

# May Celebrations in Oadby

Oadby's May Celebration on May 14 saw The Parade closed and many community groups, faith groups and individuals taking to the streets to bring back the old tradition of an Oadby procession.

Families had created willow sculptures in advance to carry and many walked with the procession in their costumes, led by a fantastic Samba band. Ava from Langmoor Primary was crowned as May Queen and there was a Junior Town Crier competition and pantomime-style re-enactments of the St George and The Dragon story.

Oadby Baptist Church, Trinity Methodist Church and the Muslim Community Centre hosted coffee mornings, children's crafts, history displays and a cheerleading demonstration. The outgoing Mayor of Oadby and Wigston, Mike Griffiths, joined in the fun and all the profits made on the day went to his collection for the Laura Centre.

The event was funded by support from Beauchamp College, Family First and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council and co-ordinated by Oadby Community Stakeholders with help from a wide range of community groups and businesses. The aim of the event was to bring together the whole community in celebrating our shared English heritage whilst highlighting what a wonderful venue Oadby town centre is for shopping and leisure.



## Peace Memorial Park Canopy

After 3 years of fund-raising, the Friends of Peace Memorial Park have finally been able to install an external awning over the main door of the Sheila Mitchell Pavilion, together with some outdoor tables and chairs. The remote controlled canopy will further extend the use of the Pavilion, such that users will be able to sit outside during showery weather without fear of getting wet. The photograph shows Friends' chairman, Mr David Toseland, opening the canopy for the first time at the recent Spring "Bring and Buy" Coffee Morning. This highly successful event raised a further £156 for the Friends' funds.



*Picture of David Toseland, Chairman of Friends of Peace Memorial Park, officially opening the new Sheila Mitchell Canopy for the first time.*

[www.friendsofmp.btck.co.uk](http://www.friendsofmp.btck.co.uk)

### Future Friends' Coffee Mornings and events in the Park are as follows:

- Sunday, 11 September 2011 - Band Concert in the Park with the Salvation Army Band. 2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday, 17 September 2011 - Autumn Coffee Morning. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
- Saturday, 10 December 2011 - Christmas Coffee Morning. 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

## Explore the natural world around you

The Borough Council have teamed up with Vaughan College, part of the University of Leicester to pilot some introductory courses introducing people to nature on their doorstep.

Designed for beginners, 'Explore wildflowers' and 'Explore wildlife in ponds' will be held at Brocks Hill Country Park, Oadby in July and August and will consist of two hour sessions looking at a different habitat in each month. Anyone wishing to learn about wild flowers and be able to identify them can come along for 10.00 a.m. on Friday 15 July. On Thursday 11 August the watery world of freshwater ponds will be explored (without full immersion!) to discover the creatures that live there and how they cope with life underwater. This course will start at 2.00 p.m.

Anyone who may be interested in booking on one or both of the courses is invited to contact [countryside@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:countryside@oadby-wigston.gov.uk) or ring Leicester (0116) 257 2651. There will be a nominal fee of £4.50 per person to attend for each course which will include refreshments at the beginning. Accompanied children are welcome.

Please note that there will be some walking involved with the wild flower course which will be on a mixture of farm-track, surfaced footpaths and meadow.



# Home Fire Safety Checks in Oadby and Wigston

At the moment fire fighters at Wigston Fire Station are carrying out home fire safety checks in the Borough. This involves a fire crew coming to your home, giving you advice about fire safety and, if necessary, fitting smoke alarms free of charge.

## Smoke Alarms Save Lives

Early indication of a fire is the single most important factor to people escaping from a house fire.

The fire safety advice on offer from your local fire fighters will hopefully prevent a fire occurring in the first place. However, in the unfortunate event of a blaze occurring in your home, correctly sited and working smoke alarms provide you with the warning to enable you to escape.

## Deliberate fires in South Wigston

With the recent dry weather, the local parklands and areas around the canal in South Wigston have become extremely dry. This has led to a large increase in fires involving grass, scrubland and rubbish.

The majority of these fires are started deliberately and whilst not of immediate danger to people or property, they do cause one major concern.

Whilst the fire appliance from Wigston Station is dealing with these deliberate fires, it is not available to deal with any further incidents that may occur in the Borough at that time.

This incident may be something far more serious and there will be an inevitable delay to our response as the next fire appliance will have to come from another station with further distance to travel.

We have had some success in the area around the canal in South Wigston. For example getting the dried out debris that had been dragged out of the water above Ervins Lock removed by Severn Trent Water, thus removing a potential source of ignition.

Could we ask all members of the community to remain vigilant and to report any instances of deliberate fire setting. In addition, if there are any areas where there appears to be a build up of combustible materials please report that as well. The main switchboard number is Leicester (0116) 287 2241.

# Council takes action against fly-tipping



Two men appeared in Leicester Magistrates Court in April accused of offences related to fly-tipping and failure to ensure their waste was properly disposed of. Mr Harry Gent and Mr Sam Kirk pleaded guilty and were both given a conditional discharge for 12 months and ordered to pay Oadby and Wigston Borough Council's legal costs of £250 each.

The case related to an incident last summer when environmental health officers visited a property on Waterloo Crescent and found over 20 bags of household waste in the rear garden. The two men were sent a letter giving them a week to remove the bags. The letter also advised them that they could only remove it by paying the Council or a licensed waste carrier to collect it, or by taking it to the recycling centre on Wigston Road, Oadby.

A week later the Council received a complaint from the Jet garage on Wigston Road who reported that someone had dumped a substantial amount of household waste in their litter bins filling them to overflowing. The investigating officers found numerous pieces of evidence relating to the two men confirming that it was their waste.

A Council spokesman said, "This is an expensive lesson for the two individuals who chose not to drive the few hundred metres to the recycling centre.

Residents should also be aware that if they give their waste to an unlicensed waste carrier who subsequently fly-tips it, they could be prosecuted as well as the person who actually tipped it. Householders should check

the individual's waste carrier's licence before giving them the waste or any money."

The Council's kerbside recycling scheme means that residents can recycle much of their household waste.

**Green bags** – weekly collection of clean plastic containers and tins

**Brown bags** – weekly collection of paper and card

**Garden collection bags** - fortnightly collection of garden waste

In addition each household can have three black bags of non-recyclable waste collected each week.

Residents can dispose of bulky items or large amounts of waste in one of three ways:

Arrange for a collection by OWBC Client Services department (there is a charge for this service)

Pay an authorised waste carrier (such as a skip hire company) to collect it

Take it to a recycling centre such as the one on Oadby Road, Wigston.

If you want further information on waste disposal or to report an incident of fly-tipping please contact OWBC on Leicester (0116) 288 8961.

## Grand Litter Pick Weekend

Local Rotary Clubs and other voluntary groups helped the Council to tidy up Oadby and Wigston over the weekend of **19 and 20 March**. Members of the Oadby Club held a Grand Litter Pick in Fludes Lane, and collected 10 bags of rubbish. Another project for the benefit of the local community!



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# Shed Security

Many people will be mowing their lawns and digging their borders at this time of year, but your expensive garden tools may be targeted by thieves.

- ✓ Install an alarm to your shed and display an 'Alarmed' sticker to the door which will deter potential thieves.
- ✓ Replace existing hinge and lock screws with anti-tamper screws.
- ✓ Fit a good padlock or mortis lock to your shed.
- ✓ Remove expensive property and place in the garage or house where possible.
- ✓ Mark property to allow for identification (UV, Permanent marker or etching).

Further advice is available from your local beat officer or [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)



## Keeping your property safe

Now the warmer weather is here Leicestershire Constabulary would ask you to check you have closed all doors and windows, especially ground floor, before you go out or sit in the garden.

We would also advise you NOT to leave items of value where they can be seen through an open door or window, as this could encourage an opportunist thief to enter your property and relieve you of your valuables.

Further crime prevention advice is available from your local beat officer or [www.leics.police.uk](http://www.leics.police.uk)

# Oadby and Wigston Young Citizen of the Year 2012

Do you know an outstanding young person, living in the Borough of Oadby and Wigston aged up to 20 years, at the time of nomination, who has done something for the public good within the Borough?

This can be something social, environmental or of family benefit or it can be some aspect of their activities or character which sets a high example to others.

For a nomination form please contact

Kate Faulkner  
Community Development  
Liaison Officer

Tel: Leicester (0116) 257 2674

Email: [kate.faulkner@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:kate.faulkner@oadby-wigston.gov.uk)

The closing date for nominations is Monday 21 November 2011



It is recommended that adults aged 16 or over should exercise for at least 5 times a week for at least 30 minutes.

## Are you doing your 5x30?

If you are looking for a new challenge, or would like to try something new, why not have a go at one of our taster sessions? All of the classes in our taster guide are subsidised or free, so hopefully you can access physical activity without having to spend too much money!

This summer Active Together introduces a lot of new activities including family circus skills, Zumba Gold, laughter yoga, touch rugby, softball and Gaelic Football.

You can pick up one of our new summer guides at your local library, leisure centre or from the Council offices. If you would like to have one delivered to you, please contact us on the details below.

All of our taster sessions are provided by Active Together and use fully qualified instructors. On occasion, the details of these sessions may change, so please contact the Physical Activity team on Leicester (0116) 257 2681 or email [active.together@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:active.together@oadby-wigston.gov.uk)



# Summer Holiday Activities

## Brocks Hill Visitor Centre, Oadby

Booking is essential. To book or for more information contact: Information Officer Leicester (0116) 257 2888. Children must be accompanied.

WEEK 1: 18 to 22 July				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Make a Mini Sports Stadium in a Box.</b> £1.90 3 yrs +. Think about London 2012. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.		<b>Make a Dragonfly</b> £1.70 5 yrs + 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	<b>Salt Dough Models</b> £1.70 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Picnic Pledge in the Park.</b> Just bring a picnic to join in! Looking forward to London 2012. Make a gymnastic ribbon (50p) 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
<b>Open Weekend 22 July to 24 July.</b> Looking forward to London 2012 at Brocks Hill Visitor Centre, Oadby. Free trail to walk or run around the park. Make a bronze, silver or gold medallion (50p) 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. help create a display looking forward to London 2012 and on Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the winners will be announced for the art competition launched in June!				
WEEK 2: 25 to 29 July				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Minibeast Hunt around the Park.</b> 3 yrs + £1.70 per child 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	<b>Decorate a Mug.</b> £3.00 For unaccompanied children age 10 yrs + with consent. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon	<b>Wind Chimes.</b> £1.70 5 yrs + 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Pond Dipping.</b> £1.70 1:00 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. or 1:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. or 2:20 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Children under 5 years need 1 to 1 supervision.	<b>Treasure Hunt in the Park.</b> Details to follow
WEEK 3: 1 to 5 August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Make a willow Butterfly Kite.</b> £1.70 7 yrs + 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Decorate a Crown.</b> Be a prince or a princess for the day! £1.65. All ages 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Pond Dipping.</b> £1.70 1:00 p.m. to 1:35 p.m. or 1:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. or 2:20 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Children under 5 years need 1 to 1 supervision.	
WEEK 4: 8 to 12 August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Craft activities will be available to purchase from Reception and to make in the Exhibition Hall, from 50p upwards</b>				
WEEK 5: 15 to 19 August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>Make a mini raft.</b> £1.70 per raft. Outdoor event. Family Challenge: to float a tin of beans! 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Minibeast Hunt around the Park.</b> £1.70 Age 3 yrs + 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Pond Dipping.</b> £1.70 10:30 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. or 11:10 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Children under 5 years need 1 to 1 supervision.	
WEEK 6: 22 to 26 August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Sand Pictures.</b> Make a picture with coloured sand. £1.65 3 yrs + 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon  <b>3D cards.</b> £2.50 For unaccompanied children age 10 yrs + with consent. 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.		<b>Private pond dipping session.</b> Morning only  <b>Pond Dipping.</b> £1.70 1:40 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. or 2:20 p.m. to 2:55 p.m. Children under 5 years need 1 to 1 supervision.	<b>Private pond dipping session.</b> Morning only  <b>Marble Art.</b> £1.70 5 yrs + 2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	
WEEK 7: 29 to 31 August				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY		
	<b>Plant a little window box with flowers and herbs.</b> £3.50 each all ages 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	<b>Make a Mask.</b> £1.70 Suitable for all ages. 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon or 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.		



## Oadby and Wigston 'Sport on the Park' scheme

Oadby and Wigston Borough Council has organised a four week sports scheme in July and August at local parks in the Borough, to coincide with the school holidays. With just one year to go to the 2012 London Olympics, there has never been a better time to encourage your child to get involved in sport.

In celebration of the London 2012 Olympics and Paralympic Games the multi-sports scheme will run from Monday 25 July to Thursday 18 August. Two sessions will be organised each day by our team of professionally qualified coaches. A wide range of sports will be organised including rounders, cricket, basketball, tennis, football, rugby and fun team games, which are open to young people aged 8 to 14 years.

Each week costs £5:00 per person per sports venue. Booking is essential to avoid disappointment. Booking forms are available from local libraries, schools and leisure facilities. For more information contact the Leisure Development Officer, Avril Lennox on: Leicester (0116) 257 2673 or email: [avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk)

### Sports Scheme details

#### Week 1

Monday 25 July to Thursday 28 July

- Coombe Park, Oadby  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Blaby Road Park, South Wigston  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Week 2

Monday 1 August to Thursday 4 August

- Coombe Park, Oadby  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Horsewell Lane, Wigston  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Week 3

Monday 8 August to Thursday 11 August

- Uplands Park, Oadby  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Willow Park, Wigston  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### Week 4

Monday 15 August to Thursday 18 August

- Uplands Park, Oadby  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon
- Willow Park, Wigston  
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## Poplars Holiday Club

Children aged 4 to 10 years can take part in a new three week scheme at Water Leys Primary School, Guilford Drive, Wigston Fields. They will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities including sport, art and crafts, cooking and outside activities.

**Dates:** Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August, Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August, Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August

For more information please contact Samantha Mansell on (mobile) 07895 255 881

## Junior Golf sessions at Oadby Golf Course

Golf sessions for Juniors are £25 for 5 lessons, inclusive of balls and equipment. All sessions begin at 2:30 p.m. Please contact John Butler on (mobile) 0790 575 7168 to book your place.

**Venue:** Oadby Golf Course, Leicester Road, Oadby.

**Dates:** Monday 18 July to Friday 22 July, Monday 25 July to Friday 29 July, Monday 1 August to Friday 5 August, Monday 8 August to Friday 12 August, Monday 15 August to Friday 19 August, Monday 22 August to Friday 26 August

## Free Swimming Scheme in Oadby and Wigston

All children who are under the age of 8 in the Borough can enjoy free swimming at both Oadby and Wigston swimming pools during any public swimming session. The under 16's scheme allows free swimming during the summer school holidays\* at agreed sessions.



It is supported by Leisure Connection who is funding this scheme by providing £6,000 for a period.

All children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

*\*Under 16's offered free swimming during summer school holidays from 18 July until 1 September 2011 only.*

## Library activities during the summer Summer Reading Challenge 2011



Children aged 4 to 12 years can take part in a summertime spectacle at their local library this summer. Circus Stars is a fun and exciting reading challenge taking place in all Leicestershire libraries, including mobile libraries, from Saturday 9 July.

Sign up for Circus Stars and receive a FREE membership card and pop-up stage. Read books throughout the summer and collect Circus Stars characters to add to the stage. All children completing the reading challenge will receive a Circus Stars certificate and reward.

For more information about Circus Stars call in at your local library.

### Telephone numbers for local Libraries:

- Oadby Library: (0116) 305 8763
- South Wigston Library: (0116) 305 3533
- Wigston Magna Library: (0116) 305 3689





# Be part of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games celebrating

‘One year to go’  
make a pledge for 2012

**Friday 22 July to  
Sunday 24 July 2011**

Come along and join in with a range of free activities during ‘Open Weekend’ and make your pledge ‘to be the best you can’! You’ll be joining thousands of people across the UK celebrating ‘one year to go’ to the London 2012 Games.

**Just turn up and join in!**

## Timetable of events

### Friday 22 July

#### Wigston Town Centre:

Bell Street - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
A range of health and information stands will be available, including smoking cessation and information about physical activities available in the area. Local people can undergo a health check or make a personal pledge for 2012.

#### Brocks Hill Country Park and Visitor Centre

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
Picnic pledge in the park, plus make a rhythmic gymnastics ribbon. (There will be a small charge for the art and craft materials).

### Saturday 23 July

#### Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby

10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Activities include new age kurling, short mat bowls, racket sports (badminton, short tennis), boxfit, urban rebounding, circus skills, football, zumba and lots more.

#### Brocks Hill Country Park and Visitor Centre

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
A range of art, craft and outdoor activities have been organised including a trail around Brocks Hill Country Park. Children can decorate our display board using sporting logos to celebrate London 2012 or they can even make a gold, silver or bronze medal out of locally sourced materials. (There will be a small charge for the art and craft materials).

#### Oadby Swimming Pool

Free swimming sessions at both Oadby Pool and Wigston Pool during public swim times.

#### Wigston Swimming Pool

Free swimming sessions at both Oadby Pool and Wigston Pool during public swim times.

### Sunday 24 July

#### Parklands Leisure Centre, Oadby

11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Activities include new age kurling, short mat bowls, kwik cricket, basketball, football and body tone and body combat.

#### Brocks Hill Country Park and Visitor Centre

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
A range of art, craft and outdoor activities have been organised. Individuals can take part in a trail around Brocks Hill Country Park or children can make a gold, silver or bronze medal out of locally sourced materials. (There will be a small charge for the art and craft materials). Judging of the arts competition, in celebration of London 2012, will take place in the afternoon.

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## Want to know more?

A full programme of activities is available from your local leisure facility or library, alternatively contact the Oadby and Wigston Leisure Development Officer, Avril Lennox for more information on Leicester (0116) 257 2673 or email [avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk](mailto:avril.lennox@oadby-wigston.gov.uk)  
*Some sessions are subject to availability.*

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