

# LONG EATON 50 PLUS FORUM

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2015 ISSUE

Editor Ian Neill

Report on our December 2015 Open Forum Meeting  
held at 10:15 am on December 14<sup>th</sup> at the Long Eaton Town  
Environment



Website [www.lead50plus.com](http://www.lead50plus.com)



### CHAIR'S REPORT

Since my last Chair Report, we have made a good start on the Tablet Project. We have started to use the grant received from Cllr Hosker to purchase course materials for members and to cover the printing our own tablet guides. Many thanks to our ECP Roy Smith for his hard work in securing the two free venues we use on Mondays.

A number of the committee have been looking at the idea of reviving memories of Toton Sidings locally as an Intergenerational Project. So far we have had one meeting of interested parties.

Some of our members are complaining about the use of the gallery at our Open Forums, feeling that users have a poor deal with both sound and vision. We have been asked to find a new venue but the committee feel we should stay put for a number of reasons. We will try to make some improvements in the gallery and 2 members of the committee will sit up there next time to check it out. Ironically we will be addressing sight and hearing impairment problems with the speakers booked for the June Open Forum.

Many thanks to your generous support of our Christmas Raffles. We raised £137.33 for our funds. Many thanks to Marion Drage for making up the Hamper Prize.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION :- THE COUNCIL HAVE REMOVED THE LIGHT OBSCURING THE VIEW FROM THE GALLERY

### NEXT MEETING

March 14<sup>TH</sup> 2016

10:15 TO 12:00 Noon  
TOWN HALL LONG EATON

#### Speaker

Peter Fox: - Transport Stories from Long Eaton & District

Theme      Transport

### IN THIS ISSUE

Page 1	Chair's Report
Page 1	Raffle
Page 2	Speaker : .Jim Stevenson
Page 2	Speaker :- Richard Windsor
Page 3	Speaker:- Councillor Mike Wallis
Page 5	Charity Ads inc Age UK Concert
Page 6	Rawtenstall and Bury
Page 7	Travel Club News
Page 8	Free Email courses
Page 8	Computer Courses

FOOD BANK BOX WILL BE AVAILABLE

Attendance 111 Members and 6 visitors  
Raffle made £6780 Thanks to Marion and Jenny who ran it and all those who contributed, both financially and prizes.

**THE VIEWS EXPRESSED IN THE NEWSLETTER ARE THOSE OF THE CONTRIBUTORS AND DO NOT NECESSARILY REFLECT THE VIEWS OF THE FORUM**

### Speakers:

**1<sup>st</sup> Speaker** - Jim Stevenson Erewash Canal Association

The Erewash Canal was opened in 1779 it had taken only 22 months to build using only men, picks, shovels horses, carts and wheelbarrows. It is a little under 12 miles long and has 14 locks. It was built to take coal out of the Erewash valley onto the river Trent. Very soon branches to Derby, Cromford, Nottingham and Shipley were added. Decline began with the development of the railways.

The Erewash Canal Preservation and Development Association was formed to save it,

The filled in Great Northern basin at Langley Mill and its adjacent locks were restored along with part of the Cromford Canal

The Association also took on tasks of saving and restoring the Sandiace cottages, saving them from demolition and are now part of a conservation area which is open to the public.

Ideally the Association would like to join up the Erewash Canal with the Cromford and Nottingham Canals at Langley Mill. However, the A610 swings bridge across the canal there is currently preventing the canal going on towards Cromford.

In 1987 the association achieved their aim to make the first section of the canal the cruise way.

Since the restoration a number of new flats and houses have been built which has driven away a lot of the local wildlife such as water voles.

The association hope to keep the canal clear and running for as long as possible and Jim asked members of the forum to support the work by either joining the Association or supporting the open days and events put on during the year.



**2<sup>ND</sup> Speaker** - Richard Windsor Pride in Erewash

Richard informed the members that he has been in his current post since 2006 and still enjoys his work as much now as he did when he first started.

### Aims of the Project:

- Promote a sense of Pride across the Borough
- Develop respect for and ownership of our environment through a range of community projects
- Develop and sustain real improvements to the quality of life for the residents and visitors to the Borough

The Pride in Erewash initiative is a fantastic campaign with the community at its heart. Now in to its eighth year, the campaign is going from strength to strength with hundreds of residents, partners and volunteers taking part in environmental and community events throughout the year.

**Are you coming to the 50 & 60 event to Petersham Hall on the 12<sup>TH</sup> March from 2:00PM til 4 PM**  
**See page 4 for details**

Richard is passionate about working with younger people and getting them involved in the community and one of the main projects doing this is the Adopt a Park Scheme which encourages young people to develop a caring attitude towards their environment – this involves planting, park patrols, litter picks & graffiti removal.

### **Erewash in Bloom:**

Volunteers made the final decision on the winners. The Erewash in Bloom Gardening Competition aims to encourage communities, schools and businesses to take Pride in their environment through gardening and horticulture. The competition encourages people to produce and maintain beautiful gardens and floral features which help to make Erewash a nicer place to live and work.

### **East Midlands in Bloom:**

Richard chooses all the plants to be grown and displayed. The aim of the competition is to encourage the improvement of our surroundings through the imaginative use of trees, shrubs, flowers and landscaping. It also aims to achieve a litter free and sustainable environment. This links directly to the three RHS core pillars of excellence which are:

- Horticultural Achievement
- Environmental Responsibility
- Community Participation

The Union Jack displays had gone down very well and Richard will be bringing these back in 2018 for the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> World War Celebrations.

### **Going for Gold:**

Richard is passionate about making the town centre look attractive for both residents of Long Eaton and its visitors. He currently has good sponsorship from local businesses for areas such as the roundabouts.

### **West Park Nursery:**

The nursery is used to grow all the plants used across Long Eaton – costs are kept to an absolute minimum and the majority of work is carried out by volunteers.

The Peatland Charter was adopted by the Council in 1997. Biological Control is used to control pests in the Nursery. Over 70,000 summer bedding plants are produced each year. Over 40,000 spring bedding plants will be produced for spring colour. This autumn 134,000 bulbs have been planted.

### **Tree Warden Scheme:**

The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative that enables people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing trees and woodlands in their local area.

### **Friends will be Friends:**

A Friends of Group is usually made up from residents who have got together because they have a particular interest in a local green space. There are a number of Friends Groups in Erewash which include: Friends of West Park, Friends of Forbes Hole, Friends of Hayworth Road Park, Friends of Stanton Road Cemetery, Friends of Straws Bridge, Friends of Victoria Park, Friends of Kirk Hallam Lake and Meadows, In Bloom Steering Group & Friends of Park Cemetery.

Will we see you at the 50 & 60 event at Petersham Hall on the 12<sup>th</sup> March  
See page 4 for details





### **3<sup>rd</sup> Speaker: Councillor Mike Wallis, EBC Lead Member for Culture & Leisure**

Mike gave an explanation of his role and how he has been working with Richard. They cannot do what they do without the help of the residents and volunteers, so Mike encouraged the members to report any nuisances or ongoing problems to the Pride-Line.

Mike thanked Richard for all his hard work and enthusiasm during 2015 and said what an excellent year it had been gaining 3 green flags. A terrific job has been done on West Park and EBC is currently starting its 5<sup>th</sup> year of their plans for the park which will include an area specifically for young people.

Some trees have had to be destroyed due to health and safety but this has all been done sensitively and monitored by the Tree Wardens. £8,000 has been put aside for the replanting of trees.

Some of the greenhouses at the nursery need replacing and Mike will try his very best to find the necessary investment to carry this work out. EBC are nearing the end of the refurbishment of all the play areas this has taken 4½ years to carry out in line with new EU regulations/legislation. £130,000 is being spent on the kids Skate Park.

Mike gave his promise to keep the Borough of Erewash up to the best standards for everyone to enjoy and improve the lives of all those living in the Borough. He is continually looking for grants and inward investment to continue this journey.

### **50 & 60's afternoon at Petersham Hall**

**AGE UK ARE PUTTING ON A 50 & 60'S AFTERNOON FROM 2 TILL 4**

**Date is the 12<sup>TH</sup> March**

**Contact Dianne on 97919 116585 or**

**Email [diane.neil26@live.co.uk](mailto:diane.neil26@live.co.uk)**

**Or Contact Ian at the usual contact points**

# LONG EATON & DISTRICT 50 PLUS FORUM

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2015 ISSUE

Page 5

Editor Ian Neill

### CHARITY ADS.

#### **PARKLANDS STROKE CLUB**

##### **HAVE YOU OR SOMEBODY YOU KNOW HAD A STROKE**

Why not come along to Parklands Stroke club.  
We meet every second Friday, starting on the 7<sup>th</sup>  
of November, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM  
Where? At Petersham Hall

Contact:- Pat on 0115 972 2389

#### **LONG EATON AND DISTRICT INVALID CLUB**

Meets every second Tuesday of the month at  
Sawley Memorial Hall.

Come along and join us  
We run 3 coach trips per year  
Pick up points are too numerous to mention but  
there will be one near you,

The Erewash RAFA (884) Branch Welfare  
'Drop-In' Centre,  
is now open at 91, Grasmere Rd, Long Eaton,  
next to the Petersham Hall Social Centre, for all  
people to join, regardless of military service. The  
Trentbarton Indigo bus service from Nottingham,  
via Long Eaton, to Briar Gate, stops outside the  
premises every 20 minutes. For Sat Nav code:  
NG10 4DZ.  
There is plenty of parking in the area next to the  
Co-op shop.

#### **DATE FOR YOUR DIARY**

**MARCH 12**

**SATURDAY 2 PM**

**AGE UK ARE PUTTING ON A 50 / 60's  
CONCERT AT PETERSHAM HALL**

**PRICE £2.50**

#### **LONG EATON INDIAN ASSOCIATION**

Meets every Monday (except bank holidays) from  
12:00 until 3:00 PM

United Reformed Church, the Green, Long Eaton  
Chair based exercise and social

£12.00 per quarter

All welcome

#### **LONG EATON ALL MEDIA AND ARTS GROUP**

Meets every Thursday evening from 7.00 PM  
until 9:00 PM at Petersham Hall

Contact Loraine on 0115 972 6132

All Welcome

#### **PETERSHAM HALL**

The fully refurbished hall is now running the  
following clubs or meetings

SureStart Monday Morning  
Flower Arranging Monday Evening  
EMH Tuesday Club Tuesday Afternoon  
Bingo Tuesday Evening  
Social Line Dancing Wednesday Afternoon  
Serious Line Dancing Wednesday Evening  
Social Thursday afternoon  
Art Club Thursday Evening  
Stroke Cub Friday Afternoon  
Private Function Friday Evening  
For more information on these events  
[www.phca1969.org.uk](http://www.phca1969.org.uk)  
or phone Ian on 0115 972 6057

The Association is also arranging for a Tinsel &  
Turkey holiday starting 7<sup>TH</sup> November 5 days at  
the Crown Hotel, Weymouth Dorset Cost £299.00

### RAWTENSTALL

Back in medieval times Rawtenstall (pronounced Rottenstall in case you were wondering!) was part of the Forest of Rossendale, and although the forest has largely been replaced by rolling fields and dales, the Rossendale Valley remains a picturesque place to visit. With bed and breakfast accommodation in Rawtenstall, you might want to plan a stay to explore the area and discover its delights.

There is the Buffer Stops Bar is at the station but only serves locally brewed beer.

The Whitaker is a must see for anyone visiting Rawtenstall. This recently renovated period property makes for a stunning museum, gallery and café. With their constantly changing displays and collections and their tasty café you can spend the day here and take a walk round Whitaker Park, with its picturesque gardens and the Incredible Edible allotments.

Fitzpatrick's is just one the many unique independent shops Bank Street, they have been making cordials and drink since 1899.

Bank Street in Rawtenstall is a fantastic shopping experience for those of you keen to celebrate local, independent businesses. It provides a great opportunity to shop local and experience a different shopping offer to many other towns.

Lamberts Mill Shop in Rawtenstall is a must see, with the Footwear Museum, 23 local producers, Annie Peach's Tea Room and bespoke niche handmade upholstery, you are sure to find that special unique gift.

Rawtenstall boasts a successful and thriving market, being situated not far from Bury it's the perfect place to continue your market experience with the abundance of fresh food, homemade craft and local trades. The market is open on Thursdays. 9:00 till 16:00 hours.

### BURY

#### **Bury Market**

**The indoor market only is open on Thursday**  
Bury's World Famous Market is a multi award winning market and has recently added Best Market Attraction 2015 to the list.

Fresh produce ranges from speciality cheeses to beautiful fresh fish and fruit and veg. you will be seriously spoilt for choice. Some of the freshest produce in the North West can be found here; including locally grown vegetables brought to market by the farmer himself, award winning meats, hand raised pies, and freshly made soups. The Market has an abundance of multicultural cafes and takeaways, so there's sure to be something to suit everyone's taste and make sure you don't miss the local delicacy of Bury Black pudding, served hot or cold with lashings of mustard or piccalilli.

#### **Bury Transport museum**

Bury Transport Museum is part of the East Lancashire Railway Experience. Housed in a beautifully restored 1848 goods warehouse this fascinating museum brings the history of early 20<sup>th</sup> century transport to life. With restored vehicles, interactive displays, touchscreens and a dressing up area, the museum is very family oriented with plenty to keep little ones – and adults – busy. Bury Transport Museum successfully combines education and fun

#### **The Pilot Mill outlet**

Visit The Pilot Mill Outlet and receive a warm welcome from our friendly staff!

There's lots of choice for everyone, clothing for all the family, footwear, luggage, homeware, gifts, pet accessories and much more. Lots of well-known brands are on offer including Antler, Skechers, Hush Puppies, Yankee Candle, Roman Originals, Babytown and Tigi Wear.

The Pilot Mill Outlet is also home to Barista Piccolo coffee shop. Group visits are welcome, lots of incentives are available

### JULY TRIP

### TRAVEL CLUB NEWS

#### WHITBY

**Date 7<sup>th</sup> JULY 2016**

**Price £ 15.00**

There has been an incredible demand for this trip.  
Only a few seats left.

Pick up points:-

Petersham Hall 8:00 AM

ASDA Bus stop 8:00 AM

Long Eaton Railway Station

West Park Leisure Centre

Returning at 6:0 PM

### SEPTEMBER TRIP EAST LANCS RAILWAY

**Date 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**Price £20.00**

Tickets available at the September meeting

Pick up points:-

Petersham Hall 8:00 PM

ASDA Bus stop 8 :00 PM

Long Eaton Railway Station

West Park Leisure Centre

Returning at 6:00 PM

The Trip will be on a steam train.

The present plan is as follows:-

Catching the 11:05 from Bury

Arriving at 11:35 at Rawtenstall

Returning to Bury on the 14:00 hours train

Arriving in Bury at 14:30

This will give you three hours to explore Bury

See page 6 for details of Rawtenstall and Bury

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

**Phone :- 0115 972 6057**

**Email [trips@ianconsult.co.uk](mailto:trips@ianconsult.co.uk)**

**Post: 50 Plus**

**10 Pennine Close**

**Long Eaton**

**NG10 4JT**

### APRIL TRIP

#### BURGHLEY HOUSE

**DATE 14<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016**

**PRICE £ 22.00**

THIS INCLUDES THE CHARGE TO GO IN TO  
THE GROUNDS AND HOUSE

Departing at 8:00 AM leaving Burghley about 5:30

Pick up points:-

**Petersham Hall ASDA Bus stop**

**Long Eaton Railway Station**

**West Park Leisure Centre**

Tickets available at the next Open Forum meeting

One of England's Greatest Elizabethan Houses,  
designed by William Cecil, Lord High Treasurer  
to Queen Elizabeth 1, between 1555 and 1587.

The admission price includes a self guided tour  
which includes the House, the Brewhouse  
Exhibition, our 'Capability' Brown Exhibition,  
the Historical Garden of Surprises and the  
Contemporary Sculpture Park. We have guides in  
the 18 State Rooms who will be only too  
delighted to indulge you in the history of the  
family, the House and Burghley's remarkable  
collection.

They also offer audio guides subject to  
availability individuals can purchase an audio  
guide on the day of the visit for £3.00. The audio  
guides will take you around the 18 State Rooms  
and last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes.  
The Orangery Restaurant and Garden Café both  
offer a wide variety of locally sourced, dishes for  
you to enjoy

# LONG EATON & DISTRICT 50 PLUS FORUM

## NEWSLETTER

Winter 2015 ISSUE

Page 8

Editor Ian Neill

### **TABLET SESSIONS**

These are held at the Community House on Derby Road on Monday afternoons

For Details Contact Pete Wearn at :-

[petewearn@hotmail.com](mailto:petewearn@hotmail.com)



### **FREE COMPUTING FOR THE ABSOLUTE BEGINNER**

EVERY MONDAY MORNING FROM 10:00 - 12:00 AM

COME ALONG TO THE LIBRARY AND FIND OUT HOW A COMPUTER CAN HELP YOU

**FREE**  
**1 DAY WORKSHOP**  
**EMAIL**  
**Introducing Email**  
**Training and Advice Centre**  
**153 Bath Street**  
**Ilkeston**  
**DE7 8AS**  
**Book Now by phoning**  
**0115 9 300 199**  
**Also**  
**FREE**  
**On-Line Course**  
**Make Money Work**  
**Contact them by calling**  
**0115 9 300 199**

### **Your Views**

In future editions we propose to have a letters page so send you views to [50plus@ianconsult.co.uk](mailto:50plus@ianconsult.co.uk) or LEAD 50plus C/O 10 Pennine Close Long Eaton NG10 4JT



Photo from Peter Fox's talk at the next Forum meeting