



Pride of the Borough Oadby & Wigston

Members Newsletter July 2021

Dear Member

Firstly, to keep you informed, Mike has started his treatment at the Leicester Royal Infirmary which, though gruelling, is a positive step towards tackling his issues.

Secondly, I hope Mike's back in harness soon, I have a bone to pick with him! When Mike gave me our mobile phone to monitor, he assured me it hardly ever rang.... Well, that's not been the case! I have taken numerous calls from members and want-to-be members with queries on when their card expires, what are the latest offers, how to purchase a new card. I even had one call part way through a Pride of the Borough Committee Zoom meeting!!.....now, how do I adjust that very load and annoying ring tone????



More seriously, it's great that there is such an interest and that more information is wanted, so perhaps I can address some of the questions, as a sort of Frequently Asked Questions:

Membership Matters



I have a 2020 card, when does it expire?

Due to all the Covid restrictions and businesses not being open and able to honour our card we agreed to extend the validity until 31st December 2021. We anticipate new cards will be on sale towards the end of November this year.

I have lost/misplaced my 2020 card, can I get a new one?

In a word yes! We ask for £2 to cover the costs of the card, postage etc just contact us with your name and address and we can sort it for you.

How do I buy a new card?

Once again Covid restrictions have made life a little different. As our normal outlets are either not open or unable to sell the card the best way is to download the application form from our website and post the application and £5 cheque to us. If you are asked by someone who does not have internet access, they can phone us and we can help sort a new card from there.



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What are the latest offers?

As we introduce new businesses (more in a minute), and regrettably some are no longer open and able to participate, the latest information is always on our website or follow this link

<https://potb.org.uk/membership/offers/>

Businesses update

We are pleased to welcome the following businesses

1. Go For It Hair Salon: 50 Brabazon Rd, Oadby (tel 271 4306)
Offer: £5 off haircuts and reflexology on Mondays
2. Toria's Beauty Room and Aesthetics 50 Brabazon Road, Oadby (tel 7432636303) -
Offer: £10 off facial, normally costing £30, using natural Tropic Green Beauty Products
3. Gymophobic, 41a Leicester Road, Wigston
Offering free enrolment fee worth £110 & half price induction & reviews - now £60
A personalised 30 minute exercise gym session, ladies only plus home exercises & diet programme
4. Direct Carpets Supplies, 61 Long Street, Wigston
Offering 5% off when spending over £250
Experts in the supply and fitting of carpets and floor coverings

Regrettably, you can no longer use your membership card at Leicester Chauffeurs, Oadby Flooring or Shiny Clippers. We thank them for their past support.

Proposed Car parking charges.

Oadby & Wigston Borough Council's consultation on the proposals to introduce car parking charges has been a hot topic and some concern to businesses and residents and, judging by correspondence received, to our members.

It would have been impractical to consult with you all, so, as your elected representatives, the Management Committee have written to the council to give what we hope is a reflection on feelings that have been expressed to us.

We will now wait and see what the outcomes of this consultation are.

East Midlands in Bloom update

We now have a date for our judging; the judge will be with us on Monday 12th July.

The route will take the judge from Peace Memorial Park, via Wigston Framework Knitters Museum and Garden, via Blaby Road Park Community Garden, the stunning Nova Laboratories to Aylestone Lane Allotments. We then continue to Wigston Police Station (to see the planting by the Lions Club) to Brocks Hill Country Park then onto Wickham Road Green, Oadby Town centre and finish at the Botanic Garden! There are 5 stops we have not shown the judges before and some stops to show our ongoing work, so it will make an interesting, if socially distanced, tour.



We have been busy getting the route and details sorted in preparation for the visit. Our town centre planters have now all been readied for the summer; we have removed old plants and replaced the top 2-3" (50-75mm for those younger folks who prefer metric!) of compost with a peat free mix. Seasonal bedding plants have been provided by surplus from the council plus a generous delivery from the council supplier, local businesses are helping with ongoing watering and volunteers will help keep an eye on them. We have worked with the two Oadby Rotary Cubs and the 5 tree planters on The Parade have also been planted.

The council barrier floral baskets are in place and the towns are looking more enticing.

Volunteers from Pride of the Borough, Rotary and South Leicester Litter Wombles will be making an extra special effort by litter picking over this weekend to ensure we present our borough at it's best. You can help by taking that extra special care not to drop litter and to encourage others to 'bin it.'

3rd Saturday working group.

To ensure the borough is looking at it's best for judging we have taken the unusual step of moving our normal 3rd Saturday meeting to this Saturday 10th July. If you are available to join us to help, please contact us at chairman@potb.org.uk and we will be pleased to see you.

That's about all for this month except to wish all of those that can get away and especially those catching up with friends and family, a safe and pleasant journey.