



# The Parish Pen



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Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the independent newsletter of your Parish Council. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Parish Council for electing me to serve as Chairman of the Parish Council and to thank the retiring Chairman, Roy Denney, for all the work he has undertaken during his three years in office.

Tony Greenwood, Chairman

## Parish Council Annual Meeting

At the Annual Parish Council Meeting, held on 15 May 2006 Tony Greenwood, former Vice-Chair of the Council, was elected to the position of Chairman. Roger Bobby, former Chair of the Property Committee, was elected to the position of Vice-Chair of the Council.



The Parish Council maintained its two committees electing Lynn Adlam as Chair of the Community Committee, supported by Jodi Smith as Vice-Chair, and Lee Breckon as Chair of the Property Committee, supported by Keith Raby as Vice-Chair.

At the same meeting councillors put forward their names to serve on the two committees and details of these appointments can be found in the minutes of the meeting or on the Parish Council's web site.

There is a wealth of experience amongst the Parish Councillors, some having served the community for nearly 30 years (one when asked how long he had served said "I got off the ark to join the council"). However, the Parish Council, in Jodi Smith, has, probably, the youngest councillor in the county to serve in an elected position within a council.

## No Cold Calling Zones

The County's first No Cold Calling Zone was set up in Glenfield on the 16 May 2006.



The Community Safety Partnership, which comprises of representatives from the police, Leicestershire County Council, Blaby

District Council, the Parish Council and Braunstone Town Council has developed an initiative to set up No Cold Calling Zones. The idea behind the zones is to deter unwanted callers and, in turn, rogue traders. The scheme will also help to reduce distraction burglaries.

Many householders feel threatened by cold callers so the scheme should also help with this issue.

The group developing the scheme considered statistical evidence and local knowledge before deciding upon the first area. 100% of residents in the selected area were in favour of the scheme. Mrs Davis and Mr Shirton, shown in the photograph holding one of the new signs, said "We are delighted with the scheme. We find cold callers a real nuisance".

An information pack, delivered to all households in the zone, contains information about how to deal with cold callers, unwanted telephone calls and unwanted mail. Information was also provided on how to deal with callers from the utility services. Stickers were provided for front doors and signs put up in the area.

Glenfield Parish Council was pleased to support the project, with the Council's Administrator being part of the partnership team and co-ordinator for the first area. Councillors also joined the group to visit all households in the zone to explain the scheme.

No Cold Calling Zones are expected to roll out over the county and city, with two areas already lined up for zoning, and further areas in Glenfield will also be considered.

## Parish Meeting

Glenfield's Annual Parish Meeting was held at Park House on 24 April 2006. 37 members of the public attended.

During the meeting presentations were made by the Youth Service and Leicestershire Constabulary. The Parish Council presented a review of its work during the last year and provided an overview of the Parish Council's web site.

Active discussions took place about the formation of a Glenfield Society, the development of sports and leisure facilities in the village, footpaths and rights of way. Parking issues and concerns about some of the car parks in the village were also raised. The Parish Council was asked to consider several items and these were all dealt with at the May meeting of the Council.

## Swinging into Action



The Parish Council continues to maintain one of the finest children's play areas in the county and has recently upgraded one of its swings. The swing is designed

for the younger age group and/or the disabled and is shown being enjoyed by two local children.

## Defibrillator

The Parish Council has been asked to clarify the use of the defibrillator recently purchased for the benefit of the residents of Glenfield. St John Ambulance has trained volunteers within Glenfield to provide 24 hour cover for the village. The volunteers, are paged following 999 emergency calls, and will be available to administer life-saving first aid to anyone who has a heart attack. There is no direct call by members of the public on this volunteer service.

## Garden Competition 2006

The Parish Council instituted these awards some 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 but the major prizes will be presented at the Glenfield Gardeners' Show on the 19 August.

If you would like your front garden or your neighbour's garden to be considered by the judges please fill in the address on the slip below and send it to "Glenfield Garden Competition, Glenfield Parish Council, Park House, Stamford Street, Glenfield, Leicester, LE3 8DL"

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Please consider the following address in the 2006 Glenfield Garden Competition.

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## Spot the Difference

In response to issues raised by councillors over parking on Sandown Road, Blaby District Council has installed grass-crete



parking outside some of the bungalows. This will alleviate some of the parking problems, enabling residents to park outside of their bungalows. The system

provides hard standing whilst retaining an attractive, green area.

Parish and District Councillor, John Springthorpe, had been advocating improvements for some time. Following discussions between the District and County Council the area was nominated by Blaby District Council's Housing Department, as one of just two areas within Blaby District to be upgraded.

## Summer Activities 2006

Blaby District Council, in partnership with the Parish Council, will be providing summer activities on and around Ellis Park. Further information will be posted on the notice boards and delivered to every child who attends one of the Glenfield primary schools. However, you may wish to note the following:

A range of sporting activities on Ellis Park for children aged 7 to 12.

Monday 31 July to Friday 4 August and Monday 21 August to Friday 25 August, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

For further information contact the Sports Development Team on 0116 2727523.

Other activities during the summer, 2006.

Football for boys and girls aged 5 to 12.

Monday 7 August to Friday 11 August and Monday 14 August to Friday 18 August, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

For further information contact the Sports Coach on 0779605123.

Consideration is also being given to a basketball and Cheer-Leading week, Monday 17 July to Friday 21 July.

If you would like to express an interest in either of these activities then please contact the Sports Coach on 0779605123.