

Lighting of the L.F.E. Christmas Tree

(Kindly donated to the people of LFE by the Parish Council)

Thursday November 28th 2019

St. Andrew's Church, Hinckley Road, LFE

Community Xmas Sing- a-long @ 6.00pm

Lights switched on @ 6.30pm

Food & drink @ 6.40pm



Due to the numbers of people there will be LIMITED
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Leicester Animal Aid
Community Pet Support Scheme (CPSS)

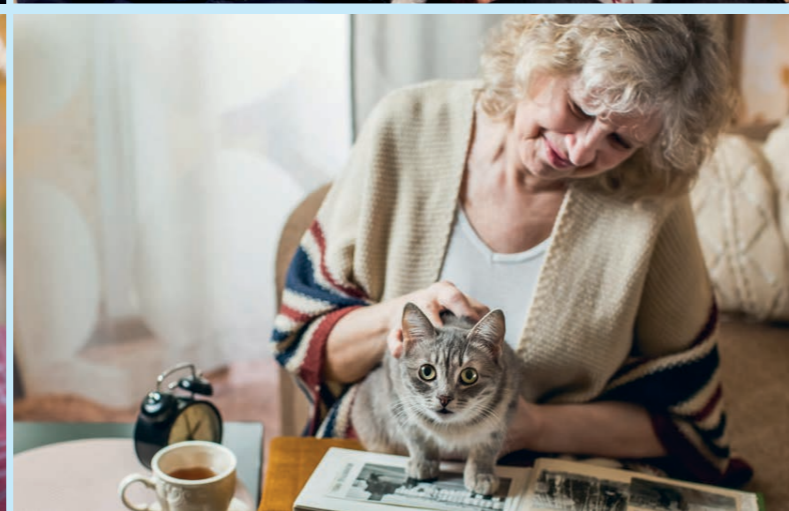
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STREET PARTY - QUEENS DRIVE, LEICESTER FOREST EAST

A chance encounter between two Queens Drive neighbours in early 2012 led to the idea of arranging a Street Party in LFE to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. All around the country, parties were being arranged to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne.

Resident meetings were held and much research carried out to find out how one goes about obtaining permission to close a road for the day. Support was sought and received from the Police and the Parish Council. Finally, all the necessary paperwork and applications were prepared and a Road Closure Order was issued by Blaby District Council.

So, on Sunday 3rd June, 2012, we duly closed the road; bunting and flags were put up in the street and on the houses; tables were brought out into the road; and lots of food and drink consumed long into the evening (up to 10.00 pm). A great day was had by all, no doubt helped by a gloriously sunny day and highlighted by the ceremonial entry of our resident Queen 'Joy' - resplendent in regal robes and crown!

After a gap of two years, we then held another Street Party and there's been one in Queens Drive every year since. The event is held in June to coincide with a national event called 'The Big Lunch' - an annual get together for as many people as possible to have lunch with their neighbours which is organised by The Eden Project. Except in 2017 when the party coincided with a different national event called 'The Great Get Together'. This year, the party was held on Saturday, 29th June - a very hot day, but we still had a good attendance and lovely time together.

The parties generally consists of lots of loud music; races for the children (some of whom had never participated in a 3-legged or egg & spoon race); tug of war; streetwide 'Pass-the-Parcel'; chalk drawing on the road; paddling pool and water guns; and the freedom for the children to play ball games and ride their scooters and bikes in the road without fear of traffic.

Not all streets lend themselves to closure, but there's no doubt that the holding of an annual street party and closing the road has brought together many neighbours, encouraged the mixing of younger and older generations and increased the community feeling in Queens Drive. It has also allowed new arrivals to meet their neighbours and share stories/food/barbecues/delicacies (in particular

Jayshree's famous Samosas).

Procedures for obtaining permission from the Local Authority have occasionally changed over the years and the requirement for proper road signage is important. If anyone would like to learn more about this, you can contact us via the Parish Clerk and we will gladly pass on any information that may help more streets to participate.

Tony Farrant & Jennifer Hempson.



Contacts

MISSION STATEMENT

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

PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

Opening Hours: 10.00am to 12 noon, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday.

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PARISH COUNCIL

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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

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

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ABOUT LiFE

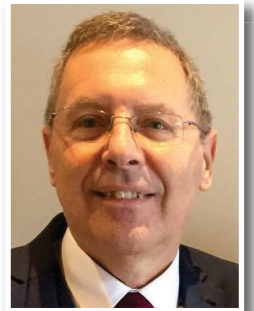
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Welcome

WITH PAUL LINNETT, PARISH CHAIRMAN

Hello and welcome to Autumn 2019 edition of LiFE.



Quite a lot has happened within the parish council since the last edition of LiFE in March. As reported last time, Sue Jones retired on 31 March. For various reasons we did not have a clerk in post until the beginning of June. This meant that councillors had to try and keep things ticking over for a couple of months. I would like to thank Paul Fox and Peter Kitchen who helped with this, but special thanks go to Corinne Lawrence who spent a lot of her leisure time updating the accounts. This enabled last financial year's accounts to be audited and this year's accounts to be kept up to date until our new clerk started.

Corinne has continued to provide support to the clerk and has done most of the work in setting up a new bank account which will allow the council to pay all invoices by bank transfers instead of sending out cheques. Corinne's full time job is Group Financial Controller at Catapult Ventures, who have allowed Corinne and one of her colleagues to do some work on our accounts over the last few months at no cost to the parish council. Her colleague will also be helping Holly set up the new computerised accountancy package we have purchased to replace the manual ledger, again at no cost to the council. I would like to thank Catapult Ventures for this.

Our new clerk started on 3 June. Her name is Holly Mann and she lives in Desford. She was really thrown in at the deep end. Councillors have helped her and she has had help and advice from other parish clerks, but she has had to learn a lot of the day to day duties of the job for herself. Holly has now been with us for four months and she has settled in well and is doing an excellent job. We are pleased to have her working for us after one or two problems with the recruitment procedure. I won't go into details, but one of the people we shortlisted and interviewed for the job is now in prison after she admitted to stealing £218,000 from a town council in the West Midlands, where she was employed as a Town Clerk.

On 2 May parish council elections took place. Those who stood in Leicester Forest East were elected unopposed due to the number standing being less than the number of councillors we should have.

Welcome

WITH PAUL LINNETT, PARISH CHAIRMAN

Following the election we have a new councillor, David Di Palma, who we welcome on to the council. We now have eight councillors and have two vacancies. If you are interested in serving and helping to make improvements to the community, please contact our clerk, Holly, or come and meet councillors at the library or church – details below.

I have mentioned in the last two editions of **LIFE** there are “Blots on the Landscape” in LFE. I am disappointed to say that there has been very little progress in these areas in the last six months. The conversion of the former garage on Hinckley Road opposite the Kirby Lane junction to a small supermarket was completed about eight months ago, but has not yet opened. I understand that it cannot open until there are improvements to the junction there. The former Boozebusters shop on the ground floor is still not let but the first floor of this building, which used to be a hairdressers, will soon be a learning hub. The former butchers shop is now an E-cigarette shop, which, although wouldn't have been my choice of shop to have there, looks brighter and tidier than it used to. The surface of the car park in front of this shop and the fish and chip shop continues to get worse and the winter weather will not improve the situation. I hope to speak to the owners of the buildings again in the near future.

The Parish Hall continues to be well used by both regular and one-off hirers. At weekends the hall is often hired for parties. Unfortunately some of these hirers have left the hall and kitchen in a mess, and because of this the council may consider asking hirers for a deposit, which will only be refunded in full if the rooms are tidy after the event. Since March we have had a quiz night and a couple of musical events. The quiz night was well attended and we are looking to have another one next March. In June we had a musical evening called the Listening Project, with Kel Elliot and her 3 man orchestra – an excellent evening of light jazz music with stories and conversation.

Unfortunately only 25 tickets were sold but those who attended enjoyed the show. On Sunday afternoon 29 September the Ratby Co-operative Brass Band was in the hall playing music from films and musicals. Tickets to this event were free and 100 people enjoyed two hours of great music.

Although there was no charge, the audience were asked if they would donate to MacMillan Nurses and a total of £376.20 was raised. I hope we will be able to have the band back at the hall next year.

In August a letter was sent to all residents whose gardens back on to Forest East Park. There had been some instances of fly tipping on the park and also one or two of the residents on Rushmere Walk had extended their boundaries into the park. Both of these activities are not acceptable and further action to rectify these and future instances could be taken.

On the evening of 23 September I attended the licensing service to welcome the Reverend David Hover as the new vicar at St Andrew's church, on behalf of the parish council. I look forward to working with him in the future.

Some dates for your diary:

Saturday 2 November 10am - litter pick. Meet at the parish hall. Come and help us tidy up LFE.

Thursday 28 November 6.30pm - switch on of Christmas lights, St Andrew's Church

Saturday 7 December 10am – meet parish councillors at LFE coffee morning

Saturday 7 February 10am - meet parish councillors at St Andrews Church coffee morning

I hope you all have a good winter and, if is not too early, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Paul Linnett

Old Newtonians' Rugby Football Club

For those people unfamiliar with The Old Newtonians RFC the “Newts” were formed in 1904 and consequently are the oldest RFC in the county. We are situated on a 12.5 acre site on the Hinckley Rd in LFE.

Teams consist of an adult section both male and female from the age of 17/18 upwards and a mini section covering ages of 5/11.

Anyone interested in playing rugby or simply wishing to get fitter would be made welcome. The minis train and play on Sunday morning 10am onwards and the senior teams on Tuesday evening from 7pm. Showers and refreshments available afterwards for all concerned.

We have a strong social side with the minis looking forward to a Xmas party and recently taking part in sleepovers at the clubhouse. The seniors recently enjoyed our 2nd Standup Comedy night and look forward to more in the near future. With the Rugby World Cup looming arrangements are hastily being made for the clubhouse and bar to be available to coincide with KO times.

ACADEMY FIXTURES 2019/20

08/09/2019 TRAINING/REGISTRATION H
15/09/2019 TRAINING/REGISTRATION H
06/10/2019 RUGBY LIONS FESTIVAL A
27/10/2019 SOUTH LEICESTER/NUNEATON OE H
03/11/2019 BROADSTREET H
24/11/2019 LEICESTER FOREST A
08/12/2019 NUNEATON OE/KENILWORTH A
15/12/2019 LEICESTER LIONS A
12/01/2020 SOUTH LEICESTER A
19/01/2020 LEICESTER LIONS H
02/02/2020 MK BOSWORTH/O. LAURENTIANS A
09/02/2020 PINLEY (UNDER 11'S ONLY) A
16/02/2020 BROADSTREET A
23/02/2020 OAKHAM H
15/03/2020 SHEPshed (U7'S), PINLEY (U11'S) H
29/03/2020 LEICESTER FOREST H
19/04/2020 OAKHAM/PETERBOROUGH A
26/04/2020 TAG FESTIVAL (U7'S ONLY) A

OLD NEWTONIANS RFC 1ST XV FIXTURES 2019/20

07/09/2019 V AYLESTONE ST JAMES H
14/09/2019 V LUTTERWORTH A
21/09/2019 V OADBY WYCGS A
28/09/2019 V OAKHAM H
05/10/2019 V MARKET BOSWORTH H PAST PLAYERS REUNION
12/10/2019 V SYSTON H
26/10/2019 V MELTON A
09/11/2019 V AYLESTONE ATHLETIC A
16/11/2019 V ANSTEY H
23/11/2019 V KEYWORTH H
30/11/2019 V MARKET HARBOROUGH A
14/12/2019 V AYLESTONIANS A
04/01/2020 V LUTTERWORTH H
18/01/2020 V AYLESTONE ST JAMES A
25/01/2020 V OADBY WYCGS H
15/02/2020 V OAKHAM A
22/02/2020 V MARKET HARBOROUGH H
29/02/2020 V AYLESTONE ATHLETIC H
07/03/2020 V SYSTON A
14/03/2020 V MELTON H
21/03/2020 V ANSTEY A
28/03/2020 V MARKET BOSWORTH A
04/04/2020 V KEYWORTH A
11/04/2020 V AYLESTONIANS H
02/05/2020 V PRESIDENTS DAY H



An exciting opportunity is available for a member of the local community to join the school Advisory Board at Fossebrook Primary in Leicester Forest East.

We are seeking to attract volunteers who are enthusiastic about the success of the school and the wellbeing of its staff and pupils and would like to work as part of a team actively promoting and supporting the school's vision and values. Typically, the board meets 4 times a year; meetings are approx. 2 hours long and time is also required to read supporting papers in preparation for meetings.

Fossebrook is part of Discovery Schools Academy

Trust, a partnership of 13 primary schools across Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland, dedicated to improving learning and teaching to provide the highest possible educational experience for children in our schools.

Anyone over the age of 18 and living in the UK can apply. No prior knowledge is required, and a comprehensive range of training and support is provided. Appointments are subject to successful DBS clearance.

For more information please contact the Clerk to the Advisory Board clerk@discoveryschoolstrust.org.uk



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¼ page - £50 per insertion • Business Card - £20 per insertion

For further details contact the Parish Office



St Andrew's Church Leicester Forest East Sharing Jesus in LFE

Methodist Minister: Revd Novette Headley (0116 4295269) - Anglican Minister: Revd Dave Hover (0116 2895372)
Address: Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East, Leicester, LE3 3PF
Church Admin Phone - 07961 749215 - Email - standrewslfe@gmail.com - Web address: www.standrewslfe.org.uk

Church Services and Events for Advent and Christmas 2019

It may seem a little early to be talking about Christmas, but I am sure that some of you are already planning ahead and looking for gift ideas. At St Andrew's we are also planning ahead and would like to warmly invite you, your families, your neighbours and friends to the following Advent and Christmas celebrations.

Thursday 28th November 6pm -

Lighting of the LFE Christmas tree. Community singing starts in the church at 6pm, tree lighting at 6:30pm followed by food and refreshments in the hall.

Sunday 1st December 3pm to 5pm -

Messy Christingle. Fun family activities including Christingle making, followed by worship, food and refreshments.

Sunday 15th December 4:00pm -

Carol Service with mince pies and mulled wine.

Saturday 21st December 10:30am to 3pm -

Light-a-candle. Come and spend some quiet reflective time remembering those we love who are no longer with us.

Monday 23rd December 6:30pm -

Sing Christmas. Come and sing along with this popular Radio Leicester broadcast (7pm to 8pm) and enjoy a mince pie and a festive drink.

Tuesday 24th December 2:30pm -

Christmas Eve Nativity Service. Everyone is invite to dress up as a Nativity Character and take part in the Christmas story.

Tuesday 24th December 11:30pm -

Christmas Eve Midnight Holy Communion.

Wednesday 25th December 9:30am -

Christmas Day Family service.

LFE Film Evenings

LFE Film Evenings will be showing on Thursday 7 November "Red Joan".

Joan Stanley lives in contented retirement, but her tranquil existence is shattered when she's arrested by MI5. She is one of the most influential spies in living history.

In the 1930s, Joan falls in love with a Russian saboteur, Leo and begins to see that the world must be saved from itself in the race to military supremacy. Post-war and now working at a top secret nuclear research facility, Joan is confronted with the impossible: Would you betray your country and your loved ones, if it meant saving them? Inspired by an extraordinary true story, Red Joan is the emotional discovery of one woman's sacrifice in the face of incredible

circumstances.

Cast: Judi Dench, Sophie Cookson, Stephen Campbell Moore, Tom Hughes.

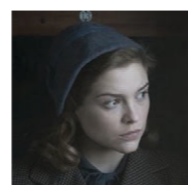
Running time: 1 hour 50 minutes.

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

Doors open: 7.00pm; showing starts at 7.30pm.

Cost: £5.

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.



Appeal for Knitted Poppies



Are you a knitter or crocheter?

If so, we would be really grateful if you would craft some poppies for display at the Parish Hall and then at St. Andrews Church.

We would like as many knitted or crocheted poppies ready for Remembrance Day as possible please.

Many Thanks, Mrs Holly Mann
Parish Clerk

Letter From Sue Jones

I thought it appropriate that after serving for 24 years as Clerk to the Parish Council, (until April of this year), that I should take this opportunity to say a few thank you's to some of the people who I worked with over that period of time.

So...I would like say a special thank you to, Fred Hunter, Reg Neal, Bob Scott and Stuart Coar, for all their support during my time as Clerk and who all worked tirelessly throughout their terms as Chairmen of the Parish Council to improve the parish and ensure it is a better place for us all to live in.

I would also like to say thank you to Mrs. Beverley Bozzoni, Premises Officer of the Parish Hall. Without Mrs. Bozzoni, the hall would not be the venue it is.

I would also like to extend my Best Wishes to Mrs. Mann, my successor'.

Sue Jones.



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

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

NHS Direct

Telephone: 111 www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

CHURCHES

St. Andrews Church

Hinckley Road, LFE, LE3 3PF

Email: admin@standrewslfe.org.uk

Telephone: 07961749215

Revd Novette Headley (0116 4295269)

Revd Dave Hover 0116 289 5372 and 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



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Protecting our communities

October 2019

News

Op Pioneer – Theft from vans.

Across Leicestershire we have seen an increase over the last few weeks in theft of tools from vans. We have also seen an increase on the beat please review the security of your vans and remove as many tools from it when left unattended. Why not follow our Facebook page or go on to the Leicestershire Police website for further crime prevention advice.

Anti-Social Behaviour/ Nuisance Vehicles –

In recent weeks have received complaints about bikes/quad bikes causing nuisance between LFE and New Lubbethorpe. We have worked with the Parish Council and the New Lubbethorpe Development. Riders have been spoken to and new signs will put up in the coming weeks.

Speeding –

The beat team have also been made aware of speeding on the Forest House Lane Estate. In response to this the beat team have asked the volunteers to complete a speeding survey in the coming weeks. We will also be completing speed enforcement on the estate. We know this is an ongoing concern and the beat team conduct speed checks as part of their duties on a regular basis.

More News from Leicestershire Police

Further current news from Leicestershire Police can be viewed by visiting our website - <https://leics.police.uk/news-appeals>

<https://www.police.uk/leicestershire/NH22/> is a website that provides crime statistics where you live.

Your Beat Team

We are always happy to hear from you. Please email us at hinckleyandblaby.npa@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk or call 101.

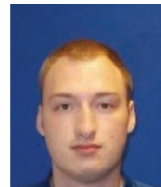
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St Andrew's Church Leicester Forest East

New Beginnings, New Community

Hello there! By the time you read this I will have been licensed as the new Vicar of St. Andrew's, Leicester Forest East and of St. Crispin's, Braunstone Town with Thorpe Astley. However, I am not just Vicar of these two churches, I am Vicar for everyone living in these parishes – here to support you in your personal, spiritual and community life in any way I can. That's the calling God has placed on my life, which has travelled with me from growing up in Kent, to reading law at the University of Birmingham, through my training for ministry alongside candidates from the Methodist and other Christian Churches, and in my previous ministry posts in Countesthorpe (The Four Saints Benefice) and the Avon-Swift Benefice in the South-West of the Diocese of Leicester. Through all these places I have learned the value and the richness that living as part of a vibrant, diverse community can offer.



I bring those experiences with me to Leicester Forest East, along with what I have learned of Jesus Christ's radical idea of community.

Jesus taught that human beings were made by God to live together as part of a special community built on universal love; where everyone looks out for each other, no matter what faith, racial, political or social background we come from. Such divisions are not all that important in this special community, which Jesus calls 'The Kingdom of God' or 'The Kingdom of Heaven'. It is a place open to all, where anyone can find welcome, support, love and acceptance; a place where we can all belong, live, learn and grow together. This sounds a very attractive vision for our community life to me – if it seems that way to you too, I'd love to hear from you and your ideas of how we can make that vision a reality in this place where we live and work.

At St. Andrew's we are always looking for partners in the community to help build up Leicester Forest East as a place where all can find a home, a place to

belong, a place which we can all be proud to call our community. Over the next few months as I settle into my role as Vicar, I will be hoping to get to know and work with our local schools, uniformed organisations and community groups, to explore how we can partner and work together in building that special community, which I know already has firm foundations here and can grow even stronger and higher and greater, if we all work together. So if you'd like to help in that, or you belong to a community group it would be good for me to get to know, or if you'd like to know more yourself about the Christian faith or what being part of a Church community is all about, please do get in touch – my contact details are at the end of this piece.

As your local parish Church, we are here for you, to journey with you in all those special moments of life. Those new beginnings – getting married, or marking the birth of a child with a baptism or dedication service – we can celebrate that with you in the heart of your community. Those moments of endings, when we have to say 'goodbye' to someone dear to us; we are here for those moments too, and to offer ongoing support and companionship as life begins a new phase without that person. Those special times of coming together; Christmas, Easter, Harvest, our times of communal remembering; we are a place for that as well. Most of all we are a place of community, of fellowship, of welcome, for all. To me, that is what being your Vicar is all about. As I make my new beginning here, maybe this could be a time for you to make a new beginning as well in thinking about community, life and faith in Leicester Forest East. If you think it might be, I'd be very interested to hear from you. And do say 'hi' if you see me out and about; I'm looking forward to meeting and working with many new people, in this new place and new community.

With every blessing,

Rev'd Dave Hover

Priest-in-Charge (St. Andrew's, Leicester Forest East, & St. Crispin's, Braunstone Town with Thorpe Astley)
Tel: 0116 289 5372
Email: revddavehover@gmail.com



RT. HON EDWARD ARGAR MP REPORTS:

Although it seems only yesterday that we were seeing the days get longer and sunnier, already they are shortening again, with Autumn well on the

way and the leaves beginning to turn - and Leicestershire looking fantastic, as always!

As I write this, it is also the time of year when, fun though Party Conference is, it is even more lovely to escape Conference and get back home to Leicestershire after the few days intensive politics, although this year my visit to Conference was cut short and I had to go via Westminster before being able to return home to Syston. The reason was the announcement of major new investment in our country's hospitals, and my having to make a statement on that investment to the House of Commons, in my role as (relatively newly appointed) Minister of State for Health.

I mention this announcement in LiFE, where normally I focus on local issues, because there is an important local aspect to it - one of those hospital trusts to benefit from the new money being announced is our own University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust, which will receive around £450 million investment from the Government to fund a massive development programme to deliver brand new State-of-the-art buildings and facilities, and improved services, including around 100 more beds in their intensive

care units, as well as a new maternity and children's hospital. Coming on top of the already announced £33 billion funding boost to the NHS overall, this is another step that will make a huge difference to our NHS nationally, but also, importantly, locally for everyone in Leicester Forest East and across our county, and will help ensure that our amazing NHS staff are able to continue delivering world-leading care in facilities fit for the future.

More locally, in Leicester Forest East, I continue to press Highways England over the need for action to tackle the noise and congestion affecting LFE from the M1, A47, and nearby junction for the A46. While increased development locally does play a part in increased volumes of traffic on local roads, there is a wider, and long-standing, need for Highways England to upgrade and improve the major roads around LFE, irrespective of new development, and I took the opportunity to highlight this need to Highways England when I met them in Parliament earlier this summer to discuss transport issues affecting LFE and neighbouring towns and villages. I will continue to update LiFE readers on this important issue in future editions.

As ever, if I can ever be of any assistance as your local MP, please feel free to contact me either by email at edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk or by post at Edward Argar MP, House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA.

Community Cinema

It was in 2010 that Pat Walker was inspired to start a community cinema based in Leicester Forest East.

She, with husband Dennis, had been to one or two in other parts of the country, and thought it an excellent idea.



Through conversation with the organiser in a local village, it was established that Phoenix Arts have an outreach programme whereby they take films to villages throughout Leicestershire and Northamptonshire. They were contacted, and the procedure was outlined by their consultant Pete Groschl - initially they provided all the equipment and chosen film to create a cinema venue.

It was decided to proceed, with no more than a wing and a prayer, with a monthly viewing. The hire of the film and hall meant that an audience of around 35 was needed to break even. Fortunately this was quickly achieved. The Parish Council was very supportive, in that we were allowed the first three months with no charge.

Oh happy days! Audience members who have been with us from the start will remember the cold hall, with the only heating being from the overhead electric heaters which created a surreal red glow! Despite this, audience numbers gradually increased to the extent that with an occasional very popular film every available seat was taken. We now, of course, have a very comfortable venue.

The concept was, and is, to be non-profit making, with a band of volunteers to run the event. These volunteers, who set out and clear the chairs, run the refreshment bar, and any other tasks required, are very much appreciated. We couldn't run without them. To this end, more volunteers are very welcome (the perk being you get to see the film for free!).

It was also decided to support the British film industry by selecting British-made films as much as we could; this approach has worked very well. There is audience participation in that films are chosen by ballot from a short list provided.

Phoenix, as with every other service organisation, always has funding difficulties, so they advised that a complete installation was advisable as they may not always be in a position to provide the equipment. First was the screen, funded by Blaby D.C., followed by the projection equipment funded by the Big Lottery. So we are now self-sufficient - though Phoenix (through Pete) still provides the film as it is administratively easier that way.



As our audiences grew, we needed to consider the need for more padded chairs - so as a quid-pro-quo to the Council for their initial help we bought some. We also funded the blinds.

We are now entering our tenth year and our place in the community is well established. There is always a happy buzz before the film starts, and many people enjoy being there as a social occasion also - perhaps making new friends or re-acquainting themselves with old ones (such as the old school friends recently, who hadn't met since schooldays!). We are also a popcorn-free zone!

Film Evenings is **NOT** a club - membership is not involved, nor is pre-purchase of tickets. Showings are open to all from the wider neighbourhood; one just needs to turn up and pay £5 at the door before collecting a free hot drink and biscuit before selecting your seat.

If you want to know what the next film is, you will find posters on the Parish notice-boards and a press release in "The Local" and other publications.

Contact Details for your MP, District Councillors and County Councillors

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District Councillor Stuart Coar

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Film Evenings

LFE Parish Hall, first Thursday of each month (except July/August).

Doors open 7.00pm, film starts 7.30pm.

Admission £5 on the door, to include a hot drink and biscuit.

No membership - open to all.

STAFFORD LEYS LANGUAGES FOR THE



Those of you with long memories may recall an article in this magazine a couple of years ago detailing the Stafford Leys Primary School 'Languages for the Future' project. Having identified a training need, we applied for and were awarded a substantial amount of funding by Erasmus+ (a European Union programme for education, training, youth and sport).



The aims of the project were :-

- to make sure that the teaching of French was not the responsibility of just one person
- to ensure the continuity of French teaching
- to make French teaching sustainable for the longer term
- to provide more staff with the skills to teach French
- to improve the teaching and learning of French
- to raise the profile of French and give Stafford Leys an international dimension
- to find a partner school in France

It was felt that the best way to achieve these aims was to send staff on immersion courses in France. We identified a course provider (Odette Hunt of PQ France), who would be able to help us achieve these aims and the first pair of participants left for Carcassonne in November 2017. The project officially ended on 30th



September 2019 and we are now reflecting on the project and how successful it was in helping us to achieve our aims.

All of the participants found the courses to be challenging but inspiring. The language teaching by native speakers and methodology sessions provided by Odette have resulted in more members of staff having the skills to deliver French lessons in the classroom. Participants also reported that the cultural activities and meaningful opportunities to interact with local people in French have increased their confidence when speaking the language.

Everyone who went to France was able to spend some time in a French school. This was a fascinating experience; French schools are very different! Lunch breaks are two hours long; the children do not wear uniform; parents have to provide books, stationery etc. In fact, some of the smaller children had wheeled suitcases in order to be able to take the equipment they needed for the day!

Some participants were hosted by the French teachers, giving them an opportunity to stay the night with a French family and forge close personal and professional relationships. As a result, we now have links with three partner schools near Toulouse.

All in all, we feel that the project has exceeded our expectations. In addition to achieving the original aims, there have been many unexpected benefits:-

- Miss Bignell was inspired to set up a French lunchtime club.
- Madame Smith started a group of Year 6 Language Ambassadors.
- Mrs Burrows was so full of enthusiasm for all things French that she took her family to live in an apartment in Paris for the summer and is now bringing her inspirational approach to the classroom
- Mrs Holder and Miss Day developed such a good relationship with their host teachers that they are coming to visit our school in October.
- We have an international display, detailing the languages spoken by our pupils.
- Many of our signs around school are now bilingual.
- Incidental French has increased dramatically – children and adults can frequently be heard having mini French conversations in the corridors.
- We have exciting plans for our pupils to exchange

and report back as and when they have updated readings from the two specialist units located in the Parish.

I've had some more calls from residents asking about the awful burning smells and smoke that keep affecting LFE, in particular the Taylor Wimpey estate on Beggars Lane and the surrounding roads on the David Wilson estate. - the smell is at its worst late evenings and if the wind is in a South Westerly direction. I would like to assure all residents affected by these obnoxious burning smells that Blaby District Council are aware of the source of the problem and are working with the Environment Agency to get things rectified sooner rather than later.

As always should any of you have any concerns that

you feel I can assist with, then please do not hesitate to get in touch with me and I will do all that I can to assist. - please be assured your enquiry will be treated in the strictest of confidence at all times and not passed to anyone else within the council unless I have your written permission to do so.

Assuring you of my best service and attention at all times.

Best Regards,

Stuart Coar - District Councillor.

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COUNTY COUNCILLORS LEE BRECKON REPORT:

At the recent Full Council on 25th September 2019, the Leader of the Council, Nick Rushton highlighted a wide range of subjects that affect us all.

He highlighted climate change, and the good work that we are doing to tackle it, our preparations for no-deal Brexit and the serious underfunding from central government to deliver it, and the wonderful news for Loughborough in their £25M Town Deal.

Ashmount School had received a special parliamentary award from Lords Pickles and Blunkett and congratulations were given to the headteacher and staff.

The Deputy Leader, Byron Rhodes gave the Council a thorough update on the financial MTFs. He welcomed the one off extra resources from the Spending Review, whilst highlighting the disappointment at the

discontinuing of NNDR pilots in 2 tier areas. As Byron said, this will cost County £7M and means even more focus on tight fiscal management and generating more income to support services from investment in property.

Great work is also being done in all of our communities including ensuring Equalities are being given as a priority for all.

The recent consultation as advertised in your Leicestershire Matters had completed and the feedback given was being worked through.

Locally, as well as working hard in our portfolios, Adults and Communities and Health, Richard Blunt and myself having been working with residents over highways issues, housing applications that are lodged with the District Council and other individual matters that are affecting them.

If you have anything you wish to raise, or make us aware of issues

Views from your MP and Councillors: FUTURE PROJECT

HOW YOUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES ARE HELPING YOU



DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STUART COAR REPORTS

Hello everyone, I hope that you have enjoyed the year so far, and gosh how time flies by, I cannot believe we are already into October, where has the year gone?

the works are completed. Once the work is completed this surgery will be able to provide many more services to us all, so the little bit of inconvenience currently will be worth it in the end.

Whilst mentioning parking, could I ask everyone to park their cars on their driveways where possible please? rather than on the road outside your house. There was an incident that needed a fire engine to access a narrow road similar to ones like ours in LFE, and access to the emergency was hindered because cars were parked on both sides of the road making access very difficult for such a large vehicle, and the ambulance too. Your assistance with this simple request will be very much appreciated - I'm sure if any of us experienced a delay for an ambulance or fire engine attending our property had been caused from over parking both sides of the road, we would be extremely concerned and upset.

Many of you have advised me over the past few months that cars seem to be speeding along Warren Lane and Forest House Lane as they cut through the David Wilson estate as a short cut to miss the traffic at the A47 Beggars Lane junction. We all know these roads are residential and should be used travelling at no more than 30mph, which I am positive residents respect and drive at- I have asked the local police when they have time to carry out a few checks to see what speeds vehicles are travelling at, I have also advised them that the problem seems to be at its worst when cars come off Beggars Lane and onto the estate roads to cut out this very busy junction.

Air pollution in our Parish continues to improve which is very pleasing, and I can give my assurances that Blaby District Council will continue to monitor things

I'm pleased to advise residents that use the footpath from beggars lane to the new Lubbesthorpe development that the short run of footpath that needs completing to join the two communities safely, is due to be started very soon which is good news for all those that currently use it and plan to use it in the future. - I just hope it gets completed before the winter weather sets in.

It looks as though the signs for "No HGV left or right turn" into Beggars Lane for HGV's are working well, I've certainly noticed a reduction in the numbers of lorries taking these turns, and will assume from the lack of calls I've had from constituents about this too, that offenders are very few now. If this is not the case, please do let me know and I will ask the police to intervene again.

I am positive that many of you have seen the development of the Warren Lane Doctors Surgery moving along nicely, and whilst it has caused a few parking issues, it's pleasing to hear from residents near the surgery that most users have parked considerately. Thank you for this, and I would ask all of us that need to use a car to get to the surgery to remember that parking is limited, and to allow additional time for the short walk you may have to make, as the car park is still closed, and will be until

work and ideas with children from our partner schools.

- We hope to be able to send a member of staff on an eTwinning course with a view to finding an online partner school.
- We aim to start an application for the International School Award.

To mark the end of the project, we recently held a whole school celebration assembly and all the children took part in activities with an international flavour. These included learning a song in another language, practising greetings in a range of languages, learning about flags, labelling pizzas in Italian and rewriting a favourite French song. Key Stage 2 children were provided with a 'goûter' (a small tea-time snack) of 'brioche' and 'chocolat chaud'. The children were eager to ask for their snack in French and, afterwards, pronounced the it 'délicieux'.



Although the project is now officially ended, we are sure that the benefits arising from it will be felt long into the future, ensuring that the 'international dimension' at Stafford Leys will continue to grow. We would definitely recommend it to other primary schools seeking to improve their teaching of languages in order to offer a 'broad and balanced' curriculum.



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L.F.E Community Library

VOLUNTEERING AT THE LIBRARY

As many of you may be aware the Leicester Forest East Community Library is now coming up to its 4th Anniversary with many of us having been involved since its conception in 2015.

We have reached a situation where we are needing to boost the number of volunteers as through various reasons we have lost several of our team in recent months and are struggling to keep the library running. Without the support of our community we are going to find it difficult to fulfil the current opening hours.

We don't just need people behind the desk, we would be grateful of any help or contribution you can make. This could be once a month, an hour a week or on an occasional basis. Examples of the skills we are looking for are expertise in IT, Caretaking, Finance, Marketing, Bookkeeping, General Library Duties & Supporting Events. Or you could even join our Trustee team who meet once a month.

This could be a great opportunity to make new friends, socialise in a welcoming, relaxed environment, and learn new skills. We also host various social events and activities in and around the library to involve the wider community.

Interested?

Contact:

Email: leicesterforesteastcommmlibrary@gmail.com

Phone: 0116 2336273

Visit our Website: www.lfelibrary.org and click on 'Volunteer for us'

Attend one of our 'Drop In' sessions – dates will be advertised on our website, Facebook page and noticeboards in the library Or pop into the library to chat with our current volunteers to see what the role involves.

SPRING FAIR – 10TH MAY

We held our first Spring Fair on Friday 10th May which was a busy affair with our library users choosing cards from the Flamingo Paperie table, purchasing cakes and coffee to savour whilst chatting to the volunteers and other library users.

There was an array of plants to purchase, along with, Avon products, Macrame Creations and Second Hands books. The children had several goes at getting the ping pong into a jar to win sweets along with Pick a Straw which showed if they had won a sweet or could choose a prize. There was also a raffle and Tombola Stall which attracted a lot of interest.

Thank you to all who attended and supported this event.

BOSOM BABIES – EVERY MONDAY 10.30am to Noon

Monday 1st July saw the Bosom Babies group in the library and they held a party to celebrate it becoming their new venue. Mums were welcomed with cakes and balloons alongside the usual breastfeeding support.

Bosom Babies Breastfeeding Support are all volunteers who have had training from and work alongside Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust. The groups are informal, drop in's for any breastfeeding mum or pregnant woman interested in breastfeeding.

They offer non-judgemental support to mums in a relaxed and friendly environment. They help with common breastfeeding problems and refer onto the specialist Infant Feeding Team where issues are more tricky.

You don't have to be having a problem with breastfeeding to attend though, there is a huge social element and lots of mums make great friends at the groups. The groups are completely free to attend but there will be a Bake Week fundraiser once a month where donations to the library are welcomed in exchange for home baked treats.

For more information about Bosom Babies their website is www.bosombabies.co.uk

PLANETARIUM SHOW – 6TH AUGUST

The University of Leicester visited the LFE Community Library on Tuesday 6th August with their Planetarium Show. The event was attended by lots of children, along with siblings, parents and grandparents.

An inflatable Dome that reached the ceiling was erected and the children were able to lie on the floor and look up in to space to see the stars, planets and galaxies and they learnt about black holes.

Gabriel from the University also talked about the information gathered from



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Pat Sissons 01455822547 or Gill Ward 07761533264
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Friday 7pm to 9pm.

RAINBOWS/BROWNIES/GUIDES

Racheal Barwell 07826855476
Tuesdays (Term Time) - Rainbows 4.15 - 5.15 - Brownies 5.15 - 6.30
Guides - Jeannette Walker 07751 949331.

Tuesdays (Term Time) - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

SARAH LOVELL DANCE CLASSES

Wednesday - 5.30pm to 6.30pm

FILM EVENINGS

Mrs. P. Walker 0116 239 4983
1st Thursday of each month
7pm to 9.30pm.

BABY SENSORY

P. Chaggar 07813 203048
Thursday – 9am to 3pm.

TUESDAY TEAPOT GROUP

Mrs. S. L. Jones 0116 2299277
2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month
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TOTS & DOTS: Mums and Toddlers meet in term time on Tue 1.15-3.00pm (07813264879)

RAINBOWS/BROWNIES/GUIDES

5.15 and 7.30pm

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

KAREN LOOMES DANCE

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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
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)

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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

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3rd Tuesday 7-9pm **050'S GROUP**
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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

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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)

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the Space Stations along with lots of facts about space.

The morning was finished off with the children doing some colouring and making rockets before going outside into the car park to launch them. It was an Absolutely Brilliant show and everyone was captivated by the whole experience. Our thanks go to the University of Leicester for attending and Marilyn Pile (Trustee) for organising it all.'

KIDS FUN ACTIVITY AFTERNOON - 16TH AUGUST

After a week of wonderful sunshine, unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us and the heavens opened. Despite this the children came along with their parents to enjoy an afternoon of fun with junk Rocket making (in line with the Summer Reading Challenge theme) as well as Lego Rockets with prizes for the best rockets in both challenges. There was also a book themed tombola, decorating tiles, space themed word searches, making cup jellies with sweets.

A raffle was held with donations received from our volunteers and the local community.

YOGA & RELAXATION

Every Tuesday Morning 9.30am to 10.45 (Every week, except 1st Tuesday of the Month) Qualified and experienced, Lorraine offers gentle, but firm yoga stretches to gain and maintain flexibility. Yoga breathing linked to postures for a sense of calm and well-being and visualisation. Modifications are offered if required. Beginners and those with experience are welcome.

Please wear loose fitting clothing, i.e., leggings, tee-shirt or similar and warm layered clothing for lying down. Please bring a mat, a small cushion and a bottle of water.

£5.00 per person
All proceeds are donated to the Library

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Bingo Night - 15th November

Doors open at 7pm - Eyes Down 7.30pm
We will be playing 2 x 6 games at a cost of £6.00.



Prizes are: £2.00 per line and £10.00 per hour
There will be a raffle in the interval. Hot and cold drinks will be available to purchase but you are welcome to bring your own drinks and nibbles. Dabber will be available at a cost of 40p. Tickets are on sale at the library NOW!

Christmas Fair - 23rd November

10am to 12.30pm
This will be our 2nd Christmas Fair. We are planning to have a cake stall, book stall, kids games and more.

If you would like to have a stall for this event the cost is just £5.00 with a donation to the raffle. Ask the volunteers in the library for a Booking Form or email us at leicesterforesteastcommmlibrary@gmail.com



Regular Groups

Bosom Babies - Every Monday - 10.30am to Noon (Informal Drop In Support Sessions for Pregnant & Breastfeeding Mums)

Knit & Natter - Every Monday - 7pm to 9pm

Yoga & Relaxation - Every Tuesday (except the 1st Tuesday of the month) 9.30am to 10.45am
£5.00 per session

Coffee and Chat - Every Wednesday - 10am to Noon
£2.00 includes a Hot Drink

Craft Group - Every Wednesday - 6pm to 8pm
£2.00 includes a Hot Drink

THE LE3 Ladies Group - 7.45pm Onwards
Meetings are held every 3rd Thursday of the Month
£30.00 per year - £4.00 per visit

Story and Rhyme Sessions - Every Friday - 2.30pm to 3pm - Donations Welcome

Construction Club - Every Other Friday 5pm to 6.30pm, Check our website for the next date of the meeting £1.50 per child

1st Saturday of the Month Coffee Morning - 10am to 1pm

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Rainbows - 4.15pm – 5.15pm for 5 to 7 year olds
Brownies – 5.15pm-6.30pm for 7 -10 year olds
Guides – 6.30pm-8.30pm for 10 – 14 year olds

contact: Holly: 07794564062 (rainbows & brownies)
Jeannette: 07751949331 (guides)

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... Just drop in when you fancy a hot drink and a piece of cake - and meet or make new friends at the same time.

Held on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, between 2.00 and 4.00 p.m. at the Parish Hall, King's Drive, L.F.E.

LFE Scarecrow Festival

Batman, Freddy Mercury, Harry Potter, Minion, Elmer, Spiderman and the Super Mario Brothers could all be found around Leicester Forest East on Saturday 6th July. These were just a few of the imaginative entries in the 2nd Leicester Forest East Scarecrow Festival, which despite the rainy start, proved to be another great family day out.

The festival was organised by Stafford Leys Community Primary School Parent and Friends' Association to raise funds for the school. The festival was open to everyone of LFE and our residents, community groups and businesses had fun preparing scarecrows with displays showing fantastic creativity and ingenuity in the presentation of a huge range of characters, some with photo opportunities and others with sounds accompaniment. Scarecrows were displayed at the school (did you find Wally?), and in gardens and even suspended from rooftops and sneaking through windows throughout LFE!

The Leicester Forest East community collected maps from the school to wander, cycle or scoot their way around the trail of 45 amazing entries, before returning to vote for their favourites. Refreshments were provided at the school and at the local scout hut to fuel the trail exploration.

Congratulations go to Somerfield Childcare for their colourful display of pirates on their treasure island winning the Community/Business category and to Faris & Tina for the winning Residents' entry of the Gruffalo and Mouse.

Well done to everyone that took part, it was certainly a wet, fun day!

