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As I write this in mid-March, Kyiv is under curfew and under siege. Several cities in the south-east of Ukraine have fallen, mayors have been taken away blindfolded, maternity units have been bombed. Scenes we haven't seen for a generation in Europe, and a type of war, caused by external aggression rather than internal strife, of the sort we perhaps believed, certainly hoped, had disappeared.

With the way things have progressed in the past few weeks, I don't know what the situation will be by the time this is in your hands, but I do know that the Ukrainian people whose homes, lives and livelihoods have been devastated by this will still need our active help and support. Three ways we can give it:

Donate – giving to the Disasters Emergency Committee Appeal – www.dec.org.uk – is probably the best way to ensure the right help is available in the right place at the right time.

Offer help – the government's 'Home for Ukraine' scheme is one way, but if you're not in a position to offer a home to someone as will be the case for many, you can register as an individual with the Sanctuary Foundation (www.sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk) to show your willingness to help in a variety of other ways.

Pray – there is a sense of individual powerlessness which comes from watching violent combat. Yet I do not believe it is an empty gesture to offer prayer. This month we celebrate Easter: the proof that despite the worst injustice and violence the world can muster, Jesus the Prince of Peace is powerful over even hatred and death. When the situation is darkest, he can bring light and life and hope.

*God of peace and justice,
we pray for the people of Ukraine today.
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.
We pray for those with power over war or peace,
for wisdom, discernment and compassion
to guide their decisions.*

*Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear,
that you would hold and protect them.*

We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

Amen. (A prayer written by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York)

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.

April

5th Tennis Club Indian Buffet Night - all welcome
23rd Wildlife Walk
27th Parish Council meeting

May

14th Brownies Rummage Sale
17th Boules Night
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 alternative 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. 101 calls are not free.

Coffee & Cake Rota April/May 2022

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

Coffee Morning



Everyone Welcome

May

5th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641: 07811
166161: 07469 719018

12th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett
07713 457414: 242000: 244317

19th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone
243989: 245298: 242715

26th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366

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 Joe Costello 249613 has offered to help if
around and will ask someone else to help him as well.

Carol Ann

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tion, generously raising £127.*

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Newtown Linford Village Hall

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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

e.mulvihill1@gmail.com



Scarecrow Festival 24th and 25th September 2022

Hello Everyone!

Newtown Linford Primary School PTA are so pleased to announce that the Newtown Linford Scarecrow Festival will be taking place on Saturday & Sunday September 24th/25th 2022.



Our theme this year is **MOVIES** !! More information and entry forms will follow in due course.



However, if you are interested in being a volunteer or have a business who would be interested in sponsorship opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are also looking for anyone who wishes to have a stall at the event. Please feel free to email us at nlscarecrow2022@gmail.com

Look forward to a fabulous village event this year!

Thank you, **Jacqui Marsh, Charlotte Miller & Hayley Alton**

Below is the Over 18 Winning entry, from the Diamond Jubilee Scarecrow Competition in 2012, (quite appropriate in the Platinum Jubilee year).





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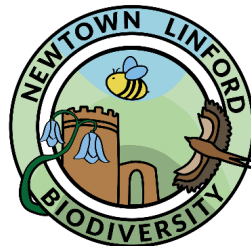
*Deep meadows yet, for to forget
The lies, and truths, and pain? . . . oh! yet
Stands the Church clock at ten to three?
And is there honey still for tea?*

Rupert Brooke, The Old Vicarage, Grantchester 1912

Wildlife Walk

Saturday 23rd April 2pm

Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm for a walk to Lea Meadows and Stinking Wood, to look at early grassland flowers and woodland flowers. No need to book.

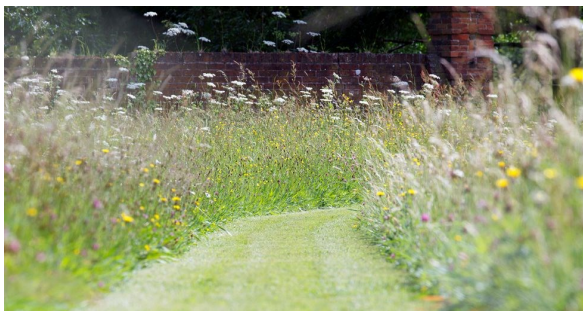


Photos taken on February's wildlife walk around Thornton Reservoir



No Mow May

The conservation charity Plantlife is this year again asking people not to mow their lawns during May. Not mowing gives wildflowers a chance to bloom, providing a feast of nectar for bees and other insects. At the end of the month, there is the option to take part in Plantlife's Every Flower Counts survey and get your own Personal Nectar



Score. If you count the number of flowers in a square metre of lawn, Plantlife will tell you how much nectar they're producing and how many bees they'll feed. As they say: "When it comes to providing vital nectar and pollen for bees, butterflies and other insects, every flower counts."

And there's always the option of Let it Bloom June as well ... !

Claire Costello , cecostello25@gmail.com

Newtown Linford Gardening Club Celebration of 20 Years

This year, Newtown Linford Gardening Club will have been in existence for 20 years and we will celebrate this at our meeting in April which coincides exactly with the first ever meeting in 2002. Ten of our existing members have been with us for the whole of this time and we have seen the Club develop from a small group of members to the large group we have today. We have done some lovely things in those 20 years, welcomed some famous and interesting speakers and visited some wonderful gardens. We have enjoyed our first 20 years and look forward to more exciting times in the future.

Formation The formation of the Gardening Club was first mooted at the Village Appraisal in 2000 and it held its first meeting in April 2002. These first events were organised by a committee involving Iris and Peter Sayer, Casey Pearson, Jan Croft, Pam and Maurice McMorrان, Maurice Pettifor and Harry and Kathleen Prince. The membership started out at around 30 people, some ten of whom are still members 20 years later. The first meetings were held in the Sunday School Rooms, but they soon moved to the small room of the Village Hall.

Early Activities The Gardening Club got involved with creating and planting beds at the cemetery and a group of us spent time digging it over and planting some of the shrubs and trees which are still there today.



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The Scarecrow Competition started under the aegis of the Gardening Club and was run for many years by Iris Sayer. There were a lot of fine entries over the years and, with school involvement and stalls at the Village Hall, the event brought many visitors to the village.

The Small Hall was the venue for meetings in those early years with a range of speakers invited. There were also informal gatherings and parties held in the homes of Casey Pearson, Pam McMorran and Sue Pritchard. Fund raising events such as a plant fair and an auction were held. We also went on visits to interesting places such as David Austin Nurseries and Gardeners' World Live.

Expansion of the Club. The evolution of the Committee saw Anne and David Couling as Secretary and Treasurer, Sue Pritchard in the Chair with Pam McMorran as Events Secretary and Brian Anderson, Carolyn Lowe and Jackie Hainsworth as Committee Members. Mike and Liz Newcombe joined soon afterwards.

Our first large scale event was in 2007 when David Howard, head gardener at Highgrove, came. We sold tickets to non-members and filled the hall. Two years later a group of us were able to travel down to Highgrove and see the garden for ourselves. This triggered the idea of celebrity meetings and on two occasions, Nick Hamilton from Barnsdale came to speak.

Summer Garden Parties were first held in 2009 at Anne and David's home. The theme was Pasta, Pimms and Prizes with all members bringing a prize and most going home with one. The following year was Puddings, Pimms and Prizes with Anne making no fewer than 19 different puddings!!! In 2012 the event was moved to Mike and Liz Newcombe's much larger garden where it is still held today. We still serve Pimm's and hold large-scale raffles.

Celebrity Speakers. By 2013 we had moved into the large hall and we invited Christine Walkden, who told us about her teenage interest in gardening and how her career developed to the one we see today. We served wine and held a raffle to defray costs and filled the hall with members and guests. We are very grateful to local businesses who have donated prizes to us for many years. Since then we have welcomed some of the most prestigious names in horticulture. These include Adam Frost, Chris Beardshaw, Bunny Guinness, Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew, Matthew Biggs and Fergus Garrett.

We also hosted a recording of Gardeners' Question Time which was

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Increase of Membership. As our membership increased each year we were also able to extend the range of our speakers and invite people who had won gold medals at Chelsea including people like Andy McIndoe from Hilliers Nurseries and Jack Willgoss from Wildgoose Nurseries. Our trips went further afield including Harlow Carr, Hyde Hall, Kew Gardens and Hidcote.

Membership now is over 130 and we have expanded our activities still further, bulk-buying fertiliser and compost and distributing it to members at good prices. Our Committee has been strengthened by the inclusion of Tara Pickles,

as Events Secretary, Yvonne Morgan, Sue Dobby and, most recently, Steve and Elizabeth Palethorpe. We attract members not only from Newtown Linford but also from the villages around and some members belong to our Club as well as the one in their own village. We believe, now, that we are one of the leading gardening clubs in the County and have plans to continue to develop and provide a high quality service to our members. We celebrate our twentieth anniversary with pride in what we have achieved and with confidence for the future.

Details of Newtown Linford Gardening Club can be obtained from 32couling@gmail.com or 01530 242452

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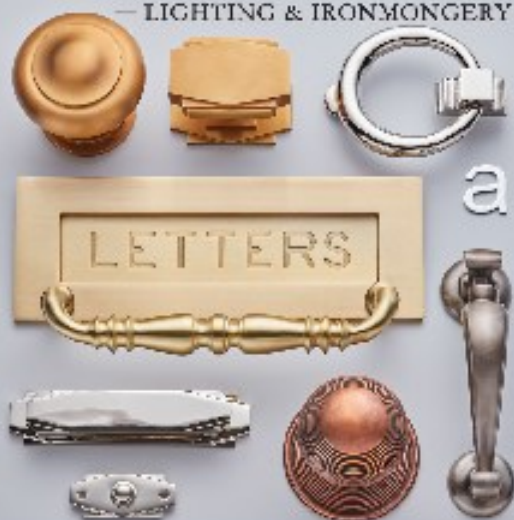
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Newtown Linford Choral Society

In March the Choral Society presented a concert of classical and sacred pieces of music to a capacity audience in Loughborough, and received a very enthusiastic response. A photograph showing the choir in concert, accompanied by the orchestra, can be seen below.

We now turn our minds to our ever popular Summer Concert, which will be held in the Village Hall on Friday 10th and Saturday 11th June. Tickets will become available at the beginning of May, and so please put the dates in your diary. The music will be light hearted and popular, including for example 'Under the Boardwalk', 'What a Wonderful World', and a medley of Broadway favourites from the past. We will also be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee by including some items which are said to be favourites of the Queen. There will be a licensed bar.

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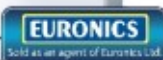
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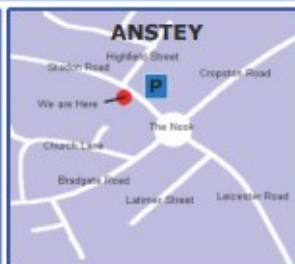
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NEWTOWN LINFORD BROWNIES

Saturday 14th May 2022



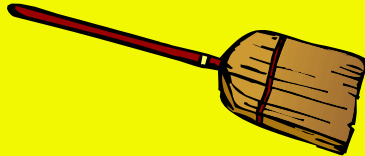
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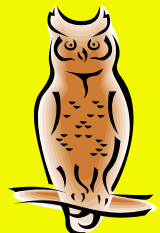


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	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
10th April Palm Sunday	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer
	6pm	
14th April Maundy Thursday		9am Holy Communion
	7.30pm Holy Communion	
15th April Good Friday	10am All Age Worship	
		2pm Hour at the Cross
17th April Easter Day		
	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion
24th April Second Sunday of Easter		
	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer

Online Services

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

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CHURCH REGISTERS

Nothing registered in March 2022

Church Contact Details

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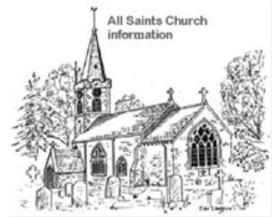
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Over Holy Week and Easter we have additional opportunities for prayer and reflection in Church. The Church building will continue to be open every day for private visits and prayer, but you may like to join others for:

10am, Sunday 10 April, Palm Sunday Service

9am, Tuesday 12 April, Holy Week Morning Prayer

9am, Thursday 14 April, Maundy Thursday Holy Communion service

2pm, Friday 15 April, Good Friday 'An Hour at the Cross'



Jean Chell

The following recent notice from the Leicester Mercury marks the passing of yet another of our fondly remembered residents. Jean, and her husband Brian, who passed away in January 1991, lived at Benscliffe House before moving to 36 Main Street. Brian was one of the original Boule members and the present day members still remember him by playing for the 'Chell' cup which had been purchased in his memory.

Jean enjoyed riding out with the Quorn Hunt on Tuesdays with her friend, the late Irene Turner. Her daughter Lisa would be seen exercising her horse down the Main Street most days. Village events were held at number 36 for a number of years. Some of the family had a home in Norfolk and Jean eventually moved to live near them. She had been diagnosed with Dementia with which she battled for a number of years. The last time the writer saw her was when the family came to All Saints in September 2013 for the funeral of the late Michael Krarup another of our old residents.

Jean Yvonne CHELL (nee Marmont) Beloved wife of the late Brian Harold Chell, devoted and loving mother of Sally, Jane, Andrew, Belinda, and Lisa, grandmother to fourteen grandchildren and great-grandmother to thirteen great-grandchildren. Passed away on 7th February 2022 aged 89. A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Jean took place at 2pm on Friday 4th March at All Saints Church, Morston, Norfolk NR25 7AA. Donations in memory of Jean are for Alzheimer's, Dementia and Parkinson's Research (ADP Research) at Nottingham Trent University (NTU) Online donations: www.justgiving.com/campaign/ADPresearch, please add a public message "In memory of Jean Chell". Or cheques made payable to ADP Research and posted c/o: S T Sutton Funeral Directors, Burnt Street, Wells-next-the-Sea, Norfolk NR23 1HL. Tel: 01328 710301

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'Wellbeing at the weekend!'



Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation

Registered Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation is expanding its supportive and inclusive ethos from Saturday 2nd April as the Foundation launches weekend opening at Ulverscroft Grange Community Support and Wellbeing Centre.

Spring Opening



Monday - Saturday
10.00am - 4.00pm

Last orders 3.30pm

Spring Opening

Helen Baxter of Shuttlewood Clarke Foundation said 'we wish to convey a very warm weekend welcome to our visitors, supporters, service us-

ers and volunteers! Our Saturday opening will allow us to build on our supportive services and provide new opportunities for people to enjoy all that the Foundation has to offer'. She added 'You are invited to explore our accessible Yew Trail, discover the natural environment of our woodland pathways and drop in to the tearooms for refreshments or lunch overlooking the Charnwood Forest'.

To find out more, drop in to Ulverscroft Grange, Whitwick Road, Ulverscroft, Leicestershire, LE67 9QB – open Monday – Friday 10.00am – 4.00pm – and Saturday's 10.00am – 4.00pm from 2nd April 2022.

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RONALD (RON) HENRY TUNNICLIFFE
19/06/1927 – 28/02/2022

The family and friends of Ron Tunnicliffe are sad to announce that Ron (or Robot Ron as he was affectionately known) died suddenly at this home in Newtown Linford on 28th February 2022 at the grand age of 94. Ron had lived in the village for over 40 years.

Ron was born to Vincent and Mary Tunnicliffe in Leicester. Sadly, Ron's Mother died in childbirth. His Father remarried Helen and they had a daughter, the late Audrey Perkins, Ron's beloved half-sister. They had a happy childhood and remained very close until her death in 2017.



Ron at his 90th birthday

Ron was an A star pupil at Ellesmere Road Boy's School, in Leicester and excelled at woodwork and metal work which helped him in later life. Ron enlisted in the Royal Air Force (RAF) in 1945 where he made many lifelong friends, most of whom are sadly no longer with us. He will enjoy catching up with them in heaven, where they will continue with their tales. Ron retained close contacts with the RAF Association until he died. Ron left the RAF in 1948 and joined GEC, in Whetstone, where he made internal parts for Rolls Royce jet engines, making many more friends along the way.

Ron married the love of his life Jean in 1955 but sadly they divorced in 1981. They remained close friends up until her recent death. Ron was an avid, long term, motorbike fan. He travelled with Jean, as pillion, all around the country and Ron always had lots of tales to tell about these excursions.

Ron also had a deep love of music and loved to play the trumpet. Ron sadly leaves behind his nephew Lee, niece Deborah and Great Niece Georgeanne along with their partners Lesley, Pete and Dan. They have all spent many happy hours sat with Ron enjoying listening to stories and tales, from memories of his life and eating all his sweets. Funeral arrangements to follow.

There is a request for immediate family flowers only with any donations in lieu to be made to LOROS and/or the Royal Air Force Association. The eulogy, celebrating Ron's long life, will be read by the vicar, conducting the funeral service.

From The Records

A.J.Harrison FRICS Life in Rural England, Before and During the War (1913-18)

Continued from last month

I cycled to school in Leicester from Newtown Linford. If snow was too deep I had to run to Groby Church to catch Everards Steam Beer Wagon at about 8.10am. If that did not turn up, I had to run to Glenfield Station, the school train through Glenfield Tunnel to West Bridge was always half an hour late, as the conductor who collected tickets had to open and shut several level crossing gates between Desford, Ratby and Glenfield.

To get home in the evening I had to run from school to the Fish and Quart in Churchgate hoping Mr Satchell (Clarke & Satchell, booksellers, Hotel St) would give me a ride in his pony and trap to Newtown. I had to walk up all hills as the pony would not budge if more than one sat in the trap up hills.

Bradgate oak sleepers were used for the New Great Central Railway, cut by my paternal grandfather (William Harrison, Head Forester) carted by my maternal grandfather (___ Crooks) who had teams of shire horses, and sawn into planks by water power at the woodyard at Groby Quarries. What a thrill to be told to go and open the sluice gates to start the water wheel. No gas engines or electric motors in those days. A small steam engine (on which I begged several rides) pulled stone from the Quarry to the crushing plant in the middle of Groby (always plenty of dust in the Stamford Arms) and then down to the main line between Ratby and Glenfield.

After my first Communion on Easter Sunday morning 1913 (I was 10) my parents gave me in a silver frame

‘Count not the passing years
but rather weigh the task attempted every closing day.
Life is not theirs who know not how to live,
who strive to gather but forget to give.
He liveth best who though his days
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It was by my bedside until stolen (obviously for the silver frame) about 1960. A copy has been by my bed ever since. I have been unable to discover its origin.

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were so many monotonous jobs, when machines were being invented, particularly in the printing, newspaper, small engineering and similar trades, feeding machines with paper, etc . Labour was cheap, skilled labour was scarce and there was little unemployment, people had to find work to live. There were no free handouts.

We children had our Saturday half-penny, a farthing for a comic or 'boys' own magazine and a humbug. We had to find our own entertainment, choir practice, bell ringing, boy scouts, bonfires in winter, violin or piano practice. We ran odd jobs for a farthing. We rang bells and sang in the choir for 11 o'clock and 6:30 services on Sundays and attended afternoon Sunday School. We played chess, did a lot of rhyming, played cricket and football, followed the foxhounds, caught rabbits and rats, etc. There was strict discipline and morals, always raised our cap to ladies, never spoke until spoken to, took the back seat on every occasion.

Most farm work was done by hand, everyone, including women, was able to hand milk. Grass for hay was mown by scythe or a horse-drawn machine. Hay was turned and loaded by hand onto horse drawn carts. Ploughing was by horse drawn ploughs. John and William Powers of Barwell had steam engines for threshing, and eventually used two engines to pull a plough for large areas, from side to side with a boy on the plough to steer (a very dangerous job as the plough frequently tipped over).

After the war, about 1920, Mr Bilsdon ran an old ambulance army bus from Newtown to Leicester on Wednesdays and Saturdays, one journey each way. It was always breaking down. A little later Harry Smith ran a small Ford six seater about once a day until taken over by 'Midland Red'. Harry Beck, licensee of the Bradgate Arms, had the first car, a black second-hand Model T. Ford I think, which was also very unreliable.

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Winters were very hard, much snow which lay for a long time. I helped my father dig sheep out of drifts during Christmas holidays, and carry them to the nearest shed. During the War my father was asked to kill two or three young stags from the Park during the Winter to give to the poor.

My cycle wheel caught in the electric tram lines and I fell off and damaged my knee. A young doctor from the Base hospital visiting my parents saw my knee, asked my mother for a nail brush, hot water and Watsons matchless cleanser soap and scrubbed the knee clean. Very few anaesthetics in those days—I still have the scar.

That is the final part of Mr Harrison's article he wrote when he was 92 years old in July 1994. Many thanks to David Snartt for loaning it to the magazine for us to publish.

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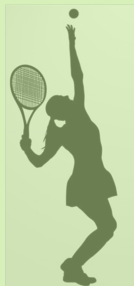
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David Snartt

Planning Applications P/21/2359/2 and P/21/2358/2.

I have now sent my submission to Charnwood Borough Council objecting to these planning applications for up to 500 dwellings and a school within the Parish of Anstey. The proposals will see development encroaching towards Newtown Linford on green field land and not maintaining the area of Local Separation between the two villages.

In my view, these proposals will have serious highway issues for the village of Newtown Linford. In my submission, I stated this will see large numbers of vehicles from these development sites travelling through the village. It is inevitable all vehicles travelling north, including to and from the M1 will travel through the village, this will be the most direct route to access all destinations north.

I also made reference to vehicle congestion in The Nook, in the centre of Anstey. It has already been stated the traffic is reaching severe levels of congestion, also the separation area between Anstey and Newtown Linford would be compromised and the capacity of the services provided within Anstey would not cope with this amount of housing. Remembering, there are other applications going forward within Anstey taking the total to over 900 new dwellings. This is on top of the 660 plus dwellings already built since 2011.

Charnwood Borough Council have extended the consultation period. Therefore, I would be grateful, if you are minded to do so, support your local Councillors in opposing these unwanted developments by e-mailing your objections to development.control@charnwood.gov.uk or write to Development Control, Charnwood Borough Council, Southfields Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire. LE11 2TU, **quoting planning application numbers P/21/2359/2 and P/21/2358/2.**

It is your opportunity to have your say about these unwanted planning applications that will affect our village way of life for ever.

Groby Employment Park.

I thought you may be interested to know about a proposal by IM Properties to create a new employment park adjacent to the junction of the A50 and Anstey Lane. Also, the proposal is to include a community woodland on land known as the Klondyke, adjacent to the quarry on Newtown Linford Lane.

I attended a consultation event by the developer, where they outlined the proposal, which is at a very early stage in the planning process. I understand this proposal would support in excess of 2,000 jobs across

manufacturing, light industry and logistics. More details can be found by visiting www.impgroby.co.uk.

I will keep you informed if and when a planning application is submitted.

Welbeck Collage Site.

I have received this latest information about the Welbeck College, Woodhouse site which closed to students last year: 'Following the closure of Welbeck Defence Sixth Form College, the current intent is for the college estate to be retained for Defence use. Initial feasibility studies conducted as part of the Defence Estates Optimisation Portfolio have indicated that, with some modification, the site is suitable to host Defence training and education into the future. This is being assessed more broadly. While it is being assessed I'm afraid I don't have more detail, but I trust this sets out the Departments current intent'.

Nominate your Community Heroes.

Residents are being urged to enter nominations for Charnwood Community Heroes 2022. The awards, run by Charnwood Borough Council, are a chance to thank people, groups and organisations who have carried out a good deed – no matter how small or large – in our community. It could be someone who has helped a neighbour, raised funds or is always there for others. Or it could be a group, organisation or business which has carried out some excellent work in the past 12 months. For the first time since 2019, the Council is planning to hold an in-person awards event.



There are nine categories in Charnwood Community Heroes to enter plus the Harry Cook award which will be presented in memory of the Loughborough in Bloom stalwart. You can find out more by visiting the Council Website, Charnwood Community Heroes and see the full list of categories and details of how to make a nomination.

Everyone nominated will receive a Charnwood Community Heroes Award and be invited to the Council's special presentation on Saturday June 18th 2022 at John Storer House in Loughborough.

Closing date for nominations is April 30th 2022.

Brownies

On Sunday the 27th February we went to the church to celebrate Thinking Day, which is Lord Baden Powell's birthday. All of the Brownies wore a different hat from a different country, I wore a Spanish hat. We all said a greeting to the Brownies in the country of the hat we were wearing. The Brownies sang three songs to the whole church. The songs were: My ship sailed from China, Here we go round the wide wide world and Cuddly koalas. My favourite song was Cuddly koalas because of the actions. At the end of the service, Brown Owl very kindly gave us all some biscuits and a chocolate bar each.

The next day, we had a Thinking Day party. We played lots of fun games from different countries, did wordsearches and made Caribbean punch. Thinking Day was really nice!

By Sloane H.C age 7



Ramblers—Village Walk Saturday March 12th 2022

Seventeen people (and three dogs) assembled at Bagworth Heath for a walk through part of the National Forest. The ground was still a bit muddy from the rain the day before, but the sun shone most of the time. We went first into Royal Tigers Wood, so named because it contains an arboretum dedicated to the now-disbanded Royal Leicestershire Regiment.

The path continued uphill to the site of the now demolished Bagworth Church, once a medieval building which became derelict, partly as a result of coal mining.



This was replaced in 1968 by a modern concrete building, the Church of the Holy Rood, which has itself now gone although parts of the original church are embedded in a wall in the churchyard. The seat by this proved a useful coffee stop.

Then back across

fields to Cross Hill Baptist Church and a return to the cars along tracks through various woods on Bagworth Heath, spotting primroses on the way. This is a walk of about three miles and good at any time of year.

Marilyn Upstone





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This month's update comes from our colleagues at Neighbourhood Watch Network and highlights their Think WIDE(N) Burglary Prevention Campaign which has run throughout March.

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To help you be and feel safer at home, we are running our Think WIDE (N) burglary prevention campaign, highlighting the simple, evidence-based WIDE measures which can be taken in any home on a variety of budgets.

At Neighbourhood Watch, we also believe neighbours keeping an eye out for each other is key to reducing burglary, so we've extended the WIDE acronym to WIDE(N):

- **W: WINDOWS:** Keep your windows locked
- **I: INTERIOR:** Put inside lights on a timer/smart bulb
- **D: DOORS:** Double or deadlock your doors
- **E: EXTERIOR:** Put outside lights on a sensor
- **(N): NEIGHBOURS:** Keep an eye out for your neighbours

To learn more about WIDE(N) and burglary prevention measures, visit ourwatch.org.uk/thinkwiden.

John Hayward-Cripps, CEO of Neighbourhood Watch Network, said 'It is not okay for two-thirds of people to fear being burgled. More needs to be done to help people be and feel safer, and when it comes to burglary, prevention is always better than cure. Since 1982 we have been supporting communities to feel and be safer. We know that by securing your home's windows, interior, doors, exterior and keeping an eye out for neighbours, we can all give ourselves the best chance of not being burgled. If you have been burgled recently, criminals are familiar with your home and may come back once you've had time to purchase new items. Act soon to avoid being retargeted - use the WIDE(N) advice for a combination of simple yet effective prevention measures.'

I was saddened to hear of an attempted break in on upper Markfield Lane recently. Masked men tried to gain entry to a property on Monday 1st March at approximately 4.30pm in the afternoon, whilst the owners were home.

Please be on your guard and keep doors locked even when you are in. Fortunately, in this case, the assailants did not gain entry and Police were soon in attendance.

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Keep 'em peeled.

Best wishes,
Hannah Shaw,
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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

Have you looked at the website recently?
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As reported in the March issue of the Village Magazine, Leicestershire County Council have waived the charge for road closures during the Platinum Jubilee bank holiday weekend, from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022. To date, I have received no requests for road closures to facilitate celebrations, however, should any area of the village wish to hold a street party, please get in touch via the usual channels to discuss your requirements. Applications will need to be submitted to LCC by Friday 15th April 2022, so time is of the essence!

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

As part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, Newtown Linford Parish Councillors are considering what they can offer to mark the occasion. We are currently investigating the possibility of installing a new piece of play equipment at the Bob Bown Memorial Field to commemorate the occasion. If anyone has any suggestions to improve the current play park facilities, please get in touch via the usual channels and all ideas will be considered. If you remember, our most recent installations came as a result of suggestions made by park users and parents.

The wildflower corner at the Memorial Field will soon be blooming again, however, I am disappointed that our blue heart symbolizing our participation in the Blue Campaign, has disappeared. If anyone knows of its whereabouts, could you please let me know? Thank you.



The Blue campaign was founded in 2014 by wildlife film maker, Fergus Beeley, in response to dramatic biodiversity and biomass declines in the UK. Easy and effective, the only requirement is to allow a patch of land to grow and see what plants and creatures return.

As with all the best ideas it's amazingly simple and has been taken up across the country. People have been rewilding private gardens, allotments and business yards. An increasing number of councils, including NLPC, are also working with the Blue campaign to rewild council land and roadside verges.

If you are interested in finding out more about the Blue Campaign and allowing an area of your garden to rewild, please get in touch with a

member of Newtown Linford Biodiversity, who would be happy to guide you.

Cemetery and Churchyard

As I write this, Sculptor, Peter Leadbeater, is on site at the Cemetery, working on the fluid abstract sculpture of the multi-stemmed poplar tree. By the time this Magazine reaches letterboxes, the sculpture will be complete. Using the larger sized pieces of offcuts, we have built some log piles around the Cemetery, providing important habitats for various species.

Rangers from Bradgate Park have now very kindly completed the rebuild of the Churchyard wall which collapsed one night when the river level rose. We are very grateful to them for their hard work and effort. There is some further work required to tidy the area at the rear of the Churchyard and hope to have this completed over the Summer whilst we have better weather.

Special thanks go to resident, Peter Thrower, who has been a wonderful help and who provided Rangers with tea and coffee during the rebuild. Thanks, Peter! I'm sure they were very grateful for your hospitality.

The grass cutting season for 2022 at all three Parish Council maintained sites, is now underway.

Wishing you all a very Happy Easter.

Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,

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