



# Lutterworth Town Council Newsletter

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## **LOCAL ELECTIONS - 3 MAY 2007 DON'T MISS OUT - IT MATTERS!**

On **3 May 2007** local elections will be taking place to elect councillors to your Parish Council. This is the chance to have your say by voting for the people you want to be councillors to help look after your community or possibly becoming a councillor yourself and help shape it.

The Government is keen for local communities to have a real influence on those things which directly affect them. For this reason Parish Councils are to be given new powers so that they have an even more important role to play in local affairs.

Not only will Parish Councils be given an increased role in delivering local services but they will also be given a stronger voice in representing the community's interests and make sure that local people are listened to. If you have considered being in a position to be part of deciding how your community is run and developed, now is the time for you to come forward.

Providing you are a registered local government elector for the area (or meet certain other requirements) and will be at least 18 years old on election day you can stand for election.

There are no other special qualifications needed to be a councillor. You just need to care about your community and be keen enough to make a difference.

If you are interested and want to know more you can contact your local Parish Clerk or your District Council for more details and to check that you are eligible to stand as a councillor. Alternatively, you can contact the Association of Parish Councils on 01509 816400 or email [lrapl@btconnect.com](mailto:lrapl@btconnect.com) to obtain an information pack.

Whether or not you decide to become a councillor, your vote in the elections is still important. It is your opportunity to help decide who runs your Parish Council.

This year you will be able to vote at your usual polling station, which will be open longer than before (7.00am to 10.00pm), or you can simply request a postal form from your District Council's elections office.

Remember, every vote counts and your vote could tip the balance!

**Residents are being urged to protect their postal vote by joining an initiative to decrease electoral fraud.**

**Harborough District Council will be asking everyone in the district with a postal vote to provide a sample of their signature in preparation for the May elections.**

**As part of the new move, brought in country-wide under the Representation of the People Act 2006, anyone that fails to reply within 42 days will lose their current right to have a postal vote.**

**For more information about the new legislation or the new forms contact Nigel Burton on 01858 828282 or email [n.burton@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:n.burton@harborough.gov.uk)**

### **Town Mayor's Appeal**

Councillor Robinson opted for an "open" Town Mayors Appeal which will allow local community groups and organisations to apply for financial assistance towards the end of her year of office (May 2007) and is pleased to announce that her appeal has raised £3,250 as at the end of January 2007.

Any individual, group or organisation wishing to apply for funding, please write to the Town Clerk, Hannah Gupwell at Lutterworth Town Council, Swiftway Centre, Central Avenue, Lutterworth, Leicestershire, LE17 4NY.

### **TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Are held the second Tuesday of each month (except August)  
At the Town Hall, commencing at 7.30 p.m.  
Members of the public and press are cordially invited to attend

## Lutterworth Town Councillors

If you wish to contact your Ward Councillor either send an e-mail to

[hgupwell@lutterworth.org.uk](mailto:hgupwell@lutterworth.org.uk)

or telephone 01455 550225 and your enquiry will be forwarded

### **BROOKFIELD WARD**

**Councillor Janette Ackerley, Councillor Eileen Derrick,**

**Councillor Gary Hack & Councillor Griff Jones**

Acacia Avenue, Allfrey Close, Almond Way, Ashleigh Drive, Aspen Way, Azalea Close, Beech Avenue, Blackthorn Close, Cedar Avenue, Conifer Close, Forsythia Close, Greenacres Drive, Hazel Drive, Holly Drive, Honeysuckle Close, Jasmine Close, Juniper Close, Laburnum Avenue, Larch Drive, Lavender Close, Lilac Drive, Magnolia Drive, Maple Drive, Mulberry Close, Pear Tree Close, Pine Close, Robinia Close, Spruce Way, Sycamore Drive, The Hawthorns, Woodlea Avenue, Yew Tree Close.

### **SWIFT WARD**

**Councillor Neil Ackerley, Councillor Paul Gray,**

**Councillor Bill Piper & Councillor Brian Poulter**

Beamont Close, Bitteswell Road, Burrough Way, Byron Close, Canada Fields, Central Avenue, Crescent House, (Crescent Road), Dempsey Close, Denbigh Place, Dennis Dave Close, Douglas Bader Drive, Dunley Way, Ladywood Court, (Dunley Way) Dyson Close, Feilding Way, Gale Close, Johnnie Johnson Drive, Ken MacKenzie Close, Lacey Close, Leicester Road, Macaulay Road, Maxwell Way, Noble Close, Page Close, Shelley Drive, Sherrier Way, Swiftway, Tennyson Road, Wiclif Way.

### **ORCHARD WARD**

**Councillor Ray Perkins, Councillor Geraldine Robinson,**

**Councillor Ken Seymour & Councillor John Turner**

Alder Crescent, Alexander Drive, Attlee Close, Avery Close, Cherrytree Avenue, Cheshire Close, Chestnut Avenue, Churchhill Close, Coventry Road, Cunningham Drive, DeVerdon Road, Elm Avenue, Elmhirst Road, Ferrers Road, Firtree Avenue, Gibson Way, Greenacres Drive, Holly Drive, Holmfield Close, Hunters Drive, Kingsway, Linden Drive, Maino Crescent, Westerby Court, (Maino Crescent) Meriton Road, Montgomery Close, Moorbarns Lane, Caravan Park,(Moorbarns Lane) Mountbatten Way, Oakfield Avenue, Orchard Road, Palmer Drive, Poplar Avenue, Rowan Drive, Rugby Road, Ryderway, St John Close, St Mary's Road, Tedder Close, Watling Street, Whittle Road, Wheeler Close Woodmarket, Willowtree Crescent, Woodmarket, Woodmarket House, (Woodmarket), Woodway Road.

### **SPRINGS WARD**

**Councillor Richard Dewes, Councillor Patricia McVay,**

**Councillor Amanda Palmer & Councillor Tony Watling**

Baker Street, Lancaster Close (Baker Street), Bank Street, Bell Street, Bitteswell Road, Boundary Road, Burton Close, Carlson Gardens (Carlson Terrace), Carlson Gardens, Church Close, Church Gate, Church Street, Coronation House,(24, Church Street), Council Street, Coventry Road, Farringdon Avenue, Foxfield Close, George Street, Donata House (George Street),Marston Terrace (George Street), Weston Court (George Street) Gilmorton Road, Wycliffe Terrace (Gilmorton Road) Gladstone Street, Goscote Drive, Guthlaxton Avenue, Hazeland Court (Guthlaxton Avenue) High Street, Hill Drive, Leyton Close, Lower Leicester Road, Market Street, Marlborough Place, Marylebone Drive, Mill Grove, Misterton Way, New Street, Newall Close, Orange Hill, Ramsey Close, Hill House (Regent Street) Regent Court (Regent Street) Regent Street, Riverside Road, Rugby Road, Rye Hill Avenue, Spencer Road, Spring Close, Station Road, Stoney Hollow, The Cutchell, Walker Manor Court, Woodbine Crescent, Woodmarket.

#### **District Councillors:**

Brookfield Ward

Councillor Gary Hack

Swift Ward

Councillor Paul Gray

Orchard Ward

Councillor Geraldine Robinson

Springs Ward

Councillor Richard Dewes

#### **County Councillor:**

Rosita Page, 36 Gilmorton Road, Ashby Magna, Leics LE17 5NE



www.radiolutterworth.com

## Radio comeback will 'net' even bigger audience

'How and why could a personal computer with broadband connection serve the community?' That was the question asked by BT and NEC in a recent national competition. Fortunately, **Radio Lutterworth's Station Manager, Frank Davis**, was on hand to present his case of streaming the new Station on the internet. As a result, **Radio Lutterworth** has just taken delivery of a brand new multi-media computer with broadband worth around £1,300!

Commenting on this recent boost to **Radio Lutterworth** coffers, **Mr. Davis** said: 'This fantastic prize has come at exactly the right time for the Station. It will allow our engineering team to transmit programmes live on the internet via [www.radiolutterworth.com](http://www.radiolutterworth.com) in advance of and throughout the second FM broadcast. Dates for both launches will be announced shortly.'

## New home sweet home

**Radio Lutterworth** serves the communities of Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and the surrounding villages. After the first transmission last summer, many local people have continually lobbied to get the station back on air. Consequently, volunteers have moved the Station to permanent premises at Weston House in Lutterworth where two brand new studios are currently being constructed.

To help the Team settle in their new home, additional volunteers have joined the Station in an effort to help make **Radio Lutterworth** one of the best local radio stations. However, more local people of all ages and skills are needed – presenters, researchers, reporters and script-writers; electricians, decorators, suppliers of building materials, aerial technicians...even enthusiastic DIY-ers with time on their hands. A job will be found for anyone wishing to make a contribution.

## Radio advertising and sponsorship works!

**Radio Lutterworth** attracted a full quota of advertisements and sponsorship opportunities almost immediately following the announcement of the Station's impending launch last year and many local businesses have already enquired about the next broadcast. However, as a not-for-profit organisation, **Radio Lutterworth** continues to seek additional funding in the form of advertising, sponsorship, grants and donations.

All those interested in getting involved in the Station either as an advertiser/sponsor or as a volunteer should call **Frank Davis** on 01455 202 473 or 07960 073615 or e-mail him at [frank@radiolutterworth.com](mailto:frank@radiolutterworth.com). For more information, visit [www.radiolutterworth.com](http://www.radiolutterworth.com).

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## Note to editors

For more information relating to this press release, contact **Mark Hillier, Press Officer** on 07890 238016 or e-mail [mark@comms25.orangehome.co.uk](mailto:mark@comms25.orangehome.co.uk).



## ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME

Officers are resolving to get tough on litterlouts spoiling the district's streets and parks. Twelve verbal warnings were recently given out to people dropping their cigarette ends whilst walking through the town centre. These verbal warnings will be replaced by on-the-spot fines of £75.

As part of its stepped up efforts to tidy up the district the team this month issued its first Litter Clearance Notice to a business in Market Harborough. The company now has 28 days to clear the rubbish from its land before the council comes in to clear the mess with the business having to pay costs and an additional fine.

## SMOKING BAN IN PUBLIC AND WORK PLACES

With more than 2,000 pubs, shops and offices being affected by the move for all public places to be smoke-free, businesses are being urged now is the time to plan for this summer's ban.

By 1 July 2007 under the Health Act 2006, all enclosed work places and public places in the district will need to be smoke-free and in preparation for the switch over health officers are now on hand offering advice and information.

The smoke-free legislation will include all premises, which are completely or substantially enclosed, and used as a place of work by more than one person.

Smoking rooms will no longer be allowed and places affected will include all pubs, nightclubs, offices, working men's clubs, leisure centres and taxi cabs. Private domestic properties will not be affected.

The act aims to ensure all workers are protected from the health risks linked to tobacco smoke.

Under the legislation actions for employers include putting up 'no smoking' signs at public entrances and on-the-spot fines for people who continue to smoke in smoke-free areas.

For information or advice on going smoke-free contact the health and enforcement team on 01858 82 82 82 or ring Smoke Free England Information Line on 0800 169 1697.



## HEALTHY WALKS IN LUTTERWORTH

Harborough District Council's Healthy Walks have been taking place in the town for the past year.

The Lutterworth Walks are held every Tuesday at the Lutterworth Sports Centre from 12.30pm.

To find out more about your nearest Healthy Walk contact Jo on 01858 82 82 82 or email [j.elliott@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:j.elliott@harborough.gov.uk).

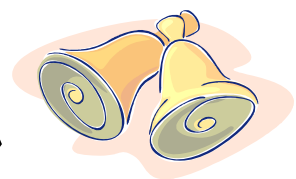
Healthy Walks also take place weekly in Market Harborough, Billesdon, Kibworth, Broughton Astley and Oakham.

## COMMUNITY SAFETY SCHEME

There are free bells still available to attach to bags and purses to deter theft.

This community safety scheme has proven very popular in Market Harborough but there has been little take-up in Lutterworth and the surrounding areas.

To obtain your free bell, please visit the Service Shop on Market Street or Lutterworth Police Station.





## **Grant Funding for community groups in Leicestershire**

Leicestershire County Council is urging community groups to help celebrate the New Year by bidding for cash from a new £5,000 grant fund. The one-off scheme offers smaller groups and voluntary organizations the chance to apply for grants of up to £100.

The money can be used to pay for almost any small item such as computer equipment, art materials, sports equipment or promotional material. It can also be used to contribute towards making a larger purchase.

Any group operating in Leicestershire with an annual turnover of less than £25,000 and with a group bank account can apply.

Applications can only be made on-line and all details are available by visiting the Leicestershire Funding Toolkit at [www.fundingtoolkit.org.uk](http://www.fundingtoolkit.org.uk). The closing date for applications is Friday 23 February.

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## **Leicestershire & Rutland Local History Groups**

Some years ago the Leicestershire Local History Council (LHC) was disbanded and its assets were handed over to the Leicestershire Archaeological and Historical Society (LAHS). Since then there has been no central bank of information

about local historical and heritage groups in Leicestershire or Rutland.

The LAHS is considering events this year to which local groups can contribute and is also setting up a directory of groups in the two counties. In addition to local events the LAHS will also be offering skills training to local groups on such issues as how to handle old documents, how to locate local sources of historical information and how to write local histories.

The LAHS therefore needs to make contact with the chairpersons or secretaries of such groups. The email address of the LAHS is [graham.jones@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:graham.jones@sjc.ox.ac.uk) and the phone number is 0116 2591011 where messages can also be left.

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## **School Travel**

The Government is encouraging schools to collect school travel data through the school census so that the effectiveness of measures implemented to increase walking or cycling on the school journey can be monitored.

Leicestershire County Council can use the data to help reduce congestion and in the development of its Local Transport Plan. The information will also help prioritise future funding for the 'Routes to School' programme that focuses on schemes identified through the School Travel Plan process, including vehicle speed reduction around school and footway and crossing improvements.

Please contact Richard Gretton, Statistics Manager, on 0116 2656638 or [rgretton@leics.gov.uk](mailto:rgretton@leics.gov.uk) for advice on collecting data for the school census.

Dear Residents,

It is a little bit late but nevertheless let me wish you all the best for the coming year.

If you have issues of concern or wish to discuss anything with me please do not hesitate to email [rpage@leics.gov.uk](mailto:rpage@leics.gov.uk) or phone me on 01455 209240

Kind Regards  
Rosita

#### News in Brief

Council Tax is due to rise by 1.65% for the District and 4.25% for the County.

HDC Council House Tenants will be asked to give their views on proposals to transfer their homes to a new landlord, Seven Locks Housing.

Fire protection advice, free fitted smoke alarms can be obtained from Mark Lint 0116 229211

Anybody male or female suffering from domestic violence can call 0116 2550004 for help and support. They also need more volunteers.

Harborough Helpers are volunteers funded by the community Fund who will come out and help the elderly, disabled or people with health problems with any job from form filling to decorating. It only costs £5 towards a session.  
MH Volunteer Bureau 01858 432014

Information on the new fortnightly library routes for free books, internet access and talking books [www.leics.gov.uk/mobile\\_libraries](http://www.leics.gov.uk/mobile_libraries)  
Free rural advice and grants for farmers  
Sarah Henderson 0116 2657033

#### Lutterworth in Bloom 2007

Three categories:

Best Private Garden

Best Public House Display

Best Business / Community Building

Cash prizes will be presented to the winners at Lutterworth's Feast Week Carnival.

Nomination forms will be available from the Swiftway Centre, Central Avenue &

The Service Shop on Market Street

from the beginning of May

Judging to take place during the month of July 2007.



#### 2006 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON

Lutterworth's Christmas Lights Switch On, held Friday 24 November was a great success and huge thanks go out to IN sheds, Midland Access Platforms, Hire Tools and LIDL, who significantly supported the event.

Local schools, Aftermath and Lutterworth Town Band provided the entertainment; Smart's fun fair was situated on George Street car park and contributed substantially to the event. Santa proved as popular as ever with hoards of people gathering for his arrival after the lights switch-on and Leicestershire County Council are to be thanked for the provision of reindeer on the evening.

Neil Green Catering Ltd kindly provided marshal refreshments and the Community Church laid on a soup kitchen. The German refreshments proved successful with the sale of glühwein in novelty mugs, stöllen and apple strudel.

Fortnams Chemist won the 'Best Dressed Window Display' and Coombs Bakery won the 'Best Staff Attire' on the evening.

The competition for the 'Best Outdoor Public Christmas Lights Display' was deservedly won by Mr and Mrs Grimwood.

And a final thank you must go to the Town Council Events working party, Lutterworth Police and Fire Station, St John's Ambulance and all the marshals who kindly assisted on the evening (Wycliffe Rotary Club, Twinning Association and Churches Together).

**INTERESTED IN HELPING TO ORGANISE  
THE FEAST WEEK AND CARNIVAL OR THE  
CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH ON?  
WE ARE LOOKING FOR INDIVIDUALS OR  
REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL  
COMMUNITY GROUPS TO JOIN OUR  
"EVENTS" WORKING PARTY  
Contact Hannah on 01455 557271  
for more details.**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
is to be held on  
TUESDAY 20 MARCH 2007  
at the  
TOWN HALL, LUTTERWORTH  
Commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

## GROUPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS & UNDER 5's

### Monday

United Reformed Church, Lutterworth. Toys & singing session. Lunches available – 11.45am - 1.30pm. Contact Ron & Barbara Gates 550971

### Tuesday

Adventure Gym, climbing frames, slides, tunnel, soft play, etc. at the Swiftway Centre, Central Avenue, Lutterworth. 1.30 – 3.00pm  
Lutterworth Library Storytime – alternate Tuesdays 10.30am. Contact Library reception for more details on 552868.

### Wednesday

Structured activity, toys & singing session. Methodist Church Hall, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth. 1.30 - 3.00pm.

### Thursday

Play & Learn Group Activity tables, imaginative play, toys & singing session. The Swiftway Centre, Central Avenue, Lutterworth 9.30 - 11.00am. Contact Julie 204384  
Let's Go! Bible stories, songs and activities, St. Mary's Church, Lutterworth. Second and Fourth Thursday of the month. 1.45 - 2.45pm. Contact Kathy Faulkner 553526.

### Friday

Coffee Club – Parents & Carers to meet / Activities for children. Methodist Church, Bitteswell Rd, Lutterworth 1.00-3.00pm. Contact Gill Sidaway 550009 or Mary-Ann Parnell 559793

## PRE-SCHOOLS

**Pavilion Pre-School** – Recreation Ground, Coventry Road, Lutterworth. Mon. Wed. & Fri 9.20 - 11.50am. Contact Shirley Duncan 554105

**Family Playgroup** – Sherrier School, Bitteswell Road, Lutterworth. Mon – Fri. 9.15 - 11.45am. & Tues and Thurs 12.45 – 3.15pm. Contact Lynne Noyland 553334

**Community College Pre-School and Nursery**, Bitteswell Road, Mon-Fri. 7.30am – 6.00pm. 4+ group Mon. to Fri 1.15 - 3.45pm. Contact Bridget Nicholson 558241.

## AVAILABLE FOR PRIVATE HIRE

LUTTERWORTH TOWN COUNCIL'S

SWIFTWAY CENTRE (Central Avenue),  
& THE PAVILION (Coventry Road Recreation  
Ground)

Ideal venues for Children's Parties,  
Family Occasions, Meetings, Badminton,  
Indoor Bowling, Table Tennis & 5-a-side football.

**TELEPHONE 01455 55271**  
**between 9am – 1pm Mon - Fri**  
**FOR FURTHER DETAILS**



## Leicestershire Constabulary

### Warning about rogue traders

Leicestershire Constabulary and Trading Standards are warning householders to be on their guard following recent storms to make sure they don't fall foul of rogue builders or traders.

Officers are urging residents to be aware that rogue builders could be doing the rounds knocking on doors offering to do repairs to property damaged in the recent high winds.

Legitimate businesses such as roofers, builders, plumbers, carpenters and other traders will be working at full capacity over the next few weeks and both police and Trading Standards are concerned that dishonest traders could take advantage of the situation.

PC Brian Voss the Force's Crime Reduction Officer said: "We realise that many residents will be looking for tradesmen to repair damage to their property or gardens following the storms.

"We would advise caution when dealing with any cold callers. If they cannot produce an official identity card then do not let them in to your home. "

"You can even ring the company they say they are from to confirm their identity. A genuine caller will not mind you closing the door for two minutes while you check their ID and most will be happy to make an appointment and return at a later date or time."

David Bull, Head of Trading Standards at Leicestershire County Council, added: "It is usually best to employ a tradesman that you know or who has been recommended by a friend or neighbour. Make sure that you know who you are dealing with and how to contact them if you are not happy and don't pay in advance for work to be done."

"Remember do not buy from the door. Speak to a family member or close friend before you agree to any work being done or sign a contract."

Anyone seeking consumer advice can contact Consumer Direct on 08454 040506.

If you have any concerns about doorstep salesman or tradesmen call Leicestershire Constabulary on 0116 222 2222, but in an emergency phone 999.

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

2007 sees the 20th anniversary of the naming of Magna Park Lutterworth and the start of works to develop the redundant Bitteswell Airfield into Europe's Premier Distribution Park.

Original occupiers include Asda, which has been joined by many other leading companies including Argos, Britvic, Toyota, Primark and recently C. Butt servicing a contract for Kenwood.

Magna Park is also home to 'George' - Asda's successful clothing range. The park is a regional resource for jobs with some 7,000 employees working at the logistics hub.

Magna Park's success enabled the £12 million Lutterworth Southern Bypass to be funded and built sooner than expected.

The comprehensive landscaping of the park involved the building of large mounds (almost small hills) which were planted with over a million trees and shrubs. This woodland is being managed to produce a typical English woodland. This attracts many interesting birds and heartening numbers of small animals and local wildlife, and helps offset carbon emissions.

The daffodils in all their varieties are an entrancing sight for workers and passers-by each spring.

The Magna Park brand is well known throughout Europe and beyond and has received international acclaim within the industry for setting, and continuing to set, new standards in concept, design and management.

The winning Magna Park business formula has been introduced to mainland Europe where developer, Gazeley UK Ltd, has implemented a targeted rollout of the beacon concept in France, Belgium, Spain,

Germany and Italy, with plans to expand into China and the BRIC economies over the next 5 years.

*Lutterworth Town Council's Newsletter is newly*



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## Local Services

- District Council Service Shop (Lutterworth) 01455 551601
- District Council 01858 821100
- Housing Repairs & Refuse Collection 01858 828282
- Litterline - free phone 0800 06 88 224
- Local Tip Enquiries 0116 265 7240
- County Council 0116 232 3232
- Swiftway Community Centre 01455 557271
- Lutterworth Town Council 01455 550225
- Lutterworth & District Citizens Advice Bureau 01455 555560
- Lutterworth & District Volunteer Centre 01455 555570
- Lutterworth Library 01455 552868
- South Leicestershire Council for Voluntary Service 01455 557005
- Road Line 0800 626203 (freephone) for potholes, trips in the footways and damaged road signs
- Faulty Traffic signals 0116 247 00551
- Civic Amenity Site & Recycling Centres 01858 828282
- Fridgeline - Advice on removal of CFC's 0116 265 7236
- Lightline 0116 265 7109 for defective or damaged street lights - **Remember to take the number of the light.**
- CRIME STOPPERS 0800 555111