

# Long Eaton & District 50+ Forum Newsletter

## January 2024

Date of last meeting

Monday December 11<sup>th</sup> 2023

Christmas Special with *"Twice As Nice"*

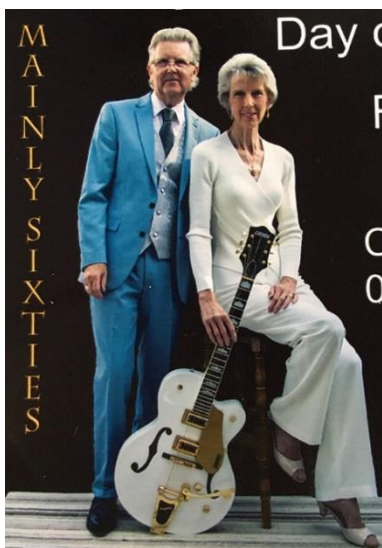
### Chair Report



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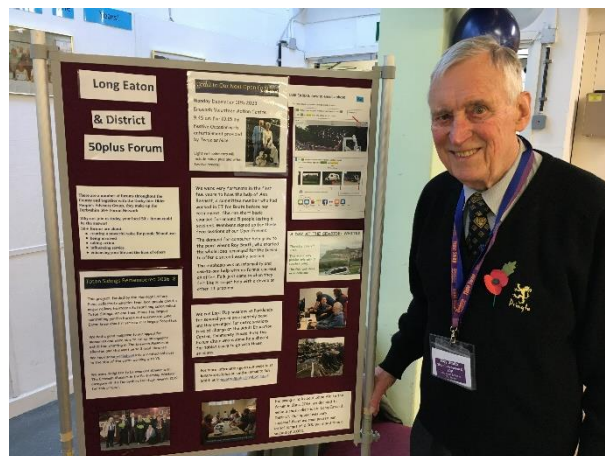
Many thanks to forum members who supported our December meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. I know many of our members are having difficulty getting out and about these days and I hope our newsletters are keeping you up to date.



We had a lively Christmas Open Forum. Particular thanks again go to Jenny who made a lovely hamper for the raffle.

Once again this year we participated in the St Laurence Church Christmas Tree Festival. Jenny Timmins kindly supplied the tree and baubles and set it up on Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

The committee set up a stall on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> to help celebrate 25 years at the Erewash Community Volunteer Centre where we currently hold our Open Forums.



Our next meeting is on Mar 18th at the Erewash Volunteer Centre, Granville Avenue, Long Eaton. The speakers will be:

**Clare Wilkins, East Midlands National Pensioners Convention**

**Daryl Foran, Victim Support**

See you then I hope!

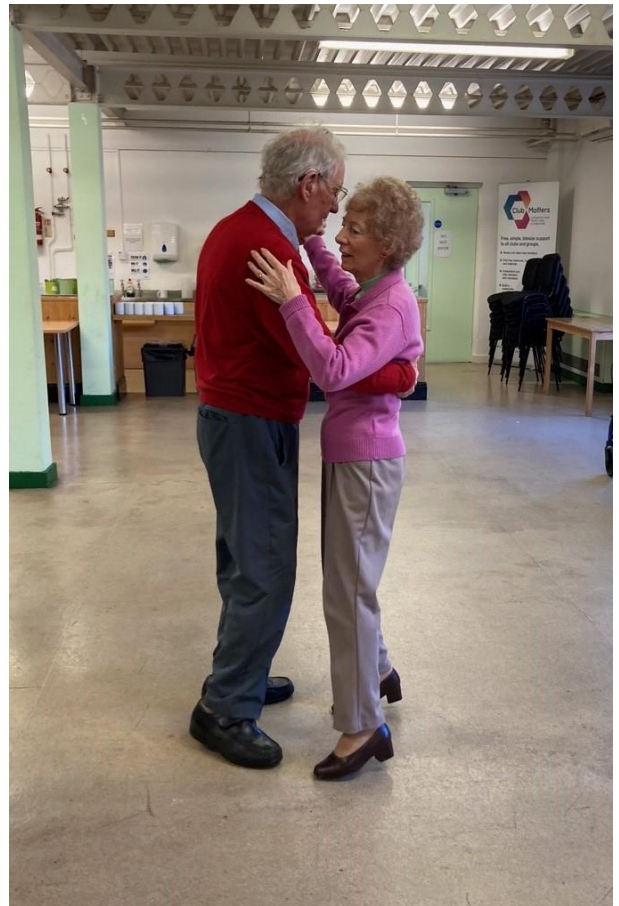
## Open Forum Report

Dec 11<sup>th</sup> 2023



Our entertainment for the Forum Christmas Special this year was recommended by committee member Cindy Woolley. Gary & Lyn Booth, *Twice As Nice*, brought us lots of Christmas cheer and first class entertainment. The show was in two parts with a break for seasonal refreshments midway.

1. Three steps to heaven
2. Lucky lips
3. Santa Baby
4. Puttin on the style
5. Achy breaky heart
6. My boy lollipop
7. White Christmas
8. Daydream Believer
9. Merry Christmas everyone
10. I'm a believer
11. Bebop a Lula
12. Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow
13. A picture of you
14. Stood up
  
15. Winter wonderland
16. Shake rattle and roll
17. Do wah diddy diddy
18. Another rock and roll Christmas
19. Is this the way to Amarillo



Gary & Lyn did their best to get their audience involved. Indeed there were a few committee members who couldn't resist joining in and it was particularly heartwarming to see Sandra and Robin enjoying the morning (see picture)



## **Town Deal Board Report**

### **Town Deal Board Meeting 1st December 2023 Report.**

The latest meeting of the Town Deal Board was well attended with the usual mix of local council officers and community group representatives. It was chaired by Richard Ledger in the Council Chamber, LE Town Hall.

Steve Bircumshaw, EBC Head of Planning & Regeneration, explained that the Council had not delivered a project of this magnitude (around £25 million) since the 1980's and that it had been something of a learning curve!

Each project was then reported on and discussed as below.

#### **Stable Block**

This involves the conversion of buildings behind the Town Hall to provide 24 office units for small businesses. A new contractor, Trident Construction, has been hired to complete the work after RS Tomlinson went bankrupt mid job (don't ask!) Now this project is back on track with the help of some extra funding acquired from Public Sector Decarbonisation Projects.

#### **Galaxy Row**

The Compulsory Purchase Orders have been drafted for those properties behind the old cinema scheduled for demolition. This is to make way for the new building occupiers to be able to access Oxford St. When planning further progress you have to factor in an estimate of delays caused by hearings and appeals.

#### **Long Eaton High Street**

This large project has been halted while a collaborative agreement is being drawn up for the project to be managed by

Derbyshire County Council. This legal framework nears completion we are told!

#### **West Park**

Work starts in January to improve the Events Area. It should be available for the Long Eaton Carnival we were informed.

#### **Broad Street Bridge**

The final design for the bridge has been decided at last. The bridge will give improved ramp access from Broad Street with wider walkway and room for cyclists. There will also be steps and a bike rail down to the towpath – a big improvement.



#### **Brittania Road Bridge**

The cost plan has come out higher than originally estimated by around £155,000. Current work involves a thorough ground investigation and a logistics check provided by contractors Stepnells. *Future Housing* has agreed the Heads of Terms.



Chair, Richard Ledger, has promised another visit to our forum soon for an update.

# Forum Coach Trips

## Digital Inclusion Programme

Drop-in sessions are:

Mondays 10 till 12

Long Eaton Library, Tamworth Road  
NG10 1JG

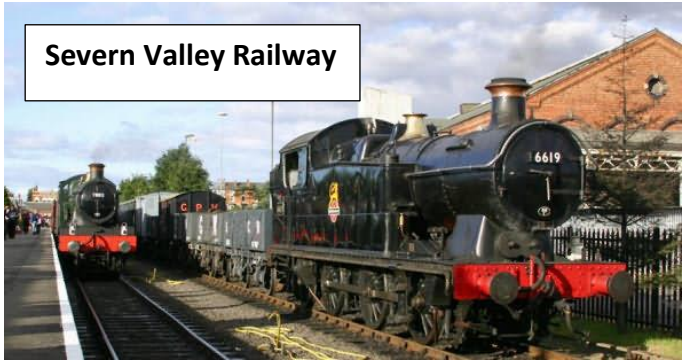
Mondays 10 till 12 and 1- 3 pm

The ACE Centre, Community House,  
173 Derby Road, NG10 4LL

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Severn Valley Railway



Our Coach Leader, the late Ian Neill



Cutty Sark, Greenwich



Oxford Colleges



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Thanks to David Pinney, Cindy Smith, Pete Wearn