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Usually by now I have, if not completed, then certainly established the main plans for services and activities through to Christmas and New Year. This year, for obvious reasons, everything still feels somewhat uncertain. The ongoing restrictions on activity, particularly involving large or even medium-sized gatherings of people, look set to continue for some time with no end-date in sight.

There will certainly be some changes to 'how' we do things this year, but 'why' remains the same. On Remembrance Sunday, 8th November, and Armistice Day, 11th November, we will still want to remember as a community all those who sacrificed youth, hopes and life for our sake in World Wars and other conflicts.



We won't, sadly, be able to gather a full Church for our usual Remembrance Service. Instead, we are inviting you to take part in a variety of other ways to honour those we remember:

We encourage people to decorate a poppy for your window. A template you can download to colour in is available from the Royal British Legion website and will be linked from our own (www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk), as well as a link to help you draw your own.

An area of the churchyard will be designated as a temporary 'Poppy Garden'. You are welcome to come and place a normal poppy or a wooden cross (available from the British Legion) in the ground in early November.

On Sunday 8th November we will be streaming a pre-recorded service at 10.45am on www.facebook.com/allsaintnewtownlinford (and on YouTube) which will include the 2 minutes' silence, bracketed by Last Post and Reveille. **Do go out onto your doorstep when Last Post is played, that we will be able to see one another remember together.** The normal in-person service will be at its current usual time of 9am.

On **Wednesday 11th November** there will be an online **Act of Remembrance at 10.50am** which will also be streamed on Facebook.

I know there will be disappointment that we cannot do our traditional observances, but we must recall that we are remembering people whose lives were disrupted far more than we are experiencing, who went to their task out of a desire to protect others' lives. We must do the same, having the same humble, selfless heart as Christ.

The next magazine will contain more details of our plans for Christmas. In the meantime, I encourage you to sign up for the Community Advent Calendar which will be a wonderful way to mark this run-up to Christmas collectively. (Editors note - see Parish Council details on page 29).

Richard Trethewey,

Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford & St Peters, Glenfield



If I should die, think only this of me:

That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam;
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,

A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke



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The Brownies are back!!

Brown Owl has been working hard to get us back together again. On week one, the Brownies couldn't be inside, so they went outside for a nature hunt in the fields behind Brown Owl's house. It was an alphabetical hunt (searching for things from A-Z) and was incredibly fun as well as great weather. We found lots of interesting items from ash trees to wag-tails, including magpies, pigeons, geese, insects, ...and we managed to avoid the cow pats!

Last week we were able to meet at The Linford. There are some new rules so we can socially distance, but it's just as much fun. We are still able to play some of the games, and this week we got to make miniature gardens out of objects from nature that we find around us at this time of year. We used bark; acorns; pine cones; conkers; moss; berries and autumn leaves to construct our gardens on up-turned tin lids and used modelling clay to stick bits together. We had cocktail sticks and lollipop sticks to make things. It was terrific fun and a great way to improve our arts and crafts skills and an opportunity to use our imaginations. Thanks Brown Owl and Snowy Owl. It's good to be back.

By Natasha Dovey and Sophie Waterfall





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Coffee and Cake Thursday Mornings via Zoom instead of the Village Hall.

The Coffee & Cake Zoom meeting are still taking place every Thursday and is worth coming on board for if you have the right equipment, (a laptop with the app Zoom uploaded) at 11am.

If you are interested contact Joe Costello on 01530 249 613, he is brilliant at calmly talking you through how to set yourself up. We are getting newcomers every week joining us with welcome news of other villagers, Give it a try. Joe Costello is a great teacher

Easy to Make Banana Cake/Bread (useful recipe for Finishing off very ripe bananas).

3 very ripe medium bananas (approx 8oz peeled weight)

3 large free-range eggs

100g/3½oz soft light brown sugar

150ml/5fl oz sunflower oil

275g/9¾oz white self-raising flour

1 tsp ground mixed spice

1 tsp baking powder

Method. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4 and grease and line a 900g/2lb loaf tin with baking parchment or use a loaf tin liner.

Peel the bananas and mash with a fork. Tip into a large mixing bowl and add the eggs, sugar and oil. Use a fork or whisk to combine.

Add the flour, spice and baking powder and whisk together until thoroughly combined. Pour into the prepared tin. Bake for 40 minutes, or until the cake is well risen and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out clean. Cool in the tin for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a wire rack. Serve warm or cold in slices. Spread with butter if you like.

Bats in Newtown Linford



The UK has 18 species of bat – almost one-quarter of our mammal species, but we do not know much about them unless you have them in your loft. They come out at dusk, and fly around at night identifying insect prey by echo-location. They are very difficult to identify visually unless you have them in your hand; the usual form of identification is by the sound that they make. This is ultrasonic, at a frequency too high for the human ear; “bat detectors” electronically reduce the sound frequency so that it is within the range of the human ear. Indeed, it was only by detailed analysis of the frequencies emitted that our commonest bat, the Pipistrelle, was split into two separate species (the Pipistrelle and the Soprano Pipistrelle) 20 years ago.

We recently took part in a bat survey for Leicestershire and Rutland Wildlife Trust. We borrowed a recorder which was placed in our garden, half-way up Groby Lane, for a week in mid-September.

The recorder was triggered by flying bats nearly 4000 times during the week. The commonest bat was the Soprano Pipistrelle (3068), followed by the Common Pipistrelle (491); a further 137 records were Pipistrelles but could not be reliably identified as to species.

There were 154 calls from one of the larger bats – maybe Noctules, or possibly Leisler’s or even Serotine. Of these calls 108 were reliably identified as Noctules, but the other 46 could not be classified. Other bats recorded were Brown Long-eared Bats (69), with a further 9 calls from the “Myotis” group – Natterer’s, Daubenton’s, Whiskered etc. but again the exact species could not be identified.

We thank LRWT for the loan of the recorder, and Dave Robinson for undertaking the analysis. The large number of bats suggests that there is a local roost, and we would be interested to know if anyone knows where it might be: please contact us on 245 298.

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Information from David Snartt.

Charnwood Community Heroes.

Residents are being urged to enter nominations for Charnwood Community Heroes 2020.

The awards, run by Charnwood Borough Council, are a chance to thank people, groups and organisations who have carried out a good deed, no matter how small or large, in their community.

It could be someone who has helped a neighbour, raised funds or is always there for others. It could be a group, organisation or business which has carried out some excellent work in the last 12 months. Whilst there isn't a special Covid-19 category, the Council welcome nominations in each of the categories for those who have gone above and beyond during the pandemic.

Covid-19 has meant that the award presentation will be a virtual event this year, presented on the Charnwood Community Heroes and Council Facebook pages throughout the day on Saturday 12th December 2020. There are nine categories to enter plus the Harry Cook Award, which is awarded to someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the community.

To find out more about the awards, details on the categories and how to nominate please visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/heroes.

Loughborough Local Testing Site.

There is a walk-through Covid-19 Local Testing Site in Limehurst Avenue, Loughborough.

Local Testing Sites are designed to supplement existing testing routes such as regional and mobile testing units. They are part of a national network being created by the government.

The concept behind a walk-through local test site is that it is aimed at those without a car who are unable to use a drive-through test site. The site offers walk-through appointments only. Appointments can be booked at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.

Please only book a test if you have one of the symptoms of Covid-19, such as a high temperature, a new continuous cough or loss of smell or taste. Users attending the site will be asked to self-swab. This location for the walk-through site was chosen by the NHS Test and Trace Service and Public Health.

Covid-19 Alert Tiers.

The government confirmed a new tier system which was implemented

across England on 12th October, replacing the existing restrictions. At the time of writing, Charnwood Borough is currently at Level 1 (medium) which means the rule of six applies, and there is a 10pm curfew on hospitality establishments. To keep up to date with current information and if the level changes in the coming weeks, please visit the Charnwood Borough Council website www.charnwood.gov.uk/covid_alert_tiers

If you need any help please get in touch, e-mail: cllr.david.snartt@charnwood.gov.uk or telephone 01530 244 804.

Community Biodiversity

David Attenborough and Prince William have recently highlighted the severe threats to our world in terms of the loss of biodiversity. The *Living Planet Report*, published in September this year by the Worldwide Fund for Nature, also revealed alarming statistics.

Worldwide:

- 1 million species at risk of extinction
- 41% of insect species at risk of extinction

In the U.K:

- 13% of key species at risk of extinction
- 60% of wildlife lost in the last 50 years
- Bird populations declined by 40 million in 40 years



It would be great if we could do our bit locally and make our parish as biodiverse and wildlife-friendly as possible. As you may have seen in last month's Magazine and on Facebook, I have volunteered to be Newtown Linford's Community Biodiversity Champion (the Parish Council were already aware that biodiversity is a major concern of mine). However, I could really do with some help! One or two people have already expressed an interest, but we need more.

Improving local biodiversity could involve things like carrying out a survey to see what is already there; drawing up a Biodiversity Action Plan; applying for grants for the purchase of bat boxes etc.; planting trees; sharing ideas for making our gardens and public spaces more biodiverse; helping children and young people to learn about, and encourage, local wildlife - plants as well as animals and birds.

If you would like to get involved, or would like more information, I'd love to hear from you.

Claire Costello, Email: cecostello25@gmail.com

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The idea was to give them to the local hospital and health clinics, and this would give work to those in the tailoring department who could work at home. Most of Neema's income comes from the tourist trade, and as there are currently no tourists coming to Tanzania, they needed to think of other ways of providing work and selling their products. These masks have been designed with ties, because Tanzanian elastic only lasts about 2 days! The ties can be taken or cut off and replaced with elastic if you prefer.

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	4.30pm Evening Worship	
15th November Third Sunday before Advent		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
22nd November Second Sunday before Advent		9.00am Morning Worship
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We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray that they may find peace through faith in Jesus Christ our Lord.



Sunday 1st November at 4.30pm

There will be a simple **Service of Remembering with Thanksgiving for those who have died over the past year**. Invitations will be going out this week. People are encouraged to book either by contacting Richard direct or via the website for this as places are (as for every service!) limited.

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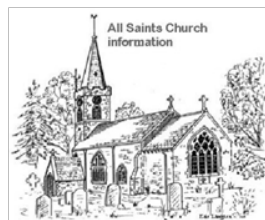
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Regular Events - Bell ringer's practice: Monday 8pm (cancelled)

Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk 2020

Every year we put in an appeal for Operation Christmas Child. This year whilst there is still the option for filling a shoe box for a child in need, with villagers going out shopping less than normal, we can look at alternative ways, such as online (without needing to use Amazon!). .



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Samaritan's purse works with local Churches and Ministry Partners to deliver the gifts. If you do wish to fill a shoebox then they can be dropped off between 9th and 13th November at Barrow on Soar Conservative Club, LE12 8QA after 3pm .

This was a wonderful way for my daughters to think about others less fortunate and they really enjoyed shopping with me and choosing gifts for children their own age. This year with COVID I will be packing my shoebox online

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/ways-to-give/>

Whilst not the same as going out and choosing your gifts, it can be done from the safety of your own home.



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God bless,

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Despite the current pandemic the Choral Society is continuing with its weekly rehearsals, albeit online via Zoom as opposed to meeting in the Village Hall, and these are supplemented by videos circulated on email by Sue our Director. In this way we have been able to keep the choir together, and practice music that we intend to perform in concert as soon as the situation improves. We're looking forward to tackling some Christmas music with a view to singing this together on video as a virtual choir. So when you read about people finding new ways of working together in the current crisis, this certainly applies to the Choral Society! Below is a photograph of the choir rehearsing in happier times.

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PCSO Mitch Jarvis reports the following crime statistics for September as follows:

- 1 x Burglary (business – money taken)
- 2 x Vehicle crime
Exhaust, phone, keys and wallet stolen.
Catalytic converter theft.

Lock Up and Light Up This Winter



As the evenings start to draw in, Police Officers are reminding people to ensure their homes look occupied during the darker nights.

The force traditionally sees a seasonal rise in burglaries around the time the clocks go back, with offences often rising through December and January.

The winter months can make it easier for burglars to go unnoticed and also makes unoccupied homes easier to spot. The force is encouraging residents to review their home security and take a few simple and inexpensive precautions to protect their homes.

One of the easiest things you can do is to leave a light on when you go out. You can use an automatic light timer to switch lamps on in your home when you go out for the evening or when you go away to give the

appearance you are home.

There are lots of other things you can do to make your home more secure including:

- Keep doors and windows locked at all times and remove keys from the lock
- Keep valuables, bags, cash and keys out of sight and keep them in a safe place
- Don't keep large quantities of cash and jewellery in your home
- Avoid leaving packaging from expensive items outside your house – take it to be recycled or put it in the bin
- If you have a house alarm make sure you remember to set it before leaving the house
- Check your outdoor security lighting is in full working order
- Prevent easy access to the back and sides of your home with locked gates and fencing
- If you're going away, don't advertise this on social media

Ask a neighbour or relative to collect post and open and close curtains while you're away

For more information on how to protect your home, please visit <https://www.leics.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/residential-burglary/>

If you do spot anyone acting suspiciously, report this to us online via <https://www.leics.police.uk/report-online> or by calling 101.

Always call 999 if you witness a crime in progress.

Inspector Mark Botte of Charnwood Police issued the update below which was cascaded via Neighbourhood Link during October

“Good afternoon,

The purpose of this email is not to alarm residents, more to highlight an issue but also to offer you some reassurance.

Over the past few weeks there had been a rise in burglary offences in the villages where high powered cars were being targeted. This was something that was prevalent last year, however, we did lots of work locally and arrested a number of individuals and the offending stopped.

Unfortunately, we did see a return of such offences, however, further proactive work was undertaken, mainly overnight by the local team and specialist resources and we have seen the instances of such offences drop.

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We had targeted some individuals who had been found in the early hours in the villages, typically on bikes. Some of these were arrested for offences and we continue to work hard to provide a high profile presence and robustly police those who we know are out at night involved in criminality.

I would like to reassure residents that Officers are out and about at all hours but in particular, overnight both in an overt and covert capacity. I often hear people say we never see the Police; I can assure you that I patrol your area into the night and early hours, as do others from the Police.

I understand that home security can be expensive and it's too easy for me to talk about alarms or other such security devices, when cost may be prohibitive. Please perhaps take some time to check outside light bulbs work and are out of reach, criminals at night do not like light.

Also, please ensure you lock your car; you would be amazed at how many people leave cars unlocked or windows down. In relation to windows, again if you could ensure that ground floor windows are locked and secure this might stop opportunists from targeting your home.

Some of the offences we have seen where expensive cars have been taken, were in the early days linked to keyless thefts using devices to start the engine. These offences have dropped off and often offenders will see keys on work surfaces or in locks in the front or rear doors. Please consider where you leave the keys before you retire for the night.

Sgt Steve Kilsby and team are working hard to tackle criminality in the area. They have had many positive results and I will be asking for them to share these with you, so that you all get a balanced perspective of activity in the area.

If you would like to follow the team, they are on Twitter, as am I.

Please consider telling neighbours about Neighbourhood Link, the more people that use it the better coverage we get across the beat and it also allows more residents to give us feedback on local issues via the What Matters surveys.

Keep 'em peeled!

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

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November 2020

Where is Charnwood in the new COVID Alert Levels?

On Monday 12th October, the Government confirmed a new tier system will be implemented across England from 00:01 on Wednesday 14th October, replacing the existing restrictions. The new tier system is identified below:

Level 1 (medium)

This will be the level which incorporates the current national restrictions, including the rule of six and the 10pm curfew on hospitality and will currently cover the majority of the country.

Level 2 (high)

This will see people prevented from socialising with other households indoors. The rule of six will apply outdoors. The Prime Minister stated the areas already living under local restrictions, will move into this category and includes Leicester City and Oadby and Wigston. People will be advised to reduce the number of journeys they make where possible.

Level 3 (very high)

At this level, people will not be able to socialise with other households both indoors and in private gardens and bars/pubs will be closed unless they can operate as restaurants, serving alcohol only as part of a meal. Wedding receptions are not allowed and people will be advised to avoid non-essential travel in and out of these areas. People should avoid staying overnight in another part of the UK if they are resident in a 'very high' area or avoid staying overnight in these areas if they are resident elsewhere.

What level is Charnwood currently at?

As of 14th October, Charnwood is currently at Level 1 (medium), which means the rule of six applies and there is a 10pm curfew on hospitality establishments.

More detailed information on the new COVID Alert Levels can be viewed via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

A postcode checker on gov.uk will show which alert level applies in each area and the NHS COVID-19 app will also direct people to this information.

The following link includes a full list of Local COVID Alert Levels by area:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/full-list-of-local-covid-alert-levels-by-area>

In other Parish news, resident Ruth Brutnall, is coordinating Newtown Linford's very first **Village Advent Windows** initiative.

Ruth says:

"With the darker evenings creeping up on us and as thoughts turn to Christmas, I have been thinking about ways to mark Advent, while COVID restrictions mean many of the usual Christmas traditions (Christingle, carol services etc.) are postponed this year. I wondered whether fellow villagers would be interested in creating 'Advent Windows' around the village, for people to enjoy?"

The idea is that 24 houses each create an advent window, a scene in a window which can be seen from the street. House number 1 displays and lights up their window on 1 December. On 2 December, house number 1 and house number 2 light up their windows and so on, so by Christmas Eve there would be 24 windows around the village which people could walk round at their own leisure and discover.

The design can be simple, or as elaborate as you choose. There's plenty of inspiration on Pinterest! If you don't have a suitable window, or a window which can be seen from the road, you could perhaps create a window frame in your front garden?

If you:

- Live in a house that has a window that can clearly be seen from the street without people coming on to your property (or could create a 'window' in your garden).
- Are happy to keep the window illuminated each evening after it is 'opened' until after Christmas and
- Are interested in participating....

Please let Ruth Brutnall know by email to rbrutnall@gmail.com, so that we can see if there is sufficient interest to make this workable. Please include:

your name and address;
your email address; and
any preference you have about dates

Please be aware that in agreeing to participate you are also agreeing to have your address identified on the list and map (which would be shared via the Newtown Linford Parish Council & NHW page), so people can look for your window."

I think this is a truly wonderful idea and would encourage residents to consider whether you are able to participate by creating your own Advent Window.

At the time of writing this article, Ruth would like to hear particularly from anyone living on Bradgate Road, Grey Crescent and Groby Lane who are yet to be represented. Please let Ruth know as soon as possible if you would like to be involved.

On with more news.....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

All quotations have now been received for works planned at the Bob Bown Memorial Field.

Firstly, new football fencing and goals will be installed before the end of the year, an exact date is yet to be confirmed. Sourcing appropriate goals suitable for a play park has not been easy, however, we have now found a local manufacturer who will supply us with robust, steel socketed goals that are 12ft x 6ft in size. A local contractor will carry out the work to the football pitch.

Secondly, Parish Councillors have voted unanimously in favour of applying to the Severn Trent Community Fund for £10,000, which would fund both an all-encompassing Dinosaurs Domain modular play unit for infants, a 2.4m Viking Basket Swing Seat, removal of the existing slide, Springie and remaining "Top Hat" parts, associated wet pour repairs and extensions. Our application will be submitted in November and a panel will convene in December to consider our bid for funding. If successful, Wicksteed Play





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Both the modular play unit and basket swing were suggestions made by park users. All ideas were considered and these were the most viable options. Unfortunately, the space was not considered suitable for a zip line. You told us and we listened!

Please keep your fingers crossed that our application is successful! We will keep you posted on the outcome.

I have attached proposed plans and designs on the previous page.

Cemetery and Churchyard

The grass cutting schedule will soon be coming to an end for the 2020/2021 season. We continue to work closely with our maintenance team to ensure the Cemetery, Churchyard and Bob Bown Memorial Field are looking their very best.

If you have any suggestions for improvements, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

I will soon be reviewing Cemetery Fees for the 2021/2022 financial year. Pam McMorrان remains our Registrar of Burials. Please email enquiries to pamriverlyn@msn.com

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,
Hannah Shaw
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