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More Inside

Hello From The Editor

Welcome to the March issue of the Western Park Gazette.

The confirmation that the skeleton found under a local car park is actually that of King Richard 3rd, has reverberated around the world. Our local historian, Roger Blackmore, has his take on this momentous discovery.

Helen Knott, discovers an unusual slice of wildlife clucking around Western Park, and it's good news for two local schools that have excelled with their Ofsted reports.

Our gardening guru, Tony Huxley has been off skiing, (alright for some!) so Janet May joins us for a quick look at a spring prep for the garden.

In Techy Thump - Peter Coley delves into the world of digital media players and we also find out about the Lowland Search and Rescue Team, based in the city.

This month, we've joined up with DeMontfort University's Square Mile Project who tell us what they've been up to around the Woodgate, Tudor Road and Newfoundpool area; quite a lot it seems!

And if you fancy getting really frustrated, we have some brain bending questions at the back of the magazine. e: editor@westernparkgazette.co.uk

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A Bit of Solace

Solace is the name of a new low cost woman only, counselling service run by local company New Dawn New Day Ltd.

It exists to help women over 14 and their families overcome personal and social barriers, inspiring and supporting them to transform their lives and communities for the better.

Through their counselling provision, they have helped over 130 women gain growth and understanding by giving them the chance to enter into a trusting therapeutic relationship with a trained therapist.

Having identified that this provision is difficult to access on the NHS and private therapy is too expensive, they set up a women only, low cost, means tested counselling service.

Solace is the first service of this kind in Leicester, with sessions run from their HQ at the Forest Business Park on Oswin Road in Leicester.

To learn more contact New Dawn New Day on 0116 2795097.

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RICHARD III

The recent identification of the skeleton buried beneath the Greyfriars car park as that of King Richard the Third, caused real excitement not only in the city but far beyond. The discovery is also likely to bring large numbers of extra visitors to both the city and the Bosworth Battlefield site in the months and years to come.

Interestingly, Richard was certainly familiar with Leicester long before the battle. In 1483 he had spent a week in Leicester based at Leicester Castle, incidentally becoming the last English monarch to stay there. For some reason he chose to stay at the Blue Boar in Highcross Street on the eve of the fateful battle rather than in the castle. Local folklore has it that his army encamped on the Dane Hills beyond the West Bridge that night.



We all know King Richards Road as marking the route along which the last Plantagenet King headed out of the city on the morning of the Battle. Not far on, one finds two curiously named streets in Woodville Road and Neville Road, the latter just beside what used to be the Co-op Dairy. Interestingly named because Richard was married to Anne Neville (the daughter of Richard Neville the Earl of Warwick known to history as "the Kingmaker" and his sister in law, the widow of Edward the Fourth, was none other than Elizabeth Woodville.

Interest in flagging up Leicester and Bosworth Field as tourist destinations began within hours of the identification of the royal bones. The Travelodge Company was quick to offer free rooms in Leicester to anyone bearing the name of Plantagenet! Another company was offering comprehensive tours of the area and its historic sites with accompanying talks on the life and times of Richard Third. Over in Northamptonshire the church at Fotheringay was arousing interest as a particular favourite of the king and the place where he and Anne Neville were married.

Thus we move on to anticipate the prospect of a royal burial in the Cathedral of St. Martins only a few yards from the site where the skeleton of this warrior king was discovered.

Roger Blackmore

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100 YEARS OF DOVELANDS

This year, Dovelands Primary School celebrates its centenary!

The school, formerly known as Hinckley Road School, has been part of the Western Park community for 100 years and to celebrate this occasion, the School is hosting a tea party for former pupils and staff on Saturday 29th June.

Along with pupils and staff, organisers are hoping to create an oral history of life at school over the last century & are asking old pupils and members of staff to get in touch with their memories.

If you have any photographs, stories or artefacts relating to your time at Dovelands please write to the school, marking your envelope 'Centenary', email: Dovelands100@gmail.com or ring Caroline on 2558 184.

BIG CAKE BAKE SALE!

**FANCY yourself as a bit of a baker?
Are you ready to do something funny
for money? Do your kids love
playing with and eating icing?**



The Big Comic Relief Bake Sale is coming to St Anne's Church Hall on Letchworth Road, Western Park on Friday 15 March.

Competitive bakers, adults and children, are encouraged to enter a bake for the best decorated Comic Relief cake and the kids are positively encouraged to get sticky and decorate a cupcake to raise money for the charity.

There will also be a cake stall, guess the weight of the cake and refreshments on sale.

Donations of large cakes will be most welcome and can be left at the Church Hall on the day of the event.

The event runs from 4-5.30pm and everyone is welcome.

COUNCILLORS' SURGERIES

Fosse Cllrs Surgery: Monthly, 2nd Sat, 10.30-11.30, Fosse Neighbourhood Centre & last Sat 10.30 - 11.30am at Woodgate Residents Association.

Community Meeting: Thursday 7th March at 6.00pm at Fosse Library, Mantle Road, Leicester.

Westcotes Cllrs Surgeries: Westcotes Library, 1st Sat each month, 10.30 - 11.30am and 4th Fri each month, 10.am-11am. Manor House Neighbourhood Centre, 2nd Friday every month, 10-11am.

Community Meeting: Tuesday 19th March at the East West Community Centre.

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

Community Meeting: Wednesday 6th March, at 7.00pm at St. Paul's and St. Augustine's Worship Centre, 2 Kirby Road, Leicester, LE3 6BA

Western Park Festival

Saturday 6th July is the date set for the next Western Park Festival.

Voluntary organisers, The Friends of Western Park, are hoping to beat last year's turnout of 3000.

Visitors to the first free event of its type on the park, were treated to live music ranging from acoustic to rock from Leicester musicians as well as a host of stalls, children's activities, food and exhibitions.

One of the organisers, Ady Alexander, said: "Last year's festival was a massive success and we want this years to be even better. Get the date booked into your diary, tell your friends and pray for good weather!"

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Local Schools Top Marks

Two local secondary schools are celebrating after being graded as Good in reports from the Government Inspectors Ofsted.

The schools received the reports in November after they were assessed under the new Ofsted regime which gives schools just a few hours notice that the inspectors intend to visit.

New College and Fullhurst Community College have both suffered from poor reports in the past with New College being in special measures for a number of years and Fullhurst being rated inadequate by Ofsted in 2007.

Both schools are now rated as Good in the four key areas: achievement of pupils, quality of teaching, behaviour and safety of pupils and leadership and management.



At Fullhurst the inspectors noted that improvements had been made in a number of areas including a yearly rise in the numbers of students gaining five GCSE grades A* to C including maths and English, better quality of teaching, better student behaviour, improved attendance and lower numbers of exclusions.

Good teaching comes in for praise with the report saying: "Teachers ask demanding questions that reflect their good subject knowledge and expertise. This encourages students to think more deeply before explaining answers in their own words. An example was seen in an outstanding mathematics lesson where students had to explain their chosen method by teaching the rest of the class."

Principal Thomas Campbell said: "We are delighted that Ofsted recognised Fullhurst as a 'good' school and even more encouraged by the outstanding feedback on the high quality of teaching. Parents can now be assured that their local school is a good school where their children will be safe, happy and make exceptional progress. In our recent parent questionnaire (January 2013), 98% of parents would recom-

mend the school to other families."

"At Fullhurst we have recruited first class teaching and support staff who have raised the standard of education considerably over recent years. Systems are established in the school which ensure good behaviour and that every pupil gets the right amount of support to reach their potential."

New College has seen big rises in the number of students achieving five A* to C grades in GCSE including Maths and English in recent years.

The report says: "A strong team spirit, high expectations and driving ambition have led to a rapid rise in students' attainment and progress."

Students at the school come in for praise: "Behaviour is good; students are polite, friendly and show respect to staff and one another. Students feel extremely well cared for and safe in school. They respond well to the enthusiastic support and encouragement of staff."

There is also a hint that the school could rate as outstanding in some areas with the comment: "The quality of teaching is not consistently strong across all subjects for it to be judged outstanding."



If you're holding an event or you're doing something special and you'd like people in West Leicester to know about it,

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March Police Update

The Smart View with Sgt Rod Smart

At the beginning of February a quick thinking local resident reported seeing three men breaking into the disused St. Paul's church on Kirby Road. The resident gave an excellent description enabling two of our PCSOs to follow the men until they were arrested by local officers.

On 4th February, a mobile phone was stolen during a burglary at a business on Hinckley Road. A twenty eight year old man was identified through CCTV, arrested the same day and placed before Court the following day. He pleaded guilty and was remanded in custody pending sentencing.

During January, a number of women in the area of Narborough Road were inappropriately grabbed by a man as he cycled past. We would like to reassure local residents that officers are undertaking additional patrolling in the area and detectives are following a number of lines of enquiry which have lead to them recently arresting a nineteen year old youth. Victims have described the offender as white, wearing a black coat with an orange hoodie underneath. The Police are keen to speak to any members of the community with any information. Information can be passed on the Police non-emergency number- 101 or 999 in emergencies.

Over the last few weeks, an operation to tackle burglaries has been taking place across the entire force. There has been a marked reduction in burglaries, with 28% less in our area in January compared with January 2012. Residents can assist in reducing burglaries by ensuring that their homes are properly secured, by security marking property (or registering on www.immobilise.com) and by becoming involved in Neighbourhood Watch. For any information on crime prevention or becoming involved in Neighbourhood Watch, please contact your local police station for advice.

In December, we issued a warning about two women having their handbags stolen from their cars while they were sat at traffic lights. Since then, PC Geoff Gaunt has identified the offender with help from the local community. A 27 year old local man admitted to the thefts and has been jailed.

We would still advise motorists to keep valuables out of sight and doors locked even while travelling.

Interconnectivity is a big word and it's the future! It's also quite confusing. It's a way of connecting all your entertainment devices together but as Peter Coley explains, it's not as hard as it seems...



This month we will take a brief look at digital media players. Essentially they are boxes which can connect your TV to your home computer network so all the movies, music and photos stored on laptops and pc's can be enjoyed on the big screen. In addition they provide various internet services direct to your TV.

The latest "smart" TVs have some of these facilities built-in. Games consoles like the Xbox and Playstation are also able to provide some media player facilities. However if you don't have the latest TV or an Xbox read on!

A well regarded media player which has been around for a while now is the "Western Digital TV Live". It is a fairly small unit which has undergone a number of generational improvements. It consistently gets good reviews for flexibility, output quality and value and costs around £80.



The current version can connect to a home network with its built in wireless-N or via cable. It is capable of streaming films from a network drive or computer in full HD with Dolby sound. Providing you have a broadband connection, it can also access internet services like Netflix, Flickr, YouTube and Pandora via its rather smart and intuitive on-screen menus. One of the strengths of this unit is the number of different media formats it can play back without problem.

The WD TV Live has HDMI and composite video outputs, an optical audio output and 2 USB sockets so, for instance, you could keep all your bulky DVDs on a single dedicated portable hard drive and still be able to plug a camcorder in as well.

There are a variety of other similar products on the market. Some have built in hard drives, some do not have wifi and not all will easily connect to a home network to stream content from your PC. The internet services available from different brands varies, so compare carefully before you shop but adding a Digital Media Player to your TV will give you a lot of additional functionality at a reasonable price.

We're used to seeing foxes, squirrels, perhaps even muntjac deer in Western Park, But Helen Knott's spotted something very odd...

KNOTT'S LANDING

Why did the chicken cross Hinckley Road? Well it turns out it's because it lives on Western Park!

A couple of weeks ago I happened to be walking down the street and lo and behold, I saw a couple of brown hens wandering along in front of me.

They stopped for a look around the tram shelter, pecked hopefully under the benches and then did the funny chicken run, lurching around the phone box and disappearing into the undergrowth.

I checked around in case anything else unusual was happening; cars made of cheese, giant blueberries on buses, a polkadot Sir Peter Soulsby; stuff that might indicate I was hallucinating, but no, all was normal.

I went home and told my other half about the chickens. He said I was clearly mad and they were probably just very fat pigeons. This is unfair



as I am the one who knows about birds in our house! I saw the blue jay in the garden and correctly identified the goldfinches for the RSPB garden bird survey.

Chickens, especially brown ones with red combs, are not hard to identify.

It turns out, the chickens are known to dog walkers who frequent the park at quiet times of day, presumably because at some point their dog has had a go at catching said birds and failed, either that or the chickens like to mess with the dog walkers minds by appearing and then disappearing equally silently!

Whatever they do, I have to take my hat off to them for surviving in what must be a relatively hostile environment.

To begin with, someone has clearly dumped unwanted chickens on the park so they went from a warm henhouse with regular food to the cold outdoors and fending for themselves.

Then there are dogs, foxes, squirrels and rats all vying for a tasty chicken leg for tea and yet the hens have eluded them and grown fat on the land.

I for one shall be looking out for these lovely brown ladies and cheering them on in their battle for survival. Life is much more interesting when there's a chicken on the park!

Helen Knott

Janet May's Garden Tidings



Winter's icy fingers have clawed their way back into their frosty gloves and it's time to scramble about the garden like a Mad March Hare and get it ready for the rest of the year!

March's weather can still be erratic, so pick your gardening time when the chance of frost is lower.

But now really is the time to start weeding and hoeing over the borders, remembering to dig mulch into any bare soil and remove as much moss and weeds as possible.

Failing to fork out dandelions, for example, can result in an ongoing battle lasting for years.

Nutrients can be washed out of the soil at this time of year, so dig in an organic fertiliser or surface material, after having removed any straggling weed seedlings.

As March warms up and over a period of days, as plants show new growth, gently remove any winter mulch from the beds and borders, to acclimatise them. The weather can still be cold and the wind occasionally strong, so take your time and remember to tie any delicate plants to supports.

Take off dead blooms from bulbs and strip perennials

of old leaves, stalks and seed heads. Roses can be ferociously pruned back and fed to create long stemmed and bushy flowers later and a blast of black spot killer wouldn't go amiss either.

To ensure a continuous source of blazing colour throughout the year, start planting tender bulbs and tubers every two weeks until the middle of June. Gladioli, lilies and dahlias are a good start.

This is also the month to plant primroses and pansies. Spring plants like tulips should also get a healthy dose of feed before and during flowering.

The vegetable patch should be thoroughly dug over and weeded before adding well rotted manure and compost ready for the peas, onions, leeks and carrots etc.

These should already be in seed trays and kept in a cool greenhouse prior to planting in April...or they could be in a garden centre awaiting you!

However, early potatoes can be planted in a well mulched trench about 6 inches deep at the same time as the onion and shallots.

Happy digging!



LEICESTER'S SEARCH AND RESCUE

Most of us are well aware of the voluntary Mountain Rescue teams that search for missing walkers in hilly areas of the country but few know of the lowland Search and Rescue (SAR) teams who search for missing people in rural and urban areas of the country.

Whereas Mountain Rescue predominantly search for people engaged in outdoor pursuits, such as hikers and climbers, lowland SAR teams search for missing children, dementia sufferers, and people suffering from mental health problems or depression.

Set up in 2012, the Leicestershire Search and Rescue Team (LEICSAR) is made up of volunteers and is funded wholly from donations. Team members are on-call and are called out by Leicestershire Police to search for people who are at high risk of coming to harm. LEICSAR also provides mutual aid support to the SAR teams of neighbouring counties and, if required, elsewhere in the country. During the November floods, the team worked with members of the Warwickshire emergency services to rescue two elderly residents and their eighty five greyhounds.

At a time when public sector services such as the Police and Fire Service are under tight financial pressures, SAR teams are able to provide a rapid response of trained search specialists twenty four hours a day anywhere in Leicestershire or Rutland.



LEICSAR relies on voluntary donations to operate and are particularly grateful for the generous support of Harrison Murray Estate Agents, ATE Truck and Trailer Sales and BOTT Storage.

Anyone wishing to join the unit or make a contribution can visit the LEICSAR website at www.leicestershire-sar.org.uk

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2nd Tue: 2.00 - 4.00pm: MU speakers.

3rd Tue: 7.30 - 9.30pm: W.P. Gardening Club.

Wed: 5.00 - 8.00pm: Weightwatchers.

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

1st Wed: 2.30 - 4.00pm: Wednesday Club.

4th Wed: 7.00 - 9.00pm: MU 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.

1st Fri: 11.30 - 1.00pm: Lunch club.

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Westcotes Drive Leicester

Street Self Defence: Mondays in the Hall. 7.30-8.30pm Call 07788 637 686 for details.

Martyrs Football Training: every Weds eve 6.30pm at Nelson Mandela Park..

Craft Group: for any type of craft. Thurs 12th July and every 2nd Thurs of the month.

Karate: Fridays in the Hall. 6.00-7.00pm.

Rainbows: Mondays 5.15pm.

Brownies: Mon & Thurs. 6.30pm.

Guides: Tuesdays. 7.00pm.

St. Andrew's Methodist Church

Glenfield Road East, Leicester

Fri: Pram Club. Term Time. 10.00-11.30am.

T: Jean 0116 255 2912.

Parish of St. Peter

21 Hinckley Road Leicester

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Blackbird Road, Leicester

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Events Diary

Zumba Class Tues. 7.15-8.15 at New College. Call Sarah 07810 307 113.

Fosse Camera Club: Fridays. St. Peter's Church Rooms. 7.45pm. 0116 299 2230.

Leic' Ladies WI: Meets monthly on 3rd Mon. 7.15pm Upstairs in The Almanack, 15 Bath House Lane.

Breastfeeding Group: West End Sure Start Children's Centre, Catesby Street, Tuesdays. 1:30pm - 3:00pm. 0116 225 2225.

Online Sessions: Westcotes Library. Weekly. Mon, Tues & Thurs. 1-3.30pm. Free.

Fosse Singers: Fosse N'hood Centre. Weds. 7pm.

Classic Rock Show: DeMontfort Hall Feb 1st. 8.00pm. www.demontforhall.co.uk

Peter Crebbin and his Cool Swing Band: Sun 3rd March & 2nd April. 1-3:30pm. Hilton Hotel.

Search for Richard III Talk: 06 March. 7pm Guildhall. £3.50.

The Alarm: 8th March. O2 Academy, University Rd. 7pm £15.00

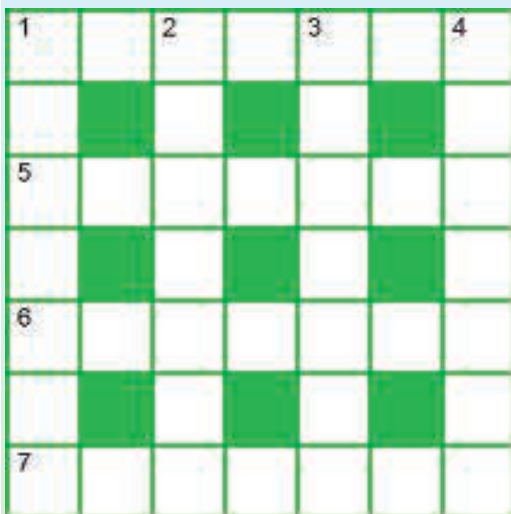
Boogie Night: 8th March. DeMontfort Hall. 7.30pm

Richard 3rd - Leic Connection: 9, 16th March. Outside Cathedral. 11am & 2pm. T: 0116 253 2569.

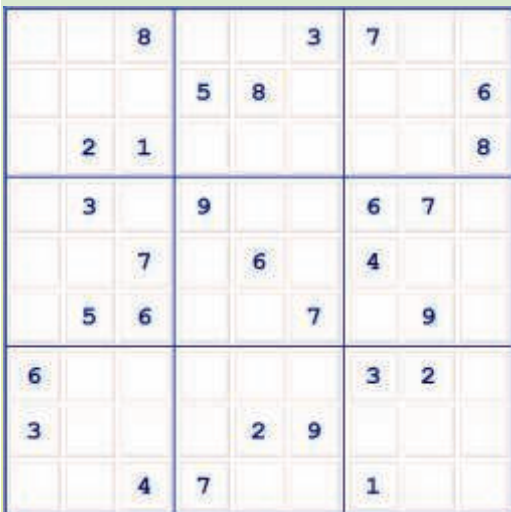
Moscow State Circus: 7-9th March. Curve Theatre. 7.30pm. www.curvetheatre.co.uk

Audience with Charles Dickens: 14th March. 1&7.30pm. Guildhall. To book- 0116 253 2569

BRAIN TAZERS



Across: 1. Move deeply 5. Upstart 6. Bombastic
7. Ring-shaped Down: 1. Course certificate 2. Cut of meat 3. Poorly balanced 4. Embarrassing mistake



- Yardsticks Tap is an anagram of what?
- Which is greater – half of quarter or quarter of half?
- Remove 10 letters so that the remaining ones, in order, spell a common word. **Srlobachpteloryp**
- Using 8 number 8's – make 1000.
- Vowels have been taken out of the names of two famous scientists. Who are they? **ScNwtN LbrtNstn.**

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Free Mile² Basketball sessions for young people



Leicester Rider Coaches will help train young people.

The Mile² Team has places for up to 60 young people to take part in weekly basketball coaching sessions on De Montfort University Campus.

Mile² has worked in collaboration with Leicestershire police and Leicester Riders to help provide young people in Leicester with a new and exciting opportunity, free of charge.

The training will be led by Riders coaches alongside Mile² student volunteers.

DMU will host the basketball sessions in the John Sanford Centre from 7-9pm for young people aged 14-21 every week up until the end of April.

Not only will the young people receive basketball lessons but they will also receive regular talks from fire service officials, city wardens, youth workers and DMU staff to help set participants on the right path to a good career.

If you are interested in taking part in the basketball sessions, please contact Mile² on 0116 257 7102 or email mile2@dmu.ac.uk.

We need singers!

We are looking for singers to join the free Mile² Choir. The Choir meets every Thursday, 11-1pm in Newfoundpool Neighbourhood Centre.

The Choir places an emphasis on variety and entertainment and practices a broad range of songs. They are currently working towards a concert for the Charity Wateraid in the summer.

The singers themselves admit that the fun of the choir is what attracts them to it. With many of them having little or no singing experience before joining, it presents an opportunity for members to meet new people.

If you would like to join the Mile² Choir, please contact Beth on 0116 257 7560 or email balston@dmu.ac.uk.



The Mile² Choir performed at St Mary De Castro.



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New courses for Mile² IT suite



A new range of computing courses will be available from the Mile² Fosse Neighbourhood Centre IT suite, thanks to the formation of a working partnership between Mile² and the Workers Educational Association (WEA). WEA offers a variety of programmes ranging from computing skills to languages and literature courses free of charge to residents who are unemployed or on low income backgrounds.



Mile² has a purpose built IT suite in Fosse.

The working partnership will see WEA use the Fosse IT suite, to enhance the current computing curriculum provided by De Montfort University students and the Mile² team.

Operations Manager David Hollis said: "Increasing the computer literacy of all ages in the Mile² area is a key objective of the IT training project, with a new range of computing courses provided by WEA now available to residents at the Fosse IT suite over the coming months, we believe this aim can be easily achieved."

If you are interested in taking part in the IT sessions, please contact Mile² on 0116 257 7102 or email mile2@dmu.ac.uk.

Expansion plans for Threadworks and free English lessons

The Mile² team is working on plans to expand the Threadworks project and free English classes due to a record number of attendees.

Both projects are now full but Mile² is responding to this demand by putting on more sessions with the possibility of extra tutors being hired to deliver free English lessons.

If you would like to sign up for Threadworks or free English classes, please contact the Mile² team on 0116 257 7102 or email mile2@dmu.ac.uk.



Free English Classes at DMU.



Extra classes for Threadworks.

DMU Games Festival with Mile²

Mile² is hosting a Games Festival on Wednesday 27 February, 9.30-4.00pm at Newfoundpool Neighbourhood Centre as part of DMU's Cultural Exchanges week.

You can learn how to use video games, virtual worlds and social networks in exciting new ways and showcase your own creative uses of technology.

Experts from the European Games Industry and Community Media specialists will be showing you how you can make the most of your creative talents to benefit your community.



Learn how to use virtual worlds, video games and social media to benefit your community.

This event is free of charge. If you would like to attend, go to www.dmugamesfeb27.eventbrite.co.uk to register.

If you would like any more information or would like to take part in the session, please contact David Wortley on dwortley@dmu.ac.uk.



Rik Basra helps a student volunteer join the register.

Stem Cell Register Event planned for DMU

The Rik Basra Leukaemia Campaign works closely with the Anthony Nolan Trust, who process all new applications to register. Anyone aged 16-30 and in good health can join the register. The registration process can be done online (The Anthony Nolan Trust send you a cup to spit in and send back.)

Alternatively you can attend a registration event like the one planned at De Montfort

University. The Rik Basra Leukaemia Campaign is working with the Mile² Project to organise the event on 19 March between 10am-3pm. The event aims to get as many students, members and staff and local residents signed up to the register as possible.

Every 20 minutes someone in the UK is diagnosed with blood cancer and for some a stem cell transplant is their only chance of survival.

Despite the simplicity of the registration and donation process there are not enough donors in the UK. This means that only half of those in need of a donor are able to find one.

Anyone wanting to get involved can contact Mark Charlton at mcharlton@dmu.ac.uk.



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Fosse Recreation Ground Clean-Up

Mile² has 32 separate projects which are dedicated to helping square mile residents enhance their CV's, learn new skills and improve their health.

However, Mile² also takes part in clean-up sessions within the square mile area with the help of residents and De Montfort University student volunteers.



Mile² clean-up in Woodgate, Frog Island.

One such event is the upcoming clean-up at Fosse Recreation Ground. Mile² will supply a group of dedicated students to help City Council Wardens to clean-up the community park which has become overgrown and littered. The team of volunteers will work to restore the park to a clean and tidy state to be enjoyed by all.

The clean-up will take place on 27 February, at 12.30pm at Fosse Recreation Ground. Anybody else who would like to take part is encouraged to do so, the more the merrier!

This is not the first time Mile² volunteers will have helped clean-up an area of the square mile. In October 2012, 20 students descended on Woodgate, Frog Island, to tackle the mess left by a graffiti 'tagger'.

For more information, please contact Amy White on 0116 257 7102 or email awhite@dmu.ac.uk.

Win a £25 Highcross shopping voucher!

NHS

Take part in our Mile² Health Survey in partnership with Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group.

Answer the three following questions to be entered into our prize draw:

- 1) Are you registered with a local GP-and if so, where?
- 2) If you are not registered, where do you go/would you go if you needed medical treatment?
- 3) Have you ever used a local health service? Where did you go and for what treatment?

Email your answers by March 15 with a contact name, address and telephone number to: mile2@dmu.ac.uk or post your answers to health survey, Mile².