



The Parish Pen



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the official voice of Glenfield Parish Council. It will be good to see spring on its way, the village having been snowbound on and off during the last few weeks. This edition covers the new sports and leisure facilities on the Millennium Green, now nearing completion, and the grant the Youth Centre have obtained to further the youth provision within the village and also their open day on 21st March 2009. Do go along and have a look and show your support for all the great work they do. You will be made most welcome.

Lee Breckon JP, Chairman

New Sport and Leisure Facilities

The new facilities within the Millennium Green are close to completion, with an official opening being planned for 11 April 2009 at 11:00 am.

The facilities include a sports wall, which provides for netball, basketball, cricket and football, with a hard play area. Nearby is a youth shelter/seating area together with an eight piece outside fun fitness area. The fun fitness equipment includes, amongst others, a skier, surfer, space walker and chest press.



The new facilities are a result of an initiative by Glenfield Parish Council, who obtained grants from

both Blaby District Council and the Big Lottery Fund. The Big Lottery Fund distributes half of the National Lottery good cause funding in the UK. The Fund is committed to bringing real improvements to communities and the lives of people most in need. We thank Blaby District Council for their support and assistance in obtaining the Big Lottery Fund grant.



The final design of the area followed a public consultation completed by Glenfield Parish Council in the summer of last year.

The opening will coincide with the Millennium Green Trust's Annual Easter Egg Hunt, which is also taking place on the Millennium Green starting at 10:30 am. Everyone is invited to the opening and to use the new facilities, and we look forward to seeing you there.

And there's more..

Glenfield's Youth Club members have successfully applied for a Youth Opportunities Grant, which has

provided a multi-use games area next to the Youth Centre, on Station Road, Glenfield.

To celebrate this achievement, members of the youth club will be hosting a free community event on 21 March 2009, from 1:00 to 6:00 pm, and everyone is welcome.

Activities will include Sumo wrestling, bucking bronco, a bungee run, face painting and DJ skills. There will be various workshops including arts and crafts and cooking. There will also be sports activities on the new games area and an opportunity to "Soak the Youth Worker". During the day there will be a consultation on the needs for young people within Glenfield.



A parental consent form must be completed for any one under 18 years who wishes to take part in the activities. A form can be picked up from the Library, The Co-op, the Parish Council or the Youth Centre. Forms can also be obtained by visiting www.thejitty.com and follow the links. If you require further information please contact (0116) 3055714.

Smartwater

As reported in previous editions of the Parish Pen, Glenfield is now a designated Smartwater area.

Smartwater provides unique identification of a person's belongings and helps to reduce burglaries and to return stolen or lost items to their owners.

Smartwater is still available from the Glenfield Parish Council for a contribution of just £15.00. It can also be obtained from the Police Community Volunteers, call 07902038687 for further details.

Glenwatch and Policing

Glenwatch has a new Administrator, Mr Mike Salisbury. Mike can be contacted on 0116 2875141 or by email at glenwatchadmin@googlemail.com.

Regretfully, there has been a spate of burglaries within Glenfield. Almost all were committed over a short period of time by a small group of individuals. Arrests and charges have been made and, following court appearances, all but one is remanded in custody. The individual not in custody is on restricted bail, including a 7:00 pm to 7:00 am curfew.



Following the quick thinking of a public spirited passer by, who observed a theft from a letter box, and prompt action by our Neighbourhood Police Team, two individuals were arrested within ten minutes of the offence. Charges have been made. We cannot, at

present, report further as this case has not yet gone to court.

Six anti-social behaviour warning letters have also been issued to residents of Glenfield and a similar number of formal warning letters with regard to the inappropriate use of motorbikes.

Station Road now has vehicle activated warning lights. These do not replace the use of mobile speed cameras, which will still be utilised. Our Police Community Volunteers have also been in action with their Community Speed Watch programme. If you are interested in joining the Speed Watch programme then you should contact PC Matt Turner, collar number 1851, on Leicester 222222 or through the police contact page on the parish council's website.

The police surgeries are now held within the village library. Opening times can be found at the library, at Park House and on our website.

New Community Transport Service



Voluntary Action Blaby District has announced that a new Community Transport service started in Glenfield on 9 January 2009.

The service is for residents of Glenfield who are unable to use public transport. A minibus will collect passengers from their homes starting at 10.45 am. It will go to Glenfield village centre calling at the Post Office, Co-op, Library, Doctors and Dentists on Station Road. The return journey from Glenfield will be at 12.45 pm. The minibus is fitted with a passenger lift for easy access and the cost is £2.00 return.

For further information, or to register to use the minibus, please phone Community Transport on 0116 272 7668.

Local Development Consultation

A large number of residents attended the open day at Park House, as advertised in the last issue of the Parish Pen. Blaby District Council, who organised the event, reported a brisk trade and constructive feedback. Glenfield Parish Council's formal response to the consultation, together with residents' comments and submissions will now be taken into account as Blaby District Council puts together its final recommendations with regard to the allocation of space for house and employment development within the District of Blaby.

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council and Charnwood Borough Council are going through similar processes. Glenfield Parish Council is considering the impact of these proposals, particularly on land adjoining Glenfield and any likely impact on the residents of Glenfield.

Councillor Vacancies



There are still a couple of vacancies on Glenfield Parish Council. If you are interested in joining our proactive team then please contact either the Clerk or one of our councillors. No qualifications are required, just a desire to improve Glenfield.

Training is available and commitment can be as little as one evening meeting per month.

Drivers Required

Voluntary Action Blaby District requires Volunteer Drivers.

Volunteer Drivers are needed in the Glenfield area to take people who are unable to use public transport, or who have no access to public transport, to a number of places: doctors, dentists, lunch clubs, social events etc. Drivers use their own cars and are reimbursed for their mileage. They can give as much or as little time as they want.

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in driving for the Social Car Scheme, then please contact Christine Thomas on 0116 272 7668 or email transport@vabd.org.uk for further details.

The Community Transport Scheme is supported by Leicestershire County Council.

Duck!

Congratulations to Aiden, Stefan, Elliot, Conor, Spencer and Macauley, who had great fun creating a larger than average snowball on Ellis Park.



This group were amongst the hundreds on Ellis Park who enjoyed a type of fun that has not been experienced in Glenfield for many years.