

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for RCC members

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Suicide Awareness Partnership Training (SAPT)



Mike Wilbur, SAPT Project Manager

In partnership with three neighbouring RCCs (Derbyshire, Northamptonshire and Nottinghamshire) the RCC successfully applied to the Big Lottery Fund for £430,000 to develop suicide awareness partnership training (SAPT) over the next three years.

The training will take two main forms: half-day suicide awareness seminars, open to the general public as well as to those whose work is likely to bring them into contact with people at risk of suicide; and shorter (i.e. 30-40 minute) presentations in the workplace to senior managers/selected employers.

Mike Wilbur has now been appointed as the SAPT project manager. If you are interested either in attending a suicide awareness seminar, or hosting a short presentation, or wish to discuss the project, please contact Mike.
email: mwilbur@ruralcc.org.uk
Tel: 0116 268 9712.

Job Vacancy at the RCC

Village Hall / Playing Fields Officer Part Time (18.5 hrs)

£22,958 - £24,646 (Pro Rata)

(Starting point dependent on experience)

This appointment offers a varied and extremely fulfilling challenge in supporting and offering advice on Village Halls and Playing Fields / Facilities to voluntary groups, sports clubs and parish councils in rural areas.

In addition to salary and hours offered there will be the opportunity for the officer to work additional hours, mainly in the provision of training for which an additional financial increment will be provided. Access to use of car essential.

For further details and application pack Tel 0116 2662905 or visit www.ruralcc.org.uk

Community Buildings Training Cosby Village Hall - 28th October

This event will include the launch of the brand new 'Shire' Community Climate Change Grants scheme. Take the opportunity to be among the first to learn about this new grant scheme.

Book your places now, only £20 for members of the RCC Village Hall Membership service and £25 for non-members. This includes a buffet lunch and a full day training.

Booking form available for download on our web site at www.ruralcc.org.uk or by contacting John Moore: Tel: 0116 2689701, email: jmoore@ruralcc.org.uk

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

Council sets out new planning guidance

People are being invited to have their say on a new council document which sets out what contributions developers should be asked to make when they submit a planning application.

Blaby District Council have produced a Planning Obligations and Developer Contributions document which identifies the issues often raised when a site is proposed for redevelopment, assessing the effect on the local area and what contributions are needed to balance any impact it may have.

The document aims to set guidelines for when developers should be asked to provide or contribute towards facilities and services such as affordable housing, public open spaces and education when they want to build in an area.

If the new policy is adopted it will support the Blaby District Local Plan and the emerging Local Development Framework.

The document goes out to Public consultation for six weeks starting from Monday 21 September 2009. Any representations must be received no later than midnight on Monday 2 November.

Copies of the document are available for inspection at:

- www.blaby.gov.uk
- Blaby District Council Offices, Narborough
- Braunstone Civic Centre (Joint Service shop) , Braunstone Town
- Blaby Connect Service Shop, Forge Corner, Blaby
- Leicestershire County Council main reception,
- All public libraries within Blaby
- On request from Blaby District Council's Planning Policy team, contact 0116 272 7584

School children 'switched on' to campaign message



Colin Green, Environment correspondent for ITV Central, recently visited Blaby District Council's offices to judge a competition where county school children were asked to design a 'Big Switch Off' certificate.

'The Big Switch Off' is a week long initiative taking place between 12th and 18th October that aims to get households, schools, colleges, universities and businesses to save money, energy and the environment by switching off unnecessary lights and unused electrical appliances.

Pupils from across Leicestershire and Rutland were tasked with producing the certificates, and three winning designs will be announced at a campaign launch ceremony in September.

Colin Green said: "I was looking for the design that got the campaign message across in the simplest way, and all the designs were really 'switched on'.

"Youngsters are already so keen on saving our environment so we just need them to pass that enthusiasm on to their families."

For more information about the Big Switch Off and how to get involved see www.leics.gov.uk/bigswitchoff and pledge your support today.

Quorn opens e-Museum



An Awards For All lottery grant has helped villagers in Quorn to fund what will be one of the most ambitious interactive museum websites that the UK has yet to see for village local history.

The grant enables Quorn to display its extensive collection of photographs, postcards, anecdotes, documents and artefacts detailing its rich and varied evolution.. The collection is fully searchable and the site allows anyone to upload their Quorn memorabilia. The artefact collection has already exceeded 500 individual on-line items.

As a launch to this museum initiative, a special limited edition book, 'The Kelcey Walks' has been published. Using a series of five walks around the village as written by the Reverend Edward Food-Kelcey in 1908, you can retrace his footsteps and visualise Quorn as it looked exactly 100 years ago. This book is a 'must' for anyone with an interest in the village or a desire to visualise their street as it appeared in days long gone.

The book, The Kelcey Walks, costs £6.00 and is available for purchase through the museum website at www.quornmuseum.com

Cash boost for volunteer historians

Volunteer historians have had a boost after Melton Carnegie Museum was granted nearly £5,000 to develop workshops to help expand their skills. The money will enable Melton borough residents with a passion for uncovering the past to acquire and develop the know-how to help them create, expand or research local history records. These records will be available through the new community archive and museum displays, which are currently being built at the attraction.

The grant has come from the Museums Libraries and Archives Council (MLA). Their Adult Learning Challenge Fund award scheme was launched this year and the museum is among the first to receive some money.

The Carnegie Museum is currently closed for major building work but anyone wishing to register an interest in the community archive and workshops can contact the museum in writing, by telephone or by email.

Further details of the local history workshops will be announced at a later date.

For more information call Jenny Dancey, keeper Melton Carnegie Museum, 01664 569946, email: meltonmuseum@leics.gov.uk or write to: The Melton Carnegie Museum, Thorpe End, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1RB.

Church and Community Fund Grants

The Church and Community Fund (CCF) gives grants to community projects run by parish churches, deaneries, dioceses and other bodies connected to or working in partnership with the Church of England.

Typical projects supported by the CCF might include employing a youth worker, renovating an old church hall for use as a community centre or providing hot meals for the homeless in a church room. Applications which show imagination in responding to needs are welcomed.

The CCF awards over £500,000 in grants every year. The deadline date for the next round of applications is 30th October.

Visit www.churchandcommunityfund.org.uk

Performing Arts Fund

The BBC Performing Arts Fund in association with Making Music have launched a funding scheme for choirs and other singing groups. If you are part of a choir made up of 8 or more individual singers who meet and rehearse towards a live performance, you may be eligible to apply for funding.

Applications close 30th October 2009 and decisions will be made by early December. Projects can start from January 1st 2010 and must be completed by end of September 2010. Visit: http://extdev.bbc.co.uk/performingartsfund/choral_ambition/

Freelancing Guide published

A guide to help freelancers thrive during the recession is being launched by Creative Leicestershire on Wed. 30 September.

Free copies of the Guide will be available from the Leicester Creative Business Depot reception. You can also read the guide online at the Information page of www.creativeleicestershire.org.uk from 30 Sept.

Rose Tea Party



The Rutland Over Sixties (ROSE) group recently held a tea party in recognition of September being National Older Persons Month.

Over 40 people attended the event at the Volunteer Bureau in Oakham, which showcased a wide range of services on offer to retired people in the county.

Delegates were given the opportunity to talk to firemen about home safety; get advice on direct payments and care fees and have a healthy foot screening.

Cream teas and home-made cakes were available to round off the day.

Sue Renton, from Rutland Community Spirit was very pleased with the turn out on the day. She said, "It has been very rewarding to see how the hard work of the ROSE committee has paid off with such a successful event. I do hope that we can make this an annual occurrence."

For further information on the ROSE group, Sue Renton can be contacted on 01572 720282.