

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for RCC members

2nd November 2009



Melton Youth Day



Anna Oultram (Melton Borough Council) and Kate Sharpe (RCC) (front row) with volunteers from the Youth Council and the Youth Action Team.

On Thursday 22nd October over 200 young people attended Melton Youth Day, which was organised by Melton Borough Council. The RCC were there to discover young peoples views on key issues that were to be discussed at the Melton Youth Council's Conference on October 29th.

Young people were asked to use the voting tubes to decide at what age a young person should be considered an adult. A video booth gave young people the opportunity to give their views on how they are perceived by the media. An 'ideas wall' was also used to ask people what they liked and disliked about being a young person in Melton.

The Consultation and the workshops at the Youth Conference will form the basis for a larger Youth Consultation to be conducted across Melton by the RCC, Melton Borough Council and the Youth Council.

If you would like any further information on the Youth Day Consultation please contact Kate Sharpe on 0116 2689710.

The Environment and Communities: Working with the Third Sector



(l to r) Isabel Clarke (Rutland County Council), Kate Sharpe (RCC) and Diana Cook (RCC)

Last week an event organised by the RCC was held at the Council Chambers in Rutland to highlight the importance of creating sustainable communities through environmental initiatives and community development projects.

Presentations included: Rutland County Council on climate change, biodiversity and social enterprise; the RCC on sustainable communities and funding environmental projects; Voluntary Action Rutland on their work with communities and GreenCone on modern recycling options. Also highlighted were community based projects including the RCC's Rutland Community Spirit and the Rutland Card Scheme. Representatives from Cottesmore and Tilton-on-the-Hill also spoke about their experiences of setting up community groups and how Community Led Planning had helped them.

For more information on this or any other community event in Rutland please contact Kate Sharpe at the RCC on 0116 2689710

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

Alice Hawkins Heritage Project Volunteer transcribers needed

Based on the story of Alice Hawkins, a leading Leicester suffragette, you will have the chance to listen to interviews with a unique and diverse range of women from all over the city and county.

As a volunteer transcriber you will listen to the recordings of the interviews that have taken place and produce a summary of each one.

The Summary will be used as a reference and the completed interviews will be a lasting collection of stories archived in the City and County Record Office, displayed on the project website and promoted via local media and at special events.

To apply, or for more details, please contact Amie or Shradha at the LeicestHERday office on 0116 257 5615, or email amie@leicestherday.org.uk

Brooksby launches programme of winter events

Brooksby Hall has just launched its winter season programme. This year they are proud to be working with 'John Montague Presents' to bring you a range of exciting performers from Celtic inspired sessions to jazz and storytelling. All the performers have their own unique style and will not only get your feet tapping but may even get you dancing a jig or two.

This winter also sees the launch of their new 'Ghosts & Ghouls Evenings'. A spine tingling tour awaits you as expert guides take you back through Brooksby Hall's turbulent history.

Visit www.brooksbyhall.co.uk for more information.

Pre booking is essential for all events. To book call 01664 855262

Launch of the 2009/10 Pantomime Alliance Competition



The Pantomime Alliance of Leicestershire (PAL) Committee is launching its 9th competition to find Leicestershire's (including Leicester and Rutland) Pantomime of the Year.

Entry forms will be going out soon, so please get your details in as soon as possible and join the fun. There will be the usual categories so there is a chance for someone in YOUR Group to win a prestigious award.

Visit the web site at www.pantomime-alliance.co.uk/

Barrow Youth Theatre presents



Friday 20th November, 7pm
Saturday 21st November, 2pm and 7pm

at Humphrey Perkins Community Centre

Tickets: £6.00 and £4.00(concessions)
from The Paper Shop, High St
or Box Office: 01509 620572

Neighbourhood Watch assists the 'Support our Soldiers' Campaign.

Following a request from the Leicestershire branch of the 'Support Our Soldiers' charity, 300 Neighbourhood Watch Calendars will be winging their way in parcels being sent to our service men and women serving overseas this Christmas.

Harborough District NHW are also supporting this campaign by offering to collect other items for inclusion in the parcels at their monthly stall at Harborough's indoor market on Tuesday 3rd November 9am-1pm. Suitable items they will be collecting to fit into a shoe box sized container include small christmas puddings, sweets, biscuits, small gifts, peanuts, toiletries (no aerosols)....etc

For a more comprehensive list of suitable items please visit:
<http://www.supportoursoldiers.co.uk>

Planning for future development in Harborough

Residents who helped Harborough District Council plan for future development can now view what is being considered as the best way forward.

After pulling together residents' comments and the evidence of various studies, a document has now been published setting out what the council views as the most sustainable strategy for the future of the district.

The document, called 'Core Spatial Strategy: Towards a Final Draft' is available to read on Harborough District Council's website and at council service points.

View the document at www.harborough.gov.uk/corestrategy

Health and Wellbeing in the community

People needing to lower their blood pressure or wanting to know the difference between good and bad carbohydrates can now seek help at their local library.

Leicestershire library services are running a pilot scheme with NHS Community Health Services at Coalville, Melton and Oadby libraries which will support Health & Wellbeing services in the community.

A series of taster sessions and health checks will be running at three libraries in the week commencing 9th November to mark the introduction of new services.

All libraries are free to join and therefore free to use. A good range of health resources and information can be found in all the county's libraries.

Partnership up for recycling award

A Partnership recycling project, providing residents with a monthly textile collection scheme, has been shortlisted for a national award.

Blaby District Council has been working with mental health charity MIND to collect peoples unwanted textiles for three years and increased the frequency of collections from quarterly to monthly back in January due to rising demand. Since then the weight of materials collected has increased by more than eight tonnes.

The scheme has now been named among six finalists in the 'Best Partnership Project' category at the National Recycling Awards 2009.

Every tonne of material collected is sorted at the MIND warehouse and the majority of it sold on through the charities local shops, which brings valuable extra income.

Winners will be announced at a ceremony in London on October 27th.

RCC DIARY OF VILLAGE EVENTS AND GUIDED WALKS

Once again the RCC is compiling this very popular publication to help to promote events taking place in rural areas of Leicestershire and Rutland in the forthcoming year. 5,000 printed copies will be circulated to libraries museums and tourist attractions in Leicestershire and Rutland.

You can complete an online form giving details of your event by visiting our web site at www.ruralcc.org.uk and clicking on 'Events calendar'.

Alternatively please telephone Diana Cook on 0116 2689706, email dcook@ruralcc.org.uk to request a form. To ensure entry in the booklet please return your form as soon as possible but by 12th February 2010 at the latest.

Any event details received after this date will be placed on our website but will not be able to be included in the printed version.

RCC Yuletide Evening

**Tuesday 1st December 2009
7pm at Ratcliffe College**

Tickets £35 include:

- *Drinks reception in the library
- * Carol Concert in the chapel with the Tudor Choir and Ratcliffe Junior Choir
- * 3-course meal with wine
- * Grand Yuletide raffle

To purchase tickets or for more information please contact Bridget Masters at the RCC on 0116 2689702 or email: bmasters@ruralcc.org.uk

Thurmaston Parish Plan Community Event



**Thurmaston Community Centre,
Silverdale Road,
Thurmaston, LE4 8NJ
Tuesday November 3rd 2009 at 7.30 pm**

Refreshments, displays, voting tubes and workshops etc.

This is the start of a community consultation which will be carried out by the village for the village and help to guide the future of Thurmaston.

Local people will have the opportunity to talk to the Parish, Borough, County Councils, local Police, etc. about what they want. Through the Parish Plan Protocol, the Service Providers will then respond.

Results from over 100 villages across Leicestershire have helped influence policies and community strategies, as well as encourage community spirit and provide evidence for funding projects.

Carol Singing Event in the ruins of Gracedieu Priory Friday December 4 2009

There will be a torchlight procession from the Bull's Head, Thringstone car park at 7pm.

The event is free and mulled wine and mince pies will be available to buy.

For more details contact 01530 223201