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Dedication service at site that opened earlier this year





Trustees to set out their ideas

NEWLY elected trustees of a community centre are inviting people to hear about their plans for the future.

Thringstone House Com-munity Centre is being handed over to the group by Leicester-shire County Council.

The trustees said they wished to introduce themselves, update villagers on the handover process and inform them of their ideas for the future. The meeting takes place on Friday, October 27, starting at

Crematoriu to be blessed by the bishop

A crematorium was due to be blessed by the Bishop of Leicester today.

The service was to mark the official dedication of Great Glen Crematorium, which has been operating since March and has held almost 400 funerals

The bishop, the Right Reverend Martvn Snow, was being joined by representatives from across Leicestershire's spectrum of beliefs.

There were to be prayers from Deacon Kevin O'Connor, of the Catholic Church of St Mary's, Wigston, and from the Rev Fran Rhys, of the Methodist Ministry of Great Glen

Readings were to be given by the Rev Kim Ford, of St Cuthbert's Church, Great Glen, and by two local celebrants, Jane Humphries and Keith Baker.

Prayers were also to be led by priests on behalf of Hindus and Sikhs Tudor Choir was to provide

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music and Coun Grahame Spendlove-Mason, chairman of Harborough District Council, A spokesman for operator Westerleigh Group said the bishop would acknowledge the

importance of the spacious, tranquil and natural setting the facility provides. The crematorium has an 108-

seater chapel and a digital music system alongside a traditional organ.

Helen Bozon, manager of Great Glen Crematorium, said: "We are very grateful for all of the support from funeral directors, celebrants and clergy who have helped to ensure the service is tailored to local needs.

"It is always so reassuring to hear what a difference the new crematorium has made to families in the area "We are determined to deliver

on our promise to provide the best level of care so we can make that very difficult day a little bit easier."

The crematorium was allowed on appeal after planning permission had been refused by Harborough District Council in 2013.

Opponents had said the location, close to Stoneygate Primary School, was inappropriate.

The school said it did not think it was appropriate for mourners attending services to hear the noise of children playing, or for children as young as three to be near such a site.

County councillor Dr Kevin Feltham said: "The councillors decided this was not an appropriate location and they were

ʻight." Westerleigh said Great Glen was one of the largest cremat-oria to be built in the past 20 years. It is set in more than 30 acres

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NEARLY new baby and toddler clothes will be available at a sale The National Childbirth trust

(NCT) Leicester branch nearly new sale will also include toys and equipment.

Joanna Darby, branch co-ordinator, said: "Our volunteers ensure the quality of the goods at our sales is excellent and

shoppers can bag bargains. "Whether you're buying, selling or both you can be sure parents in Leicestershire by funding NCT's vital work."

The sale is on Saturday, at Beaumont Leys School, Leicester, from 12.30pm to 2pm for the general public.