



WE GOT TALENT!



More on Page 4



Little Cup Cakes

Day Nursery



Proud to be rated as **GOOD**
by Ofsted in 2015

Ofsted
raising standards
improving lives

Open 8.00am - 6.00pm
PROVIDING QUALITY CARE & EDUCATION
Morning & Afternoon Sessions
& Full Day Care 5 DAYS A WEEK
CHOOSE YOUR CHILDCARE!

- ALL YEAR OR TERM-TIME ONLY
- JOIN OUR HOLIDAY CLUB!

(For siblings up to 8yrs)

RANGE OF DISCOUNTS APPLY
ENQUIRE TODAY!

FREE Funded 2+ & 3+ Sessions*
For 5 or 3 Hours A Day
(Meals Optional)

Can be used as a credit towards fees to extend your childcare sessions *

220 Fosse Road South Leicester LE3 0FU T: 0116 22 99 006
Text Our Mobile: 07847 450 794

www.littlecupcakesnursery.co.uk e: enquiries@littlecupcakesdaynursery.co.uk

Day Workshops with...

PETER BUNNEY - ARTIST

Westfield Gallery-Westfield Rd

Small Classes in
Drawing, Cartoons, Water Colour,
Oils etc.



Call Peter to find out more...

0116 2858 548

e:peterbunneyartist@virginmedia.com



Painting and Decorating

A.W. NOTMAN
Est. 1982



Interior and Exterior

Domestic & Commercial Work, Insurance Quotes Welcome

Tel: **0116 2854 160** Mobile: **0776 822 0793**

e:awndecor@yahoo.co.uk

www.a-w-notman-painting-and-decorating.co.uk

87 Nevanthor Road Leicester LE3 6DR

A.J.S Architectural
Services

Building Plans for

**EXTENSIONS - LOFT CONVERSIONS
STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS**

From initial design right through to Planning
Permission and Building Regulations approval.
We take care of all the details, liaising with the local
authorities on your behalf.

CALL FOR YOUR FREE CONSULTATION

T: 0116 254 9576

M: 07788 416 806

M: 07974 263 607

E: ajs-architectural@hotmail.co.uk



A.J.S Architectural Services

24 Wentworth Road, Leicester, LE3 9DF

Over 20 Years Experience
Expert Advice, Reliability and Quality

Hello From The Editor

Welcome to the March edition of the Western Park Gazette.

This month: Western Park's PUP - The Pop-up Pub Beer Festival at St. Anne's Church Hall proved to be a magnificent highlight along with the equally successful Western Park's Got Talent show. We were at both but only sober at one...

Helen Knott's gloves are off as she prepares for a baking war, Roger Blackmore examines the city's theatrical past and Paul Towers has his thoughts on Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival.

In our Police Update Mike Hooper explains why shop break-ins have suddenly gone right down and Tony Huxley has some ideas about getting the garden ready for spring. Along similar lines The Leicestershire & Rutland Wildlife Trust encourage us to avoid newly laid wild bird eggs during the garden clean-up.

And our traditionally frustrating Crossword and Sudoku are still sitting on the inside pack page.

Please like our Facebook and Twitter pages where we also keep you up to date with local news and anything else that piques our interest.

Follow us on Twitter @mygazette & Facebook by searching for the Western Park Gazette.

If you've got a local news story then email:
editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk
Visit www.westernparkgazette.co.uk

Just So You Know....

- Content in this magazine may not reflect the beliefs or opinions of the publisher.
- The copyright of all text and advertisements designed or authored by The Western Park Gazette and its officers, remains with the publisher at all times.
- If you're supplying under copyright artwork or articles, Rapsallion Media assumes you have the right to do so.
- All advertising copy you supply must be accurate, truthful and be ASA compliant.
- You need our permission to reproduce any part of this magazine or associated website content.
- We are not responsible for transactions between Gazette advertisers and their clients.
- We don't accept liability for loss or damage as a result of omissions or errors once content is submitted.
- We don't print editorial endorsements of products or services. Full terms and conditions are on line.
- All content is published in good faith.
- **Copy Deadline April 4th 2016**

To Contact - Call **07939 115 724**
e:editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk
e:sales@westernparkgazette.co.uk

Published by Rapsallion Media
62 Ainsdale Rd
Leicester LE3 0UA

Printed by Flexpress Ltd
6 Coal Cart Road, Interchange,
Birstall, Leicester, LE4 3YB



Events Diary

Fosse Singers: Fosse N'hood Centre. Weds. 7pm.
International Folk Dancing: Monthly 2nd & 4th Fri. St. Anne's Hall. 2-4pm. Tel: Geoff on 0116 285 8352.
Peter Crebbin's Cool Swing Band: 1st Sun Monthly. Café Chino at Hilton Hotel, Meridian. 1-3.30pm
Thursday Club: Thursdays. 2-4pm. Robert Hall, 147 Narborough Rd.
West End Pay As You Feel Café: Thursdays 6-8.30pm. West End Centre. Andrewes St. LE3 5PA.
Heritage Sundays: Monthly last Sun. Mediaeval city open days/tours. 11-3pm. goleicestershire.com
Talk Parks: 24th March. Western Park Pavilion. 5.30pm. Free. Email: storyofparks@leicester.gov.uk
March Of The Mods Charity Event: 25th March. Music café Braunstone Gate. From 7.30pm £10
Easter Mediaeval Merriment: 31st March. Guildhall. £2.50.
Easter Fun: 25th-30th March. Gorse Hill City Farm.
American Idiot: 19-27th March. Curve Theatre.
Cat In The Hat: 28th March-2nd April. Curve Theatre.
The Mousetrap: 18-20th April. De Montfort Hall.
Loud & Live at the Pi Bar: 27th-31st March. Narborough Rd/Norman St. Various bands & support.
Legally Blonde: 11th April-4th May. Curve
Dan Nightingale & Harriet Dyer Previews: 15th April. Upstairs At The Western.
Calling for Help: 16th April. Upstairs At The Western.
The Full Monty Musical: 19-23rd April. Little Theatre. Email your event to: editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk

Holmfields

BUILT IN QUALITY



kitchens



home studies



bedrooms

Your Local Family Run Business

Fitted Kitchens, Bedrooms & Studies • Design & Planning
Installation Services Including Building Work

Holmfields Showroom 17 Carlisle Street Leicester LE3 6AH
T: 0116 255 6669 F: 0116 255 6668 E: support@holmfields.co.uk

www.holmfields.co.uk

A. BELL AUTO'S

Where Service is Important

MOT's, Service & Mechanical Work
On Cars & Light Vans

- Fault Diagnostic • Brakes Relined
- Body Work • Valeting • Alloy Wheel Referb

MOT & Service Only £90

Selection of Quality Used Cars



FORD FOCUS
1.8TD 2001

Only £695

Bolton Road, Leicester LE3 6AE

T: 0116 255 0185 m: 07814 988 467

www.abellautos.com



Fosse Taxis

Your Local Taxi Service Available 24 Hours

4,6 AND 8 SEATER VEHICLES
FARES PRE-SET

(Know the cost before you travel)

FREE RINGBACK ON ARRIVAL

LOW COMPETITIVE FARES FROM JUST

£3.50!

Ring us NOW for a Quote

0116 232 22 22

www.fosse-taxis.co.uk

We Got Talent!

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's show – a packed house once again; in fact, extra chairs were needed! It was absolutely wonderful to see so many faces: some familiar and some new, but all most welcome! This year saw a number of talented singers; musicians and dancers perform for our enjoyment, in our very own community church hall! Generous donations for our raffle flew off the table, delicious cakes and refreshments, plus the 'bring and share', were devoured and the buzz from the many acts and audience members was electric!

The judges had another incredibly difficult decision choosing a shortlist of acts that will go on to perform at this year's Western Park Festival! Keep an eye out for further information regarding this as I will contact you for performance times closer to the time!

In total, the event raised £441 which will go towards the remaining monies left to raise for the imminent church hall rebuild in April. As one of the last events to take place in the church hall before the 'big build', I am sure you will agree that we gave it a great send off! If you enjoyed watching this year's show, start thinking of what your act could be and get involved next time – details will be out in the New Year. Well done, once again, to all the fabulous acts that took part – Western Park is extremely proud of you! See you next time for more!

Anna McAuley



Woodgate Eye Centre & Wyvern Optical

- NHS & Private Testing
- NHS VOUCHERS Accepted
- **FREE** Sight Tests for Under 16's
- Outside Prescriptions Welcomed
- Wide Range of Designer Frames
 - Lens Replacement Service
 - Fast & Efficient Repairs
 - Glasses Made On-site
 - Great Value Frames
 - Contact Lenses
- **NEW ANTI SCRATCH COATING**
 - * (2YR NO QUIBBLE GUARANTEE)



FEB & MARCH SPECIAL OFFER
10% OFF ALL COMPLETE PAIRS OF GLASSES!*

(Just mention the Western Park Gazette)

87 Narborough Road Leicester LE3 0LF

Tel: 0116 2241 767

Open: Mon-Fri 8.00am-6.00pm



Est 1948



ABDO

*Ts & c's apply. Cannot be used with another offer. Offers expire 31.03.16



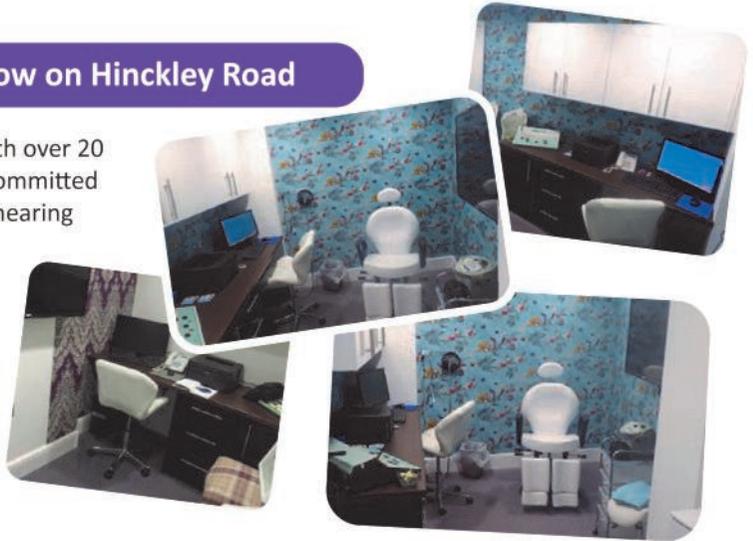
Leicester's
leading
audiologist

The leading hearing centre in the county

New shop open now on Hinckley Road

A family practice with over 20 years experience. Committed to finding the right hearing system for you.

Call today
for a **FREE**
hearing
test



Hearing Aids - Repairs - Reprogramming - Batteries - Wax Removal

Instant Microsuction Ear Wax Removal

**£10
OFF**



**10%
OFF**

Everything up until end of April



* Offer expires 30.04.16

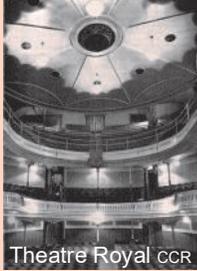
227-229 Hinckley Road, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE3 0TG 0116 262 3279
13 King Street, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1QT 01455 234 600

www.hear4u.co.uk

Leicester's Old Time Theatres

By the 1960's, the most notable venue for live theatre in our city was the Little Theatre which had been founded by amateur enthusiasts a few years after the First World War. Happily, the Little Theatre is still very much with us and regularly puts on plays of superb quality. For a short time we also had the Living Theatre, which was the forerunner of the Phoenix. In the 1970's the Haymarket Theatre was established but this, of course, is now closed

Leicester's first professional theatre, established in Horsefair Street in 1836, was the Theatre Royal. This playhouse fell on hard times in the twentieth century and at one time there were suggestions that the City Council should take it over. These came to nothing and the Theatre Royal finally closed its doors in 1956.



Theatre Royal ccr

The Royal Opera House in Silver Street was also founded in the nineteenth century and for a time became hugely popular. Gilbert and Sullivan operas were regularly performed to packed audiences and so were plays by George Bernard Shaw. In 1901, the Palace Theatre of Varieties opened

in Belgrave Gate.

Throughout the Edwardian Years and in the twenties it attracted the likes of Marie Lloyd, Charlie Chaplin and Harry Lauder. In the thirties films were shown there but until the mid-1950's it kept on facing difficulties despite trying out different types of show, before shutting down for good.

The Prince of Wales Theatre, also in Belgrave Gate, attracted many star performers in its day. These included Lily Langtry, Gracie Fields and Bud Flanagan. It was re-named The Pavilion but it folded in 1930 and was shortly afterwards demolished.

Many predicted that the cinema, and later television, would destroy live theatre, but these days Leicester has rather more to offer than in the 1960's, with Curve, the Little Theatre and the Peepul Centre as well as other smaller venues, including the Western, the Y, Upstairs At The Western and the Attenborough Centre.

Roger Blackmore



Royal Opera House

ROOFING by PAUL TURNER

AND GENERAL BUILDING REPAIRS

Re-roofs
General Repairs
Welsh Slating
Lead Flashing
Re-riding



Over 30 years Experience

Tel: 0116 210 14 16

M: 07816 851 911

As Recommended by Knightsbridge Estate Agents

WD The Wright Decorators



Steve Wright

Local Decorator

25 years Experience

All Work Guaranteed

For all your interior and exterior decorating needs

Call 0116 2241 959 M:07810 810 291

e: thewrightdecorators@hotmail.co.uk

49 Lindfield Road Leicester LE3 6HL



DA LANDSCAPES

SLABBING • GRAVELLING • FENCING • TURFING
• GARDENS CLEARED
• TREES/HEDGES CUT & REMOVED

OAP DISCOUNTS!

0116 233 0007

07909 724 435

OVENCLEAN
The original oven cleaning specialists

Ovens, Extractors,
Microwaves & BBQs
Expertly Cleaned



£5 OFF!*
QUOTE THIS ADVERT!
*For a full oven clean only from this Ovenclean specialist

Put the sparkle back into your oven

Call Neville on 07948 622 379

www.ovenclean.com

Shepherds Bathrooms

73 Hinckley Road Leicester LE3 0TD



cleargreen BATHROOMS Burlington *Burlington's choice of bathroom* BRITTON BATHROOMS aqua CABINETS clearwater BATHS Zamoni

**Superb Bathroom Supplies and Installation
Fitted by Qualified and Time Served Experts
Huge Range to Fit Any Budget
Extensive Showroom**

Ring us for more information or call into our showroom

0116 255 4351

Est. 1925

www.shepherdsbathrooms.com

Open Monday-Saturday



KNOTT'S LANDING

I've got my game face on. I'm in for the long haul here. I've got to plan, to prep, to buy cake stuff for a competition. I give good cake. I am a dab hand with a piping bag. For goodness sake I got through to the auditions of the Great British Bake Off but it seems easy when compared to the down and dirty face off at the St Anne's Fundraising Cake Sale and Bake Off, Saturday 23 April, 10.30am -1pm, for the Tin Annie appeal.

It's all very well baking for the Silver Fox, Mrs Berry and competing against strangers, I know personally the people I'm up against in this one and they are good. Very good.

Bake off competitions, the small ones not run by the baking nazis at the WI, tend to be all about looks, as is so much in this world. So long as you haven't subbed salt for sugar and used a recipe you are familiar with, you can pretty much guarantee the cake will taste OK. All that palaver about getting the flavour balance right is a sneaky way of saying you don't like their cake without actually having to say 'I don't like your cake' to someone's face. Judges in little cake competitions tend to be



respected members of the community, people who would probably rather cut off their own little toe rather than judge between cakes baked by people they know. They are judges who probably couldn't tell you if your passion fruit was over powering or the sugar in your Italian meringue icing hadn't caramelised if their lives depended on it. So they use the only sense they can trust, the only yardstick they can reliably agree on, their eyes and the look of the beast.

Looks are everything in cake contests. Like Donald Trump at a rally it's all glitter and frosting with some crowd pleasing cake-bites but little actual substance. You can win them with a fairly average sponge but if it looks like the Christmas fairy has barfed glitter onto your icing you are probably on for a winner. Make it big, use icing in acid bright psychedelic colours, turn it into a construction project with rotating bits, pillars and an impressive castellated roof line and victory can be yours.

Insight is important. Does the vicar like Star Wars? Is there a secret stash of My Little Ponies in the living room of the woman from the Mother's Union? Does one or any of them hate fondant icing? So as well as getting my stuff together, my spies will be out watching to see who likes marzipan and who leaves the icing from the birthday cake on the side of their plate. Knowledge is power and victory will be mine!

Helen Knott

mick&den

the house clearance men
established over 37 years

TOP PRICES PAID
HOUSE CLEARANCE & CLEAN
CONFIDENTIAL SERVICE
DISCREET & EFFICIENT
SINGLE ITEMS PURCHASED

Tel: 0116 233 8828 Email: mick@mickanddens.co.uk

*"Your first stop for full, part house, garage or loft clearance,
distribution of estate or simply downsizing"*

www.mickanddens.co.uk

DAYMANS

www.daymansdiy.co.uk

LATEST OFFERS

KEY CUTTING FROM £3 EACH
NUTS, BOLTS & SCREWS
SWEEPING BRUSHES
ROOFING FELT
DECORATING RANGE
WORK WEAR & BOOTS
GARDEN & POWER TOOLS
FENCE PANELS (ALL SIZES)
HEAVY DUTY CHICKEN WIRE
BIRD FEEDERS, TABLES & FOOD
BALSA WOOD - LARGE SELECTION
ELECTRICAL CABLE OFF THE REEL
DRAFT EXCLUDERS/FILM GLAZE



FIRESIDE OFFERS

SMOKELESS 20KG BAGS: £12.00
COAL 20KG BAGS: £6.99
KINDLING: £3.00 A BAG
LOGS: £4.00 A BAG
FIRELIGHTERS: £1.50
FIRESIDE ACCESSORIES

EXTRA SPECIALS

GARDEN INCINERATORS
WERE £29.99 NOW £19.99
PORTABLE GAS HEATERS
INC. FITTINGS: £80.00
(WHILE STOCKS LAST)
FAN & HALOGEN HEATERS
LARGE RANGE FROM £9.99
4L PARAFFIN £6.99 / 2 FOR £12.00

GET KITTED OUT!

SPECIAL OFFERS INSTORE

LAST IN STOCK

TRADITIONAL LIGHT BULBS
40, 60 & 100W 10 PACK

ONLY £5.00!

150W LIGHTBULBS
WHILE STOCKS LAST!
CLEAR 100W 4 PACK
WAS £1.99 NOW £1.50!

LARGE RANGE OF LED BULBS
INC. GOLF BALL

NEW STOCK

LRG BAGS COMPOST £5.99
OR 2 FOR £10.00

GROWBAGS £2.99 EACH
FARM YARD MANURE
50L £4.99

24L TOPSOIL: £3.99
TUB & BASKET COMPOST
£6.99 OR 2 FOR £10.00

COMING SOON

WIDE SELECTION
OF BEDDING PLANTS

GAS UP THE HEATER HERE!

DEWALT

CALOR Gas

STAFF VACANCY

Driving licence & knowledge of tools & hardware
CALL STEVE FOR JOB DETAILS

0116 262 4970
103 -105 King Richard's Road, Leicester, LE3 5QG

Foot Care

Fully Qualified Foot Health Practitioner
DipCFHP MPSPract

Ingrowing Toe Nails, Thickened Nails, Fungal
& Athletes Foot, Verrucas, Corns, Calluses,
Diabetics, Cracked Heels, Nail Trimming



For Home Visits Call Michelle

07983 401 247



BUILDING SERVICES

Extensions and Repairs
Garden Walls and Patios
Loft Conversions
General Property Maintenance
All Building Work Undertaken

35 YEARS EXPERIENCE

T: 0116 243 2868 M: 0779 685 7640



ES Elizabeth Stone Gardens



Tel: 07838 391175

Your Local Expert Gardener!
Garden Maintenance
Lawn Care & Hedge Cutting
Garden Design
Specialist Pruning

Fully qualified with over 10 Years of Stately
Home & Botanical Garden Experience
e: elizabeth@elizabethstonegardens.com



Look for es_gardens

CRUSHED BY DEBT?

Ignoring that pile of red letters? Received a notice from bailiffs, or a court letter and don't know what to do with it? Paying the doorstep lender but not paying the rent?

It doesn't matter how bad your debt situation is: there are always options. We can help you fend off the bailiffs, stop the constant hassle and get a breathing space from your creditors.

Once you seek advice from a recognised debt advice agency such as Money Matters Leicester, creditors will very often freeze interest and charges while we work together on a sustainable and realistic plan to move forwards. This plan will leave you with enough for food and essentials.

money matters leicester

positive steps 

We are part of the Community Money Advice network, a charity with over 150 centres. We offer free, confidential, impartial and non-judgemental debt advice tailored to your individual situation.

Find us on Facebook or text / Whatsapp 07926 086238. We can come to you if needed.

IN THE MEANTIME: A FEW TIPS

- ▶ Don't let bailiffs in. If they get in, don't sign anything.
- ▶ Pay the rent and the gas / electric and council tax first, and the doorstep lenders second. Doorstep lenders don't have many powers, whatever they may say. Not paying the rent, however, could leave you homeless.
- ▶ Don't take out more credit without doing a budget check with us. We can usually help reduce expenditure and often we can help you to identify extra sources of income.
- ▶ Don't ignore the letters: bring them to us. Once you are working with us, you can refer all creditors to us instead of being hassled yourself. *(Sponsored Article)*



-  **Feeling crushed by debt?**
-  **Trying to get to grips but finding it all too much?**
-  **We can get you a breathing space**
-  **We can get the creditors off your back**
-  **It's free and confidential**

 Money Matters Leicester  **07926 086238**

FLORA Bros

Quality Used Cars From £1000 to £5000

All Vehicles Serviced Valeted and MOT'd

Honda CRV 2.0 i-VTEC SE Sport Station Wagon 5d 1998cc Automatic



4x4
2004
SILVER
2 OWNERS
ONLY
£4250



www.florabroscars.co.uk www.exchangeandmart.co.uk

Email: florabros@googlemail.com

119-129 Fosse Road South Leicester LE3 0JU Tel: 0116 255 2229
Service and Repair Centre 2 Bonchurch St Leicester LE3 5EE T: 0116 262 8585

EVANS

BUILDING SERVICES

**Quality building work, extensions,
conservatories & hard landscaping**

**Contact Richard for a free quote on
07725 648605 or 0116 2514990**

evansbuildingservices.com

Henley Rd, Leicester

T: 0116 291 2807

Registered Osteopath
Backsetc

OPEN

Wed-Fri: 8.30am - 6.00pm
Sat: 10.00am - 5pm

Osteopathy is a Whole Body Treatment

www.backs-etc.co.uk

2 Meadhurst Road, Leicester, LE3 6SQ

Many conditions can be relieved or benefit from Osteopathic Treatment



Sciatica
Arthritis
Whiplash
Headaches
Back Pains
Sports Injuries
Postural Strain

West End Brewpub Opens

Drinkers will soon be able to have their say on what they would like their beer to taste like at the new West End Brewpub opening in Braunstone Gate on Friday 25th March.

A very Good Friday to open a very unique Leicester pub. One that will enthruse many local real ale and craft beer fans!

The brewery, situated to the rear of the bar, will be able to produce up to 800 litres of beer a week, all of which will be sold on the premises

A wide selection of pale ales, bitters and IPA beers on sale will be colour-coded with drinkers also being able to offer their suggestions for other exciting craft ales and taste preferences to the West End Brewery owner, Josh Gray.

Josh says: "There are no brewpubs in Leicester city where beer is actually brewed on site. The West End brewpub has a capacity for 100 people. It's not a massive venue, just two rooms. The bar area where one can enjoy the feel of a traditional pub with old style wooden tables or if customers prefer they will also be able to sit and enjoy their drinks in the atmosphere of the brewery and watch the brewing in progress".

The West End Brewery will also be featuring Jazz music nights, pub quizzes and traditional pub games so why not come along and enjoy the company of Josh and his staff. *(Sponsored article)*



Josh Gray: Brewer

Rising Stars Academy
Of Dance & Theatre

Does Your Child Love To Sing, Act & Dance?
COME AND JOIN THE MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES!
Please Call Miss Emma

07843 987 877 ONLY £3.60 PER CLASS!

FIRST CLASS FREE!!
EVERY FRIDAY 4-4.45pm

Holy Apostles Church Hall
Fosse Road South, Leicester
e: r.starsacademy@gmail.com

4-18Yrs!

Little Cup Cakes **JOB OPPORTUNITIES**
Day Nursery

- 1. EVENING CLEANER:** 5.30pm - 7.30pm 4 evenings a week, term time only. The applicant must be 18+
- 2. KITCHEN COOK:** Term time only 9.30am - 1pm
- 3. QUALIFIED CHILDCARE PRACTITIONERS** at level 2 & 3 for casual/occasional/permanent

PHONE FOR DETAILS
07969 395 266

Make a Splash!
In The Western Park Gazette

07939 115 724

e:sales@westernparkgazette.co.uk

West End Brewery During Installation

EST. 2016

THE
WEST
END
BREWERY

OPENS FRIDAY 25TH MARCH @2.00pm
BRAUNSTONE GATE LEICESTER



25% OFF*
FOR NEW CLIENTS
10% OFF*
FOR NUS, NHS & OAPS*

Meet Hannah Our New Stylist!



w: evehair.co.uk

93 Upperton Road Leicester

T: 0116 229 3188

*hair only & time limited. t&cs apply, not in conjunction with any other offer.

VFR Motor Services Ltd

Servicing - Diagnostics - Repairs

FREE 6 POINT WINTER CHECK*

*Subject to Parts

Tel: **0116 319 0118 / 07850 881 911**

Shaftsbury Road Leicester LE3 0QN

e:justin@vfrmotorsltd.co.uk

Carl's Aerials & Satellite
Aerials & Satellite Dishes Fitted

- Multi Room
- Sky Magic Eye
- Telephone Extensions
- CCTV Supplied & Fitted

digital City & Guilds

Call: **0116 251 0617 / 07968 953 210**
Email: carl1baker@btinternet.com

Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival

Once again Dave's Leicester Comedy Festival has drawn to a close. While both the city, and to some extent the county, has been awash with comedic performances in every corner, our very own contribution to the festival here in the city's West End has more than made its mark.

While there has been a dramatic reduction in the local venues that have got involved with the Festival it has been left to the ever remarkable Upstairs at The Western to make sure that the West End has spent February laughing.

This wonderfully intimate theatre-over-a-pub gave us a wide range of entertainment to tickle our funny bones. The month started off in cracking style with George Egg, anarchist cook. This belter of a show gave us an hour of inspired lunacy ending with a three course meal cooked on stage! A very welcome return was made by the equally lunatic Conversation Garden does a Panel Show, Leicester's very own anarchic love child of Shooting Stars and Blankety Blank.



As the month wore on we had a couple of very talented sketch show nights and an hilarious Audience With Henry VIII, seeing as how Leicester has been in a right royal mood since Richard III was re-interred. Upstairs at The Western book-ended their comedy season with a final return visit from Conversation Garden. This wonderfully local theatre has a packed season of events running right up the middle of June including their renowned Comedy Workshops from the middle of March.

Although, as I said, many local venues dropped out of the Festival this year a couple of new places have dipped their toes in the waters and it is to be hoped they will carry on providing us with entertainment.

An unlikely venue for comedy was the Church of The Martyrs in Westcotes Drive who hosted An Evening With Paul Kerensa, a script writer for BBC's Miranda. Almost as unexpected was the Feed Bellies Not Bins Comedy Club at The West End Centre on Andrews Street.

Paul Towers www.ptheatre.blogspot.co.uk



Workers' Educational Association

Enrol Now!

**LEICESTER SUMMER
COURSES 2016**
101 HINCKLEY ROAD
LEICESTER LE3 0TD
Call 0116 255 6614

Email: 101leicester@wea.org.uk or www.wea101.org

ENGLISH AND MATHS COURSES		
ENGLISH COURSES		
LEVELS 1 AND 2 ON MONDAY	9.30 am – 11.30 am	STARTING 11 APRIL
ENTRY LEVELS ON TUESDAY	9.30 am – 11.30 am	STARTING 12 APRIL
MATHS COURSES		
LEVELS 1 AND 2 ON WEDNESDAY	6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	STARTING 13 APRIL
ENTRY LEVELS ON THURSDAY	9.30 am – 11.30 am	STARTING 14 APRIL
COMPUTER COURSES		
BEGINNERS' COMPUTING	MONDAY 9.30 am – 11.30 am	STARTING 11 APRIL 201
CLAIT LEVELS 1 AND 2	MONDAY 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	STARTING 11 APRIL 2016
	MONDAY 6.15 pm – 8.30 pm	STARTING 11 APRIL 2016
	WEDNESDAY 9.15 am – 2.15 pm	STARTING 13 APRIL 2016
	THURSDAY 9.30 am – 11.30 am	STARTING 14 APRIL 201
TEXT & WORD PROCESSING	TUESDAY 9.15 am - 2.15 pm	STARTING 12 APRIL 2016
DIGITAL SKILLS	TUESDAY 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	STARTING 12 APRIL 2016
ECDL LEVELS 1 AND 2	WEDNESDAY 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	STARTING 13 APRIL 2016
ART & CRAFT COURSES		
ART FOR EVERYONE	TUESDAY 1.15 pm – 3.45 pm	STARTING 26 APRIL 2016
EXPLORING BOTANICAL DRAWING & PAINTING	WEDNESDAY 10.15 am – 12.15 pm	STARTING 20 APRIL 2016
EXPLORING BOTANICAL DRAWING & PAINTING	WEDNESDAY 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	STARTING 20 APRIL 2016
MAKE YOUR OWN GREETING CARDS	THURSDAY 12.30 pm – 2.30 pm	STARTING 28 APRIL 2016
DRAWING & PAINTING SUMMER PLANTS	SATURDAY 10.00 am – 5.00 pm	14 AND 21 MAY 2016
CREATIVE CARD MAKING	SATURDAY 9.30 am – 4.30 pm	14 AND 21 MAY 2016
GENERAL INTEREST		
PHILOSOPHERS ON GOOD GOVERNMENT- FROM HOBBS TO THE PRESENT	MONDAY 10.15 pm – 12.30 pm	STARTING 4 APRIL 2016
LEICESTERSHIRE-THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE IN-BETWEEN	MONDAY 1.30 pm – 3.00 pm	STARTING 11 APRIL 201
ITS TURNED OUT NICE AGAIN -THE SEASONS IN LITERATURE	MONDAY 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	STARTING 9 MAY 2016
YOGA & RELAXATION (1)	TUESDAY 9.45 am – 11.15 am	STARTING 12 APRIL 2016
ONCE UPON A TIME IN PHILOSOPHY	TUESDAY 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	STARTING 12 APRIL 2016
SPANISH: POST BEGINNERS	TUESDAY 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm	STARTING 12 APRIL 2016
CREATIVE WRITING	WEDNESDAY 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	STARTING 20 APRIL 2016
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS & CURRENT AFFAIRS	WEDNESDAY 10.30 am – 12.30 pm	STARTING 13 APRIL 2016
UKELELE WORKSHOPS FOR THOSE WITH SOME EXPERIENCE	WEDNESDAY 1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	STARTING 13 APRIL 2016
FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP	THURSDAY 10.00 am – 12.00 pm	STARTING 14 APRIL 2016
YOGA AND RELAXATION (2)	THURSDAY 1.00 pm – 3.00 pm	STARTING 14 APRIL 2016
GONNA RISE UP SINGING	FRIDAY 10.30 am – 12.30 pm	STARTING 15 APRIL 2016

RING ON 0116 255 6614 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

** If you are on a means tested benefit or a household income of less than £15,256 the course may be free. Please ask for details*



- We will change beds!
(Nothing nicer than a fresh bed!)
- We can load/unload your dishwasher
- Our service includes skirting boards, lights & light switches as standard
 - Ironing service also available
 - We charge from £10 per hour

For a free no obligation quote please contact

07919 075 795

www.cleanedandgleaming.co.uk

MASSAGE THERAPY FROM Holistic Hands

Calm the mind & body with a relaxing therapeutic massage



Swedish Full Therapeutic Body Massage
Relaxing Full Body Massage
Indian Head Massage
Back, Neck & Shoulders



Mobile massage therapy and corporate packages available

07538 745 596

www.holistichandstherapy.co.uk

Drunk Dry!

You came, you saw and you drank a frankly incredible amount of beer.

We'd like to say thank you to the thirsty patrons of the Pop-Up Pub at Tin Annie on Friday 4th March.

We exceeded our hoped for drinking speed of 1.8 firkins per hour. In the end we got closer to four firkins per hour. Which meant we were so busy refilling glasses that by 8.45pm a lot of the barrels were bare. The wine was decimated. So too the cider. Even the perry, believe it or not, took a surprise battering.



When we put on the first Western Park Beer Festival in September we got through 500 pints on the first evening. So we thought we'd be brave and double that amount this time around. It wasn't enough...

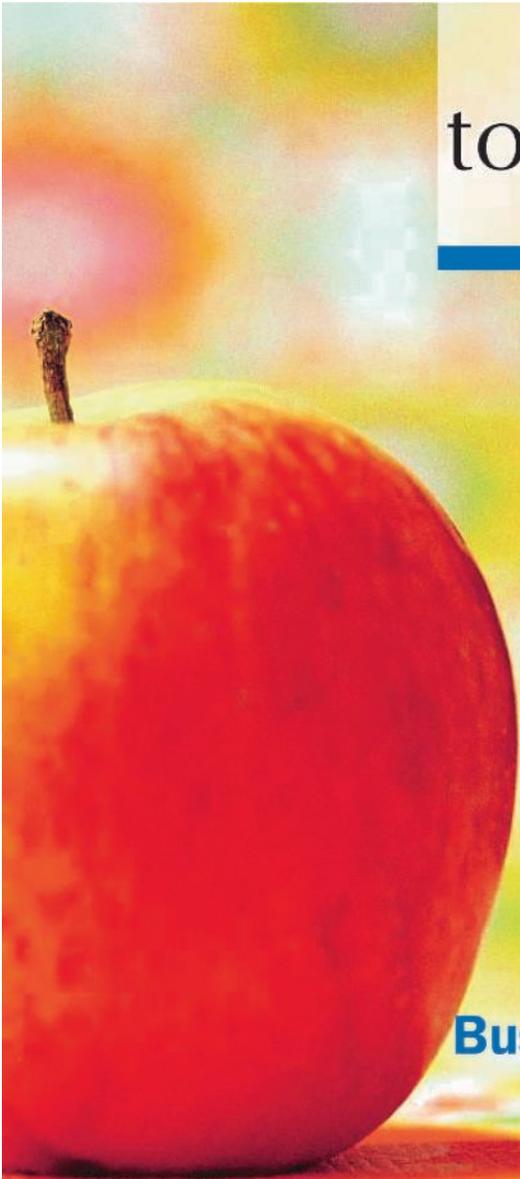
This summer, over August 19th and 20th, we will be holding the second Western Park Beer Festival at Dovelands Primary School. It will be around twice the size of the first festival, with four times the capacity. There will be much more beer and in greater variety. There will be also likely be a prosecco stand and a gin bar. There will be wood-fired pizzas, cobs filled with excellent cheese and an assortment of food stalls.



Your support of this event will help the children and young people at Menphys and their families. The event will also raise funds for Dovelands Primary School.

We, on the beer committee, thank you for Friday's largesse and good humour and look forward to sinking a brew with you in the summer. Thank you, thank you thank you. Until next time.

Western Park Beer Fest Committee



torrwaterfield

ACCOUNTANTS

Accountancy
Audit
Sage Training
Tax Advice
Payroll
VAT Returns
Bookkeeping
Business Start-Ups
Business Development

FREE No-Obligation Meeting



0800 652 1614
FREE ADVICE LINE

ACCA

www.torrwaterfield.co.uk
info@torrwaterfield.co.uk

Park House, 37 Clarence Street, Leicester LE1 3RW

R.W. HEMMINGS & CO. SOLICITORS



Established 1946

- Property Sale & Purchase ■ Wills & Probate ■ Immigration Law
- Charity Law ■ Commercial Conveyancing ■ Driving Offences
- Matrimonial Law ■ Business Sale & Purchase

HOME VISITS AVAILABLE - GUJARATI & HINDI SPOKEN

Tel: (0116) 255 8500

40 Hinckley Road, Leicester, LE3 0RB

E:sg@rwhemmings.co.uk

corzac

15 YEARS

Roofing Services

EXPERIENCE

- Repairs
- Re-slating
- Re-tiling
- Guttering
- Lead Work

**FREE
NO OBLIGATION
QUOTATION**

With up to



10 Years Guarantee

- Guttering install & Repair
- Chimney Renovations
- Facias and Soffits
- Brick Re-pointing
- And Much More...



T: 0116 2223 883

M: 07855 251 998

www.corzacroofingservices.co.uk

Look out for Real Eggs this Easter

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust is asking you to be on the look out for real 'Easter' Eggs this coming Easter. Traditionally, this is a time when people give their garden a spring clean. However, this is also often the time that many garden birds start to lay their first clutch of eggs.

Neil Pilcher, Senior Conservation Officer, said "Easter is early this year and the winter weather has been remarkably mild which means that birds will also be nesting early. I would urge people to be careful. The Trust has already had reports of blackbirds building nests in gardens. It only takes a moment for a nest to be accidentally destroyed or exposed to predators".



Linnet's Nest

The Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust recommends that you check your garden before starting work. Hedges are the most likely places to find nests, especially dense evergreen hedges such as Leylandii. However, working in the same area for long periods can also cause birds to abandon their nests. People should spend just a few minutes looking through their hedges and shrubs for signs of nests before starting work.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act all birds are protected whilst nesting. This protection starts from the moment they start building the nest until the young have fledged. The Trust recommends that if there is any doubt then the work should be postponed until the nesting season is over, which is generally accepted as 31st July.

SD PLASTERING & TILING

All Aspects of Plastering and Tiling
Domestic, Commercial & Insurance
FREE ESTIMATES



T: 0116 348 3354 M: 0771 353 1096

e: contact@sd-plasteringandtiling.com

www.sd-plasteringandtiling.com

Want to Pay Less Tax or Starting Out in Business?

Need a Pro-active Accountant?
Struggling with your Tax Return?
LET US HELP

K KIRT & CO ACCOUNTANTS

ACCOUNTING TAX & BUSINESS ADVICE
Friendly and Professional Local Service

0116 285 2694

60 Hinckley Road Leicester LE3 0RB

e: info@kirt-accountants.co.uk

www.kirt-accountants.co.uk



MDL

HANDYMAN SERVICES

Gardening, General Repairs, Electrics, Locks,
Plumbing, CRB Checked, 30 Years Experience

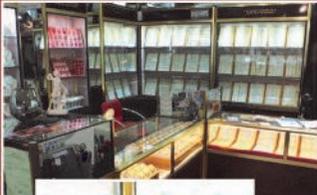
CALL MICK

07407 658 160

E: mdlhandymanservices@gmail.com

ARTI JEWELLERS

Est 1984



**Gold Bought For Cash
Competitive Prices!
Expert Service!
Top Quality!**

- Silver Jewellery
- Jewellery Repairs
- Ear & Nose Piercing
- 22ct Gold & White Gold
- Diamond & Platinum Rings



Tel: 0116 254 5091

www.artijewellers.com

65 NARBOROUGH RD, LEICESTER LE3 0LE

Plumbing & Heating

**RUDKIN &
HERBERT LTD** Est. 1992

- All plumbing work undertaken
- Full heating systems
- High efficiency condensing boilers
- Boiler replacement
- System upgrades & flushing
- Landlord certificates
- Registered solar hot water installers
- Under floor heating systems
- Bathrooms, wetrooms & showers
- Registered solar PV system installers
- 7 year guarantee on all boiler installations

**NOW
OPEN**

**BATHROOM
& RENEWABLES
SHOWROOM**



£60 BOILER SERVICE - WITH THIS ADVERT

www.rudkinandherbert.co.uk

LEICESTER 0116 202 9775

HEAD OFFICE : 80 UPPERTON ROAD, LEICESTER, LE3 0HB



ALL domestic plumbing & heating work undertaken.

"Call us today"

West End
PLUMBING
AND HEATING LIMITED

FOX

- Boiler Replacements
- System Upgrades
- Boiler Maintenance & Breakdowns
- Full Central Heating
- Domestic Gas Installation & Repairs
- Underfloor Heating
- Bathroom Refits
- All General Plumbing Work



OFFICE

0116 254 8462

MOBILE

0771 7477 532

57 Letchworth Road, Leicester, LE3 0FL

E-mail: westendplumbingandheating@hotmail.co.uk

MPH CONSTRUCTION & CARPENTRY

- Loft Conversions
- Extensions & Refurbishments
- Shop & Bar Fit Out

As seen on DIY SOS The Big Build

All aspects of carpentry and building work undertaken from design to completion including all relevant inspections & certificates

Contact

Matt Hackett

07581 430 638 or 0116 225 8344

3rd Generation Carpenter

FOLLOW US ON



West Leicester Conservative Club *est. 1950* Private Members Club

Family Friendly
Sam Smiths Beers
Pool & Snooker Rooms
Great Home Cooked Food
Function Room & Gardens
(Room FREE to Members or for Public Hire)



Call in or phone after 7pm and
PICK UP A MEMBERSHIP PACK

55 Westcotes Drive Leicester LE3 0QU

0116 291 2111

www.westleicesterconservativeclub.co.uk

March Police Update

Hello all, I can start with good news to say that we have identified, arrested and charged the individual we believe to be responsible for the series of burglaries to local shops and businesses across the West Leicester policing area. Through the collation of CCTV images from a number of shops we were able to identify who he was and local officers were tasked with bringing him in.

On the day of arrest, officers had attended an address the suspect was known to frequent and as they were surrounding the property a taxi pulled up outside. Who should be in said taxi but the individual we were after. Despite telling the driver to carry on, our very own Sgt Chris Schofield heroically chased the taxi



along three streets before it finally pulled over allowing the Sergeant to detain him. Since he has been in custody we have seen no similar offences and are therefore certain he has been responsible. He remains remanded in custody and we are looking at putting further offences to the courts for consideration of further charges.

Meanwhile, our local officers have also been doing fantastic work with retrieving a number of stolen motor vehicles; in particular mopeds and motorbikes. We received a number of reports of motorbikes being ridden on The Rally off Tudor Road. Therefore, patrols were stepped up in that particular area. Consequently in the last two weeks our PCSOs have spotted and recovered five motorbikes; with a number of arrests being made of the riders who often try to run away but are swiftly detained.

We have also had a bit of an upheaval with regard to beat boundaries and team members. As I previously mentioned our teams would be moving around and this has now happened. This is in order to align the police beat boundaries with the new council boundaries. This will allow us to work more cohesively with our partner agencies; as the same staff from all departments will be working on the same area. Otherwise we found we were having to approach different city wardens or housing officers for different streets only metres apart. The changes involve the dissolving of Western Park beat team to the neighbouring beat teams of Fosse, Westcotes and New Parks. These will be updated on the Leicestershire Police website, so please take the time to see if there are any changes for your street. *Mike Hooper*

Tony Huxley's Compost Corner



Gardeners have been complaining about the lack of a proper winter for the last couple of years.

This winter, apart from the odd frost, has been a mild and dreary one, which gardeners and media alike love to blame for impending plagues of garden pests. If the weather gods are to be believed we're in for a late cold snap over Easter which should de-bug us of a few. If not, take advantage of the upcoming holiday to launch a pre-emptive strike and get the garden in order.

Hunt down those pesky molluscs hibernating under compost bags, pots and garden ornaments. Check greenhouses and cold frames before you prepare them a salad patter of veg seedlings and bedding plants. Look out for snail and slug eggs which look like little translucent pearls. Carefully knock out suspect plants and inspect the compost. There you may discover Vine Weevil grubs, white "C" shape maggots driven to the bottom of pots by the cold. These unwelcome guests need dispatching with extreme prejudice. Chemical and biological controls are less effective this time of the year so you'll have to close your eyes and do this manually!

Annoying jobs like cleaning out and disinfecting your greenhouse, will pay dividends in the long run, reducing fungal infections like mildew and the "damping off" of seedlings. Make sure your gardening tools are clean and serviceable. A good scrub with a disinfectant solution can prevent the spread of diseases. Most garden tools break through neglect, a little lubrication on your secateurs or linseed oil on your spade handle can give you with extra years of service.

Winter can also take its toll on garden woodwork, so using up your Easter break to fix up and preserve, sheds, fences and trellises pays dividends.

Don't forget to finish any late winter pruning. If the buds haven't started to break then it's still not too late cut back apples, pears, and currant bushes.

As an antidote to all your hard work, try some horticultural retail therapy. Easter is the time when garden centres are at their busiest so don't miss out on the latest vegetable seeds and bedding plugs which you can pot up in your now clean and pest free greenhouse. As a suggestion the whites and oranges of *Arum lily* and *Lilium regale* could be two to look for since they bloom in late spring and early summer.

Tony Huxley



Arum lily



Martin Page

YOUR LOCAL TREE SURGEON

- Are your trees too tall, blocking light or untidy?
- Do your hedges, conifers or shrubs need trimming?
- Would you like to remove that stubborn stump?

With 30 years of working in your area, I would be pleased to give you free advice and a free quotation

Call me now on **0116 250 5848**
www.charnwoodtrees.com

Constantly Recommended!

I ALSO SELL...
high quality
firewood logs



mick&den

the house clearance men
established over 37 years

TOP PRICES PAID

Confidential Services

Discreet & Efficient

House Clearance & Clean

Single Items Purchased

0116 233 8828

email: mick@mickanddens.co.uk
www.mickanddens.co.uk

"Your first stop for full, part house, garage or loft clearance, distribution of estate or simply downsizing"

BRAIN TAZERS

1		2		3		4
5						
6				7		
8						

1 Across: Unopened Rose 1 Down: Thief 2: Cleans saucepans 3: Public transport 4: Devil 5: Flowers of a tree 6: Mobile home 7: Visual display unit 8: Smallest, hottest world. © Paul Towers

	9					1
4		3		2	6	8
		1			8	
				3	2	
6	8	4				5 7 3
		2	6			
			4			9
	4		5	3		1
2						4

Have you...

Got a local story or a great picture?

Are you holding an event?

Are you doing something special?

Tell us all about it!

editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk

Or via Twitter & Facebook

THE CARPET
CAVERN
LEICESTER

Free Estimates & Free Measuring
Quality Carpets Laminates & Vinyls

15% OFF*
ALL FLOORING*
MORE GREAT BARGAINS
IN STORE
0116 255 4335

www.thecarpetcavern.co.uk
info@thecarpetcavern.co.uk

25 Nevanthor Road, Leicester, LE3 6DR

** Terms & Conditions apply.
Time limited & not in conjunction with any other offer*

Barkers



NICHOLAS
Humphreys
ESTATE AGENT

HAPPY EASTER!

SPRING IS UPON US AND ITS THE PERFECT TIME TO GET MOVING
PLACE YOUR PROPERTY ON THE MARKET WITH US DURING MARCH
FOR £200 OFF YOUR SELLING FEES
WHEN USING OUR RECOMMENDED SOLICITORS AND MORGAGE BROKER
LOOKING TO RENT YOUR HOUSE? CHOOSE US FOR FREE MANAGEMENT FOR THE FIRST 3 MONTHS

CALL US TODAY ON 0116 275 8338

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS APPLY, PLEASE ENQUIRE VIA OUR OFFICE FOR FULL DETAILS*

WOODGATE COMPUTERS

One call that's all! Computer services you can depend on!



- APPLE MAC REPAIR
- LAPTOP REPAIR
- PC REPAIR
- DATA RECOVERY
- MOBILE PHONE REPAIR
- GAME CONSOLE REPAIR
- CCTV
- NETWORKING
- HOME & BUSINESS SERVICES



Independent Repair Centre for



WOODGATE COMPUTERS
70, WOODGATE
LEICESTER LE3 5GG

PHONE 0116 262 3999
FREEPHONE 0800 644 0686
MOBILE 0791 337 2633

www.woodgatecomputers.com



DAVE'S AUTO SERVICES

The MOT Specialist **Getting You Back On The Road**

MOT's FOR VEHICLE CLASSES 4 & 7
FAST & CONVENIENT - NO NEED TO BOOK
WAITING AREA
FREE RE-TEST

OPEN MON: FRI 7.45am-6.00pm SAT: 7.45am-2.30pm

Unit 4 Duns Lane Leicester LE3 5LX

0116 253 8561

www.davesautos.co.uk



AUTHORISED M.O.T
TESTING FACILITY