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## Welcome To The Fosse Way Gazette

**The Fosse way Gazette is a new magazine distributed to 4500 homes and business across Fosse Road neighbourhoods.**

Distributed free in Frog Island, Newfoundpool, the Tudor Road area, and further, we will cover local news, views and features about life around one of Leicester's most historic roads.

We might be on the way up from the depth of recession, but it's still important to watch the pennies and we're encouraging you to leave the car at home and shop locally.

We are grateful for the support of the many shops and services on our doorstep who are supporting the first issue of the Fosse Way Gazette.

This is the new sister magazine of the Western Park Gazette which has been running for the last 18 months. Together, 8500 copies are distributed across West Leicester offering a unique insight into our neighbourhoods and offering a targeted method

of supporting business and community.

We can't put the Gazette together without your contributions, so any ideas, articles or comments, please get in touch.

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## Greetings From The Editor

I'm Sharon and let me introduce you to the first edition of the Fosse Way Gazette!

It's been a while since we've had a proper community magazine connecting residents with local news, views and personalities and we hope you enjoy our debut!

In our first issue, we find out what the Hinckley Road Policing Unit have are up to, we look at the history of Newfoundpool, local journalist and broadcaster Helen Knott suffers parking rage, Richard Perry delves into the world of TV on your laptop and we find out about a local author who's been short listed for a literary prize. You can also win a DVD of Tim Burton's Alice in Wonderland.

We have also launched a website which runs along side the Gazette.

[www.fossewaygazette.co.uk](http://www.fossewaygazette.co.uk) is where you can join us on-line and have your say on the discussion board or brows through previous issues of our sister publication The Western Park Gazette and download a current copy of this magazine. And we're on Facebook as well! If you would like to contribute or have any ideas, just get in touch.

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## Events Diary

**Fosse Cllr's Surgery** Monthly— last Mon (6-7pm) and 2nd Wed (5.30-6.30pm) Fosse N'hood Centre.

**Zumba Class** Tues 8-9.00pm at St Anne's Church Hall. £4.00 Call Sarah 07810 307 113.

**Spiritual Development Circle** every Thursday. 6-9.00pm at Angel Source Holistics, 14 Hinckley Road. Dishna - 07955 634 221.

**Knitting Circle** Meet every Thursday from 1pm at Mary Clare, 4 Shaftsbury Rd. Tel: 0116 255 1866.

**Leicester Badminton Club** New College Leicester Mixed abilities - all ages. Tues 7pm, term time, £3.00. Tel: Michael Cheung 07967 592 208.

**Urban Steam Rally:** Sat 26th & 27th June (1-5pm & 12-5pm Sun) Abbey Pumping Station.

**Braunstone Carnival:** Sat 3rd July Braunstone Park. Floats, music, dance, sport and stalls.

**Wimbledon Men's Final on the Big Screen:** Sun July 4th Humberstone Gate.

**20/20 Cricket:** July 4th. 2.30pm. Leicestershire Foxes Vs Nottingham Outlaws. Grace Road.

**Race For Life:** 10th, 11th July. Western Park. Details from 0870 513 4314.

**Space Age Exploration and Popular Culture:** Until 10th Oct. New Walk Museum. Family event.

**Leicester Belgrave Mela:** Sun 18th July. From 11.am at Clock Tower and City Centre.

**Play Ranger Sessions:** 19th July—27th Aug. Westcotes Park. Free. 0116 252 6024

## THE RED COATS ARE COMING!

If you see people in red coats walking through Fosse Recreation Ground and across our area this summer, you can be safe in the knowledge that no-one is going to shout hi-di-hi at you.

They are the new City Wardens and their job is to make the streets a nicer place to be.

Their job will cover a wide range of issues including; litter, graffiti, fly-posting, nuisance parking (vehicles for sale or being repaired on the highway), leaflet distribution, dog fouling and wheelie bins on streets.

They have been working across Leicester in eleven wards for the last year and have had considerable success with removing fly-posters and getting people to take their bins off the streets.



Car for sale on Fosse Road gets a ticket

A spokeswoman for Leicester City Council told the Fosse Way Gazette that the wardens would be able to help solve problems by using their knowledge of local services to provide joined up solutions.

She also said that in the future you will be able to text them with information or photos of problem areas.

Anyone can contact the City Wardens to report problems on their hotline number which is 0116 252 7001.

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## Events in the Parish

St. Anne's, St. Paul's and St. Augustine's

**At St. Anne's Church Hall -**

**Mon - Fri** Sandhurst Playgroup 285 7440. Term-time

**Mon:** 5.30 - 7.00pm: W.E.A. Yoga 255 6614.

7.15 - 9.00pm: Tai Chi with Rick.

**Tues:** 8.00 - 9.00pm: Zumba Fitness.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Tues:** 2.00 - 4.00pm: Mothers' Union Speakers

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tues:** 7.30 - 9.30pm: W.P. Gardening Club.

**Wed:** 5.00 - 8.00pm: Weightwatchers.

**Wed:** 8.00 - 9.00pm: Tai Chi with Rick.

**1<sup>st</sup> Wed:** 2.30 - 4.00pm: Wednesday Club.

**4<sup>th</sup> Wed:** 7.00 - 9.00pm: Mothers' Union Speakers.

**Thurs:** 9.00 -10.00am: Pilates for fitness.

1.30 - 3.30pm: Pram Club. (Term time)

6.30 - 8.00pm: Rebounder Aerobics

**Fri:** 10.00am: Coffee Morning.

**1<sup>st</sup> Fri:** 11.30 - 1.00pm: Lunch club.

**2 & 4th Fri:** 2.00 - 4.00pm: Folk dancing.

**Tuesdays** 10.00am: Mums and Toddlers & 1.30 pm: Over 60's Club. (**St. Paul's**)

**Sat 10th July** Mother's Union Coffee Morning In aid of Mothers' Union Chalet Project at **St. Paul's Worship Centre** between 10 am to 12 noon. Table-top Sale 10 -1.00pm.

**Tues 13th July:** M.U Garden Party at the Vicarage.

**Sat 14th Aug:** Coffee Morning at **St. Paul's Worship Centre** 10.00-12.00 Table Top Sale 10.00 to 1.00pm  
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# June Update

## From Hinckley Road Policing Unit

Officers from Hinckley Road arrested nine people in relation to a robbery that took place on Narborough Road. These individuals have been bailed pending further enquiries.

Three men have also been charged in connection with the assault of a man in Wilberforce Road in May. A fourth man, who was arrested in connection with the incident, has been released on police bail, pending further enquiries.

Officers have arrested another male in connection with a burglary in the Hinckley Road area and another male linked to a burglary in Westcotes. Our investigations continue

Response officers apprehended a robber following a call from a member of the public. The suspect was arrested and taken to Euston Street to be charged. No officers were injured during the incident.

The Hinckley Road Policing team would like to remind you there has been an increase in the price of gold. We are warning you to be extra vigilant and ensure your homes are secure, especially in the warmer weather.

Many summer burglaries are linked to people leaving doors and windows open to keep themselves

cool.

PC Alan Cook, City Area Crime Reduction Officer for Leicestershire Constabulary, said: "Don't leave your property insecure as its easy to secure doors and windows, and it could prevent an opportunist from committing an offence."

All doors and windows should be secured whenever you leave your home, and ground floor doors and windows and any vulnerable upper floor windows should be secured at night. Please also ensure that if you have one your back gate or entry gate is secured."

The policing team are working hard targeting known criminals to tackle these crimes, but we need you to work with us and report any suspicious activity immediately. You can do this either by ringing 0116 222 2222 or crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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**In every issue of the Fosse Way Gazette we will give you the chance to win a prize.**

It might be a meal for two at a restaurant in Braunstone Gate, theatre tickets for Curve or a prize donated by one of our advertisers.

For the first competition, you can win a copy of the New Alison in Wonderland DVD starring Johnny Depp as The Mad Hatter. All you have to do is answer this question.

### THE QUESTION

Who wrote Alice in Wonderland?

- A. William Shakespeare.
- B. Charles Dickens.
- C. Lewis Carroll.

Email your answer by July 20th 2010 to editor@fossewaygazette.co.uk

Or to - Editor c/o Fosse Way Gazette  
62 Ainsdale Road, Leicester, LE3 0UA

*One correct answer picked at random. No cash alternative and editor's decision is final.*



# Gone But Not Forgotten

Eight months after the demolition of the historic 400-ton Bowstring Bridge on Braunstone Gate, the Leicester Civic Society has launched an appeal for a permanent memorial.



The bridge was demolished in November last year to make way for an extended DeMontfort University campus, despite a long running campaign by the Civic society.

The Society is now appealing for £1000 for a plaque to be erected on a building by the site of the bridge.

So far £100 has been raise and they are appealing for more help. Details are available on their website: [www.leicestercivicsociety.org.uk](http://www.leicestercivicsociety.org.uk)

# Race for Life

**Western Park is once again playing host to the Race for Life run.**

Organised by Cancer Research UK, the 10k women only race takes place on Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup> with the 5 kilometre race on Sunday.

1500 women are expected to tale part on Saturday with over 2000 expected to walk run or jog their way through Western Park the following day to raise money for Cancer Research UK.

Race for Life was conceived specifically for raising awareness of women's cancers. The first took place in 1994 when 680 women participated in a race in London's Battersea Park and raised £36,000. Since then Race for Life has grown to become one of the UK's largest fund-raising events and



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so far 4.7 million women have generated over £370 million for Cancer Research UK.

This year there will be over 230 Race for Life events across the UK and as always pink is the order of the day. Participants are encouraged to raid the wardrobe, and dress up. Fairy wings, feather boas, deely bobbars and tutus are all expected to make an appearance, but running shoes, sun protection, water and breathable clothing are a must.

If you would like to join the local runs at Western Park – details are on line at [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org)

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The one eyed box in the corner of the living room celebrates it's 85th anniversary this year. TV's are now thin and light instead of big and heavy, screens are massive, pictures are crystal clear and now can leap across the room at you in 3D. You can even watch the box on your laptop or home PC.

## Nice Box - What's in it? Richard Perry

When John Logie Baird made the first working television flicker into life in 1925, he could not have anticipated how this bulky whirring box made of wire, wood, string and glass would be transformed over the years.

And he certainly might not have grasped the idea of watching live TV transmissions of the World Cup in colour on a small thin computer even though PCs and TVs share many of the same components.

Whether you're a football fan or the World Cup frenzy sends you running to the hills to escape, a TV USB stick can either bring the big games closer or send them far away! Either way it enables your laptop to receive TV channels as a compressed mpeg2 picture stream.

These USB sticks are mini TV tuners, a little larger than a conventional memory stick, attached through the USB port on the side of a laptop and are capable of picking up all the Freeview TV and radio

channels in digital quality.

You can record your favourite shows to the PC's drive, play them back or burn to DVD.



Some TV USB sticks are High Definition enabled, but you will have to wait until next year for Freeview's HD transmissions to start in Leicester. And you will need a decent PC screen and player to reap the benefits.

Although aerials are generally supplied, signal quality can be a problem, especially if you live in a built up area. Most TV USB Sticks also have a connection for your roof aerial, but that's inadequate if you're looking for mobility.

Price wise, you can pick one up for as little as £12.00 for a basic version running up to £90.00 and beyond. In this case, the more you pay, the more sensitive the receiver and the better the end result - and that's what counts.

## Dan Scores!

Local writer Dan Tunstall is celebrating after his novel **BIG AND CLEVER** was shortlisted for a prestigious literary prize.

The Branford Boase Award is given to the author and editor of the most promising book for children by a first time novelist. Previous shortlisted and winning writers include Meg Rosoff, Kevin Brooks, Frank Cottrell Boyce and Bali Rai. Along with Dan, the other nominated authors are Sarwat Chadda, Lucy Christopher, Damian Kelleher, Anna Perera, Rachel Ward and Victor Watson.

Chairperson of the judging panel, Julia Eccleshare, children's books editor of The Guardian says: "This year's shortlist has really impressed the judges. These engaging and accomplished novels are full of integrity and su-



perb story telling. It is going to be difficult to pick a final winner."

The award ceremony is in London on July 14<sup>th</sup>. Dan, who will be attending with his wife Carey, his editor Ross Bradshaw of Five Leaves Publications and his agent Penny Luthlen, is looking forward to the night. "It will be fantastic to meet all the other authors and editors," he says. "I feel really proud and privileged to be nominated and to be able to represent Leicester, which has been home to some great writers past and present."

Find out more about Dan at [www.dantunstall.com](http://www.dantunstall.com)

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# HISTORY OF NEWFOUNDPOOL

The Romans finished constructing a military transport road that ran from Exeter to Lincoln in 47AD. Nearly 2000 years later, the Great Fosse Way still exists, cutting right through the western part of Leicester.

Today it is still one of the city's most important roads and a commercial hub for the adjoining residential area.

Newfoundpool, for instance, has an interesting history. Lying south of the old Leicester-Swannington railway, the land was bought by Isaac Harrison in 1830. Harrison wanted to develop the area as a spa, using a spring as the source of water for a bath house. Later the building was converted into a home, Newfoundpool House, in which members of the Harrison family lived until 1885. That house then became the Empire Hotel on Fosse Road North.

In 1885, Leicester builder, Orson Wright, bought the land. He laid out roads across the area in a grid system and sold off the land as building plots. Most of the houses were brick built two-storey terraces, with the corner plots built as shops.

Along Fosse Road North, a number of three- and four-storey red-brick villas were constructed along with the parish church of St. Augustine, between 1900 to 1912. The church itself has been abandoned since 2000 and was severely damaged by an arson attack in March 2004.

Many will also recall the Art Deco style Fosse Cinema, opened 1936 which later became a bingo hall. This was demolished in 1998 to make way for the Tesco Express shop and filling station.



Newfoundpool's connection with the Harrison family is commemorated by the acoustic, "IHARRISON" This is formed by the initial letters of the street names between Pool Road and Beatrice Road. His wife's name was given to Beatrice Road with each of the other roads taking their first letter from his name - I. Harrison.

So we get Ingle, Hawthorne, Alma, Rowan, Ruby, Ivanhoe, Sylvan, Oban and Newport Street.

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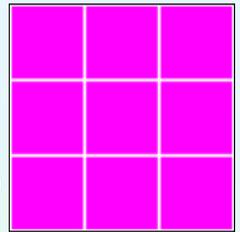
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## BRAIN

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1. How many squares can you count?



2. Because you are unlucky and cack-handed, your ping pong ball has fallen down a meter long, narrow metal pipe which is stuck in solid concrete. You want it back and you can't pull the pipe out.

All you have with you is a tennis bat, water bottle, and shoelaces and two fish. How do you retrieve the ball?

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*We've seen Helen Knott, the Gazette's resident journalo and broadcaster, angry before. We hid.*

## KNOTT'S LANDING

*Helen Knott*

**What is it with people parking at the moment? What part of "NO PARKING ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES" is not clear?**

Why on earth can't people keep within the marked bays? And will someone please sort out the parking at the Hinckley Road shops. Suddenly people have decided that parking across the bays is the way to do it. Presumably some over zealous parking shark has given people tickets there and this has resulted in massively reduced parking at the site.

My dad is disabled and we had real problems parking there recently, even with a disabled parking badge. He had to get to the Post Office and, although we are legally entitled to park on double yellow lines with his badge showing, we didn't want to leave the car on the junctions of the roads off Hinckley Road because it's dangerous. So we ended up waiting in the road for someone to move, causing all manner of rude gestures and problems for buses. All because some jobsworth with a quota decided that the method of parking, used very suc-

cessfully for the 10 years I've lived here, was wrong. Perhaps our local police or councillors could get in touch and let us know what the real situation is so we can sort it out once and for all. We've also had problems with people parking outside our house on double yellow lines to pick up and drop off their mates and finally and gloriously someone who pulled their Land Rover onto my drive and left it there for an hour or two! I can quite understand that an older person could have been terrified by this. I was just cross. Again.

*If you have a Helen Knott style titanic raging fury and would like to vent it off, join the Western Park Gazette's on line forum.*

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