



# The Parish Pen



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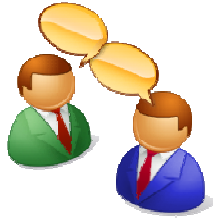
Welcome to the latest edition of the Parish Pen, the official voice of Glenfield Parish Council.

Lee Breckon JP, Chairman

## Parish Meeting 2008

Glenfield's Annual Parish Meeting was held on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008, with 30 people attending.

Zoe Royal, one of Glenfield's Youth Leaders, reported that the Youth Club was going from strength to strength and that the club was opening on more evenings. It was also reported that the Glenfield Youth Club had received an award for its work in the Entry to Employment project.



Head of the Martin High School, Mr M Furniss, provided an insight into the current challenges being faced by secondary education and the exceptionally good report his school had recently received, which placed the school 10<sup>th</sup> nationally out of 3,500. New challenges included the improvement of personalised education and closer work with students' families.

Council Chairman, Lee Beckon, reviewed the Parish Council's activities of the last year. Ms Burt of the Rural Community Council provided an insight into the development and use of Parish Plans. Attendees were asked to consider joining a group to develop a Parish Plan and six people put their names forward.

## Allotments

We are pleased to announce that, after a very successful "land grab", all the new allotments have now been allocated, with the exception of one. Our waiting list has been cleared. If you are interested in an allotment then please contact the Parish Council.



## Dog Walkers

Don't turn a blind eye to what your dog is doing! Please be responsible and clean up any mess left by your animals. Regrettably, there has been an increasing number of reports of dog excrement on Ellis Park and Station Park. The parks are there for everyone's enjoyment and the dog bins provided must be used. The Blaby District Council Dog Wardens have been advised and there will be an increase in patrols. These officers can and will issue on the spot fines.

## Policing

As reported in the last edition of the Parish Pen, a head camera had been purchased for Glenfield's Neighbourhood Policing through donation by local businesses. The unit has had an immediate effect, allowing an officer to obtain vital evidence. John (Bob) Walton, a village resident for all of his life, was so impressed by the abilities of the equipment and their usefulness to the police that he put forward funds of his own for the purchase of a second camera. Both of our local officers now have this state of the art equipment to assist them in their work. As with the first camera, the donation is via the Parish Council and the equipment will remain at the disposal of Glenfield's police officers.



Our Neighbourhood Policing Unit continues to move forward with initiatives to reduce crime in Glenfield, including the instigation of Community Volunteers and Speed Watch. A Smartwater scheme is being considered for the whole of the village as well as further surgeries at the Parish Council donated police office in Ellis Park.

In recognition of their work PC Mike Cawley, PCSO Peter Chapman and the Glenfield Neighbourhood Policing Unit have received the APEX (Achieving Performance Excellence) Award for their outstanding efforts and achievements in 2007.

## Can I have my ball back, please?

Players unable to "keep the ball low" continue to kick balls into the bowls green area on Ellis Park. These balls are not lost and can be collected from the Parish Office. To aid identification we suggest that all users on Ellis Park, and in particular the multi-use games areas, put some identifying mark on their footballs, for example initials or a club name.

Many of the footballs have gone unclaimed for many months and so they have been sold off to local children.

The £38.00 raised by the sale has been donated to the local charity LOROS.

The Parish Council will continue to hold footballs for up to two months, after which it will make them available for sale with all proceeds going to charity.

### Councillor Vacancies

There are still three vacancies on the Parish Council, one each for Central, Glenfrith and North Wards.

If you are interested in joining the Parish Council then please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council at the address above.

### Glorious Glenfield – Garden Competition 2008

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 with the major prizes being presented at the Glenfield Gardeners' Show in August 2008.



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 2008.

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.

### New Recreational Facilities

Glenfield Parish Council has obtained funding for the development of recreational facilities on a piece of land within the Millennium Green.

£40,000 of funding has been obtained from the Big Lottery Fund and Blaby District Council. The development will be undertaken in partnership with these bodies and the Millennium Green Trust.



It is planned to install a hard play area of approximately 180 square metres with a play wall that provides a goal mouth, netball and basketball ring, marking for cricket and ball targets. Another adjoining hard area will provide a youth shelter and the latest "fun fitness" equipment, which is suitable for teenagers to the over 60s. Other items being considered are skateboarding rails and kerbs or skateboard training equipment.



Local residents will be consulted about the choice of equipment. Work should commence during this summer.

### Safe Use of the Station Road Car Park

If you are a user of the Blaby District Council Car Park on Station Road then please note that you should only turn left when exiting the car park. If you need to go towards the A50 then exit left and go around The Square, it's much safer.



### Glenwatch

The Annual General Meeting of Glenwatch, Glenfield's Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is at Park House on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008. The meeting starts at 7:30 pm and is open to all residents.

At the meeting you will be able to find out about Glenwatch and its new initiatives in fighting crime within Glenfield.

### Police Surgeries, Ellis Park

- 2 June 10:00 - 12:00, 5 June 10:00 - 14:00
- 9 June 13:00 - 15:00, 11 June 17:00 : 19:00
- 17 June 19:00 : 21:00, 20 June 15:00 - 17:00
- 25 June 12:00 - 14:00, 29 June 11:00 - 13:00

### GARDEN COMPETITION

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Please consider the following address(es) in the 2008 Glenfield Garden Competition.

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