

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)
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All the 4's Complete 150 Miles in 10 days



The Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire (centre) greets the team at Belvoir Castle on Day 3

Christine Bonner, the mother of Cpl Darren Bonner who was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2007, has just completed a walk with other volunteers of 150 miles in 10 days.

Walking up to 20 miles each day has proved extremely challenging but as she said "I wanted to do something positive to help those soldiers who have suffered and to recognise the sacrifice they have made for this country"

The public response to her inspirational walk in the 5 counties her team has walked through has been amazing. If you would like to make a small donation to the Royal Anglian Benevolent Charity then you can do so by visiting www.allthe4s.co.uk

Your Voice, Your Choice - £20,000 for your local area

Do you have an idea for an exciting local project but need a boost?
Are you a local resident looking to have your say on how funding is spent on local activities?
Are you a representative of a local community group?
If the answer to any of these questions is "YES!" this is the event for you!

All 27 Community Forums in Leicestershire (also known as Area Forums or Residents Forums in some parts of the County) currently have a budget of £20,000 to spend in their local area. The three Blaby Community Forums have already held successful workshops in June which were well attended by community groups and individuals who came up with exciting and innovative ideas for their funding.

The date and venue of the workshop for the Hinckley Area Community Forum is 24th September 2009, between 17:30 – 20:30 at Sketchley Hill Primary School, Sketchley Road, Burbage, Leicestershire, LE10 2DY

If you want to participate in your local workshop, all you need to do is going on-line at www.leicestershireforums.org/your-voice-your-choice.html and book your space. You can also call 0116 305 7565 if you need further assistance

www.ruralcc.org.uk

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

Ellistown celebrates National Allotment Week



Presentation of the EAGS shield for the best Scarecrow by Jean Lee (left) and Rod Weston to Maureen Parry

Ellistown Allotment and Gardens Society (EAGS) celebrated National Allotments Week with an Allotment Open Day and Scarecrow and Decorated Compost Bin competitions.

The Allotment Open Day was designed to publicise allotment gardening and the benefits of growing your own fruit and vegetables.

The Ellistown Scarecrow Competition attracted entries on the allotment site and around the village. The event was judged, and the prizes were awarded by, Jean Lee, Vice Chair of the RCC. The Prize for Best Scarecrow on the allotment site was won by Maureen Parry with "The Brown Pearl" and the prize for the Best Scarecrow displayed in the village was awarded to Sheila Wileman for her "Dozy Crow".

The decorated compost bin competition was won by Peter Smith with his "Compost Cottage". Lisa Smallwood won second prize.

During the event interest was expressed in community composting, an item identified on the Ellistown & Battleflat Parish Plan. It is hoped that a Community Composting club might be started on the allotment site as part of the wider role of the allotment society.

TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards

The 2009 TalkTalk Digital Heroes Awards is the UK's only scheme to reward individuals who are using digital technology to benefit their local communities.

The awards will be given to outstanding individuals, working within UK community groups or charities, who are using the power of digital technology to implement bright ideas which bring about positive social change. The awards will be used to fund both new and existing digital projects.

This year, they have increased the awards from £2,000 to £5,000. 12 regional winners from across the UK will receive cash grants of £5,000 each to fund digital projects – as well as getting free broadband to help them make the most of the internet. From these, one overall winner will be chosen by the judging panel to receive £10,000 plus free broadband!

Winners will be invited to receive their awards at a special ceremony at the Houses of Parliament in November.

Find out more at

www.talktalk.co.uk/digitalheroes

A Free Funding Workshop!

**Thursday 27th August 12.45 - 4pm
at The Tinwell Room,
Voluntary Action Rutland.**

- * Looking for money for your project?
- * Having trouble filling in funding forms?
- * Want to learn how to get your application through the funding process?

Then this workshop is for you!

Call Nickie on 01572 722622 or email mentoring@varutland.org.uk

Charnwood Orchestra in concert

Charnwood Orchestra will be giving its annual concert in Holy Trinity Church, Barrow on Saturday October 10th starting at 7.45pm.

The programme celebrates the bicentenary of Haydn's death with his Violin Concerto No 1 in C (Nic Fallowfield will be the soloist) and Symphony No 103 "The Drum Roll". It will also include works by Respighi and Ravel.

Tickets will be available at the Paper Shop, High Street, Barrow or by contacting Judith Rodgers on 07718153117 or rodgers_david@hotmail.com Tickets £8, concessions £6 and accompanied children £2. Advance booking is advised. There will also be a wine, real ale and soft drinks bar in the interval.

Thurnby and Bushby Traditional Village Fete



**Saturday 12 September
12 - 4pm**

at Thurnby Memorial Hall
and St Luke's School.

Jazz and Brass bands ,
Lisa Lolly, a children's
entertainer, craft stalls,
BBQ, children's rides,
cakes, books, bric a brac,
games tent, refreshments,
tombola.

Youngsters kick start respect campaign



A poster designed by youngsters at a playscheme will be displayed across Blaby district to help combat anti-social behaviour.

Blaby District Council's community safety team asked children at the Braunstone Town Multi Sports Playscheme to produce a poster to promote their 'Give Respect to Get Respect' campaign.'

The winners were Jacob (11) and Phoebe Lehane (9) (pictured above). They won £10 of book vouchers each and their poster will be displayed in shops, libraries, schools, parish councils and noticeboards across the district from the end of September.

Tesco Charity Trust

The next round of Tesco Charity Trust Grants for Elderly people and Adults and Children with disabilities is now open for applications.

Community and voluntary groups can apply for grants of between £500 and £4,000. The funding will go towards providing practical benefits such as equipment and resources for projects e.g. playground equipment, befriending schemes, luncheon clubs, day trips and social trips.

Applications should be sent by 30th September 2009 for an expected decision date of the end of December.

Applications can be made via the web site www.tescocharitytrustcommunityawards-applications.co.uk

For more details contact Tesco Charity Trust
0845 6123575

Hardship Fund opens

The Hardship Fund is a £16.7 million grant programme. It will support third sector organisations in England who are delivering front-line services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in society.

Grants of between £50,000 and £250,000 are available to organisations with an annual income of at least £200,000 that are in financial hardship as a result of the recession, which is impacting on their ability to deliver services in the following areas: health and social care; housing support; education and training; information, advice and guidance.

Grants will be paid from October 2009 and need to be spent by September 2010.
www.cdf.org.uk/web/guest/hardship-fund to find out more



On Sunday 30 August 8 km of Leicester's roads will be closed to all motorised traffic, and cyclists will take over the city. Qualified ride leaders will guide groups from various hubs into Leicester.

Bring your mum and dad; your relatives and all your friends and have a great day out. You can join the ride at one of the Skyride 'hubs' in the County - Dorothy Ave Rec in Glen Parva, or King Lear's Lake Car Park at Watermead Country Park. So come and experience Leicester on traffic-free roads and take in the Golden Mile, Belgrave Hall, Space Centre, Technology Museum and Abbey Park.

The Leicester Skyride promises to be a day of fun and entertainment for all the family - and it's free! On the day organisers will be handing out free Skyride high-visibility vests to all riders.

Log on to www.leics.gov.uk/cycling for more details and to register

Listening to Carers

Thursday, 3rd September 2009
Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby
1.00pm to 4.30pm

The Leicestershire LINK is organising its first event for carers which will take place in September Older People's month. The event will primarily focus on the concerns of carers of Older People.

There will be speakers from Adult Social Care, Leicestershire County Council, NHS Leicestershire County & Rutland and Leicestershire Partnership Trust.

The event will provide opportunities for you to learn more about services for carers, to discuss issues with the people who are responsible for providing the services and to meet other carers and share your experiences with them.

This event will be part of the process in the LINK forming an Action Plan to take carers issues forward and work with carers in improving health and social care services. If you can't be there but have issues you would like to raise then, please contact the Leicestershire LINK.

Link members can claim travelling expenses within Leicestershire and agreed care costs.

For more information please contact: contact Christine Middleton or Shanti Thanki on 0116 2293103 or email christine@ccp.org.uk or shanti@ccp.org.uk

Hotline to debt advice

The Debt Advice Foundation is a registered charity offering free, confidential support and advice to anyone worried about debt.

A telephone hotline is now available Monday to Friday 8am to 8pm and Saturday 9am to 5pm on 0800 043 40 50.