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Hello From The Editor

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of the Western Park Gazette.

In this issue, we joined in the fun at this year's Riverside Festival, as well as heading off on our annual pilgrimage to Glastonbudget. GB is cheaper than the real thing, but an excellent showcase for local musicians and the world's best tribute bands. It's also loud! We find out more about Councillor Dr. Susan Barton. who used to represent the Western Park ward and now has some new jewellery in the form of the mayoral chain of office.

In our regular features, Carey Tunstall talks tomatoes, Sergeant Lee Cannings, from the Local Policing Unit, has been busy this month with his team, and Project Hive want us to head out into space for their Sci-Fi based Scarecrow Trail later in September.

If you're feeling incredibly clever, why not have a go at the Brain Tazers on the inside back page?

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@DM Hall: Mrs Kapoor's Daughter's Wedding 2 16 June. Russell Howard 22 June. McCartney Songbook 25 June.

@Little Theatre: Gypsy (Musical): 20-24 June. Upstairs@thewestern: Date Night 14 June. Owt Bar An Office 21 June. The Magic Mic 28 June.

Bike Fest: 24 June, 29 July, 26 Aug, 30 Sept, 28 Oct. (1-4pm) New College. Free event.

Friday Social Pop-ups: Hall @ St Annes, Letchworth Rd. 28 July, 25 Aug, 29 Sept, 27 Oct, 24 Nov. Ibiza Proms In The Park: Abbey Park. 23 June. Beyond Festival 2023: Abbey Park. 24 June.

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RIVERSIDE FESTIVAL 2023

The Riverside Festival kicked off the city's summer activities in fine style over the first weekend in June.

Thousands flocked from across Leicester to the banks of the River Soar, canal, Bede Park and Western Boulevard to enjoy the sun and take part in a host of fun activities <u>on and off the water</u>.



Bede Park was virtually standing room only as families enjoyed a funfair, an array of stalls and street food, or the kids tried their hand at a 26-foot climbing wall.

The Riverside Sports Zone offered a range of pop -up activities from Leicester City in the Community, Leicester City Hockey Club and Beat The

Streets among others.

The arts and crafts market gave local artists the chance to display and sell their work and stretched across Western Boulevard alongside the stalls and street food outlets. If your balance was on point, there was even the chance to marvel at Danny's Extreme Mountain Bike Show!

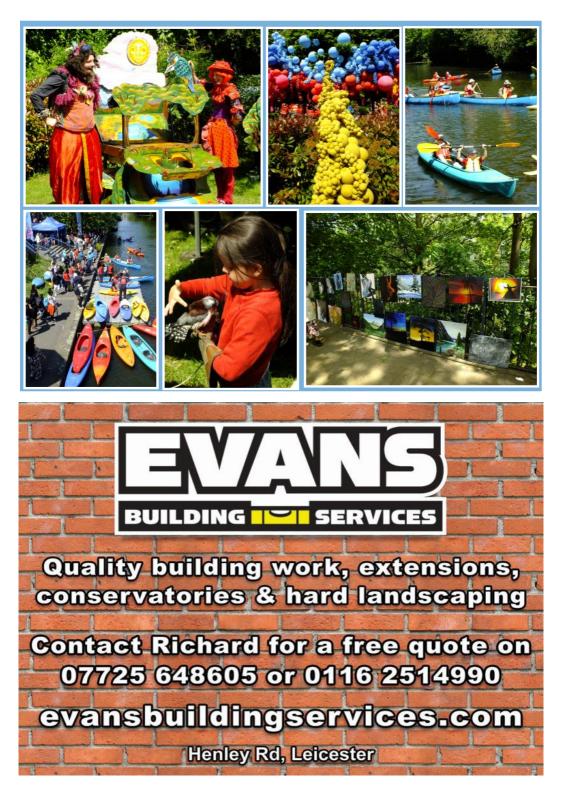
If you fancied dipping an oar in the water, there were plenty of opportunities to try out kayaking on the canal or take a boat trip under the bridges.

In Castle Gardens visitors could get crafty with yarn bombing and enjoy an outdoor theatre space to watch The Ugly Bugs puppet show. Find out more about summer events online:

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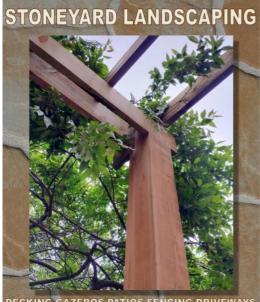
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NEW LORD MAYOR

Leicester's new Lord Mayor has been handed the chains of office at a May ceremony in the city's Town Hall.

Cllr Dr. Susan Barton, who has served as a city councillor since 2011, currently represents the Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields ward, having previously represented Western Park.

Leicester born and bred, she attended Hazel Primary School before going to Newarke Girls School.

Following a difficult childhood, which included at age 11 a whole term spent in an open-air school in Switzerland recuperating from a long-term illness, she left school at 15 but went on to self-educate by reading books during her breaks at a printing factory where she worked making labels.

Cllr Barton went on to gain GCSEs and A levels, a degree in history, a Master's degree in computing, a PhD in social history and became a lecturer at Charles Keene College and Hinckley College, as well as writing and publishing 10 books ranging from local heritage to the history of working-class tourism and travel.

She is currently an honorary visiting research fellow at the International Centre for Sports History and Culture at De Montfort University, and her main research interest is now the history of winter sport.

Cllr Barton's hobbies include dancing and local heritage.

Her two grown-up children will accompany her in the role – her daughter, research scientist Dr Marie Weston, will take on the role of Lady Mayoress, while her son, videogame producer Max Barton, will be Consort.

Cllr Barton said: "I'm looking forward to the role. It's quite exciting but also slightly daunting – as well as going out to visit the wide range of community groups across the city, I'll be acting as an ambassador representing the whole city."

Outgoing Lord Mayor, Cllr George Cole, will serve as Deputy Lord Mayor, with Cllr Manjula Sood taking on the role of High Bailiff.

Cllr Barton is pictured with civic attendant Chris Rhodes (left) and outgoing Lord Mayor Cllr George Cole (right).



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Project Hive is run by the WWCE, a group of local residents raising funds to redevelop the former Eco House into a community space.

Last month we announced that the theme for this year's Scarecrow Trail was "Out Of This World" but some of you have asked, "What does that mean?" We like to keep the trail themes open to as much interpretation as possible so that we get a broad array of entries.

Here's a little more inspiration... So say we all! Will your entry boldly go and take one small step into the final frontier? "Roads? Where we're going we don't need roads." Resistance is futile, so make a giant leap to a Forbidden Planet in a galaxy far, far away. The Force is strong with us and we will not be exterminated... Just remember, in Western Park, everyone can hear you scream! **Ellen Ripley** Find out more at our website wwce.org.uk or on Facebook @wwceleicester



Dear Editor:

I live just off Dorchester Road, and I appreciate the new 20MPH speed limit across the neighbourhood, but I am a little confused as to the purpose of the road hump at the corner of Kingswood Avenue and Hinckley Road.

What is it for? Does it stop cars parking near there during Dovelands school pick-up? No. Does it slow down traffic turning onto and off Hinckley Road? Not really. Nine and a half times out of ten motorists have to stop anyway. It doesn't seem to do much.

Is it part of a larger traffic management scheme? If not, why is it there?



Some of my neighbours think the road hump should be further up the road, where speed humps are traditionally placed, but what do we know? An explanation would be nice, or at the very least quite interesting. **CD**

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PUNK IS STILL THE RAGE

OK Boomer! If you were born in the early 1960's there's a good chance that by 1977 you could have been wearing green spiky hair and a safety pin through each ear as you wandered by the clock tower.

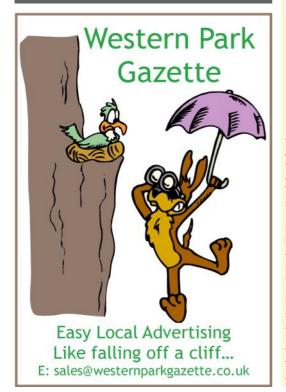
1977 was the year that the Queen's Silver Jubilee clashed with the explosion of creative energy and antiauthoritarianism that was punk rock.



To celebrate the pubs, clubs and characters of Leicester's punk scene a free new immersive exhibition, at the Museum and Art Gallery on New Walk, has launched which examines the history and influence of the city's punk rockers. (*Until 3rd Sept*)

Punk: Rage & Revolution has the memories and memorabilia of those who were part of the punk scene, together with displays such as Jamie Reid's seven-metre mural and iconic clothing from Roger K Burton's collection of Dame Vivienne Westwood punk-era designs.

Around 300 young people have been directly involved in this ambitious 18-month intergenerational community creation, which included around 30 original Leicester punks recording their memories and loaning clothing and photographs to the exhibition.



Let The Good Times Roll

Glastonbudget the world's biggest tribute band festival roared back to Turnpost Farm in Wymeswold over the May Bank Holliday.

It's still one of the best (And cheapest) three day boogie fests around, and it's only a half an hour drive out into the county.

I've been going to Glastonbudget for 10 years, minus the two year covid hiatus, and it just gets better.

With classic artists either dropping like flies or now too old/bored/expensive to go touring, the next best thing is a good tribute band and sounda-like. And there are plenty to choose from.

This year's main stage highlight on Sunday was the incredible Totally Tina; very poignant since Tina Turner's passing only a few days earlier. On Friday night we were treated to a blistering set from Ben as Michael Jackson and on Saturday evening we rocked out to Kazabian and Antarctic Monkeys.

No matter what your musical tastes, there's something for everyone. If you like Take That, there's one of those, what about Elton? Yes there's one of him too. Sheeran? Yep. What about Pink? Oh yes, she's there as well.



If you're into rock, especially heavy or metal, well there are enough speaker bins across the 4 stages to make your earwax melt to some excellent tributes to Korn, Motorhead, Motley Crue, Metallica and Guns and Roses, to name just a few. You'll mostly find those in the Big Top with the main stage reserved for the biggest of the big.

The outside Icon Stage is the home for smaller bands from Leicestershire and beyond. There's a lot of talent out there that doesn't always get the audience it deserves, but Glastonbudget is one place they can hone their craft. Some of them are really good and tight little groups.

Plenty of camping space, toilets, street food and beer tents! Got to say the beer is rather expensive starting at $\pounds 6$ a pint, but that's the going rate at the moment. Food is around $\pounds 9$ a serving.

Next year's ticket line is already open, and there's an early bird discount to be had. So if you fancy reliving you misspent youth visit *https:// bookings.glastonbudget.org*





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June Police Update

There have been several complaints around the Tudor Road area about drinking and parking problems which in turn have been causing some abuse and aggression.

I can say that officers have been regularly patrolling this area and the Rally Park throughout May. You may not always see them, as they might be in plain clothes, but I can assure you that they are out there to target the issues raised by the community.

One male was arrested for being drunk and disorderly in the street when found causing a nuisance. Charged to Court.

We have managed to make some key proactive vehicle stop searches resulting in the recovery of thousands of pounds worth of drugs. Those involved have been arrested and remanded to prison. Needless to say, their respective vehicles are no longer clogging up valuable parking spaces and have been towed away.

We have also arrested two persons for robbery offences in the area. Property has been recovered and enquiries are ongoing. But these are really good arrests to target those causing a threat to others. Adding bail conditions to keep them away is key to protecting our communities.

We have also targeted those who choose not to attend Court and have arrested several for being wanted.

We have also recovered two stolen motorcycles and updated their owners.

The cycle marking event on the Rally earlier in May by PCSO 6585 Corlett, PCSO 6017 Baker was successful with over thirty people taking the opportunity to have their cycles registered. Many thanks to those taking part.

We have also had a knife operation on the Rally, looking at weapons and linked offences. No knives here, but arrests for other offences.

Detectives are appealing for anyone with information to come forward after items of jewellery were taken following a daytime house break-in at Bolton Road on 18^{th} of May.

Officers visited the Aikman Avenue shops and library staff on June 1st to discuss the best way of talking anti social behaviour in the area.

If you have been offered jewellery including gold styled necklace, bracelet and ring please get in touch quoting 23*303068 or call 101.

A 31-year-old man has been arrested in connection with a report of indecent exposure on the Rally on 16th of May and bailed pending further enquiries. Officers are still asking any witnesses, who were in the park at the time, who may have seen the incident, to come forward.

Contact PC 264 Powell on 101 or report online quoting crime reference number 23*297303.

Sgt. Lee Cannings

CAREY'S COMPOST CORMER

Now that the temperature is increasing, and the risk of frost has passed, I am daring to plant out my tomatoes. If frost is forecast, I will chuck some horticultural fleece over the tomato plants and any other susceptible fruit and vegetables. I have gone back to trusted favourites this year and acquired Moneymaker and Gardener's Delight, all of which I

have been hardening off/ acclimatising in preparation for their removal to the outdoors. Once outside, I'll only start feeding once the fruit is visible because feeding too early it is detrimental to the root growth and can lead to poor cropping. I am also going to plant some hardened off courgettes in my raised beds, these were very kindly gifted to me, so I must take



extra special care of them and feed them weekly on weed production. once they have started flowering.

year rather than the usual potato sacks. This helps hogs!

with crop rotation and means that I will be able to earth them up properly. Using this method prevents new tubers from going green and should be done when the shoots are around 20 cm high, I then leave around 5 cm of shoot uncov-

ered after earthing up.

This year I'm going to attempt to grow more unusual varieties of carrots such as 'Purple Haze'. The carrots usual orange flesh is surrounded by a dark purple skin which looks fantastic. I hope it's tasty too! These seeds can be sown now in thin stone free drills. but I'll scatter them sparingly so the need for thinning out is



eliminated. If carrots need thinning, the stalks become bruised and emit a smell which signals the carrot root fly to lay its eggs in the surrounding soil and the emerging larvae then go on to eat the carrot roots.

And finally, I am keeping my raised beds as weed free as possible so that moisture and nutrients are concentrated for my emerging crops and not wasted

Don't forget to keep an eye on the water in your bird I am growing potatoes in my raised beds too this bath and leave a little cat food outside for the hedge-Carey Tunstall



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