

Play Park additions and funding update

Last month there was an overwhelmingly positive response from residents regarding the replacement of the large slide and associated play equipment which is attached to it, at the Leisure Centre Play Park. Thank you to those of you who wrote supporting pieces to be included in our funding bid. Hopefully we will be successful. There were a few residents who expressed concern that equipment will be removed and not be replaced; this is not the case. Users of the Abbey Gates Park will have noticed a new replacement springer and an additional springer, see the pictures below of the motorbike, daisy and snail. A big thank you goes to the Parish Council handyman, for their installation. Those residents who have any concerns or anything positive to add to the discussion should, in the first instance contact the Parish Clerks, amanda@ravensheadpc.org.uk or belinda@ravensheadpc.org.uk to arrange a meeting. I am still waiting to hear back from a couple of residents who have made contact through other methods, to arrange a meeting.

The funding window for the skatepark is not open yet, but residents should be reassured that everything possible is being done to fund a suitable replacement. However, it will not be a cheap fix. Funding for this continues alongside work to find the funds to update and modernise much of the Leisure Centre buildings. More information on this project, will hopefully be available next month.

141 Bus Service

Residents, and particularly the users of the 141 bus service, will be delighted to hear that the service has been given a reprieve. Stagecoach will be taking over the service from 5th September with the same timetable still operating. A big thanks should go out to all those who helped secure the service for at least another 12 months. This includes our County Councillor Chris Barnfather, Officers at County Hall, and Mark Spencer MP. Nottinghamshire County Council will be continuing its generous subsidy of the route. Whether the route can remain financially viable will be seen over the next 12 months, but as the saying goes “use it or lose it”.

Overhanging trees and overgrown hedges

Thanks go out to all of you who have continued to help make Ravenshead an attractive place to live. Many hedges and over hanging branches have been cut back, following the request last month. It is also very noticeable where residents have also cut the grass verge adjacent to their properties. Thank you

Tour of Britain cycle race

A further reminder that the Tour of Britain cycle race will be passing through Ravenshead on Thursday September 8th. The race stage begins in West Bridgford and ends in Mansfield, with the riders expected on Chapel Lane between 12.30pm and 1.00pm. We would like to reserve the area outside of the Sherwood Ranger PH, for school groups. This area will be decorated with Union Jack bunting and hopefully Chapel Lane residents will decorate outside their own properties.

Free Junior Tennis sessions

The Parish Council is delighted to note that a number of young people took advantage of the free tennis sessions at the Leisure Centre over the school summer holidays. We hope to provide this again next summer. Courts are always available to hire by residents. The full price list and a list of regular sports classes, is available on the Parish Council website, www.ravensheadpc.org.uk

Nottinghamshire Day, 25th August

Nottinghamshire Day will have passed by the time this edition of the newsletter is published. Hopefully you will have seen the flag flying outside of the Village Hall. It would be nice to make more of the day

in future years to possibly include readings and poems relating to Nottinghamshire. Please contact the Parish Council if you would like to be involved or have any suggestions to enable us to plan for next year.

Martin Smith

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