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On 23rd March it will be two years since the first Covid lockdown began. At the time there was some hope it would just be for a couple of weeks. I don't think many of us, except those who had made a special study of pandemics, fully realised we would still be facing the persisting reality of infection and the need for caution even now after the remarkable development of vaccines.



Thankfully restrictions have been on a gradual trend of lightening (despite being tightened at times, as recently) and many of the activities lost to lockdown have resumed, but many of us have memories we will sadly never lose of the death of a loved one, being unable to attend their funeral or mark it in the way we would otherwise have done.

So Marie Curie, the charity which supports people through the grief of terminal illness, is again, with partners, including the Church of England, spearheading a National Day of Reflection on 23rd March, in which we are invited to remember the losses of the past couple of years and particularly those still grieving, not just those whose bereavements were due to Covid.

This will include a minute's silence at noon and at 8pm we can all put a lit candle in our windows – as many of us did during the first lockdown.

Here are some other things you might like to do on that day:

Plant a seed, a bulb, or a bush as a sign of hope;

Tie yellow ribbons to a tree in your front garden, or to your fence as a sign of your prayer and support for all who are bereaved;

Put daffodils – or drawings of daffodils – in your window to show your support;

Phone or send a card to someone who may feel bereaved. Everyone knows someone who is bereaved.

As March begins so does Lent, a time in which we remember that Jesus went through times of hardship and loss, experienced grief and pain, alongside us and for us. Even in the fiercest struggles, we can know Jesus' presence and help.

Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

It feels like a small step to the new normal having the Village Diary back - let the Editor know of any regular events now back up and running.

March

- 8th Final date to comment on Planning Applications
- 12th Choral Society Emmanuel Church Loughborough
- 12th Newtown Ramblers
- 14th -16th Sculptor working on the Eternal Flame
- 22nd Gardening Club
- 23rd Friends of Charnwood Forest (Woodhouse Eaves)
- 26th Biodiversity Walk

April

- 5th Tennis Club Indian Buffet Night - all welcome
- 27th Parish Council meeting

May

- 14th Brownies Rummage Sale
- 20th Village Quiz Night

Regular events

- | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Mondays 9.30 | Slimming & Fitness, The Linford |
| Mondays 1.30 at the Linford | Dance Fitness for 50+ |
| Mondays 5.30 | Brownies at "The Linford" |
| Mondays 8pm at the Church | Bell Ringing |
| 4th Tuesday of the month | Gardening Club |
| 4th Wednesday of the month | Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH |
| Wednesdays 10.30 and 6.30 | Bodyblast Classes The Linford |
| Wednesdays | Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start |
| Thursdays 11.15 | Coffee Mornings for all, Village Hall |
| Thursdays 6.15 | Slimming & Fitness, The Linford |

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.

An alternate way is to go online to report an incident

<https://www.police.uk/pu/contact-the-police/report-a-crime-incident/>

This may be easier if the phone call is not urgent. When I tried to ring the other day there was a wait of 38 minutes plus 101 calls are not free.

Coffee & Cake Rota Dec 2021/Jan 2022

March

3rd Ann Scrine, Steve & Dave Pratt
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10th Bev Griffiths & Sue Dobby
01509 890264: 245366

17th Glennis Meredith, John Castle & Mary Clarke
242897: 0116 3190211

24th Maria Simms, Vicki Kerr, Janice Cook
07974 085434: 07904 123603

31st Carol Ann, June Hallam, Sue Howard
243433: 0116 2304808: 245373

April

7th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Gay Redstone/Ann Scrine
245208: 242432: 0116 2351625: 481928

14th Casey Pearson, Jenny Cole, Mandy James, Marie Wilday
249259

21st Janet & David Brunton 242662

28th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613

Please swap with someone else if you are unable to do your duty.
Pass on the hall key to the next people on duty.

An opportunity for everyone to catch up on Village news and activities
and to meet your fellow neighbours

Rota Volunteers - If you are struggling with putting the Tables and
Chairs out for your duty the following have offered to help if around
just give them a call

Wes Raynor 243042 / Joe Costello 249613 / Alan Birkett 244317

Carol Ann

Trip to Ulverscroft Manor coffee and cake group

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We have enough tea bags and sugar to last us 10 years! Thank you Sonia, it all helps to keep the group running for free due to our fabulous volunteers who make cakes and generous villagers like you. The group would like you to come one week for a coffee so they can thank you in person.

Carol Ann

Graffiti is becoming a problem in some of the Charnwood Villages, although we have been lucky so far!. Graffiti needs reporting to the Council to be removed. You can do this by using the website on www.charnwood.gov.uk/contacts/graffiti or by calling Charnwood Borough Council on 01509 634565.

Newtown Linford Choral Society Concert

We're looking forward to our forthcoming concert which is on Saturday 12th March at 7.30 pm, in Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough. The Church is spacious, warm and comfortable, with good car parking facilities, and we hope that our concert of stirring and inspiring pieces of music will encourage you to buy tickets! The choir will be accompanied by a chamber orchestra, and also featured will be the highly accomplished 4tissimo orchestral quartet, and talented soprano soloist, Ella McNamee.

Two of the pieces to be sung by the choir, Vivaldi's Gloria, and the Pergolesi Magnificat, were composed in the eighteenth century, and much performed over the years since then.

The choir will also sing two recent songs by the living Norwegian composer Ola Gjeilo, which were included in his Winter Songs collection. In addition, the 4tissimo Quartet will be playing the Bach Double Violin Concerto.

You can purchase tickets online at <https://www.ticketsource.us/newtown-linford-choral-society/t-egaxqq>, or by phoning 01530 243822. The prices are £12 for adults, and £6 for under 18s and students.

Peter Sayer

NEWTOWN LINFORD CHORAL SOCIETY

Vivaldi's Gloria Pergolesi Magnificat Gjeilo Winter Songs Bach's Double Violin Concerto



Soprano : Ella McNamee

4tissimo Quartet

Musical Director: Sue Ford

7.30pm, Saturday 12 March

Emmanuel Church, Forest Rd, Loughborough

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Time to get walking again!

At this time of year we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Leicestershire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/leics> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web but it is difficult to find. Walking in Leicestershire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you'.

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

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John Harris

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There are 6 stiles. Parts of the walk are along the valley of the Rothley Brook and can be muddy after heavy rain.

A. From Car Park walk back to the Nook roundabout and head towards Leicester.

B. Take 2nd right out of the village and then left across the 15th century Packhorse Bridge (note the commemorative stone marking the opening of this route on the right).

C. Before reaching the A46 turn right into Mill Farm and take footpath through the farmyard (There was a mill on this site from 1306).

D. At far side of second field from the Mill do not cross the stile but walk left with hedge on your right.

E. Do not cross the brook but turn right towards the cemetery.

F. At Groby Road turn right for twenty metres and then left up the hill.

G. At the end of the first field turn right and where the hedges funnel together to a fork in the paths take the left path and then downhill to the Top Green and then keep houses on your left to get to the road.

H. Turn left along the road uphill for 200 metres.

I. At Long Close turn right along the brideway.

J. Turn left onto the footpath and follow the route with Bradgate Park visible in the distance.

K. Once through the Bradgate Park wall turn right and walk for 150 metres before exiting the Park. Bradgate Park is well worth a visit - Bradgate House was the childhood home of Lady Jane Grey, who became Queen for just 9 days in 1553. Follow the path with Cropton Reservoir increasingly visible on your left. At the top of the hill go through the gate on the left and continue towards Cropton with the Reservoir and Bradgate Park now very clear on your left.

L. Upon reaching the crossroads go straight over along Station Road and turn right down the footpath after 100 metres and just before the Bradgate Arms. Follow the footpath and turn right into Ridley Close and at Waterfield Road turn left and then right after only 30 metres to reach open country.

M. After 250 metres turn left and follow path across fields and between horse paddocks, cross Thurston Road and follow brideway as far as the A46.

N. Turn right just before the A46 and keep the A46 on your left.

O. At the tunnel under the A46 turn right and follow the brideway almost to the road (Anstey Lane).

P. Turn left onto the well marked track and with the Rothley Brook on your right follow this until reaching King Williams Bridge (King Williams bridge was built for William III's journey to visit the Grey family in Bradgate Park in 1696) and then continue in the same broad direction along the valley with the National Grid pylon on your right.

Q. Just before reaching the 2nd pylon from King Williams Bridge turn right and then left onto the Anstey Lower Green.

R. At the road turn right and return to The Nook

Just an example of local walks on the website

Colourful, easy to follow and easy to print off.

From the Park



Since my last article, the Park has been a fantastically busy and vibrant place over the winter despite the mixed weather at times! Visitor numbers over Christmas and New Year were high, as expected, and it was great to see people taking advantage of refreshments at the café – the first time the Deer Barns café has been open on Boxing Day for many years.

Estate work has continued apace over the winter, with coppicing in Swithland Wood and the aptly named Coppice plantation, dry stone wall and tree frame repairs by volunteers and boundary wall repairs thanks to local contractor Mo Walker. Many people don't realise that the Park's boundary wall is a mortared wall at all as any signs of the mortar on the outer faces has long since disappeared. It's been great to see the traditional craft of lime mortar walling at work on the Park.

Looking ahead, our Ranger-led walks will continue in 2022 as well as other opportunities for engagement. We are awaiting the outcome of a funding bid for some Platinum Jubilee based events and will also be reviewing our signage and (lack of!) interpretation around the park. Watch this space for some new interpretation panels about the deer, the Site of Special Scientific Interest and the trees and woodlands appearing near the Deer Barns very soon. These are just the start of wider programme of ways to engage and educate our visitors about the Park's amazing features, led by our new Learning and Engagement Manager.

With regards to bigger works, the first part of the overflow car park surfacing at Newtown Linford has been completed and is a great success so far. We will shortly start some hedgerow planting and field margin creation at Hallgates overflow as ecological mitigation for this. There are also several projects in the pipeline including access improvements, relocating the off-road mobility scooter so that it's easier to borrow and evaluating the Trust's carbon footprint. Many of these are thanks to external grant funding, without which we couldn't undertake so many proactive pieces of work.

Finally, by the time you read this our Deer Barns café refurbishment will have started. Long overdue, this will transform the current space into a far more attractive, light and airy café with better customer flow and seating areas. The café will re-open by Easter but in the meantime the Visitor Centre will be open daily serving hot and cold drinks and snacks and Alonzi's kiosk and catering van will also be available. **Cont on pg 12.**

Newtown Linford Gardening Club

We began our year by welcoming back one of our favourite local speakers. Mick Eaton of Leicester Parks fame talked to us about growing fruit and vegetables. He gave us lots of tips and tricks of the trade to help us work out what vegetables to grow and how to do it simply and easily, so it doesn't become a drudge. His ideas on growing crops in succession using a limited area of the garden were adopted, we understand, by several of our members.

We are again placing a bulk order of 6x fertiliser from Vitax which is excellent for giving our plants a boost and which can also be used, mixed with water, to provide a regular feed for pot plants. We have ordered 100 bags at a good discount which will be distributed at the end of the month.

We have also learnt that, two years from now, all compost sold by garden centres must be peat free. We are looking into placing a bulk order for peat free compost for our members so we can get used to using this different kind of medium.

On 22nd March we hold our first celebrity evening when Matthew Wilson, a gold medal garden designer and a regular panellist on Gardeners' Question Time, will be our speaker. As is traditional, we open these evenings to non-members, so, if anyone wishes to join us on this occasion, please contact us. There will be wine and soft drinks for sale and a raffle will be held.

We are already making plans to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of the formation of our Gardening Club. It has certainly developed well since those early days and is now, probably, one of the most successful village Gardening Clubs in the country.

We meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month in Newtown Linford Village Hall and anyone interested in our activities can contact the Secretary (tel.01530 242452) or e-mail us at 32couling@gmail.com. Visitors to a particular meeting are also welcome for only £3.

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Whether they are daily or less frequent, I hope you continue to enjoy your visits to the Park. I'm still amazed by the scenery as it changes through the seasons, from autumn's golden colours to the winter frosts and glowing sunsets over Newtown Linford. As ever, please do get in touch if you have any questions we can answer.

James Dymond, Director, Bradgate Park Trust.



Newtown Linford Village Hall

Quiz Night

Friday 20th May 2022

7.00pm, to start at 7.30pm

Come and enjoy a Quiz Night
to raise funds for our Village Hall.

There will be a substantial cold supper
and a cash only bar.

The cost is £80 for a table of eight.

There is a reduced number of tables this year so that we have
more space around, so do not delay in reserving your table.

Tickets from Elaine Mulvihill

07748 097123

Village Walk Saturday 12th March

Meet at the car park in Bagworth Heath Woods (off Heath Road) at 2.30pm. Walk up through Tiger's Wood to the site of the former Bagworth Church, then through the fields to Cross Hill Baptist Church (bring a flask for a coffee stop here) and back on tracks through Bagworth Heath Woods. About three miles. Leaders **Marilyn and Michael Upstone**.

In February, we had a bracing, windy 4 mile walk around part of the perimeter of Bradgate Park. 12 walkers and 2 dogs were 'blown away'.

Lesley Baker



Fingers crossed we will try again for the

Newtown Linford Brownies Rummage Sale

**Saturday 14th May 2022
At the Linford**

**If anyone is having a spring clean and would like to donate items — Brownies would appreciate it very much.
More details next month**

**Brown Owl & Snowy Owl
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As part of the National Garden charity scheme

Bank Cottage, 90 Main St,

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April 1st through until the end of May.

This garden will be open from 1st April until the end of May 2022 as part of the National Garden Charity Scheme.

Last year many people 'hired' the garden for £3 per head (which overlooks a farmer's field and has the River Lin running through it) for e.g. birthday celebrations and garden parties.

Jan provides and sets up table, chairs, crockery, cutlery etc and you just bring your own food and drink and stay as long as you wish or just bring a sandwich and relax by the river.

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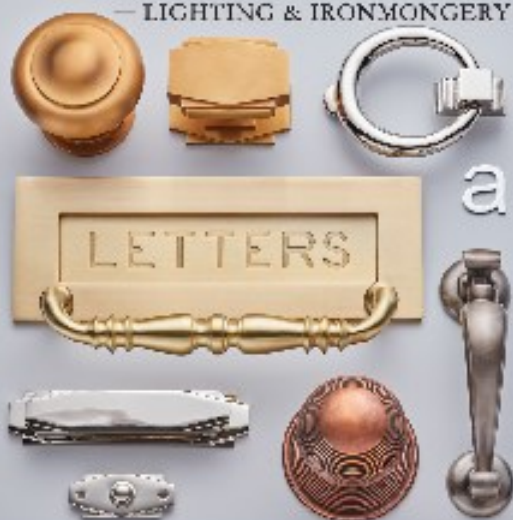
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Brownies Update

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A few weeks ago, we had a snowball fight. We got into two groups and went for it! Unfortunately, we didn't have any snow but we made snowballs out of paper instead. We had to throw them over a rope that Millie and the other helpers held. It was amazing and lots of fun. I also love playing games at Brownies, especially the balloon game.

Sally Shaw, Age 8



Newtown Linford Tennis Club

PRE SEASON GET TOGETHER

Indian Buffet Evening at
Chef & Spice, 1 Andrewes Street, Hinckley
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Tuesday 5th April at 7pm
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Wild Flower Corner in All Saints' churchyard

Some of you may remember last summer seeing the
wild flower corner in All Saints' Churchyard where the
old beech tree stood.

We would like to extend the area this year, but we do
need some extra help. Is there anyone willing to help
preparing the site for this year's display of wild flowers
for us and insects to enjoy?

Thanks, please contact: Jane Woolmer
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Leicester Mercury. The Bradgate got a good write up for their Sun-
day Lunch in the Leicester Mercury. Being described as a tasty meal
with generous portions and a good variety of accompaniments.



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Ash Wednesday and Lent at All Saints'

As Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March our usual monthly midweek Holy Communion service moves forward a day to be held at 10.30am that day. It's a good way to start the 40 days which often get pigeon-holed as purely about giving something up – whether that's chocolate, caffeine or the soaps (notice the final 's' there – I don't suggest you give up washing!) – but actually is intended to serve as a time of reflection and self-examination.

Yes, it can be good to give something up if we find we're perhaps relying on it too much to our own detriment (watch the waistline), but equally Lent might be a time to start something new: a habit of generosity for example, or setting aside time for a walk each day, or to write a thank you letter, or... I'm sure your own creativity can fill in the rest or you might want to look for inspiration to such places as

www.40acts.org.uk or <https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/livelent-2022-church-resources-embracing-justice>

Information below is taken from the website above

5 Facts about Lent you should know before Easter

The word Lent has nothing to do with fasting or giving things up

'Lent' is a shortened version of the Old English word 'lencten', a word which simply means spring (in relation to the season). It is thought to have Germanic roots and seems likely to have been used to describe the season when the days began to lengthen, signifying new life and renewal. Over time, the word Lent came to be linked specifically to the Christian tradition of fasting before Easter, which always coincided with the spring.

Lent was originally 36 days long

Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, the day after Shrove Tuesday (Pancake Day) and lasts for 46 days up until Easter Sunday (**although officially the Lent fast is only 40 days long as Sundays aren't included**). It wasn't always like this though – in fact, Lent started out as just the six week period (still excluding Sundays) in the lead up to Easter, so the fast was only 36 days long! Lent was extended to 40 days (which is why it begins on Ash Wednesday) to parallel with and help Christians remember the time Christ spent in the wilderness, avoiding temptation at the hands of the Devil, as he prepared for his ministry, death and resurrection.

Lent is about fasting and spiritual growth

Most people know about giving things up for Lent. Some people give up chocolate, sugary drinks, meat, alcohol, cigarettes – even other modern indulgences like video games or social media in a bid to exercise self-control and spend more time focussing on what is important in life. Lent is traditionally a time of repentance and spiritual renewal, where Christians remember Christ's own preparation in the desert, where he turned his back on the temptation of the devil in order to prepare himself for the mission God had sent him to complete. Hundreds of years ago this manifested in the form that people gave up meat, fish, eggs, wine, oil, butter and other dairy products. While many Christians have moved away from this practice, this is still seen in some Eastern Churches, following a much stricter fast.

Lent is also about doing good

Lent isn't just about remembering Christ's suffering – it's a time in which believers try to be the best Christian they can possibly be. In the early Lent traditions, Almsgiving (the giving of charity to the poor and needy) was another important aspect of the fast. So the principle of doing Lent generously has been around for hundreds of years before the 40acts generosity challenge began! "If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honoured, all the parts share its joy" (1 Cor 12:26)

Mother's Day is actually a part of Lent

Lent is the build-up to Easter and Easter is a celebration of Christ's re-birth. What better a thing to celebrate during the fourth Sunday of Lent than mothers? The Sundays of Lent are all joyous occasions for Christians everywhere – here in the UK the fourth of these Sundays is known as Mothering Sunday. Mothering Sunday was originally all about returning to your home (or 'mother') church, and eventually it became a celebration of motherhood. Lent, as mothers around the country are sure to remind you, is all about giving generously!

Good Friday is a bit of a strange name

The term "Good Friday" seems a bit strange at first glance given that it is the day we remember Jesus' crucifixion and burial. Scholars continue to debate the correct origin of the word good; some attribute it as meaning Holy, or Pious, while others argue that it comes from a corruption of 'God Friday'. The Oxford English Dictionary opts for the first – but either definition hints at the significance of the day. Good Friday is certainly the holiest Friday of any given year.

Want to experience a different kind of Lent? Since 2011, a growing community from the UK and across the world has been joining the 40acts generosity challenge run by the Christian charity Stewardship. You can find out more about the challenge via the website details on page 20.

SUNDAY SERVICES March 2021



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
2nd March		10.30am Holy Communion
Ash Wednesday	7.30pm Holy Communion	
6th March	8.30am Holy Communion	
First Sunday of Lent	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
13th March	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Second Sunday of Lent	4.30pm Creative Evening Prayer	
20th March	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
Third Sunday of Lent	3pm Worship for All Ages	
27th March	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
Mothering Sunday		

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CHURCH REGISTERS

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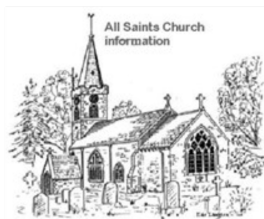
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Church Wardens: Michele Petty,
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Jane Woolmer, ejwoolmer@gmail.com.

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



Jolly Tots

We're hoping to restart this group soon after Easter. We still need several volunteers willing to help set up, serve refreshments, potentially read a story or lead some songs, and then clear away and clean up. Do contact Richard or Ann Scrine if you would be interested or know someone who might.

Ash Wednesday

On Wednesday 2nd March there will be a morning Holy Communion service at 10.30am at All Saints', or in the evening a 7.30pm Holy Communion at St Peter's, Glenfield.

Thinking Day Service

On Sunday 27th February we'll be joined by Newtown Linford Brownies at our 10am service as they mark Thinking Day.

Bellringing

Monday bellringing practices have now resumed following . You can expect to hear them from 8pm for an hour or so each week.

From The Records
A.J.Harrison FRICS
Continued from last month

After the war there were five shilling return tickets to London on the railway on Saturdays and Sundays. The main medicines were Beecham's pills for constipation, Cod Liver Oil and Dr Sloan's liniment, with numerous home remedies including brimstone and treacle, elderberry wine, etc.

An apprenticed engineer (a very skilled worker) could earn up to about 30 shillings to £2 per week.

In July 1914 before the outbreak of the War, I took my entrance Exam for the Newarke Secondary (boys section) School in Newarke Street. The girls' section was entered from Oxford Street. We shared the Main Hall for morning prayers and a few of us, (country dwellers) shared a common dining room for packed lunch (each sex each end divided by a screen). Scholarships were only for town dwellers who paid town rates. My parents paid £1.3s. Per term. Four guineas per year - I left the Newarke School in July 1917. Younger male teachers were at the War. We had two or three retired males unable for munitions or other services. Several older females too old for the Women's Land Army. I was in the School Cadet Corps from July 1915, (later OTC - Officers Training Corps). I had to report with cycle after school two or three evenings for several hours to take messages of wounded coming in by train to Base Hos-

pital on Victoria Park and larger houses used as Recovery Homes, manned by volunteer ladies. There were very few telephones and no radio.

In January (I think 1916) I saw the German Zeppelin on its way to bomb Loughborough, as I rode by the Park from school to Newtown. Only a few single seater single engine monoplanes were used as Spotters for firing ranges at the Front in France. I think they were the original Royal Naval Air Force. We learned afterwards of the terrible V.D. in the trenches at the front in France and shell shock and terrible results here later. All available horses were commandeered to pull guns and ambulances. Rationing came about 1916, but largely affected towns. We in the country managed better - rationing was introduced about early 1916.

I left school in July 1917 (aged 15). For two months I helped my father cut trees in Bradgate Park and district for pitprops. I went to Warner, Sheppard & Wade, Land Agents on 1st October 1917 - my father paid £5 per year for three years for my Articles (whatever that meant). I was paid 2/6 per week for the first two months rising to 3/6 and 5/- after about 6 months, by which time I could book sales and horse sales at the Repository (about 8.30 to 6pm six days per week and part Sundays when required and provide my own cycle. There was one telephone in the General Office (Telephone 750), Telegrams' Land,

Leicester). I could not reach the telephone and had to go to Baines & Whitmore to beg a box to stand on. You turned the handle to call operator. In daytime a pleasant female voice would say "Number please", I will put you through", at night time a male.

I studied for my Chartered Surveyors and Auctioneers Exams, by correspondence course during the night, working daytime and took my exams in 1925/6/7 and passed all first time. When we were married in 1928, as a fully qualified Chartered Surveyor and Chartered Auctioneer, I was earning £16 per calendar month and provide my own motor cycle. My first motor cycle, about the end of 1918 after the War, was a H.P. belt drive second-hand 'James' for which I paid about £7. My first chain drive was about 1922, one of the first chain drive 2 1/2 HPBSA (Birmingham Small Arms) with Acetyline headlamp, foot operated clutch, no self starter—you had to run beside it and jump on to start it and operate the clutch.

Whilst at the Newarke School, Edwin Curry was my great friend (he became Chairman of Curry's) at that time. They lived on Narborough Road and had one small shop in High Street. One man assembled cycles in a wooden shed behind the house. Edwin and I made cat's whisker radio receiver in a match box. I managed to acquire a pair of old Army headphones, we slung an aerial between two tall trees on Tyburn Hill in Bradgate Park and lis-

tened to 2LO Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havanagh band on Saturday evenings in the Summer and sometimes managed to get part of 2LO News.

Edwin decided they wanted other than black enamel for their cycles, and we ultimately found (I think with saltpetre, etc) a half-black green in the Chemy Lab, at the Newarke School after some very dangerous experimenting with everything.

Between 1914 - 1916 during Xmas holidays I carried and loaded for Dr Marriott at Everards's shooting parties on Bradgate Estate - he only shot brass-cased cartridges. I collected the empties sold some to my school mates at 2 pence each and Edwin and I made some into flint cigarette lighters, which we sold in Curry's shop at a shilling. I stabled Dr Marriott's pony and fed him, carried and loaded for the day, had a free lunch and 2/- per day. When miners and others were out of work for a day, they got a days beating at the shooting party (perhaps a dozen guns) and were paid half a crown with a bread and cheese lunch and half a pint of seconds beer, and perhaps a rabbit if they unfortunately killed one by mistake. Mr Everard had four resident gamekeepers. He rented all the shooting on the Estate, and reared perhaps 10,000 pheasants. As a young boy (about 10) several of us at breeding time in the Spring were paid a shilling a week to make as much noise as we could at dusk and dawn to keep the foxes off the young pheasants. **Cont next month**

Village Archive

Some anniversaries

The Village Appraisal and the Gardening Club

In the Spring of 2000 a 'Village Appraisal' was started, following the Parish Council arranging an Open Meeting to discuss the possibility of carrying out a review of all aspects of the village, including its future long and short term needs. Volunteers were asked for to carry this forward, and a committee of 27 members was formed under the masterly Chairmanship of Michael Upstone. A detailed questionnaire was circulated to all households in the Parish, which generated 300 responses. The outcome was a very impressive Report that was circulated to all households on 20th March 2002.

One of the conclusions of the Appraisal was that there was likely to be substantial support for the formation of a Gardening Club, and Michael



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asked Peter Sayer to organise this. As a result, the inaugural meeting of the new Gardening Club was arranged for 9th April 2002 in the Sunday School Rooms. The speaker was Mr Derek Wilson who gave a talk entitled "Grow your own Gardening Club". The meeting was very well attended and that evening a Committee was formed, since when the Club has never looked back. It soon became necessary to move to the Village Hall. The Archive records hold several photographs taken in 2003 when a small group of cheerful looking gardening enthusiasts were clearing beds and planting bulbs at the village cemetery. This was just a small part of their activities.

The Scarecrow Festival

In September 2002 the first Scarecrow Festival was held under the auspices of the Gardening Club. It was organised by three volunteers Casey Pearson, Jan Croft and myself. That year there were just 16 scarecrows but within a few years over 100 scarecrows graced the Village. September was chosen to coincide with the Harvest Festival at the Church and it wasn't long before bellringing, afternoon teas, art and photography exhibitions, a very popular book stall, a Barbershop Quartet and many other activities were taking place over the weekend followed by a prizegiving in the Village Hall. It became a very popular event with people travelling many miles to see the imaginative creations. At an Award Ceremony in

2010 the Village was presented with a Community Award by the Rural Community Council. Sadly due to Covid lockdowns it has not been possible to hold the Festival In the last two years but perhaps one day it will recommence. The photographs are just a couple of my many favourites.
Iris Sayer



THE FRIENDS OF **CHARNWOOD FOREST**



March talk and AGM.

The next meeting of the Friends of Charnwood Forest will be in Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall on Wednesday March 23rd at 7.30 pm. A short AGM will be followed by a talk from Richard Bailey from Bawdon Lodge Farm on 'Not just a field and a farm: Diversification in Charnwood Forest'.

The farm is well known now for its many events, and a visit to the coffee shop and woodland walks will be arranged for the summer.

Visitors welcome - £3.

Free printers looking for a good home

Joe Costello has two inkjet printers plus cartridges which belonged to the late John Nixon. Joe is looking for good homes for them. If anyone in the village is interested, Please contact Joe.

The Condor's Feather

Resident in Ulverscroft for many years and well known through his wildlife talks, Michael Webster is excited to announce the publication of his new book, **The Condor's Feather**. It's a travel memoir based on his 5 year, 100,000km adventure in South America following and filming birds.

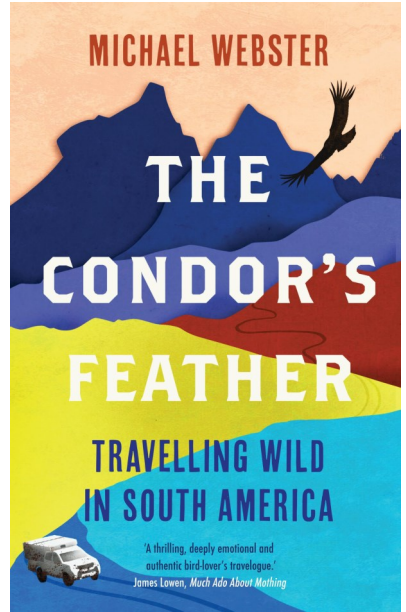


Michael and his wife, Paula, travelled the length of the

Andes, the greatest mountain chain on Earth. From penguins in Patagonia, up beyond the hummingbirds of the equator, to the flamingos of the Caribbean. They endured dust

storms, thundering gales, icy mountain tops and skin-searing heat, and tested the limits of their physical and mental strength as they lived wild, month after month, camping under galaxies of diamond stars.

His book starts 'One spring morning, as the cuckoos were arriving in England, we departed. At Tilbury Docks we slowly edged our Toyota



camper into a shipping container and, like a heron scooping a frog from a marsh, our container was hoisted high over the dockside. Inside was everything we needed, our new life bound for South America.'



There is a YouTube CHANNEL dedicated to the book, which showcases some of the many films they made in South America for wildlife conservation organisations.

The book, a testament to the possibility of new adventures, new friendships and new hope, is available from Waterstones at £14.99. Contact Michael at livingwildpics@gmail.com if you want him to sign your copy.





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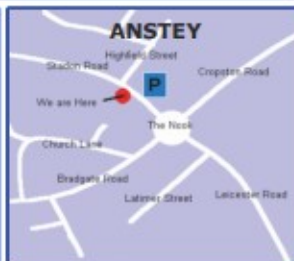
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Information from David Snartt.

New Political Map.

Charnwood Borough Council is set to have new boundaries for its Council Wards. The Local Government Boundary Commission is an independent body that draws these boundaries. It has reviewed Charnwood to make sure Councillors will represent about the same number of electors, and that ward arrangements will help the Council work effectively. The Commission has published final recommendations for changes to Charnwood Borough Council. It says residents should be represented by 52 councillors. This is the same as current arrangements. There will be four fewer wards than there is now. The boundaries of all but two of the existing wards will change. The Commission believe the new arrangements will guarantee electoral fairness while maintaining local ties. 150 submissions from local residents and organisations helped decide the new wards.

My ward of Forest Bradgate which includes the villages of Newtown Linford, Ulverscroft, Woodhouse and Woodhouse Eaves, largely stays the same. Only a small area of Alan Turing Road is placed in Loughborough Shelthorpe Grange ward. Forest Bradgate ward will still be represented by a single Councillor.



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I am grateful to both the Newtown Linford and Woodhouse Parish Councils for their contribution to the Commission's consultation stating similar views - that the current Forest Bradgate ward should be retained to keep the focus on the issues that they have in common. Their rural nature raises issues with traffic, tourism and conservation. They also cited the close working relationship between the two Parish Councils. I also expressed similar views.

Parliament now needs to agree the changes. The new arrangements will then apply for the next Borough Council elections in 2023.

Investigating Solar Farms.

Charnwood Borough Council could explore the creation of two solar farms to reduce its carbon footprint. The Council has identified two locations on land it owns in Loughborough and it's Cabinet will consider a proposal to carry out feasibility studies. The idea is in the very early stage and at this point it is only considering gathering further information to understand the investment needed and the level of energy generation possible from solar installations.

The report to Cabinet says two primary sites for solar farms have been identified. One is a 21-acre piece of land at Nanpantan, near to where the new cemetery is being created. The other is a 40-acre site at All-sopp's Lane in Loughborough. Both sites are owned by the Council. The



feasibility study will also consider the potential of rooftop installations on Council buildings and at Council car parks. One of the strategic priorities is the commitment to making the Council's operations carbon neutral by 2030.

Waste and Recycling in Leicestershire.

Residents are urged to have their say on waste and recycling in Leicestershire. Leicestershire Waste Partnership is asking residents to help shape its blueprint for future services, known as the Leicestershire Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050. A range of pledges, such as delivering reuse services and encouraging residents to prevent unnecessary waste, are set out in the strategy as is, subject to Government policy and funding, implementing household food waste collections.

Over 40% of all household waste in Leicestershire is currently recycled. These figures include reuse, recycling and composting for both kerbside collections and waste deposited at the County Council recycling and household waste sites.

The consultation is open until 25th April 2022. For more information and to have your say, visit the County Council's website, Current Engagement, Leicestershire's Resources and Waste Strategy 2022-2050.

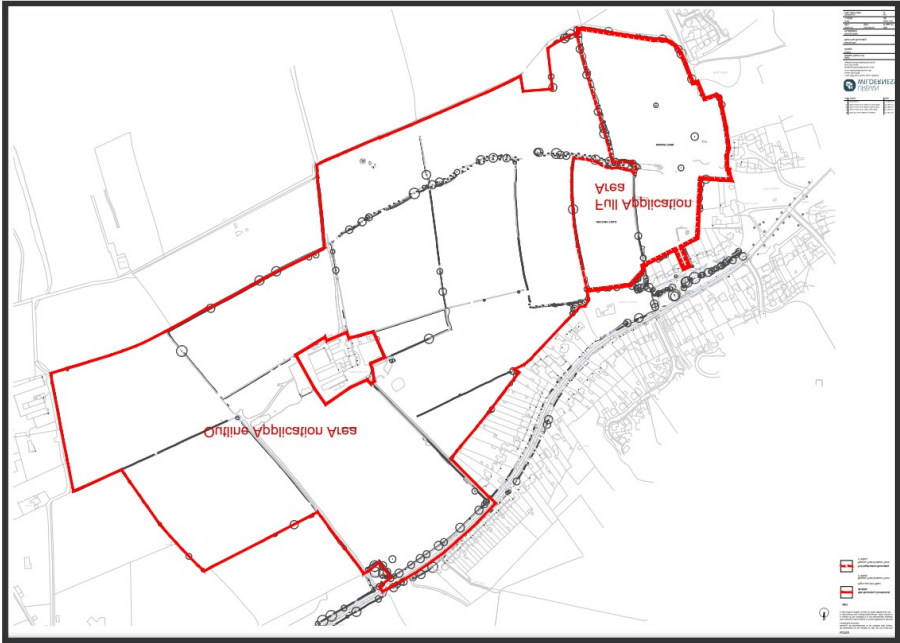
Anstey Planning Applications 500 houses P/21/2359/2 & P/21/2358/2 (see picture opposite)

There is now information on the Charnwood Borough Council's website about planning applications on land to the west of Bradgate Road, Anstey. P/21/2359/2 is a hybrid application comprising of outline planning application (access only) for up to 350 dwellings, public park land and amenity space, community uses, and a site for a two form entry primary school and associated infrastructure. Also, a full application for 150 dwellings, including access and associated highway and drainage infrastructure and landscaping. P/21/2358/2 is also for the full application for 150 dwellings.

These applications are available to view on the Charnwood Borough Website under the above application numbers. In my view, this will impact on the village of Newtown Linford especially at peak times and when high visitor numbers are registered at Bradgate Park. In my opinion, traffic flows through the village will increase dramatically, with the quickest route from these proposed sites through the village to the M1 north.

I would be grateful if residents would take the time to visit the website, and if minded to do so, respond to the consultation by e-mail to both applications to **development.control@charnwood.gov.uk**. Comments

must be received by **8th March 2022** to make certain that they are taken into account. In my view, this will have a detrimental outcome for the village of Newtown Linford, especially with the extra traffic flow through the village impacting on highway safety and the impact the extra traffic will have on the already severe levels of traffic through the centre of Anstey. There will also be capacity issues with the services in Anstey which are used by local residents in the surrounding villages.
David Snartt



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This month's NHW update comes from our colleagues in the Leicestershire Trading Standards Service and includes some important information for residents....

Scams and Doorstep Crime

Rogue traders

Trading Standards received a report of mattresses being sold on the

doorstep from the back of a van. These mattresses were being offered as 'excess stock'.

When considering purchasing a mattress there are a few things you need to consider. New mattresses from reliable suppliers will have been tested to the UK standard for fire safety, BS 7177.

Although other mattresses may have the same label, there's a chance they contain foam that burns easily and gives off toxic fumes. Mattresses sold door to door may be 'recycled', with a new or cleaned cover but as well as possibly being worn out, they could harbour parasites such as bed bugs. If you buy a mattress at your door, you might get a free gift you don't want!

To report a matter please call 0808 223 1133.

Mobile Fish Seller

We received reports of a fish seller calling at properties in the Coalville area offering fresh fish from Grimsby.

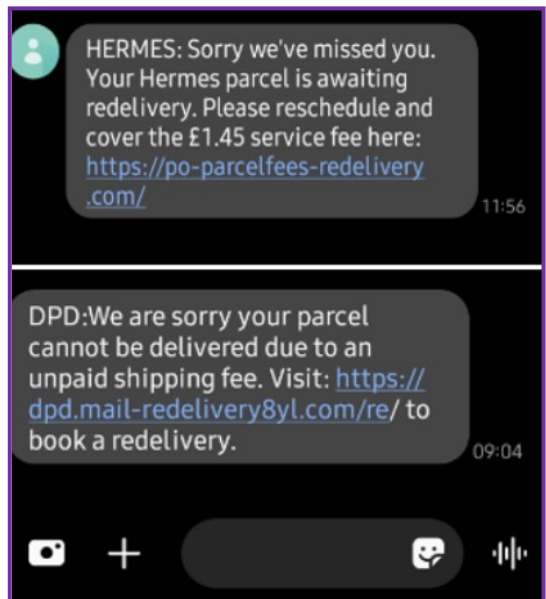
These traders often travel nationally, cold calling to try and sell their fish. This is often mis-described, mislabelled or unlabelled, overpriced and sometimes underweight. They often use transit style vans which may not be refrigerated. If you are approached at the door and not expecting a caller, our advice is not to answer and to only purchase fish from a reputable supplier. For further advice and guidance, or to make a report, please call 0808 223 1133.

Courier scam

Beware of texts claiming to be from a parcel company. They inform the recipient that a delivery attempt was made and ask them to follow a link to arrange redelivery.

The link takes you to a copycat website asking for personal details and a small fee for "redelivery". Scammers will then use your details to contact you again and scam you further.

Suspicious texts should be forwarded to 7726 which spells "SPAM" on your phone keypad.



WhatsApp scam

A Leicestershire resident received this clever WhatsApp Scam. She was contacted by someone pretending to be her son who claimed to be having a financial emergency and asked for money.

STOP: Take Five before you respond! Make sure your WhatsApp two-step verification is switched on to protect your account; that you're happy with your privacy settings, and your six-digit pin is secure

THINK: Does this request make sense? Are they asking you to share a PIN code which has been sent to you? Are they asking for money? Remember that scammers prey on people's kindness, trust, and willingness to help. Taking over your account could enable them to deceive others on your contact list.

CALL: Verify if that really is your family or friend by calling them directly or asking for a voice note. Only when you're 100% sure the request is from someone you know and trust, should you consider it.

You can forward any scam texts to 7726.

Advice

Leicestershire Trading Standards are warning residents to be on their guard when receiving texts, emails, or phone calls about their NHS Covid pass.

Always be wary of emails, texts and phone calls asking for personal details upfront.

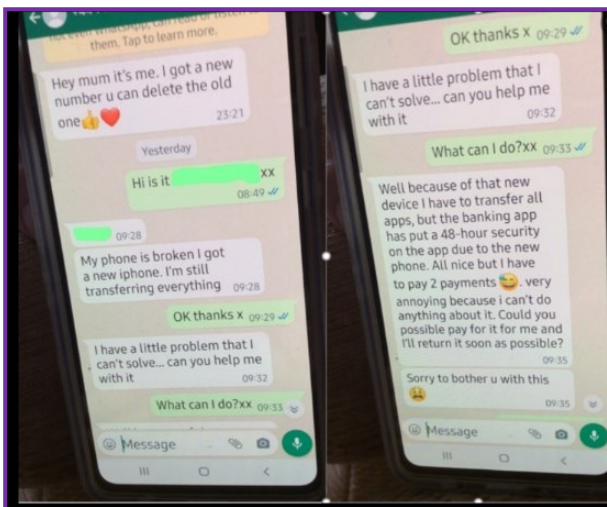
Criminals are using the NHS Covid pass as a way to target the public by convincing them to hand over money, financial details, and personal details.

Remember, your vaccination status is obtained FREE through the NHS App or website.

Find out more at <https://greenclaims.campaign.gov.uk/>

Leicestershire Trading Standards provides information, support and intervention to residents to enable you to keep safe from scams and doorstep crime. We have produced an advice card on how to protect yourself from cold calling as a reminder of the Do's and Don'ts, so you don't get caught out.

Whether you receive a call purporting to be from your bank or telephone



provider or a cold caller at the door, you can keep this handy card by the front door. The advice cards would be useful for those who may live alone and be particularly vulnerable to cold callers.

If you, a family member, friend or neighbour could benefit from having one of these advice cards, you can get in touch to obtain one by calling 0116 305 8000 or email tradingstandards@leics.gov.uk

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw,
Parish Council Clerk,

Tel: 01530 249945

Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk

News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?
www.newtownlinford.org.uk



Well, we are already into March and as I write this, it's a gloriously sunny day albeit still very cold. I hope the weather starts to warm up a bit by the time the magazine reaches letterboxes.

Leicestershire County Council has waived the charge for road closures during the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. Should any area of the village wish to hold a street party, please get in touch via the usual channels to discuss whether your event would be viable or not. Applications will need to be submitted to LCC by Friday 15th April 2022, so I would need expressions of interests no later than **Friday 1st April 2022.**

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You now need to:

- Keep domestic ducks and geese separate from other poultry
- Ensure the areas where birds are kept are unattractive to wild birds, for example, by netting ponds, and by removing wild bird food sources
- Feed and water your birds in enclosed areas to discourage wild birds
- Minimise movement in and out of bird enclosures
- Clean and disinfect footwear and keep areas where birds live clean and tidy
- Reduce any existing contamination by cleansing and disinfecting concrete areas, and fencing off wet or boggy areas
- Keep free range birds within fenced areas, and ponds, watercourses permanent standing water must be fenced off.

If you find any dead or sick birds, please don't touch them, or pick them up. Please report any dead swans, geese, ducks, or other dead wild birds, such as gulls or birds of prey, to the Defra helpline on 03459 33 55 77.

Bird keepers should report suspicion of disease in captive birds to the Animal and Plant Health Agency on 03000 200 301. More information on avian flu and the restrictions currently in force is available at www.gov.uk/guidance/avian-influenza-bird-flu

On with more news....

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our lease on the Bob Bown Memorial Field. Our new lease will be for a period of 21 years and new draft Heads of Terms have been agreed by both parties.

A review of our Grounds Maintenance contract for all three Parish Council maintained sites, is now complete.

We have considered varying options including services procured through a larger neighbouring Parish Council, employing a Grounds Maintenance Operative or continuing to appoint an external contractor.

It has been decided that we will continue to appoint a contractor, as that proved to be best value when considering all the options and I'm pleased to report Michael Liggins of Firetree based in Quorn, will take on our grounds maintenance contract for the 2022/2023 financial year.

A further assessment will be carried out at the end of the grass cutting season to review how things are going. Michael is excited to be starting work at our sites and we are pleased to have him on board. Please say hello if you seem him at work.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, will be working on the eternal flame sculpture of the multi-stemmed poplar tree at the Cemetery on the 14th, 15th and 16th March and we look forward to seeing his creation.

Peter Haddon continues to attend the Cemetery weekly to carry out checks and tidying works and we are grateful for his help.

Should you be interested in purchasing Exclusive Rights of Burial for an earthen or ash plot at the Cemetery, please contact me on the details below.

Stay well, stay safe.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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Dates of the next two Parish Council Meetings.

Councillors voted to cancel the March meeting due to other commitments

Wednesday 27th April 2022 7.15pm

Wednesday 25th May 2022 7.15pm (Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Parish Council Meeting)

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