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## MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Leicester Forest East Parish Council is to work towards representing and promoting the interests and wellbeing of the Parish.

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### PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Holly Mann  
**Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council:** Leigh-Ann Holland O'Brien  
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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Are held on the third Wednesday of each month in the Reg Neal Meeting Room, Parish Hall, Kings Drive, starting at 7.00pm.

**For dates/times of Committee Meetings please refer to the parish notice boards or the parish website [www.lfepc.org.uk](http://www.lfepc.org.uk)**

Members of the Public are welcome to attend all meetings where time is made available to raise matters relating to items on the Agenda.

### OTHER REPRESENTATIVES

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**Crimestoppers:** Tel. 0800 555 111

### ABOUT LiFE

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# Welcome

WITH PAUL LINNETT, PARISH CHAIRMAN

Hello and welcome to the autumn 2021 edition of LiFE. It is two years since the last edition. We had one ready to be printed in March last year, but, following the announcement of the first lockdown, it was cancelled because the articles suddenly became out of date and/or irrelevant. The Parish Council had to change its way of working, with the clerk working from home and meetings held using Zoom. However the Parish Council has managed to achieve quite a lot in the past eighteen months.



### New Play Equipment - Kings Walk Park

The Parish Council secured section 106 funding to pay for part of the new installation of play equipment on Kings Walk Park. The rest of the money came from the precept. Much of the old wooden equipment had been removed due to vandalism and the Parish Council decided to replace it with new sturdier equipment.



### Resurfacing of Boyers Park

Boyers Play Park has been re-surfaced around all items of play equipment with grass carpeting. This was to replace the existing surfacing which was well-worn and did not allow for sufficient drainage, meaning equipment could not be used after wet spells. The new surfacing provides extra draining so the Park will be usable for more of the year. (Unfortunately this matting was vandalised within weeks of installation. It looks as if it could have been caused by electric scooters and these will be banned from this play area.)



# Welcome

WITH PAUL LINNETT, PARISH CHAIRMAN

## Path around Playing Fields

A new path has been installed around the perimeter of the playing fields on Forest East Park. The field is now more user-friendly and can be used by dog-walkers, cyclists, those with pushchairs and walkers.

## Solar Panels

With a view to 'doing it's bit' towards tackling climate change, the Parish Council has installed solar panels on the Parish Hall roof. In addition LED lighting has been installed in the hall.



## Hanging Baskets and Flower Planters

This year, the Parish Council has changed provider for hanging baskets and flower tubs and has saved money in the process. I hope you agree the planters and hanging baskets have looked fantastic this summer.



## Picnic in the Park

This took place on 22 August this year. The Ratby Brass Band played for two hours and around two hundred people enjoyed the music along with food and drink they had brought with them or purchased from stalls at the event. The weather could have been kinder but the rain held off until near the end of the concert.



## Tree Survey

All the trees in the two parks and the spinney have been surveyed and any urgent work has been completed. Non urgent work will be done soon.

## Financial Procedures

The Parish Council now has a computerised finance system which incorporates internet banking and a hall booking facility. Financial procedures have been tightened up and the council has recently received a clean audit report.

## Assistant Clerk

A new Assistant Clerk, Leigh-Ann, started working for the council on 1 September last year to help and to cover for Holly, our clerk. Because of the pandemic the interviews for this post were conducted virtually. Leigh-Ann's main task is to operate the computerised finance system, including providing councillors with monthly reports of income and expenditure.

## LFE Coronavirus Volunteers

At the start of the first lockdown one of our residents, Kelly Mobbs, set up a Coronavirus WhatsApp group. Within days forms had been delivered to every house in LFE, giving the name and phone number of a volunteer for the householder to contact if they needed help. A number of people replied to these forms, but there were also referrals from Blaby District Council and via the parish council. All requests for help were put on the

WhatsApp group, which had over fifty members offering their help. The volunteers did shopping, collected prescriptions and phoned people who just wanted to hear a friendly voice. I would like to thank all the volunteers, in particular Kelly. The Parish Council has nominated Kelly for a Volunteer Award under Blaby District Council's Community Awards. This is to say thank you for all the hard work she did organising volunteers and ensuring everyone in LFE had the supplies they needed.

## Other News

The Parish Council started face to face meetings in May and the hall re-opened to hirers in July. There will soon be an industrial dishwasher provided for hirers to use.

The Parish Council has been out to tender for a MUGA (multi-use games area), which will be located next to the Parish Hall. Work to install this should begin in the next few weeks.

There are three vacancies for Parish Councillors and so, if you would like to help us improve your area, please contact Holly at the Parish Office.

I hope all readers have a good autumn/winter.

*Paul Linnett -*  
Chairman of the Parish Council

## Parish Council Grants

Below is a picture of the new café area furniture Leicester Forest East Community Library was able to purchase using a Grant from the Parish Council.



If you would like to apply for a Grant from the Parish Council, please visit; <https://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/uploads/grants-policy-1.pdf> for more information and application deadline dates.



# Directory

## DOCTORS

**Forest House Medical Centre, 2a Park Drive, LE3 3FN**  
and **Warren Lane Surgery, Leicester Forest East LE3 3LW**

Enquiries: (0116) 2898111 (Not between 12.30pm and 1.30pm)  
Website: [www.foresthousemedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.foresthousemedicalcentre.co.uk)

## Opening Hours:

Both surgeries - Monday to Friday - 8am to 6pm

Both surgeries are closed from 12.30pm-1.30pm for lunch

This closure does not impact on the services delivered or number of appointments that are available at the surgery.

**Forest House Medical Centre - Saturday Clinic - 8am to 12.00pm** (for pre-booked nurse appointments).

## TELEPHONE:

Surgery telephone number for both surgeries 01162898111. The Out of Hours phone number is 111. The District Nurse phone number is 0300 300 1000. Visit the Surgery Website for up to date information at [www.foresthousemedicalcentre.co.uk](http://www.foresthousemedicalcentre.co.uk)

## NHS Direct

Telephone: 111 [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk)

## CHURCHES

### St. Andrews Church

Hinckley Road, LFE, LE3 3PF

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Telephone: 07961749215

Revd Novette Headley (0116 4295269)

Revd Dave Hover 0116 289 5372 and [revddhover@gmail.com](mailto:revddhover@gmail.com)

### St Andrew's Service Times

Main Service - 10:30am every Sunday

Messy Church (for families) - 3.00pm every first Sunday

### Beacon LiFE church

Charnwood Drive. Contact Pastor Ian - 07777677594

Church - 0116 2393112

Our Services are: Sunday Gathering with children's gathering - 10.30am

### Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Gooding Avenue. The Priest's House: Tel: 0116 285 8795

Services at 6pm Saturday evening then

one mass at 10am on Sunday.

Junior Church at Sunday services

# LFE Parish Council

## Planning, Trees and Highways Committee

After a long period, the LFE Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to Blaby DC for final consultation and as of writing this article in mid-September we await the results of the external examiners review but are confident that the Plan will be adopted in the near future.



Our thanks to those residents who helped us in writing the plan way back when!! We are nearly then after a number of frustrating delays.

The last 16 months have seen an explosion in planning applications from many residents and others in LFE and the council has a duty to review and comment on each one, if applicable. In most cases the council is pleased to say that very few comments or objections are made and then only related to traffic / parking issues or where the application may not, in our opinion, fit in with the street scenes already in place. In future, once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted this will form the backbone of our thinking on developments within LFE.

You may be aware and have seen that Vista (Kathleen Rutland Home), have applied for, and received permissions to demolish existing buildings, and replace with a new centre. The council have been involved with the company and its architects, etc and are pleased that issues and suggestions we made have been taken on board. Vista is committed to LFE and this project will be an asset to the area.

As we are all aware, traffic and traffic management is a big issue for LFE and we do work as closely as possible with Blaby DC, LCC Highways and our district / county councillors to mitigate issues as and when, however much is out of our direct control, which is frustrating.

Traffic calming measures as originally outlined for Warren Lane, etc. by Lubbethorpe developers were rejected by residents and the council, but to date they have not been

interested in any other more acceptable solutions that were proposed. We await responses from all parties.

We have had a MVAS (Mobile activated speed sign) on Forest House Lane for some time now and the results do show that drivers are moving at speeds within the accepted 85 percentile limits suggested by highways. There are exceptions, with the very occasional driver being clocked at 40, 50 and even 60 mph. Whilst residents are right to be concerned about speeding, the data does show this not to be the case, and again any further action to reduce speed limits or change the layout of the road is not at this time likely.

On the subject of E-scooters, residents should be aware that usage is currently illegal in Leicestershire on all public roads (including pavements) and in public spaces. Only use on private land is permitted. Please note that parks and green spaces managed and owned by LFE PC are public spaces. Issues with E-Scooters should be directed to the police.

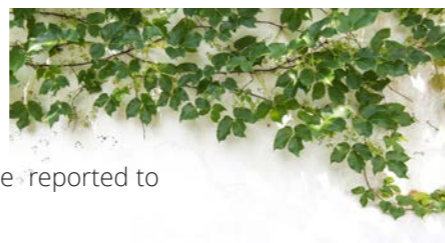
Residents should also be aware that they are responsible for any trees, hedges and bushes that encroach onto pavements and highways. Always ensure they are cut back to your property line, as LCC highways may contact the householder to remedy, or take further action.

We are taking on board suggestion from residents about Christmas Lights in LFE and are actively looking at other lighting ideas for 2022. This year we are retaining the existing lights, but do acknowledge they could be better, however please remember that improvements do come at cost, and whilst we are budgeting for such, that cost ultimately comes from the precept residents pay in their council tax. In the meantime, we are hoping that the lights will be more evenly distributed along Hinckley Road (plus some around Stafford Leys school,) but again we are somewhat hampered by LCC Highways as to which lampposts can be used. We will continue to review.

*Peter Kitchen* - Chairman of the Planning, Trees and Highways Committee

## Hedges/Vegetation

Please note if residents allow their hedges/vegetation to grow over the pavement they will receive a letter from the Parish Council asking them to cut it back and will be reported to Leicestershire County Council.



# Forest House Medical Centre

## Community Response to Consultation regarding closure

As you are aware there has been a recent consultation by Forest House Medical Centre on Park Drive to considering closing that facility and move all services to Lubbethorpe and Warren Lane.

Many of you took part in a long discussion thread on the LFE Facebook Group which demonstrated the anger, dismay and disbelief that medical services could be removed from the eastern end of LFE. We are also grateful to all those who took time to complete the questionnaire and on-line 'virtual' event and we await the response to the many comments made. It's also pleasing to note that many were completed by folk not 'directly' impacted by the proposal.

We fully support Lubbethorpe having its own medical facility but merging 2 huge population centres is not, we believe, the way to go.

I think we were all in agreement that the practice has not thought about the impact of such a closure and that the alternative proposals are logistically a nightmare.

### As a group of residents, we have commented:

- It appears that a decision has already being made, as Park Drive FHMC is made to look unused with access through the back door!
- Many of the patients attending Park Drive surgery come from the eastern end of LFE, into Braunstone and Braunstone Town.
- Many are elderly and travelling to Lubbethorpe would be extremely difficult.
- No direct bus route.
- Too far to walk for many.
- Arriva 'Click and Ride' is impractical and expensive
- Travelling by car introduces more traffic on our congested roads at a time we are encouraged to reduce car use.
- Lack of parking provision. (Though it was stated that Lubbethorpe facility would have 70 spaces they would have to be shared with local community centre, shops, staff etc)
- Closure of FHMC will likely lead to the closure of the chemists. Detriment to the community
- Depending on who owns the land / building etc LFE

could also lose the dentist down the line. Detriment to the community.

- The practise is already receiving 500 calls a day for services from a patient list of 15,000. Adding in 10k from Lubbethorpe and potentially 2-3K from developments along Hinckley Road to the west will further stretch resources.
- No mention of increasing numbers of doctors within the practice to cope with 25-30K people.
- Patients still have issues getting appointments especially those who do not use the internet.
- Patients are concerned over being 'triaged' by a 'receptionist'. At least in hospital the triage nurses are fully trained.

We are concerned that moving to a 'shiny' new facility is at the detriment to many and we believe that Park Drive can be retained as a satellite facility serving the needs of the eastern end of LFE and north Braunstone / Braunstone Town.

Whilst we would applaud having many other proposed medical and related services available, residents would travel for those services but 'seeing' a doctor is what most want in the first instance.

We hope that FHMC publishes its findings asap. Remember that this is not a done deal, whatever it seems. We don't know any outcomes and whether FHMC have listened. Also planning permissions etc have to be given and we are 2-3 years away. We can and will keep up the pressure to retain services at Park Drive FHMC.

*Peter Kitchen*

These comments are my own and do not necessarily reflect LFE Parish Council of whom I am a councillor.

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# News from St. Andrews Church

Hello everyone!

My name's Judith Lincoln and I've just taken over as the Methodist minister at St Andrew's Leicester Forest East, following Rev Novette Headley's move to a new post in Bristol. We wish Novette well in this new phase of her ministry. A big thank you also to everyone at St Andrew's for making me so welcome.



As a chatty extrovert who also believes strongly that our shared humanity is more important than the differences that divide us, I want to share that with others- and am looking forward to working in a joint Anglican/Methodist environment at St Andrew's, and getting involved in Churches Together and the wider community.

We still live in worrying times. We may long to get "back to normal" but feel that life has changed forever. But I have often taken comfort in a Bible verse that says "nothing can separate us" from God's love (Romans 8:39). I've also been drawn to Julian of Norwich, who herself lived through a pandemic (plague) and wanted to reassure others. She wrote, "He did not say, You shall not be tempest-tossed....he did say, You shall not be overcome." I hope and pray that we will keep on loving and supporting each other, and not be overcome.

*Judith Lincoln*

Methodist Minister,  
St Andrew's Church Leicester Forest East

I've been in ministry 3 years, also looking after Anstey, Markfield and Ratby Methodist Churches. I've been married to Roger, a homemaker (who is also something of an artist, theologian and railway modeller) for 15 years, and we've enjoyed getting to know the excellent walking country in Leicestershire. Before training for ministry, I spent 14 years working in a learning disability charity in Nottingham. I grew up in a supportive Christian family, but what drew me into ministry was coming to know for myself that God loves me.

**Messy Church @ St Andrew's** is now back to meeting face to face after spending the last year online. We meet at St Andrew's church LFE on the first Sunday in every month.

Messy church is for families - these can be a parent(s) and children, grandparents with grandchildren or aunts and uncles with nieces and nephews - it is a chance for us all to explore the stories from the bible in an interactive and fun way.

We meet between 3 and 5 pm, beginning in the church hall with craft activities (some led by helpers from the church, some for parents to do with their children independently). We then move into church for a story and song before going to back to the hall for refreshments (cake and drinks) and a chance to chat together.

In December we have our Messy Christingle - where our crafts include both Christmas decorations and christingle making before going into church for a short christingle service.

If you would like to know more please contact Colleen Kitchen : messy@standrewslfe.org.uk or just turn up on the first Sunday of the month.



## Contact Details for your MP, District Councillors and County Councillors

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**District Councillor Michael O'Hare**

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## Christmas at St. Andrews Church



**2nd December @ 6.30pm**

LFE Parish Christmas Tree switch-on



**5th December @ 3pm**

Messy Church Christingle. Join us as a family as we make Christingles and then share a short time of music and worship by candlelight.



**19th December @ 11am**

Carol Service: Join us on the Sunday before Christmas for our mix of traditional and modern Christmas carols, as the Christmas story is told through Bible readings and we reflect together on what Christmas means to us.



This has not been confirmed yet for 2021 when we went to press. More details to follow if the event is put on by Radio

Leicester. **Possible date 20th December @ 7pm**



**24th Dec from 1:30pm**

Walk-Through Nativity Service. A different way of experiencing a Nativity service—walking through the story! Encounter a mix of displays, films and live-action tableaux as we tell the Christmas story as never before! Come along anytime between 1:30pm & 3:30pm!



**24th Dec @ 11:30pm**

Our special gathering on Christmas night with carols and candlelight to welcome the new born King!



**25th Dec @ 10am**

Our celebrations continue with this family-friendly service for Christmas Day! Note - Service takes place at St. Crispin's Church, Braunstone Town.

**26th December - Boxing Day @ 10am**

Methodist Communion Service

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# L.F.E Community Library

## Wednesday Morning Café for Tea and Toast

Fancy a coffee and chat after dropping your kids off at Stafford Leys on a Wednesday morning. We have opened the library from the 1st September so that anyone including parents and pre-school children can get together for a coffee and chat/play/read. All welcome. If successful we may extend to other days of the week so your support is required.

## Other activities

The following activities have restarted in September

### Story & Rhyme for preschool children -

Friday 2.30pm to 3pm

### Construction Club

10th September then fortnightly 5pm to 6.30pm

**Knit and natter** – Monday 7pm to 9am

## Other activities and facilities

As well as loaning books your membership of the library allows you access to e-books and audio books as well. We also have had a lot of new books courtesy of Leicestershire County Council as well as rotating the books to give a variety over the year. Covid Lateral flow tests are available.

We have 4 internet enabled PC's with an extra 2 secured for Children (age restricted) so that you can use the internet and print off to the printer located in the library (we do charge for the printing to cover the costs of the paper and ink).

Please drop round for a coffee morning on the first Saturday in the month.

## Other groups that take place are

<b>Knit and Natter</b>	Monday 7pm to 9pm
<b>Coffee and Chat</b>	Wednesday 10am to Noon
<b>The Craft Group</b>	Wednesday 6pm to 8pm
<b>The LE3 ladies group</b>	3rd Thursday of the Month 7pm to 9pm

For full information please see our website (<https://www.lfelibrary.org/>) or the Facebook page. Alternatively, please call into the library and speak to one of the volunteers.

## Opening times

Please note our extended opening hours which began operating on the 1st September 2021.

## Opening Hours

Monday	10am - noon	2pm - 4pm	
Tuesday	Closed		
Wednesday	8:45am - noon	2pm - 4pm	6pm - 8pm
Thursday	10am - noon	2pm - 4pm	
Friday	10am - noon	2pm - 4pm	
Saturday*	10am - noon		

\* 1st Saturday of the month coffee morning 10am - 1pm

## Volunteers and the 100 Club

We are all volunteers that run the community Library and with all the increases in activities we need more people to help. It can be a regular slot or just helping out at odd events. If you want to commit some time to helping then please drop into the library to see what is involved.

We realise that some of us are time deprived so another way of helping is to join the 100 Club. For £1 a month you are entered into a monthly draw with a cash prize for the first 3 numbers drawn out of the hat. Please request information on the following link <https://www.lfelibrary.org/contact>.

## Hire the library

Did you know that we hire the library for events? Do you have a need for a meeting place on a regular basis or have a one-off event that you are holding? We hire out the library for events and regular activities e.g. Yoga. Please look at the website for further details and for booking

<https://www.lfelibrary.org/hiring-the-library>

LFE Parish Council in association with Live and Local present

# The Snow Dancer - an Eco-Fable

(a Live and Local production)

Come join a wondrous wander in the winter woods, for a fairy tale with a furry tail, and plenty of laughs and songs along the way, in an original winter theatre show guaranteed to delight the whole family. A lively and entertaining, magical journey where two teenagers are called upon to save the day and restore the woodland world to its natural balance. As entertaining for older audiences as it is for 7-9 year olds. (Best suited to age 5+)

This delightful show features an Eco-set specifically commissioned from Catherine Dawn with life-size animal puppets made from reclaimed materials.

Songs have been created by Jez Lowe (SONY Award Winning songwriter from County Durham).

**Tickets** - Available soon from TicketSource - cost £5.00 and under 12s free

**Location** - the Parish Hall, Kings Drive.

**Date** - Sunday 12th December.

**Time** - 3.30pm-4.30pm.

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**NatureSpot**  
Recording the Wildlife of Leicestershire & Rutland

## A New Parish Wildlife Website

Leicester Forest East Parish Council now has its own feature pages on the Leicestershire and Rutland NatureSpot website. If you haven't visited the NatureSpot website yet, you are missing out on what has rapidly become the most popular resource for identifying local wildlife. NatureSpot provides a photographic guide to over 7,000 species – all found in Leicestershire and Rutland. In addition, the website invites the public to submit sightings of all wildlife seen – helping to build a picture of what lives where in the two counties.

The website is feature-packed, including pages that highlight the wildlife of parishes. Leicester Forest East Parish Council is one of these featured parishes. Here you can see a list of all the recent wildlife sightings plus images submitted with these records.

NatureSpot was set up in 2011 and is run by volunteers. All the images have been taken in Leicestershire and Rutland by the public and it is a great example of citizen science in action. Every species has its own page, with photos, descriptions, ID tips and where and when to see it. It also describes how common or rare it is, both in Leicestershire and in the UK as a whole, with live maps showing every sighting. As you add a sighting, a new dot appears on the map. It also keeps track of all your submitted records, allowing you to sort, filter and download any aspect of your list.

Thousands of local people have contributed, with numbers growing every month, and even more visit the website to view what's been seen and to use the wildlife galleries help identify species they've seen. Monthly visits exceed 100,000 per month. The data collected is put to good use and is shared with local and national recording schemes, as well as managers of nature reserves and other sites of wildlife importance. The data helps to inform decision-making about how best to manage land for conservation.

Anyone can submit a wildlife record and the website makes this really easy. Common species are just as important to record as rare species in order to monitor changes in population and distribution over time. Gardens are one of the best places to start your wildlife recording, as well as local parks and open spaces. What visits your bird feeders? Do you see butterflies in the garden? Do you have a pond with frogs? Register with the website and start to record straight away. The form even has a map that you simply click to fill in the grid reference. You can attach a photo to your record if you have one, but this isn't a requirement. Photos are however a great way to provide evidence of your sightings and can also be emailed to NatureSpot for identification help if you are not sure.

Occasionally species turn up that have not been recorded on NatureSpot before and these are then added to the library and given a new species page. Indeed there have been a significant number of new species seen that are completely new to Leicestershire. So how many more species are there to be found? The truth is that no-one knows and in any case the picture changes all the time with some species expanding their range and others declining. Some of the most commonly recorded species are Little Egrets, Red Kites and Harlequin Ladybirds that would have been very rare sightings just 10 years ago.

The website also has pages highlighting many of the county's nature reserves, country parks and other significant 'wild places', there is a NatureChat forum to exchange views with other visitors – and a new 'Explore' feature – an interactive map where you can see a map of your own records or those for a species or a locality that you choose. If you have an interest in wildlife you will enjoy NatureSpot – and why not make your own contribution to science and conservation by submitting records of your own wildlife sightings?

To visit the Leicester Forest East Parish Council page, look for the parish menu links on the home page ([www.naturespot.org.uk](http://www.naturespot.org.uk)).




# Film Evenings

Parish Hall, Leicester Forest East

**... are back!**

We are pleased to announce that the lifting of coronavirus restrictions means we are able to resume our popular community cinema at the Parish Hall, LFE. Our showings are the first Thursday of every month (except July and August). The films we will feature are displayed on the Parish notice boards and local magazines (e.g. The Local). There is no need to book, we are not a club, and we welcome everybody from the wider community. Just turn up on the night!

**Venue:** the Parish Hall, Kings Drive, LFE, LE3 3JE.

- On arrival complimentary hot drink and biscuits are provided.
- As we have no licence, please feel free to bring your own drinks.
- You also get a free raffle ticket for a double ticket prize to be used for a future showing.

Doors open at 7.00pm; showing starts at 7.30pm. Cost: £5.

It will be appreciated if readers of this news could make it known to anyone you know who has attended in the past, or would like to attend, our monthly Community Cinema event. The organisers, Parish Hall, Kings Drive, LFE, LE3 3JE.




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Please contact the clerk for further information: [clerk@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk](mailto:clerk@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk)



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# VE Day Celebration in Hambleton Close



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# What's On

WHAT'S ON IN LEICESTER FOREST EAST

## PARISH HALL, KINGS DRIVE

### MONDAY

**PUMP MAX**  
10-10.45am

**SCOTTISH DANCING**  
11.15am-1.45pm

### TUESDAY

**SLIPS, TRIPS AND FALLS**  
10.40am-11.50am

### TEAPOTS

2pm-4pm - café area,  
every 2nd and 4th Tuesday

**GUIDES (JEANNETTE WALKER)**  
6pm-7.30pm

### WEDNESDAY

### THURSDAY

**BABY SENSORY**  
9.30am-3pm

### FILM EVENING

6.30pm-9.30pm  
1st Thursday of the month

### FRIDAY

### SATURDAY

**SPINNER AND WEAVERS**  
10.30am-4pm  
Every 3rd Saturday

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

**TOTS & DOTS:** Mums and Toddlers meet in term time on Tue 1.15-3.00pm (07813264879)

**RAINBOWS/BROWNIES/GUIDES**  
5.15 and 7.30pm

### KAREN LOOMES DANCE

**ACADEMY:** Wed. 4.30-9.30pm, Fri. 4:30-7.00pm, Sat. 9.00am-3.30pm (0116 2767775)

**SILVERLINERS: LINE DANCING,**  
Mon. 7.30-9.30pm, Wed. 1.00-3.0pm, (07725 441906)

**ROSEMARY CONLEY FITNESS:** Tue. 5:30-8.30pm (07884 203787)

**KICKBOXING:** Mon. 4:15-7.15pm (07949 915577)

**BROWNIES & RAINBOWS:** Thur, 5.15-7.15pm (0116 2392694)

**92ND LFE SCOUT GROUP:** Meet behind St Andrew's Church  
[92ndleicestergsl@swds.org.uk](mailto:92ndleicestergsl@swds.org.uk)

Scouts (10 1/2-15), Fri 7.00-9.00pm  
Cubs (8-10 1/2), Thur. 6.30-8.00pm  
Beavers (6-8), Wed. 6.00-7.00pm

**SATURDAY COFFEE SHOP:** Second & fourth Sat. 10.00am-12.00 (0116 2392632)

## LEICESTER FOREST EAST COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**COFFEE & CHAT:** Every Wednesday - 10am to Noon

**CRAFT GROUP:** Every Wednesday - 6pm to 8pm

**YOGA CLASSES ON EVERY TUESDAY:**  
**YOGA & RELAXATION:** 9.30am to 10.45am - £5.00

**SEATED YOGA:** 11am to Noon - £3.00

**THE LE3 LADIES GROUP:**  
Every 3rd Thursday from 7.45pm  
£30.00 per year or £4.00 per visit

**STORY AND RHYME SESSIONS:**  
Every Friday - 2.30pm to 3pm

**CONSTRUCTION CLUB:** Every other Friday - 5pm to 6.30pm

Ask for details in the Library

## LEICESTER FOREST EAST COMMUNITY LIBRARY

**1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH COFFEE MORNING** - 10am to 1pm  
For details on hiring the library go to [www.lfelibrary.org](http://www.lfelibrary.org)

## BRAUNSTONE WEST SOCIAL CENTRE ST. MARY'S AVENUE, BRAUNSTONE

**PLAYSCHOOL** Mondays - Thursdays 9-2pm Term Time Only  
Fridays 9-12.15pm

### MONDAYS

**CHILDRENS DANCING** 4.30-6.30pm  
Line Dancing 8-10pm

### TUESDAYS

1st Tuesday 2-4pm **050'S GROUP**  
2nd Tuesday 7-10pm **NATIONAL TRUST**  
3rd Tuesday 7-9pm **050'S GROUP**  
3rd Tuesday Rear Unit **LEICESTER INDUSTRIAL HISTORY SOCIETY**

### WEDNESDAY

**PASTEL ARTS GROUP** 9.45-12.15pm  
**OVER 60'S IVY CLUB** 1.30-4.15pm  
**KUMON CHILDRENS MATHS AND ENGLISH** 4.15-6.15pm

### THURSDAYS

**KURLING** 2-3pm  
**WHIST DRIVE** 7-10pm

### FRIDAYS

**LINE DANCING MONTHLY SATURDAYS**

**KUMON CHILDRENS MATHS AND ENGLISH** 10-12noon  
2nd Sat **LEICESTER EMBROIDERY GUILD** 1.30-4.30pm (not every month)  
4th Saturday **LEICESTER EMBROIDERY GUILD** 9.30-5pm (not every month)  
**SEQUENCE DANCING MONTHLY** 7.30-11.30pm

## COMMUNITY CENTRE, STAFFORD LEYS

**CASTLE JUDO CLUB:** Mon./Fri. 6.30-9.00pm (in the school hall, each split into three sessions)

**FUNKY FIT FOR KIDS:** Wed. 3.30-4.15pm (07872 612522)

**MILAP ASIAN GROUP:** Fri. (0116 2394671)





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