

# Westfield Fundraiser

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## APPEAL ON BEHALF OF WESTFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE

**WAYS YOU CAN HELP SECURE WESTFIELD'S FUTURE**

**BUY OR SELL WESTFIELD**

**LOTTERY TICKETS**

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**CHECK YOUR ATTIC FOR CASH**

**DECLUTTER AND DONATE**

**TAKE AND HELP FILL A COLLECTION BOX**

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Please take 5 minutes to read and reflect on this newsletter it is important to *you, your child, your parent or your grandparent!*

“As a present or past Westfield community centre user you are probably aware that all of our funding from Leicestershire County Council has been cut, a total of £140,000 has been removed from our core budget. We are clearly entering the most difficult period in the 45 year history of Centre . Nevertheless The staff and Community Association committee at the centre are committed to ensuring that the centre continues to provide for all of our community .They have been involved in developing and delivering a plan to ensure that all of the centre’s groups have



*Selling donated goods at a local car boot*

A future.-a vital feature of this plan requires centre users ( and that means you )to get behind and support a variety of present and future fund raising events and initiatives, everyone **can have a part** to play and **should have a part** to play no matter how small. I urge **each** and **every** centre user to support our current fund raising initiatives to ensure Westfield continues delivering its services to the whole community”

### Lucky Lottery Draw number 2

Cannon Rev David Jennings drew the lucky tickets for Westfield’s 2nd Lottery Draw at the Annual General meeting of the Association on November 20th . The First Prize of £250 was won by Ticket no 02165 held by Wigston United Under 11’s football team . The second prize of £100 was won by ticket no 00149 held by a very delighted Barry Wardle of the Indoor Bowls group and the third Prize OF £50 was won by Ticket No 03338 held by Christine and

Geoff Armitage of the Hinckley Stroke Club . Congratulations to all our lucky winners. Remember the Lottery is drawn every 1000 tickets sold so as soon as we sell the tickets the sooner we draw the lottery and remember the odds of winning are very good . So please continue to buy Westfield lottery Tickets they are available from Lesley at Reception If you would like to sell Westfield lottery tickets on a regular basis or have an event where lottery tickets could be sold Please contact the centre on 01455 637516



## Cash in your Attic ??

Donations of good quality re-saleable items required by Westfield

If you have any unwanted items of value that can be resold please donate them to Westfield and help to meet the running cost of the community centre, so that we can continue to offer you and other members of our community the much needed services based at the community centre,

*We have raised nearly £3000 so far from such donations and have had a variety of items donated. Including an electric wheel chair, 4 dining chairs. Computer games and even a scrap camper van ! So anything of value accepted.*

Items can be left at reception. For further information or to arrange for us to view or collect larger items contact reception 01455 637516 or Dave on

07980 631255

## Westfield Kids Club put the “Fun” in Fundraising with a second barn Dance !

**WESTFIELD**  
**BARN DANCE**

*Westfield Community Centre fundraiser*  
*Featuring The Malarkey Ceilidh Band*  
*Saturday 17th November 2012*  
*from 7pm till late*  
*£10.00 including food*

For the second time Westfield Kids club organised a Fundraising barn dance

Which proved again that Fundraising for Westfield Can be Fun ! See website for more details !

Do you have any Fund raising ideas for Westfield

**“Accommodation for any such events can be made available for free”**

Why not organise a fund-raising event

**RAISING VITAL FUNDS FOR**

**THE COMMUNITY CENTRE AND IT'S GROUPS**

# Westfield is now a registered Charity

WESTFIELD CDA is now a registered charity, which means that people can donate money and goods to us or collect on our behalf in the same way they would for any registered charity.

If you have any fundraising ideas or want to help with any of our current fundraising initiatives please contact us.

Since becoming a charity

Dave Roberts (centre manager) has reviewed over

4000 grant making trusts and has come up with a targeted 200 trusts. In the last few months over 130 applications for funding have been posted off and the centre is waiting to hear.

## **GIFT AID -makes your donation go further.**

Did you know If you are a registered UK Tax payer and you donate money or goods to westfield we will be able to claim from

on the donations which means a donation of money or goods to the value of £100 is worth £120 to Westfield. If you want to find out more about Gift Aid or are thinking of making a donation to Westfield of money or goods please contact us.



## **Over £10 000 already raised but still a great deal more to do, to tackle £140,000 removed from our annual budget**

Fund raising at Westfield Community Centre began in earnest last year and to date through appeals the sale of Westfield Lottery tickets, and a campaign of de-cluttering the centre of resalable goods and one off fundraising events over

£10,000 has been raised in just over a year

The target for last year was £10,000 to be raised through our own direct funding raising activities. In addition we continue to apply for grants to support

the core activities at the centre. Although we have had an excellent start to our fundraising we should not become complacent about the challenge we face. In the next few years ...with the support of the local community we can rise to that challenge.

## **WESTFIELD COLLECTION BOXES**

**Every little helps !**

**A Number of local businesses including Chris's Fish and Chip Shop, Harry's Place, and One Stop Community Stores have taken a Westfield Collection Box and are helping Westfield to raise much needed funds. If you would like a collection box or know of a shop or business that would be prepared to take one please contact the centre**



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*Managed by local people for local  
people*

**We're on the web !**

**Westfieldcommunitycentre.org**

The Westfield Community Development Association exists to provide a comprehensive life long community education curriculum to the people of the Hinckley and Bosworth Borough area.

It seeks to maintain and develop services which are accessible “from cradle to grave”

It does this by delivering a range of services from a community centre that;

- provides for pre-school children their parents and carers
- provides for school age children their parents and carers, before, after and out of school.
- provides youth work opportunities
- provides adult education opportunities including information advice and guidance.
- provides recreational and informal learning opportunities.
- provides for and addresses, health, and social welfare issues within the community

*For More information Contact  
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## **CAR PARKING FEES AT WESTFIELD ? -Only if we have to !**

Having spent nearly £20,000 in the last 4 years on repairing and maintaining the Car park at the Westfield community Centre. £20,000 that could have been spent on our running costs The issue of charging for parking at the Community Centre is increasingly coming to the fore. Whilst we have not factored in car parking fees as a source of income. It will have to be considered should other fundraising initiatives fail to raise sufficient monies. The centre will shortly carry out a consultation exercise with

car park ,users particularly parents at the Infant and Junior schools who constitute more than 50% of the Car park use during the day We are interested to hear how car park users feel about paying to use the Car park , how much they think would be reasonable to pay and how if charges were to be introduced they would prefer to pay , at a barrier , at a machine by or by a one off discounted annual fee Dave Roberts centre manager said “we have always been able to offer free parking at the centre, and park-

ing fees would be a last resort, but in the current climate we are being forced to look at all our running costs ,to save where we can and raise income where we can , hopefully the local community will understand that, and get behind our other fund raising initiatives”

