# RCC Weekly Bulletin

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

8th June 2009

## ATTENTION ALL PARISH CLERKS
## Have you completed your survey yet?

All Parish Councils in Leicestershire and Rutland have been asked to complete a survey and to verify some additional details of services that are available in their parish. A number of Parish Councils have responded to the survey already while others still have questionnaires and data to complete.

All information required for Parish Clerks to take part is available on each parish council website (after logging in via your password) through www.leicestershireparishcouncils.org.

There are Parish websites for ALL parishes in Leicestershire & Rutland regardless of whether you are currently using them. Passwords have been issued to each Parish Clerk for completion. If you cannot find your login details please call Tim Heeley on 0116 305 5678 theeley@leics.gov.uk to get the details.

All data should be completed by June 12th.

If you have any specific queries about the Rural Services Survey, require paper copies of all documentation or would like to see a copy of the results later in the year, please contact Diana Cook 0116 268 9706 or email dcook@ruralcc.org.uk

We rely on the input of parish council clerks to ensure that this survey is a success. The information you provide will help to ensure that we can better identify areas where there are needs within rural Leicestershire and Rutland and that resources are targetted acordingly.

## Grassroots Grants workshops

Dates for workshops are now confirmed for groups interested in applying for up to £5,000 through the Grassroots Grants programme. The Grassroots Grants programme can be accessed by groups with an annual income of less than £30,000 and the deadline for applications from County groups for this current round is 26th June.

The sessions will be running at each of the following venues:

Wednesday 10th June 10:00-12:00
Oadby and Wigston Community Action

Wednesday 10th June 1:30-3:30
Voluntary Action Hinckley

Thursday 11th June 10:00-12:00
Voluntary Action Melton

Thursday 11th June 1:30-3:30
Voluntary Action Charnwood

Friday 12th June 10:00-12:00
Pavillion, Huncote

Tuesday 16th June 10:00-12:00
NW Leics CVS, Marlene Reid Centre

Tuesday 16th June 1:30-3:30
Settling Rooms, Harborough

An additional date is planned for workshops in Oadby and Wigston. Further details will be announced shortly.
To find out more about these sessions or to book a space call Martin Bell on 0116 2575001 or email martin.b@valonline.org.uk

# Stapleford Steam

Stapleford Park
Nr. Melton Mowbray

**Featuring the Stapleford 10 ¼" Gauge Miniature Railway**

Traction Engines
Fairground Organs
Trade Stands
Licensed Bar

*Free Car Parking*

Miniature Engines
Vintage Vehicles
Old Time Fairground
Refreshments

*Gates Open 10 am*

ADMISSION Adults £5.00 Child/Senior Citizen £3.00
Weekend Camping Area £25 (2 Adults & 2 Children, inc. Admission)

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## 13th & 14th June 2009

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## Libraries have never been so rewarding!

Free DVD hire is one of the great rewards available in libraries' new money-saving loyalty scheme. Library members can join the free scheme and collect points each time they visit a County library or mobile and borrow six or more items.

Library members will be issued with their own rewards card and can collect up to 12 stamps which can be cashed in for any of these fantastic library rewards:

- Set of headphones (12 stamps)
- Jute bag (12 stamps)
- Free week loan of DVD/CD or talking book (6 stamps)
- Children's poster/activity book (6 stamps)
- Free book request (3 stamps)
- Free UK fax up to the value of £1.50 (3 stamps)
- 3 free print outs/photocopies (2 stamps).

The new scheme is free to join and available to all ages. More details are available in libraries and online at www.leics.gov.uk/libraryrewards

## £180,000 programme to strengthen rural churches

The Arthur Rank Centre (ARC) is to launch a £180,000 training project to strengthen churches in the countryside.

'Rural Life and Faith' could benefit 13,000 rural churches of all denominations, and will equip them for a modern role in villages and the countryside.

ARC will spend £180,000 over 3 years to fill major gaps in training provision which threaten the life and work of the rural church.

Four grant making trusts - Allchurches Trust, the Maurice and Hilda Laing Charitable Trust, the Henry Smith Charity and St Peters Saltley Trust are providing £180,000 of funding for the project.

Research to map the existing provision of training for mission and ministry across England will begin immediately, and the first training modules will become available to churches in 2010.

VILLAGE SOS

BBC one

A new Big Lottery Fund scheme to help six rural villages across the UK to regenerate their communities through new business ventures has been launched in partnership with BBC One.

The search is also on for six enterprising and visionary individuals to become 'Village Champions' and work with the villages to help achieve their ambitions of starting a successful rural business.

Applications close on 14 August 2009. Info on how to apply can be found at www.bbc.co.uk/villagesos

## Kids know best!

*Phoebe Brewin, from Glen Hills Primary School in Glen Parva won first prize in her class for her review of Conkers and was awarded with a Stay, Play, Explore family ticket by Elizabeth Furniss, Quality Manager at Leicester Shire Promotions.*

Local school children have been busy reviewing local family attractions for the latest 'Think Family' initiative. The project, delivered by Leicester Shire Promotions with support from East Midlands Tourism, aims to develop a better understanding of the needs of visiting families.

The results are now being fed back to the participating attractions to give them ideas about how they can adapt their facilities to meet the evolving needs of the family market.

## English Heritage rescues Heritage Open Days

English Heritage has taken ownership of Heritage Open Days, securing the future of the popular cultural event.

English Heritage previously helped the Civic Trust to fund and operate Heritage Open Days, but concern had been raised over the event's future since the Civic Trust in England announced that it had gone into administration.

This year's Heritage Open Days will take place between 10th - 13th September.

## Your Voice, Your Choice

Do you have an idea for an exciting local project but need a boost? Are you a local resident looking to have your say on how funding is spent on local activities? Are you a representative of a local community group? If the answer to any of these questions is "YES!" this is the event for you!

We are offering residents and representatives of community groups from the district of Blaby the opportunity to propose and vote on exciting, innovative local projects worthy of a share of £60,000.

The district of Blaby is split into three forum workshops as follows:

Blaby North - Monday 8th June, 5pm, County Hall, Glenfield
For the areas of Glenfield, Braunstone, Leicester Forest East and Kirby Muxloe

Blaby South - Monday 15th June, 5pm, Thurlaston Village Hall, Thurlaston
For the areas of Leicester Forest West, Thurlaston, Huncote, Potters Marston, Elmesthorpe, Croft, Stoney Stanton, Sapcote, Aston Flamville, Sharnford and Wigston Parva

Blaby Central - Monday 22nd June, 5pm, Brockington College, Enderby
For the areas of Lubbesthorpe, Enderby, Narborough, Glen Parva, Blaby, Cosby, Countesthorpe, Kilby and Whetstone

Each proposal should be focused on Children and Young People, Economic Stability or Vulnerable People.

Please note delegates are asked to book their FREE space in advance for catering purposes, this can be done online at http://www.leicestershireforums.org/your-voice-your-choice.html or by calling 0116 305 8169. A finger buffet and refreshments will be provided.

For further information, please contact Victoria Bowers on 0116 3058169 or vbowers@leics.org.uk

Leicestershire Rural Partnership

## LRP Rural Conference

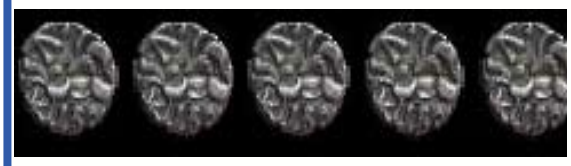
Planning for Sustainable Rural Communities in Leicestershire - The Six to Fix

The LRP's 12th bi-annual Rural Conference will be held on Friday 19th June 2009 at Hothorpe Hall, nr Theddingworth. This year Dr. Stuart Burgess, Rural Advocate and Chairman of the Commission for Rural Communities (CRC), will give the keynote address.

The event will run from 9.30 until 3pm with lunch provided.

The conference programme and online booking form can be downloaded from Leicestershire Rural Partnerships's web site www.oakleaves.org.uk/lrp-conference-booking-form.html

## Chance to find out about Hallaton Treasure



The Hallaton Treasure of over 5000 Iron Age and Roman coins was one of the most exciting archaeological finds ever made in Leicestershire. A day conference at the University of Leicester will give everyone the chance to find out more about this exciting find.

Iron Age Leicestershire and the Hallaton Treasure is on Saturday 27th June 2009 from 10.00am to 4pm in the Rattray Lecture Theatre at theUniversity of Leicester.

The conference costs £10 per person. Tickets from Admin Team, Room 500, County Hall, Glenfield, Leics, LE3 8TE (cheques payable to Leics County Council.)