

## **Community Support Working Group Events**

### **Cooking session**

Positive feedback received from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February first Cooking on a Budget session at Eckington Civic Centre. It was a great session with 16 people taking part, plus 3 babies! We cooked three recipes which were all great value and tasty. Councillor Kenyon was on hand to give advice on reducing fuel bills and provide free resources if required e.g. electric blankets as part of the Parish's Warm Bank project. Advice and appointments were provided to people requiring financial support. We also had a Social Prescriber from the NHS attend.

Through Feeding Derbyshire funding, Jessica secured 20 slow cookers to be handed out to families with school age children that are on free school dinners. Six were given out during the session and the rest handed out to customers of the community pantry.

**Coffee Club, Green Lawns** - The Coffee Club started on the 9th February people can drop in between 1pm and 4pm for a free drink and light refreshment.

### **February Half Term events**

#### **Monday morning 20<sup>th</sup> February Pizza Party**

48 children with their adults attended the pizza party. Children weighed out the ingredients, made dough, chose and chopped the toppings, made pizza, side salad and fruit salad which they ate for lunch. We had our hands full I think we underestimated how difficult this event would be. Thank you to Dale, Councillors, Allan, Clegg, Kenyon and his wife. Without our wonderful team of volunteers, we would have really struggled. We received lots of great feedback from the guests and the volunteers.

#### **Monday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> February at Green Lawns storytelling party.**

A much calmer event 15 children attended with their adults and listened to local children's author Jill Saynor read her two books, followed by lots of story inspired crafts and games. Every child received a packed lunch and was given a free book to take home and a few children also received special books and bee teddy! I have attached a few photos.

We are looking to work with some local libraries to encourage their use.

### **Animal War Memorial Day**

A short service of remembrance was held at St Peters and St Paul Church, Eckington 10.45am Friday 24th February for animals who died in wars. The service was streamed live.

## **Proposed Future Activities dependant on capacity and funding**

**Tuesday Teatime club**– Cooking classes and social eating at the Civic Centre 3.30pm until 5.30pm starting 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**Easter** – 13<sup>th</sup> April visit to Renishaw Hall and Gardens, Easter games and activities and a picnic in the grounds.

Easter themed event and a packed lunch at Renishaw community hall.

**Extreme Wheels** – Fully booked for 2023 Book to provide activities for teenagers if there is a cancellation.

**Kings Coronation** – Childrens disco, buffet and royal tattoos.

**Food, Drink, Craft and general market** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August

**5 Summer Holiday events** to be held similar to last year's activities. Eckington Miners Welfare identified as a suitable location along with Renishaw community hall.

October Half Term details not confirmed yet.

Christmas events similar to 2022 events.

**Renishaw lunch Club** – Landmarks to start a Tuesday lunch club with bingo on 25<sup>th</sup> April at Renishaw community hall.