

# What's On

WHAT'S ON IN LEICESTER FOREST EAST

## PARISH HALL, KINGS DRIVE

### MONDAY

**FITNESS CLASS** 9.15 - 9.45am

**FITNESS CLASS** 10.00 - 10.45am

**SCOTTISH DANCING** 11am-1.45pm

### TUESDAY

**STEADY STEPS PLUS**

10.45am-11.45am

**STEADY STEPS** 11.45am - 1.00pm

**PILATES CLASS** 7.00pm - 8.00pm

### WEDNESDAY

**MY TRIBE** 10.00 - 11.00am

**MICHELLE ANN SCHOOL OF DANCE**

4.00 - 6.30pm

### THURSDAY

**BABY SENSORY**

7-13 months 10.10am - 11.00am

0-6 months 11.20am-12.10pm

**FITNESS CLASS** 6.00 - 7.00pm

**LFE FILM EVENING** First Thursday of the month - 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start prompt.

### SATURDAY

**FITNESS CLASS** 9.30 - 10.15am

**SPINNER AND WEAVERS**

10.30am - 3pm - Every 3rd Saturday

### Leicestershire Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers.

A group of yarn and textile enthusiasts who meet on the third Saturday of the month at Leicester Forest East parish hall, 10.30am to 3pm. We share our passion and exchange hints, tips and knowhow and hope to get back to a "bring and share" lunch very soon. Novices, the experienced crafter and the just curious very welcome. For more information, contact: secretaryleicestershirewsd@gmail.com

For more information or to book the hall please visit

[www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-hall](http://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-hall)

## ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL

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

**RAINBOWS & BROWNIES**

5.15 and 7.30pm

### KAREN LOOMES DANCE ACADEMY:

Wednesdays & Fridays - 4:30-8.00pm

### SILVERLINERS: LINE DANCING,

Mon. 7.30-9.30pm, Wed. 1.00-3.00pm, (07725 441906)

### MATRIX MARTIAL ARTS:

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

[92ndgsl@gmail.com](mailto:92ndgsl@gmail.com)

**Explorer** (14-18), Mon 7.00-9.00pm

**Scouts** (10.5-14), Fri 7.00-9.00pm

**Cubs** (8-10.5), Thur. 6.30-8.00pm

**Beavers** (6-8), Wed. 6.00-7.00pm

### SATURDAY COFFEE SHOP:

Second & fourth Sat. 10.00am-12.00 (07961 749215) Held in the Church

### YOGA GROUP TUESDAYS:

6.30pm-7.30pm 07849 552997

### MESSY MOVERS SESSIONS:

Monday, Thursday & Friday mornings 07977 521563

### MUSICAL VILLAGE CHOIR:

Thursday 7.15-9.15pm 07873 254279

**FOR HALL BOOKINGS ENQUIRIES PLEASE PHONE 07961 749215**

## LEICESTER FOREST EAST COMMUNITY LIBRARY

### SATURDAYS

**1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH**

**COFFEE MORNING** - 10am to 1pm Including Construction Club for kids

### MONDAYS

**LFE STITCHERS:** 7pm - 9pm

### TUESDAYS

**TUESDAY TEAPOT CLUB:** 2pm-4pm

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month -

### WOMEN'S WELL BEING SESSIONS & QIGONG:

7pm - 7.45pm

### WEDNESDAYS

**COFFEE & CHAT:** 10am - Noon

**CRAFT GROUP:** 6pm to 8pm

### THURSDAYS

**BABY & TODDLER MEET UP GROUP:**

10.00am - Noon

**LE3 LADIES GROUP:** 7.45pm - 10pm

Every 3rd Thursday of the month

### FRIDAYS

**BUSY BEES KIDS ACTIVITIES:**

2.30pm to 3pm & 3.15pm to 4pm

For details on hiring the library go to [www.lfelibrary.org](http://www.lfelibrary.org) or call 0116 233 6273

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

### PLAYSCHOOL Term Time Only

Mondays - Fridays 9-2pm

### MONDAYS

**CHILDRENS DANCING** 4.30-5.30pm

**LINE DANCING** 8-10pm

### TUESDAYS

**NATIONAL TRUST**

2nd Tuesday Sept-Apr 7-10pm

**LEICESTER INDUSTRIAL HISTORY GROUP**

3rd Tuesday of the month, 7-10pm Back in September 2022

### WEDNESDAY

**OVER 60'S** 1.30-4.00pm

**KUMON MATHS AND ENGLISH**

4.15-6.15pm

### THURSDAYS

**WHIST DRIVE** 7-10pm

### FRIDAYS

**TAI CHI** 2.30-3.30pm

**LINE DANCING MONTHLY** 7-10pm

**CHURCH GROUP** 6-9pm

### SATURDAYS

**KUMON MATHS AND ENGLISH**

10-12noon

**CRAFTY STITCHERS**

2nd Saturday of the month 1.30-4.30pm & 4th Saturday of the month 9.30-5.00pm - 3/4 times a year.

**SEQUENCE DANCING MONTHLY**

7.30-11.30pm

### SUNDAYS

**CHURCH** 10am

**VIKINGS** 1- 3pm (Not Every Week)

## 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)



**AUTUMN 2023**



# Christmas at St Andrew's & St. Crispin's

We invite you to join us in celebrating the joys of Christmas  
"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it."

**Sunday 10th December — 9:30am Nativity Service — St Crispin's**

The Church Lads' & Church Girls' Brigade lead us in their alternative take on the Nativity story and what it means for us today. *With Holy Communion.*

**Saturday 23rd December — 10am-1pm Light a Candle — St. Andrew's**

An opportunity to pause, pray and remember loved ones we miss spending Christmas with, at this drop-in open church session incl. lighting of candles.

**Christmas Eve — 2:30pm Nativity Service — St. Andrew's**

Experience the Amazing Story as members of our Open the Book Team bring the Nativity to life in an interactive performance. Plus Christmas Carol singing!

**Christmas Eve — 4pm Christingle Service — St. Crispin's**

The perfect introduction to the most holy night, as we sing traditional and modern Christmas Carols and hear the story of the first Christmas told through Bible readings and reflections, with free Christingle Oranges!

**Christmas Eve — 11:30pm Midnight Holy Communion — St. Andrew's**

Our special gathering on Christmas night to welcome the new born King!

**Christmas Day — 10am Family Holy Communion Service — St. Crispin's**  
**— 10:30am Christmas Worship & Praise — St. Andrew's**

Our celebrations continue with family-friendly services for Christmas Day!



**St. Andrew's Church, LFE, Hinckley Road, Leicester Forest East.**

**St. Crispin's Church, Edward Ave/ Turnbull Drive, Braunstone Town**

**Regular Sunday Services:**

**9:30am St Crispin's (10am on the first Sunday of the month)**

**11am St. Andrew's.**

## 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-Friday.  
The Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester LE3 3JE  
Telephone: 0116 2390039  
Email: [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Website: [www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/LFEPC](http://www.facebook.com/LFEPC)

### PARISH COUNCIL

**Clerk to the Parish Council:** Holly Mann  
**Assistant Clerk to the Parish Council:** Leigh-Ann Holland O'Brien  
**In the first instance all enquiries should be made via the Parish Office.**  
**Chairman -**  
Russ Darlison - 07305 375 474 or email [russelldarlison@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:russelldarlison@yahoo.co.uk)  
**Vice-Chairman -**  
Peter Kitchen - 07745 455677 or email [peter.kitchen@btinternet.com](mailto:peter.kitchen@btinternet.com)  
**Councillors:**  
David Dawes - 0116 2395884                      Colin Wells - 07980 051070  
David Di Palma - 07594 419 570                Mark Bozzoni - 07940 547 989

### 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.

Planning, Trees & Highways Committee and Parks, Hall & Events Committee meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month in the Reg Neal meeting room, starting at 7.00pm & 7.30pm respectively

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

**County Councillors:**  
Nick Chapman  
email: [cllr.nickchapman@gmail.com](mailto:cllr.nickchapman@gmail.com)  
Lee Breckon  
email: [Lee.Breckon@leics.gov.uk](mailto:Lee.Breckon@leics.gov.uk)

**District Councillors:**  
Stuart Coar                      07719 997706  
Matt Tomeo  
[Cllr.Matt.Tomeo@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Matt.Tomeo@blaby.gov.uk)  
Dillan Shikotra  
[Cllr.Dillan.Shikotra@blaby.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.Dillan.Shikotra@blaby.gov.uk)

### Member of Parliament:

Edward Argar - Email: [edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk](mailto:edward.argar.mp@parliament.uk)

**PREMISES OFFICER** Mrs. B. Bozzoni    07735479938

### LOCAL POLICING

Please call 101 or alternatively you can email [leicesterforesteast@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:leicesterforesteast@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)  
**Crimestoppers:** Tel. 0800 555 111

### ABOUT LiFE

LiFE is the community magazine published by the Parish Council for residents of Leicester Forest East and distributed free of charge to all properties within the Parish. All communications should be directed to the Parish Office (address above). Leicester Forest East Parish Council would like to thank all contributors to LiFE.

**DISCLAIMER:** Please note that the opinions expressed by our various contributors are not necessarily those of your Parish Council. We cannot guarantee the veracity or accuracy of any advertisement, which we publish in good faith.

## Welcome

WITH CHAIRMAN - R. DARLISON

As you can see from the photo, we have a new Chairman who was elected at the last annual meeting. I've been a member of the Council for over 20 years and had held almost every position on the Council, bar Chairman. Since the annual meeting we have had two Councillors leave, one of whom was Corinne



Lawrence who was Chair of the Finance Committee and who was on the Council for a few years, my thanks goes to her. Also, thanks to our past Chairman, Paul Linnett who was a member of the Council for 10 years and who retired from the Council. We also gained two new Councillors but there are still four vacancies on the Council. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, you would be welcome to attend any Parish Council meeting (held on the third Wednesday of each month) to learn more.

My thanks go to Holly, Bev and Leigh-Ann who are always here to help.

Since the last LiFE magazine came out these are some of the projects which have been completed at the Parish Hall and the parks:

- Picnic in the Park - This event was well attended by residents.
- External audit - The Parish Council passed its external audit.
- Parish Office - An architect and a quantity surveyor have been employed on the project to enlarge the Parish Office and Parish storage space.
- Canopy - A canopy has been erected over the main entrance to the Parish Hall.
- Tommy silhouette - In remembrance of fallen soldiers, a Tommy silhouette has been put up on the side of the Parish Hall.
- Works to either side of the Parish Hall gates - the overgrown vegetation has been cleared from either side of the Parish Hall car park gates, the area has been grass seeded and new fencing erected to make the area easier to maintain. Also, new car park spaces have been added to the car park.

# Welcome

WITH CHAIRMAN R. DARLISON

The Parish Hall is very busy all week with private hirers, regular hirers and events. If anyone is interested in hiring the Parish Hall, please visit:

<https://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-hall>

In other news, one of our Parish Councillors has attended the remembrance parade at the Cenotaph representing, along with 24 cadets, Leicestershire, Northamptonshire

and Rutland, army cadet force (see front cover photo).

For the forthcoming year, we are working on a system where batteries are installed so power from the solar panels can be harnessed and more of it used, instead of any excess being fed back into the grid.

*Chairman – R. Darlison*

## Musical Village Summer Concert raises £1200 for Vista

If you were driving past St Andrew's Church on Saturday 19th August in the afternoon and wondered what was going on, then read on...

The Church was the venue for a sight loss exhibition featuring 15 exhibitors. They included The Stoneygate Eye Hospital, Costco Opticians Optometrists, The Macular Society, Glenfield NHS Diabetic Eye Screening, Vista Rothley Charity Clothes Shop, Centrebus Hop! Bus, St John Ambulance, Vista Mobile Support Service van, Glyn's Super Whippy 'Eyes Cream' van, and several interactive activities allowing visitors to appreciate what it is like to live with sight loss.

Lesia Smaditch, the organiser of the event said "With Vista's Kathleen Rutland home on our doorstep, I thought it would be a great opportunity to raise awareness of sight loss as well as promote good eye health. The exhibition was a great success with around 150 people visiting the various stands.

Everyone I spoke to talked about new things they had learned about sight loss. I am so happy to share with you all that we raised a wonderful £1200 for Vista and I know that the charity will benefit greatly from this money. Thank you to everyone who volunteered and participated."

The evening ended with the Musical Village Summer Concert featuring the beautiful voice of soprano soloist Denise Leigh, who became famous after winning Channel 4's Operatunity. She and her accompanist, Stefan Andrusyschyn, wowed the audience with a variety of film music. The concert was compered by Dave Andrews DL who introduced Libby Clegg MBE, an inspirational

paralympic gold medal winning sportswoman who spoke about her life. Local musicians, Mark Hemmings and Andy Carvill, introduced the audience to the soothing sound of the harmonica and Slavko Madylus charmed the audience with his personal stories and songs from Ukraine. Musical Village duets, ensembles and choirs entertained with a range of music for every taste, but it was the Vista Voices choir and soloists who stole everyone's hearts with their amazing singing. Thanks to The Stoneygate Eye Hospital for sponsoring the event and to St Andrew's Church for providing such a wonderful and versatile venue.

If you would like to join one of the choirs, please contact Musical Village on **07873 254279** or email **info@musicalvillage.co.uk** or come along to one of our Christmas concerts on Saturday 2 and Sunday 3 December.



Bringing communities together

**15 years of community singing**

**Join our choir today!**

**07873 254279**  
**info@musicalvillage.co.uk**

Lord-Lieutenant  
Community Award  
Winner

**Christmas Concert**

Sunday 3 December 4.30pm  
Enderby Parish Church  
Enderby, Leicestershire LE19 4AR

Special guest singer **Denise Leigh**

Winner of Channel 4's Operatunity  
Soloist at the 2012 Paralympics Opening ceremony

**Tickets £10 / £5** ALL money goes to **Age UK Leicester/shire**

info@musicalvillage.co.uk  
07873 254279  
www.musicalvillage.co.uk  
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**Musical Village**  
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# 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

Email: [standrewslfe@gmail.com](mailto:standrewslfe@gmail.com)

Telephone: 07961749215

Revd Judith Lincoln (0116 231 3957)

judith.lincoln@methodist.org.uk

Revd Dave Hover 01455 649 762 and

revddhover@gmail.com

### St Andrew's Service Times

Main Service - 11:00am every Sunday

Messy Church (for families) - 3.00-5.00pm 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

Mass at 5pm Saturday and 9.30am Sunday.

### St. Peter's Church

Hinckley Road

Mass at 6.30pm Saturday and 11.15am Sunday

# Clerk's Article

## Vandalism

The Parish Council have asked me to list recent incidents of vandalism and give you an approximate cost to rectify them. This is because every time the Council spends money on remedying an act of vandalism, the cost comes direct from you as council tax payers.

- Trees deliberately broken on Forest East Park - **£240**
- Replacement of trampoline edging on Kings Walk Park - **£725**
- Graffiti on big climbing frame - **£125**
- Replacement swing chain which was removed by vandals - **£200**
- Replace broken seat on roundabout - **£150**

**Total - £1,440**

This list is not exhaustive but gives a clear indication that significant sum of money is being spent on sorting vandalism each year. This is money which could be far better spent elsewhere.

If anybody sees any vandalism taking place, please contact the police and me, as Clerk, on **0116 239 0039** or [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Your Parish Councillors – Putting a Face to the Name



Left to right:

Cllr. David Dawes, Cllr. Mark Bozzoni,  
Cllr. Russell Darlison (Chairman),  
Cllr. Peter Kitchen (Vice-Chairman), Cllr. David Di Palma  
and Cllr. Colin Wells.

If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor, please contact me on **0116239 0039** or [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)

## Picnic in the Park

Do residents want to have the annual Picnic in the Park event expanded to include more musical acts? More activities etc? Please contact me on [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk) or **0116 239 0039** to voice your opinion on this.

## Teen Shelter

Do residents want to have the teen shelter removed altogether due to its continued vandalism? At present, it is used mainly by teenaged residents. However, it has been heavily vandalised, including graffiti and fires have been started in the ground under it. In fact, the bin which was outside the teen shelter has had to be moved as it was being used a fire pit. Would residents prefer to have the teen shelter remove altogether or perhaps having the floor of the shelter concreted would be preferable as this would stop fire pits being dug? Please contact me on [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk) or **0116 239 0039** to voice your opinion on this.

## Community Orchard

The Parish Council are planning to start a community orchard. This will be situated in the small field between the Parish Hall playing fields and Boyers Park (Forest East Park). Plans are in the early stages but it is hoped there will be a variety of fruit trees grown there. Residents will be able to help themselves to the fruit when it is ripe. It is hoped this will increase biodiversity in the area and help to make LFE an even better place to live.

*Holly Mann*

Clerk to Leicester Forest East Parish Council



### MP

- Query a decision by a Government office or agency
- Tell them about a problem affecting people in your local area
- Ask them to support a particular campaign that you feel strongly about

Visit [www.edwardargar.org.uk](http://www.edwardargar.org.uk) (Leicester Forest East, Glenfield and Kirby Muxloe) or [www.albertocosta.org.uk](http://www.albertocosta.org.uk) (the rest of Blaby District)

### County Council

Eight Councillors in Blaby District, across seven divisions  
Visit [www.leicestershire.gov.uk](http://www.leicestershire.gov.uk) for more information

- Leicestershire County Council are responsible for:
  - School placements
  - Cutting of highway verges
  - Social Services
  - Street lighting
- continued...
  - Tips
  - Highways issues
  - Trading standards
  - Adult social care
  - Libraries (in some areas only)

### District Council

36 District Councillors from 17 wards  
Visit [www.blaby.gov.uk](http://www.blaby.gov.uk) for more information

- Blaby District Council is responsible for:
  - Environmental Health
  - Bins and Litter
  - Voting and elections
  - Council Tax
  - Benefits
- continued...
  - Planning information
  - Housing
  - Licensing
  - Resident support and community safety
  - District parks and open spaces

### Parish Council

Various numbers, depending on the size of the Parish Council.  
Find your local Parish Council at [www.leicestershireparishcouncils.org.uk](http://www.leicestershireparishcouncils.org.uk)

- Parish owned parks and open spaces
- Allotments
- Cemeteries
- Parish halls
- continued...
  - Parish owned sports and recreation grounds
  - Libraries (in some areas only)
  - Bus shelters

## PARISH COUNCIL OFFICE

**Opening Hours:** 10.00am to 12 noon, Monday-Friday.

The Parish Hall, Kings Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester LE3 3JE

**Telephone:** 0116 2390039 - **Email:** [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)

**Website:** [www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk) - **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/LFEPC](http://www.facebook.com/LFEPC)

# The Most Blessed Sacrament and St Peter Roman Catholic Churches in West Leicester.

Our Parish has two Churches, serving a wide area of West Leicester, into Leicestershire. Blessed Sacrament Church is on Gooding Avenue in Braunstone and St Peter's Church is 21, Hinckley Road. Our Parish website [www.westleicesteratholic.org](http://www.westleicesteratholic.org) has all the details of Mass times and activities taking place in the Parish.

## Weekend Mass times:

Saturday Blessed Sacrament - 5pm  
St Peter's - 6.30pm

Sunday Blessed Sacrament - 9.30am  
St Peter's - 11.15am

At Blessed Sacrament we have our weekly, Friday "Pop-in" at the hall, where you can pick up a bargain between 10am and 11.30am on Friday morning, everyone is very welcome.

More recently on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month, we've Drop-in and Drop-off in the hall. We are a friendly group, engaging in a range of activities, where you can drop-in between 2-4pm, where tea, cake and a warm welcome awaits everyone. In the coming months we are having an afternoon with music provided by a Ukulele group, Advent and Christmas quiz, and Adoration in the Chapel followed by afternoon tea.

On the Wednesday afternoons that we meet you are also able to drop-off items for the Pop-in (quality second hand goods) and items for Braunstone Foodshare (we have a monthly pick up from our Churches.)

On Friday mornings at St Peter's on Hinckley Road, there is a weekly Friday Coffee Club, this friendly group meet after the 10am morning Mass, upstairs in the hall. There's tea, coffee, chat and a raffle, entrance £1 and everyone is welcome.

## Advent and Christmas arrangements:

Advent begins on Sunday 3rd December, it encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas, this year it will end on Sunday 24th December. The season of Advent is a time of preparation for Catholics, through prayer and reconciliation, ahead of the anniversary of the Jesus's birth.

During Advent all details of services of reconciliation (Confession), and the times of Mass on Christmas Eve, Sunday 24th December and Christmas Day Monday 25th December at Blessed Sacrament Church, Gooding Avenue and St. Peter's, Hinckley Road can be found on the website; [www.westleicesteratholic.org](http://www.westleicesteratholic.org)

# LFE Parish Hall Hire Prices to Increase in the new year

Please note that from 01.04.2024 hire prices will increase as follows:

- Main Hall – increasing to £35 per hour for occasional hirers or £20 per hour for regular hirers

## PLEASE NOTE HALL HIRE WILL NOW INCLUDE HIRE OF CAFÉ AREA FOR OCCASIONAL AND REGULAR HIRERS

- Café Area – increasing to £15 per hour
- Reg Neal Meeting Room - increasing to £15 per hour

# Leicestershire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers

Leicestershire Guild of Spinners, Weavers and Dyers meet at the Leicester Forest East village hall on the third Saturday of each month to learn and share the crafts of spinning weaving and dyeing as well as other fibre related crafts such as felting knitting crochet.



All welcome to visit for a coffee to see what we do. 10.30 till 3.00. £4. For further info contact SecretaryLeicestershireWSD@gmail.com or on our FB page Leicestershire Guild of Spinners Weavers and Dyers.

# LFE PARISH HALL HIRE

KINGS DRIVE, LEICESTER FOREST EAST, LE3 3JD



For Social Functions, Clubs, or Meetings. All with use of kitchen facilities

## Cost Per Hour:

£25 per hour for occasional hirers or £15 per hour for regular hirers

Café Area - £11 per hour

Reg Neal Meeting Room - £11 per hour

For more information or to book the hall please visit

[www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-hall](http://www.lfeparishcouncil.org.uk/parish-hall)

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE 4 WEEKS BEFORE THE DATE OF HIRE



Your Parish Council needs you!



Call the Clerk on 0116 239 0039 (or email [clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk](mailto:clerk@lfeparishcouncil.org.uk)) to discuss becoming a Parish Councillor

# PAWZ!

Animal Care Services

**PAWZ**  
Kiera Armstrong  
Tel: 07398220466  
[pawzdogservices@yahoo.com](mailto:pawzdogservices@yahoo.com)

# L.F.E Community Library

## WARM HUB

During the colder months, and beyond, during our normal opening hours, we are open as a 'Warm Hub' where you can spend time:

- Reading
- Working

Bring along your craft or hobby activity.  
Complete a Jigsaw

Meet up with friends to chat and keep warm in comfort.  
Bring the children along to play in our safe play area.

### We have the following available to purchase:

- Hot drinks - Cup a Soups
  - Toast - Crumpets - Snacks
- Everyone is welcome..**

## Family Charity Bingo Night



We held a Family Bingo Night back in August to raise funds to keep the library open. This was well attended, and everyone had a good time.

We will be planning more Bingo Nights in the New Year so keep an eye out on our Facebook page and on the website so that you don't miss them.

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

Were you aware that we hold a 'Coffee Morning' every 1st Saturday of the Month? We serve hot and cold drinks and homemade cakes in a warm friendly atmosphere.

A raffle is also held to raise funds for the library so remember to come along every 1st Saturday of the Month for a morning of relaxation!

## Autumn Fair

We held an Autumn Fair on the 16th September with lots of small business owners attending with their beautiful



crafts, cakes, cards, etc. Stafford Leys PTFA also came along with pre-loved school uniforms for sale and we also had an amazing face painter join us. The library had a Tombola, Pre-loved books and jigsaw sale as well as providing welcome refreshments to the

visitors. All our events are held to raise much needed funds to keep the library open so please come along to them.

## Christmas Fair -

### 18th November, 11am to 2pm

Make a note in your diary to start your Christmas Shopping early! We have a large variety of stalls selling Festive Ornaments, Craft Stalls, Cakes, Face Painting, Sweet Stall and much more. The library will be having a Bottle Tombola, Preloved Book & Jigsaw Stall as well as serving refreshments so that you can take the weight or your feet when you have **'Shopped till you Drop!'**



## Regular Groups

**Monday** 7pm to 9pm - LFE Stitchers

**Tuesday** Teapot Club 2pm to 4pm - 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the Month

**Wednesday** 10am to Noon - Coffee & Chat - all ages welcome

**Wednesday** 6pm to 8pm - Craft Group

**Thursday** 10am to Noon - Baby & Toddler Meet Up Group (up to 2 years)

**Thursday** 3rd Thursday of the Month 7.45pm to 9pm - The LE3 Ladies Group

**Friday** 2.30pm to 3pm & 3.15pm to 4pm - Busy Bees

**Full details of all our Regular Groups are on the Website [www.lfelibrary.org](http://www.lfelibrary.org)**

## Opening Times

Monday:	2pm to 5pm	Tuesday:	Closed
Wednesday:	10am to 4.00pm and 6pm to 8pm		
Thursday:	10am - 12 Noon and 2pm to 4pm		
Friday:	2pm - 5pm		
Saturday:	10am - 1pm	Sunday:	Closed

Please contact the library on **0116 2336273** or our website, **[www.lfelibrary.org](http://www.lfelibrary.org)** or email **[leicest-foresteastcommmlibrary@gmail.com](mailto:leicest-foresteastcommmlibrary@gmail.com)** if you have any queries about any of the above groups. Or just turn up on the day!

Leicester Forest East Community Library, 76 Rushmere Walk, Leicester, LE3 3PD. Registered Charity No. 1163963



# Planning, Trees and Highways

As you will be aware, Blaby District Council, Planning Committee passed the outline planning application for 850 homes on the land north of the A47 around the rugby club. Our district councillors, Stuart Coar, Dhillon Shikotra and Matt Tomeo have worked extremely hard behind the scenes and at planning meetings to fight this development arguing that the infrastructure especially around traffic issues on the A47 was not acceptable.



As you will recall from the last LiFE magazine, the BDC planning committee in April voted to defer any decision until Leicestershire County Highways explained their reasoning and small modifications to junctions on the A47 would alleviate the issues. Highways would not meet the planning committee and indicate that they had presented sufficient data and modifications that would be acceptable.

Note that in 2019 county highways said the scheme was unacceptable due to traffic infrastructure, the same again in 2020 and 2021 but then in 2022 it was all ok.

In June the application was suddenly put back on the planning committee's agenda. Dhillon Shikotra and Matt Tomeo were on the planning committee and argued very strongly at that meeting to oppose the development on infrastructure issues. Stuart Coar (not a planning

committee member) also spoke against the development on infrastructure issues.

The Chair of the Planning Committee, Mr. Lee Breckon JP, who is also Leicestershire County councillor for Kirby Muxloe, Leicester Forest East, Leicester Forest West and Glenfield, proposed acceptance from the chair. Despite votes against from your district councillors and others of a similar mind, the decision to allow outline planning was very narrowly passed.

We do thank Dhillon, Matt and Stuart for putting the interests of Leicester Forest East residents and its parish council to the fore.

In other news the parish council has resolved to add additional Mobile Vehicle Activated Signs on Warren Lane, paid for by Highways funds allocated to our County Councillor Mr Nick Chapman. These should be already active or nearing that state at time of printing. Also, from those same funds the parish council are updating the LFE Parish signage at Braunstone Crossroads and Beggars Lane ends of the parish.

And then finally, I know it's only November, but I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year and that you will enjoy the improved Christmas lights along the A47. 'Switch on' is 'the 30th of November.'

*Peter Kitchen*

**Chair, Leicester Forest East Parish Council Planning Committee.**





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## DISTRICT COUNCILLOR STUART COAR REPORTS

Hello Everyone  
Gosh, how time flies, I can't believe that we are into November and that 2024 will soon be upon us!

My report this time will be very short, but I feel I must explain to you all, and apologise for the fact that I have been a little slow in replying or responding to e mails or telephone calls over the past month, but on the 6th of September I was cutting our lawns in the afternoon when I noticed it was becoming difficult for me to breathe, or push the lawn mower, and my pulse was racing and I felt very poorly, I now know that I was having a "Heart Attack".

The paramedics and staff at the Glenfield Hospital were absolutely outstanding with their exceptional care and support, and the fitting of 2 x stents into various arteries. I am very grateful to them all and pleased to say that I am improving every day and hope that it won't be too long before I am back to full strength again.

I have reported yet again the flooding problem on the A47 between Stafford Leys and Warren Lane LFE (the

left turn lane into Warren Lane) and asked the County Council to investigate and rectify the problem that is causing the flooding problems on the A47... I have also asked that County Councillor Nick Chapman give his support in getting the problem rectified for us.

I think I have responded to all calls and emails that I have received from everyone over the past month and a half, but if any of you haven't had a reply from me, please do chase me up and I will respond to you as quickly as I normally do.

As always, I am here to serve and support you all, and should you have the need to contact me please do so in the strictest of confidence, and I will try to assist you with the problems you may be encountering.

I will continue to support the Parish Council with its quest to make LFE a great place to live, and indeed represent and support you all at Blaby District Council. – Thank you.

**Best Regards - Councillor Stuart Coar**  
**District Councillor - Blaby District Council**  
**Leicester Forest & Lubbethorpe Ward**  
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## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT SUMMER INTO AUTUMN

It is a pleasure to write an article for your magazine. It is always good to see the District Councillor reports from Stuart Coar and now being joined by Dillan Shikotra and Matt Tomeo. They are always an informative read. It was sad to lose David

Clements as a long-standing councillor. He was a great mentor, a wise man, and a great advocate for local democracy.

The good work of the Parish Council is also good to read and it is amazing that if you look back at previous articles of this magazine, that slowly but surely, things that were talked about as ideas, then became consultations, and then start happening and delivering the benefits that were always hoped for.

As one of your two Divisional County Councillors, both Nick Chapman and myself have been busy continuing the business of County Council. We are both District Councillors for Glenfield, and both sit on Glenfield Parish Council, with Nick currently serving as Chairman. He also sits as Vice Chairman at Blaby District.



**Nick Chapman**  
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**E: Nick.Chapman@leics.gov.uk**

As County Councillors, the main issues that are passed to us from Leicester Forest East are highways matters, both adult and children's social care matters and schooling issues, which we then signpost to the relevant officers to get the answers and often resolutions that are needed. Sometimes, we cannot, but will always try our hardest.

As with all local government at present, funding is an issue and it is no different at County Hall. We all incurred the inflationary effects of the Ukraine conflicts and the after effects of the covid lockdown. Demand for services has grown, but funding formulas in place do not retrospectively cover inflation costs that were experienced. The need for all local authorities is to set a balanced budget, and this is proving challenging to say the least.

If you have any issues, you would like us to take up on your behalf, please do contact either Nick or myself - contact details are given above.

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## Tuesday Teapot Group

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**Venue** Leicester Forest East Library  
76 Rushmere Walk, LE3 3PD  
(next to Stafford Leys school)

**When** 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month

**Time** 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.

**Cost** £2.50 for tea or coffee and cake

**Contact** 0116 229 9277



# 1st LFE Rainbows and Brownies



We meet on Thursday evenings at St Andrews Church and are fortunate to have 2 full units and a waiting list!

Our aim is for the girls to have fun while learning life skills, and recent activities have included a visit to Bosworth Battle Field (as part of our local history badge), cooking and making a bug house for the church garden (under the guidance of the church eco champion Nicola Bashforth).

What we do need is more volunteer leaders (especially for the 5 to 7 year old Rainbows) who are willing to undertake training. Without new leaders the units will soon be in danger of closing for good which would be such a shame.

If you are interested please contact Colleen on colleen.kitchen@btinternet.com for more information.





**What is it?** It is a way to explore stories from the bible through craft activities, short interactive stories and songs, followed by a chat a drink and cakes!

**Who is it for?** It is for families – the activities are aimed towards primary school aged children but all family members older and younger are welcome.

**Where is it:** St Andrew's Church Hinkley Road LFE

**When is it:** The first Sunday in every month between 3 and 5 pm.

**Do come along and join us.**

On Sunday 3rd December join us for our Messy Christingle – Christmas activities and Christingle celebration.



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for more details and our 2024 dates

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April 14th • May 19th • June 16th • July 21st  
August 18th • September 15th • October 20th  
November 17th • December 15th

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