

RCC Weekly Bulletin

The weekly newsletter for RCC members

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Community Foundation Fund - open for applications

The Community Foundation Fund is provided and administered by the Leicestershire, Leicester and Rutland (LLR) Community Foundation in partnership with East Midlands Development Agency (EMDA). Funding is intended for larger projects that can improve and sustain the economic climate of an area and its way of life in Leicestershire, Rutland and Leicester.

Financial assistance up to £20,000 is available to voluntary and community organisations for projects that improve the local economy and way of life. To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be a voluntary or community organisation based within Leicester, Leicestershire or Rutland.
- Have been operating for at least 12 months.

- Have a constitution.
- Have a bank or building society account with at least two unrelated signatories.
- Demonstrate a need for their project.
- Be able to spend their grant by 31 March 2011.

Applications are due by:

- 17th June for consideration in July 2010.
- 19th August for consideration in September 2010.

For more information please contact Jane Avery, Tel: 0116 258 7326 or visit the web site at www.llrcommunityfoundation.org.uk

TNR Communications Charity Giveaway

You will have to be quick off the mark with this one as the deadline date is 16th April.

TNR Communications are giving away a combined PR photography package and videocall services worth £2,525 to a registered UK charity seeking media coverage for an event.

The package includes:

- A consultancy in advance to plan and organise the creative approach to the event.
- A Press Association photographer and videographer on site at the event for three hours.
- Photos edited and submitted to the Press Association for potential release on the Newswire.
- A social media video of the event submitted to the top five video streaming sites.
- A DVD of all the images and video from the events.
- The winning charity will be treated as an official client of TNR, with a client contract for the services being delivered

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 16 April 2010.

Eligible events must take place by Wednesday 30 June 2010.

Eligible organisations must be a registered charity in the UK.

Applications will be selected based on:

- How well the event is likely to resonate with the media.
- The event TNR feels is most likely to benefit from media coverage.
- How visually effective the event is.

Five charities will be shortlisted and will need to produce a press release for their event. This will form the basis of the judges' final decision.

The winner will be announced on Friday 23 April 2010. Tel: 020 7963 7163 or visit www.tnrcommunications.co.uk/online-podcasts

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



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!

Oadby and Wigston

We are offering residents and representatives of community groups from the Borough of Oadby & Wigston the opportunity to propose and vote on exciting, innovative local projects worthy of a share of £20,000 per Residents Forum area. Workshops for the Oadby and Wigston areas are available as follows:

South Wigston Residents Forum Workshop,

13th April at 6:15pm

Fairfield Primary School, Cheshire Drive, South Wigston LE18 4WA

Oadby Residents Forum

15th April at 6pm

Parklands Leisure Centre, Cedar Suite, Wigston Road, Oadby .LE2 5QG

Wigston Residents Forum,

21st April at 6pm

Age Concern, 51 Paddock Street, Wigston LE18 2AN

Harborough

We are offering residents and representatives of community groups from the district of Harborough the opportunity to propose and vote on exciting, innovative local projects worthy of a share of £20,000 per Have Your Say area. Workshops for the Harborough District area are available as follows:

Lutterworth Have Your Say Workshop,

20th April 2010 at 6pm, Wycliffe Rooms, George Street, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4ED

Broughton Astley Have Your Say Workshop,

22nd April 2010 at 6:30pm, Broughton Astley Hall, Main Street, Leicestershire, LE9 6PT

Rural East Have Your Say Workshop,

26th April 2010 at 6pm, Coplow Centre, Uppingham Road, Billesdon, Leicestershire, LE7 9FL

Rural West Have Your Say Workshop,

27th April 2010 at 6pm, North Kilworth Sports Club, South Kilworth Road, Walcote, Lutterworth, LE17 4LA

Market Harborough Have Your Say Workshop,

28th April 2010 at 6pm, Methodist Church, Northampton Rd, Market Harborough, LE16 9HE

Please note that delegates need to book their FREE space in advance for catering purposes, this can be done online at www.leicestershireforums.org/your-voice-your-choice.html or by phone on 0116 305 7565 or 0116 305 5951. For further information, please contact either Juan Pardo on 0116 305 7565 or Sabrina Malik or by e-mail at juan.pardo@leics.gov.uk and Sabrina.Malik@leics.gov.uk

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Play Ranger Rob Smith is pictured with children taking part in last year's summer activities

Calling all providers of summer activities for children and young people. Harborough District Council is now looking for advance notice of summer holiday time activities which could be included in the 2010 Summer Activities brochure.

Last year, the council produced its first comprehensive summer activities brochure which was distributed to all school children in the district, and was also available from key venues.

After the success of last year's "Why don't you try.." brochure, the council is gearing up to the development of the 2010 brochure. Contributions to the cost of production are now being sought from key partner agencies that operate in the Harborough district to meet the costs once again. These contributions are essential in order to offer free listings to local

Here comes the summer!

community groups and organisations putting on summer activities for local children and young people.

Events and activities for children and young people from 0 to 19 years are listed in the brochure, with crucial information such as dates, venues, age appropriateness, contact details and costs, if any.

The deadline for information to be received in order to guarantee inclusion in this year's brochure is Friday 7th May 2010. This is in order to allow sufficient time for proofing and printing, in order to have the brochure distributed in enough time for families to plan their summer schedules. Any information received after this date is not guaranteed to be included in the printed brochure, however the information could still be included on the council's online events diary available at www.harborough.gov.uk

Listings are free for those groups who run activities on a not-for-profit basis, and Harborough District Council will endeavour to include as many activities as possible within space, time and financial constraints. There are opportunities for businesses to buy space for their activities if they wish. Contact the council on 01858 82 82 82 for details of pricing.

For more information contact Stella Renwick, Children's Services Manager or Marianne Boyle, Sport and Health Development Officer - Tel: 01858 82 82 82

Full guidance on Vetting and Barring Scheme now available

The Home Office has now put online full guidance to help employers and voluntary groups implement the Vetting and Barring Scheme. It covers every aspect from who is covered to how the process works and the implementation timetable.

Organisations are expected to start at www.businesslink.gov.uk/vbs, while employees or volunteers would find www.direct.gov.uk/vetting more appropriate.

Hard copies of the guidance for those who do not have internet access are available via the VBS helpline on 0300 123 1111.

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Snibston is steaming ahead with transport festival

Snibston Discovery Museum's second annual Transport Festival will take place in May with the main event being its Sunday show day on the 16th. This year is set to be bigger and better than ever and it has secured a special visitor which will be welcomed by steam loco lovers everywhere.

The locomotive, built in 1940 and secured through a partnership with Chasewater Railway, will arrive at Snibston on Friday 14th May and visitors can ride along the railway over the weekend for just £1.50. For only £75, those with a penchant for steam engines can buy a hands-on experience to prepare the locomotive for the day's passenger trains. This includes a driving opportunity whilst shunting prior to the day's operations. This is only the seventh time a steam engine has visited Snibston since the line was used for shunting coal by steam back in 1962.

The May transport festival will have something for all visitors. The Battle of Britain Lancaster Bomber flyover will be a big draw for people, but there will also be a selection of vintage vehicles - some from the museum's collections and some from local enthusiasts - trade stands, music from organ grinders, artists and not forgetting smaller guests, a Thomas the Tank Engine bouncy castle, horseshoe painting and pony rides.

The Snibston Transport Festival on 16th is part of a transport-related weekend which starts with a celebratory appearance of the county's mobile library fleet on 15th for its 60th birthday celebrations. For general enquiries regarding the festival, please call 01530 278 444. For queries relating to the locomotive visit, please contact Nick Pell, Curator of Mining and Transport on 0116 305 3452.

La Bohème

HINCKLEY CONCORDIA THEATRE: 21st — 24th April 2010

After a wait of twenty-nine years, tickets are now available for Stanley Opera's brand new production of Puccini's greatest tearjerker, La Boheme, one of opera's top three favourites.

The show promises to be an event not to be missed, with the full Stanley Opera chorus and a great cast featuring some of most talented principal singers in the company's history. Doors open 7pm, show starts 7.30pm

You can book tickets via the website at www.stanley-opera.org.uk or by calling Chris Sturgess on 01455 848194

