



The Parish Pen

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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the independent newsletter of your Parish Council. As we approach the festive season I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all, on behalf of the Parish Council, an enjoyable Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Roy Denney, Chairman

Councillor Vacancy

Following a resignation, we have a vacancy for a councillor to serve Stone Ward. The vacancy was advertised and, as an election was not called, we are now able to co-opt someone. Interested parties should write to the Parish Council providing a brief background about themselves. It would assist if the letter also stated what they feel they can bring to the council.

The amount of time that a councillor has to give is down to the individual but council meetings are on the third Monday of each month, starting at 7:30 pm at Park House, and councillors are encouraged to attend all of these meetings. No prior experience is required and further information can be obtained from the Parish Administrator.

The Glenfield Society

The Parish Council was disappointed to hear that, despite a very promising start, the Glenfield Society had decided to disband. Investigation indicated that the reason was the lack of attendance by those who had said that they were interested in promoting the heritage, wildlife, etc. of the village.

It was decided to “test the water” and the Parish Council wrote to those who had originally shown an interest. Of the replies received only one felt that there was no future for the society, with the vast majority stating that they had found difficulty with the dates of the meetings. A further meeting will be called, early in the New Year, when it is hoped a more suitable date can be agreed. Thanks are expressed to those who have continued to try to keep this idea alive.

New Youth Centre

Glenfield’s new Youth Centre has now been officially opened. The centre is situated in the old library building, next to the Co-op Superstore on Station Road. At the opening, on 29 October 2005, County Councillors, Parish Councillors and youth leaders all expressed the view that there was an exciting future for the youth of Glenfield. Youth Club meetings continue to be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Those aged 14 and over can attend on a Tuesday evening between the hours of 6:00 and 8:00 pm with the centre

being open to 12 and 13 year olds on Thursdays between 5:00 and 7:00 pm.

If you are interest then just turn up. Further information can be obtained from the Leicestershire South Youth Service on 0116 2824540.



Armistice Day

Chair of Council, Roy Denney, placed a wreath on behalf of the residents of Glenfield at the Armistice Day service. Wreaths were also laid by Blaby District Council and the Local Policing Unit. The War Memorial has recently been cleaned by the Parish Council’s ground staff and Councillor Denney.

Buses

The axing of yet another bus service to Glenfield has caused some anger within the village. The Parish Council has been advised that the service was cut “on commercial grounds”.

The Parish Council has made many enquiries about bus services to Leicester and, in particular, the provision of a route that does not provide a guided tour through the New Parks and Fosse Road areas of the city. We have discussed funding with both the City and County Council. Whilst the City Council already provide some funding, no funds are available from the County Council.

One of our councillors has undertaken a study of the use of the remaining services and has spent more than 30 hours observing, recording and collating data. The Glenfield Gazette published a survey form in its November issue and we have received many replies. These are still coming in and will be analysed, but there is still time to send in your response, if you have not already done so – closing date 16 December 2005.

Adult Education

Following the re-organisation of adult education, Glenfield’s residents found a reduction in the number of courses available in Glenfield. The Parish Council has

issued a complaint about what has happened to Glenfield and it is hoped that the issue will be resolved in time for the next academic year.

However, we have some new courses at Park House starting in January 2006. A FREE 5 week course entitled Computing for Absolute Beginners is to run on Mondays between 12:30 and 2:30 pm, to be followed by Do More with a Computer, Mondays 12:30 to 2:30 pm and an IT Skills course also on Mondays between 10:00 am and 12:00 noon. The follow on courses are £36 each and further information can be obtained from Longslade Community College, on Leicester 2673389. (The Parish Council is unable to take bookings for these courses.)

Policing and Security

Blaby District Community Safety Partnership asks you to think SAFE!

With the days getting shorter and the winter months closing in, it is important to be extra cautious of your personal safety and the security of your home, especially at night.

Christmas is a popular time of year for thieves, and with the festive period just around the corner, Blaby District Community Safety Partnership urge local residents to be extra vigilant with their belongings.

- As always it is advised that you securely shut and lock all windows and doors whenever you leave the house. By fitting ground floor and older windows with extra locks it gives you that added reassurance and security.
- Avoid leaving valuables and presents on display near windows and doors where they can be seen from outside.
- If you are going out at night, leave a light on, or if you are away from the house overnight use timer switches for lights and radios, which are all ideal for creating the impression that somebody is in.

While you are out and about it is just as vital that you remain aware of your surroundings and take all the necessary precautions to reduce the risks of becoming a victim of crime.

- If you are out jogging or walking, stick to well-lit, public areas and avoid going anywhere alone. Consider carrying a personal attack alarm.
- Always remember to lock your vehicle when leaving it unattended.
- Never leave valuables such as bags, mobile phones, car stereos and satellite navigation equipment in the car, as even an old coat or plastic carrier bag left on the back seat can attract thieves. Always take your belongings away with you when you leave but if this is not possible place them into your car boot.

- Always try to park in well-lit areas near to the location you are visiting.

Dave Frank from the Blaby District Community Safety Partnership said, "By taking just a few minutes to ensure you have locked your windows and doors behind you or taken everything out of your car, you can save yourself days and even weeks of unwanted distress and inconvenience".

Wanted

We have included a few photographs of people with whom we would like a word. Can you identify them? If you can, please call the Parish Council on 2312498 or leave a message for PC Jim Pearson on 2222222, his voice mail number is 1663.



This group, along with a few friends, smashed one fence to obtain a steel bar which they then used to damage another fence just to retrieve a ball they had kicked onto the

bowling green. The Parish Council does keep all the balls it finds and all they had to do was ask!

Not me Guv – I'm clean!

This picture shows another member of the group, who found that we do use anti-climb paint. Entries for a suitable caption can be forwarded to the Parish Council.



Can you put this group together, because we would like our balls back? On Saturday 12 November 2005, at 16:45, they climbed into the

bowling green and took 4 footballs.



And finally, a group who recently smashed paving slabs to try to gain entry to the bowling green have been identified from our CCTV footage. Pictures are not shown here as the police are dealing with the case.

