

Glen Parva News

February 2014

Family Pantomime 29 December 2013

Beauty and the Beast brought adults and children alike to Glen Parva War Memorial Hall to see this popular production presented by Dream Team Theatre Company. This annual

community event always proves to be a success and we look forward to another production this year.

Glen Parva Parish Gala

Plans are already under way to organise this year's annual summer gala on 9 August 2014 from 2pm to 5pm. Entertainment will include performances from the Mighty Zulu Nation Theatre Company, the Thomas Stanley Re-enactment

Society and the Nuneaton Dog Training Club. We also hope to have a display of classic/vintage cars. Please contact the Parish Council Office for further details.

Community Heartbeat Defibrillator

Glen Parva Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been successful in its financial bid to the Leicestershire County Council's Big Society Fund in order to provide a community defibrillator, to be located at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicestershire, in association with the Community Heartbeat Trust.

Following the launch of the fund by Leicestershire County Council in 2011, its main aim is to help communities to help themselves as part of the government Big Society programme, which encourages local people to take responsibility and participate in local initiatives to improve their area.

A defibrillator delivers an electrical current through the chest which aims to shock the heart back into normal rhythm allowing it to pump again. Rapid response using automated technology can significantly improve the quality of life of a survivor as the longer the brain is starved of oxygen, the more damage that can occur.

An AED is a portable defibrillator which uses intelligent

technology to shock a 'shockable' heart rhythm. When applied to a patient, a sequence of voice commands and screen messages guide the user through the defibrillation process. This means that the machine can be used safely by people with no medical background. The simplicity of modern AED technology has opened a window for the public to take on a key role supporting the emergency services who may be hindered by the time it takes to reach a patient.

Donations have also been received from Blaby & District Lions, Mr A Masic Surveyor, Mr P Clarke Accountant, Britannia Textiles and the Newsagents at Carvers Corner. It was installed free of charge by Ben E King Electrical Ltd.

A public awareness session is being held on 21 March 2014 at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, Dorothy Avenue at 9.30am. If you would like to attend please register your interest with the Parish Council Manager on 0116 2771450 or email j.small@gppcouncil.org.uk



Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 28th April 2014 at 7pm at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall. Everybody is welcome to attend.

Glen Hills Post Office

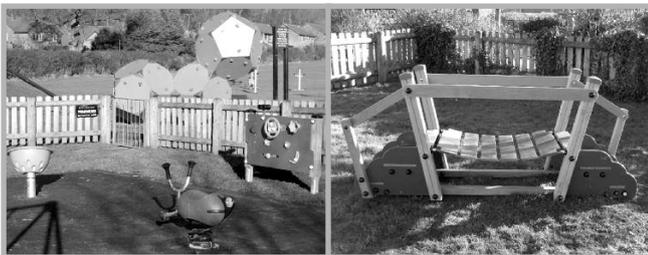


Just before Christmas a new cash machine was installed in Glen Parva Post Office. The ribbon ceremony was conducted by Mr Bob Watt, one of the Post Office's oldest customers. Bob is 94 and is a retired member of the Tank Regiment, veteran of World War II. Members of the Parish Council were also in attendance. The cash machine is free to use and accepts the majority of bank cards. It will be a tremendous asset to the area being only the second free to use machine locally.

Glen Hills Primary School — Parking

The Parish Council is pleased to work with the school in order to improve problems associated with parking outside school at peak times and provide the opportunity for parents and carers to use the 'park and stride' facility by parking their vehicle at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall car park on Dorothy Avenue and walk the short distance to school through Dorothy Avenue Playing Field.

Dorothy Avenue Playing Field — New Play Equipment



The Parish Council is pleased to announce the installation of four new items of play equipment for under-fives at Dorothy Avenue Playing Field.

Proposed Residential Development — Cork Lane

There are proposals for a new residential development of 160 houses on land off Cork Lane. A public exhibition was held recently on 28 January 2014 at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall which was well attended by the local community.

The Parish Council will consider the planning application in due course once it has been submitted to Blaby District Council.

Adult Cycling Course

Adult cycling classes are due to start in June at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall on the following dates at 12.45 – 2.45pm

4 June, 11 June, 18 June, 25 June and 2 July

For further information please contact Sue Marriott on 0116 3055289

Glen Hills Primary School — Help With Reading

Article from Dr D Tully, School Governor

A recent suggestion from OFSTED was that children at school should get practice in reading to people which whom they are not familiar. The idea is to build up confidence in a child's reading, whether, as in the first years of Primary School their ability to decode words, or in later years to encourage their enthusiasm for reading.

I am writing this to encourage others to volunteer to do this at Glen Hills, our outstanding local Primary School. I have been doing this for the last term and before that in another school in a deprived area of the city and have enjoyed every minute. Every child that has read to me has been impeccably behaved: some take a few minutes to get used to reading with a stranger, but after the first few children in a class, word soon gets around that the 'stranger' is not a teacher nor an authority figure, but a new friend.

The commitment would be for perhaps one hour per week in the afternoon during term times. Of course volunteers need to be DBS vetted. This seems to be a disincentive to many, but I can assure them (having been vetted SEVEN times in the past five years) that it is quite painless and that the school takes care of the paperwork.

What does one get out of this activity?

LOTS: besides the knowledge that one is helping young people to develop their own abilities and confidence, one gets enormous enjoyment out of discussing the many different books that the children choose. It is wonderful preparation for becoming a grandparent. One also knows that one is 'doing one's bit' to help the UK up the PISA tables, so much in the recent news.

But perhaps best of all, when one is walking around the supermarket, or doing one of the many mundane things one does outside the home, a little voice may interrupt what you are doing with a 'Hello' and you will encounter a child from the school, together with his family, as friends, not as strangers.

For further details contact: Mr T Sutcliffe, Head Teacher Glen Hills School on 0116 2782535

New Councillors

We welcome Mr Ron Archer and Mrs Sue O'Connell as new Parish Councillors for the East Lubbethorpe Ward and North Ward respectively. All Parish Councillors are contactable through the Parish Council Office.

EAST LUBBESTHORPE WARD	NORTH WARD	SOUTH WARD
MR J SUTCLIFFE	MR J BUTTON	MR S GREATWOOD
MR S SIDOROWICZ	MR G GOODE	MRS J BAIRD
<i>Vice Chairman</i>	MRS J MARTIN	MR A METHVEN
MR M PRIDEAUX	<i>Council Chairman</i>	MR O WARD
MR R ARCHER	MRS F TURNER	MR G MATHER
	MRS S O'CONNELL	
	MRS J BUKIEL	

To contact your local Parish Councillor please call 0116 277 1450 for further details.

Local Nature Reserve Site

The Parish Council continues to work in partnership with Stepping Stones, Blaby District Council and Leicester City Council about the management of the local nature reserve site. A new management plan has been drafted and an application for a Green Flag Award has also been submitted for consideration.

New signs and interpretation tables will be installed over the next few weeks and we hope to continue to work together in order to enhance and improve this valuable community asset.

The Parish Council's team of volunteers continue to work hard to improve the site and are working with Stepping Stones with a view to developing a woodland management plan and a volunteer work programme for Aylestone Holt Spinney.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the Parish Council Manager for further information.

Precept and Charges

The Precept requirement for the financial year 2014/15 is £161,793, which is based on estimates of income and expenditure.

It should be noted that the figure of £161,793 represents an increase of 7% based upon last year's Band D figure, in real terms this is equivalent to an additional £6.05 on a Band D property. The Parish Council recognises the present financial climate and remains committed to providing value for money services, facilities and improvements for the local community. The main focus for the Council's expenditure for 2014/15 is the fixed costs in respect of the administration of the Council and the Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, together with the maintenance of the Council's open spaces and recreational areas.

The Council has agreed that this sum maintains the level of quality service provision without impacting too much upon the Council reserves. There is also a predicted increase in the role of Parish Councils and the provision of local services and facilities.

Views on how the parish could be improved are always welcome. The Parish Council Manager can be contacted on 0116 2771450 or via email.

The future funding for Parish Councils remains uncertain, particularly the status of the Council Tax Support Grant which is currently provided by Blaby District Council. Future capping is also a major consideration together with proposed devolution of other council services that may be at risk of closing or ceasing from other local authority budget restrictions.

The Parish Council has agreed to approve a small increase of 50 pence per hour for the hire of Glen Parva War Memorial Hall. This was a difficult decision to consider but necessary in order to meet increased maintenance and operational costs of the council facilities.

It is hoped to undertake further improvements to the internal and external redecoration during the year.

Events 2014

Saturday 9th August 2014 – Summer Gala
At 2pm to 5pm, Dorothy Avenue Playing Field

Sunday 9th November 2014
Remembrance Service

At 2.30 pm, Glen Parva War Memorial Hall.

Sunday 14th December 2014
Christmas Event

At Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, details to be confirmed.

Sunday 28th December 2014
Family Pantomime

At 1.30 pm, Glen Parva War Memorial Hall.

Fields In Trust Sites

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that six sites across the parish have been protected by a Deed of Dedication with the Fields in Trust Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scheme 2012.

Commemorative plaques have been installed.



New Notice Boards

A new notice board has been installed outside Glen Parva War Memorial Hall and has been provided in partnership with Blaby District Council in order to improve community development.

The Parish Council is also replacing all of the existing wooden Parish Council Noticeboards with lockable green metal ones and these are due to be installed during the next few weeks.



World War 1 Centenary 2014 – 2018

The Parish Council intends to commemorate the World War 1 Centenary 2014-2018 and ways of doing this are currently being considered. Members of the Parish Council would welcome your views concerning this matter

A426 Bus Corridor

The Parish Council continues to closely monitor the usage and operation of the new bus corridor. We will continue to liaise with the County Council and Arriva during the current 'snagging' period until the scheme is finally complete.

Please contact Leicestershire County Council on 0116 305 0001 or Arriva, Mr M Rossiter, General Manager on 0116 258 1181 or RossiterM.midlands@arriva.co.uk to report any incidents or other issues in relation to this matter.

Glen Parva Parish Plan Questionnaires

Update on Responses from Residents

A big thank you to all of you who returned the Parish Plan Questionnaires. Our Steering Group consisting of local residents and parish councillors has been meeting monthly and has now analysed all sections of the questionnaire. We are now in the process of putting the plan together based on your ideas and suggestions to further improve Glen Parva.

Our findings and recommendations are based on your responses. In addition pupils from Glen Hills Primary School were invited to say how they thought Glen Parva could be improved. The views of young people aged between 11 and 14 will be considered over the next few weeks and these ideas will be added to our plan.

In your responses many of you:

- were not aware of the various community transport services available
- had concerns about unacceptable levels of congestion
- were concerned about crime and safety
- had concerns about litter and dog mess
- felt that communication should be improved

These are just some examples of what you told us about. Our Steering Group are looking at these and all the other areas of concern.

The Parish Council were successful in obtaining a Big Society grant to fund the Parish Plan. This has enabled the Steering Group to enlist the expertise of the Rural Community Council (RCC) to help support the project. Before we put the final action plan together do let us know if you have any further interesting creative ideas to add to the plan. We cannot change the bus lanes but we can seriously consider other suggestions!

We have not forgotten those of you who kindly put your name forward to act as volunteers to implement particular areas of the plan. We still have your contact details and will be contacting you when the plan is complete and we are ready to move ideas forward.

If you have any further ideas for the plan let us know by email to j.small@gppcouncil.org.uk or by phone to 0116 277 1450.

Glen Parva Parish Plan Steering Committee

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Please call Barrie on 07949 665005 or 0116 277 7132

Email: furryfriendspetcareservices@gmail.com

Police Update

During December 2013 the crimes reported are as follows:

5 x Burglary dwellings

5 x Burglary other than dwellings (sheds/garages etc)

1 x Criminal damage

2 x Damage to motor vehicles

9 x Thefts.

I would like to remind you of the following crime prevention advice:

If you leave your cycle unattended ensure you use a good quality lock and always secure your cycle.

When you leave your vehicle make sure you don't leave anything on display and always lock it, even if you are only leaving it for a minute.

Ensure your shed is secure with a good quality locking system and an alarm. Avoid storing high value items in the shed.

Make sure you secure all windows and doors to your property when going out or going to bed.

If you won't be home until after dark leave a light on a timer to come on to make it look as though someone is in the house.

Further crime prevention advice is available from www.leics.police.uk or by contacting your local beat team.

Register your valuables at www.immobilise.com

If you see anything suspicious please report it on 101.



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HOME VISITS FOR:

- NAIL CUTTING
- VERRUCAE
- CORNS
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- INGROWN NAILS
- FUNGAL NAILS
- DIABETES CARE

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How to Contact the Parish Council

To contact the parish council, you can telephone or fax on 0116 277 1450, email at j.small@gppcouncil.org.uk, write to Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva, Leicester LE2 9JD, or visit the website on glenparva.leicestershireparishcouncils.org