

Great Glen Football Club

No sooner has the football World Cup finished than Glen Villa FC return to training in preparation for season 2018/19.

Newcomers to the village might be interested to know that there has been a football club in Great Glen since 1931. Initially playing on fields at the back of The Greyhound pub, the team commenced playing at the recreation ground after the war. Matches are played at the rec throughout the winter on Saturday afternoons and refreshments are available in The "Shed".

The club is member of the Leicester and District league and, like club's all over the country, has seen a downturn in membership over the last few years. However, the club continues to be one of the most respected in the league and will participate in Division One this season. A new venture for the club is the establishment of a veteran's team in the Leicester City veterans league. If you are over 35 and want to get your boots on again then please get in touch.



Pre season training is taking place on Wednesdays at the rec from 6.30pm. From mid September the midweek training will move to Fleckney.

We are keen to welcome new players so, if you are aged 16 or over and are interested in playing regular Saturday afternoon football, then please come along.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2018 2nd TUESDAY of each Month

7th August,
11th September,
9th October,
13th November,
11th December.

Dates for your diary

Tues 14th August - U3A Open day, 10am Village Hall

Sat 1st Sept - The 10th Annual Wheelbarrow Race.

Sat 24th November - Christmas Lights Switch On.

Sun 11th November - Remembrance Day Parade.



Great Glen Gazette

Late Summer 2018

Hello!

Thank you again to the people who took the time to read and respond to our previous edition.

Sadly anti social behavior seems to be an ongoing issue with a handful of youths causing disruption. There's more on this inside, but please don't let them get away with it, call 101 for your sake and that of the Village.

On a happier note we were delighted with the number of children who took up the opportunity to take part in our free sporting weeks on the recreation ground, and are aware of the large number we were unable to accommodate. Next year we hope to make it bigger and better, thanks to funding from the National Lottery.

Clr Glasper (Chairman)



Brookfield's Update

County council thanks those who attended Brookfield's Independent Living Scheme drop in event.

The informal event – hosted by Leicestershire County Council last month – saw more than 50 people get the chance to talk to officers and have their questions answered.

Heather Pick, assistant director for adults and communities, said: "The event was well attended and it was good to have the opportunity to speak with individuals about proposals to develop the site for people with disabilities. "As the scheme progresses, we will be keeping those living in Great Glen up-to-date with the latest information."

The county council is in the process of purchasing the site in Great Glen and plans to remodel the building to provide homes that will allow for independent living for adults with disabilities, with support staff based at the building. The building will have up to 20x1 bed flats and a small communal area. Work is not expected to start until at least January 2019.



Call 101

Summer is the time of year that anti-social behaviour spikes and recently we have been receiving many complaints about a group of youths that are terrorising residents and vandalising village assets; the bus shelters, village hall roof, cricket equipment on the recreation ground, to name but a few.

The consequences of this behaviour cost us time and money. If you are witness to this behaviour or anything similar please **call 101 ASAP**.

The more complaints our local police officers receive the more likely they are to act quickly so we can work together to reduce the vandalism to our lovely village.



Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council has taken the decision to review the Neighbourhood Plan for Great Glen, which passed Referendum in November 2017 with an 89% vote in favour, on a turnout of 27%.

The reason for this decision is that increases in housing need across Harborough District has left the parish vulnerable to speculative housing development. Recent changes in government legislation has also given increased powers to neighbourhood plans in certain circumstances and the Parish Council wishes to explore this further in order to take advantage where appropriate of these new opportunities.

The review, alongside the adoption of the Local Plan for Harborough will result in a neighbourhood plan that will address the key issues in Great Glen and help to shape development activities in the years to come.

We are hoping to have some of the key emerging policies available to be viewed at the Wheelbarrow Race on 1 September, with the revised Plan being put together by the end of September.

The Parish Council, with other members of the community, is looking primarily at housing and environment policies and is undertaking a range of activities with a number of willing volunteers helping to survey each field in the village so that we can help to identify and protect items of local significance such as ridge and furrow, ancient hedgerows and other assets. Their help is greatly appreciated – the Parish Council.

Skate Park

Our Summer gazette included a questionnaire for the users of the Skate Park to express their opinions on the future of the site.

Disappointingly we have only received 12 completed questionnaires from the 1800 copies that were sent out.

If you would like another copy of the questionnaire to complete, pop in to the Parish Office or email :-

office@greatglen-pc.gov.uk

Hedgehog Crossing signs

On the request of **The Great Glen Hedgehog Preservation Group** we have recently installed **Hedgehog Crossing Area** signs around the village. They are located on Stretton Road and Oaks Road as these are areas that the species are most at risk of being killed. We are hoping the signs will slow the traffic and drivers will be more aware of crossing Hedgehogs.

If you are interested in helping to preserve the habitat of these wild animals please contact Val on 2593206 or attend a monthly meeting of the Group :-

(2pm at Dolly's Tearooms)
Monday 20th August
Monday 24th September
Monday 29th October



Summer Sports Club

We are 3 days into the Summer Club and so far the kids are having a fantastic time! We've seen them playing dodgeball, cricket, football and boxing. Tennis is planned along with many other games. Fun filled days.



"We're playing loads of different sports and I love it. I've made some new friends too"

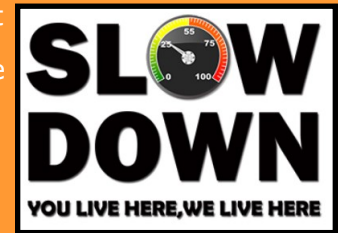
Leo Hopkins



Highways Committee

The council are frequently alerted and also witness themselves the excessive speeds that some drivers are using along the village roads. This has been also shown on the local television with drivers travelling at speeds more than 100 miles per hour.

The council has been looking at this for some years now and have linked up with county council and will be monitoring speeding within the village during the coming months. It is hoped that will give us sufficient information to determine where speed cameras are required to make the roads safer.



We would like also to provide pinch points along the roads to physically slow traffic as it enters the village but that will also require funding which we will be looking into once we have the data from the surveys.

However, it is hoped during the next months that some of the road signs will be cleaned, and additionally hedgerow and trees will be trimmed back that are obscuring these signs. Parking is also a problem within the village, this will be studied too.