

# Newtown Linford Magazine

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# The Bradgate

Group Parish



As we celebrated Christmas in 2019, no-one imagined what the year ahead would bring. The challenges we have had to face in 2020 have been unprecedented in our lifetimes. It has, globally, been the most extraordinary year. And it's not over. Even the recent positive news about vaccines sadly doesn't mean all will be back to normality quickly.

So maybe this year above all others we need to be reminded of the 'tidings of comfort and joy' mentioned in the carol.

As many face the real prospect of continuing separation from loved ones, or businesses struggle with the impact of restrictions and enforced closures, as people struggle with changed circumstances and frustrated hopes, we need the comfort of knowing that God, who came to be with us in Jesus in all the hardship of life, who experienced pain and separation and loss, has not left us nor abandoned us. That the Jesus who wept alongside those who mourned, who sought out to help the people who had been broken by life, is looking to be with us too.

And as some of our favourite traditions – both personal and communal – may be missed this year and parties and presents may not reach the mark of previous years, we need to know that even if we can't sing the carols, the joy that is God's gift in his love and ageless plan for rescue is not destroyed or frustrated by events. Christ was still born for us. His offer of life in him still stands. To quote another carol, one of my favourites, the reason for 'joy to the world' is still valid.

We may have to mark Christmas in a different way. It may feel quite strange at times, but we can still find the peace and hope we need in the news of the birth of Jesus, God's Son, our Rescuer. If gathering still isn't possible, take part in our online services this Christmas to find the truth of those 'tidings of comfort and joy'.

God bless,

Richard Trethewey  
Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford

## **Coffee & Cake Lock down Letter November 2020**

Hello to everyone

Its been a long time since I contacted you all in this way and hopefully when you read this we will be out of the month long Lock Down in November? We are all ready to get back to some kind of normality so let's hope the good news re the vaccine helps us beat the dreaded COVID virus. It did feel different from the first for some reason - probably because we are used to it and it didn't seem as frightening.

The Zoom meetings are still happening weekly on a Thursday morning. Thank you to Joe Costello, who gives up his time organising it and sending us the link to get into the meeting. I would like to encourage all of you to have a go and join in. It is so easy and great fun swapping news. Apples, plums, flour and cake have been swapped from that meeting. In fact I have an offer of cooking apples from Janet Brunton. If anyone would like some, please let me know and I will drop them off. Janet says they are not as perfect as you find in the shops but I know they are great for pies etc.

We have recently lost one of our members, Betty McChrystal who had spent the last few months of her life in a home. She was a staunch member of our community and fought hard to keep her independence for as long as she could. We send our thoughts to Chris and the family.

I have had a number of Activity Books for the Elderly dropped into me from Sandra at 'Home Insted'. I did say that I don't have any elderly just youngsters, but If you would like one they are full of puzzles etc. If you have received one in your door it was from me. If not and you would like one, or know someone who would like one, please let me know.

The Fish and Chip van has been back in the village during the recent lock down organised by Chris Hodges and Carolyn Turner. It was a different van but just as good. A nice change for those who struggle or don't want to venture out on a dark night. They are always happy to deliver so thank you to them.

**Christmas Greetings in the Dec magazine** – We are doing the Village Christmas Greetings for Charity again this year, sorry we didn't think about it in time to put in the November Magazine but it has only just come to mind! Thank you to those who managed to get their messages



in on time, your donations will go towards to a Homeless Charity in Leicester.

I am hoping, as I am sure you all are, that the lock down will enable us all to spend some of Christmas with our families. Trying to plan anything is not easy at the moment but we have all managed for the last 7 months, so fingers crossed.

Think that is all the news Stay safe and best wishes to you all

**Carol Ann**

### **Dorset Apple Tray Bake (to use up those cooking apples)**

#### **Ingredients**

225g butter, softened, plus extra for the tin

450g cooking apples (such as Bramley)

½ lemon, juiced

280g golden caster sugar

4 eggs

2 tsp vanilla extract

350g self-raising flour

2 tsp baking powder

Demerara sugar, to sprinkle



#### **Method**

##### **STEP 1**

Heat the oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4. Butter and line a rectangular baking tin (approx 27 x 20cm) with baking parchment. Peel, core and thinly slice the apples, then squeeze over the lemon juice. Set aside.

##### **STEP 2**

Put the butter, caster sugar, eggs, vanilla, flour and baking powder into a large bowl and mix well until smooth. Spread half the mixture into the prepared tin. Arrange half the apples over the top of the mixture, then repeat the layers. Sprinkle over the Demerara sugar.

##### **STEP 3**

Bake for 45-50 mins until golden and springy to the touch. Leave to cool for 10 mins, then turn out of the tin and remove the paper. Cut into bars or squares.

**Christmas Village Greetings for Charity**

**Gillian Cooper - recently  
moved to Cedar Mews in  
Birstall**

Thank you to all the village for  
making me so welcome during  
my time in Newtown Linford,  
Happy Christmas & New Year  
Gilly



**Pat & David Wood - Groby Lane**

Best Wishes for Christmas and  
the New Year from Pat & David  
xxxx

*Merry Christmas*



**Carol Ann & John Sugden  
and all their family**

A strange year but  
it doesn't stop us  
wishing our fellow  
villagers a Very  
Merry Christmas  
and a positive  
COVID free New  
Year



Ca John and family

**Janet Green - Main Street**

Sending all the  
village my  
best wishes  
for the  
festive sea-  
son - Janet



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neighbours a merry Christ-  
mas and  
a happy  
and  
healthy  
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Gary at 49  
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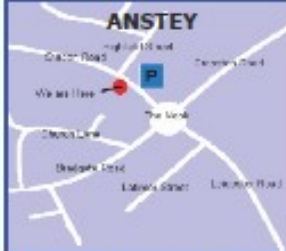
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# Remembrance Sunday COVID Style

We had a very small outdoor gathering at the Linford when John Kemp laid two wreaths following 2 minutes silence at 11.00 am today.



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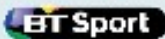
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## Brownies

On Remembrance Day, we had 2 minutes of silence at 11am throughout the school. Key Stage 2 is at school, but Key Stage 1 children are at home due to quarantine rules. However, they were able to do the silence through the internet with their teachers.

Some of the children in clubs with uniforms, like Brownies or Cubs, were able to wear their uniforms to School and we took photos in the playground.

We were able to buy poppies at break or lunchtime to raise money for Remembrance Day.

**Georgina Marsh**  
**Age 8 (Miss Boyle's Class)**





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## Information from David Snartt.

### Parking Restrictions.

I understand that the consultation for the proposed new parking restrictions for the Parish of Newtown Linford will be distributed to residents by the end of November. In my view, this is a final chance to try to help reduce the impact of on-street parking issues that exist today. I have again made the Council aware of the recent difficulties with illegal parking, and stressed again without effective enforcement by Street Wardens the parking issues will continue to be an issue.

May I ask that residents do respond to the consultation, it is important to have as much information as possible before final decisions are made.

### Mayor of Charnwood.

It was a great personal honour for me to take part in this year's Loughborough Remembrance Service at the War Memorial. If this was a normal year, we would have all come together across the Borough to remember those who served and many who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country.



I was pleased that we were able, albeit in limited numbers, to honour all

past, present serving members and their families within our armed services community - especially the ones who have been involved in many conflicts around the world, making sure we have made a safer place for our children and future generations.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, it was with disappointment that the 799<sup>th</sup> annual Loughborough Fair was not able to take place this year. Over the years, local residents have attended this street fair, enjoying the unique atmosphere, and the various rides for young and old, along with the various types of food on offer.

I did stand in front of the Town Hall to read the Charter which allows the fair to take place. In my view, it was important to carry on the tradition of reading the Charter in full. I do hope that we are in a better position next year for the 800<sup>th</sup> year of the Loughborough Fair. I am sure everyone involved will aim to make it the best yet.

As we approach Christmas I released the Mayor's Christmas message. I thought I would share with you part of my message.

Turning to my thoughts for Christmas, I write this message without knowing what restrictions will be in place. I do hope though, as this is the time for families to traditionally come together to celebrate the Festive Season, we can all in some way be together, even if, for this one year, by modern virtual technology.

For many years now, I have attended a Christmas lunch gathering organised by local volunteers. This brought together people who would normally be on their own on Christmas Day. I am sure there are other events like this across the Borough which have given companionship, fellowship and good food on this special day. This may not be able to happen this year. Therefore, please look out for your neighbours who are elderly and living on their own, it can be a very lonely time for them over this Festive Period.

Since becoming the Mayor of Charnwood in June, it has been a difficult time for us all, many making personal sacrifices during the year. I write along with the Mayoress, with hope and optimism, looking forward to a brighter future, through next year and beyond.

Take care and stay safe.

**David Snartt.**



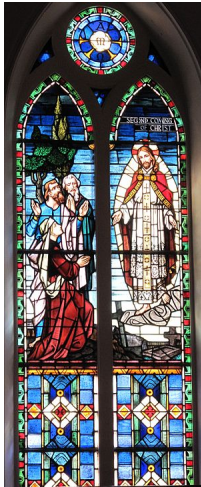
## Village Advent Windows

A huge thank you to everyone who has volunteered to support the Village Advent Windows Project this year; we really hope it will brighten up the end of what has been a tricky year, and bring some light and sparkle to the Village as we prepare for a Christmas, which may be very different this year.

The windows and displays are dotted around the Village, so there will be one near you, and we hope you enjoy spotting others on your (socially distanced) travels.

Hopefully there will also be photos of the displays on the Facebook page, so you can enjoy any you miss, or if you are not able to get out and about.

**Ruth Brutnall**



**It would be much appreciated if participants could send a picture of their window when it gets lit up to both Hannah the Parish Clerk and Carole, Magazine Editor so that they can go on the parish facebook page and in the next Magazine?**

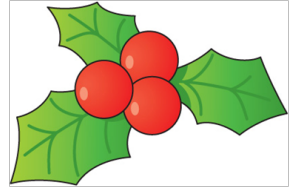


## Date Address

- 1 100 Main Street
- 2 5 Grey Crescent
- 3 Sunday School Rooms
- 4 8 Grey Crescent
- 5 45 Markfield Lane
- 6 All Saints
- 7 34 Main Street
- 8 79 Main Street
- 9 520 Bradgate Road
- 10 Post Office Tea Room
- 11 45 Grey Crescent
- 12 484 Bradgate Road
- 13 70 Main Street
- 14 Village Hall (preschool)
- 15 Newtown Linford Primary School
- 16 Primrose Cottage 87 Main Street
- 17 3 Grey Crescent
- 18 Tyburn Cottage, Main Street
- 19 59 Main Street
- 20 528a Bradgate Road
- 21 66a Main St - Trafalgar Lodge
- 22 506 Bradgate Road
- 23 36 Main Street
- 24 72 Main Street

## Helping wildlife in winter

As well as putting food out for the birds, conservation and gardening organisations, including the Royal Horticultural Society and the R.S.P.B., suggest some more ways to help wildlife in our gardens over the winter:



- **Leave some dead leaves**, perhaps under shrubs or hedges, for overwintering small mammals, amphibians and insects.
- **An insect or bug hotel** in a sheltered but sunny position gives creatures, such as ladybirds and lacewings, a place to live.
- **Leave some herbaceous and hollow-stemmed plants unpruned** until early spring to provide homes for insects over the winter. Bamboo canes are ideal too.
- **Grow trees and shrubs which produce berries or other fruit** (e.g. holly, ivy, apple, cotoneaster, pyracantha) which help feed birds. The **seed heads** of some plants (e.g. teasel) can also be left over the winter for birds to feed on.
- **Piles of stones or logs** make excellent habitats for a variety of overwintering creatures.
- **Provide a shallow container of water at ground level** for other garden wildlife which needs to drink, as well as birds.
- **Melt a hole in the ice on ponds** to allow wildlife to drink, and to enter and exit the water. Fill a saucepan with hot water and sit it on the ice until the ice melts. Don't hit or crack the ice as this can send shockwaves through the water which can harm wildlife.
- **Compost heaps** can be the winter resort for frogs, toads and other creatures, so take care when turning.
- **Check bonfires** for sheltering and hibernating animals before lighting.
- **Clean out bird boxes** in late winter so they are ready for use in spring.







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**From the Village Archive:-  
Village Farm 1962 & Grey Cres Development 1967**





The photos opposite were taken in 1962, and show Village Farm which is sited opposite the Primary School on Main Street. Village Farm dates back to at least 1838 and boasted a duck pond, orchards and a field of cowslips. In 1962 it was owned by Mr Herbert (Sandy) Harrison who sold it to Jelson Builders. A road (Grey Crescent) was then built on the farm land to link up with the already existing Grey Close (since renamed Grey Crescent). The new houses on Grey Crescent were built in 1967, with Swithland slate roofs and local stone frontages to help them blend in with other houses in the village.

The original development plan for Grey Crescent shows that a mixture of houses and bungalows were to be built on the right-hand side, and only 4 properties on the left. Detached bungalows were priced at £6,300, and houses at £8,800 - how times have changed! The Village Farm buildings were remodelled to become the houses on Main Street.

The new residents moving in to Grey Crescent soon became active in the Village Community, and included Janet Neaverson (Chair of the Parish Council), Roger Kendall (organised the Church Choir) and Sonia Pitchers (leading light in the WI).

Grey Close mentioned above had been built just after the Second World war on land known as the Pingle, originally a pound for stray animals. Some of the Pingle had been bought by the Parish Council to be the village playing field, and some was used to build the Grey Close houses.

Grateful thanks to Janet Green for the photos, and to Helen Locke for a copy of the Grey Crescent development plan. Other information: the WI 1978 Scrapbook and Joan Stevenson's book.

**Iris Sayer**



## **CHRISTMAS DAY FOR THE ELDERLY AND ALONE** **IN ANSTEY AND SURROUNDING VILLAGES**

For the past 15 years there has been a meal for those who would be alone on the day but for obvious reasons we can't do that this year - we usually cater for 95 people!!!

BUT we want to do something, so we will be providing a goody bag as full as possible with foody treats!

**Could you spare a yummy treat? Perhaps a chocolate orange, box of chocolates, box or packet of biscuits, matchsticks or Aldi/Lidl equivalent, After Eights, packets of crisps, sweets (denture friendly ones!), anything non-perishable that's not too heavy basically.**



**ONLY FOOD PLEASE** – No toiletries or other goods for this year thanks, that's as I cannot mix the goody bags with other things such as toiletries. They won't be able to go into the bag with food. Usually we will do toiletries etc.. as prizes but obviously things are different this year!

**PLEASE NO.... Cans, bottles, anything too heavy** - as everything will need to be able to go into a carrier bag and our volunteers will be trekking around delivering them!

If you can help with any of the above – Nationwide in Anstey have once again kindly offered to be a drop off point – so please drop any donations of food , cash or cheque (please make that payable to Christmas Day Alone) to them **by 16<sup>th</sup> December** - or contact me as below.

Thanks for reading

**Kerry Sharpe – 07979 607099**  
**kerryjane34@yahoo.com**



## Brownies

Unfortunately Girlguiding has again been put into Lock-down.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big “thank you” to “The Linford”.

They accommodated us when we were not able to return to the school, because of health and safety precautions.

Claire the Bar Manager with the consent of the Committee volunteered to open the Hall for us each week. Because we were put into Lockdown this did not happen. The thought was much appreciated.

If all goes to plan we will resume Brownies again on 7th December.

**Brownies meet on Monday evenings**

**5.45 pm to 7.30pm**

**At The Linford**

**Hilary - Brown Owl**



## Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We have come to the end of another year and, for the Gardening Club, it has been a strange time. We have lost some really interesting talks and visits, although we hope some can be rearranged and included in our future programmes. We have, however, kept in touch through messages and pictures of our gardens via our group messaging system.



The good news is that, despite a membership of around 140, none of us have contracted this disease and all of us are fit and well and doing a lot of gardening. Clearly, gardeners are good at obeying rules and keeping safe.

What will happen in the New Year is still unknown. We all hope the latest lockdown has its desired effect and that activities will be able to resume in the near future. We have a full programme arranged for 2021 and hope that some of it, at least, will be able to happen.

In the meantime, continue to enjoy your garden and keep safe. Here is a picture showing autumn in all its glory (see opposite page).

Anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at [32couling@gmail.com](mailto:32couling@gmail.com) .

**Anne and David Couling**



## Newtown Linford Gardening Club - A Quiz for Villagers at Christmas

All answers are plants, flowers, trees, fruit or vegetables.  
Total points is 50. Let us know your answers & score. There are prizes to be won!!!!!!

### Easy ( 1 point)

- 1 went up
- 2 headless schoolteacher
- 3 a pair of kissers
- 4 sad ringer
- 5 fat drinking vessel
- 6 toilet holder
- 7 container
- 8 not me
- 9 white stuff fall
- 10 tell on your mates

### Harder (2points)

- 11 couple
- 12 criticise the ocean
- 13 Golightly to wine
- 14 conceal the park keeper
- 15 dead in line
- 16 jet inter
- 17 food from bees, drink from mother

- 18 alpen embers
- 19 regret a sleight
- 20 steal in this place

### Tough (4points)

- 21 lofty fairy. Approach
- 22 stuffy lines
- 23 black bird, lettuce, only
- 24 lighttime king
- 25 insulting Miss Sharp in this place

Email your answers to David and Ann Couling using the email address at the end of the gardening club article and the gardening club can reward successful people as they did their members (who have already done the quiz!).

David will also send answers via email after the deadline to anyone who emails to ask for them.

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# Christmas at All Saints ' 2020



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As Richard mentions in his Rector's letter, plans for this Christmas are different from normal years, and are still having to be held provisionally as we won't know precisely what we will or won't be allowed to do until nearer the time.

So please keep an eye open on our website and Facebook pages for the most up-to-date information. If you're not online, you can ring 01530 449 500 to hear an automated message with current details, followed by an audio version of the most recent Sunday service.



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**We expect the following to be possible:**

**Online Christingle Service, Sunday 13 December at 10.30am**

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Collect your Christingle bag (from a location in the village to be confirmed – see the website) during the week before and tune in at 10.30am to make your own Christingle at the service on 13 December. You'll need to supply your own



orange but everything else will be in the bag and explained during the service. This will include carols, prayers and a link to donate to The Children's Society, helping them to continue their work with disadvantaged children.

**Light a Candle, Saturday 19 December, 12 noon - 5pm**

For most of this year the Church building has had to remain closed – either because of the building work or lockdown. On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December it will be open through the afternoon if you would like to come and light a candle in memory of someone you'll be missing at Christmas.



At 5pm a special 'Blue Christmas'

Service put together by all the Churches in the local area will be streamed on our Facebook page to help and support all those whose Christmas will be marked by that sense of loss, whether recent or long-standing.

**Online Carols, Sunday 20 December at 6.30pm**

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A celebration of Christmas through nine readings, carols and choir pieces, featuring members of the Newtown Linford Choral Society. As far as we know at the moment, communal singing will still be restricted, so if



you want to join in with the familiar melodies (or even the odd harmony) and words, you'll need to do so from the comfort of your own home. Turn off the lights, light up a few candles (do so safely) and enjoy the traditional format in a new way.



### **Online Crib Service, Christmas Eve at 4pm**

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An opportunity to put the story of the birth of Jesus back at the heart of your family Christmas celebrations. For all ages, but particularly appropriate for children, as we rejoice at God's message of love and rescue.

### **Midnight Communion, Christmas Eve at 11.30pm**

[www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk/event-details/midnight-communion](https://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk/event-details/midnight-communion)

This service, seeing in Christmas Day with a celebration of Holy Communion, will be held in Church. It will be subject to constraints on numbers required because of social distancing measures. We can hold a maximum of 30 people, so please reserve your place in advance on our Church website. If we become fully booked, we will look at options for an extra service in the building for those unable to attend at Midnight.

### **Christmas Celebration, Christmas Day at 10.30am**

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On Christmas Day, there will be an online Celebration service streamed in the usual way on our Facebook page. Because we know people's schedules for the day vary enormously – whether you're up at 5am with presents, or focussed on the Queen's Speech at 3pm – the service will be available all day for you to watch and participate in.



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# BRADGATE TEAM SUNDAY SERVICES



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
6th December  <b>2nd Sunday of Advent</b>		9.00am Holy Communion
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
13th December  <b>3rd Sunday of Advent</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Christingle	10.30am Online Christingle
	4.30pm Holy Communion	
20th December  <b>4th Sunday of Advent</b>	9.30am Morning Worship	9am Holy Communion
	6.30pm Online Carol Service	6.30pm Online Carol Service
24th December <b>Christmas Eve</b>	4.00pm Online Crib Service	4.00pm Online Crib Service
	11.15pm Midnight Communion	11.30pm Midnight Communion
25th December <b>Christmas Day</b>	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
27th December  <b>1st Sunday of Christmas</b>		
	No services	No services

<b>DATE</b>	<b>GLENFIELD</b>	<b>NEWTOWN LINFORD</b>
3rd January <b>Epiphany</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
10th January <b>Baptism of Christ</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
17th January <b>2nd Sunday of Epiphany</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
24th January <b>3rd Sunday of Epiphany</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	
31st January <b>4th Sunday of Epiphany</b>		9.00am Morning Worship
	10.15am Online Service	10.30am Online Service
	4.30pm Evening Worship	

**Online Services**

**<https://www.facebook.com/allsaintsnewtownlinford/live>**

**<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live>**

# CHURCH REGISTERS

## WEDDINGS



*31st October* ~ Tom Littleworth & Amy Hubbard

### **Private Prayer**

A midweek message to let you know that All Saints' church building will be opening on Wednesdays, from 9am till 12 noon, for private prayer. We intend to do this every Wednesday from now on. We are still subject to lockdown restrictions so we cannot gather or have any led worship, but it is possible for individuals or households to go and pray on their own. We are grateful to a number of volunteers, coordinated by Michael and Marilyn, who are making this possible.



Please note the very simple guidelines on the church door to help us use this opportunity safely.

### **Church Contact Details**

Revd Richard Trethewey  
(Rector) 0116 287 1604 richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

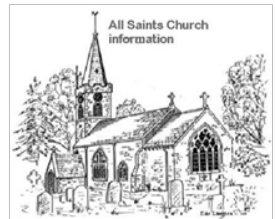
Revd Sharon Andrews , (Curate)  
sharon@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Hayley Moore (Church Administrator) 0116 239 3768  
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www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

**Church Wardens:** Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk,  
Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com.

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

**Website:** [www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk](http://www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk)



## BETTY MCCHRYSTAL (1929-2020)

Betty passed away peacefully on 25<sup>th</sup> September after a long battle with dementia and other health issues. Since November last year Betty had been living in a care home in Leicester.

Betty moved to Newtown Linford in 1968 with her husband Denis and family, first living on Warren Hill and then moving into the village soon after the death of her husband in 1991.

Betty lived at Lenthill Farm on Main Street for nearly 30 years. Betty was the youngest of five and her father and siblings also lived in and just outside the village.



Betty was always very much involved in village activities whether it was helping at coffee and cake mornings, singing with the Choral Society, arranging her flowers or participating in the Scarecrow Competition. She always had so much fun being a part of whatever was going on in the village.

Betty was a regular churchgoer. In the early days she sang in the Church Choir and for a long time regularly arranged flowers in the Church. The font was her domain.

Betty also loved walking in the park which was something she still enjoyed up until last year.

Betty will be sadly missed as for so many years she was so much a part of village life.

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## **NOTICE OF NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE HALL**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.**

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2021 @ 7.30pm. by Zoom.**

All residents within the Parish are welcome to attend, although only those over 18 may vote. The meeting will take place using Zoom: please telephone Toby Manning on 245298 for an invitation to attend.

### **A G E N D A.**

Present.

Apologies.

Minutes of last A.G.M.

Matters arising.

Chairman's report.

Treasurer's report.

Social Secretary's report.

Booking Secretary's report.

Notification of Appointed Members.\*

Election of 8 Committee Members.

A.O.B.

Date of next meeting

\* All Village organisations are entitled to nominate a representative. Nominations are currently made by Bradgate Drama, the Choral Society, the Gardening Club, the Parish Council and the Pre-School.

The Committee is always looking for new members. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, or help in any other way please discuss it with Toby Manning, Chairman on 245298 or come to the meeting.

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## Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



I was saddened to hear of a resident who had fallen victim to burglary at the end of October. Some items were taken from the property and the family vehicle was stolen from the driveway.

Sergeant, Steve Kilsby, sent out the following message on Neighbourhood Link, which includes some valuable advice for Charnwood residents:

“Just a message to share some of the good work the team have been up to over recent weeks and months and to re-iterate that you have very approachable and dedicated officers in your area.

PC 907 Laura Hobbs, PCSO 6051 Tom Vaughan and PCSO 6532 Katrina Hallmark are the dedicated officers for Rothley, Mountsorrel, Woodhouse, Woodhouse Eaves, and Quorn areas and the team and I are supported by the 24/7 response officers based at Loughborough.

The team have held regular beat meetings in public locations across the Village and beyond and have continued to drive down anti-social behaviour and crime. Some of you may have had the chance to speak with them at these events.

In addition, PCSO Vaughan and I have set up a rural watch scheme. In addition to dealing with crimes you are reporting to us, we will:-

Conduct pro-active, high visibility patrols around the rural areas of Charnwood

Utilise response officers to patrol and conduct stop checks on vehicles in and around the rural areas at night and in the early hours of the morning.

Provide crime prevention advice around rural crime.

Work with partner agencies to arrange tool/plant marking

Please get in touch with us regarding any issues you are experiencing. We have a dedicated email address for contacting the Rural Crime Team.

[Charnwoodruralwatch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Charnwoodruralwatch@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)

I can also confirm to you all, that crime in the villages is very low in comparison to other areas and that regular patrols take place in all locations (even if you may not always see us - the team are out and about!), but now is a good opportunity to remind people of some general crime prevention advice as the Winter months come in.

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.

In the meantime - please do follow us on social media:

Twitter: @Charnwoodpolice

Facebook: Charnwood Police.

If anyone wishes to discuss any issues or concerns with the team, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Email: [steven.kilsby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.kilsby@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk)”

Steve Kilsby, Police Sergeant 1724,

Dedicated Neighbourhood Team Supervisor

(For Anstey, Cropston, Thurgaston, Newtown Linford, Swithland, Rothley, Mountsorrel, Woodhouse / Woodhouse Eaves, Quorn, Bradgate Park)

In other NHW news, there has been an increase in Catalytic Converter thefts in the Charnwood area.

### **Catalytic Converter Theft Protection**

- Park your car in a locked garage where possible, but if this isn't an option, then park it in a well-lit and well-populated area
- Park close to fences, walls or a kerb with the exhaust being closest to the fence, wall or kerb to make the theft more difficult
- Avoid parking your vehicle half on the pavement and half on the road, as this may make it easier for thieves to access the catalytic converter
- If parking in a public car park, consider parking alongside other cars and facing your bonnet towards the wall if possible. With the catalytic converter positioned at the front of your vehicle, this will make it harder for thieves to get close enough to steal it
- If there is a fleet of vehicles, park the low clearance vehicles to block the high clearance vehicles. This will obstruct access underneath
- If your catalytic converter is bolted on, you can ask for your local garage to weld the bolts to make it more difficult to remove
- Alternatively, you can also etch a serial number on the converter
- You can even purchase a 'cage clamp' which is a cage device that locks in around the converter to make it more difficult to remove
- Speak to your car dealership about the possibility of adding a tilt sensor that will activate the alarm, should any thief try to jack the vehicle up to steal the converter

- If you see someone acting suspiciously under a vehicle, report it to the Police. Obtain as much information as possible, including any vehicle registrations

## **NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH ENTERS CYBERSECURITY SPACE WITH NEW 'PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rD' CAMPAIGN**

Neighbourhood Watch responds to worrying findings about attitudes to cybersecurity with new PROTECT YOUR Pa\$\$W0rD campaign.

With a staggering 1 in 5 people reporting to be a victim of cybercrime, it is no surprise that over a third (34%) of people say they're more concerned about cybercrime than physical crime.

With Covid-19 national restrictions now in place, an increasing number of people are more reliant than ever before on using online devices in our daily lives. It has never been more important to look after our security online, as much as offline.

John Hayward -Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network says "You wouldn't leave your front door open when you leave your house for criminals to walk right in. Having weak passwords is like leaving your digital front door open for cybercriminals to steal all your personal data and images. But just as there are easy steps we can take to keep our homes secure, there are also easy steps we can take today to keep our lives online secure."

Neighbourhood Watch entered the cyber world with their Cyberhood Watch partnership with Avast in 2019. With the sea of confusing advice out there around cybersecurity, Neighbourhood Watch's new Protect your Pa\$\$W0rD campaign, aims to cut through the noise and focus on 3 simple, quick steps anyone can take today to help improve their online security.

Their fresh, thumb-stopping social campaign is aimed at the overwhelmed and the complacent alike. The campaign targets two different audiences based on their attitude to online security and how to overcome their respective hurdles.

Audiences are directed to [www.ourwatch.org.uk](http://www.ourwatch.org.uk) where they are presented with three easy steps to better online protection:

1. Create a separate password for your email account
2. Use 3 random words
3. Turn on two-factor authentication (2FA)



The first audience the campaign targets, is those that may feel overwhelmed with ever-changing password advice, not knowing where to start. The content will reassure them that they are not alone and direct them through each of the 3 simple steps.

The second audience focuses on those that feel that it won't happen to them and may be delaying what they see as too much hassle to beef up their online security.

The content aims to shock them into action, demonstrating how prevalent cybercrime is even amongst young people. They are directed through the simple steps, showing how quick the process can be.

John Hayward -Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network continues "We want to simplify the confusion surrounding online security and show how quick and easy it can be, so people feel empowered to act and seek support without embarrassment.

As a well-established, hyper-local and trusted community-based charity, we are also asking people to proactively support their neighbours and friends by sharing these 3 simple actions with a least 3 others."

Neighbourhood Watch worked with award winning design agency TMW Unlimited to create the campaign utilising their iconic yellow and black colours, whilst delivering a contemporary look and feel with bold, eye-catching animations that have a simple message. In these changing times Neighbourhood Watch is working to keep our communities safe both digitally and physically. And the first easy step? Protect your email Pa\$\$W0rD!

Wishing you all a safe and crime free festive season.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw**

**Parish Council Clerk**

**Tel: 01530 249945**

**Email: [clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk](mailto:clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk)**

### **How to contact the Police**

All incidents are to be reported to the Police and

**by calling 101**

They will then assess the situation and deal with the situation as they see fit. This may involve a vehicle from another area. If you wish, also advise our NHW coordinator who will circulate if appropriate.

## **Devoted Husband Scoops National Volunteer Award Accolade at The Great British Care Awards**

94-year-old Tony Bradley is celebrating after taking home a prestigious Great British Care Awards national title for his volunteer work at Leicester care home, Beaumont Hall.

Tony began volunteering at the home after his wife of 74 years, Renelle, moved in three years ago. He wanted to be by her side as much as he could and even joined the team during moving and handling training so he could assist with the care of his wife correctly. Tony quickly became a valued member of the team as he would often help out around the home at regular coffee mornings and during activities.

Tony was thrilled to be announced as a regional finalist in the 'Unpaid Carer' award and attended the Regional Gala Dinner last year where he succeeded, securing his place in the National Finals going up against other care volunteers from across the country. The National Awards Ceremony should have been another glittering gala dinner for all the finalists in March but was held virtually last week when Tony and his daughter, Fiona, watched together to see him triumph against the competition.

The Great British Care Awards is an annual event to pay tribute to those individuals in the care sector who have demonstrated excellence within the care industry. Following the winning announcement, they said, 'Tony is a dedicated and loving husband to Renelle. Tony has become part of the family at Beaumont Hall and goes above and beyond in volunteering and supporting staff and residents. An inspirational volunteer'.

Unfortunately, Renelle became unwell earlier this year and Tony made the decision to move to Beaumont Hall so he could be close to his wife. Renelle sadly passed away in August and Tony has since found comfort in continuing his volunteer work and being surrounded by his Beaumont Hall family. Beaumont Hall's residents and their relatives often praise Tony for his work, thanking him for his time and effort he puts in to brightening everyone's day.

Tony, a former lecturer at Charles Keene College, Leicester, has served his community for almost 50 years, supporting his neighbours when in need and volunteering with local organisations including the LOROS Hospice and The Air Ambulance Service.

Tony said, 'I am honoured to receive the unpaid volunteer award. I spent a lot of time at Beaumont Hall visiting my wife and the care team became

like a second family for me. I am very grateful for all of the wonderful care they gave my wife, and for supporting me by allowing me to continue to be a part of the team I had come to cherish’.

Home Manager, Deborah Crawford, said, ‘Tony is a true gent, and we feel extremely lucky to have such a wonderful volunteer helping us out. Nothing is too much trouble for Tony, from serving refreshments at our coffee morning to just having a good old chat with the residents. He really is part of the team. I am immensely pleased Tony took home the national title in the volunteer category, it was incredibly well deserved not only for his commitment to our home but in respect of all the other support he’s provided our local community with over the years. – Congratulations!’.

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Photo Description: Tony virtually attended the event with his Daughter

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### **Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) Update**

At the time of writing this, we find ourselves in another lockdown and in recent weeks, have again seen a huge increase in the numbers of visitors to the Parish.

This in turn has brought more traffic chaos to roads surrounding the three Bradgate Park entrances, with vehicles parked dangerously and obstructively, particularly along Bradgate Road, Roecliffe Road, Sharpley Hill/Hunts Hill and on upper Main Street. We have also witnessed many violations of current parking restrictions around the Village and residents have reported abusive and anti-social behaviour.

This is unacceptable and Parish Councillors wanted to reassure residents that the matter is being addressed and your comments and complaints have been documented and passed to the authorities where appropriate.

The Parish Council have been working alongside Councillor Snartt and Councillor Taylor, LCC Highways, Leicestershire Police and Charnwood Borough Council to address the problems of being a 'honeypot' village for several years. Since the start of the first lockdown back in March 2020, our problems have become particularly acute (and much more frequent) and have highlighted the unacceptable levels of inconsiderate and dangerous parking.

Proposals for a permanent Traffic Regulation Order have been drafted and a public consultation will commence on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020. LCC has offered 50% funding towards the design, consultation and implementation of the new proposed restrictions, pending the imminent consultation and the Parish Council feel so strongly that these restrictions are required, they have themselves

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The proposed restrictions include double yellow lines with and without loading bans both near the park entrances and within the village, parking bay time restrictions where there are currently none in place and additional H-bar markings for some unprotected driveways. Full details of the TRO proposals will be available through the consultation from 26<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

All properties directly affected by the proposed new restrictions, will receive official notification of the consultation and ALL residents are invited to respond. If you are in SUPPORT of the TRO proposals, please respond to the consultation. If you OBJECT to the TRO proposals, please respond to the consultation.

It is vital all resident comments are submitted, whether you are in support or against the proposals. If anyone requires help in doing so, please contact me via email or by telephone and I can assist you.

This opportunity, which is fully supported by the Parish Council, will enable us to have measures put in place to protect the Parish from the parking atrocities we have seen of late.

Once restrictions have been reviewed and agreed, we expect implementation before the end of March 2021.

In the meantime, we have requested traffic cones are deployed to Bradgate Road, Roeclyffe Road and Sharpley Hill/Hunts Hill and we await a response.

I have also spoken to the Officer in charge of Civil Enforcement at CBC and have asked if patrols can be carried out later in the day, once BPT car parks are at capacity and when parking violations are at optimum levels.

If you witness any examples of parking that may endanger members of the public, for example pavement parking where pedestrians are forced out into 60mph roads and where there is no alternative footpath, please report to Police on 101.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw** (on behalf of Parish Councillors)  
**Parish Council Clerk, Tel: 01530 249945**  
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As we find ourselves in lockdown again and cases continue to rise, it is important we all keep protecting each other by following Government guidance.

The message is clear; we must Stay Alert, Control the Virus and Save Lives and remember, 'Hands. Face. Space'.

It is expected Charnwood will return to the High COVID Alert Level at the end of the current lockdown on 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

On a brighter note, Ruth Brutnall has been busily coordinating the Village Advent Windows initiative and I am very excited to see everyone's creative festive scenes beginning on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Further details of those households taking part is on page 13 and photos will be published on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Following on from my article in the October edition of the Magazine, I have been liaising with the Leicestershire Police Road Safety Unit, regarding resident concerns in relation to speeding vehicles.

As a result, a covert speed survey was carried out on upper Main Street between 28<sup>th</sup> September and 6<sup>th</sup> October. During this time, 18% of motorists were found to be exceeding the National Police Chief Council's enforcement threshold of 10% plus 2mph.

This represents poor compliance with the speed limit and the Police Traffic Management Department will now coordinate enforcement operations, utilising officers from the Local Beat Team and the Leicestershire Police Safer Roads Team.

In addition to this, Leicestershire Police supported by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Road Safety Partnership and Local Authorities, are promoting a 'Bin Sticker' Campaign across the area to remind drivers to stick to the speed limit.

I have requested a supply of speed limit stickers which can be attached



to wheelie bins and these will be available by the beginning of December. I think this a great idea, as they will be visible each week/fortnight on bin collection days only and will therefore, not lose their impact.

If you would like a bin sticker, please get in touch via the usual channels. It is unclear at the moment whether the stickers are available for 40mph limits as well as 30mph but we'll see when they arrive. I will post an update to the Parish Council Facebook page in due course.

### **Bob Bown Memorial Field**

Following on from last month's article, we have now received the necessary permissions from Charnwood Borough Council's Asset Management, Open Spaces and Planning Teams for the works detailed previously and have submitted our application for funding to the Severn Trent Community Funding Team. We will hopefully have an update for you sometime in December. Please keep your fingers crossed.


New football goals and fencing will be installed towards the end of the year and a date is to be confirmed. The Parish Council will be funding this installation at a total cost of £4014.

### **Cemetery and Churchyard**

Due to rising maintenance costs of the Cemetery, it has been necessary to review our fees for the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 financial years. The increase in charges will be effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and further fee reviews will be carried out bi-annually. The fees remain unchanged between now and April next year.

If you are considering purchasing an earthen or ash plot and would like further information on the various packages available, please contact our Registrar of Burials, Pam McMorran on 01530 242201 or by email to [pamriverlyn@msn.com](mailto:pamriverlyn@msn.com)

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We have also had a number of lovely memorial trees kindly donated to the Cemetery in the last twelve months, which are now establishing themselves nicely.

For anyone wishing to donate a tree in memory of a loved one, we are happy to make the arrangements for you. Memorial Trees and plaques are charged at £150.

On behalf of Parish Councillors and myself, we would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a brighter New Year.

Stay well, stay safe. Best wishes,

**Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk**

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