

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)



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Launch of Leicestershire LINK Friday 27th March 2009



The Leicestershire LINK is being officially launched on Friday 27th March 2009, 12-1pm followed by refreshments, at the BRITE Centre, Braunstone Avenue, Braunstone, LE3 1LE.

What is the Leicestershire LINK?

LINK stands for Local Involvement Network. It is a national initiative and there is a LINK in every local authority area. The LINK is a way of giving people the power to improve health and social care services. The LINK joins people together to influence how services are run.

Together ... we can make a difference

The Leicestershire LINK will work closely with the health and social care services that the people of Leicestershire use, including services across county boundaries. We will also work in partnership with LINKs in neighbouring counties. There are separate LINKs for the city of Leicester and the surrounding counties.

Come to our launch

Come and meet us at our launch event to find out more and see how you can get involved. To book your place call the LINK team on 0116 234 1577 or email: info@leicestershirelink.org.uk

Rutland Community Spirit - supporting the community



The RCC Rutland Community Spirit team recently donated a top of the range wheelchair to Ryhall Derby and Joan club.

The project team continue to build links in the community reaching out to support vulnerable, isolated and lonely people and through their work in Ryhall; they have helped to support a number of individuals in the village.

The request for the wheelchair came from Anne Harrison who runs the Darby & Joan group. She was delighted with the chair and said, "We can now assist elderly or poorly residents who wish to join us at the village hall to socialise and partake in other activities, who up until now have been unable to attend due to various health issues."

Our picture shows Rutland Community Spirit Champion, Dawn Langfield presenting the wheelchair to Anne Harrison from Ryhall Derby & Joan club, and Rachel Miller from the Ryhall Parish Plan Group

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Please email the Editor, Bridget Masters, with any news items: bmasters@ruralcc.org.uk

LOUGHBOROUGH WOMENS AID Dragon Boat Festival



Sunday 24th May 2009
The Boat House, Bridge St
Barrow upon Soar

During this spectacular team event crews in dragon boats will be racing down the river with the finishing line just above Barrow Road Bridge.

These Chinese dragon boats hold 8/10 crew members, they will be battling along the River Soar, in the brightly painted boats, chasing that prestigious 1st place trophy and medal.

This ancient festival promises a fantastic, fun packed day for competitors, spectators, family and friends alike. There will be many attractions for all ages including Chinese lion dancing, a full children's entertainment programme, music, excellent food and, most importantly, exciting dragon boat racing.

This event is to raise money for Loughborough Women's Aid [LWA]. LWA is a registered charity which over the past 30 years has been providing support services for people experiencing domestic abuse throughout Charnwood/ North West Leicestershire.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Interested in getting a crew together?

For further information on crewing a boat or the day's events contact:
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Ryhall and Belmesthorpe Celebrate the Launch of their Parish Plan



The Rutland communities of Ryhall and Belmesthorpe turned out in force on 26th February to show support for their recently completed Parish Plan.

The community consultation project has been led by a group of dedicated local volunteers along with the help and guidance of the RCC's Rural Action Team.

The Parish Plan is fully supported by the Parish Council who along with other key service providers will now work with the community to help tackle issues and deliver positive outcomes.

The launch event which was held in Ryhall Village Hall included information stands and involvement from many local clubs and organisations along with the local Police. Sam Howlett, Jeremy Prescott and Dawn Langfield represented the RCC at the event to show their continued support for the project.

Sam Howlett, RCC Community Development Officer for Rutland, said "It is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the steering group that so many of the community came out to show their support for the Parish Plan project".

The full report along with further information about Parish Plans is available to view on the RCC website at www.ruralcc.org.uk/parishandcommunityplans.

Spring Lectures At Donington Le Heath Manor House

This Spring, Leicestershire County Council's Donington le Heath Manor House will be hosting a series of three illuminating evening talks exploring aspects of Medieval and Elizabethan life.

The first talk is by local medieval expert Nick Marshall on 'Life in a 13th century manor house' on Wednesday 11th March. Using records and illustrations from the period Nick will explore what life was really like in a thriving medieval household.

On Thursday 9th April, historical interpreter Vicky Shearman's talk 'Heath and Beauty in the Late Middle Ages' will give a fascinating insight into how women and men dealt with the important issues of health and hygiene in the fifteenth century and explore the late medieval idea of beauty.

By popular demand Maureen Taylor returns on **Thursday 14th May** with her talk '**Elizabethan life and society: A visitor from the 16th century**'.

Tickets are £4, including light refreshments, and are available now from Donington le Heath Manor House Tel (01530) 831259

The Life of Lady Jane Grey



Lady Jane Grey was a local girl with the most extraordinary story. Queen for nine days, was she a traitor to the true queen or a victim of her power hungry family?

Find out at Blaby and Kirby Muxloe Library in April! This is a great event for anyone interested in Tudor or Local History or just want to find out more about this local girl's extraordinary life.

We will be hosting a talk on the life of Lady Jane Gray by history expert, Sally Henshaw.

Monday 20th April, 7pm at Kirby Muxloe Library.

Monday 27th April at 6pm at Blaby Library.

Tickets cost £2 from the library and include refreshments.

Tel : Blaby Library 0116 305 3516

Kirby Muxloe Library 0116 305 7114

Train as a walk leader

Harborough District Council is calling on people who would like to train up as leaders, to lead walks across the district. The Walking For Health Scheme is holding a training session on Friday, March 20, from 10.30am-2.30pm at the Lutterworth Medical Centre, Gilmorton Road, Lutterworth.

Lunch will be provided and transport may be available from Market Harborough.

For more details or to book a place at the training session call Jo Elliott 01858 828282 or e-mail j.elliott@harborough.gov.uk

Independents' Day Saturday 14th March

The Leicester Mercury is launching Independents' Day on Saturday 14th March to help local shops survive the recession.

People are asked to spend the day buying from independent businesses e.g. farm shops, markets, greengrocers, butchers, tea shops etc instead of the big chains.

Independent shops can obtain 'Support your County and Independents Day' posters from the Leicester Mercury.

You can also email the Leicester Mercury with your name and address and the names of the shops you plan to support, marking the subject 'I'm shopping local'.

Visit www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk

Brewing up more support

Pubs are being urged to back Leicestershire's small breweries by pledging to have at least one local ale on tap.

The move is part of a campaign called LocAle, being organised by the Leicester branch of the Campaign for Real Ale (Camra).

More than 80 beers from 33 breweries which are within a 25-mile radius of the city centre are featured in the campaign. They include eight in Leicestershire and two in Rutland.

The scheme builds on a growing consumer demand for quality local produce and an increased awareness of 'green' issues.

Leicester Tourist Information Centre Celebrates World Book Day

**Up to 50% off local books
for a month**

To celebrate the annual World Book Day, which took place this year on 5th March, Leicester Tourist Information Centre, in Town Hall Square, is offering huge discounts on its book collection.

World Book Day is the biggest annual celebration of books and reading and is marked in over 100 countries around the world. The main aim of the day in the UK and Ireland is to encourage both children and adults to explore the pleasures of books and reading by providing them with the opportunity to have a book of their own.

The TIC has a vast collection of intriguing local history books for Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland, as well as a collection of books written by local authors.

Calling all transport enthusiasts

Do you or does anyone you know own a vintage or unusual vehicle to showcase at Snibston's Transport Festival on the 16th and 17th May 2009, 10am -5pm?

The Festival is a perfect fun weekend for all the family and transport enthusiasts alike! Vehicles on show will include bicycles, motorbikes, cars, vans, buses, train, tractors, plus much more!

In addition to Snibston's existing Transport Gallery, that shows some of the key developments in travel and transport throughout Leicestershire and beyond, the event will provide even more wonderful examples of the Classics, Attractions and Family Fun for all.

Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity to contribute to this fantastic festival. Contact the events organiser, Laura Bowler on 0116 3053427 or email lbowler@leics.gov.uk for further information and an application form.