

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter of the Rural Community Council (Leicestershire & Rutland)

27th April 2009



Kirby Muxloe Community Fayre

Kirby Muxloe Parish Plan group held a hugely successful community fayre on the morning of Saturday 18th April at the village hall.

The event was put on by the parish plan group to advertise the impending questionnaire that will be delivered to every household within the village over the next few weeks.

Alongside advertising the questionnaire, the morning also showed off a huge scale map of the village that the primary school children had helped to make, residents were invited to add their ideas and comments about the area to the map. These comments will also be reviewed.

In order for residents to see what groups are already in existence in their village, the parish plan committee invited a number of local clubs and societies along to the event; these included the badminton club, the scout group and the Women's Institute as well as many more.

The synergy choir also took to the stage to perform a variety of songs, including a beautiful rendition of 'Amazing Grace'. Local businesses were also involved by offering prizes for the raffle.

In order to support the event, Victoria Bowers from the Community Engagement team at Leicestershire County Council was in attendance, as was Jeremy Prescott and Jessica Grudgings from the RCC.



The huge scale map of Kirby Muxloe attracted a great deal of interest

"The event was very well attended; the parish plan group should be extremely proud of themselves for putting on such a successful morning for the residents of Kirby Muxloe.

I hope it will encourage people to get involved with the parish plan, either by filling in the questionnaire or coming along to future meetings."

Jessica Grudgings, RCC Community Development Officer for Blaby

Funds & Figures



**2 hour Training Session in Long Clawson
for Voluntary Organisations, Community
Groups and Registered Charities**

Finding and Managing Funding

**Tuesday 12th May 2009
7.00 – 9.00pm**

Including:

How to Fundraise for a New or Existing Project
Sustainable Approaches to Fundraising
What Funders are Looking For
The Role of the Treasurer
What do you need to Record and Report?
Plus more!

**£10 per person payable upon booking
To book a place or for further details please contact
Christine Barrett on 01858 439264 or email
cbarrett@vasl.org.uk**

Funds and Figures is a 5 year project supported by the Big Lottery, working with small community groups across the Harborough and Melton districts of Leicestershire. We provide training, advice and information on Fundraising and Financial Management for Charities, Voluntary Organisations and Community groups to help them achieve their aims over the longer term. The project is based at The Settling Rooms, St Mary's Place, Market Harborough, Leicestershire, LE16 7DR.



Rearsby Village Hall opens for business!

The new Rearsby Village Hall was officially opened on Saturday 18 May 2009 by Deputy Leader of Charnwood Borough Council, and former Rearsby resident, John Bush.

The event was well attended by hundreds of residents of the village and people involved in the project. The new building was the result of a wonderful team effort by the Village Hall Committee and fund raising from Brian Frodsham, John Lambert and Gill Garner.

Architect for the new building was Stuart Holland and the building was constructed by Somerfield Development .

The new hall is now taking bookings

Telephone 01664 424696 for details of availability and prices. Also visit www.rearsbyvillagehall.org.uk

Facilities include:

- additional committee room
- new lobby area,
- facilities for the disabled
- baby changing
- energy conservation including better insulation and Upvc windows and doors
- increased floor space with oak flooring
- improved toilet and kitchen facilities
- more efficient electrical, lighting, heating and plumbing systems
- improved access all on one level
- larger storage area
- additional parking spaces and cycle storage.

STEP ON IT

Breast Cancer Campaign wants to challenge everyone in the UK to step up to beat breast cancer this May – by taking part in its new individual walking event, STEP ON IT.

The challenge is to walk a step for every person diagnosed with breast cancer in the UK this year – that's 46,000 steps – in 46 hours over the first Bank Holiday in May. You can do this on your own, with friends, colleagues or even walking the dog.

Simply ask your family and friends to sponsor you for every step you take and help Campaign to continue funding vital breast cancer research.

Sign up today and you will be sent a pedometer, hints and tips on how to clock up your steps and sponsorship forms. Don't worry if you can't STEP ON IT during the Bank Holiday weekend – you can always choose your own time frame to complete the challenge.

To request a STEP ON IT fundraising pack, or for more information, please call the Events team on 020 7749 4126 or visit:
www.friendshipwalks.co.uk/steponit

We
currently have
2 job vacancies

Community Development
Officer and a part time Finance
Assistant.

More details can be
found on page 4.

Spring in the meadows



Medieval remains and wildflowers are among the attractions on offer from a unique chance to visit a Charnwood meadow on Saturday, May 2nd.

Leicestershire County Council has organised a guided walk through Quorn's privately-owned Buddon Brook Meadows, which are jointly managed by the Council and the owner, but not usually open to the public.

Ragged robin and wild garlic should be in bloom in the meadows, which are a Site of Special Scientific Interest. Walkers can also keep an eye open for greater and lesser spotted woodpeckers as well as numerous butterfly species.

A key feature are the moated earthworks of a former medieval hunting lodge.

The walk starts at 10am and will last for about two hours. A local naturalist will point out the highlights.

Buddon Brook Meadows are off Chaveney Road, Quorn.

The walk is free, but booking is essential as numbers will be limited.

Book early to avoid disappointment.

No dogs please.

Wellingtons or walking boots strongly advisable.

For more details and booking please contact:
Andy Hayes, Community Projects Officer for
Leicestershire County Council on: 0116 305
7269 or email: ahayes@leics.gov.uk

Are you a voluntary or community group seeking practical or professional help?

Leicestershire Cares is a charity which brings together local businesses and the community, for the benefit of both. Their programme includes:

Team Challenges

We have teams of employee volunteers interested in completing one-day projects for organisations across Leicestershire.

Team Challenges can be practical or strategic, and examples include:

- Painting or decorating an area
- Developing an outdoor/garden area
- Organising an event or day trip

Please note that we are unable to support requests involving construction or electrical work.

Leicestershire ProHelp

Leicestershire ProHelp is a network of professional firms offering free professional advice and strategic support for one-off projects for the voluntary and community sector.

Member firms include solicitors, IT and communication consultants, PR and marketing consultants, accountants, architects, and surveyors who support a range of projects such as feasibility studies, business planning, structural surveys, marketing plans, legal and accountancy advice, etc.

Organisations seeking ProHelp support are asked to complete an application form providing information on the proposed project and their organisation.

For more information please contact Katharine Lightbown.
katharine@leicestershirecares.co.uk
0116 275 6469

Job vacancies at the RCC



Community Development Officer (CDO)

£ 19,940 - £21,937

Starting point dependent on experience

The CDO will work in a team supporting rural communities. Responsibilities include facilitation and implementation of the Community Planning process (Parish Plans) with emphasis in addressing identified needs and raising awareness with communities across a spectrum of different themes.

Deadline date for completed applications for Community Development Officer is 5pm on Thursday 7th May 2009

Finance Assistant

(Part time (18.5 hrs a week)

£16,230 - £17,574 (Pro Rata)

Starting point dependent on experience

Assistant to the Resources Officer. Responsibilities include book keeping, inputting into Sage, invoicing, membership fees, databases, and office administration.

Deadline date for completed applications for Finance Assistant is 5pm on Tuesday 12th May 2009.

**For further details and application packs for both appointments please contact the Rural Community Council.
Tel 0116 2662905 or visit
www.ruralcc.org.uk/jobvacancies**