



# university news



For Loughborough Residents

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# Development News

## Car Park seven student accomodation

Work is progressing well on site in line with the programme. Activity has been assisted by recent good weather but a minor set back was the theft of contractors tools from the site over Easter. CCTV has now been installed for added security.

Work to the substructures of the buildings is virtually complete, the superstructure (concrete panels) is moving ahead well and internal fit out of some completed blocks has commenced. Installation of furniture will begin in May. The next few months will also see the gradual dismantling of the scaffolding so that the external work can proceed.

The number of workers on site is expected to peak in May, at around 320. Safety is paramount on any construction site and the contractor's team have recently had a boost following an unannounced visit by the Health and Safety Executive who were delighted with the quality of safety on site.

## Proposed change of use for houses on Ashby Road

The Innovation Centre Board approved plans for the conversion of these properties. Proposals were finalised and a planning application submitted to Charnwood Borough Council. Details can be viewed by visiting the Council offices or online at

[www.charnwood.gov.uk/environment/planapps.html](http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/environment/planapps.html)

The planning application reference is P/08/0341/2. As University News went to press no committee date had been confirmed for this application.

## 13 acre site sports pitches

Planning permission has now been received for this project. Work on site will not start before the autumn because of environmental considerations. The archaeological investigations referred to in the last newsletter have been completed but these did not reveal anything of significance.

## Multi-storey car park

The University has submitted a planning application for a multi-storey car park on campus to replace lost spaces due to recent accommodation developments.

The planning application number is P/08/0549/2.

## SportPark

Planning permission has been received for this project and some work on site has already commenced. This work is ground preparation that needs to take place in advance of the main building work.

Every effort is being made to ensure disruption is kept to a minimum but if residents have any queries or complaints about the work they should contact Alison Barlow on 01509 228696 in the first instance.

# Mothers and children needed to take part in a study

Researchers at the University are currently looking for mothers/female guardians and their three or four year-old children to take part in a study looking at children's appetite and food preferences.

If you have a child aged three - four years old and are interested in taking part in this study you would need to come to the University for a one-off session lasting about an hour. During this time you would eat lunch with your child, complete a few questionnaires, and play with your child as part of the study looking into the effects of child mood on appetite. The study sessions will take place from Monday to Friday at a time to suit you. Mothers and children will be provided with lunch and mothers will be given £25 as a small compensation for time and travel.

If you are interested in finding out more or taking part in this study please contact Dr Emma Haycraft in the Department of Human Sciences by emailing [e.haycraft@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:e.haycraft@lboro.ac.uk) or by telephoning 01509 228160.

## Success for Science and Engineering Week 2008

A variety of workshops, lectures and hands-on activities ensured National Science and Engineering week was again a big success for the University in 2008.

Held in March, the week aims to celebrate science and engineering and their importance to our lives.

Open to schools and members of the local community, a series of fun and interesting sessions took place on robotics, mechanics, making and testing a Frisbee, design and geometry, the science of colour and on 'weird science'.

Six departments from the University's Faculties of Science and Engineering organised the programme.



# Parking Update

The last issue of University News reported on the working group under the leadership of Charnwood Borough Councillor Peter Lewis that had been established to review issues of off-campus parking associated with the University.

The areas highlighted as needing consideration include:

- The Outwoods Drive area
- Cotswold Close, off the A512
- New Ashby Road , Blackbrook Road, Garendon Road and Ashby Crescent
- Kingfisher Estate
- Herrick Road
- Coniston Crescent, Holywell Drive and Ashleigh Drive
- Haydon Road
- Storer Road area

This group has now reported to the joint County and Borough Highways Forum. Their report was welcomed and accepted and the next two meetings in July and October will look into implementation, prioritising and establishing a timetable for action. There will be consultations between County Highways Officers and residents before any actions are implemented.

On the progress made to date Peter Lewis comments: "I've been much heartened by the spirit of community and partnership shown by all involved. And there is a real conviction that the actions long awaited can now be put in to effect. What is also apparent is not one system will fit every location – flexibility and specifically local needs are being recognised."

Alongside this work the University has been taking numbers of persistent offenders parking in areas covered by existing Traffic Regulations Orders. This information has been submitted to DVLA and disciplinary action may follow.

## NanoWhat? Totally tiny technology!

It's tiny, it's amazing and it's coming Loughborough's way. Discover the strange and exciting world of nanotechnology and the part that Loughborough University's academics are playing in it when the 2008 East Midlands Nanotechnology Roadshow visits in May.

The whole family will be able to explore how nanotechnology is transforming everything from clothes and cosmetics to golf balls and gadgets. There will be nano games to play, nano films to watch, nano cars to drive, and nano competitions to win an iPod Nano. There will even be the chance to meet a very special guest – Nano man!

The event, which is free of charge, will take place in Granby Street Car Park. It will be open to the public between 10am and 6pm on Thursday 15 May and Saturday 17 May, and after 3pm on Friday 16 May.

For more information visit [www.nanowhat.co.uk](http://www.nanowhat.co.uk) or watch out for further local publicity.



## Dancers costume delight at student designs

A local Irish dance group performed on St Patrick's Day in spectacular brand new costumes after a special project saw them join forces with Loughborough University and Charnwood Borough Council.

Forty second year printed textile students, under the leadership of Tina Frank, Programme Coordinator – Printed Textiles, were asked to come up with a new and innovative design for their uniforms which reflected the diversity of culture and environment of the local area.

Winning designer was Laura Blount who said: "I wanted to use inspiring images which linked to the Charnwood area so I focused on wild, beautiful and powerful environments and animals like deer and Bradgate Park, which I felt mirrored the nature of dance."

The new costumes were unveiled when the group performed at Radio Leicester's Celtic Fringe evening, at the Charnwood Bowls Club on Friday 14th March.

## Calling all sports mad kids

During the summer the University will once more be running a range of children's sporting activities.

Utilising the University's world class facilities, the courses and camps are run by qualified, experienced and friendly coaches.

The aim is to make the activities as fun and as beneficial as possible, encouraging the children to make friends and play fairly at all times. The activities cater for all ages and abilities.

On offer this year will be camps for rugby, football, cricket and multi sports.

The University also has a variety of activities on offer throughout the year for children. A brochure is available with more information on all the camps and activities, including dates and prices. For a copy contact Sports Reception on 01509 226250.

# Community Warden scheme

## expanded

The University's pioneering Community Warden scheme has been expanded with the appointment of Jayshree Lakha as Deputy Community Warden for the Ashby Road Estates Area.

The move follows the outstanding success of wardens in the Storer, Burleigh, Herrick and Kingfisher parts of Loughborough.

The role of the Community Warden is to liaise with and between students and other permanent residents of the area in order to promote good relationships between the groups. For students they operate in much the same way as a warden in a hall of residence, by offering support, advice and information and by responding to any incidents or disciplinary issues that may arise. For residents they provide a point of contact to ask questions or raise concerns.

Some 45 roads are included in the new area including New Ashby Road, Sharpley Road, Hermitage Road, Blackbrook Road, Gracedieu Road and Garendon Road. Currently the area is home to over 750 students. The area is also home to the Ashby Road Estate Community Association based at The Hut and Jayshree will work closely with this group.

Jayshree has been employed by the University since 1980 and is currently a senior secretary in the Department of Civil Engineering. She lives locally.

The Community Warden role was first introduced by the University in 2001. It is thought to be the only scheme of its kind in the UK.

The full team of Community Wardens at the University is now:

[Adrian Bailey](#), Community Warden, Storer and Burleigh area

[Kate Sang](#), Sub Warden, Storer and Burleigh area

[Louise Doherty](#), Deputy Community Warden, Herrick and Kingfisher area

[Jayshree Lakha](#), Deputy Community Warden, Ashby Road Estate area

## Contact information

To report incidents of, or make a complaint about antisocial behaviour by University Students	<a href="#">Roger Kennedy</a> Security Manager 222141 (24hr operation)
For any other community related complaints or enquiries	<a href="#">Alison Barlow</a> Community Relations Officer 228696 <a href="mailto:A.J.Barlow@lboro.ac.uk">A.J.Barlow@lboro.ac.uk</a>

# What's on

Up-to-date information about what's happening on campus is also available on the University's web site at [www.lboro.ac.uk](http://www.lboro.ac.uk)

## Arts

### **Radar – Life Is Interesting When You're Furious**

Paul Rooney – La Décision Doypack

6.30pm, Monday 12 May, Leonard Dixon Drama Studio  
Also daily screenings 21-31 May, Music Centre, Wed to Fri  
12-4pm and Sat 10-4pm, starting on the hour and at half  
past the hour.

Craig Coulthard – Yes May Be No

A project which will take place across three days and  
which seeks to involve local residents. The project will  
culminate on Monday 26 May with a procession in town.

A Staged Dissent

An evening of performances and films centred around the  
theme of protest, rebellion and revolt.

7.15pm, Wednesday 18 June, Leonard Dixon Drama  
Studio.

For further information contact the Radar Office: Telephone  
01509 222960 or Email: [radar.info@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:radar.info@lboro.ac.uk) or visit  
[www.lboro.ac.uk/radar](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/radar)

## Sport

### **Accenture Loughborough International Athletics**

Spectators welcome. This event will involve use of the  
tannoy system

Sunday 18 May

For more information and ticket details contact Sports  
Reception on 01509 226250

### **Cancer Research UK's Race for Life**

Walk, jog or run 5k to raise money for Cancer Research UK  
Sunday 15 June

For more information visit [www.raceforlife.org](http://www.raceforlife.org)

### **England netball**

Netball Playoff 1

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May

Netball Playoff 2

Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 May

Netball Challenge Cup

Sunday 29 June, Netball Centre

### **Other sports activities**

The University offers many other sporting opportunities  
including swimming, pay and play sports sessions, tennis  
lessons, coaching qualifications and fitness classes.

Contact 01509 226250.

### **Athletic Union Fixtures**

The Students' Union has 56 sports clubs many with  
competitive fixtures each week. Spectators are welcome  
and full details of fixtures are available by contacting the  
Athletic Union on 01509 635054 or via the web:

[www.lufbra.net/au](http://www.lufbra.net/au)

## Social and other Events

### Community Fun Day

The Student Union's annual fun packed day for all the family. Event includes traditional stalls, races, activities and displays

Sunday 15 June. From 12 noon to 4pm. Free entry for all.

## Lectures

### RSPB Lectures

Climate Change and Birds with Graham Madge

7.45pm. Friday 9 May, Brockington U020

Tickets £3.50 on the door. Students free

## Important Information

### Conferences, Exhibitions and other events

Events at the University likely to involve traffic movements around campus and some use of PA systems

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### University Open Days

Undergraduate Open Days, which see a significant number of visitors to the campus, will be held on:

Thursday 26 June, Thursday 18 September, Friday 19 September.

### Athletic Union Ball and Graduation Ball

Saturday 10 May, Friday 18 July – further information to be provided by the Students' Union.

### Graduation ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies, which see a significant number of visitors to the campus, will be held on:

Thursday 17 July, 10.30am and 3.00pm

Friday 18 July, 10.30am and 3.00pm

Monday 21 July, 10.30am and 3.00pm

Tuesday 22 July, 10.30am

### Term dates

Summer Term 07/08: Monday 14 April 2008 –  
Friday 20 June 2008

Autumn Term 08/09: Monday 29 September 2008 –  
Friday 12 December 2008