



# university news



For Loughborough Residents



**Pupils from Rendell Primary, Loughborough show their storyphone headsets, purchased with a grant from the University's Community Donations Fund.**

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# Development update

## East Park Design Centre

The countdown to project handover is beginning with work nearing completion on both internal and external aspects of the building work.

Internally, focus will be on completion of work to the ceilings and floors and on joinery. The services to the building will also be connected including electricity, water and gas.

May is going to be a really busy month on site with work to the roof, fitting the metal staircases and lifts, plastering activities, fitting internal glazed screens and the ceramic wall and floor tiling. Decoration of the building will be the final activity undertaken and handover is anticipated in July.



## Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

A planning application for the MUGA was submitted by the University in June last year. Following discussions with planners the application was withdrawn. Issues raised by planners have been addressed and a revised planning application was submitted in April. Full details of the application can be viewed on the Charnwood Borough Council website by visiting <http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/planapps>

The MUGA will consist of three multi-purpose courts (tennis/basketball) which will be available for students to use on a casual basis. One of the courts will also be used for research by the University's Sports Technology Institute.

## 13 acre pitches/sports pitch developments

This project involves the development of an enhanced rugby/football pitch on the site of an existing pitch adjacent to the Ford College. The facility will be fenced and there will also be turnstiles and lighting. These changes are required to meet FA requirements for the league in which the University's 1st team footballers now play. Changing facilities – for all the sports pitches in the area – will also be provided as part of the project. The University has submitted a planning application. Full details of the application can be viewed on the Charnwood Borough Council website by visiting <http://www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/planapps>

## Permissive footpaths across campus

Discussions are taking place with Leicestershire County Council regarding footpaths at the Holywell Park part of campus. Proposals include improvements to the existing permissive footpath to Burleigh Wood and the creation of a new footpath link from the rear of Burleigh Court and the Sir David Davies Building to the proposed new football/rugby pitch (as above).

## UK Athletics Throw Centre

The University is in the process of seeking planning permission for a 'Throw Centre' to be built in association with UK Athletics. The centre would provide an elite coaching facility for javelin, hammer and discus throwers and shot putters. The Centre is proposed for a site adjacent to the indoor athletics centre (HiPAC). The University enjoys a strong relationship with UKA and the Throw Centre would establish the University as the primary training base for Olympic throw disciplines in the UK post 2012.

## Wind Turbine

The University continues to work on a feasibility study for a wind turbine on the campus and to prepare a planning application for the installation of a wind monitoring mast. Subject to planning the mast will be in place for up to 12 months. It will be situated near the Holywell Park Building at the west end of campus.

If the annual wind speeds are sufficient to justify the viability of installing a wind turbine, a detailed feasibility study will commence in 2012. This will address all the issues associated with installing a wind turbine including the technical and economic feasibility together with addressing the local and national planning issues.

The project is being co-ordinated between the University's Facilities Management Department and CREST (Centre for Renewable Energy Systems Technology), the University's leading research group working in the field of renewable energy.

For further information on the campus development projects, including specific location details log on to: [www.lboro.ac.uk/community](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/community) and look for the link 'Campus Development Projects.' Alternatively contact Alison Barlow on 228696.

# Parking update

The number of vehicles now registered with the University as part of the student car registration scheme stands at over 2050 and over 100 students have been identified and dealt with for infringement of University parking regulations. **[Residents are reminded that if they suspect a vehicle belonging to a student is being parked in the off campus areas covered by the 'no university parking' signs they can report the vehicle registration number to the University for cross checking with the student car registration database (contact Security on T: 222141).]**

The University has completed work to re-draft its Green Travel Plan and this, including a revised campus car park management strategy, was launched to staff recently. The plan includes a range of targets and initiatives designed to encourage car sharing, the use of public transport, cycling and walking. Further information on the Green Travel Plan is available via a dedicated website which is available at [www.lboro.ac.uk/sustainability/](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/sustainability/)

## West Loughborough Parking Study

Publication of the legal orders and a formal period of consultation required to take this scheme forward is anticipated in May.

# Donations Fund update

The University is delighted to announce further donations have been allocated from the Community Donations Fund. The awards – from the Open Fund – were allocated to:

Name of Group	Project
1st Nanpantan Scouts	Multi use event shelter
4th Shepshed Scouts	Kitchen refit project
14th Loughborough Guides	Jamboree event hardship fund
Act One	Show production expenditure
Activestart	Cost of trips for children
Amazons	To fund banner
Ashby Road Estate Green Fingers	Flower bed project
Canvas	Show production expenditure
Chamwood Group	Events shelter
Corum Adoption East Midlands	Training from educational psychologist
Friends of Ashmount School	Footpath project
Haddon Way Residents Association	Bulb planting project
Hathern Youth Club	First aid training
Loughborough Cancer self help group	To print leaflets
Loughborough Male voice choir	Recording equipment
Shepshed Dolphins Swimming Group	To fund mobile climbing wall for people with disabilities
Positive Opportunities	Towards cost of day sessions for young people with disabilities
SWAG	New printer

Further information on the Community Donations Fund is available from Alison Barlow, Community Relations Officer by email: [A.J.Barlow@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:A.J.Barlow@lboro.ac.uk) or telephone: 228696 or by logging on: [www.lboro.ac.uk/community](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/community)

## Coming soon – variety of events and activities open to the public

The summer term will once more see a variety of events and activities on campus open to the public.

May 22 will see Loughborough International Athletics (LIA), once more on campus. This traditional curtain raiser to the season will be the first opportunity to see top athletes in action ahead of the World Athletics Championships in Korea in August and will be an important milestone in their preparation for the London 2012 Games. For the cycling enthusiast elite performers will be competing in an exciting race around campus on 28 May.

The University's Arts programme continues with performances from artists such as the award winning violinist, Jack Liebeck and the Dante Quartet.

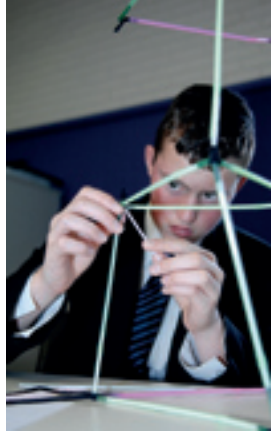
The degree shows for the School of the Arts and Design School take place in June and will provide a unique opportunity for people to view a stunning array of work produced by finalist students. A variety of public lectures will also take place, ranging from the University's Inaugural lectures to the RSPB, Royal Aeronautical Society and Loughborough Archaeological & Historical Society.

For further details of all the activities on campus and ticket information see the What's On section of the newsletter or visit [www.lboro.ac.uk](http://www.lboro.ac.uk)

# Packed programme of events for National Science Week

Schools from the East Midlands were once again able to take advantage of a packed programme of free events on offer at Loughborough University in March for the 2011 National Science and Engineering Week (NSEW).

The University's faculties of Science and Engineering organised a series of fun and interesting events as part of NSEW which aims to celebrate science and engineering and their importance to our lives. The sessions that took place covered the topics of solar cars, bridge building, robotics, materials – focusing on Frisbee making through injection moulding, packaging – exploring the maths topics of shape and space, a workshop based around the study of motion and a project involving building dancing robots and fairgrounds!



The schools taking part included Granville Sports College, Moat Community College, Belgrave High School, Lancaster School, Crown Hills Community College and Exton Primary.

The University also hosted two public lectures as part of the NSEW celebrations. The 16th Sir Neville Mott Lecture had a physics focus and was delivered by Professor Victor Petrashov of the Royal Holloway, University of London whilst Maths Inside Nuclear Power Plants was the subject of a joint lecture by Sharon Evans and Richard Buckingham of Rolls-Royce, Derby.

The final element of the University's NSEW activities is a photography competition being run by the Faculty of Engineering. Open to both primary and secondary aged pupils, the challenge is to produce a creative, interesting photograph which captures the impact of engineering and communications on the modern world. Entries can be submitted to the University until 3 June 2011 and further information is available on the University's dedicated NSEW website which can be found by logging on to: <http://www.lboro.ac.uk/nsew/>

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## Students help Chinese New Year celebrations at Rawlins Community College

Students from the University helped Rawlins Community College celebrate Chinese New Year back in February when they led workshops as part of the College's off timetable day. The workshops included Chinese puppet making, calligraphy, origami and kite making. Students from Rawlins also visited the University's School of the Arts on the day.

All 1500 college students took part in the activities which sought to celebrate the unique culture of China.

The University's Student Outreach and Recruitment Team co-ordinated the involvement of the students as part of its activities to promote the benefits of higher education.

# 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 Arts: Folk Variations**

Saturday 7 May, 1.00pm – 5.00pm

Radar explores and re-imagines folk culture in an afternoon of music, artist commissions, films, performance, talks and storytelling.

## MUSIC

### **Jack Liebeck**

Wednesday 18 May, 7.30pm, Cope Auditorium

### **Dante Quartet**

Wednesday 15 June, 7.30pm, Cope Auditorium

For more information regarding Radar/concert tickets and prices email: [radar.info@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:radar.info@lboro.ac.uk) or T: 222881 or visit: [www.arts.lboro.ac.uk/concert\\_programme/whats\\_on/](http://www.arts.lboro.ac.uk/concert_programme/whats_on/) or: [www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk](http://www.loughboroughtownhall.co.uk)

### **Loughborough University Choir**

The University Choir is open to all staff and students of the University, and to members of the public aged 16 and over. The choir meets every Monday evening during term time 7.00pm – 9.00pm in the Music Centre (next to Towers). This activity is free.

For further information contact: [C.M.Thomas@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:C.M.Thomas@lboro.ac.uk) or visit: [www.lboro.ac.uk/service/arts/music-tuition.html](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/service/arts/music-tuition.html)

## SPORT

### **Loughborough International Athletics**

Sunday 22 May, Athletics Track

For more information and tickets contact sports reception T: 226250, E: [sdcl@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:sdcl@lboro.ac.uk)

### **Basketball – Hoops on Fire – Charity Basketball Tournament**

Sunday 8 May, 4.00pm – 8.00pm, Sir David Wallace Sports Hall

Anyone over 16 can take part or come and watch. For tickets/further information for Hoops on Fire go to: [hoopsonfire2010@hotmail.com](mailto:hoopsonfire2010@hotmail.com) or search Hoops on Fire 2011 on Facebook.

### **Aquasplash Festival**

Saturday 4 June, 9.45am – 12 noon, Loughborough University Swimming Pool. A fun filled morning for children aged 7-14.

Payment can only be made on the day, by cash or cheque only. Cheques payable to 'action for charity'. You can confirm your child's place by emailing [aquasplashfest@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:aquasplashfest@hotmail.co.uk)

For Hoops on Fire and Aquasplash you can also contact Sarah Melville E: [S.Melville@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:S.Melville@lboro.ac.uk); or T: 07886 851159

### **Netball – Loughborough Lightning vs. Leeds Carnegie**

Saturday 14 May, 6.00pm, Netball Centre

For tickets call: 226250 or visit: [www.loughboroughlightning.com](http://www.loughboroughlightning.com) or in person from Loughborough Sports Reception, Netball Centre or Loughborough Pool. Tickets are priced at £6 adults; £4 concessions.

### **Netball – Loughborough Lightning Fun Days**

**Easter Camp** – 27 and 28 April

**Summer Camp** – 24, 25 and 26 August

**Match Day Fun Day** – 14 May

For more information on camps and fun day activities visit: [www.loughboroughlightning.com](http://www.loughboroughlightning.com)

### **Loughborough University Campus Cycle Race**

Saturday 28 May, Support Race at 10.30am, Elite Race at 12.00pm.

Free to watch. For more information contact Ryan MacLachlan

T: 07737 624585 E: [Ryan.Maclachlan@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:Ryan.Maclachlan@lboro.ac.uk)

Website: [www.lsu-cycling.co.uk/criterium](http://www.lsu-cycling.co.uk/criterium)

For more information contact Sarah Melville T: 07886 851150; or E: [S.Melville@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:S.Melville@lboro.ac.uk)

## **Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport – Parallel Youth Games**

Friday 8 July

Approximately 400 participants taking part in a variety of indoor and outdoor events. Spectators welcome

For more information contact Kate Scott T: 564867;  
E: K.Scott@lboro.ac.uk

## **Leicester-Shire & Rutland Sport – Youth Games**

Sunday 10 July

Approximately 1,300 participants competing, from nine local districts. Spectators welcome.

For more information contact Geoff Maltby T: 564862,  
E: G.Maltby@lboro.ac.uk

## **UK Corporate Games**

Saturday 16 – Sunday 17 July

For information contact the Games Office: 01733 380 888 or visit their website: [www.corporate-games.com](http://www.corporate-games.com)

## **Children's Multi Sport Camps**

25 – 29 July; 1 – 5; 8 – 12; 5 – 19 August; 9.00am – 5.00pm.

Three and five day bookings available. Children are split into four age groups: Team Nike 5 – 7 years; Team Apollo 8 – 9 years; Team Hercules 10 – 11 years and Team Zeus 12 – 14 years.

Call sports reception on 226250 for more details, to request a brochure or to make a booking.

## **Swimming Pool**

Offers recreational swim sessions, swimming lessons for both adults and children, aqua circuits and courses in life saving and first aid.

For more information visit: [www.lboro.ac.uk/index](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/index) or phone 226200.

## **Other Sports Activities**

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

Contact: 226250 for further details.

## **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: 635054 or via the web: [www.lufbra.net/au](http://www.lufbra.net/au)

## **PUBLIC LECTURES**

### **Inaugural Lecture – Imagining Careers**

by Professor Laurie Cohen, School of Business and Economics  
Wed 11 May, 5.00pm, Lecture Theatre SMB 014, Stewart Mason Building

### **Inaugural Lecture – How can Combustion and Radiation Modelling Help Our Changing Planet?**

by Professor Weeratunge Malalasekera, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Wed 25 May, 5.00pm, Lecture Theatre T003, Wolfson Building

### **Inaugural Lecture – Scents and Sensing-ability**

by Professor Paul Thomas, Department of Chemistry  
Wed 8 June, 5.00pm, Lecture Theatre SMB 014, Stewart Mason Building. All welcome. For further information on all our lectures and for booking information please visit [www.lboro.ac.uk/inaugural](http://www.lboro.ac.uk/inaugural)

### **Department of English and Drama Lecture**

#### **Material Girls – the Nineteenth-Century Sensation Novel and the Marketplace by Professor Lyn Pykett**

Wednesday 11 May, 5.00pm, Sir Robert Martin Theatre, Martin Hall  
The lecture is free, but please contact Caroline Flynn-Ryan if you wish to attend. E: C.J.Flynn-ryan@lboro.ac.uk T: 222951

### **Royal Aeronautical Society Public Lectures**

#### **AGM**

Tuesday 10 May at 7.00pm

#### **Saunders Roe Princess Flying Boat by Bob Wealthy, Aviation Historian**

Tuesday 10 May, 7.30pm, room U020 Brockington Building.  
Free of charge and open to all. For more information email: [G.E.Tearle@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:G.E.Tearle@lboro.ac.uk)

## **Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Lectures**

### **A Moroccan Experience by Richard Pople**

Friday 13 May, 7.45pm, room U020 Brockington Building.  
Tickets are available on the door. For more information email:  
maillboro.rspb@virgin.net

### **Loughborough Archaeological & Historical Society Caches, Cliffs & Kings Royal Mummies of Thebes by Dylan Bickerstaff**

Saturday 7 May, 7.00pm, Brockington Building. For more  
information visit: [www.loughboroughpastandpresent.org](http://www.loughboroughpastandpresent.org)

## **SOCIAL AND OTHER EVENTS**

### **Community Fun Day**

Sunday 12 June, 12.00 – 5.00pm

The Students' Union annual fun day for all the family. Further  
information to be provided by the Students' Union.

### **Freefest**

Saturday 7 May. Music festival. Further information is available from  
the Students' Union.

### **Loughborough Vintage Fair**

Saturday 14 May, 11.00am – 5.00pm, Students' Union Room 1  
Ladies and gents vintage clothing and accessories at reasonable prices  
Entry: £1 For more information: [www.lufbra.net/lufbravintgefair](http://www.lufbra.net/lufbravintgefair)

### **RSPB Bird Watching Field Trips**

**Titchwell RSPB** – Sunday 22 May

**Lakenheath RSPB** – Sunday 19 June

RSPB Bird Watching Field Trips will depart from Brockington Building  
car park at 7.30am and return at 8.00pm. To book a place contact:  
Robert Orton on [robertorton@aol.com](mailto:robertorton@aol.com) or 07746 876798; Peter  
Farnworth on [lboro.rspb@virgin.net](mailto:lboro.rspb@virgin.net) or Mick Hibberd on [michael.hibberd@ntlworld.com](mailto:michael.hibberd@ntlworld.com) or 07773 103254.

### **Design School – Degree Show**

Saturday 18 June and Sunday 19 June, 9.00am – 5.00pm, and  
Tuesday 21 June, 9.00am – 12.00pm (including school visits by  
arrangement), Henry Ford College.

For further information contact Dr Rhoda Trimmingham T: 222781 or  
E: [R.L.Trimingham@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:R.L.Trimingham@lboro.ac.uk)

### **School of the Arts – Degree Show**

Saturday 18 June to Thursday 23 June, 10.00am – 5.00pm, Edward  
Barnsley Building.

For further information contact Nikki Counley T: 228927 or  
E: [N.Counley@lboro.ac.uk](mailto:N.Counley@lboro.ac.uk)

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **Conferences, Exhibitions and other events**

Dates of events at the University likely to involve traffic movements  
around campus:

May 7; June 16, 18, 20, 21, 30; July 7, 8, 10, 15, 17, 21, 22, 25,  
26, 31; August 5, 14, 18, 31; September 14, 17, 21, 22, 24

### **University Open Days**

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

Thursday 30 June, Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September

### **Graduation Ball**

Friday 22 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 21 July, Friday 22 July, Monday 25 July & Tuesday 26 July

### **Term Dates**

**Summer Term:** Tuesday 3 May – Friday 24 June 2011

**Autumn Term:** Monday 3 October – Friday 16 December 2011

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