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Leicester in the spotlight

This is the first issue of Leicester Link since the elections and I'd like to start by saying that I feel honoured to have been elected to serve another term as Leicester's city mayor. On page 5 you can see the new team of councillors who will be supporting me in the years ahead. We face huge challenges, but there is so much to be proud of in our city – I look ahead with optimism for Leicester's future.

As ever, one of my key priorities will be economic development. We have recently announced proposals to redevelop the site of the old council headquarters, New Walk Centre – see page 14. While on page 9 you can find out about the many different ways in which we are supporting local businesses.

Earlier this year, with the eyes of the world upon us, we reburied Richard III with great dignity. Later this year we will be in the spotlight once again as a host city for the Rugby World Cup 2015. During the tournament, there will be a lot going on beside the matches – turn to pages 26-29 to find out how you can get involved in the celebrations.

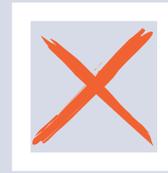
This summer offers a packed programme of events across Leicester, from the Caribbean Carnival to the huge variety of sports and cultural activities during the City Festival. I look forward to seeing some of you there.

You can also now keep in touch with me via Twitter: [@CityMayorLeic](https://twitter.com/CityMayorLeic)

Peter Soulsby

City mayor

Election results



Re-election of city mayor

On 7 May, the people of Leicester re-elected Peter Soulsby as city mayor by a large majority. He received 55 per cent of the votes cast – a majority of 47,000. Turnout in the mayoral election was 59 per cent.

First elected as city mayor in 2011, Peter Soulsby will serve another four years in office. The next mayoral election will be in 2019.

Seven candidates stood in the mayoral election. You can see details of the votes cast for each one online: leicester.gov.uk/voteleicester

Mayor's executive team

After the election, Peter Soulsby announced the team of senior councillors who will help him run the city. Each one takes responsibility for a different area and together they form the city's executive.

Deputy city mayor
Assistant city mayor

Councillor

Rory Palmer
Piara Singh Clair
Adam Clarke
Andy Connelly
Abdul Osman
Sarah Russell
Lynn Senior
Manjula Sood
Sue Waddington

Responsibilities

Adult social care, health integration and wellbeing
Culture, leisure and sport
Energy and sustainability
Housing
Public health
Children, young people and schools
Neighbourhood services
Communities and equalities
Jobs and skills



I am delighted and honoured to have been re-elected by the people of Leicester for a second term as city mayor. When Leicester first introduced the mayoral system in 2011, some people were sceptical. They didn't see the need for change.

I believe the past four years have shown the difference a city mayor can make. Not everyone will have liked everything I've done. But there is no denying that Leicester is a very different place, with a growing feeling of pride and self-confidence.

I believe that electing a mayor is the democratic way of deciding leadership and vision for our city. Things are happening at last for Leicester. As mayor, I've been able to drive the city forward, bringing tens of millions of pounds of outside investment.

During this second term of office, we will face serious challenges. We already know that the cuts from central government will continue and probably worsen. Recently I was very pleased to announce a new team of assistant city mayors which will enable us to deal with those challenges and to deliver the promises we made at the election:

- To build the prosperity of our city – increasing employment, raising skills and attracting new jobs and apprenticeships.
- To ensure that our adult social care services promote choice, dignity and respect, and work hard to help people live independently and play an active and full part in society.
- To raise school attainment levels and educational outcomes for our schoolchildren year on year, and to make certain that all children entering primary education are best equipped to succeed.
- To strengthen our arrangements to keep children from harm.
- To accelerate the development of cycling, walking and public transport improvements.
- To make sure that we make best use of our assets and continue our drive to secure more investment in the city.
- To invest more in the future of our neighbourhood services.

Peter Soulsby | City mayor

Back row, left to right:

**Abdul Osman,
Adam Clarke,
Sue Waddington,
Piara Singh Clair,
Lynn Senior,
Andy Connelly.**

Front row, left to right:

**Manjula Sood,
Rory Palmer,
Peter Soulsby,
Sarah Russell.**



Election results

Local and national elections

On election day, three separate votes were held in Leicester. As well as choosing the city mayor, Leicester residents voted to elect their Westminster MPs and local councillors.

You can see full election results, with the number of votes cast for each candidate online: leicester.gov.uk/voteleicester

Leicester West



Parliament

The following MPs were elected to serve the city's three constituencies in parliament:

- Leicester East – **Keith Vaz, Labour**
- Leicester South – **Jon Ashworth, Labour**
- Leicester West – **Liz Kendall, Labour**

How the council works

Councillors are elected to act as a voice for the communities they represent.

They speak up for users of council services, and make decisions at council meetings on major issues affecting the residents of Leicester, such as setting council tax. They also make judgements on planning applications.

All councillors sit for a period of four years, after which a fresh election is held. You can contact your councillor by phone or email, or visit one of their regular surgeries. See pages 44-45 for more information.

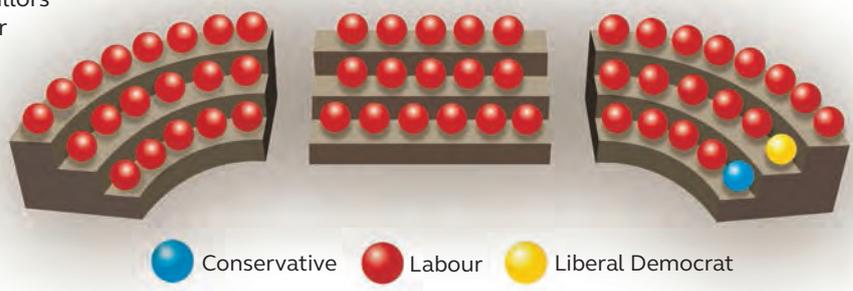
Council election

Leicester City Council is made up of 54 councillors who represent the city's 21 wards. The Labour party won a majority of seats on the council.

The results were as follows:

Labour	52
Conservative	1
Liberal Democrat	1

All the councillors who were elected on 7 May are listed on pages 44-45.





New ward boundaries

In this election, the city used new ward areas that were set by the national Boundary Commission. The changes are intended to ensure that each councillor represents roughly the same number of electors. Some wards are represented by three councillors and some by two. This map shows the new ward names and boundaries.





Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning

Part-time evening courses at a leading university

The University of Leicester's Vaughan Centre for Lifelong Learning provides part-time university education which fits around your commitments.

- It is a great starting point if you have no formal academic qualifications, and can provide a boost to your career
- We offer courses in Counselling, Creative Writing, Ecology, Humanities (with Art History, Religious Studies and History pathways), Psychology, Business Enterprise and Management
- These are recognised academic qualifications, taught by University staff, using University facilities, drawing on University expertise

New courses for 2015:

- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Science
- Certificate of Higher Education in Social Welfare, Advice and Guidance
- BSc Business, Enterprise and Innovation
- Postgraduate Certificate in Professional Studies (Supervision)

Bursaries and tuition fee loans are available

Eligible part-time students can obtain a non-means tested tuition fee loan which means no upfront fees. Monthly repayments of the loan only start if your individual income is over £21,000 per annum.

For more information visit www.le.ac.uk/lifelonglearning
or call 0116 252 5962 to request a brochure.



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Gateway to success

Your one-stop shop for business support and information

Over the past few years Leicester City Council has been working hard with local businesses to help them grow. Our Enterprising Leicester grant programme – funded by £2 million of European money – has created 350 jobs among more than 150 local businesses.

Based at the LCB Depot and DOCK workspaces, the council's business development team has worked with over 400 creative and technology businesses, delivering 5,000 hours of free support including start-up facilities, one-to-one coaching, workshops, and finance and networking events.

A new scheme to offer a discretionary rate relief grant to local businesses has also been launched. It is designed to support high growth companies, inward investors and businesses that can bring priority empty buildings back into productive use.

Now the council is working with partners to simplify and improve business support. Thanks to a new website, local businesses can find all the information they need in one place.

The Leicester and Leicestershire Economic Partnership has launched the Business Gateway to provide all the information you need to start up and successfully grow a business, including advice on finance, training, hiring, premises and investing.

You can find information on local face-to-face services and read all the latest business news. Business owners can subscribe to be kept up to date with support services and funding opportunities. There's also a telephone helpline and web chat service for advice. The site also has a comprehensive section on local and national business grants and funding streams.

City mayor Peter Soulsby said: "Economic development remains one of my top priorities and I am delighted to see the launch of this new website. I am sure that it will prove to be an invaluable resource for local businesses."

Visit the Business Gateway at llepbizgateway.co.uk and follow us on Twitter @LLEPBizGateway.



Boost your broadband



If you're a small or medium sized business in Leicester you could be eligible for a grant of up to £3,000 to help you boost your broadband. The grants are part of the government's broadband connection voucher scheme. To find out more and apply visit connectionvouchers.co.uk.



Around the city



Grants for growing

The benefits of growing your own food for health and wellbeing are being realised by community projects across the city as part of the Get Growing grant scheme.

The scheme is part of Leicester's Food Plan, which aims to make us a healthy and sustainable food city. To support local communities to grow their own food, the Food Plan is offering grants of up to £1,000 in each of the city's 22 wards. Additional grants of up to £500 are also available to schools to help them start growing fruit and vegetables in their local areas. Successful applicants also have the opportunity to get free, expert advice from the scheme's partners, Saffron Acres Project and The Conservation Volunteers.

Deputy city mayor Councillor Rory Palmer said: "We've had a huge amount of interest in the Get Growing grants and it's great that the first round of funding has been able to support such an excellent and broad range of projects. We want this scheme to help kick-start new projects across the city and make growing fresh and healthy food accessible to more people."

Find out more and download an application form at

leicester.gov.uk/foodplan.

Moira Street land revamp

A plot of disused land on Moira Street in Belgrave is due to get a facelift thanks to a local community group. The group applied for funding through their ward community budget and the Get Growing grant scheme to create a new community growing project.

The project is in the early stages of planning but local residents have acquired a licence which will enable them to turn this space into a fruit and flower garden. They hope the local community will get involved and take ownership of the space.

To get involved or find out more phone Amita Miles on **07811 973143** or email amita.miles@leicester.gov.uk.

If you have any ideas to improve your local area, you can tell us at your next ward meeting. Details of ward meetings can be found at leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings



Keeping fit

Rushey Mead's community engagement officer organised 10 weeks of fitness sessions to help members of the public use the newly installed outdoor gym equipment on Jesse Jackson Park. Open to anyone over 18 and run by a qualified gym instructor, the sessions helped improve people's confidence, fitness and wellbeing, as well as giving them the opportunity to make new friends. For more information on the possibility of further sessions please contact Amita Miles on **07811 973143**.





New Parks New Friends

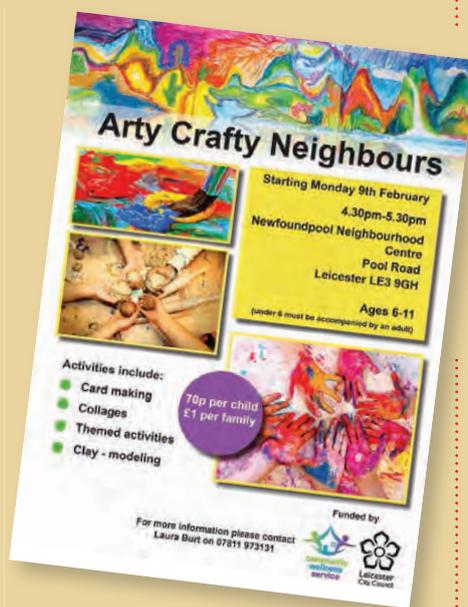
Residents in New Parks expressed an interest in starting a new friendship project. People wanted a place they could go to have a hot drink, meet new people and have a chat. The council listened and New Parks New Friends was launched in February 2015.

Supported by the community engagement officers, New Parks Library, local ward councillors and the New Parks Community Panel, the group offers a weekly coffee morning and the opportunity to meet new people. To find out more please contact judith.wray@methodist.org.uk.

Arty Crafty Neighbours

A new children's arts and crafts club is running every Monday at Newfoundpool Neighbourhood Centre. Arty Crafty Neighbours was funded by Leicester City Council's ward community budget and the NHS community wellness team's Cash for Graft scheme, which helped with initial start up and running costs.

The club is open to children aged 6 to 11 years and runs from 4.30-5.30pm. For a small charge of 70p, children in Newfoundpool and Fosse have the chance to meet new friends whilst learning to use their creativity and imagination. For more information please call Laura on **07811 973131**.



Story of Leicester parks

Leicester City Council has received a Heritage Lottery Fund grant to deliver a new project based around the story of Leicester's parks.

The project will see the restoration of the historic iron gates in Victoria Park alongside a large scale community engagement project. Residents will be able to learn about the history of their local parks through a range of activities including guided walks, heritage panels, family days, exhibitions, public talks and archaeological digs.

A volunteer programme will also provide opportunities for local people with no previous experience to receive free training and develop heritage resources for the parks. The full volunteer programme can be viewed on our website.

For more information about the project, or if you are interested in joining our volunteer group, please email storyofparks@leicester.gov.uk

Thurnby Kick Start Academy

Last year, a group applied for funding from the Thurncourt ward community budget to set up the Thurnby Kick Start Academy. The aim was to bring football back into the lives of young people aged 4 to 11; the academy now has around 100 members with children coming from all over the city to enjoy the sport.

They train on Tuesdays at Willowbrook Activity Centre on Colhurst Way, Thurnby Lodge, from 5 to 8pm. If your children are interested, come along to a session or for more information contact Anita Clarke at anita.clarke@leicester.gov.uk or 0116 221 1458.



Child car seats

Keep your child safe by making sure that you are using the correct size car seat – and that it is fitted properly.

If your child is not properly secured in the car the least you are risking is a fine or a penalty point on your licence. At worst, your child could be fatally injured.

For help and advice come to one of our free clinics or contact the road safety team on 0116 454 2869.

You can also search for 'road safety' on the council website: leicester.gov.uk

Car seat clinics for 2015:

29 June, 10am-4pm

Beaumont Shopping Centre

1 July, 10am-4pm

Asda Abbey Lane

3 September, 2.15-3.45pm

Sacred Heart/Bridge primary schools

19 October, 10am-4pm

Beaumont Shopping Centre

27 November, 10am-3pm

St Georges Retail Park



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Break your reading record

The Summer Reading Challenge is back and this year the theme is 'Record Breakers'. From 1 July until the end of August, children can collect their Record Breakers invitation and pack from their local library.

Record Breakers challenges young readers to explore some of the astonishing real-life achievements and world records featured in the Guinness World Records books. Collecting stickers as they go, young readers can discover weird, wonderful and wacky records from around the world and face mini challenges of their own at Leicester libraries' family challenge days.

You can also join in with a real world record attempt as the Reading Agency looks to set the record for the most pledges received for a reading campaign. Visit your local library or a pledge point across the city on 11 July to make your pledge. Don't worry if you can't join in with the record attempt, you can still make your pledge at any time over the summer.

Assistant city mayor Councillor Lynn Senior said: "Our annual reading challenge is a great way to entertain and inspire children over the school holidays. There are lots of free events and activities in city libraries and you'll be helping to foster good reading habits for life."

For more information visit leicester.gov.uk/libraries

Schools share sports facilities

School sports facilities have benefited significantly from investment under the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) programme. Two schools in particular are leading the way.

Soar Valley Community College now boasts a gym, tennis courts and a specialist netball centre used by the Leicester netball leagues. The Leicestershire and Rutland Hockey Association (LRHA) uses its all-weather pitch, which is now home to several of its teams.

Mick Barlow, chairman of the LRHA, said: "The pitch at Soar Valley is one of the best in Leicester. The LRHA has around 1,000 players in 46 teams playing in four leagues, covering the whole of Leicestershire and Rutland.

Most play regularly at Soar Valley and find the facilities easy to use with free parking and changing rooms. We hope to have many years of association with the college."

Crown Hills Community College now offers the local community top-class sports facilities. The school is home to a cricket academy that is recognised by the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB).

Crown Hills also offers badminton, tennis, football, futsal, netball and basketball. Many local clubs make Crown Hills their home for training or matches, while the school's gym hosts spin and fitness classes.

James Reynolds, sports centre manager at Crown Hills, said:

"BSF investment and the backing of the ECB have advanced sport here leaps and bounds. Our facilities are always full of people from the local community and even top-level clubs use them for training. Cricket has particularly improved, with many of the kids going on to play for the county."

These are just two Leicester schools that now offer first-rate sport and fitness to their communities. This is as well as providing Leicester's young people with the means to realise their sporting potential while at school.

To find out more about your local school's sports facilities and community use, head to directory.leicester.gov.uk/schools-directory



Moving to secondary school – autumn 2016

If your child was born between 1 September 2004 and 31 August 2005, you need to apply for a secondary school place this autumn.

Applications open in the second week of September and the closing date is 31 October 2015.

You apply for places online through the council website. If you live in the city, we will send you an information pack through the post explaining what you need to do. You should receive this by 13 September. If you do not receive your pack by this date, please email admissions.online@leicester.gov.uk

If you live outside the city – in Leicestershire county – you need to contact your own local authority to apply for a school place.

When you apply, we recommend you use all three preferences. One of these should be your catchment school.

Please make sure that you apply before the closing date. If your application arrives after 31 October it will be treated as late and you are less likely to get the school place you want.

Go to leicester.gov.uk/schooladmissions for more information.



New Walk development

Plans are underway to transform the site left by the recently demolished New Walk Centre. Leicester City Council has appointed a local developer, Ingleby, to redevelop the two-acre site.

Initial plans are for two buildings with a tree-lined public square and a walkway connecting the development to Welford Road.

City mayor Peter Soulsby said: "I was determined from the outset that New Walk Centre would be replaced by a development which would be beneficial to the surrounding businesses. The proposals strike the right balance of mixing residential with business use with open space and will include buildings of a much more sympathetic scale to the surrounding area."

It is hoped that the first parts of the development will be completed and open for business by spring 2017.



Youth arts centre opens

Leicester's first youth arts and heritage centre has opened at 50 New Walk. Soft Touch Arts will use their new base to run a huge variety of creative and educational activities for disadvantaged young people.

Formerly the council's workplace nursery, the centre has been refurbished over the past year and now contains digital musical production studios, exhibition and performance space, sensory equipment for disabled youngsters, a healthy eating kitchen, and areas for textiles, art and design.

Soft Touch Arts director Chris Wigmore said: "This is a fantastic new resource for Leicester's young people. We'll be able to take them much further now we can run lots of different activities at once. The central location is much easier to get to and we have better access for disabled people."

On many projects Soft Touch Arts will be working in partnership with the council, which contributed £50,000 towards the refurbishment.

Assistant city mayor Cllr Piara Singh Clair said: "Soft Touch is very much valued for its work with Leicester's young people. Their new centre is just opposite New Walk Museum and we are delighted to have them as neighbours. We have worked with them on projects in the past and this offers many opportunities for further joint working. It is wonderful to see this building brought back to life and being put to such good use."

For more information go to soft-touch.org.uk





Young winners

The winners of the 2015 Lord Lieutenant's Young People's Awards were commended for their achievements at a ceremony at County Hall.

The top title of Young Person of the Year (and Young Braveheart) went to 17-year-old Bethany May Mickleburgh. Bethany is a former leukaemia sufferer who has worked hard to encourage others to sign up to the Anthony Nolan donor register.

She said: "I was very surprised and honoured to be named as the winner. I wasn't expecting it as there were many more people who deserved it."

Other winners from Leicester were Young Volunteer Ryanvir Singh (15) and Young Artist Ella Joyce (18).

Lady Gretton, Lord-Lieutenant of Leicestershire, said: "All too often the achievements of young people go unnoticed by the wider community and they are often portrayed in a negative light.

"I am pleased that my awards have demonstrated the good work that young people are doing across our city and county. It was humbling to hear of the achievements of the finalists, who were all so deserving of this recognition."



If you're looking for information on travelling in Leicester and Leicestershire, look no further than the Choose How You Move website.

With plenty of helpful advice to get you from A to B, you'll find tools to help you plan your route, plus information on exploring the city and county on foot, by bike, by car or on public transport. You can also view timetables, find someone to car share with, see the latest travel news, join the Sustainable Transport Challenge and much more. Visit choosehowyoumove.co.uk to get going today.

Change of address

The disabled children's service has a new web address. Visit dcs.leicester.gov.uk for information on services and support for disabled children and young people, and their parents or carers.

Sue Townsend Theatre

This spring, the newly renamed Sue Townsend Theatre was officially opened to honour the late Leicester-born author who died in April 2014.

Located on Upper Brown Street and formerly known as the Phoenix Arts Centre, the theatre is now leased to Leicester College and is being used as a teaching venue for those studying the performing arts, music and sound technology.

For more information, including details of forthcoming shows, visit leicestercollege.ac.uk/suetownsendtheatre

Older Persons' Month

We're celebrating Older Persons' Month this September. Come along to our information event on Tuesday 1 September at City Hall, Charles Street. This is a drop-in event for older people and those that support them. You can get information about staying healthy and find out about local services.

Email anita.adatia@leicester.gov.uk or call **0116 454 2347** for more information.

Learning for life

Leicester Adult Skills And Learning Service offers a range of courses covering areas as varied as digital photography, cake decorating, first aid, and music. There are also courses to help you get back into work, boost your maths and English qualifications and help those who speak English as a second language.

For more information please visit leicester.gov.uk/adulteducation or telephone **0116 454 1900**.

Pork pie reopens

One of the city's best-loved buildings has reopened after a major refit to transform it into a community hub. The Pork Pie Library, in Southfields Drive, has been relaunched as the Pork Pie Library and Community Centre.

Improvements include a kitchen, a new IT suite and a classroom for adult learning. The theatre area at the back of the building has also been restored, while other rooms are being developed for community use.

Cllr Lynn Senior, assistant city mayor for neighbourhoods, said: "I'm pleased that we've been able to invest in such a beautiful building, bringing it up to standard so that it can provide 21st-century facilities for local people.

"We know how much people value their community services. By relocating services under one roof,

we get the most out of our buildings while ensuring that people have one convenient neighbourhood location where they can take part in lots of different activities."

An established lunch club will use the new community centre, while other activities include an under-fives toddler time session, study support for schoolchildren, citizen's advice, support sessions to help people stop smoking and a weekly work club. The centre will also offer a full programme of adult learning activities including maths, English, IT courses and digital photography.

The centre will be open for longer hours, from 9am to 5pm weekdays (9am-7pm on Wednesdays) and 10am-1pm on Saturdays.



Beaumont Leys improvements

Residents and business owners in Beaumont Leys have recently benefited from a local community regeneration programme. On Bluegates Road and Ipswich Close the improvements have targeted the environment around the council flats. Residents now have paved access to the blocks, new communal bin areas and more open spaces due to the removal of bushes and creation of grassed areas.

The area surrounding the shops on Marwood Road and Bewcastle Grove has also seen significant improvements. Paving has been relaid and new seating installed, while purpose-built bike stands are now available for those that wish to cycle to the shops.

Both areas are now cleaner, tidier and more welcoming for visitors. These latest improvements contribute towards the wider programme that Leicester City Council is committed to providing for Leicester's neighbourhoods. The aim is to create neighbourhoods that residents are proud to live in, reduce anti-social behaviour, and contribute towards sustainment of tenancies.



Housing annual report



The council has been working with the Leicester Tenants and Leaseholders Forum to determine the content of this year's annual report.

The report details achievements in housing for the past year, as well as areas for improvement in the next. By setting goals and priorities for the coming year, the housing team can show tenants what they will be working on and what benefit that work will bring.

Early this year, the forum had the opportunity to have their say in the development of the 2015 report. The final report is due to be published in June. You can find all housing annual reports on the council website: leicester.gov.uk

Move to Granby Street

The housing options service has moved to the Customer Service Centre at 91 Granby Street. Opening hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 8.30am-5pm; Wednesday 9.30am-6pm; and Friday 8.30am-4.30pm. You can also contact the service via leicesterhomechoice.co.uk or by phone on 0116 454 1008.



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Thumbs up for HomeCome

Leicester City Council has teamed up with HomeCome to provide quality accommodation to people on the housing register at affordable rents. The council manages the property on behalf of HomeCome, which means that they pay the council for repairs and general upkeep.

For tenants, the scheme provides a home with the same levels of management that council tenants receive. This means that all repairs and maintenance are carried out by council-approved contractors, to a very high standard. An initial six-month tenancy period may be extended on a week-by-week basis, as long as no alterations are made to the property and no nuisance or anti-social behaviour is reported by neighbours.

Mike Forrester of HomeCome said: "We are a non-profit organisation that offers houses for the leasing scheme purchased using grants from Leicester City Council and bank loans. We also lease houses from private landlords to offer homes to families from the council's housing register. There are currently 80 such properties and HomeCome pays the landlord a guaranteed rent for a period of five years."

It is this guarantee of rent and maintenance that makes the scheme so attractive to landlords. For example, HomeCome pays the landlord £4,400 per year for a three-bedroom house. The landlord does not have to worry about rent arrears, bad debts, empty

periods when no rent is collected, repairs, council tax when the property is empty or the cost of damage at the end of the tenancy.

Local landlord Pat Lennon heard about the scheme and was delighted to find that his rental property met the requirements. He said: "The HomeCome scheme offers more to landlords than any letting agency can. All terms and conditions are explicitly spelled out, which makes things simpler for both landlords and tenants. Properties on the scheme are incredibly well looked after, which has saved me a great deal of money."

Andy Connelly, assistant city mayor for housing, said: "We are very pleased to be able to offer this service to tenants in association with HomeCome. It offers a high standard of affordable accommodation and a positive experience for landlords too."

The council operates a rent deposit scheme for landlords who still want to manage their own properties, but are happy to take referrals from housing options. We also give advice to landlords as well as tenants. Contact the housing options service at the Customer Service Centre on Granby Street, or call 0116 454 1008.





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Waste not, want not

After the opening of the new household waste recycling centre in April, we talk rubbish with one of the managers involved

Introduce yourself:

My name is Jenny Loran and I am the service development manager for waste management. The team is responsible for a range of services from the weekly waste and recycling collections, as well as garden and clinical waste collections, to overseeing two household waste recycling centres – and more besides.

Why do we need a new recycling centre?

Our recycling centres at Freeman's Common and Bridge Road have been in use for many years, but a long time ago it was recognised that the Bridge Road site would not be able to meet the demands of Leicester's growing population.

Following a successful bid for government funding in 2012, we built a new state-of-the-art household waste recycling centre at Gypsum Close, which opened in April. It's over five times the size of the Bridge Road site and offers

residents greater recycling facilities and a 'reuse shop', run by LOROS.

The site also has a dedicated trade waste facility, so local businesses can dispose of their waste in a safe and responsible way at competitive prices.

Tell us about the partnership with LOROS

We've partnered with the charity LOROS to run the new reuse shop, so people can pass on items that are "too good to tip". The shop has a dedicated drop off point for donations and a large shop floor for residents to browse and pick up a bargain.

LOROS has an on-site workshop so items can be cleaned, repaired and tested before being sold on. They can accept a wide range of items from bric-a-brac and bicycles to microwaves and wardrobes – and even paint!

What else are you working on?

We are always looking at what our residents want and need when it comes to the waste and recycling services we offer.

It was through feedback from residents that we introduced our new garden waste collection last year. This fortnightly kerbside service has proved popular with residents and continues to grow. Although there is a cost to residents who wish to make use of the service, it provides an easy and convenient way to dispose of garden waste safely and simply.

Find out more at leicester.gov.uk/waste

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Reaching out

Few of us can imagine what it must be like to have to spend a night out on the streets. For some of the most vulnerable among us, this is their everyday reality – they have nowhere safe to rest and are unaware of any alternative.

Leicester City Council's homeless outreach team aims to tackle this problem. By engaging directly with those sleeping rough on the streets of Leicester and referring them to the Dawn Centre, they are reducing the number of people who feel that rough sleeping is their only option.

The Dawn Centre is an outreach project based on Conduit Street. It provides temporary accommodation for homeless people as well as support and advice on topics ranging from education to cookery skills.

Referring people to the Dawn Centre has proved highly effective at minimising the time they spend sleeping rough. It prevents rough sleeping from becoming an entrenched behaviour. There were 220 referrals there last year, for a total of 96 individuals.

Figures show a steady decline in the number of rough sleepers on Leicester's streets. Instances of 'repeat rough sleeping' have sharply declined over the past year, from nine in the first quarter of 2014-2015 to one in the third quarter.

As well as referring people to the Dawn Centre, the outreach team aims to reconnect people to places where they have family or friends. For some people this can help permanently end the cycle of rough sleeping and provide hope for a more secure future. In the third quarter of 2014-15, the team reconnected 23 people.

Damien Barrow of the outreach team said: "We operate an open surgery from the Dawn Centre for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our ultimate aim is to help rough sleepers move from the street to sustainable accommodation and to reduce rough sleeping in Leicester to zero.

"We operate from 6am daily, heading out onto the streets to make contact with anyone who may be rough sleeping. We then engage, assess and refer onto appropriate services, or into

the dormitory at the Dawn Centre, where we have access to 10 beds for rough sleepers.

"The team is confident and bold in its approach. We know the options that are available for rough sleepers and we are very clear that sleeping rough is bad for both individuals and communities, in terms of health and wellbeing, crime and anti-social behaviour."

For more information, or to contact the Dawn Centre, please call **0116 221 2770**.



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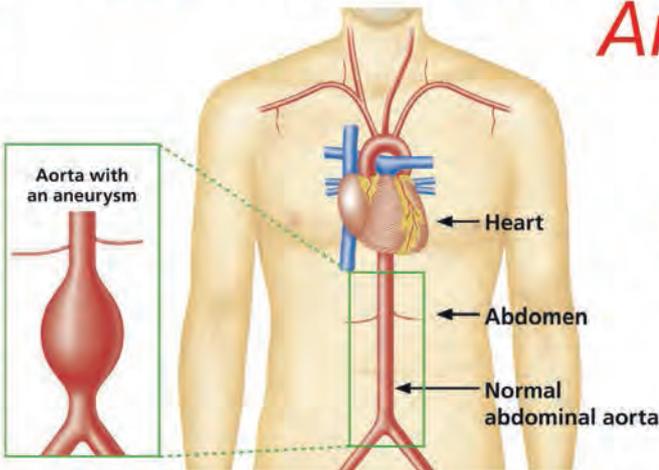
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In the spotlight

Changing Places – changing lives

People with serious physical impairments such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy or multiple sclerosis often find it difficult to use standard public toilets because of the lack of suitable specialist facilities. This can also be an issue for people with profound or multiple learning disabilities.

However, there is a solution – Changing Places, a unique service that provides advice and information on disabled toilets that are equipped with extra facilities to help make life more comfortable for people with disabilities or impairments.

Leicester City Council and Changing Places work with disabled groups to ensure that new Changing Places toilet facilities are being built where people need them.

There are currently eight Changing Places disabled toilets in Leicester, with two more in the pipeline.

Deputy city mayor Councillor Rory Palmer said: “I am delighted that we are developing more of these important facilities. They allow more people to shop and enjoy the attractions in the city centre and across Leicester.”

Each Changing Places toilet is designed with the following in mind:

The right equipment

- height adjustable adult-sized changing benches
- tracking hoist systems or mobile hoists.

Enough space

- space in the changing area for the disabled person and up to two carers
- centrally placed toilets with room either side for the carers.

A safe and clean environment

- wide tear off paper rolls to cover the bench
- large waste bins for disposable pads
- non-slip floors.

To find out more about the Changing Places project, or to find one of the new disabled toilet facilities visit changing-places.org

Current Changing Places

- Highcross, 5 Shires Lane, LE1 4AN
- Apex House, 74-76 Charles Street, LE1 1FB
- Leicestershire Centre for Integrated Living, Andrewes Street, LE3 5PA
- Curve, Rutland Street, LE1 1SB
- Embrace Arts, Richard Attenborough Centre, Lancaster Road, LE1 7HA
- New Parks Leisure Centre, St Oswalds Road, LE3 6RJ
- City Hall, Charles Street, LE1 1FZ
- Phoenix Arts, 4 Midland Street, LE1 1TG

Changing Places being built

- De Montfort Hall, Granville Road, LE1 7RU
- East West Community Project, 10 Wilberforce Road, LE3 OGT

Future Changing Places

- Haymarket Bus Station, Charles Street, LE1 3YE
- Leicester Market, Market Place, LE1 5AW



Rugby World Too Big

Rugby World Cup 2015 kicks
Leicester City Stadium on 4, 6



Matches

Fixtures at the Leicester City Stadium:

- **Argentina v Tonga**
Sunday 4 October: 2.30pm
- **Canada v Romania**
Tuesday 6 October: 4.45pm
- **Argentina v Namibia**
Sunday 11 October: 12 noon

Tickets

Fans can still buy tickets for Rugby World Cup 2015 as further tickets are released for sale each month at tickets.rugbyworldcup.com. These include seats released from ongoing venue planning, handbacks from the tournament's commercial programme and unions, and tickets that have been registered for official resale by fans who can no longer attend matches. To enjoy the best possible spectator experience and not be let down or misled, only buy tickets from official sources.



Cup 2015 – To Miss!

off on 18 September. We are hosting three matches at the and 11 October.

For more information and to check whether a company or certain website is an official RWC 2015 channel, fans can use the 'Official Checker' tool at rugbyworld.cup.com/buyofficial

Travel

During the tournament we are expecting thousands of extra people to visit Leicester and this will make getting around a little more difficult than usual, particularly on 6 October when the match begins at 4.45pm and many people will be leaving work.

However, don't avoid the city and miss the chance to enjoy what will be a fantastic atmosphere, and to join in all the other activities happening around Victoria Park and in the city centre.

We will be adding extra park and ride services and monitoring bus and train demands. There will be extra bike racks and a series of walking routes with entertainment along the way. We urge people to plan their travel on match days to allow for delays. You can plan your routes to the stadium and Fanzone and get real time travel updates through a new Rugby World Cup 2015 travel portal and app. The



council website, journey planner choosehowyoumove.co.uk and social media feeds will update both fans and commuters with the best ways to get around.

Trophy Tour

Over 100 days, the Rugby World Cup Trophy Tour is visiting all parts of the UK and Ireland before arriving at Twickenham Stadium for the opening ceremony on 18 September.

The Trophy Tour will be in Leicester on 13, 14 and 15 August, when the Webb Ellis Cup will visit local schools and iconic city venues. See the trophy and take pictures at a special event in the city centre on 15 August: rugbyworldcup.com/trophy-tour/east-midlands-&-east



FANZONE

Rugby fans of all ages can get together to watch games on the big screen at the Fanzone in Leicester's Victoria Park. Admission is free. Get a drink, some food and arrive early to grab a seat in one of the grandstands to enjoy the buzz of the tournament without a ticket.

With a capacity of over 5,000, the Fanzone will be open in Leicester from 3 to 11 October (excluding rest days on 5th and 8th). It will show all the matches scheduled during that time. There will also be sporting activities to join in and entertainment on stage.

All the latest Rugby World Cup 2015 news and activities for the city are listed on visitleicester.info



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This will include international artists providing live music, storytelling, dance, film, art and carnival parades as part of Night of Festivals (2 to 4 October), plus exhibitions, workshops, and performances in venues and on the streets from 3 to 11 October.

Any event that has a link to the game or a rugby theme can become part of

the Festival of Rugby 2015. Developed in partnership between England Rugby 2015 and the Rugby Football Union (RFU), the festival is running across the UK between 10 June and 31 October.

Festival of Rugby 2015 is a great chance for the whole city to get involved in celebrating this great occasion: whether it's rugby or sports clubs, local businesses or community groups, everyone's invited to join in. Activities could include bake sales, exhibitions, food and drink, live music, and street parties. It's up to you! You can find

more information and register your interest at festivalofrugby2015.com

When your event is accepted, you can use Festival of Rugby branding to dress up your shop, home or clubhouse.

Let us know if you would like to add in a Festival of Rugby activity and watch out for more announcements at visitleicester.info



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Discover Leicester

Step back in time...

You can now retrace the footsteps of King Richard III by following a special self-guided walking trail, which takes you on an historical journey around some Leicester landmarks associated with the last Plantagenet king.

Lasting about an hour, the trail tells you about medieval Leicester and how Richard may have known the city. After setting off from the site of the Blue Boar Inn on Highcross Street, where Richard is said to have spent his final night in Leicester before the Battle of Bosworth, you'll then take in other sites including the painted ironwork of Bow Bridge and the historical structures of St Mary De Castro, Leicester Castle and the Magazine Gateway.

The route then leads to the site of Greyfriars Friary, the place made famous following the rediscovery of the king's remains in 2012.

From here, you'll pass the Guildhall, which traces its history back to the 1390s and was once medieval Leicester's town hall, before visiting Richard's tomb within Leicester's spectacular cathedral – the centre of world attention during the reinterment week in March.

Finally, no historical tour of the city would be complete without a visit to the fascinating King Richard III Visitor Centre. Recently named by Lonely Planet as one of the world's hottest new experiences for 2015, this is the place to learn all about the tireless work that went into locating Richard's burial site and the process of positively identifying his remains.

You can buy printed copies of the walking trail, including a map and additional information about each of the landmarks, from the Guildhall or Visit Leicester on Gallowtree Gate for just £1. You can also download a free copy from visitleicester.info



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families.leicester.gov.uk/earlyeducation

or go to your local children's centre



Breastfeeding – help give a child the best start in life

Breast milk gives babies all the essential nutrients they need and has been shown to boost babies' immune systems. It also has health benefits for the mum, as well as being free and convenient because you don't need special equipment.

Partners, families and friends can all help support breastfeeding mums. Lots of cuddles can help to establish a close bond with the baby and help mum to rest in between breast feeds.

Launch of peer support service

In Leicester, more than 74 per cent of new mums start to breastfeed. Although this is higher than the national average, only about half of mums are still breastfeeding at six to eight weeks. Some areas of the city show higher breastfeeding rates than

others; this is why we have joined forces with the National Childbirth Trust (NCT) to launch a new breastfeeding peer support service.

Under this new service, families will get practical support before and after birth from volunteering mums who have breastfed in the past. For mums who need extra support, including young mums, mothers with disabilities and babies with special needs, they will offer home visits.

The service has launched in the New Parks area, and will be rolled out to Eyres Monsell, Braunstone Park and Thurncourt by the end of 2015. Another four areas will have the service next year.

For more information, including how to volunteer to help, contact Kay Jaques at kay.jaques@nct.org.uk or visit nct.org.uk

All our buildings are breastfeeding friendly

Leicester City Council wants to give every child the best start in life. This is why we support new parents to breastfeed by ensuring that all our buildings are now breastfeeding friendly – look out for this poster or if in doubt ask a member of staff.



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The UNICEF UK Baby Friendly Initiative is working with your health services so that parents are recalled and supported to make informed choices about how they feed and care for their babies



Baby Buddy app

Baby Buddy is a free mobile phone app for parents and parents-to-be offering advice about pregnancy and the first six months after birth. Download it at:
bestbeginnings.org.uk/babybuddy

Your health is our priority



Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is the NHS organisation responsible for planning and managing health care services for people living within the Leicester city boundary. This includes hospitals, emergency care, mental health and learning disability services. In April this year, we were also given responsibility for primary care, which is the care provided by GP practices.

This is an exciting development for Leicester City CCG, as it allows a local organisation that understands the issues and challenges in Leicester to make decisions about how services are provided. It also provides the opportunity to develop a more holistic and integrated approach to improving healthcare and to further develop the provision of care closer to home.



In order to review our primary care services and plan for the future, we have set up the Primary Care Commissioning Committee. This meets every month and local people are welcome to attend. If you are interested you can find out more by looking at our website: bit.ly/1FFEyBX

In this issue of Leicester Link you can also read about getting involved in your local GP practice through patient participation groups. These are an important way for GP practices to improve the quality of care for their patients and, as Patient Participation Awareness Week falls in June, this is a perfect time to consider whether you would like to be a member for your GP practice.



Professor Azhar Farooqi
GP and Chair
Leicester City Clinical Commissioning Group

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Better care for patients needing emergency treatment

Patients at high risk of being admitted to hospital are benefiting from a new type of individual care plan designed to keep them healthy and at home.

The plan, developed by local GPs as part of the Leicester Better Care Fund, is for patients who have been identified as being at very high risk of being admitted to hospital as a result of chronic long term conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and lung conditions. Nearly 11,500 patients in the city have benefited from the scheme so far.

Each plan is personalised and acts as a complete guide for everyone involved in the patient's care. It contains information about the patient's condition, medication and individual care needs to manage the condition safely and well, outside of a hospital setting. These patients also receive frequent routine assessments to monitor their condition more closely, so that any deterioration in their health can be picked up sooner, helping to avoid a spell in hospital.

GPs have also introduced emergency care plans for patients with a terminal illness who are in the last 12 months of life. Each individual plan sets out the patient's requests for when they come to the end of their life and is agreed with their family and their GP ahead of their death. By discussing this at an early stage, it is more likely that the patient will have a more comfortable death, in their preferred place of care and with reduced distress for both themselves and their loved ones.

As a result, 89 per cent of terminally ill patients are now dying in more comfortable circumstances in their place of choice, which is far higher than the national average of 45 per cent. The team behind the programme were finalists at the national Macmillan Professional Excellence Awards.

If you would like to know more about setting up an individual care plan, please speak to your GP.



John's story

John Torrington's mother, Frances, had dementia and was becoming increasingly frail. As her closest relative and main carer, John discussed with the family's GP what should happen if his mother should become ill. Together they decided that it would actually be best for Frances not to be resuscitated if her heart were to stop. John explained: "Having had dementia for so long, having lost her speech and her memory and often being quite distressed, I felt that was the right decision for her."

On Christmas Eve, Frances developed breathing difficulties and quite quickly became unconscious. John immediately rang 999. "When the ambulance arrived, the paramedics came rushing in, wanting to do CPR, but I explained that we had this care plan in place and, because I had a copy in the house, I was able to show it to them. It was definitely the right thing for her and saved her being taken to hospital and having a lot of traumatic interventions. I was grateful that the GP had prepared that care plan with me when she did."

Summer safety

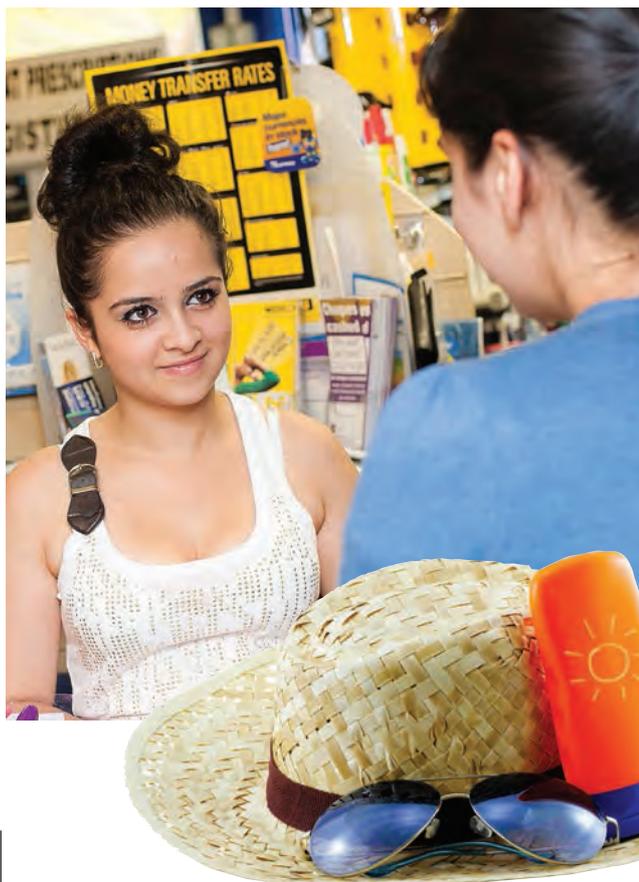
While most of us enjoy sunny weather, extreme heat can be dangerous. If a heatwave is likely, public warnings will be issued, but you can take simple steps to stay safe.

The heat can affect anyone, but some groups run a greater risk of serious harm. Older people, babies, manual workers and those who have chronic conditions such as heart problems, lung problems and diabetes need to take extra care.

Basic precautions such as wearing a sun hat, applying sun cream and keeping hydrated can go a long way to keeping yourself safe in the sun.

Dr Avi Prasad, local GP and unscheduled care lead for Leicester City CCG, says: "There are simple steps people can take whilst out in the sun. Try to stay in the shade between 11am and 2pm to avoid the main heat of the day. Drink plenty of water and soft drinks to keep hydrated and avoid alcohol. If you are exposed to the sun wear a sun hat, apply sun cream throughout the day and avoid strenuous activity.

"If your condition isn't serious and you are looking for health advice please see your local GP or call the 111 service first. Your local pharmacy can also help with sun advice and over the counter remedies."



Go online for summer health tips

You can find lots of useful information to help you enjoy the summer healthily through our website: leicestercityccg.nhs.uk

This gives you answers to many common questions:

- What can you do to stay healthy when travelling if you have a condition such as cancer, diabetes, asthma or a heart problem?
- Going abroad? Find out which vaccinations you might need and other essential precautions for your destination.
- Flying long-haul? How to reduce the risk of DVT (deep vein thrombosis) and cope with jet lag.
- Is a relative visiting you from abroad over the summer? Find out what they should do if they need healthcare while they are over here.

You can also get summer and travel health advice through your local GP practice

Vitamin D

Vitamin D is essential for healthy strong bones, but many people have low levels of Vitamin D and the main way to get it is from exposure to sunlight without sunscreen. So how do you get enough without getting sunburnt? The trick is to try and choose times of day when the sun is not at its strongest – about 15 minutes daily should be enough.



Patient participation: involved patients, excellent care

Have you ever wondered why your GP practice runs its appointments system in the way it does? Perhaps you have an idea on how things could be done differently? Or maybe you are interested in getting involved in how the practice operates?

Running from 1 to 6 June, Patient Participation Week aims to highlight the importance of patient involvement in achieving excellent care for all patients.

Most of Leicester city's GP practices have a patient participation group (PPG), a small group of registered patients who represent the patient voice for that practice. The groups are led by GP practices to engage with their patients and gain their input on key decisions, in order to improve services. Feedback from PPGs also helps the team at Leicester City CCG to learn about patient issues at each practice and monitor any trends across the city. This allows us to improve our services.

Six years ago, Harsha Kotecha became one of the first members of the patient participation group at her GP practice in the Hamilton area. "I wanted to gain an understanding of how my GP practice worked and help to make some changes," Harsha explains. "One of the first things we looked at was how to make it easier for patients to get through on the telephone when they needed an appointment, especially in the mornings when it is really busy. The practice took our ideas on board, sorted out some problems with the phone system, provided more reception staff at busy times and now the situation is much improved."

Thanks to Harsha and the other group members the practice became one of the first in the city to provide blood tests in the afternoons, as well as in the morning. The group has also worked with practice staff to organise health promotion events for the community, on issues including diabetes, arthritis and gastric problems.

"You can't change something unless you speak up and get involved," says Harsha. "Patient participation groups may not have any powers as such, but – a bit like parent teacher associations in schools – we can certainly make a big difference."

To find out more about getting involved in patient participation groups, ask at your local GP practice or read more at: bit.ly/1CKj0Cc



what's on

Welcome to What's On – your guide to entertainment venues, museums, libraries, leisure centres and community groups.

For listings of events, shows and activities in Leicester please visit leicester.gov.uk/whatson

festivals



Magna Carta 800th anniversary To September

Various venues

A season of events and activities to mark the anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta by King John.

visitleicester.info/magnacarta

ArtBeat

19-23 June

Clarendon Park venues

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clarendonpark.net

An Indian Summer

19-28 June

City centre venues

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indiansummer.org.uk

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4 July

City centre procession

Simon Says...

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Leicester Caribbean Carnival

1 August

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2 August

Parade from the city centre to Cossington Street Recreation Ground.

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Eid-al-Fitr

Date subject to the sighting of the moon.

Castle Classic Cycle Race

16 August

Start at Bede Park

City Festival

22-31 August

Taking place over ten fun-packed days, sites across the city centre will be buzzing with activity for all the family including:

- Leicester Old Town Festival (22 August)
- Sports Fest (23 August)
- Journeys Festival (24 & 25 August)
- Cosmopolitan Carnival (29 August)
- SkyRide (30 August)
- Our Leicester Day (30 August)
- Flavours of Rugby (30 August)
- Leicester Belgrave Mela (31 August)

visitleicester.info/cityfestival

18th Annual Leicester Horticultural Show

31 August

10am-4.30pm

Aylestone Leisure Centre

Leicester Pride

5 September

12 noon-8pm

Parade through the city then Victoria Park Leicester's annual lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) festival.

leicesterpride.com

Leicester International Music Festival

17-19 September

New Walk Museum and Art Gallery

musicfestival.co.uk

Everybody's Reading

26 September-4 October

Various venues

Something for all ages with author talks, live music, workshops, storytelling and pop-up poetry.

everybodysreading.co.uk

Black History Month

October

Various venues

visitleicester.info/blackhistorymonth

Leicester City Marathon

25 October

8.30am-3pm

Starts Victoria Park

leicestermarathon.org.uk

Diwali Lights Switch On – 1 November

Diwali Day – 11 November

Cossington Street Recreation Ground and Belgrave Road

visitleicester.info/diwali

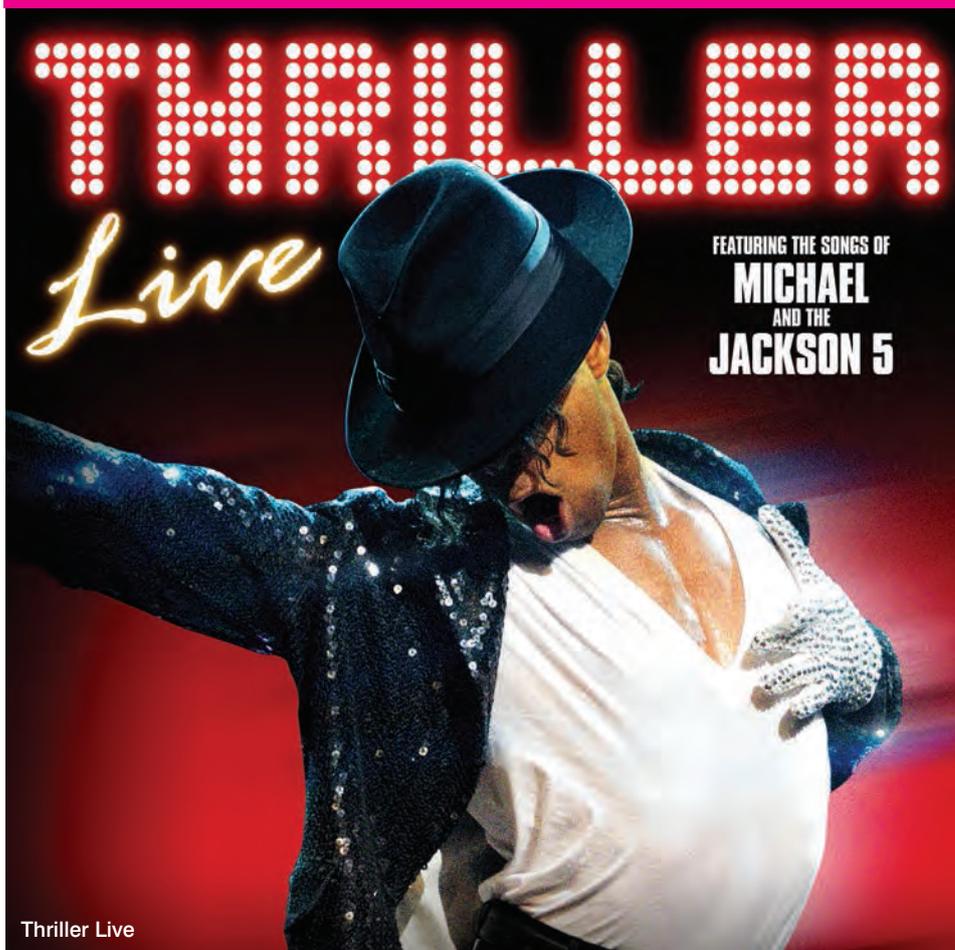
Abbey Park Bonfire & Firework Display

7 November

5-9pm

visitleicester.info/bonfire

For more information about festivals in Leicester please go to visitleicester.info/festivals



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12-17 October 2015
Tickets £17.50 - £32.50

DE MONTFORT HALL
Tel: 0116 233 3111
demontforhall.co.uk
Tickets can also be purchased
from De Montfort Hall or the
Visit Leicester Centre

CURVE

A state-of-the-art theatre based in the heart of Leicester's vibrant Cultural Quarter. With no traditional backstage area audiences can enjoy the full theatre making process.

0116 242 3595
curveonline.co.uk

EMBRACE ARTS

The University of Leicester's inclusive arts centre at the Richard Attenborough Centre. With a 120-seater performance space, three studios, and an exhibition gallery, it offers a diverse programme of performance, courses and workshops covering a wide range of art forms.

0116 252 2455
embracearts.co.uk

LITTLE THEATRE

Home of the Leicester Drama Society, which produces 12 main-house shows each year and a pantomime, performed in the 350 seat auditorium. The theatre also hosts shows from other Leicestershire societies and touring productions.

0116 255 1302
thelittletheatre.net

LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

New Walk Museum and Art Gallery hosts a programme of chamber music organised by the Leicester International Music Festival.

0116 225 4920
leicesterinternationalmusicfestival.org.uk

PHOENIX

Based in the city's Cultural Quarter, Phoenix is Leicester's independent cinema, arts centre and café bar. It shows everything from micro-budget foreign films to the latest Hollywood blockbusters on two modern cinema screens.

0116 242 2800
phoenix.org.uk

UPSTAIRS AT THE WESTERN

Leicester's first pub theatre. Situated above popular pub The Western, enjoy live theatre, spoken word, music and comedy in this intimate venue in the heart of Leicester's West End.

upstairsatthewestern.com

THE Y

A live performance venue with an eclectic programme of music, comedy, theatre, new performances and spoken word. The 300 seat theatre also hosts candle-lit cabaret style events and standing gigs.

0116 255 7066
ytheatre.co.uk

For a full programme of events please contact the venues directly or visit their websites.



**Secret Egypt: Unravelling Truth from Myth
To 27 September**

New Walk Museum and Art Gallery

Secret Egypt challenges some of the enduring myths about ancient Egypt that are perpetuated through films, books and other popular media and invites the visitor to look at a range of archaeological evidence to reevaluate what they understand about this remarkable civilisation.

Produced by Herbert Touring in partnership with Birmingham Museums, the exhibition contains objects including statuary, coffins, stelae, ceramics, jewellery, and animal and human mummies. These are presented in an exciting and thought-provoking way asking six key questions that reflect modern misconceptions and areas of controversy around the subject of ancient Egypt.

ABBEY PUMPING STATION

Leicester's museum of science and technology, displaying the city's industrial, technological and scientific heritage.

0116 299 5111

BELGRAVE HALL AND GARDENS

An oasis of peace and quiet in a busy city, set in the midst of two acres of serene walled gardens that are open to the public during special events.

0116 229 8181

NEW WALK MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Leicester's original museum has wide ranging collections and displays spanning the natural and cultural world.

0116 225 4900

NEWARKE HOUSES MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Composed of two historic houses, Wygston's Chantry House and Skeffington House, this museum tells the story of contemporary Leicester and the history of the Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

0116 225 4980

JEWRY WALL MUSEUM

Discover the archaeology of Leicester's past and find out about the people of Leicester from prehistoric times to the medieval period.

0116 225 4971

THE GUILDHALL

One of the best preserved timber framed halls in the country, dating back 600 years, the Guildhall now hosts a regular events programme including comedy, music, theatre and seasonal children's events.

0116 253 2569



Leicester's museums hold special events and activities for all ages throughout the year.

For more information on the current programme of exhibitions and events please visit leicester.gov.uk/museums or contact the museum directly

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WALKS ON PARKS

Braunstone Park

Mondays, 11am-12.30pm

Email: anita.robinson@leicester.gov.uk

QUEENS ROAD SUMMER FAIR

Queens Road and Clarendon Park Road.
Sunday 28 June

BRAUNSTONE COMMUNITY CARNIVAL

Fullhurst Community College
Saturday 4 July, 12-4.30pm

EVINGTON VILLAGE FETE AND SHOW

Village Green
Saturday 8 August, 12-5pm
evingtonvillage.org.uk

SAFFRON FETE

Saturday 8 August (date TBC)
Aylestone Recreation Ground

KNIGHTON PARK COMMUNITY FUN DAY

Knighton Park
Sunday 6 September, 11am-5pm

THE CITY OF LEICESTER SINGERS.

Christchurch, Clarendon Park Road
Mondays 7.15-9.15pm
We always welcome new singers – come along to any rehearsal.
0116 270 8577
cityofleicestersingers.co.uk.

LEICESTER ASSOCIATION OF NATIONAL TRUST MEMBERS

Regular afternoon and evening meetings with speakers, lecture lunches, outings and social events.
Alan Tyler 0116 222 9133
leicesternt.btck.co.uk

LEICESTER CROQUET CLUB

Bowling/croquet green at Victoria Park
Season runs to 4 October
We provide learn to play sessions, regular club play (six sessions per week), social events and taster sessions for community groups. All equipment is provided.
leicestercroquetclub.org.uk
David Bell 07979 770551

LEICESTER DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY

Sue Townsend Theatre (formerly Upper Brown Street Theatre) Leicester LE1 5TE
Fourth Wednesday of every month, 7.45pm
Lectures on a variety of topics related to decorative and fine arts by leading speakers in their fields. Guests welcome at a charge of £7. Trips and study days also organised.
0116 270 4710
leicesterdfas.org.uk

LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

Friends Meeting House, 16 Queens Road
Meet Fridays, 7.30pm
We always welcome new members.
landlps.org.uk
Jean 0116 254 3853

LEICESTER MUSICAL AND DRAMA SOCIETY (LMADS)

Rehearsals every Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm
If you love anything to do with the stage and performing arts then why not join our society? Minimum age 16.
07442 503987

LEICESTER SCHOOL RACE WALKING

Saffron Athletic Stadium
Wednesdays, 6-7pm
Training with UKA level 4 coach Chris Smith, 33 years county team manager. Suit all ages and abilities, for competition and fitness; track fees apply.
07964 762136
smithracewalk@hotmail.co.uk

LEICESTER SKETCH CLUB

Leicester High School for Girls
First Wednesday of most months
Regular monthly meetings with talks and demonstrations and sketching days.
Open til 1 August at New Walk Museum – an exhibition of paintings and drawings by past and present members. Free admission.
0116 255 2161
leicestersketchclub.co.uk

LEICESTER U3A

Christ Church, 105a Clarendon Park Road
A self-help organisation for those who are no longer in full-time employment and believe that learning is for life.
10 July – Dressed to Impress – Greta Paradine-Palmer
0116 279 7237
leicesteru3a.org.uk

LEICESTER YOGA CIRCLE

Meeting at Judgemeanow Community College, Marydene Drive
20 June, tutor – Lindsey Watson
No meeting July and August.
12 September, tutor – Zoe Martin
10 October, tutor – Angie Blowers
7 November, tutor – Celia Herrick
All sessions run from 11.30am-12.30pm
ruth@mgheath.co.uk

NEW PARKS NEW FRIENDS

New Parks Centre Library, Aikman Avenue
Tuesdays, 10am-12 noon
Reviving community spirit by enabling local people to meet together in friendship. Drop in for coffee, cake and a chat and make new friends. Donations towards refreshments invited.
Judith 07816 908619
judith.wray@methodist.org.uk

PANTHERS BADMINTON CLUB

Crown Hill Community College, Gwendolen Road, LE5 5FT
Tuesdays, 7-9pm
If you have an intermediate standard of badminton give us a call. New players required. Men and women welcome.
Sims 07870 195338 or Paul 07855 491640

OVER 60S ACTIVITY GROUP

St Matthew's Sports Hall, Malabar Road
Thursdays, 9-12pm
Badminton, carpet bowls, aerobics and table tennis.
£2.
Celia Jeffery 07724 148686

QUILLING AND PAPER CRAFTS

Evington Park House, Cordery Road, LE5 6DE
Thursdays, 2-4pm
Quilling is an art form that involves rolling, looping and curling strips of coloured paper to make decorative designs to create cards and pictures. Beginners very welcome. Materials provided free for first month (subject to terms).
Audrey Matthews 0116 319 1718

THINKING STRAIGHT

Stocking Farm Healthy Living Centre, Packwood Road, Leicester LE4 2ED
Wednesdays, 12.30-2.30pm
A group for parents or carers of Leicester and Leicestershire based children living with or suspected of having autistic spectrum disorder or ADHD.
0116 299 5646

WE LOVE PILATES

Tuesdays, 10-11am - Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church Hall, Narborough Road.
Wednesdays, 1.30-2.30pm - Robert Hall Memorial Baptist Church Hall, Narborough Road.
Wednesdays, 6.30-7.30pm - The Brite Centre, Braunstone Avenue.
Thursdays, 11.05am-12.05pm - Gymnastics Zone, Unit 55A, First Floor, Faircharm Trading Estate, Evelyn Drive.
Classes suitable for all - six week courses £30 please book in advance as places are limited to 15.
Dianne McDermott-Crampton 07854 553448
info@welovepilates.com

YOGA WITH MARY DOUGHTY

New Walk Museum
Every Monday and Friday, 10-11.30am and 12.15pm
Mary 07757 644345 or 0116 229 1121

bands on parks



21 June – Charnwood Concert Band, 3-4pm, Castle Gardens

28 June – Hathern Concert Brass, 2-3pm, Braunstone Park Walled Garden

5 July – New Orleans Hotshots, 3-4pm, Evington Park

12 July – The Melton Band, 3-4pm, Western Park

19 July – Liquid Brass, 3-4pm, Knighton Park

26 July – Charnwood Symphonic Wind Orchestra, 3-4pm, Monks Rest Gardens

2 August – New Orleans Hotshots, 3-4pm, Aylestone Hall Gardens

9 August – Hathern Concert Brass, 2-3pm, Braunstone Park Walled Garden

16 August – Enderby Youth Band, 3-4pm, Western Park

23 August – Liquid Brass, 3-4pm, Evington Park

30 August – Fleckney Silver Band, 3-4pm, Humberstone Park

30 August – The Oddfellows Brass Band, 3-4pm, Western Park

6 September – The Melton Band, 3-4pm, Knighton Park

6 September – Praise in the Park, St Anne's Church Band, 4-5pm, Western Park (Sponsored by Letchworth Area Watch)

13 September – Ratby Junior Band, 3-4pm, Abbey Park

committee meetings

Leicester City Council holds a number of council, executive and committee meetings which are generally open to the public. Our staff can advise you on your rights to attend meetings, how to submit petitions and ask questions at meetings or any other query you may have about how committees work.

For more information:

Write to: Democratic Support, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Email: committees@leicester.gov.uk

Phone: 0116 454 6352

Each ward also holds regular community meetings. You're very welcome to turn up and talk to councillors and officers about anything that's affecting your ward.

For more information:

Visit: leicester.gov.uk/communitymeetings

Email: community.meetings@leicester.gov.uk

Phone: 0116 454 6349

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