FOR THE COMMUNITY OF HUSBANDS BOSWORTH

EXCEPTION HOUSING SITES

In the autumn the Parish Council promoted the Housing Needs Survey Lin Husbands Bosworth on behalf of Richard Windley, the Leicestershire Rural Housing Enabler. The project seeks to provide lowcost rental and shared ownership housing in rural communities, which would be held specifically for occupation by local people.

The response to the questionnaire was judged to be favourable and the Parish Council was approached to move the project onto the next stage - the identification of potential sites. The criteria laid down was that the sites should be on the outskirts of the village. The land should be in agricultural use, with no development potential under current planning guidelines. The sites should be easily, safely and directly accessed from the public highway and have easy access to mains electricity and the public sewage system.

Council members also sought to choose sites that would be visually unobtrusive, would complement existing development and would have little impact on neighbouring properties. The proposed development would be of up to 8, mainly one- and two-bedroomed dwellings, occupying a close-style site. To lessen the impact, Parish Council members, at the planning stage, would press for some of the homes to be built as chalet-style or bungalows.

Of the nine sites identified in a report drawn up by the Parish Council, only three sites fulfilled all the criteria. These were identified as adjoining existing development: on the north side of Kilworth Road; the east of Welford Road and the west of Broad Lane.

That the sites have been identified doesn't mean that any of them will be developed. There is no compulsory purchase facility in the current proposals. The project will only progress if a site proves suitable in all material aspects, satisfies local authority planning and highways authority guidelines and the landowner is willing to sell.

CAMERA CALL

embers of the village's Traffic Action **IV** Group are concerned that the village's safety camera may soon be removed.

The Road Safety Camera team, which controls the operation of speed cameras around the county, is considering decommissioning the High Street camera. The team claim that the operation of the camera may have been compromised by the erection of the bus shelter and new housing close to the equipment. In addition the recent roadsurfacing work has removed the carriageway graduation marks.

TAG members point out that the presence of the camera, active or not, has a deterrent effect and are calling for the installation of vehicle activated speed indicating signs as an alternative if the camera is removed.

Recent speed monitoring indicates that average speeds through the village on the A4304 have reduced since the safety camera was installed. The Safety Camera team have agreed to monitor vehicle speeds before and after, if it is decided to remove the camera. Further options would be considered if speeds are shown to increase again.

FESTIVAL DATE

Preparations for Bosworth Festival 2009, on Saturday June 27th, are already taking shape. Once again the focus of the event will be the outdoor show in Bosworth Hall Park, by kind permission of Robert and Susan Constable-Maxwell. An evening of light musical entertainment and a grand picnic on the lawn will round off the day.

Village groups are invited to join in the fun in the Park and organise other events around the weekend. Call John Clarke on 880263 if you would like to book display space for Saturday in the Park.

BERYL REMEMBERED

Parish Council members agreed to provide a plague to be village primary school in memory of their colleague Mrs. Beryl Jones, who died last year. The plaque will commemorate the stalwart work of Beryl as a school governor and long-time supporter of the school.

A memorial tree has recently been planted on the Lower Green to mark Beryl's contribution to the local community as both parish and district councillor over a period of almost 40 years and as a stalwart supporter of numerous community groups.

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PLASTICS RECYCLING

on't forget that you can recycle your plastic bottles and containers in the recycling banks provided by Harborough District Council situated in the Scout Hut car park on Kilworth Road; opposite the doctor's surgery.

The recycling service can accept most flexible plastic drinks, milk and detergent bottles.

FESTIVE BUGLE

And the winners are...

ur Festive Quiz was very keenly contested this year and resulted in a three-way tie for the honours between the Hall family, Ken and Jennifer Rogers and the Lawrence family.

Special mention should also go to the Penningtons who were only three points adrift of the winners. Thank you to everyone who entered and joined in the fun.

Editor's Note: The Editor would like to thank Ralph for all his hard work in compiling the quizes over the past ten years.

POSTBAG

From Robert Constable-Maxwell, Bosworth Hall

I thought *Bugle* readers might be interested to know about the recent activity (JCB digger etc.) which they may have seen on the grass verge between the back drive of Bosworth Hall and the first bend in the road (heading towards Harborough). You may recall that we planted a number of daffodil bulbs in that area 4 or 5 years ago that have not flourished. The problem is that area was, and remained, very wet, caused by water held on the surface of the old road, which followed the line of the trees - well to the side of the present road. The digger made a number of holes in the old road to break up its surface to allow drainage and also incorporated various drainage pipes to take water to the ditch immediately alongside the line of trees. We will have to wait a few months to see how successful the project has been and meanwhile trust that at least some of the more resilient daffodils will have survived this treatment and will provide us with some colour in the spring!

From Jill Ribton, Hunters Close

Please could I say a big thank you for all the cards, flowers and wonderful support I have received over the last few months from all the lovely people in Husbands Bosworth. They have certainly lifted my spirits. I am pleased to say that I am making progress.

From Disgruntled of Fernie Court

Dog fouling along Berridges Lane has increased dramatically recently. Please can everyone keep an eye out so that the culprit can be identified. Please notify the District Council dog warden on 828282 so that action can be taken.

LOCAL CRIME FILE

IF YOU HAVE INFORMATION ON ANY CRIMINAL ACTIVITY CALL MARKET HARBOROUGH POLICE on 0116 222 2222.

Countryside Watch Co-ordinator Henry Whatley Ext. 3875

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator Marion Lewis 0116 2483871 NW Community Scheme No. 2123

Local Beat Team PC 1959 David Venables PC 500 Andy Smalley PCSO 6126 Tim Harwood PCSO 6636 Ray Wells Voicemail Service 0116 2485675

Rural & Countryside Liaison Officer PC 1010 Chris Hill

CRIMESTOPPERS FREEPHONE 0800 555111

Reports have been received of a female who is visiting elderly people in the area and claiming to be a home visitor from a local hospital.

The suspect is described as about 18 years of age, with long, dark, straight hair, a 'pinched' face and non-local accent. She was riding a bicycle and cycled off when challenged.

Enquiries with local hospitals have confirmed that they have nobody working for them who matches that description.

If you do have anyone suspicious calling at your home, please call the police immediately on 0116 222 2222.

WATCH WORD

THE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME WITHIN HUSBANDS BOSWORTH

During the last few weeks there have been several dwelling burglaries in which the specific target for the thieves has been jewellery. Other valuable items such as flat screen TV's and PlayStations have been overlooked. As a result of these burglaries Harborough Local Policing Unit would like to offer the following advice to residents who have high value jewellery in their homes.

Harborough Police would urge all residents to review their jewellery security. Hiding such valuable items amongst clothing in drawers and wardrobes or under mattresses is simply not a secure option. Thieves know all the favourite hiding places. Consideration could be given to purchasing hidden safes or strong boxes, especially for high value portable items. For particularly high value pieces which you rarely wear you could also consider renting a strong box at your local high street bank. Be creative when deciding where to hide your valuables and try to think of hiding places that are out of the ordinary.

For further crime prevention advice don't hesitate to contact Henry Whatley at Market Harborough Police station by phoning 0116 222 2222 extension 3875, alternatively you can email: henry.whatley@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk.

CRIME MAPPING LAUNCHED

Residents now have access to the latest local crime information through a new interactive crime mapping website.

Accessible via the front page of Leicestershire Constabulary's website at www.leics.police.uk, the map allows you to see where crime has occured; make comparisons with other areas and learn how crime is being tackled by your neighbourhood policing team.

Using interactive mapping technology and Leicestershire Constabulary's crime data the maps show crime levels at ward, local policing and basic command unit levels. It enables you to determine crime trends compared to the same period last year. It also shows whether crime levels are above or below average compared with the rest of the Force area and nationally.

POLICING PRIORITIES

As key individuals within your own local communities it is accepted that you know more than most about the issues affecting the quality of life within your own area. As such you represent a wealth of information which local police are keen to tap into.

Could you spare a few minutes to phone, write or email your thoughts and comments? Let us know the policing issues directly affecting the local community that you would most like us to focus on during the next six months so that we can focus our resources where they are needed most.

Please tell us the three main priorities which you would like to see the police concentrating on. Ensure that any communication that you send includes your contact details (address, email or phone number etc.). *Contact details as above*.

Cash, cards and car keys were taken in a night time break-in at a home in Bell Lane recently. The Doctor's Surgery was also raided, at about the same time, and the waiting room television was stolen.

BOSWORTH IN FOCUS

A ROUND-UP OF LOCAL NEWS

WIND TURBULENCE

Campaigners opposing the proposed installation of a single wind turbine off Pincet Lane, North Kilworth are urging villagers and those living close to the site to voice their concerns. The turbine, rated at two megawatts, and over 90 metres tall, is planned as a farm diversification project on farmland at Sparrow Lodge Farm. The proposal has been opposed by a number of residents living on Pincet Lane and a campaigning group has been set up. Posters drawing attention to the turbine have been erected around the local area and the group has set up a dedicated website at www.nowindfarmhere.com.

Harborough planners are currently awaiting further information on an eleven turbine wind farm proposed for a site at nearby Swinford, which is being seen as a test-case for further developments in the area.

CONGRATULATIONS...

- ■...to reiki practitioner, Nicole Franklin of Fernie Court, who recently won the top prize in Kirby & West Dairies' Christmas lottery. Nicole's favourite charity, Leicestershire Wildlife also benefited to the tune of £500!
- ■...also to Marcia Roberts, daughter of Harry Sutton of Brook House, who was awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours for services to diversity and the recruitment industry
- ■...also to the *Bugle* this is our 150th issue!

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF

- Avro Vulcan XH558 is now back at **Bruntingthorpe** for its winter maintenance programme. The project team have resumed guided tours of the hangar, giving everyone a chance to get up close to this icon of aviation history. The tours operate every Sunday from 10.30am to 3.00pm. A minimum donation of £5 per person is requested. To book a slot, or for more information please call 0116 2479942.
- Carriageway repair work is due to start in April on **Welford** High Street. The work will include resurfacing the road and relaying the footways through the length of the village. Additional safety features, which will slow down and restrict traffic flow and improve pedestrian safety on the narrow road, are being considered.
- Broadview Energy, the promoters of the Low Spinney Windfarm, near **Ashby Magna**, are inviting interested parties to an open exhibition at Gilmorton Village Hall on Tuesday, February 3rd from 4.00pm to 8.00pm.

TREE SPARED

Plans to fell two trees in the village Conservation Area have been put on hold whilst Harborough planners seek further information from Leicestershire County Council forestry officers.

The applicants claim that the trees, two pines situated on private property adjacent to Berridges Lane, are causing a nuisance by blocking storm-water gullies with leaf debris and pose a hazard to nearby properties.

However, opponents of the proposals fear that the loss of the trees, which they consider are prominent features of the village scene, will adversely affect the character of the area. Now, local residents are calling for officers to formally protect the trees by applying full Tree Preservation Order status on them.

BEGLEY'S YARD

Residents living on Church Lane are concerned that the proposed development of the builder's yard will add to traffic chaos in the area. Objectors to the scheme point out that car parking in the lane is already a problem, with most homes not having offroad parking spaces.

Inadequate parking allocation on the planned development, leading to on-street parking and traffic access concentrated on one entrance, are likely to add to the problems. Residents are also concerned that the Highways Authority has not raised any objections to the proposals.

For the time being the application has stalled. Problems with Section 106 contributions sought by the District Council from the developers have halted the application at the planning stage.

THE BELL ROCKS...

The Bell Inn will be hosting a gig by local 50s - 60s Rock and Soul band, *EVIL CHIMP*, on Saturday, January 31st.

SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

Are you interested in joining our club? We play on Monday afternoons in the Village Hall from 2.30pm to 4.30pm. We have no annual subscription - you just pay as you play £1.50 per session, including tea/coffee and biscuits.

We are VERY informal and friendly. Just come to the Village Hall on a Monday afternoon if interested or contact Frank or Margaret Thorp on 880003.

LANE CLOSURES

Residents living on Butt Lane are concerned that vehicles parked inconsiderately and obstructing the highway may prevent emergency vehicles getting through if they need to.

In one incident before Christmas a fuel delivery tanker was unable to reach the upper end of Butt Lane because cars parked lower down the road were blocking the access.

Drivers parking on Butt Lane are reminded that it is an offence to obstruct the highway and the local police have been asked to monitor the situation.

Nuisance parkers are warned that if the problem isn't resolved by more sensible actions, parking restrictions on parts of the road could be sought.

LITTER PICK

The village litter pick will take place on Sunday, March 15th, starting from the Village Hall car park at 2.00pm.

Last year a stalwart gang of village Wombles collected over two tonnes of rubbish from around the village and its approach roads during the two hours, rounding off the afternoon with a cuppa, a piece of cake and a chin-wag in the Village Hall.

If you would like to help keep Bosworth tidy come along. If you would like to help with refreshments or in any other way please call Sue Hicks 880273 or Pat Heighton 880332. Long handled pickers and hi-viz tabbards will be available.

LIFE'S LIKE THAT...

Just too late for the Christmas issue of the *Bugle*, Peter Jones sent in a list of tongue-in-cheek hints on how to survive the festive season. The list summed up the 'live life to the full and dash the consequences' ethos.

The author summed up life thus:

"Life should NOT be a journey with the intention of arriving at the grave in an attractive and well-preserved condition. Rather, you should skid in sideways, bar of chocolate in one hand, body thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and screaming "WOO HOO, what a ride!"

VILLAGE HALL BOOKINGS
Sue Dhillon 881251
CHURCH HALL BOOKINGS
Janice Staples 880668
SPORTS PAVILION ENQUIRIES
Audrey Marlow 880316

SCHOOL REPORT

HUSBANDS BOSWORTH C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL IN WAITING

January has seen a time of change for us at school. Another period of transition as we wait to appoint another new Head, hopefully to start at Bosworth after the summer holidays. We have had 8 new children start with us after the Christmas break which takes our number to 74 - moving upwards!

On a lighter note we are indeed a school in waiting. We eagerly await the erection of our new mobile classroom with all its mod cons. Finally, after nearly four decades, the building that sadly purports to be a classroom is going! When it arrived all those years ago it was reckoned to be second-hand then. It will be fantastic to have a new one with the facilities to deliver an early-year's curriculum as it should be done.

If you mourn the loss of the old mobile, be it as a past pupil or member of staff, then let us know your contact details and we will be sure to invite you to the official opening of the new building. To our neighbours we apologise in advance for any inconvenience caused by the work, which is expected to take between 4-6 weeks, commencing on February 2nd.

From September 2009 we are to become a common one-term intake school, which means there will be no January intake - all rising 5's entering school in September. If you have a child approaching school age please make sure their name is on our forward roll and you have applied to County Hall for a place. Please contact the school for details. Who could resist us with such good facilities?

SHARING SUCCESS

Do we have a budding poet laureate in our midst? In November our Reception Class children entered a national poetry competition. All the children's work was judged to be outstanding and has been included in a book which is to be published in March.

The budding poets are:

Well done everybody!

Oliver Scott Amy Rowley Charlie Dean

Benjamin Poole

Oliver Dove

Owen Sanderson Rebecca Daniels From Tricia Day, School Governor

During a recent governor's meeting at **Husbands Bosworth Primary School the** problem of parking and traffic along School Lane was raised.

Could we remind residents that the children have to walk along the lane several times a day to and from the mobile classroom. Parking on the pavement causes problems for children and staff and we cannot allow the children to walk in the road. Residents are reminded that it is an offence to park on the pavement. Also could we please ask that residents drive slowly and safely at times when children and parents are travelling to and from school.

During the recent icy weather the road and pavement were very slippery making traffic movements even more dangerous. We would also ask that parents and carers taking children to and from school DO NOT PARK in School Lane and do not drive along the lane to the mobile. There is parking available for those who NEED to drive children to and from school.

We appreciate that the majority of residents and parents are considerate but the children's safety is paramount - so please drive and park safely.

Yvonne Durrant (Acting Headteacher)

FOBS BAG2 SCHOOL COLLECTION

The November Bag2School Collection achieved a record total...1040kg (164 stone) which is a fantastic result!

FOBS Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to sort out clothing, bedding, soft toys, etc. and those who assisted with collection and storage.

A cheque for £312 is due to be received and this will be used to contribute towards new projects planned within the school.

Further collections are planned for 2009, details to follow. So start sorting out those wardrobes. Thank you once again.

For more further information please contact either Kenny Anderson (Chair) 880705 or Steve Blake (Treasurer) 881045

BYGONE BOSWORTH

The Historical Society's Periodical Journal

We've had a couple of e-mails recently from ex-Bosworthians (...now in exile!) John Clark, now living in New Zealand, who was billeted at the Wheatsheaf in Bosworth during World War II was interested in a recent TV programme about wartime evacuee reunions hosted by Michael Aspell, which is presently being broadcast in New Zealand. Were any Husbands Bosworth evacuees involved he wonders?

Andrew Osinski was born in 1950 at the Polish Displaced Persons Camp, which was set up after the war on Husbands Bosworth aerodrome. He wonders if anyone has any photographs or information about the Polish Camp. Andrew lived with his family at the camp until 1956 when they emigrated to a new life in America. Contact Andrew at: pulsefire@aol.com

From information held in the Historical Society archive it is thought that the Polish Camp was dismantled about 1958, although hut bases and the remains of the camp drainage systems can still be seen in the pastureland on Sulby Hall Farm. The WWII RAF Recreation Hall, which was later used as the Polish Community Chapel, still stands and is used as stables.

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ACTIVITY GROUPS 2009

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Ann Saxton 880971 Contact:

Badminton Club

Contact: Lorrie Forman 880281

Bosworth Belles

Debbie Oliver 465434 Contact:

Conservative Association

Contact: Robert Maxwell 880361

Craft Group

Contact: Tricia Day 880748

Handbell Ringers

Contact: David Staples 880668

Historical Society

Contact: Isobel Pepperill 880081 1st Kilworth Scouts/Beaver unit

Andrew Lambert 880922 Contact:

Playing Field Committee

Jennifer Rogers 880401 Contact:

Royal British Legion

Robert Maxwell 880361 Contact:

Short Mat Bowls

Contact: Frank Thorp 880003

Tennis Club

Contact: Jennifer Rogers 880401

Tower Bell Ringers

Geoff Armitage 880066 Contact:

FUNDS AND FIGURES PROJECT

Are you a member of a voluntary group, community group or a charity seeking funding? If so there is a training session, which may point you in the right direction taking place in Husbands Bosworth on Wednesday March 4th.

The session is called 'Finding and Managing Funds' and includes the following:

- •Getting 'Fit-for-Funding'
- Fundraising Strategy
- •The Role of the Treasurer
- •Communication of Financial Information
- •What Funders are Looking For
- •Finding and Managing Funds

The session starts at 7.00pm and lasts about 2 hours. It is taking place in the Village Hall and

there is a £10 fee per person towards costs. In addition to the training aimed at small village groups we are offering a daytime training session in Lutterworth in September. We also publish a monthly bulletin called the 'Funds and Figures Alert' which provides information about the latest sources of funds and grants: who they are for, how much they are for and how to apply plus contact details and deadlines. A limited number of one-toone advice sessions are also available at a venue convenient for you. Please contact Claire Yearby or Christine Barrett from the Funds and Figures project: 01858 439264 or e:mail cbarrett@vasl.org.uk or cyearby@vasl.org.uk if you are interested in any of the above services.

ACTIVITY GROUPS

VILLAGE HALL QUIZ

Get your thinking caps on and dust off those little grey cells because it's Village Hall Quiz time again! This year the valiant Bosworth Bugle team, winners of last year's fiercely fought contest, are setting the questions. Anyone who has studied the Festive Bugle Quiz over the years will have a hint of what

The format is the same as usual, with tables of four contestants. Teams are invited from the village activity groups, businesses, families and friends. Table space is restricted so please book your table as soon as possible. Entry is £2 per person, to include the famous Bugle nibbles. Bring your own bottle as we have run out of the Icelandic claret. All proceeds from the night will go towards Village Hall funds.

For more details or to book a table please call Ralph on 880526 or email: ralphhorton01@tiscali.co.uk

CRAFT GROUP

The Craft Group now meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

Meetings are friendly and informal and there is no joining fee, just a £2 per session charge to cover the hall and refreshment costs.

Meet like-minded 'crafty folk', bounce ideas about, pick up tips in a relaxed atmosphere away from the bustle of home life. The scope of your endeavours is limited only to your craft being portable and sociable!

The next meeting of the group is on Wednesday, February 11th, 7.30pm to 9.30pm. For more information please call Tricia Day 880748.

VILLAGE LUNCHEON

The proceeds of the raffle held at the Christmas Luncheon came to £120, which has been forwarded to LOROS. Thanks go to all who generously donated prizes and those who bought the tickets.

The next Luncheon Club meeting will be on Thursday, February 26th at Kilworth Springs Golf Club. Diners are asked to meet in the bar at 12.30pm.

Meetings are open to anyone living locally, especially those living alone or retired. Help can be arranged for those having difficulty getting to the venue.

Call Janice on 880668 to book your place or for more details.

BUGLE CRACKER... What is a specimen?

An Italian astronaut...

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The next meeting of the Historical Society will be on Wednesday, February 4th at 7.30pm when John Hinks, project coordinator of Leicester University's Urban History project, will talk about printing and the book trade in Leicester.

HORTICULTURAL SHOW

This year's Horticultural and Produce Show will be on Sunday, August 30th. There will be more details and further information on classes in the April Bugle. Any queries or offers of help please contact Eleanor Murphy on 880476.

STRICTLY BOSWORTH

There will be a Strictly Black & White Ball in the Village Hall on Saturday, March 14th. Tickets are £25 per person to include supper and entertainment. Tickets are now available from Sue Dhillon. Call 881251. Proceeds towards Village Hall funds.

BOSWORTH BELLES

The next meeting of the Bosworth Belles will be on Wednesday, February 25th when the group will be 'Cooking in Kilworth', at a private venue in South Kilworth.

The evening will include a cookery demonstration and 3-course meal, all for £15 per person. Spaces are strictly limited and booking is required in advance. So please call Sally on 571074 to book or to check availability.

WEATHERWATCH 2008

Rainfall total:

2008 958.5mm (38.3")

2007 919mm (36.7")

Driest Month:

2008 February 36.5mm (1.5")

2007 April 4.75mm (0.2")

Wettest Month:

2008 January 120mm (4.8")

2007 June 157mm (6.3")

Wettest Day

2008 Mar 15th & Sept 1st 28mm (1.2")

2007 June 16th 40mm (1.5")

Snowfall:

2008 100mm (4")

2007 190mm (7.25")

2006 100mm (4")

2005 190mm (7.25")

2004 170mm (6.5")

Temperature Variations 2008:

Highest: 34°C July 30th -7°C February 16th Lowest:



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on Tuesday, February 3rd at 7.30pm in the Committee Room of the Village Hall.

All meetings of the Parish Council are open to the public - visitors will normally be invited to discuss their business before the formal proceedings commence.

Please contact the Parish Clerk on 880910 if you have any concerns regarding Parish Council or community matters.

CONTROL YOUR ENERGY AND SAVE THE PENNIES...

Gripped by one of the coldest winters we have experienced since the early 1990's, the cost of keeping your home warm is a concern to many people.

The Environmental Action Team from Leicestershire County Council has joined forces with the County Libraries Service to find a way to help householders conserve energy. To encourage lower household energy bills, a new scheme has been set up to help you to be more in control of the amount of energy you use in the house, and reducing your carbon footprint.

Visit your local library to take advantage of a free one-week loan of a wireless energy monitor. By using this device, energy bills can be considerably reduced by taking simple steps to improve energy efficiency in the home, and save up to £340 per year.

For further information about the energy monitors and how to use them, please click onto http://www.leics.gov.uk//familychallengemonitors

The energy monitors come with an instruction booklet, are easy to install, simple to use and help to reduce the amount of energy you use.

A monitor, which is attached to the main electricity supply cable, shows how much energy is being used at any time. By switching off electrical devices and leaving just one running, the monitor shows how much energy is required to power that particular device either when on or on stand-by.

It is estimated that householders in Leicestershire waste over £13 million by leaving appliances on stand-by. The average household in the UK spends around £1,300 per year on energy, which is set to increase even more with sharply rising energy prices.

For example, a PlayStation 3 left in idle mode uses the equivalent of three 60-watt bulbs; and could add £164 a year on to electricity bills.

Julian Bird, from Tilton-on-the-Hill who has recently borrowed an Energy Monitor through the loan scheme has discovered he could save up to 5% energy per year just by switching his laptop off stand-by. He has now also switched over to energy-saving lightbulbs, is switching off lights when leaving a room and turning the room thermostat down in a bid to save energy and save money. He has estimated he will be able to make a 17% reduction in his energy bill over the next 12 months.

72% of consumers said they would reduce their energy consumption if they knew how much they were using, according to TNS / Future Foundation research.

http://www.leics.gov.uk//familychallengemonitors

For further information: contact Hetal Patel, Sustainable Development Officer, Tel. 0116 305 7068 or email hapatel@leics.gov.uk

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Heather O'Connor 880165
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RESEARCHING YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

Many people have recently started tracing their family history, enthused by the BBC's popular 'Who do you think you are?' TV programme.

For anyone new to family history and who doesn't know where to start, there will be a workshop for beginners called 'An Introduction to Family History' on Thursday, February 12th at 10.00am until 12.00noon at the County Records Office, Long Street, Wigston. The cost for this is £10 and it is advisable to book because places are limited.

For further information or to book your place, please contact Mrs. Pat Grundy at the Record Office on 0116 2571080 or email: recordoffice@leics.gov.uk.

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CHURCH NEWS

COMMUNITY CHURCH HALL PLANS

All Saints Church members are hosting an open evening on Wednesday, February 11th to discuss plans for the development of the Church Community Hall and church. The meeting will be at 7.30pm in the Church Community Hall. Light refreshments will be available. Please RSVP Revd Alison Hampton on 880351 or e-mail: gladthatilive@hotmail.com or Peter Jones on 880741 e-mail:paj@uwclub.net

Parish Notices

Glenys Brooks

Kilworth Road Died December 18th 2008 Aged 61 years

Aubrey Barker

formerly of Adnitt House Died January 16th 2009 Aged 95 years *R.I.P.*

ALL SAINTS FLOWER ROTA

Altar

February 1,8 - Marion Timms February 15, 22 - Pat Heighton

Children's Corner:

February 1,8 - Volunteer needed! February 15, 22 - Volunteer needed!

Call Penny Mattock on 881140 if you would like to join the Flower Rota.

METHODIST CHURCH Coffee Morning

Wednesday, February 18th 10.00am-

12.00noon at the home of Lloyd Jones, 12 Butt Lane. Visitors always welcome.

♦CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Parish Church

FEBRUARY

- 1 6.30pm Evensong
- 8 8.30am Holy Communion
- 15 10.30am Benefice Service at Shearsby
- 22 10.30am Family Communion

Short Communion every Wed. at 9.15am

Churchwardens:

Peter Jones 880741 James Avery 880164

Vicar:

Rev. Alison Hampton 880351

Methodist Church

- 1 Join with All Saints
- 8 Mrs J Moore
- 15 Mr. J Pearse
- 22 Rev. B Kennard (Communion)

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Contacts:

Rev. Brian Kennard 462889 Senior Church Steward: Mr. A Lloyd Jones 880343

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DIARY DATES for FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 3rd Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm Committee Room, Village Hall

Wednesday, 4th Historical Society talk by John Hinks - Book making and the Printing Trade in Leicester, 7.30pm Ch. Hall

Tuesday, 10th Mobile library

Wednesday 11th Church Hall Open Evening, 7.30pm

Wednesday 11th Craft Group, Committee Room, Village Hall, 7.30pm

Wednesday, 18th Methodist Church Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00noon, 12 Butt Lane

Tuesday, 24th Mobile library

Wednesday, 25th Bosworth Belles 'Cooking in Kilworth' Call Sally on 571074 for details

Thursday, 26th Village Luncheon Club, 12.30pm Kilworth Springs Golf Club Friday, 27th Village Hall Quiz - *Bugle* Team hosts!!! 7.30pm Village Hall

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 4th Historical Society talk: "Stained glass from Medieval to Modern times" Voluntary Action South Leicester Funding Meeting in the Village Hall

Saturday, March 14th Strictly Black & White Ball, Village Hall

Sunday, March 15th Village Annual Litter Pick

Wednesday, March 18th Methodist Church Coffee Morning

Wednesday, March 25th Village Luncheon Club

Wednesday, March 25th Bosworth Belles Line Dancing Evening

Saturday, June 27th Bosworth Festival

Sunday, August 30th Horticultural & Craft Show

LOCAL PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to Harborough District Council:

■ Erection of single storey rear and side extension and erection of flue pipe for wood burning stove (re-submission), 14 Church Lane

[Mr. & Mrs. Sheppard]

■ Erection of single storey side extension and removal of paint from brickwork, 26 Berridges Lane [Mr. P Gilbert]

■ Erection of first floor extension to mezzanine, single storey extensions to carport and garage and glazed link (revised scheme), Ostlers Stables, 36 Bell Lane [Mr. & Mrs. De Graaf]

Conversion of outbuilding to form habitable space, 11 Church Street [M Ashford]

Current applications may be inspected during normal working hours at the Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough LE167AG. Comments concerning planning applications should be addressed to the Head of Planning Services. Planning applications and other aspects of local government can now be viewed on-line at www.harboroughonline.co.uk

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HUSBANDS BOSWORTH VILLAGE ALTERNATE TUESDAYS (See DIARY DATES) STOPS & TIMES 2008

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