



The Parish Pen



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the official voice of Glenfield Parish Council.

Lee Breckon JP, Chairman

New Sport and Leisure Facilities Now Open

Glenfield's latest leisure facilities were officially opened on 11 April 2009. Situated within the Millennium Green the facilities comprise of a sports wall, for cricket, basketball and football, a covered seating area and an outdoor gymnasium designed for those aged 12 and above.



Alice Morley and Bradley Hendra opened the facilities on behalf of the youth of Glenfield. Alice and Bradley, and many of their colleagues from the Glenfield Youth

Centre, looked resplendent in their "team" outfits. They were ably supported by Councillor Jo Fox, Chair of Blaby District Council.

The new equipment has been funded by Glenfield Parish Council, Blaby District Council and The Big Lottery. We thank Blaby District Council for all their assistance in enabling us to win the lottery grant.



Glenfield Parish Council undertook a survey last year to seek views on the equipment to be installed. The response was exceptionally positive and so the boat was pushed out to supply all of the eight pieces of gymnasium equipment that were being considered.



Users of the gymnasium equipment should follow the instructions clearly displayed on each item of equipment.



Councillor Jo Fox tried out the new equipment along with many of those present.

A basketball shoot-out followed the opening and was won by one of the Youth Leaders, with her prize of an Easter egg and chocolates being shared amongst the youth present.

Although the new facilities at the Millennium Green are now open to the public, there are still some minor works to be completed.

Time for a walk?

There are a number of detailed walks around Glenfield that provide an opportunity to see the more beautiful and historical places within the village.

The walks vary from 1.75 miles to 8.5 miles and details, including maps and points to note, are available on our web site. Please visit the "What's on" page, listed on the left hand side of our home page.

Parish Meeting

Over 40 people attended Glenfield's Annual Parish Meeting. Detective Inspector Graham talked about the raid on the Post Office and the building of a case against those thought responsible. 13 people had been charged in connection with a series of robberies, including the raid on the Post Office and the Co-op store in Glenfield. 12 of the 13 had been remanded in custody.

PC Matt Turner, our village officer, reported on the last year's work and the police team's next plans. These included targeting Dominion Road, Station Road and around the Faire Road shops, all of which had reported an increase in anti-social behaviour.

The primary school headteachers, Mrs L Stead and Mr K Culverwell, provided an insight to the challenges the schools faced together with the schools' successes. Both schools were encouraging more people to come in to share their experiences and to assist with the development of the pupils.

Council Chair, Mr L Breckon, provided an update on the Parish Council's activities and plans. A parish plan was to be created. The plan would follow analysis of responses to a detailed questionnaire which will be available to all residents

Garden Crime – Let's turf it out!

A message from the Local Policing Unit:

Power tools, sports equipment, cycles and toys are often taken by garden thieves and can be costly to replace. Follow these simple, inexpensive steps and lessen your chance of becoming a victim of garden crime.

- Make sure that the shed is near the house or clearly visible from the house.
- Make sure that the door, door frame and walls are solid and replace any damaged or rotten areas with new sections.
- Secure padlock hasps and door hinges with threaded coach bolts with washers or backing plates to prevent the bolt being pulled through the wood. A strong pad bar with a tamper-proof case for the lock is a good deterrent.
- Replace broken glass panes with laminated glass. Fit windows with a grille fixed to steel plates inside the shed. You could use the adhesive film on the inside of the windows to prevent people from seeing the contents of your shed.
- Fit key operated window locks on opening windows. If the windows are never opened, screw them permanently shut from the inside.
- Use metal rings and chains fixed to the shed frame with security screws to enable you to secure your electrical items, ladders and tools. Remember to mark your property with UV or indelible pen or paint using your postcode and your number or mark your property with Smartwater.
- Fit a battery-powered alarm. These can be purchased quite cheaply from DIY stores and garden centres.
- Put away all tools and equipment and lock the shed.
- Make sure your household insurance policy covers theft from your garden and outbuildings.



Even if you don't keep anything of value in your shed, burglars could use your garden tools to break into your home or your neighbours' home.

You can make it difficult for a thief to get into your garden.

- Fit lights with sodium tubes which come on when it gets dark and turn themselves off when it gets light. Alternatively, install lights that come on automatically if movement is sensed. Never underestimate the effect of good lighting as crime prevention.
- Make sure all fences are in good repair and that the panels cannot easily be moved or lifted. The ideal height for a perimeter fence or wall around the back

garden in 1.8 (6ft). If the fence is taller than 2 metres (6ft 7in) with trellis, planning permission may be required. A front wall should be no higher than 1 metre (3 ft) so the front of your property is not hidden from view.

- Make fences more effective by planting prickly or thorny plants next to them.
- In your front garden keep shrubs, hedges and large plants cut back. They could provide a screen for a thief to work behind.
- Fit a padlock or bolt on the inside of all garden gates for security.
- Lay a thick gravel path. It makes it impossible for the thief to approach without making a noise. It is a good crime reduction alternative to slabs and concrete.
- Take photographs of expensive plants or ornaments to help the Police to trace them or to assist in identification when recovered.

Garden Competition 2009

The Parish Council instituted these awards many years ago to encourage a brighter and more attractive Glenfield. Gardens are judged on what can be seen as people walk by. Back gardens are not included. Judges will look at all recommended gardens during July of this year and select the winners. Commended and Highly Commended certificates are sent out in the post with the major prizes being presented at the Glenfield Gardeners' Show in August 2009.

If you would like your front garden, your neighbour's garden or any other garden to be considered by the judges please fill in the address on the slip at the end of this newsletter and send it to "Glenfield Garden Competition, Glenfield Parish Council, Park House, Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8DL", by 30 June 2009. Alternatively send us an email or use the "contact us" form on our web site.

Local businesses are particularly invited to take part in the competition. Please brighten up our village and drop us a line to make sure we visit your premises.



GARDEN COMPETITION

Please consider the following address(es) in the 2009 Glenfield Garden Competition.

