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The Bradgate

Group Parish



I don't really do Twitter. Some of you are natives, others may be asking 'What is Twitter?' But this summer I have been checking it almost daily. Not just for updates on the Lambeth Conference, or the test match, but for one person's daily updates: @HayleyFern4 – otherwise known as 'Hayley Draws Churches'.

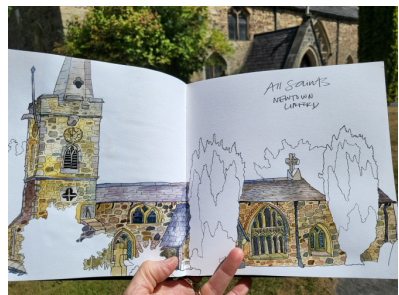
Hayley's day job is as a teacher, but during the school holidays she's embarked on a project of painting every church in the Diocese of Leicester – there are about 310 of them! So far she's done about 50, still a long way to go. As she paints them she takes a photo of the completed work and posts it on Twitter. They are a fascinating – and beautiful – collection. I have a professional interest: one of my roles is as Chair of the Diocesan Committee which scrutinizes applications for changes to church buildings. Often these churches are just names on a page, it's lovely to see the actual building depicted, not just a photograph but with the eye of an artist.

In Hayley's little bio explaining her project, she quotes from Romans 12.6: 'We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.' It's a short verse, but with profound implications: diversity – we have different gifts, interests, strengths and passions (no-one would follow a twitter account of my drawings!); generosity – God has given gifts to each one of us, none are left out; and, Paul goes on to say, responsibility – we are to use these gifts, not deny others or God the benefits that come from our unique contributions.

As a community, and as a Church, we need the full diversity of the gifts God gives. We need to be as generous in our sharing of them as God is in his giving of them. And in the use of them – as in Hayley's use of her gift – we find beauty, insight and joy.

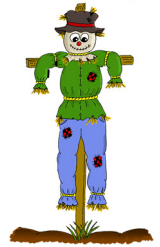
Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

See next page for her drawing of All Saints





VILLAGE DIARY



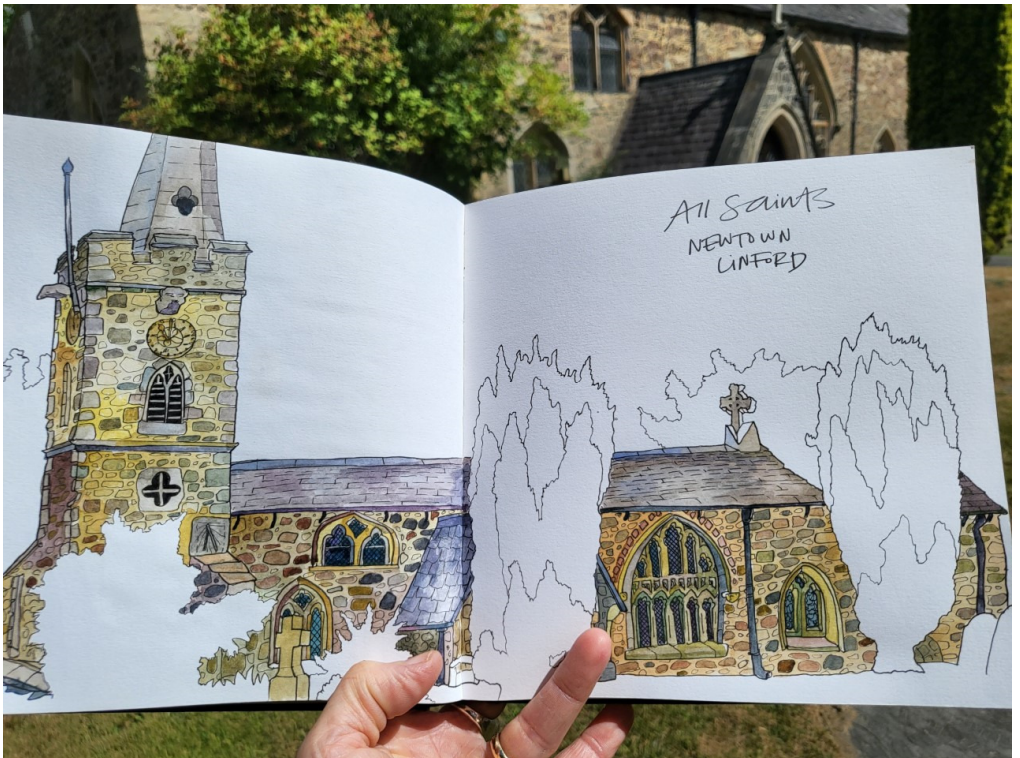
September

- 9th Jolly Tots Playgroup
- 10th Village Ramblers
- 17th Biodiversity Group Wildlife Walk
- 23rd Scarecrow Drive
- 24th/25th Scarecrow Weekend
- 25th Harvest Festival in Church
- 29th Parish Council Meeting

October

- 4th Biodiversity Open Evening Village Hall
- 25th Gardening Society "Dancing with Borders"
- 28th Parish Council Meeting

Drawing below of Newtown Church (with it in the background)



COFFEE & CAKE ROTA September/October 2022

Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



SEPTEMBER

1st Carol Ann, June Hallam, Sue Howard. 243433: 0116 2304808:
245373

8th Lesley Cook, Chris A, Gay Redstone, Ann Scrine 245208: 242432:
Lei 2351625: 481928

15th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613

22nd Casey Pearson, Jenny C, Mandy James, Marie W. 249259

ON THE LAWN - COLES - GROBY LANE

29th Janet & David Brunton. 242662

OCTOBER

6th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641:
07811 166161: 07469 719018

13th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett 07713 457414: 242000
244317

20th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989: 245298
242715

27th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby 01509 890264: 245366

**The summer months saw the start of Coffee & Cake on the Lawn
once a month at different gardens in the village**

Please note if the weather is bad we will be in the hall as usual

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**

COFFEE & CAKE AT THE SCARECROW WEEKEND SATURDAY 24th September

Our group will be running Coffee & Cake at the Village Hall
from 10am to 4pm on the Saturday of the Scarecrow com-
petition.



Delicious cakes, hot and cold drinks. Everyone welcome,
play area for children, colour a Scarecrow mask to take home.
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NEWTOWN LINFORD SCARECROW

September 24th/25th 2022.



Our theme this year is MOVIES, please find the entry information below and make sure to email it all to

Nlscarecrow2022@gmail.com or pop a paper entry into either Linford Farm, 36 Main Street or 8 Grey Crescent by Sunday 18th September to be added to our competition entries. Competition will be judged as follows:

**JUDGES CHOICE 1st & 2nd place and
PEOPLES CHOICE 1st & 2nd place.**

NAME & CONTACT:DETAILS

TITLE OF PROJECT:

SCARECROW LOCATION:

Entrants submitted after 18.9.22 will not be considered for competition.

There will be lots of amazing events happening throughout the Village all weekend long, including the Newtown Linford Primary School Annual Fete and lots of fun & festivities at the local village pubs, organisations and cafes. Teas, Coffees & Cakes on Saturday in the Village Hall, run by Carol Ann and the Coffee & Cake Team. Please come and support.

If you'd like any further information, please email Hayley, Charlotte or Jacqui at Nlscarecrow2022@gmail.com

Brownies

I only started Brownies 5 months ago and have been really enjoying it. Brown Owl is really nice!

The last 3 weeks we have had really exciting sessions. We have had a visit to Loughborough Fire Station, Sports night and a potato growing completion.

At the Loughborough Fire Station visit the team were called out just after we got there so we played games on the grass and then the Ambulance Team came to the rescue. They showed us around an ambulance and some of the equipment they use in rescues. We also got to press the siren which was really, really, really loud but fun.

The fire team came back and then showed us all their kit on the fire engine (they even had breathing masks for pets!) and then we had a go with the water hose. It was extremely powerful.

Thank you
firefighters
& ambulance
team

On sports night we had an egg and spoon race, a 3 leg race, sack race and an obstacle course! We all had a go except Brown Owl.

On potato night, we had a competition to see who could grow the largest, smallest and funniest shape potatoes. Everyone enjoyed getting muddy harvesting their crops. I also enjoyed the games where we got to eat donuts off strings as a special treat as it was the last night before the summer holidays. **Ellie Thorpe aged 7.**





Scarecrow Festival Weekend

SCARECROW DRIVE



Friday

23rd September

Village Hall

Newtown Linford

7pm (doors open 6.30pm)

Tickets : £12 (£5 children)

inc Ploughman's Supper & Bar

Ring: 01530 245373

Proceeds in aid of the Village Hall & The Brownies

Newtown Linford Gardening Club Annual Summer Garden Party

Our annual Summer Garden Party took place at the end of July and attracted around 100 members and friends. It was held at the home of our Chairman Mike Newcombe who has a splendid two-acre garden with wonderful views. The evening was beautifully warm and it was very pleasant to sit outside and enjoy the company of the other members.

They were served a salad meal with home made cakes to follow, all prepared by members of the Committee.



A generous serving of Pimms accompanied the meal along with wine, beer and soft drinks.

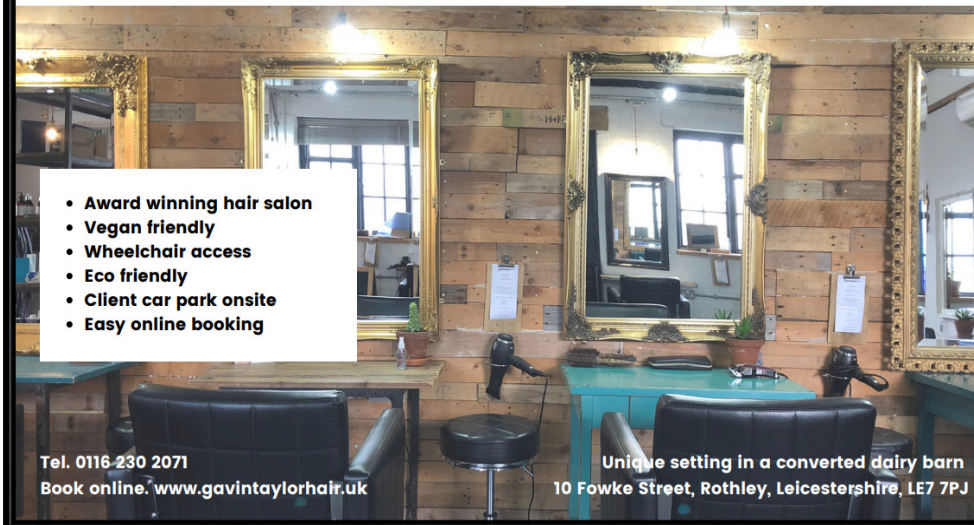
We make no charge to members for this Garden Party, but we ask them to bring a prize for the raffle. By the end we have almost 100 prizes to be won and we have a quick-fire draw to decide the winners. Eventually, we hope that everyone goes home with a prize.

James Alexander-Sinclair

One of the most famous people in modern horticulture will be visiting Newtown Linford on 25th October to give us a talk called 'Dancing with Borders.' He will be the latest in a string of famous names from the gardening world who have been to the Village in recent years.

Most people will recognise James from his appearances on television, presenting on Gardeners' World and the Chelsea Flower Show. Wearing his iconic hat, he is instantly recognisable to those of





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us who love gardening.

He first made his reputation as a garden designer and his work can be seen all over the country and overseas. He is especially known in the USA and regularly appears at events over there.

He has written articles in gardening publications for many years and is a published author. He is often seen at shows such as Gardeners' World Live presenting on a variety of gardening topics, often accompanying Monty Don.

We are delighted to welcome such a prestigious person in the gardening world to our Gardening Club. We are opening up this event to members of other Gardening Clubs and to people who love gardening and would wish to hear him speak. There are a limited number of tickets available to non-members of our Club for only £15 and they can be obtained from the Club Secretary at 32couling@gmail.com or by phoning 01530 242452. Tickets will be available on a first-come-first-served basis and are available now.

We are sure this will be a splendid evening and we are all looking forward to it.

Anne and David Couling



VILLAGE HALL NEWS

September 2022

**Toby Manning,
Village Hall Committee
Chairman**

Everyone will be aware of the massive predicted increase in fuel prices – and the Village Hall is not immune. Currently we spend about £2,500 on gas and electricity every year – and this is predicted to increase to £11,000 (as a non-domestic user we are not subject to the price cap).

Our total costs are predicted to increase by 60%.

The Village Hall Committee has discussed this problem and we are taking a number of steps, including:-

- Installation of a remote-controlled heating control system to permit better control
- More specific fund-raising events (coffee and cake have offered to provide refreshments at the Scarecrow weekend, proceeds to the Village Hall)
- More marketing of the Hall
- Some price increases.

We will keep our financial position under close review: we do have significant reserves but these are needed in case we have to undertake major repairs to the building (our lease states that we are responsible for this).

We have ruled out a number of other options for the time being, including the installation of solar panels (our lease has only 7 years left to run).

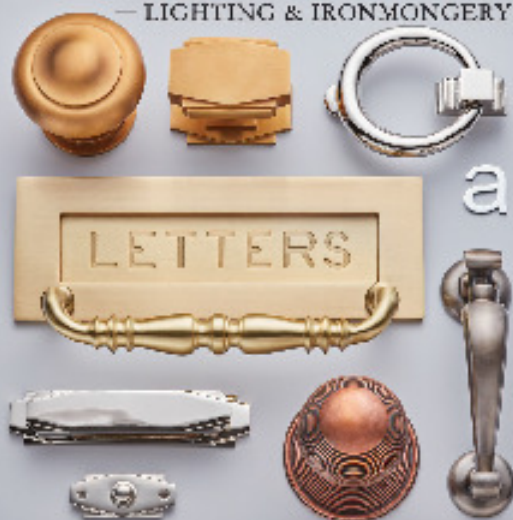
You may be aware that our Parish Clerk, Hannah Shaw, has taken over responsibility for Hall Bookings from Margaret Bloor, and Hannah has some significant ideas about increasing our marketing for events such as childrens' parties. Margaret will continue to be involved in the bookings process, assisting Hannah, and we thank her for undertaking this important job for the last half year.

To book the Village Hall, please email clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk or call 01530 249945 during office hours.



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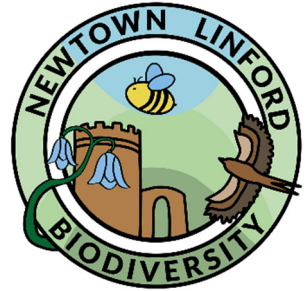
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Newtown Linford Biodiversity



Wildlife Walk Saturday 17th September Meet at 2pm outside the Village Hall. All welcome. No need to book. For further information, contact Claire Costello..

Scarecrow Festival Weekend 24th/25th September Look out for our stall at the school fete on the Saturday (We may even manage to create our own scarecrow for the weekend!).

Open Evening Tuesday 4th October 7.30pm Village Hall FREE
This will include a short update about the Group, and also a slide presentation on the birds of Bradgate, given by Toby Manning and illustrated with local photographer Jan Croft's excellent photos. Light refreshments will be available during the evening. There'll also be a plant stall.

Markfield Lane and Groby Lane verges – help needed with conservation work

In September, we'll be carrying out end of season conservation work on the wildlife sections of these two verges. This involves cutting the grass, waiting a few days for the wildflower seeds to drop on to the ground, and then raking up the resulting hay (or arisngs); wildflowers flourish in soil that's not rich in nutrients which is why the arisngs are cleared away.



Even if you could join us for a half an hour or so, we'd be really grateful. The sessions are good fun (as well as being good exercise!). If you think you might be interested, please get in touch for more information. Also, please let us know if you think you could make use of the hay.

Himalayan Balsam-pulling

Sue Dobby writes:

“Many thanks to all the enthusiastic volunteers who helped to pull Himalayan Balsam to prevent the spread of this invasive plant. Several sessions were held in July and one in August at various locations. We were delighted that our efforts last year at several sites were rewarded by significantly reduced regrowth, proving it to be a worthwhile exercise. The photos show some of the team at work.”





Owl and bat boxes

In June, the last of the wildlife boxes purchased by the Parish Council as a result of the successful Shire Environment Grant application were installed. For this the P.C. and N-L Biodiversity had invaluable assis-



tance from Peter Williams of Leicestershire and Rutland Ornithological Society, and Jools Partridge of the Leicestershire and Rutland Bat Group. Siting of the owl and bat boxes needed a careful and informed selection of suitable locations, and the work involved had the safety (and insurance) implications of working fairly high up in trees.

Bat boxes were sited at all three areas maintained by the Parish Council – cemetery, Bob Bown Field and churchyard; a Barn Owl box was installed in a hedgerow tree at the cemetery, and a Tawny Owl box on one of the trees in the Bob Bown Field.

The photos show installation of the Barn Owl box, and one of the bat boxes at Bob Bown. We're hoping that all the wildlife boxes will be put to good use, and were delighted that at least three of the bird boxes were occupied this year. In each case, adult blue tits were seen going in and out of the box, feeding the chicks.

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Newtown Linford Tennis Club

A great summer of tennis with the weather being hot but very kind to those on court, Team Tennis, Men's, Ladies and mixed all having a good season

Jennie Whiteheads Summer Morning 17th July

A Fabulous day was had by all, very hot but with fans and marquees we all had some shade

Many friends and past player members of the Club coming together to celebrate our past president Jennie's contribution to the Club



Thank you to everyone that helped, a great team effort. Thanks also to the Cricket Club who were very accommodating on the day.



Club Tennis Tournament Day - Sunday 11th September

Please come down and watch the finals of the Club .
Tournament from 11am

**Newtown Linford Magazine's
200th Edition is coming up in December.**

We would love your ideas for how to make it special.

One of the things we have thought about is our front cover which is a copy of a painting done by John Nixon which was presented to Peter Sheridan, Hon Team Vicar, on his retirement. Recently an exhibition was held of John's work. If anyone has a picture of his that you would like to photograph and share, we can put a group of his paintings in the Magazine.

**If you have a story from the past that you would like to share - let us know for inclusion into the
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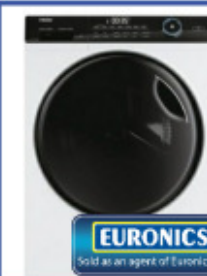


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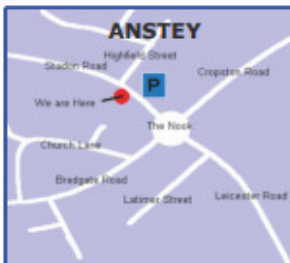
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Church News

New Rector in the Bradgate Group

We are part of the Bradgate Group of Churches, comprising St Peter's, Glenfield; St Mary's, Anstey and All Saints', Thurcaston. A new Rector for Anstey and Thurcaston, the Reverend Matthew Gough, has been appointed and is being licenced on Tuesday 30th August at All Saints', Thurcaston. The service starts at 7.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

Dates in the Autumn

We will be celebrating **Harvest on Sunday 25th September**, coinciding as usual with Newtown Linford's Scarecrow Festival. A Harvest lunch will be organised. On **Sunday 30th October** we will celebrate All Saints' Day. A children's choir, which begins rehearsals in September, will perform at that service. **Remembrance Sunday is 13th November.**



The Clock

Many of you will have noticed that one of the faces of the clock in the church tower has been out of synchronisation with the others for some time. We're grateful to the bell ringers for working with a local firm to try to fix this. We hope that tomorrow it will be set back to the correct time – we'll have to see how long that lasts!

Giving

If you would like to give to support All Saints', please use our online donation page, <https://bit.ly/asnl-donate>. A basket and the contactless giving system are available at the back of the Church. If you would like to give regularly, please speak to Michael Upstone or Phil Baker about the Parish Giving Scheme.

Journey in Faith

JIF is a 3 term course to help people to grow in knowledge of the Christian faith, deepen their relationship with God and explore how to live out faith in the whole of life. It's open to anyone – there is some reading to do between sessions but you don't need to have done any prior studying. It costs £40 per term to cover venue hire and materials but don't let that be a barrier. Speak to Richard if it's a problem. The initial session is on Saturday 24th September 10am -12 noon, then there are sessions in Coalville on Tuesdays or Leicester on Wednesdays. For more information or to register contact Liz Rawlings (liz.rawlings@leicestercofe.org).

SUNDAY SERVICES August 2022



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4 September Twelfth Sunday after Trinity	8.30am Holy Communion	
	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
11 September Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>John Woolmer</i>
	6pm Evening Prayer	
18 September Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
	3pm Worship for All Ages	
25 September Harvest	10am Holy Communion	10am Harvest Celebration <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

Midweek Holy Communion

Newtown Linford	10.15am, Thursday 1 September
Glenfield	10.30am, Wednesdays 7 and 21 September

Online Services

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

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

CHURCH REGISTERS



BAPTISMS

None



WEDDINGS

16th July - Loretta Scultorpe & Lee Moore
28th July - Ann-Marie Rennie and Scott McGarry

FUNERALS

None



Church Contact Details

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richard@allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk

Hayley Moore (Church Administrator)
0116 239 3768

office@bradgatechurches.org.uk
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

Website: www.allsaintsnewtownlinford.org.uk



Jolly Tots Playgroup

Jolly Tots will be starting on

Friday 9th September 2022



At
**All Saints Church
Newtown Linford**



9:30am—11am

We are a friendly parent, grandparent, carer of babies and children up to reception age (4years).

We have lots of fun with toys, crafts, stories and Singalong.

**There will be hot drinks for Adults
and Cold drinks and snacks for Children.**

All Welcome.

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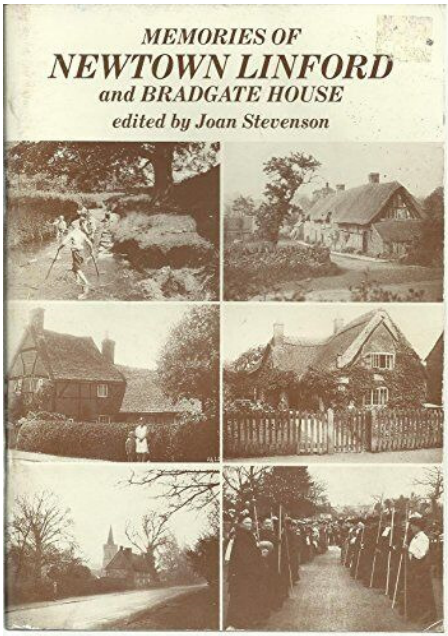
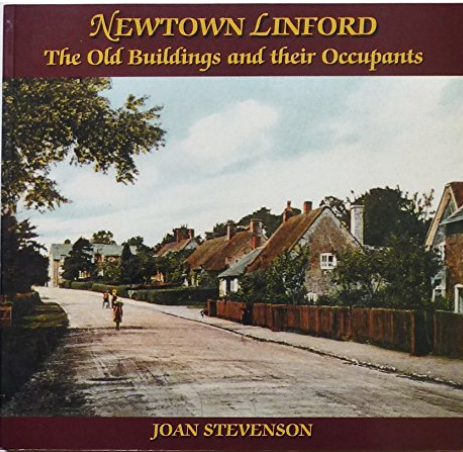
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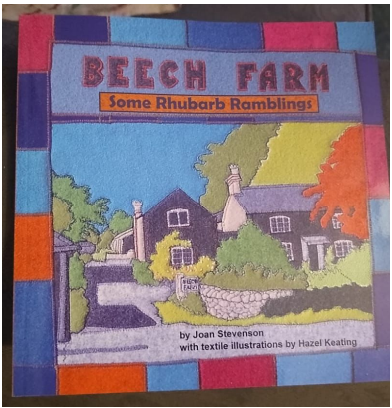
Three lovely books written by Joan Stevenson, former resident of Beech Farm are on sale now.

“Memories of Newtown Linford and Bradgate House” £3.50



“Newtown Linford Old Buildings and their occupants” £7.95

‘Beech Farm: Some Rhubarb Ramblings’ was written during the 1960’s and early 70’s. Joan Stevenson tells the story of her family’s move from a suburban home to a Leicestershire smallholding and a new life for the inexperienced farmers. The manuscript remained buried in a drawer for many decades and is now published for the first time, illustrated with new textile artworks by the author’s daughter Hazel Keating. “148 pages, 10 textile images and 14 archive photographs. £15.



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There are other talented, committed and hardworking people who undertake jobs, large and small, occasionally and regularly, and who do so without seeking recognition of any kind. One such person is our verger, Malcolm Hall, without whom our window sills, tables, etc, would be unvarnished.

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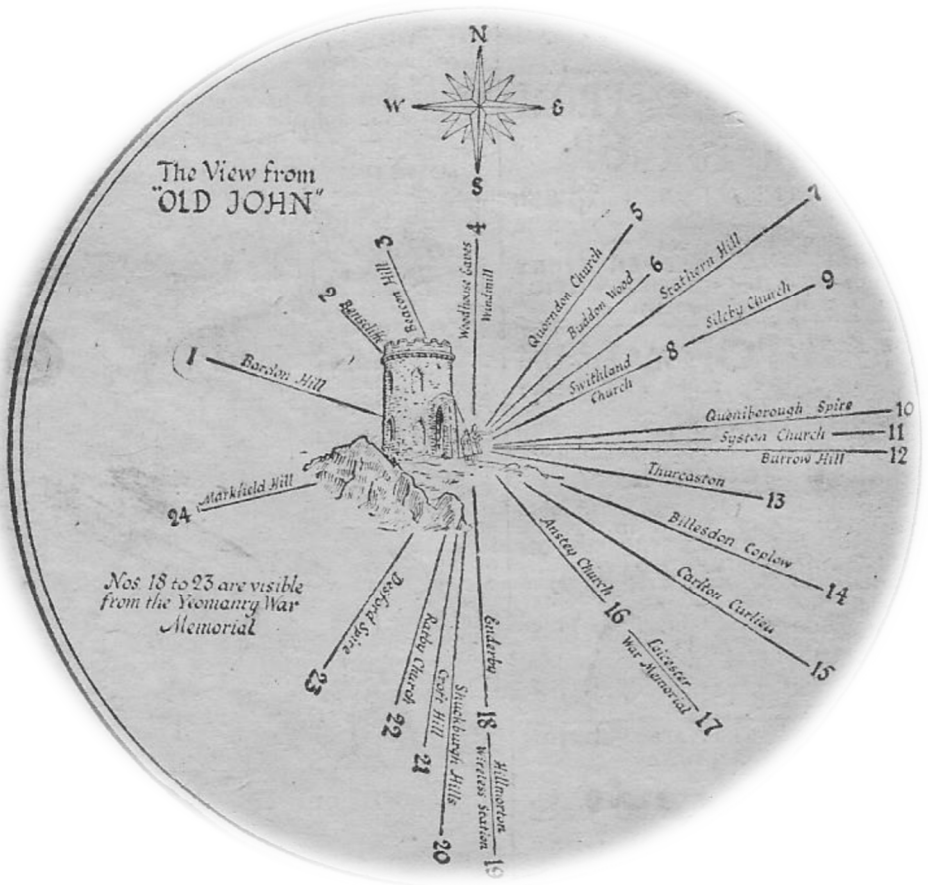
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The Toposcope



In 1954 plans were being made for what was then called an Indicating Dial to be placed at “the *highest vantage point in Leicestershire “close to Old John in Bradgate Park. The money for the project came from the funds raised by the Lady Jane Pageant in appreciation of the use of the Park. A design was prepared see opposite

page and on 10th July 1955 the Toposcope was unveiled and was described as a beautiful piece of modern craftsmanship in bronze. Sir Robert Martin invited the Chair of the Parish Council Mrs Connie Stopper to perform the ceremony. The final design differs slightly from the original plan shown. The wording along the edge reads “This indicator was given by the people of Newtown Linford from the proceeds of the



pageant of Lady Jane Grey held in the ruins 1951-1952".

*The highest point in the County is actually Bardon Hill

Iris Sayer

Newtown Linford Ramblers

Saturday 11th June

Eight ramblers and two dogs set off from the edge of Newtown Linford near Markfield. The weather was warm, but overcast and the rain held off for most of the afternoon.



The ramble went over the fields alongside the deer farm and up towards Ulverscroft, then round Hill Hole, finishing with tea and cakes in the garden at home at South Lodge. **Angie, Ben & William (& Rosie the Cockerpo).**

On 9th July 11 of us ambled in the very hot weather across the fields at the back of Jan's house to Ulverscroft Lane, up to the Priory at Ulverscroft and finally (with the assistance of Jan contacting her friend who lives locally - we missed the yellow footpath sign due to the surrounding overgrowth) to Herbert's Lane to view the beautiful meadow. Unfortunately the fragrant orchids



were nearly over but spotted orchids were numerous. We returned to Jan's house for refreshments and were entertained by a mummy wren feeding her babies. (see next page)



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Village Ramblers, August Walk

As the weather was very hot we set off at 10am instead of our usual 2pm. The walk, which fortunately had quite a lot of shade, took us along the River Soar and Grand Union Canal and back through woodland to the river. It was a sparkling morning and the wildlife included swans, Canada geese flying in formation and the aptly named Beautiful Demoiselle Dragonflies. Later we enjoyed a well earned rest by the river at the local pub.

The September walk will be at the usual time. Meet at 2pm at the Village Hall on 10th September. Well trained dogs are welcome.

Peter & Iris Sayer



Newtown Linford Village WhatsApp group

A while ago we brought up in the Magazine the idea of a village WhatsApp group - an idea that originated from one Hannah set up at the start of the COVID-19 epidemic called Community Action Response. There was then very little interest in it, but since then, our community WhatsApp group has expanded from the original members who picked up prescriptions, groceries etc to other villagers who find it useful to share information or who are looking for information. It was especially useful when we had the fires in the fields. If you would like to join contact Hannah to be included.

Information from David Snartt.

Planning Application.

I have submitted further representations to Charnwood Borough Council about the proposal to develop up to 150 dwellings on land adjacent to Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford. This information outlining two previous planning application decisions which were close to this proposed site. One refused by Charnwood Borough Council, the other granted planning permission by Charnwood Borough Council but refused by Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council.

The first, P/18/0848/2, refused by Charnwood Borough Council. The proposal for the erection of one bungalow adjacent to the current planning application site. The officer report stated: 'It is considered that the principle of a new dwelling at this site would have an unacceptable impact on the existing character of the area and the visual amenity of the surrounding open countryside. It is therefore considered that the development fails to comply with the provisions of policies CS2, CS11, EV/1 the NPPF and the SPD in this regard'.

This open countryside is the site for the latest planning application P/22/1031/2. In my view, this demonstrates that severe and demonstrable harms would occur if this latest planning application was approved on this site of open countryside.

The second application I referred to was the proposal to develop up to 93 dwellings on land north east of Ashby Road within the Newtown Linford Parish, but the access to the site is within Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council area. Therefore, it was determined by both Councils. After taking legal advice Hinckley and Bosworth refused this planning application. Stating: 'The proposal would have a significant adverse effect upon the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside'.

In my view, this again demonstrates the negative impact on the open countryside that would occur, if this latest planning application for up to 150 dwellings was approved on the site adjacent to Markfield Lane, especially in this part of the Charnwood Forest area. To see my submissions and 'call in' please go to the Charnwood Borough Council website, planning application P/22/1031/2.

This application is still in the validation stage, although a case officer has now been appointed. I will keep you informed whilst this application is going through the planning process, I understand this application will soon be registered and be out to public consultation.

Charnwood Draft Local Plan.

Just a quick update on the Charnwood Draft Local Plan. The Inspectors

started the Hearings and after the first three days adjourned the rest of the planned session days. During the Hearing session on 28th June Charnwood Borough Council confirmed that it would, in principle, be willing to accommodate Charnwood's apportionment of Leicester's unmet housing need. As this represents a significant change in circumstances compared with the submitted Plan, which proposed that unmet need would be dealt with through a Plan review, further consideration is being given to how evidence for the apportionment can be tested and the progression of the Plan Examination overall.

The Inspectors have now contacted the Council with their suggested way forward. Within their letter they state: 'A pause in the current Examination is therefore essential to enable all interested parties to review and have an opportunity to comment on the evidence that underpins the apportionment for housing and for us to be able to test that evidence in a measured and robust way'. The Inspectors also suggest potential dates for the session on unmet need during the week commencing **16th October or 23rd October 2022.**

In my view, this is disappointing news. Any delay in agreeing the Local Plan through Examination leaves the Council open to more piecemeal development because the Council cannot demonstrate a five year housing land supply.

The Loughborough Building Society.

After the most difficult times I experienced with the Nationwide Building Society when trying to save the closure of their Anstey Branch. I had the pleasure of joining Tracy Blake, Head of Branches and Savings at The Loughborough Building Society and the team to celebrate the official opening of their new branch in the same building within The Nook, Anstey. The Deputy Mayor of Charnwood cut the ribbon, saying "as one door closes, another opens" and welcomed the Society to the community.

The Loughborough Building Society offers a range of mortgage products and savings accounts. Savings accounts for individuals and business savings for small businesses, charities and clubs. They also offer fixed rate bonds. A message from Tracy, do pop into the branch as the team at the branch are really keen to get to know members of the community, or take a look at their website, www.theloughborough.co.uk.

The branch has been open since early June and the team have purposefully waited to officially promote the opening to allow them to start to get to know the community in the Anstey area and understand expectations. Tracy said she was delighted so far with the support locally, people are extremely positive about the Society joining the Anstey and local area communities and the fact that people can visit and speak to a friendly



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With so many Building Societies closing branches nationwide, I am so pleased that The Loughborough Building Society has chosen to come to Anstey. I believe this will be an enormous help and benefit to many local residents within Anstey and the surrounding villages.

The Charnwood Sports Awards.

The Charnwood Sports Awards are back for 2022 and residents are being encouraged to enter their nominations. The awards run by Charnwood Borough Council, will celebrate the sporting achievements of individuals and clubs as well as the dedication of volunteers. They will also highlight schools and workplaces making a difference to health and well-being in the Borough. It is the first time the sport awards have taken place in three years due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

This year's ceremony will take place on Monday 5th December 2022. The deadline for nominations is midnight on Friday 7th October 2022. Nominations for the awards are now open and include in the nine categories: Lets get moving schools award: Junior sportsperson of the year: Senior sportsperson of the year and Club of the year. For the full list of categories, to nominate on line and find out more about the awards, visit www.charnwood.gov.uk/sportsawards or call 01509 634966.



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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This month's update comes from our colleagues at Action Fraud:
WhatsApp scam costs victims £1.5 million

The National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB) is warning the public about the continued increase in reports about scams where victims are targeted on WhatsApp by criminals pretending to be someone they know – typically their children.

Between 3rd February 2022 and 21st June 2022, there have been a total of 1235 reports made to Action Fraud linked to this scam, with total reported losses exceeding £1.5mn.

Criminals will usually begin the conversation with “Hello Mum” or “Hello Dad” and will say that they are texting from a new mobile number as their phone was lost or damaged. They will then ask for money to purchase a new one, or claim that they need money urgently to pay a bill

The criminal will provide bank details for the payment to be made to, with some coming back with further demands for money.

Detective Chief Inspector Craig Mullish, from the City of London Police, said: “If you receive a message like this from a friend or family member, don't send any money until you've had a chance to call them and confirm their identity. Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.”

How to protect yourself:

STOP. THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.

You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select ‘Report’ and then follow the instructions.

Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS).

Wishing you all a safe and crime free month ahead.

Best wishes, **Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk, Tel: 01530 249945**

News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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



I'm pleased to report, Councillors co-opted Harvey Singh onto the Parish Council at our July meeting. We look forward to working with Cllr. Singh and are sure he will bring new skills and ideas to the Council. Cllr. Singh will join Cllr. Greasley on the Committee for the Bob Bown Memorial Field and play park.



Image: Councillor Harvey Singh

Following on from the many weeks of dry weather we have experienced of late (and the unfortunate grass fire on land between Markfield Lane and Bradgate Hill, Groby), I'm sure flooding issues haven't been at the forefront of our minds, however, I have been alerted to Environment Agency flood warnings.

You can sign up to this free service for flood warnings in England if your home or business is at risk of flooding via the following web address:

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On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Sadly, Newtown Linford Parish Council's application to Charnwood Borough Council's UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) for continued regeneration and improvements to the Bob Bown play park, was unsuccessful. However, I have met recently with our supplier and plans are currently being drawn up for various new pieces of play equipment and improved surfacing to replace the existing wetpour. It is doubtful NLPC will be able to fund the designs in one go but from this, we hope to develop a 3 year improvements plan. Thank you to the residents who have been in contact with ideas and suggestions. Again, a zip wire has come out on top and although we would love to have a zip wire installed, we just do not have the space to accommodate one.

Cemetery and Churchyard

The natural hay meadow has had its annual cut. Thank you to Malcolm and Sam Brewin for their hard work. The Eternal Light sculpture has also had a second coat of wood treatment but has surprisingly started to sprout new growth despite measures having been taken to try and prevent this. We will be working with Eddie at Arboreco to get this under control.

Stay well, stay safe.
Best wishes,

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