

# YOUR SAY...



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## Car park

I think the new car park in Birstall is an excellent facility and very attractively done. I am glad to hear that Paul Ewing also likes the new car park – except for its location. I'm not sure where he would like it to be relocated and which houses and/or shops need to be demolished to achieve this. I would suggest that it is only a five minute walk from one end of Sibson Road to the other, and after having driven to Birstall in his car, perhaps a walk would be good exercise. Even better, leave the car at home and walk or cycle to the shops if it all possible. For those who need to park nearer the A6, there is still plenty of roadside parking, plus the car park on Wanlip Avenue. I appreciate some people are visiting Birstall from further afield but the vast majority of us could improve life in Birstall by leaving the car at home.

Pat Dobson

## Smile

A smile costs nothing, but gives much. It enriches those who receive, without making poorer those who give.

It takes but a moment, but the memory of it sometimes last forever.

None is so rich or mighty that he can get along without it, and none is so poor but that he can be made rich by it.

A smile creates happiness in the home, fosters good will in business and is the counterpoint of friendship.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's best antidote for trouble.

Yet, it cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until it is given away.

Some people are too tired to give you a smile.

Give them one of yours, as none needs a smile so much as he who has no more to give.

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From Roy Evans

## Thanks

Peter Bateman, my husband, lost his battle with cancer on April 15, 2009.

His family would like to thank everyone for the many cards, messages, love and support since he was taken ill again last year and again since his death. He was a truly lovely man with a heart of gold and a smile for everyone he met, he will be missed so much.

Thank you also for the generous donations to the Co. Air Ambulance and the Macmillan nurses.

Our best wishes to you all.

Cynthia, David, Steven, Karen & Lisa

## Migration

Please may I use up a few inches of your letter page to exchange quotations with Mr Woods; he quoted Sir David Attenborough concerning bird navigation by the earth's magnetic field. May I quote Jean Dorst 'The Migration of Birds' in return?

"Scientists have often tried without success to prove that birds ... are sensitive to magnetic or electric fields. They showed no reaction, even when exposed to far more powerful magnetism than the earth's..."

I will allow that many of the papers quoted related to carrier pigeons, but other species have been involved and this is not the place for lists of references.

As to "whoever he or she is", especially in relation to Sir David; "he or she" does have a degree in science, recognises that Sir David is a very accomplished explorer, and so would never have had time to pursue the science required. Jean Dorst, on the other hand, made it his life's work. Beyond that, I have two identities and thus am very hard to pigeon-hole.

Finch

## Thanks

On behalf of the charity Scope I would like to thank the residents of Oakfield Avenue, Birstall for their generosity in giving once again to the annual House to House collection. The amount of £77.63 is the highest we have every received over the past years. Many thanks.

Dennis Marshall

## Thanks

As promised in our letter to the Birstall Post last month we would like to advise that an amount of £509.76 was raised in Birstall for the annual Lifeboat collection.

This contributed to a total of £7,900 raised across Leicestershire.

Many thanks again to all who kindly contributed.

Simon & Lucy Murphy

## Handbag

I wish it to the attention of residents in Birstall that within the last two years I have had my handbag stolen/snatched from a local supermarket. One momentary lapse of thinking: I had it with me and it was gone. This has occurred at the very same place on each occasion. Yes, I have reported it to the police on both occasions.

The presence of a 'security person' within this supermarket is purely for the benefit of the company and not the customers. If it can happen to me twice at the same location, it can happen to anyone.

Can I also thank the gentleman who found my stolen bag on a pathway in the shrubbery opposite the Birstall North Station and who returned it to me, minus some obvious contents.

Name & address supplied

## Noticeboard

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### Birstall Gala

Sat & Sun Jun 27 & 28  
Admission FREE

School Lane playing fields

Saturday: live bands from 1.30 – 9.30pm

Sunday: from 10am

Stalls, music, boxing display, refreshments, funfair rides

7.30pm free Last Night of the Proms concert

with fireworks finale

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Thurcaston & Cropston

### Open Gardens

#### Weekend

Sat & Sun, June 27&28

1-5pm, tickets £4

Accompanied children free

20 gardens open

Richard Hill School summer Fair

On Sat June 27

Tickets available on the day or in advance from richardhillpta@aol.com

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Friends of Bishop Ellis

### Annual Summer Fair

Barkby Thorpe Lane, Thurmaston

Saturday June 20

4-6.30pm

Come along and enjoy the fun of the fair.

Lots to see, do and eat

Bouncy castle, bungee run, games including the stocks, toy stall, books and DVDs, cake stall, tombola, bar-b-cue, ice creams and afternoon teas plus so much more

Help the school celebrate its 40<sup>th</sup>

Anniversary Year

We look forward to welcoming you all

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Belgrave Cemetery

### 'A Day to Remember'

The Friends of Belgrave Cemetery group are pleased to announce that once again they are taking part in the 2009 Community Service Volunteer campaign sponsored by Morrison's supermarkets

Saturday June 6, from 10am to 12noon

The group invite their members to visit the cemetery

Committee members will be on hand with cemetery record information if needed.

Complimentary refreshments will be available

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### Birstall Royal British Legion

Sat June 6: Krackle & Pop (duo)

Sat June 13: Claire Mac (F/V)

Sat June 20: Maz (M/V) (Rock & Roll)

Sat June 27: TBC

Dancing every Sat night with

live entertainment

Free meat raffle. Bingo and not forgetting

'Open the Box'

Every Tues night Bingo starting at 9.30pm

Quiz nights Sunday June 14 & 28, starting

at 9pm

Acoustic night Sunday June 21

Rock & Roll nights Wed June 3 & 17

Food available every Sat 12-2pm

Except kitchen closed June 13

(1 week only)

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### Summer Fete

Riverside Community Primary School

Saturday June 20

12noon – 4pm

Stalls, games, refreshments, raffle, entertainment

Admission 20p per adult (inc programme)

All proceeds towards school equipment

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Birstall Methodist Women's Group

### Coffee Morning

June 6, 10am to 12noon

Methodist Coffee Shop, Wanlip Lane

Various stalls inc. plants, tombola,

cakes/pastries and greeting cards

Proceeds to our joint projects:

Leics/Derby/Rutland Air Ambulance

And Birstall Guides Building Fund

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### Loughborough Farmers Market

Devonshire Square, Loughborough

Between 9am and 3pm

Every month

Next market June 10

Wide variety of local produce: meats, sausage, bacon & cured meats, rare breed

meats, meat, savoury & fruit pies, fruit & vegetables inc organic, plants & flowers,

herbs, therapeutic herbal products, honey & beeswax products, chutneys & pickles,

jams & preserves, homemade cooking

saucers, wholemeal flour, muesli, fruit

juices, eggs & cheeses, bread & cakes.

To book a stall or find out more call Markets and Fairs team 01509 634624,

email: markets.fairs@charnwood.gov.uk

or log on to www.charnwood.gov.uk

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### Thurcaston & Cropston Film Presentations

'The Changeling' will be shown on Friday June 19 and lasts 141 mins.

This beautiful constructed thriller starring Angelina Jolie and directed by Clint Eastwood is a true story set in the 1920s. A

single mother mysteriously loses her nine year old son but the authorities return a

changeling to her. We watch her desperate search for her real son, in a legal system which even questions her sanity.

'Slum Dog Millionaire' will be shown on Friday September 11.

Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council will be showing these films at Thurcaston Memorial Hall. Starting at 7.30pm, tickets

cost £4, concessions £3.50. Price includes refreshments and a lucky prize draw.

Advance tickets can be purchased via the parish office – 0116 2367626 or at the

door.

There will be no films in July or August.

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### New Group

Improve your conversational Spanish or

German by joining a free group, that

meets in Birstall once a week

To find out more contact Ellen on

2674876

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### Bric-a-Brac sale

Wednesday July 3

Glenfield Hospital Foyer

organised by the

British Lung Foundation, Breathe Easy,

Glenfield

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