

Glen Parva News

Welcome to
GLEN PARVA

November 2013

GLEN PARVA FAMILY PANTOMIME

In association with Dream Team Productions

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Sunday, 29th December 2013 at 1.30 p.m.

Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva

Tickets £7.50 Adult, £5.50 Concession/Child

£22 Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children)

Tickets available from Parish Office — 0116 277 1450



Christmas Event

The Parish Council had hoped to organise a Christmas Craft Fair on 8th December 2013 as its annual Christmas event for 2013. However, due to limited support from potential stall holders it was agreed by the Parish Council to cancel this

event for this year. The Parish Council hope to plan a Christmas event for December 2014 and we would be pleased to hear your views, comments and suggestions concerning this matter.

Parish Notice Boards

The Parish Council has been successful in applying for a Shire Grant of £2000 towards the cost of replacing ten parish notice boards over the next few months. These notice boards will be constructed in green metal, complete with the council logo in order to match existing signs. The front cover will be lockable to deter fly posting and vandalism.

Anyone wishing to gain permission from the Parish

Council to display a notice will be able to do so by contacting the Parish Council Manager at the Parish Office on 0116 277 1450.

The Parish Council is also working in partnership with Blaby District Council to provide an external notice board at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall too.

Retirement of Local Milk Man

Mick Pole, who delivered milk in the Glen Parva area for twenty years, retired from his round at the end of September. Mick was well liked and popular with his customers and had to leave his own home at 2.40am every morning, six days a week, to commence his milk round at 4.00am. Mick received many gifts during his final round along with cards wishing him well. Mick has a holiday planned in Barbados before commencing a part time job delivering car spare parts. On his last day Mick introduced his replacement Ken, a Scot, who has been known to deliver milk wearing a kilt, even on a cold winter's morning!

The photo shows Mike receiving gifts from Wanda Davies on behalf of customers in Westdale Avenue and adjacent streets.



Plugs for Bugs

Glen Parva Parish Council and local volunteers have planted plug plants such as cowslip, tufted vetch, yellow rattle, birdsfoot trefoil and other common species at the Glen Rise entrance to Aylestone Holt Spinney, which forms part of the Glen Parva Local Nature Reserve site, following an application to the Stepping Stones Project for free wild flowers as part of their Plugs for Bugs scheme.

The plant species were chosen by the Parish Council and the Stepping Stones Project at Leicestershire County Council to provide a splash of colour, sources of nectar for insects and an attractive environment for visitors to the Glen Parva Local Nature Reserve. The wildflowers were planted during late September and early October by local volunteers

Andy Jackson from Stepping Stones Project said, "we're really pleased that Glen Parva Parish Council have decided to participate in the scheme, insects and bees in particular are really struggling at the moment and they will really appreciate this new source of nectar. We've had a tremendous response to Plugs for Bugs with 18 groups across the Project Area taking part; taken as a whole that's a fantastic contribution."

Knightsbridge Road Estate

The Parish Council is continuing to work with Blaby District Council in assisting residents to help improve this area. The recent provision of community skips over three consecutive weekends was successful and we are continuing to liaise about this matter. If any residents are interested in joining a local management group in the future please contact Mrs J Small, Parish Council Manager in the first instance.

Parish Plan

The Steering Group is continuing to meet regularly to analyse the questionnaires, with a view to forming the Parish Plan early next year. The next meetings of the Steering Group are on 25 November and 9 December at 7.30pm at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend.

County Arms Site

The Parish Council is continuing to monitor the development of the County Arms site and it is understood that the site is currently being reassessed in the current financial climate.

Glen Parva Local Nature Reserve Site

The Parish Council is continuing to work with Blaby District Council and the County Council about the ongoing management of the Local Nature Reserve site with a view to applying for a Green Flag award in 2014. A team of local volunteers continue to provide valuable support and assistance in this process. Recent works have included coppicing in Holt Acre, path improvement works at Needham Avenue entrance area and a woodland management course. New signage is also planned for the site in order to improve access and publicity.

If anyone is interested in becoming a local volunteer or tree warden, please contact Mrs J Small, Parish Council Manager.

Fields In Trust — Deed of Dedication

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that six sites have been protected with the Fields in Trust by a Deed of Dedication, in association with the Queen Elizabeth II 2012 Jubilee Scheme. This scheme will protect these sites in perpetuity for the benefit of the local community. The Parish Council has been nominated as a finalist for the Partner of the Year at the Annual Awards Dinner on 28th November 2013 in London.

Bus Corridor A426 Leicester Rd

As this scheme is being finalised by the County Council and the contractor; and the Traffic Regulation Orders coming into operation, the Parish Council is continuing to monitor the effects of this scheme for the local community and all road users.

Dorothy Avenue Playing Field — New Play Equipment

The Parish Council is currently considering installing new items of play equipment for the under 5s age group. Further information is available from the Parish Office.

New Council Employee

The Parish Council is pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Donna Coyle as the Parish Council's new cleaner at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall.

Local Flood Risk Management

Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Share your experiences of flooding in Leicestershire by completing an online survey before 24th November 2013 www.leics.gov.uk/floodstrategy

Leicestershire County Council is developing a Local Flood Risk Management Strategy which will set out how organisations and communities will work together to manage this risk. Your opinions on what our priorities should be and a better understanding of local flood risk concerns are vital to the development of this strategy.

To discuss the strategy, please contact the Flood Risk Management Team by e-mail: flooding@leics.gov.uk or phone 0116 305 5705.

Find out if you are at risk of flooding — contact the Environment Agency Floodline 0845 988 1188 for advice on current conditions. Sign up for flood warnings — if your home is at risk of flooding you can register with Floodline Warnings Direct. Prepare your property for flooding — find out what you can do to reduce the risk of flood water getting inside. Make a flood plan — plan in advance what you will do if your property floods, put together a kit of essential items you'll need when it floods.

For further information about flooding, please visit:
www.localresilienceforum.org.uk
www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/floods
www.leics.gov.uk/flooding

County 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 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 and local businesses to support the provision of this community facility.

Remembrance Sunday 10 November 2013

This annual event was held on 10 November 2013 and was well supported by the local community and the 62nd Glen Hills Scout group. Thank you to everyone who was involved in supporting this community event.



Glen Hills Primary School — Parking

The Parish Council is continuing to work in partnership with Glen Hills Primary School in order to minimise parking and congestion outside school at peak times by making available the car park at Glen Parva War Memorial Hall, to enable the public to park their vehicle on Dorothy Avenue and walk the short journey through the playing field to the school on Featherby Drive.

Rural Community Energy Fund

Would you like to generate your own energy? Should we be doing more to generate energy from renewable sources? Please give us your thoughts and opinions by taking our online survey. Just put this link into your browser and follow the online prompts: www.surveymonkey.com/study/Attitude-to-Renewable-Energy-Generation-8290.php

Following our successful Local Energy Assessment Fund bid, we are applying to the Rural Community Energy Fund for a feasibility study on renewable energy generation in Glen Parva, which could be of great benefit to our community. Paper versions are also available at the Parish Office or the Library.

Audit of Accounts 2012/2013

The audit of accounts for 2012/2013 has been successfully completed by Grant Thornton Accountants.

Parish Councillors

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MR O WARD
MR G MATHER

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

Policing in Glen Parva — November 2013

The following crimes have been reported to the team over the past 30 days:

1 Theft Cycle; 3 Theft of motor vehicle (1 has been recovered); 2 Damage to motor vehicle; 2 Burglary; 8 Burglary other than dwelling (sheds/outbuilding/garage).

As the days are gradually getting darker I would like to offer the following tips to make your home more secure during the winter months. Burglars are less likely to target a home that looks occupied. Use a timer to switch lights on if you won't be home until after dark. If you go out in the evening leave a light on. Make sure you close and secure all windows and doors before going out.

If you see anything or anyone acting suspiciously — REPORT IT!

There has also been an increase in garden sheds being broken into. Please ensure your shed is secured with a good quality padlock and where possible don't keep expensive tools, cycles, golf clubs etc in your shed especially if they can be seen through the window. An alarm or outside light can blow the cover of darkness for a would-be thief.

As you will soon be putting the Christmas tree up in your houses, I would like to remind you not to leave presents under the tree where they can be seen from the front window as burglars love window shopping.

In the run up to Christmas when you will be out Christmas shopping please be extra vigilant and leave shopping out of site in the boot of your car with the receipts removed from bags. Remember: if you leave it on show — expect it to go!

Leicestershire Police will commence their Christmas drink drive campaign on 1st December. We want you to enjoy the festivities, but please remember; don't take the risk of getting behind the wheel, get someone else to drive who hasn't been drinking or alternatively take the bus or a taxi. If you've been drinking the previous night and you cannot be sure you are

safe to drive — then don't take the risk.

If you need any further crime prevention advice, please visit <http://www.leics.police.uk/advice-and-information>

There will be no online webchat in December but please log on to <http://www.leics.police.uk/blabywebchat> on Thursday January 30th, 2014 at 6.30pm where you can find out more about security marking those expensive gifts.

We recently went along to Glen Hills Primary School where the children were given an input on the impact of bullying, Facebook and drugs by Paul McGovern from HMP. The children were also told about what life in prison is like and saw a demonstration by police dogs and why they are used.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team wishes all residents a crime free Christmas and a happy New Year.

PC 4214 Kirti Chauhan

Beacon Officer for Blaby, Whetstone, Glen Parva and Cosby

Parish Gala 9 August 2014

The Parish Council is already planning next year's summer gala event on 9th August 2014. We would be interested in displaying classic vehicles and if you would like to participate in this matter or have any other suggestions to improve the event, please contact the Parish Office.

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Glen Parva Youth Club

in partnership with **Young Leicestershire Ltd**
and **Glen Parva Parish Council**

Glen Parva War Memorial Hall
Dorothy Avenue, Glen Parva

Every Thursday 6.30pm - 9.00pm

Ages 11 - 18 years



Arts & Crafts • Tuck Shop



Fully Equipped Kitchen & Cooking Facilities

Table Tennis • Sports and Games

Games Console



For further information please contact
Glen Parva Parish Council **0116 277 1450**
Young Leicestershire Ltd **0116 275 0489**

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