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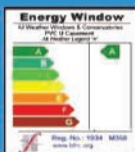


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Hello From The Editor

Welcome to the June edition of the **Western Park Gazette**. It's fairly quiet, on the local news front, as the summer holidays roll towards us but in May we did go to a party! Gimson Road residents were only one of two roads in Leicester which held a street party to mark the latest royal wedding.

We sent Elliot Hornby, our youngest reporter, off to Glastonbudget to review the shenanigans. And talking of music, the Western Park Festival returns for its seventh year in July, so we've included a roundup of the 30 or so Leicester based musicians taking part.

In our regular features, Helen Knott has an epic rant about computer passwords, Tony Huxley goes weeding and Roger Blackmore looks at the life of Lilian Lenton who went from suffragette and enthusiastic arnolist to a leading figure in a women's teaching union. We have the latest from the police at Hinckley Road who've had their hands full recently, including dealing with a traveller invasion on Fosse recreation ground.

And as always the crossword and Sudoku are ready to batter your little grey cells on the inside back page.

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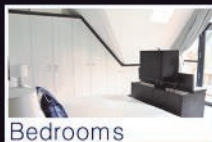
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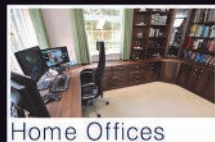
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Royal Excuse for a Party

While two billion people across the world watched Harry and Meghan get hitched, residents of Gimson Road dragged tables and chairs out into the middle of the street in preparation for a party.

The devastating Hinckley Road explosion and fire around the corner in February was the catalyst for this particular party rather than the royal wedding.

One of the organisers, Maggie Brooks said: "It all came from the road's WhatsApp group after the explosion. We realised we didn't really know each other very well and Libby, a neighbour, came up with the idea of a royal wedding street party.

"Everyone we talked to was up for it. There was a lovely one last time, and we thought another royal wedding would be a good excuse for a party."

Residents chipped in for the permits, insurance, catering and drinks, all offset by a raffle.

As city living becomes more insular the party helped 40 neighbours get better acquainted, "It was a fab, lovely, warm day," said Maggie: "Lots of children got to know each other. Lots of links were made. The sort of thing which would have happened years ago but doesn't anymore."

The party was so popular that organisers are hoping to put on another event over Christmas.

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As Britain marks the 100th year of women being given the vote, Roger Blackmore looks at the life of one of Leicester's most notorious fighters for women's suffrage.

LILLIAN LENTON

Born in 1891, the daughter of a Leicester carpenter, Lilian went on to become a leading suffragette campaigner joining the Women's Social and Political Union at the age of 21. She originally trained as a dancer but, as a suffragette, her life was to be very different.

Like many of her fellow activists, she took part in the famous or notorious, depending on your point of view, window smashing campaign and before long became involved in a series of arson attacks in London including being accused of setting fire to the Tea House in Kew Gardens. In an interview many years later she said "Whenever I was out of prison, my object was to burn two buildings a week".

Despite the fact that she used many different aliases, as to confuse the police, she was arrested many times and escaped many times picking up the nickname "The Tiny Wiley Elusive Pimpernel".

During her times in gaol she was often force fed and then released under what became known as the "Cat and Mouse Act" This led to the police seeking, not always successfully, to re-arrest her.

This often involved crafty moves to escape capture. During one of her escapes, probably into North Wales, she met the author DH Lawrence.

Much changed with the outbreak of war in 1914 when Lilian Lenton served in the Scottish Women's Hospital Unit in Serbia eventually winning the French Red Cross Medal.

When women over 30 secured the right to vote, exactly one hundred years ago, she became involved in various worthy causes. These included working for Save The Children and the Women's Freedom League, as well as various animal welfare charities.

She went on to become Financial Secretary to the National Union of Women Teachers: a post from which she retired in 1953. She died in 1972.

Of considerable interest are the accounts she gave to the BBC in 1955 and 1960 about her time as a Suffragette, both in and out of prison.. Her experiences make for fascinating reading or listening and happily are accessible to all through the BBC National Archive.

Roger Blackmore



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KNOTT'S LANDING

'Can you just log into your Google account mummy?' says the small... Mummy freezes, cold fear spreads through her brain, panic sets in, her heart pounds and she starts to hyperventilate. Mummy can't remember the password.

Oh God. Was that the one I couldn't remember last month so I reset it? What did I reset it to? Was it the meal I ate on my first date with your father? Or perhaps it was the first office telephone number I can remember? Maybe that wasn't the Google account. No, that was the shopping password that when you reset; it needed to make sure it had at least 16 characters long and include two numbers and one 'special' character! What the hell is a 'special character'? Is it the name of the slightly odd lady who walks up and down the road singing or is it part of the ancient Chinese character set? I'd choose the one for monkey if I could.

Maybe if I sit down in front of a computer and type it in that will help me remember. I'm a kinaesthetic learner aren't I. Just moving my hands over the keyboard will magically help me remember the password... No it doesn't.

Oh jeez... if I enter one more wrong password I'll be



locked out and I'll have to go through the whole reset thing again! Noooooooo. Is this one of those sites that won't let you use a password you have used before, even if you change one bit of it. I can't remember.

Mummy has to remember passwords for over 50 sites. They are mounting up in her brain, taking up valuable space for other things like the yoghurt cake recipe and the party lists for the small's up and coming birthday. Mummy bangs her head on the desk.

The small laughs at Mummy's distress. 'Daddy says you are rubbish at passwords. Why can't you just remember them all like he can?'

Mummy feels the hot stab of anger. Yes Daddy can remember all the passwords but that's because Daddy doesn't remember all the other things like birthdays, school holiday dates, sports day, where he put the screwdriver, that children need to be fed regularly and other trivia that most normal people find essential to live. Because of this, his brain has lots of spare room in there for them.

Remembering the password takes so long that the small loses interest and goes off to build something in Lego. Mummy loses the will to live and pours herself a gin.

Daddy gets home and helpfully suggests a password vault for Mummy's phone because 'your current system clearly doesn't work'. This is so reasonable Mummy is driven to insane levels of fury but rather than show it, she decides she will wait until Daddy is in the shower... And then she will turn on the dishwasher.

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The Students travelled by coach to London with the other 3 Schools. It was lovely to get to know students from across the city. When we arrived at Parliament we were greeted with canapés and refreshments.

Victoria Previs MP did a speech which focused on what a great community we have in Leicester and commended us for taking part in the Litter Less campaign. She thanked us all on behalf of our local MP's. We then had a tour around parliament. TV presenter Julia Bradbury was also there and we even got a photo with her!

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Some of the youngsters had been playing football and I couldn't help thinking how their quickly their lives would change if the roofs they were jumping on collapsed.

Parents talk to your children about the dangers of climbing on roofs, vandalising and entering empty buildings.

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Local Resident



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Donating none perishable breakfast items such as tinned fruits, cereals, spreads & bars will mean that these young people and their families can start the day the right way!

If you would like to donate to this worth while cause, please come along between 11-12pm on either of the Sunday donation sessions.

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We sent 14 year old Elliot Hornby off to review Glastonbudget. Not for him the delights of Drake or Ariana Grande! Young Elliot is into his classic rock!

GLASTONBUDGET REVIEWED

Glastonbudget is a tribute festival at Turnpike Farm near Wymeswold on the last Bank Holiday in May. Glastonbudget is said to be "The World's Best Tribute Festival." It is an amazing weekend and a great family experience.

There are 4 stages but two are the most popular. The most family friendly is the main stage where many of the big tribute bands play. There is also the Big Top tent where the louder music and rock bands play. You can camp over night for the whole weekend or you can come for the day. The bands play all though the afternoon, and the bigger name's play in the evening, but midday bands are still brilliant and worth a listen.

Each night there is a headline act, these are often the most well-known bands. My favourites this year included Guns 2 Roses, Whole Lotta DC, US4U2, Kazabian, T.Rextasy and Not The Rolling Stones. All these bands were loved by the crowd and had a lot of attention.



There were many stalls at the event, selling everything from crazy hats to jewellery and silly string. There is also a wide range of food on sale from cuisines around the world and bars for the adults. As is common for festival goers there were plenty of people dressed up in all manner of outfits. I witnessed a group of women in full wedding dresses, a gorilla and some doctors covered in fake blood! There is a competition for the best fancy dress outfit on the Saturday.

The location is brilliant, there's loads of space and it's amazing when the weather is good like last weekend when the sun shone. This perfect combination makes for an excellent weekend. So, come and enjoy the fun next year, whether by yourself or with a group of friends. Glastonbudget is a must go to event and I would give it 5 stars.

Elliot Hornby



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June Police Update

On Friday 25th May there was an incident where a number of vehicles and caravans set up an unauthorised camp on the Fosse Recreational Park. We issued a legal notice requiring the persons and vehicles to move which they did later that evening. The local authority were also informed to assist with cleaning up the site. We appreciate that incidents such as this can cause local concern and the matter was dealt with as promptly and safely as possible.



We are aware of motorcycles and moped's being stolen which are then used in crime or driven anti-socially in public. If you own a motorbike then please secure to a fixed point if possible. If you are aware of a motorbike being ridden anti-socially locally, please tell us if you know the owner as we have powers to enter premises to seize them!

We've just had the Riverside Festival weekend which saw a large number of visitors to the Bede Park and Western Blvd areas. The weekend was a huge success and I'm glad to report that overall the crowds were well behaved, with very little reported crime or disorder over the 2 days.

There have again recently been a number of Cannabis grows located within the Fosse and West End areas. These, as well as being illegal, cause significant fire hazards. We completed 2 drugs warrants earlier this month resulting in the arrest of 5 people and the seizure of thousands of pounds worth of drugs. If you suspect there may be one near to you, let us know either direct or contact Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Finally some good news. A few months ago the West End suffered a spate of Burglaries off Narborough Road. Thanks to some targeted patrols by your local Police teams and work by CID colleagues, a male has just been convicted of 6 of these and been sentenced to nearly 4 years in HMP.

Please continue to report non urgent incidents via 101 or communicate via our Facebook page - Fosse, The West End and New Parks Police (These are not monitored 24 hrs and NOT for reported Crime or ASB) **Sgt Spencer Dyer**

Tony Huxley's Compost Corner



We gardeners can be a frugal lot. This is why I'm reluctant to indiscriminately use a hoe. I never like to weed out anything until I know what it is. It's amazing what nature gives us for free, and I'd rather see a handsome selection of weeds than expanses of plant free soil.

I landscaped my garden a couple of years ago and shifting the soil has awoken masses of dormant seeds. Many are unwanted weeds like Hairy Bitter Cress (A member of the mustard family which is popular with foragers) and Speedwell, but there are also masses of Aquilegias, Honesty, Poppies, Foxgloves etc.

Cowslips have popped up from nowhere. If wild Verbascums were a cash crop, I'd be rich beyond my dreams. Clumps of Alchemilla mollis or Lady's Mantle have conveniently filled a few bare patches at the front of one bed. I am even happy

to tolerate the large perennial Willowherb that's made itself at home next to the Rhubarb. By late summer it's nearly 1.2metres tall (4ft) and merrily sporting deep pink flowers.

Although prolific, most of these garden freebies, especially the annuals, happily make way for the larger, later and less delicate herbaceous perennials that will create interest for the second half of summer.

Like many senior partners, my wife likes to be given flowers. After a tough day at work recently, I rewarded her with two vases full of blooms. I must admit, time was short and my wallet thin, so I'd plundered the garden - luckily a place my wife rarely visits. The Aquilegia and Honesty looked beautiful alongside large sprays of dainty sulphur yellow flowers. Thankfully she didn't recognise them. Should I tell her that the last time I picked anything from that plant; it was for the dinner table? Who said sprouts were just for Christmas?!

Tony Huxley



Willowherb



Hairy Bitter Cress



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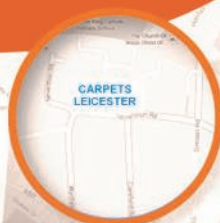
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