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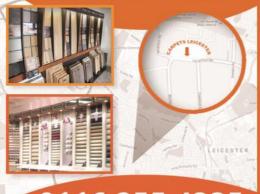






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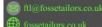
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# Hello From The Editor

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

Another quiet month on the local news front, but the weekend Sun peeped out, for the fist time this year, so Braunstone Gate had a party! And why not? Find out more about that on page 4.

We look forward to the fun at this year's Riverside Festival, and the multi-million pound roadworks around Woodgate are finally over.

In our regular features, Helen Knott's blows her top again. This time she's clutching her pearls over those who go shopping in their pyjamas. We talk herbs with local gardening expert, Carey Tunstall, and the policing update focusses on the guilty verdicts following the murder of Junior Osbourne last year.

And if your little grey cells need to do push-ups, the Brain Tazers lurk on the inside back page. You'll find the answers on our website.

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@ De Montfort Hall: Bon Jovi Experience: 30 May, Paul Smith: 31 May. Searchers: 1 June.

@ Curve: Dear Zoo: 28 May-1June. Radio Ga Ga: 29 May. Cirque: 30 May. Rent: 4-8 June.

@ Little Theatre: Ceri Dupri: 30-31 May. Counterfeit 70's: 1 June. Table Manners: 10-15 June.

@ Y Theatre: Rachel Parris 30 May. Wrestling Resurgence: 1 June. Leics Stand-up: 11 June. Riverside Festival: 1 & 2 June. Western Boulevard. Bike Fest: 30 June. 1-4pm. Leics Cycling Circuit. Summer Concert: 22 June, 7pm. Hall @ St Annes Pre-loved Sale: 29 June. 10.30-12.30. Hall & St Annes Pop-up Pub: Last Friday Monthly. Hall @ St Anne's.

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# THE FIRST RAY OF SUNSHINE

After a rain sodden few months, the sun finally stuck her head out for an entire weekend - and Braunstone Gate took full advantage of the warm weather.

Reggae Pon Da Corner is the brain child of local businessman Scott Cobden along with colleagues from the King Flame Sound System.

Scott said; "We were checking the weather forecast for the year's first guaranteed dry, sunny Saturday. And that turned out to be the 11th of May. We'd put in a successful street event application five days before, so off we went promoting it on Tik-Tok, Instagram and Facebook.



It's not the first time that the corner of Braunstone Gate

and Narborough Road has been the home of a hard and heavy eight hour session of classic strictly reggae revival. Reggae Pon Da Corner became a regular attraction on hot sunny days last year, notably it's just around the corner from the Riverside Festival and attracted many as they made their way to the canal and back again.

Scott continues: "We hold three or four a year and they're free to come to. We put them on for

the community to give everyone a break from the ups and downs of life.

"We put a lot of work into making them a safe environment for everyone. We had help with street food from Tuk-Tuk, Cedars next door and the Crafty Dog opened their toilet facilities."

Around 150 people enjoyed the sounds and atmosphere . "It's crazy!" said Scott; "They came from all over Leicester and as far as Birmingham!" Plans are afoot to do the whole thing again on June 1st during the Riverside Festival.

Visit Kingflame Sound System on Facebook for details.



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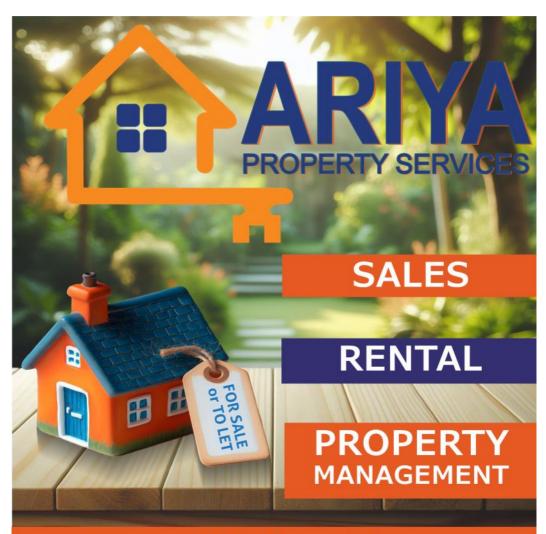
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# KNOTT'S LANDING

It should be illegal to wear your dressing gown and slippers to the shops. There. I've said it out loud. There is no earthly reason why you cannot put some clothes on and put a coat or jumper on before you walk out of your front door. Anyone who can't do that is just slovenly, lazy and a bit selfish or seriously loopy.

If you are still in your pyjamas then you haven't washed - what are you thinking? Why would anyone in a shop want to smell your unwashed skin? If you are in pyjamas and dressing gown, there's a good chance you aren't wearing pants! I don't want to be confronted by the idea that you are going com-

Ja-in to the month of the month

mando under your fluffy rabbit onesie. If you are in slippers then you are taking all the dirt from the street into your house and that tells me a lot about how fastidious you are... I can be as slovenly as the next working woman with a job and a family, but I draw the line at outdoors shoes inside because it means I have to clean even more. I hate

cleaning! At least put your trainers on for goodness sake.

This slovenly behaviour seems to be endemic in all our local shops at the moment. I've been in supermarkets where women are walking around in dressing gowns. I've been in corner shops where people are very clearly in their pyjamas and slippers. You can see that the jammies people don't care and everyone else is hoisting their judgey pants and being a bit sick in their mouth.

So to recap – put your damn clothes on before you depart your abode. Feel free to work from home stark naked if you want, or have a pyjama day; I don't care - nobody cares, but fleece dressing gowns are not coats. Pyjamas should not be seen on the street. Slippers are not adequate footwear for a trip to the corner shop and I think I may have just turned into my mother. **HN** 

## **NEW PARKS SUMMER FUN**

Team Hub are preparing for a summer extravaganza at the new Parks Community Centre on St Oswald Road on Friday July 12th.

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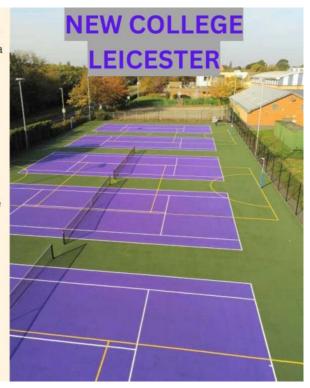
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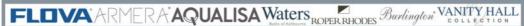
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The festival includes activities on and off the water, at Bede Park, Western Boulevard, Castle Gardens and, new for this year, the De Montfort University campus.

There's lots to enjoy. Journeys on the river, splashing about in a kayak or a narrowboat trip. Local disability charity Mosaic will be there with Sunbeam II, their fully accessible boat.

On Sunday the dragon boat race takes place, hosted by PROSTaid.

On land, there will be activities for the whole family to

enjoy, including an outdoor cinema on the big screen at DMU. It will be showing content from Leicester-based creatives, historic archives and the original 1992 animated series of the Beatrix Potter collection. A full programme of music will take to the main stage on the piazza, chilled lbiza classics in the tips on Bede Park.

and activities will include a funfair, crazy golf, an extreme mountain bike show and pop-up dance performances.

Children's activities include arts & crafts, a 'creative constructors' workshop and outdoor theatre. Visitors of all ages can take a trip on the Riverside Land Train, linking up some of the open heritage sites.

Global street food, craft ales and cocktails will be on offer, plus there's the chance to view and buy the work of local artists and makers.

Details at visitleicester.info

#### FIVEWAYS JUNCTION FINALLY FINISHED

The huge £10.4 million roadworks to the Fiveways Junction and its connecting roads is now complete. The final phase of work on Woodgate and Northgate Street over bringing to an end almost sixteen months of constant roadworks.

It is anticipated that this will help reduce the amount of traffic using Woodgate and Frog Island, at the heart of the Waterside development, by up to 30 per cent in coming years, helping to significantly improve traffic flow and cut congestion.

And people can now have their say on designs for new artwork to decorate hoardings opposite Woodgate Resources Centre by choosing their favourite of three designs by Leicester-based artists Graffwerk.

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# May Police Update

Five young men have been found guilty for their part in the killing of Junior Osborne on Narborough Rd on 27<sup>th</sup> September last year.

50 year old Mr Osborne was stabbed in the neck and was taken to the Leicester Royal Infirmary but died around an hour later.

Following the incident, specialist officers were on the scene. CCTV footage established all five primary suspects took a taxi to Andrewes Walk at around 7.30pm, two hours before the murder and that they were following Mr Osbourne. Phone video from one of the suspects matched the clothing and knives used in the attack.

On 28 September, two 16-year-old boys, who cannot be identified for legal reasons, and 18-year -old James Williams were arrested. While they were in custody enquiries continued, leading to the arrest of 18-year-old Moises Steiner on 29<sup>th</sup> of September.

All four were subsequently charged. Theobald Budzwa, aged 18, was arrested in December and he too was charged.

On the 14th of May, following a five-week trial at Leicester Crown Court, one of the 16-year-old boys was found guilty of his murder and possession of a bladed article.

The other boy, along with Budzwa, and Williams were found guilty of manslaughter and possession of a bladed article.

All five are due to be sentenced at Leicester Crown Court on Tuesday 11 June.

FOUR men in their 20's have been arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and have been released on bail.

Police were called to Braunstone Park shortly after 3pm on Thursday 2nd of May after a report that an 18-year-old man had been stabbed.

An investigation into the incident is ongoing and anyone with information is asked to call 101.

ANTI-SOCIAL behaviour and vandalism on the Fosse, remains an issue. Officers have revisited problem areas to hand out leaflets on how to report further ASB. Whilst it is understandable that some may not want to report problems due to feeling intimidated or scared, it is important you that you do. Please tell police what is happening so they can work towards resolving these issues.

AS part of the Operation Sceptre initiative to remove knives from the streets, officers have been carrying out sweeps in the Rally and Fosse parks. No knives found, but a crowbar was.

ONE less motorbike on Western Park, as a trail bike was seized by patrolling officers. If it's not legal, don't ride it. It will be taken away.

LOCAL teams have been conducting parking checks around our schools. If you are collecting youngsters, please be considerate of the local residents when you park up.

# CAREY'S COMPOST OF CORNER

As spring blooms into its full glory and as Tennyson said, "Now dance the lights on lawn and lea." We gardeners are eagerly turning our attention to planting herbs that thrive in this season's conditions. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just starting out, cultivating herbs not only adds flavour to your dishes but also enhances the aesthetic appeal of your garden. Here are some herbs that are perfect for

planting in your garden right now.

Basil: This aromatic herb loves warm weather and plenty of sunlight. It's ideal for adding a fresh, summery flavour to salads, pasta dishes, and sauces. Basil is best planted in well-drained soil and watered regularly for optimal growth.

**Thyme:** This versatile herb pairs well with a variety of dishes, from roasted vegetables to grilled meats. It thrives in sunny spots with well-drained soil and requires minimal maintenance once established.

**Mint:** Refreshing and invigorating, this is a must-have herb for any garden. It's perfect for making refreshing

beverages like mint tea or adding a burst of flavour to desserts, gravy, and savoury dishes alike. Mint can be invasive, so it's best planted in pots or contained areas to prevent it from spreading uncontrollably.

Parsley: As one of the most used herbs in cooking, parsley is a staple in many gardens. Its bright green leaves add freshness to salads, soups, and sauces, making it a valuable addition to any herb garden. Plant parsley in rich, well-drained soil and keep it consistently moist for the best results..

Chives: With their mild onion flavour, chives are a delightful addition to salads, omelettes, and baked potatoes. They're easy to grow and thrive in both sunny and partially shaded areas. Plant chive seeds or divisions in moist, well-drained soil and watch them flourish throughout the season.

By planting these herbs in your garden now, you'll not only enjoy a boun-

tiful harvest throughout the summer but also enhance the flavours of your culinary creations with the freshest ingredients possible. So, roll up your sleeves, dig into the soil, and let your herb garden flourish!

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