseapark.co.uk
www.elseapark.co.uk
design: Anna Machnik

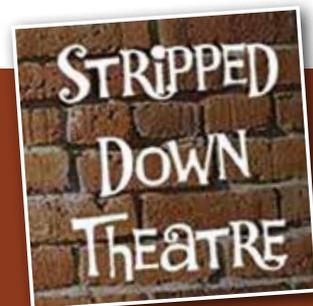
Our Kylie's Gettin' Wed,

Saturday September 13th 2014, Doors Opening at 7.30pm

Epic Theatre is bringing professional theatre to The Centre @ Elsea Park. 'Our Kylies' Gettin' Wed' is a fast moving hilariously funny look at every family wedding we've all experienced. Through the eyes of the four actors the events of the day and those leading up to it are brought to life by the bride, groom parents of both, aunties, uncle's, the best man and more specifically the groom's three best mates.

Stripped Down Theatre Company is a Birmingham based group who are performing 'Our Kylie' at The Joint Stock in the City Centre in early September. Containing adult humour, it's a show not to be missed! Tickets cost £7 each and are available from the Community Centre during normal office opening Hours or by calling 01778 422449.

'Our Kylie' is being sponsored by *Bushbridal Co, Crown Jewellers, Gordon's Photographic and Groovy Foods.*



EVENTS & Happenings

You'll find many of our regular events listed here, along with some „one offs". Please keep an eye out on our website and facebook pages for any additions, updates, or cancellations.

6th September - Healing for You

With International Evangelist, Author, and Broadcaster Jonathan Conrathe. This evening event is free of charge.

8th September - EPIC meeting

Everyone is invited to this meeting to discuss productions to be staged before Christmas by Elsea Park in Costume. If you would like to act or support the production in any way, just come along. Phone the Trust Office for times.

13th September - Our Kylie's Getting Wed

Epic Theatre is bringing professional theatre to The Centre @ Elsea Park. 'Our Kylies' Gettin' Wed' is a fast moving hilariously funny look at every family wedding we've all experienced. Please see the poster in this newsletter for further information.

19th September - Film Club (Every third Friday of the month)

Free admission 7pm doors open. Showing the first in a season of classics: African Queen Bar available.

NEW! Saturday Film Club - For Children and Adults

Held on the Saturday after the Friday Film Club. 20th September. Free admission 1pm - 3.30pm. Showing either Tangled or Despicable Me 2. Tuck shop and refreshments available. Please note that adults MUST remain in The Centre for the whole duration of the event.

26th September - Quiz Night

£7 entrance per person including Fish and Chips Starts at 7pm. Please telephone the Trust Office to book in a team, or email them at admin@elseapark.co.uk

28th September - Garage and Table Top Sale

Register your garage on the map for £1. Tables in the hall available £1 to residents, £5 for non-residents. 9am start for table top sellers to set up. Doors open to public at 10am.

3rd October - Rocktober

The Youth Club's Rock Event for 16-20 year olds.

9th October - Martin Daniels presents "Now You See Me"

"A shining example of clean, clever, comedy with a touch of magic"

November & December

Watch out for further details on our website and Facebook pages

15th November - London Coach Trip

Leaves the Centre at 8am. Leaves London 6pm. Tickets £25.

13th December - Christmas Market

Craft Stalls, Refreshments and Food. Bar available and much, much more.

Childrens' Christmas Party

Date TBC.

New Year's Eve Party

Another Family Event with games, prizes and bar.

Youth @ Elsea Park

Summer Activities at The Centre

The Young People of Elsea Park have been very busy over the Summer Holiday's. They have been participating in:

- Pool competition
- Cake Pop decorating
- Assault courses to name but a few.

Everyone had an enjoyable time while gaining new skills along the way. This Summer we also had each Wednesday under 5's Family Activities which included;

- Cake and biscuit decorating
- Glitter art
- Card making.

We hope to continue these activities in future holidays and the dates are listed below:

October Half Term Activities (6-17 year olds).

Tuesday 28th October: 2-4 pm Halloween decoration making.

Thursday 30th October: 2-4 pm Halloween food making and party. Young People will be making Halloween themed food with a party for afterwards.

October Half Term Activities (under 5's and family).

Monday 27th October: 2-4 pm Halloween themed decoration and biscuit making.

Young People's Film Club

Saturday 20th September: Doors open at 1pm for film to start at 1:30. Films for attendees to choose from on the day are: Tangled and Despicable Me 2. Refreshments are available to buy. Parents must accompany their children.

Youth Club Bingo

Saturday 20th September: Doors open at 6:30 pm for eyes down at 7 pm. Please support this as money goes towards Young People's activities.

**To book all above activities
please contact Niki Szwed on
07949034743**



On Yer Bike

The success of Team GB during the Olympic Games, the Brits competing in the Commonwealth Games and le Tour de France have resulted in interest in cycling going from strength to strength up and down the country, and now Elsea Park Community Trust have jumped on the band wagon.

With the money available from the Trust's Green Transport fund (provided by Kier as a condition of planning consent), ten bicycles have been purchased for use by members and residents.

Is your car in the garage? Why not use one of these bikes to commute to work. Friends or family visiting for the weekend? Why not go for a cycle ride. We have three male and three female adult bikes in various frame sizes, along with four children's bikes and all of them will come with safety equipment (helmet & lights) and security devices, so you can pedal away care-free.

So that the bikes can be professionally maintained and to enable us to continue to provide this service, there will be a small fee for hire (see below) and you will need to abide by the dreaded Terms and Conditions (they're not that bad really!). Full details can be obtained from the Trust office once the scheme goes live.

Hire Fees:

	One Week (7 days)	Weekend (Fri-Mon)	Daily (24 hours)
Adult	£10	£7.50	£5
Child	£7.50	£5	£5

(If hiring more than one bike, each subsequent bike will be half price, with the exception of daily hires, for which there will be no discount)

The Trust has also teamed up with Outspoken! who provide various levels of one-to-one cycle training and this is being offered completely FREE to residents. We will even loan you a bike and helmet if you don't

have your own, so you can hone your skills or get back on two wheels if it's been a while since you last sported the latex shorts.

To check the available dates and book a place, please visit <http://new.outspokentraining.co.uk//bourne-cycle-training>. You will need to pay a £5 booking fee to secure a place, but this will be reimbursed to you by a deduction from your annual charge in April 2015. If you have friends, family or know someone that doesn't live on Elsea Park, they too can take part in the training; however, they will need to pay the full price and use their own bike (or hire one of ours). For them to book they will need to ring 01223 473820 or email lincs@outspokentraining.co.uk. Could Elsea Park have the next Bradley Wiggins in the making?

We are also aware that some of you may be put off using your bike due to the possibility of theft. In an effort to combat this, the Trust is purchasing, from the Green Transport fund, an ImmobiTag Reader that will be donated to Bourne Police Station.

We are also purchasing a large

quantity of ImmobiTags, which are very simple to fit to your bike and will come with full instructions. These tiny "electronic tags" are virtually impossible to locate and remove, and in the event of recovery following theft or loss, the police will scan the bike using the ImmobiTag reader to identify the owner.

The Tags will be available for purchase from the Trust Office at cost price (£5.40 each). This is an absolute bargain as they currently sell for £14.29 direct from ImmobiTag or £14.99 in Halfords. Please go to www.immobitag.com for more information on the product.

Obviously this won't prevent the bike from being stolen, but it will hopefully deter potential thieves and assist in the recovery of your prized possession.

The bikes and ImmobiTags will be available in the near future; we will place a Newsflash on our home page on the website at www.elseapark.co.uk when each scheme is up and running.

Happy (and safe) cycling everyone.

Jono Brough



Activity timetable

Monday

9:15 – 10:45	Stay and Play (Birth – 5 years) Bourne Children's Centre	Hall A	Free Admittance
18:00 – 19:30	Cubs (8 - 10½ years)	Hall A	£30 per term
19:15 – 20:15	Zumba , Michaela Murthwaite	Hall B	£5

Tuesday

10:00 – 11:30	Dance 4 life (Followed by refreshments) Sarah Hill	Hall A	£4.50
17:30 – 18:30	Beavers (Ages 6 – 8 for boys and girls)	Hall B	£25 per term
19:30 – 21:00	Senior Girl Guides (From 14 years of age)	Hall B	Please enquire for prices

Wednesday

9:30 – 13:30	NHS- Cardiac Rehab (By appointment only)	Main Hall	
10:30 – 12:30	Drop in Sessions (Elsea Park Residents)	Lounge	50p each/per week
18:30 – 21:00	Elsea Park Youth Group (Ages 11-18)	Lounge/Hall	50p each/per week

Thursday

9:30 – 10:30	Rise and Shine (Dance – Adults), Sarah Hill	Hall A	£4 per class
16:30 – 19:30	Why Weight "Boosh" Slimming Group Hayley & Freya	Meeting Room	Call to book 07508378758
18:30 – 19:45 <i>Starting 11th September 2014</i>	Yoga , Liz Chapman	Hall	Call to book 07764617668 or 01780 754170

Friday

13:00 – 14:30 <i>Starting September</i>	Young Parents Group (Birth – Five years)	Main Hall	£1 per session.
18.30 - Finish <i>3rd Friday of Month</i>	Film Club (Bar Available)	Main Hall	Free to memebers

Saturday

11:00 – 12:00	Karate , Joanne Mason (4 years +)	Hall A	Call Jo on 07983445375
----------------------	--	--------	-------------------------------

Sunday

09:00 – 13:00	New Addition Antenatal Education Classes Helen Toplis & Maralyn Beswick-Brown. 10/08/2014, 07/09/2014, 19/10/2014, 16/11/2014, 07/12/2014	Meeting Room	Call to book 07707104479
----------------------	--	--------------	-------------------------------------

From The Office...

By the time this issue lands on your doorstep, you'll probably have forgotten just where you downloaded your holiday photos, and those of you who commute any distance will soon realise that the children are back at school! Which reminds me, some children (and staff) will be starting at OUR school, as it opens its doors for the very first time and marks another milestone in the development of Elsea Park. We wish the children well as they take their first steps on the road to a happy and fulfilling education, and we extend a warm welcome to the staff as they walk with them along that same road.

This is also an important month for The Trust, with the Annual General Meeting taking place at The Centre on the evening of Wednesday 17th September. I recall the first AGM that I sat through as a new resident back in 2009, not long after we'd moved to Elsea Park. It was also

my first visit to the Corn Exchange; there were a lot of empty seats, and I thought it would have been much busier had it been held in the Community Centre (which had yet to be built). I wasn't able to attend last year's AGM at The Centre, but I understand that most of the seats were still empty!

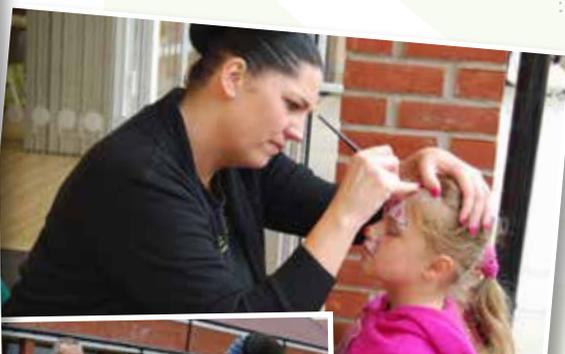
The office continues to receive complaints about the general state of the development, many of them concerning the overgrown bund at the entrance to The Gables (from Raymond May's Way) and the verges as you approach The Ridings from The Gables / Greenacres roundabout. The poor condition of the roadway on The Gables, the deep potholes, and the missing kerbstones from the roundabout are of major concern to all who negotiate them, as are the trip hazards on the newer part of the development around Aintree Way. We always collate and pass these complaints to the responsible developers, and we have been advised by Kier that remedial work should be completed on The Gables early in September, that the bund will be attended to by

mid-September, and that they will scope the extent of the work required around Aintree Way in the near future prior to scheduling in repairs.

Our tireless PCSO, Graeme Parrott has asked me to remind you that as the nights begin to draw in, there is generally an increase in opportunist thefts and attempts to gain entry to homes were security is lax across the whole country. Lincolnshire Police will be launching "Operation Lighthouse", and Graeme and the rest of the policing team are always available to give advice on how you can reduce the chance of becoming a victim of this sort of crime. He also assures us that Elsea Park is a safe place to live, providing you don't drive down a pothole on The Gables or trip as you walk along Aintree Way!

To end on a brighter note, as you'll read elsewhere in the newsletter, there are lots of things planned for the coming months. The Centre will see an appearance by Martin Daniels who has hired the building to bring you an evening of family entertainment, whilst EPIC are staging professional theatre for the first time having secured the Stripped Down Theatre company to present "Our Kylie's Getting Wed" (which is definitely not for the children)! Why not buy tickets and come along to both, because if you do, I'm sure there'll be more to follow.

Barry Cook
Community Trust Manager



Photos taken at the Picnic in The Park 2014

Resident Directors Wanted - Would You Like to Join The Board?

It's been some time since we asked if any Trust members might be interested in joining the Board of Directors, and with the ramp in house sales over the last couple of years, there's a good chance some of you more recent arrivals to Elsea Park might not have been asked before.

We currently have four "Resident Directors"; Angela Bailey (the Chair), Jono Brough, Matt Upex and Jane Whitehead. We also have a Resident Director "in waiting" in the form of Steve Broughton. It's generally felt by Directors that their responsibilities are not too onerous. They usually meet with the other Directors at The Centre on the first Wednesday evening of each month to review and discuss financial, operational, and management matters, along with

the rolling action plan. Essentially, the Directors try to ensure that The Trust operates as you might expect it to. There might also be a few emails doing the rounds between meetings, but they are the exception rather than the rule. So what are we looking for in a prospective Director? First and foremost, somebody who cares about Elsea Park and its environs; someone who wants to help shape and develop where we live, essentially, someone who is prepared to put a bit of time and effort in to act in the best interests of the members. We need good communicators, coupled perhaps with a skill that is transferable; maybe you've worked in a Customer Service role, and would know what members want. Perhaps you're good at managing projects or running

events, or a Health & Safety guru, or have a financial or legal background that would come in handy. Or maybe you're just a good all-rounder.

So now back to the second paragraph, and our Resident Director in waiting. Steve stepped forward as a potential Resident Director, and, having signed a Non-Disclosure Agreement, has attended the last few board meetings to see how the board operates, and decide if it's for him. If he determines it is (and we think he already has) then there will be a short interview just to make sure that Steve (and we) know exactly what's expected of each other.

So if this has aroused your interest at all, please drop a brief email to angelabailey@elseapark.co.uk – we look forward to hearing from you!

Dog Control and Littering

It's no good beating about the bush; the problem of dogs fouling the pavements and open spaces on Elsea Park is not getting any better; it is getting appreciably worse, despite our continued pleas to dog owners.

Although the planning application for the siting of additional bins (and benches and signs) is finally available to view on the SKDC website (Application Numbers S14/2135 and S14/2136) we do not yet know if the plans will be approved. If they are, we are hoping that the opportunity to have more places to dispose of both suitably bagged dog mess and litter might encourage some dog owners and litter droppers to act more responsibly.

Irrespective of the success (or otherwise) of the planning application, The Trust has decided that it needs to act now to reduce the risk of a child coming in to contact with dog excrement whilst playing on the main play area adjacent to The Centre. With that in mind, we ask all dog

owners NOT to walk their dogs on, or allow them to enter the triangular area of land in front of the Centre where the basketball hoop, play equipment, and toddler play park are located. Dog excrement is unpleasant, unsightly, unnecessary, and a hazard to all children who play there. We intend to place temporary signs on the boundary of the area, and will replace them with approved signage once new signs are procured.

We have also received telephone calls and visits to The Trust Office from residents on Elsea Park who feel that dogs should be kept on a lead on Linear Park and the other green open spaces within the housing development. Having taken advice we have verified that dogs are normally required to be kept on a lead in public spaces to reduce the risk of dogs worrying or attacking pedestrians and other dogs.

We also feel that it might reduce the chance of dog walkers "not noticing"

that their dog has fouled the grass or footway if the dog is directly under their control.

The Trust realises that this is an emotive subject, and we would welcome your feedback on the proposal to keep dogs on a lead within the housing development. If you wish to support (or object to this proposal), please let us know your views either by email to admin@elseapark.co.uk or drop a letter in the postbox outside The Centre. We would prefer that you did not telephone the office to discuss this matter, as an email or letter is tangible proof that will allow The Trust to obtain a consensus of opinion. We assure you that your name, address, or email address will NOT be shared outside The Trust.

Finally, on the subject of litter, we ask everyone to help reduce the amount of litter prevalent on Elsea Park. Litter picking costs time and money; your money. So if you see anyone dropping litter, please ask them to pick it up and bin it.

Nature Notes by Peter Ellis



What a topsy turvey summer; but so much rain and humidity has created very lush vegetation and an abundance of fruit.

One bush in particular, the bramble, is laden with fruit. The bramble is very beneficial for wildlife and the thick dense growth is ideal for nesting birds (Blackbird, Thrush, and Robin) whilst the flowers attract nectar feeding insects (Butterflies, Bees and Hoverflies). The hoverflies can easily be mistaken for Bee's, but they have only two wings whereas bees have four. Then the fruit (blackberries) comes attracting birds and mammals whilst we humans also pick the berries for that all important blackberry and apple pie and the occasional bottle of blackberry wine.

A word of warning - don't pick the berries after October 11th as the Devil gets into them! The saying goes that the Devil was kicked out of heaven on that date and landed in a blackberry bush. To seek revenge, some say he spits on them, others that he pee's on

them. Whatever he does you will find them very watery and tasteless after October 11th.

Already there are subtle changes taking place, the leaves become a duller green and fruit begins to ripen. Dragonflies dart out into the light in another first hint of autumn. You can see clouds of Dragonflies on the meadows, they dart about and change direction in a blink of an eye. They eat anything they can catch. Evidence suggests they make three calculations within a fraction of a second when hunting prey; the distance, the speed and the flight path of the unfortunate target. Although they look aggressive they don't bite or sting. The most likely ones you will see will be the Common Hawker, Brown Hawker, Darters and Chasers.

Enjoy your meadows walks and make use of the fantastic nature reserve right on your doorstep. After all, it is yours!

