

RCC Weekly Bulletin

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

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RCC Job Vacancy



Resources (Finance) Manager

£25,220 - £28,353

(Starting point dependent on experience)

This appointment offers a unique challenge in heading up the Resources Dept of the charity based in Leicester.

Primarily responsible for financial management, the position will also have responsibility for overseeing HR, and the smooth running of Community House, the office premises of the RCC.

The post holder will also deputise for the RCC Chief Executive in his absence.

It is essential that the successful candidate has proven experience in financial accounting and management skills.

For further details and an application pack Tel 0116 2662905 or visit our web site at www.ruralcc.org.uk

N.W. Leics CVS appoints new Chief Executive



From left to right, Dave Ahlquist, Steve Willson-Jennings (Chairman) and Martin Gage

Martin Gage, CEO of NW Leics CVS for the past 10 years handed over to Dave Ahlquist on the 30th April after a function at the Marlene Reid Centre attended by many partners, colleagues and friends.

Martin is now standing in as the Stronger Communities Officer Co-ordinator based at CCP until the position is formally appointed."

Calling all Barwell residents

You only have until 1st June to complete the Barwell parish plan adult questionnaire. A copy has been distributed to every household but you can also fill it in online at www.ruralcc.org.uk/parishplanquestionnaire - where there is also a chance to win £50.

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Please email the Editor, Bridget Masters, with any news items: bmasters@ruralcc.org.uk

Brand new book celebrates all things Great Central



The Great Central Railway is celebrating forty years of preservation in 2009. To mark the occasion a brand new hard back book has just been published featuring more than one hundred and fifty glossy colour photographs, capturing the award winning heritage railway through the seasons.

Many of the images were captured during 2008 when many high profile express engines visited the railway including brand new steam locomotive Tornado. The GCR's award winning restoration of celebrity engine "Oliver Cromwell" is also featured.

The book was assembled by photographer and enthusiast Matt Allen. He is a regular contributor to the railway media and publishes his own steam calendar. Fellow photographer Warwick Falconer also contributes. Some of the images are captured during normal Great Central passenger train running, others are the result of specially posed compositions on photographers charter train days.

The book is published by Halsgrove as part of their railway series. It is available now at the Great Central Railway shop for £14.99.

Low cost computers for rural people



If you live in a rural area, then email and the Internet provide enormous opportunities when you can't just pop round the corner to the shop or library etc. Yet computers are usually expensive, and few people want to buy one "just to see if it might be useful".

The Arthur Rank Centre has set up the "Computers for Rural People" scheme to provide computers at very low cost to encourage people to take the first step.

If you think a computer might be useful, but can't afford several hundred pounds just to try, then the Arthur Rank Centre can provide a computer of your own, pre-loaded with Microsoft software, and delivered to your door, with 3 months warranty, to get you started.

A fully functioning computer costs as little as £99.

If you are part of a Community Project and you need more than one computer; e.g. for a Drop-in centre, School etc. the prices are even lower!

For more information please telephone 02476 853066 or email info@arthurrankcentre.org.uk

Alternatively you can write to:
Computers for Rural People,
The Arthur Rank Centre,
Stoneleigh Park,
Warwickshire. CV8 2LZ

Training Day for Best Village Competition Judges.



A group of volunteers led by Jean Lee and Ken Hunnybun relax after the annual Training Session.

All judges are now trained and looking forward to going out to judge the entries during June.

Entries have been received from Tilton on the Hill, Thorpe Satchville, Barrow upon Soar, Wanlip, Woodhouse, Stoke Golding, Sharnford, Fleckney, Market Overton, Greetham, Stathern, Ratby, Barlestone and Appleby Magna

Following the training, files prepared by Mike Bishop were handed out and judges planned their route and meeting times.

Blaby Council supports Olympic athletes



Athletes going for gold in the Special Olympics Leicester 2009 can now get financial support from Blaby District Council.

People living within the district who are taking part in the games are eligible for grants of up to £100 to support their participation in the event.

The grants are being made available by the council in partnership with Blaby District Local Sports Alliance. Anyone from the district who is competing in the games but has not yet received a grant pack should call 0116 272 7703.

The Special Olympics GB national summer games are being held in Leicester from 25 - 31 July this year. More than 2,700 athletes representing 19 Special Olympics regions across the UK will visit the city over the seven day period along with 1200 coaches and 1500 volunteers.



19th July 2009

The Big Lunch is basically a party in your street, in everyone's street. On 19th July the people of Britain are being asked to stop what they're doing and sit down to lunch together. It's a chance to focus on community and to get together with your neighbours.

Visit www.thebiglunch.com to find out about any events in your area or to organise your own event.

Two great events on offer this month at Whetstone Pastures Farm

Plant Fest



**Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May
10am -5pm**

**At Whetstone Pastures Farm's Rustic
Courtyard on Whetstone Gorse Lane**

Come and buy direct from the growers and get advice straight from the experts, inc Bob Taylor, Rosie Bose, Derek Ford, Kay Karin, Aubrey Wood, Avondale Nursery, Jim Ellis and Tony Huxley with Eco friendly plants from our farm. Plus Design tips from Award winning landscape architect Jasmein Ayub

Dahlias, pelargoniums, water plants, Australian plants, astrantias, Spring plants, herbaceous perennials, auriculas, and more!

Ploughman's Lunches and Sandra's Cream Teas served in the Strawberry Tea Room, with children's play area and "green" crafts. Proceeds to Send a Cow

Whetstone Pastures is 2 miles South of Blaby on A426

Chill out in the countryside

**De-stress Day
Saturday 23rd May 2009
10 am – 5 pm
at Whetstone Pastures Farm**

Relaxation - Fresh air - Farm walks

- Learn to meditate with local Buddhists
- Sample some therapies -Indian head massage with Stephanie
- Have a go at felting and knitting
- Hand made local soaps
- TAI CHI in the afternoon
- Sandra's cream teas and lunches, yummy!
- Gentle music and farm strolls
- Children's felting, art and crafts,
- Face painting and children's play area
- All in Strawberry tea rooms, rustic courtyard and fruit fields.
- Donations to local charity

Ask Sandra for more details 07971 403 823
Whetstone Pastures Farm is on A426 2 miles South of Blaby

www.whetstonepasturesfarm.com