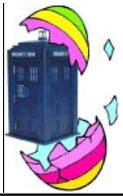


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## Local Charity Gets FareShare From TV Millionaire

**A local charity operating in Western Park has had a vital injection of cash from an unexpected source.**

Property magnate Jahan Abedi spent over a week working undercover at three Leicester charities for Channel 4's Secret Millionaire reality show. He was seen volunteering for Refugee Action Leicester, LOROS and FareShare Leicester.



**Jahan Abedi - The Secret Millionaire**

Mr Abedi, who also owns a successful chain of bars and clubs in Cardiff, donated £20,000 to FareShare's Northfields project for a new minibus. FareShare is the national food charity working to relieve food poverty by taking quality surplus food from the food industry for redistribution to those in need. "It's sad in a modern country like ours that people can go hungry," Mr. Abedi said. Supported by the Diocese of Leicester, FareShare also operates one day a week out of St. Paul's Worship Centre on Kirby Road.



**Helping Hand-The Bishop of Leicester**

Last year, FareShare redistributed almost 50 tonnes of food through their 20 Community Food Member groups. This contributed to almost 120,000 meals for the most vulnerable people in Leicester and County and it was here that Mr. Abedi did some volunteer work.

The Bishop of Leicester Tim Stevens spent a day with FareShare to gauge the success of the operation. "It is literally transforming for those who are in real poverty - some homeless or destitute. I am working with colleagues to look at how this excellent service can be developed in the future to increase the amount of food we are able to distribute."

Mr. Abedi also donated £15,000 to help launch Refugee Action's new Fresh Start project which will help reintegrate immigrants back into the asylum system and LOROS received enough to furnish the hospice's new extension.

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## Greetings From The Editor

### Welcome to March's Western Park Gazette.

It's been a big month for one local charity as they appeared on TV's "Secret Millionaire", we meet the main candidates fighting for our votes in the forthcoming General Election and Helen Knott rages at non-voting women!

Roger Blackmore reveals the history behind the man who's given his name to DeMontfort University's new building, there are the latest successes from the Hinckley Road Policing Unit and Tony Huxley tackles the knotty question of Japanese Knotweed.

We also find out about the recent Western Park Charity Ball that took place in the City Rooms and Richard Perry tells you something about DAB you might not want to hear.

We've sorted out the website and it's now much faster and the discussion board is up and running, so leave your comments, thoughts and ideas. We're still looking for voluntary moderators, so get in touch if you'd like to help.

And in this issue, we mark the launch of the new season of Dr Who, by giving you the chance to win a couple of "Classic Who" DVDs starring Tom Baker. You can also download the Gazette as a PDF and contribute to the message board.

*Sharon*

editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk

## Events Diary

**Western Park Cllrs Surgery** Monthly-2nd Thursday, St. Paul's Church Rooms, Kirby Road. 7-8.00pm.

**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 634221.

**Knitting Circle** Meet every Thursday from 1pm at Mary Clare, 4 Shaftsbury Av. 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.

**1st Railway Day of 2010** - Sat 3rd April. 11.00am - 4.30pm. Abbey Pumping Station. Refreshments available. Free / small charge for train rides.

**Easter Fun:** Bunnies and Bonnets. Thurs 8th April. 11.00am - 3.00pm at the Guildhall & **Puppet Play-time:** 11.00am - 3.30pm. Newarke Houses Museum. For children. £2.00 for activities.

**April Steam & Food Fayre:** Sun 18th April. 1.00pm - 5.00pm. Abbey Pumping Station. Family £8.00; Adults £3.50. (small charge for train rides)

**St. George's Festival Family Day:** Sat 24th April. Orton Square. 1-5pm. Music, dance, stalls and more.

**Comedy Jam:** Sat 24th April. £12.50. Peepul Centre, Orchardson Avenue. www.peepulcentre.com

**Leicester Artisan Festival:** 25th April. Market Square. 10.30 - 4.00pm. Workshops & street theatre.

## 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**)

**5th - 10th April:** No midweek services.

**Sat 10th April:** 10 am to 2 pm: Coffee Morning and Table-top at St. Paul's,

**Wed. 21st April:** 7.30 pm Churches Together - Overseas links at 11 Denis Close.

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> April:** M.U. Deanery Spring Fair. St. Anne's Church Hall, 11.00am until 1.30pm.

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Many of us won't have heard of him or his music but he has given his name to a stylish new £35 million university building. Roger Blackmore tells us more.

## The Story of Hugh Aston

Readers will have noticed the brand new green building next to the Magazine Gateway which was recently opened as the new De Montfort University School of Business and Law.

This new building was formally opened last September and named the Hugh Aston building after an unique sixteenth century Leicester personality.

Hugh Aston was an early Tudor composer whose birthdate, parentage and some of his career are a bit of a mystery.

It is thought he was born around 1485 and is believed to have studied at

Oxford University before heading to London.

Aston achieved a considerable reputation as a composer and although only four complete choral



works now exist, his music was almost certainly performed at the court of King Henry VIII and his successor Edward VI.

By 1525 Aston was settled and working in Leicester, as Magister Choristerorum or Master of the Choristers at the College Hospital of St. Mary's later known as the Newarke. His salary, very high for the time, was £10 a year, rising to £12 by 1540. Aston continued at The Newarke until it was dissolved in Easter 1548.

Prior to dissolution, the College provided a rent-free house, which he later bought. This was just outside the main gate of The Newarke, in Hangman's Lane now Oxford Street, in the Borough's first Ward which was later named Southgates.

Before 1530 a Hugh Aston, very likely the same man, since no others are listed at the time, was already representing the Southgates Ward as a Borough Alderman, and by 1550 it was even being referred to in the Leicester Borough Records as "the Ward of Mr Hugh Aston".

From 1532 he was a Justice of the Peace, Coroner for two years, Auditor of Accounts for a total of 16 years, Mayor between 1541-1542, one of the two Borough MPs for the 1555 Parliament, and remained an Alderman until his death.

He was buried on 17 November 1558 in his parish church of St. Margaret's.

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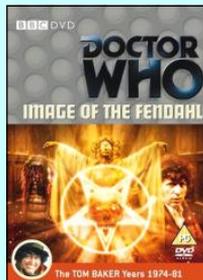
February's Gazette competition winner is **Chloe Williams** who won a copy of Disney Pixar's "Up". The answer - Disney's first full length colour cartoon was Snow White.

This month as Matt Smith takes over the lead role in Dr. Who, we give you the chance to win two "Classic Who" stories on DVD featuring Tom Baker. In Image of the Fendahl the Doctor is stalked by a murderous monster and in The Deadly Assassin he comes face to face with his oldest foe!

### THE QUESTION

What is the name of the Doctor's arch enemy more recently played by John Simm?

- A. The Controller
- B. The Director
- C. The Master



Email your answer by April 10th 2010 to editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk

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

Two of the main candidates for Western Park's votes in the forthcoming General Election are women. You would think this might encourage non-voting women to make the effort to put a cross in the box. Helen Knott has her doubts.

## KNOTT'S LANDING

Helen Knott

I heard something the other day that made me cross and sad all at the same time. It was a woman saying she won't be voting in the General Election because "I don't understand it and they don't do nothing for me".

It seems bizarre now but women have only been able to vote in this country for the last 80 years.

There are ladies alive today who were born into a Britain where women could not vote and had no say in how the country was run.

Brave women went on hunger strike to get the rules changed. They were force fed in prison in a brutal attempt to make them go away. One woman died trying to raise awareness of the campaign for women's votes.

It took a World War for women to be recognized as useful and productive members of society who could probably make sensible decisions and so therefore have the right to vote. You have to love the stubbornness of some men!

Some women were able to vote after the Representation of the People Act in 1918 when women over 30 who "occupied premises of a yearly value of not less than £5" but women did not receive the same rights as men until 1928 when the voting age was lowered to 21, the same as for men.

Once they did get the vote, it wasn't easy for women. Winston Churchill likened meeting a woman in Parliament to being confronted in the lavatory without the means to defend himself.



Suffragettes on Bowlinggreen Street

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## Cash for Local Improvements

The Western Park Community meeting at the end of February saw cash totaling more than **£5,000** given to local organizations from the **Ward Community Fund**.

Easter play scheme sessions organised by the Early Prevention service of Leicester City Council received £2,100 for a two week play scheme at St Ann's Church Community Hall for up to 24 children at each session.

Western Park Golf Club received £500 for medals and prizes for a golf competition they run for children aged between 5 and twelve years old.



Nevanthon Road Facelift Needed

Letchworth Area

Watch will receive £375 for the Nevanthon Road project to improve the public areas around the Denis Close junction.

Approximately £3000 will be given to the Western Park Freeriders for maintenance and improvements to the Freeride trails on Western Park and grit bins will be purchased for a couple of local hillside streets.

No date has been set for the next meeting.

Advertising Feature

## SLIM DOWN FOR SUMMER

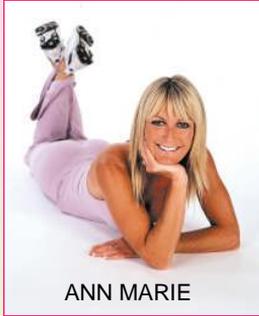
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She says, "To lose weight we need motivation and the thought of a holiday and stripping off for the beach can certainly focus the mind!

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"Overestimating portion sizes is one of the biggest reasons why we don't lose weight as fast as we would like, so, by using our innovative Portion Pots®, we really can't go wrong as the portion sizes will be easily controlled.

Ann Marie is celebrating her 15th year as a Rosemary Conley Instructor helping many people achieve the figure they've always dreamed of, as well as transforming their general health and fitness levels."

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## GAZETTE LETTER BOX

I was interested to see that Entropy (corner of Ridley Street) which was described in the local paper recently as a "hip city eatery", still has the H. North sign over the door.

Gazette readers probably know that the bar was originally a butchers but they may not know that the original Mr North had seven daughters who all grew up in Leicester at the beginning of the last century. One of them, Ethel North, was "companion" to a close friend of Lady Winifred Burghclere, sister of the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, who helped Howard Carter on the excavation of Tutankhamen's tomb.



Ethel travelled all over the world, including to Egypt where she met Howard Carter.

I have inherited all the letters she sent about her adventures to my grandmother

Elsie Merrall, who was one of her closest friends.

**Mel Lawrence**

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Western Park residents get all glammed up to enjoy a unique fundraising event.

## I'm Putting on My Top Hat!

Posh frocks and cheque books were out in force at a charity ball organized by the Friends of Western Park which raised nearly £3,000.

The event at the City Rooms was attended by 135 people who enjoyed magic by Carl Buck and music from The Playthings as well as a three course dinner and appetizers from Anjuna Restaurant in the Highcross.



A total of £2,700 was raised partly through a sealed bid auction for a champagne meal for four at Gusto in Liverpool, a wine tasting with a difference at The Case Shop and a personalized oil portrait by Jane French Portraits.

A raffle also took place for items donated by local businesses including: The Curve, Riverford Organic Veg on Sacrewell Farm, City Spa, Next, Entropy restaurant, John Lewis, Mr Tax, Cease, The Sunshine Studio, Loaf Bar, Tansley Hairdressing, Tete-a-tete, Photo Image and Amsoft IT. Ady Alexander, chairman of the Friends of Western Park and the event organizer, said: "It was a spectacular event, everyone had a brilliant time and we raised a lot of money to help improve Western Park. I have to thank all the local businesses who gave so generously to our raffle and silent auction, everyone has been very generous."

Friends of Western Park

## Easter Egg Hunt

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## LOCAL KIDS HOP FOR SPORTS RELIEF

**Hopscotch Playgroup, based at the Church of Martyrs Hall on Westcotes Drive, launched their outdoor play space and used it as the chance to raise money for Sports Relief.**

The Playgroup has over 30 children registered aged 2 to 5 and many of those took on challenges involving hopping, scooting, bouncing, balancing and throwing beanbags at a target.

The outdoor play space has been supported by a grant of £15,500 from Leicester City Council. It provides over 25 square metres of outdoor space, to help children enjoy a range of outdoor activities and assist in their early years development.



Lorraine Pointon manager of Hopscotch Playgroup said "The new outdoor play space will provide us with lots of opportunities for extra activities with the children. With the better weather now coming, we know the youngsters are really going to enjoy the space and the new resources we now have to be used in this space."

## March Update

*From Hinckley Road Policing Unit*

**A team from Hinckley Road Police Station carried out two Test Purchases operations, checking licensed premises for underage alcohol sales.**

In the Fosse area, 18 premises were visited of which two failed the test and in Westcotes, 27 premises were visited where eight failed. These operations are continuing.

Two men were arrested in February after enquiries revealed that they were responsible for a burglary which had just occurred in Western Park. They have now been charged with 3 burglaries.

Another male and a female were arrested in Derby in relation to Distraction Burglaries that have been committed in the Midlands and within the Hinckley Road neighbourhood. The woman has been charged with two burglary offences and remanded into custody and the man has been bailed pending further enquiries.

Officers arrested two males for Going Equipped to Steal. They were found in possession of balaclavas and screw drivers.

An Officer from Hinckley Road Local Policing

Unit arrested three burglars within 15 minutes of receiving the report. Investigations continue.

A man was arrested for committing Anti Social Behaviour. He was already subject of a Criminal Anti Social Behaviour Order and has been issued with strict bail conditions pending his court hearing.

A resident to the Hinckley Road area who was on court bail was found to be reaching his conditions. Officers arrested him and he has been remanded.

On 7th March, Officers also caught an active burglar. He was arrested for breaching his bail conditions and on suspicion of several burglaries. He was charged and remanded to court.

*You can contact the Neighbourhood Beat Team by calling (0116) 222 2222.*

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You are spoilt for choice from crystal healing or house blessing and acupressure through to Dermologica facials, Indian head massage or manicures. All are available in their fully equipped treatment and training rooms.

Training courses and workshops are a regular feature. On Tuesdays between 10am and 7.00pm you can experience the free healing and therapy drop in clinic and from 1pm and 2.00pm, you can join in the Reiki Share. There is also a Spiritual Development Circle every Thursday between 6pm-9.00pm.

If you are looking for a Birthday or anniversary gift with a difference, then brows through the best in hand made greeting cards, candles, incense, exquisite natural stone and chakra jewellery.

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Digital Audio Broadcasting or DAB is the future of radio they said. "Phooey!" Says Richard Perry who knows a thing or two about radio matters.

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

Nearly all of Leicester's radio services can be heard on the DAB platform, but you'll need a DAB radio to receive them and a plethora of other digital only services.

The original idea was to migrate traditional radio listening onto DAB which would also offer more choice, better quality and free up FM and AM for other uses.

When the BBC spear-headed the launch of DAB in 1995, a receiver would cost you £800; today you can buy them in a super-market for £25. For that, the set should automatically tune to your station of choice, offer scrolling text and on more expensive models, a pause and record feature. With sales of sets hitting 10 million - so far so good.



Although the take-up of DAB radios and digital services in general has been healthy it's not been fast enough to stop Channel 4 axing 3 digital stations. Others going or gone, due to low listenership, include The Jazz, Capital Disney, Core, BBC 6, The Asian Network and almost Planet Rock.

The other big problem is poor coverage and occasionally muddy, signal quality. This is down to the low "bit rate" used in the transmissions in order to jam as many stations into the available space as possible. Originally the bit rate was supposed to be double, which would have created stronger, high quality signals but fewer radio stations. This never happened due to a "more channels the better" philosophy and the system's lack of flexibility. This has now rendered it obsolete in the face of the much better DAB+ system which has been adopted world wide, except in the UK, Denmark and Norway where it is incompatible with our DAB radios and transmission systems.

The Government have set a 2015 deadline for the switch over to DAB with the proviso that over 50% of radio listening is on our present DAB. At the moment, it's at 13.7%, as we gallop towards an expensive obsolescence as fast as we can.

We've spent our hard earned cash on shiny new DAB radios, broadcasters have pumped millions into digital services and transmitters and it's all second rate before it's got off the ground.

# BRAIN TASERS

*Penny Palmer*

Take a close look at the shape below.  
How many triangles can you find?



Which of these is correct

A. 8+7 is 14?

B. 8+7 are 14?

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If you'd like to taser our readers brains, with a lateral thinking or logic puzzle, just drop us an email with the question **and** the answer. That's very important because we're a bit thick. Penny isn't, but the rest of us are. *Editor*

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PML Print also provide an in-house design service with A5 leaflet design from £20 per side.

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**Driving Ahead - Phil Long**

## Holy Week

**At St. Anne's, St. Paul's & St. Augustine's**

### **Palm Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> March)**

8 am Holy Eucharist (Book of Common Prayer [BCP]) at St. Anne's. 10 am Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's. 10.15 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's. 6 pm Stations of the Cross with music and readings at St. Anne's.

### **Monday, Tues & Weds of Holy Week**

9 am Mattins and 5 pm Evening Prayer (BCP) at St. Anne's. 7 pm Holy Eucharist (said) at St. Anne's.

### **Maundy Thursday**

9 am Mattins & 9.30 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's. 11 am Maundy Thursday celebration with Bishop Tim at the Cathedral. 8 pm Holy Eucharist (Choral) of the Last Supper at St. Anne's

### **Good Friday**

10 am at St. Paul's and 3 pm at St. Anne's: The Hour at the Cross. 8 pm Sung Compline (The Night Office) at St. Anne's.

### **Holy Saturday**

8 pm Vigil of Easter at St. Anne's.

### **Easter Day**

8 am Holy Eucharist (BCP said) at St. Anne's. 10

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am Holy Eucharist at St. Anne's. 10.15 am Holy Eucharist at St. Paul's. 6 pm Festal Evensong for Easter Day at St. Anne's

## Some Thoughts for Easter

Reading the stories around the death of Jesus in the four Gospels reveals political expediency demanding the death of this trouble-maker. Whoever are the prime movers in the death of Jesus, there is mockery of a judicial process, with false witnesses, and immense pressure on the one who had power of life or death to succumb to popular emotion and condemn someone he knew to be innocent... how many times in this world are all those ingredients in play, as highlighted by Amnesty International and similar watchdog groups?

Here surely is yet another sickening example where love is defeated by brutality... state-sponsored brutality inflamed by religious bigotry and persecution. Doesn't all that have a depressingly modern ring to it?

Defeated? In thousands of churches on Holy Saturday, in the darkness will be lit the Easter candle... suffering, brutality and oppression and death do not have the last word... still bearing the marks of His Passion, the Risen Christ will come and breathe the Holy Spirit and His gift of peace on us.

# Tony Huxley's Garden Tidings



**Unless winters glacial cold has slipped back across the county, Spring should be well and truly here.** My first tulip has already come and gone. Now other dormant garden goodies should be starting to resurface.

Not everything rising from the ground is making a welcome return. The scariest baddie is Japanese Knotweed. This Ninja of the plant world regenerates from the tiniest fragment of root, so it can't be dug out. The ground it grows on is classed as toxic waste! Thinking nothing of pushing up through tarmac or concrete, it resists all but the strongest weed-killers.

But has Knotweed met its match in a foe little bigger than a pinhead? The Government plans a controlled release of Knotweed sucking bug *Aphalara itadori*, pleasantly known as "jumping plant lice". *Aphalara's* sap sucking young don't kill the plant but does slow its spread. For an eco-friendly organic gardener like myself, this is good news, right? It's like using an aspirin to relieve the pain of a broken arm. The problem is still there.

And how many times has the release of a benign species bitten us on the behind? Scientists tested the appetite of "jumping plant lice" on 90 native

plants, but what of the thousands of other plants we grow? Can we be certain they won't "jump" to other food plants? As Dr Ian Malcolm says in *Jurassic Park* "Nature will find a way", and you know what happened there!

So instead of waiting for a friendly insect saviour, I hope some nice person from the council, armed with extra strong Glyphosate weed-killer, visits the thick clump of Knotweed that has taken residence next to the path on King Richards Road. Tell me when and I'll pause my organic principles for a short while.



**Japanese Knotweed**  
King Richard's Road

More from Tony in the next issue.

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## Lord Mayor's Appeal Fundraiser

A 50:50 auction, organised by the Letchworth Area Neighbourhood Watch is on Saturday May 8th 2010 at St Anne's Church Hall, Letchworth Road, in aid of the Lord Mayor's Mablethorpe Appeal. Donations and viewing in the morning with the auction taking place from 2-4pm. Further details from Pat Abraham, on 0116 2857795 or Brenda Cavers on 0116 2856314.

## LOCAL WILDLIFE

Here's your chance to grab your camera and take some snaps of the local wildlife.



This photo was taken by a reader in a garden on Letchworth Road. Send your pictures to [editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk](mailto:editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk) And we'll set up a gallery on the website and print some of the best in the Gazette.

*With the General Election only a few weeks away, we meet the three tree main candidates canvassing for the votes of Leicester West.*

### Celia J. Harvey OBE QVRM TD

*“Hard working, honest and professional with a proven track record of service”*

#### **Conservative’s Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Leicester West.**

Celia was born in Leicester. She has worked in the public, private and voluntary sectors and is a Colonel in the Territorial Army. She is currently working to ensure that soldiers, their families and veterans are not disadvantaged. She has a keen interest in business development and has published work on innovation and entrepreneurship.



Disenchanted with the state of the country, Celia decided to do something about it, joined the Conservative party and was delighted to be selected as the PPC for Leicester West.

Celia is very concerned about the educational achievement of children in Leicester West for the future success of our young people and our businesses. She is also keen to give people greater rights to protect their property and families against criminals. She believes strongly in taking personal responsibility, accepting social responsibility and rewarding endeavour. Celia will also work to ensure that all newcomers to this country can add positive and sustainable value to our multi-cultural society, whilst ensuring British culture, laws and rights are not diminished.

Celia is married to John and they have an 8 year old daughter called Rosie.

**More details at [www.celiaharvey.co.uk](http://www.celiaharvey.co.uk)**

### Peter Coley

*“The Liberal Democrats offer a strong local voice for Leicester West and a fresh start for Britain”*

#### **Lib-Dems Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Leicester West.**

I was born and grew up in Western Park where I attended local schools. My wife, Linda and I have 4 grown-up children. We have lived in Western Park, both being active in the community, for over 24 years.

Since winning a City by-election in 1992, I have represented Western Park Ward on the Council

where I am Leader of the Liberal Democrat group. I was a founder of the Western Park Focus newsletter, now in it’s 21st year, which keeps constituents in touch with their councillors.

Between 2003 -7, I was the Cabinet member for Finance in the Lib-Dem led administration which fixed the budget black hole left by Labour, delivered below inflation council tax rises for 3 yrs, improved services and efficiency, funded the City Centre renewal and successfully bid for Leicester to be in the first wave of building schools for the future. I believe I have a strong track record of getting things done and would continue to work hard for Leicester West.

**[www.coley4parliament@btinternet.com](mailto:www.coley4parliament@btinternet.com)**



### Liz Kendall

*“Putting Local People First”*

#### **Labour’s Prospective Parliamentary Candidate for Leicester West.**

I’m 38 years old. I was brought up near Watford and studied history at Cambridge University.

I’ve run two national charities: the Maternity Alliance and the Ambulance Service Network. I now live off the Narborough Road, working full-time on the campaign. Labour has made huge strides in this constituency, rebuilding local schools and investing in new health and children’s centres, but I know there’s much more that still needs to change.

I promise I’ll stand up for Western Park residents and champion the issues that matter most to you: creating new jobs, pushing for faster progress in our local schools, making all our communities safer and greener, and providing better care for older people.

I’ve got the energy, passion and experience to be your next MP. Working together, we can make a real difference here.



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