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Group Parish



There are normally two dates in February which I need to keep marked in my diary: 14th February, Valentines Day, for obvious reasons, and Ash Wednesday – the beginning of Lent. This year I have a bit of an issue: they are one and the same. This is very rare: although it's happening three times in just over a decade (this year, back in 2018 and then in 2029) that's it for the century and it hadn't happened since 1945.

It's an issue for me because Ash Wednesday comes with certain professional responsibilities – it's one of the days, like Christmas and Easter, when I am not allowed to take any holiday. While Valentine Day has personal implications! And they're not, on the surface, very similar: Valentines Day is all about red roses, chocolates, gifts and extravagant gestures; Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting – giving up chocolate for many – of restraint, of reflection and humility.

Where is the overlap? Is there any? The life of St Valentine (because of course this day of celebration of romantic love has its roots in the feast day of a third century Roman priest) doesn't seem to offer many clues – he was killed for refusing to give up worshipping Jesus when ordered to by the emperor.

I guess there is something: sacrifice. When we celebrate our loves on Valentines Day, we know that one of the greatest ways to show love is by our self-sacrifice, big or small: eating the food that the other loves, watching their choice in movies, moving across the country so they're close to their sick mother. Love necessarily involves sacrifice because love involves putting someone else first, or it isn't really love. Similarly, Lent is about sacrifice: not just the giving up of favourite luxuries like alcohol or chocolate, but the choice to put Jesus first – as Valentine indeed did. After all, Jesus chose to put us first in his life and death – showing his love by sacrificing himself for our sake. So I guess it does in the end make sense to hold these two special days together.

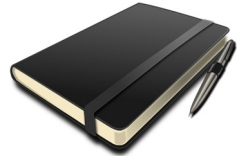
Richard Trethewey, Rector of All Saints' Newtown Linford

VILLAGE DIARY

Regular events

February

- 2nd Music Quiz—Village Hall (see last months magazine for details)
- 10th Village Ramblers
- 14th Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm Village Hall
- 24th Wildlife Walk
- 27th Gardening Club
- 28th Friends of Charnwood Forest



March

- 2nd Village Rummage Sale
- 8th Disco Inferno
- 13th Parish Council Meeting 7:15pm Village Hall
- 26th Gardening Club Celebrity Evening

Mondays

- 9.30 Slimming & Fitness, The Linford
- 1.30 Dance Fitness for 50+ Linford
- 5.30 Brownies at "The Linford"
- 8pm Bell Ringing at the Church

4th Tuesday of the month

Gardening Club

4th Wednesday of the month

Gentleman's Club Bradgate PH

Wednesdays

- 10am Art Club in Church
- 6.30 Bodyblast Classes Village Hall
- Quiz nights at The Linford 8pm start

Thursdays

- 11.15 Coffee Mornings Village Hall
- 6.15 HIIT/Legs, Bums & Tums/Kettle Bells, The Linford

Fridays

- 9:30 Jolly Tots, The Village Hall
- AM: Fruit and Veg stall at Cooks Farm Shop

Saturday

- 2nd Saturday of each month - Village Ramblers

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Coffee Morning

Everyone Welcome



February 2024

- 1st Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
8th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark 07713 457414; 242000; 244317; 07765 032307
15th Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366; 07930 955990; 07718 701614
22nd Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989; 245298; 242715
29th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897; 0116 3190211; 249173

March 2024

- 7th Janet & David Brunton; Angela & Adrian McNamee 242662; 07710 253231
14th Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine with School 245208; 242432; 481928
21st Jenny C, Sue Howard, Charlotte T, 245373; 07896 349977; 242959
28th Carol Ann, Jackie Brewin 243433; 243439; 242370

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

Newtown Ramblers

A lovely walk, led by Phil and Lesley Baker, through part of Swithland Woods, into Woodhouse Eaves and across Lingdale golf course. Mainly dry and sunny but some muddy patches. Lunch at the golf club, reasonably priced and the staff coped well with 17 people. This was the walk postponed from December because of flooding ,so it was nice to have favourable weather this time!

The February walk will be led by Jan Croft and will start from Newtown Village Hall at **1.00pm**. The plan is to walk to Ulverscroft Grange. Well-behaved dogs are very welcome on all walks.

Lesley Baker



NEWTOWN LINFORD VILLAGE RUMMAGE SALE



Saturday 2nd March 2024

1.30pm in the Village Hall

Admission 50p

Tea and Home Made Cakes

Spring Cleaning time has rolled round again. If you are disposing of anything we could sell at the Rummage Sale, we would be most grateful for any donations - clothes, Bric A Brac, toys, books and shoes etc.



If anyone is able to make a cake for the event it would be received with thanks.

The Village Hall will be open to drop off any of your rummage on Friday 1st March from 11am and again on Saturday morning the day of the sale - from 9am.

We do hope villagers will come along and have a cup of tea and home made cake with us.

The event is being organised and run by the following village organisations



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Village Hall Committee

Coffee & Cake

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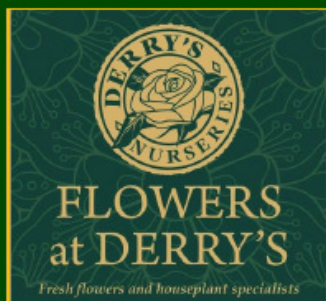


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Newtown Linford Gardening Club
(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

We now look forward to our programme for 2024, about which we are excited because we have secured some exceptional speakers for our meetings.

We have two celebrity evenings arranged during the year both of which involve gardeners we regularly see on television in Gardeners' World. In March our guest will be Nick Bailey who is regularly on the programme visiting gardens of interest. In October we will be delighted to see Adam Frost again. He came to us a few years ago and was a very popular speaker. Now he is seen more often on Gardeners' World and is tipped by many to take over when Monty Don retires. These events are open to visitors from other Clubs or to people interested in seeing a television personality. We charge £15 to visitors and places can be secured by contacting the Secretary.

Another welcome returnee will be Arthur Parkinson who has developed a reputation for container gardening from his time working with Sarah Raven. We also have two visits arranged, one to the famous Dorothy Clive Garden which is renowned for its spring display and locally to Belgrave Hall which has a lovely garden not well-known to the general public.

Our full programme is:-

23rd January	Harry Kelsey from Wildwater, talking about Garden Ponds
27th February	Samantha Hope from Hopes Garden.
26th March	CELEBRITY EVENING - NICK BAILEY
23rd April	Howard Drury from Ashwood.
28th May	Visit to Dorothy Clive Garden
25th June	Alan Dayman from Derry's Nurseries – a plant fest.
23rd July	Annual Summer Garden Party
27th August	Visit to Belgrave Hall
24th September	Arthur Parkinson
22nd October	CELEBRITY EVENING ADAM FROST
10th December	Annual Christmas Party.

Further details of our Club can be found on our website, shown above, or by email at 32couling@gmail.com or by telephone on 01530 242452

Anne and David Couling

Wow – what a busy but amazing Autumn Term we had. The children have taken part in Carol Services, Nativity Plays, Christmas Fayres the list is endless. The children were brilliant and we would also like to say a huge thank you to all our parents for all their support in running the children around and providing costumes etc. The Linford kindly allowed us to use their function suite for our Key stage 1 plays and Rev Richard was wonderful as always in supporting our Carol Services at the Church. We are always so grateful to be a part of such a wonderful community.



We would also like to say a huge thank you to Cook's Farm for donating our tree, to Bradgate Trees for the Christmas tree stand and to all the parents who helped us erect and decorate the tree.



After their Christmas break, the children have already got back into their learning and enjoying their new topics. I know they have a lot of exciting things to look forward to. The year 6s have their residential, we have a trip to Beaumanor Hall for our topic on 'The Victorians' and the children will again be using their baking skills for coffee and cake.

Mrs L Proudman, Co-Headteacher, Newtown Linford Primary School

Newtown Linford Biodiversity Group



Wildlife Walks

Our next walk is on **Saturday 24th February** at **Castle Hill Country Park** when we'll be focusing on trees in winter. Meet at **1.30pm** outside **Newtown Linford Village Hall**. We'll be sharing cars to get into Anstey for the start of the walk. It would be helpful, but not essential, if you could let Felicity Manning know that you intend to come (Tel. 01530 245 298) to help with arranging transport, or if you need more information.

Following on from Dr Jack Matthews' presentation about Charnwood Forest Geopark at our Open Evening on 7th November, a group of around a dozen of us visited Bradgate Park later that month to look at its geology. Our walk leader, Toby Manning, showed us various rocky outcrops and explained the local geology in terms that were easy to understand. It was a thoroughly enjoyable visit - enhanced by beautiful autumn sunshine, as you can see from the photo. Please note that our wildlife walks are open for anybody to attend. **Newtown Linford Biodiversity** email: nlbiodiversity@gmail.com



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Village Archive.

In 1996, Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Services joined forces with the Women's Institutes to record land use in the countryside. We are fortunate enough to have a copy of the Parish Survey made by our own WI.

Interestingly, it gives a few historical details: -

- 1740. Perimeter walls started round the park.
- 1822. Sunday School built-Cost £86.1s.5d (£13,709 today)
- 1831. There were 74 houses in Newtown Linford
- 1833. Weirs built on River Lin.
- 1925. Bradgate Estate sold.

The sale of the Grey Estate in 1925 started changes in farming patterns, and in home ownership with the rising demand for homes. Barns were converted into luxury houses and land previously used for grazing cattle, pigs and poultry, was sold for building.

- 1941. Soldiers living under canvas in Bradgate Park
- 1946. ATS girls stationed in the Church Hall

With the building of the Markfield bypass Field Head Farm was sold and was converted to a hotel.

As cottages were sold, so they were modernised. In 1989, 13 Main Street, (Vine Cottage) a crook cottage was renovated. Several of the timbers were dated by dendrochronology and found to be from 1437. The dating work was carried out by the Tree Ring Dating Laboratory of Nottingham.

- 1960s. Grey Crescent built
- 1990s. Bracken Hill built.

One remaining barn in the central stretch of Main Street had been converted to a house. The old workshops at what was previously the Woodyard (Ulverscroft Lane) was now a luxury bungalow, and another house was being built next to the Old Dairy Farm on Main Street.

The Survey also listed the birds, trees and flowers found in stated individual areas of the Parish. This will no doubt be of great use, if and when a similar survey is carried out in the future.

We are very fortunate to have this Village Archive. I think it is probably quite unique. Although a lot of current information is now online, with your help we are continuing to keep a record in the hope that it will be of interest to future generations.

Iris Sayer.



THE FRIENDS OF CHARNWOOD FOREST



The meeting of the Friends of the Charnwood Forest was given a talk on 22nd November about the Local Plan for Charnwood by Richard Brown. Work for the plan began in 2016 and was only now completed.

The talk tried to answer three questions –

- The weight of the application of the area as a Regional Park.
- The weight of the measures for its protection.
- The threats it faces, together with the responses of the local inhabitants.

He started with the history of the area. In 1932 a Planning Report had been submitted; in 1945 the Doner Report; in 1947 there was the Hobhouse Review and in 1957 designation procedure were begun. The idea of the area being an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was rejected by the local inhabitants. In 2005 it was not included in the lists of areas designated as “Green Belt”.

A recent Government Directive on housing required Charnwood to provide 1189 new houses, and planning procedures for this eliminate speculative housing estates. Recently, south west of Loughborough, there has been a lot of planting of trees, and lower density housing. Large buildings, and tourism were dangers that threatened the region. The area was important for recreation, and measures were needed to reduce encouragement for large numbers of tourists from visiting all at once to reduce the threat.

The Local Plan needed co-operation from other organisations to complete its purpose. The example given was for doctors’ surgeries. The January meeting of the Friends was at Woodhouse Eaves Village Hall, when Ian Retson gave a talk on the Work of the Woodland Trust.

Dr D McNeil

The topic for the meeting on Wednesday 28th February is ‘The Corridor Club: managing land for wildlife in the Ulverscroft Valley’. This will be given by Kim Turner, the FOCF Treasurer, who lives in the valley and has been promoting this initiative for some years.



The Club's aim is to link patches of uncultivated insect-friendly habitat throughout the Ulverscroft Valley: a corridor where insects can roam, feed and reproduce, safe from intrusions and insecticides.

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Newtown Linford were, in fact, the first champions of the 1st. X1 Division in 1974. Since then, the Club has experienced both highs and lows during these years. At this moment in time the Club is in a strong position; the 1st. X1 plying their trade in the Premier Division and the 2nd. X1 in Division 2. Unfortunately, the 3rd. X1 were relegated from the seventh to the eighth tier last season. Let's hope that they can achieve a speedy return. Last season, for the first time in our history, we reached the County Cup Final played at Grace Road but were defeated by a very strong Rothley Park team.

For our older readers, how many of you can remember the faces in this photograph of the squad who represented the club in the first league season of 1974?
Chris Scrine



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Everyone who attended Christmas Day for those alone in Markfield and the surrounding villages had a great day. We catered for 87 people!! Guests had a wonderful meal, a present each and a goody bag with lots of yummy treats. But most importantly they weren't alone on what can be for some an even more lonely day than usual.

A very grateful thanks to the companies etc. who support us – Bowns hardware, Bradgate Rotary Club, Charnwood Brewery, Co-op, GTS Security, MB signs, Morrisons (Glenfield), Next, Oooh-fudge.com, Pladis, Roy Green, Tesco (Syston and Glenfield), Westermans International and Whitfields.

Many thanks to all the individuals who have donated whatever they can and taken them to the donation hubs, everything helps small or large and all donations have helped make the day very special.

Thanks to all the volunteers on the day, whether they have cooked, served, driven etc who worked really well together as a fantastic team. Thanks for reading and a happy New Year.

Kerry Sharpe



SUNDAY SERVICES February 2024



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
4 February	8.30am Holy Communion	
Second Sunday before Lent	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Morning Prayer Brownie Thinking Day <i>John Woolmer</i>
11 February	10am Holy Communion	10am Holy Communion <i>John Woolmer</i>
Sunday before Lent	4.30pm Holy Communion	
18 February	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
First Sunday of Lent		
25 February	10am Holy Communion	10am Baptism <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Second Sunday of Lent	4pm Crumpet Church	

14 February	10.30am Holy Communion	
Ash Wednesday		7.30pm Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>

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CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

None

Baptisms

None

Funerals

9th November ~ Robert Whowell

13th December ~ Veronica Waterfield



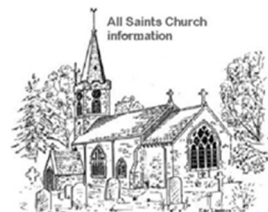
**We extend our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends, and pray
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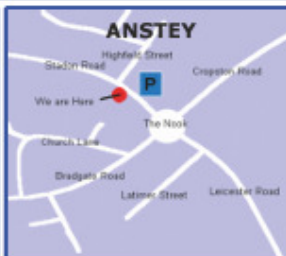
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Brownies Christmas Fun

At our Brownie Group, we did lots of fantastic things to celebrate Christmas.

We took part in the Village Christmas Tree Festival by decorating our very own tree to put in the Church. We handmade our decorations, using different coloured wool to create miniature bobble hats to hang. They were so much fun to make - mine was made using turquoise, green and beige wool, which I labelled and wrote my name. The tree looked great!



We also enjoyed a really fun Christmas Party, where we played lots of games like musical chairs, pass the parcel and even a newspaper snowball fight, using screwed up newspaper as the snowballs!

We had loads of amazing party food, as we were all given a food to bring in - I had to bring in Swiss Rolls. It was like one big feast!

We had party poppers and Christmas crackers to pull with our friends. I pulled my cracker with Florence!

On December 14th, we joined the Choral Society to sing carols in the Village Hall. We sat on the stage and sang 4 Christmas songs on our own as well as joining in with the songs the Choral Society sang. My favourite



song was 'The 12 Days of Christmas' because everyone got involved, standing up and sitting down to sing their part! It was so funny!

Happy New Year,

Beau Wren Miller, Age 8

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VILLAGE HALL NEWS
February 2024

Toby Manning
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At the Annual Meeting of the Village Hall, which took place on 15th January, Carolyn Lowe and Elaine Mulvihill stood down from the Committee: I thank them for their contributions over the past few years.

The Committee includes members appointed by Village Organisations, and these were all re-appointed: Anne Scrine (Biodiversity), Sue Pritchard (Gardening Club and Parish Council), Nancy Hancock (Choral Society) and Caroline Brewster (Pre-school).

In addition we have up to 8 elected members. We had 6 nominations, who were elected unopposed: Toby Manning, Jason Hall, Jonny Appleton, Janet Brunton, Scott Raynor and Peter Rose. Toby, Janet and Jason were re-elected as Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer respectively (Jason had taken over as Treasurer from Peter Rose in October).

We therefore have two vacancies for elected members: in addition all Village Organisations have the right to appoint a member. If anyone is interested in joining the Committee please contact me and we can co-opt you.

The accounts showed a surplus for the year of £3,634, but this was biased by two factors: it included all the income from the "Lovefool" event but not all the expenditure, and spending on maintenance was less than in previous years. We nevertheless have reserves of £37,123; we have a fully repairing lease on the Village Hall, so we are responsible for its upkeep and we need a relatively high level of reserves to cover the risk of needing to (for example) replace the roof. The Accounts were given a clean bill of health by the auditor, Peter Lowe.

To mark his 13 years of service as Treasurer, Peter Rose was presented with a memento in the form of a bicycle sculpture.

Card payments

I am now pleased to say that we have purchased a Card Machine, so we can now accept electronic payments – especially useful for functions involving the bar.

Future Events

As advertised elsewhere in the Magazine, the Brownies will be holding a "Rummage Sale" on 2nd March while we will be hosting a "70's night" on 8th March.

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

Bradgate Park Bra Walk - Raising Money for the Glenfield Breast Care Centre - 14 January 2024

On a cold but bright January Sunday morning, over 250 people gathered on Bradgate Park to go on a sponsored walk arranged by Bradgate Rotary Club to raise money for the Glenfield Breast Care Centre.

The only condition being that all participants, men as well as ladies, should be wearing a decorated bra over their clothes and as a result there was some very eye-catching sights!

In what was a joyous occasion, many of the people who had gathered for the walk had very personal reasons for supporting this fabulous cause.

A gentle warm up was given by Jacqui of Forest Fitness before ladies, men, and some dogs, started the walk from the Newtown Linford at 10am for the approximate 3-mile round trip to the Hallgates end of the Park and back.

After their return to Newtown Linford, all participants were given a 'goodie bag' with the contents being donated from local businesses including Swithland Spring Water and Food Connections, as well as a welcome cup of soup and a rolls courtesy of Co-op Food stores.





As well as a most enjoyable walk in lovely sunshine, the morning raised a substantial sum in the region of £6,000 for our local Breast Care Centre and a final figure will be revealed in next month's issue once all donations have been received.

Finally, many thanks from Bradgate Rotary Club to all the Village residents who made a contribution to the event.

George Reynolds



**Information From David Snartt.
Charnwood Borough Councillor - Forest Bradgate Ward.**

Report Flooding.

It is really important people whose properties have been flooded report it to the County Council. This could be crucial to securing funding and any necessary flood prevention work. The link to report:
www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood

Former Lady Jane Mobile Home Park.

I thought it may be good to give an update on the current position with the planning application for the site which was the Mobile Home Park, Bradgate Road. You may recall the developers were granted planning permission to build bungalows on the site, which I believe everyone seemed to be in agreement with, making a contribution to the Parish housing needs.

I was concerned when the developer submitted the current planning application with Charnwood Borough Council to replace the smaller 2/3 bedroom bungalows with 4/5 bedroom properties. This latest proposal, in my view, doesn't fit with the local housing needs and the current Charnwood Local Plan.

I have 'called in' this latest application to be decided at a Plans Committee meeting on Thursday 25th January 2024 starting at 5.00pm. I will update you on the outcome next month.

Solar Farm Planning Application.

I have now sent my concerns and objections to the consultation at Charnwood Borough Council. This proposal is for the construction of a 49.9MW solar farm adjacent to Charley Road.

Although this planning application site is just outside my Forest Bradgate Ward, in my view, this proposal would have a devastating impact on the setting of Beacon Hill, which I understand is a

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scheduled monument. Beacon Hill is situated within my Ward and is in one of the most sensitive areas of Charnwood Forest. The impact this large solar farm will have on the setting of Beacon Hill will be hard to overcome with any mitigation proposals put forward. I also note that the aim of Charnwood Forest is to become a UNESCO geopark. This proposal for a large solar farm may have a negative impact on the application going forward.

There are several areas of planning policy that this proposal relates poorly to. These include the National Planning Policy Framework, the Wind and Solar PV Energy Landscape Sensitivity Assessment March 2019 and policies CS11 and CS12 of the current Charnwood Local Plan. Although these policies cannot be given full weight in planning terms, in my opinion, they do outline the overall damage this proposal would have on the landscape character within the setting of Beacon Hill. Therefore, in my view, this proposal does not conform with national and local policies that are provided to protect this sensitive area of Charnwood Forest.

I do understand the future benefits solar farms will bring, but this proposed site is within one of the most sensitive areas of Charnwood Forest. Therefore, the benefits do not outweigh the damage this would cause to the landscape and setting of Beacon Hill and the surrounding area.

If you would still like to make a submission to the consultation please email development.control@charnwood.gov.uk stating the planning application number P/23/2029/2.

Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37.

I note the recent update about the Charnwood Local Plan 2021-37 examination 15th December 2023.

Following consideration of responses to the consultation on post hearing submissions the Inspectors will be holding further Hearing Sessions. These will be re-opening at 9.30am on Tuesday 20th February 2024 within the Victoria Rooms at Loughborough Town Hall.

Participation in the discussions will be open to all those who responded to the post hearing consultation and those who either took part in these sessions previously and/or had previously supplied a related written statement for further information.

It is expected that following the Hearing Sessions in February, the examination will move forward to a formal consultation on the main modifications that are required to make the Local Plan sound. It is now anticipated that the Plan will be considered for adoption by the Council towards the end of 2024.

In my view, this delay, which could now be over a year is not good news.

Whilst the Council does not have an up to date Local Plan the Borough is open to speculative development. Albeit, I may be able to have my say at the Hearings about the matters I have been concerned about during the examination of the Local Plan.

Working at Elections.

Charnwood Borough Council is seeking to employ staff to help the Council deliver successful elections in the Borough. The Council is looking for enthusiastic and reliable individuals to play a part in the democratic process.

There are a variety of roles available to get involved in, ranging from opening postal votes, working in the polling stations to counting votes after close of poll. Although this work is for a short period of time, ranging from a few hours to a few days at most, commitment to each role is essential to the successful delivery of an election. Therefore, although most vacancies do not require experience, they do require commitment. For more information please go to the Charnwood Borough Council website, working at elections.

Support for Flood-hit Communities.

The Government has announced that financial support will be available to communities like Charnwood which have been impacted by Storm Henk. The Council is awaiting more details on how people can access the support, but will communicate this as soon as possible. The best way to stay informed about this support is to sign up to the Council's e-mail alerts www.charnwood.gov.uk/alerts (in particular our Charnwood Now latest news email alert). The Government announcement said the financial support will be available to eligible areas in England that have experienced exceptional localised flooding.

More details about the financial support can be found on Charnwood Borough Council's website, latest news.



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Pam McMorran has been contacted by someone trying to trace relatives who lived in Newtown Linford.

I am researching a gentleman named Albert Iremonger and he married Margaret Ellis on 26 March 1906 at the All Saints Church in Newtown Linford. Information below of Margaret Ellis's family.

In the 1881 Census the Ellis family were living on Village Street with all members of the family born in Newtown Linford.

Thomas James Ellis, Head, 44, Carpenter

Fanny Ellis, Wife, 41

Harry Ellis, son, 19, Bricklayer's Labourer

James William Ellis, son, 15, Stonemason Apprentice

Mary Hannah Elisabeth Ellis, daughter, 14

Fred Ellis, son, 12, Scholar

Frank Ellis, son, 6, Scholar

Louisa Ellis, daughter, 4, Scholar

Margaret Ellis, daughter 4 months

In the 1891 Census the family have moved to 43 Main Street (Yew Tree Cottage) - the older children have left home

Thomas James Ellis, Head, 54, Carpenter and Joiner

Fanny Ellis, Wife, 51, Laundress

Fred Ellis, son, 22, Carter

Frank Ellis, son, 16, Plumber & Painters' Apprentice

Louisa Ellis, daughter, 14, Servant Domestic

Margaret Ellis, daughter, 10, Scholar

1901 sees the family still at 43 Main Street (Yew Tree Cottage) - with Margaret being the only child still at home

Thomas James Ellis, Head, 63, Carpenter

Fanny Ellis, Wife, 61

Margaret Ellis, daughter, 20, Laundress

It's a very long shot now but does anyone have any information or knowledge about the Ellis family.

Not sure if it is relevant but I looked up Albert Iremonger and wonder if it's the same one who was a cricketer and Goalkeeper for Notts County.? If you can help get in touch either directly to Pam if you know her or through the Magazine email (see page 38).

Leicestershire National Garden Scheme Snowdrop and winter Gardens Opening February and March 2024

There is something irresistible about snowdrops. Their delicately nodding flowers lift our spirits and tell us spring is coming.

Leicestershire National Garden scheme has 4 snowdrop gardens opening in February. The first to open is The Acers at 10 The Rills, Hinckley, LE10 1NA, on Sunday 18th



Feb from 10.30-4pm. The garden owner is a keen galanthophile and you can expect over 200 varieties on display alongside Trilliums, Cyclamen, scented Hamamelis, and Erythronium.

On sale will be tea and homemade cakes, and a plant sale of snowdrops including some rare varieties.

Also on the 18th Feb, on the other side of the County Oak Cottage at Well Lane, Blackfordby, Swadlincote, DE11 8AG opens from 10-4pm. Enjoy a winter walk in this large garden of over 3.4 acres with an extensive display of snowdrops and hellebores in flower.

There are two more gardens opening on the weekend of 24 and 25th February.



Winter snowdrop display Hedgehog Hall

Hedgehog Hall, Lodington Road, Tilton on the Hill LE7 9DE opens from 11-4pm. A beautifully maintained garden with a collection of over 300 snowdrops, winter flowering hellebores, cyclamen and shrubs. The snowdrops are displayed on terraces so you can view in close up, and take photographs of many different species. There will be refresh-

ments on sale at St Peter's Church.

The second garden opening on the same weekend from 11-4pm is Westview 1 St Thomas's Road Great Glen LE8 9EH. In addition to over 300 varieties of snowdrops, there will be winter colour provided by winter aconites, ranunculus, iris reticulata and early narcissus, planted with evergreen ferns, and box hedging.

The owners also expect crocus, scented shrubs such as witch hazel, Sarcococca and Daphne, to be flowering. There will be homemade soup and rolls on sale to fend off any winter chill.

On the 3rd March, we have an early spring garden opening in Melton Mowbray, at Tresillian House 67 Dalby Road LE13 0BQ from 11-4pm. This garden displays spring bulbs, blossom and spring flowering shrubs such as Camellia and Magnolia.

Visiting one of our lovely winter gardens helps nursing and cancer charities. Thanks to the generosity of garden owners, our volunteers and garden visitors, in 2023 The National Garden Scheme donated over £3.4 million to our best loved charities, including Macmillan Cancer Support, Marie Curie, Hospice UK and The Queen's Nursing Institute.

For further details of our open gardens, accessibility, directions and admission fees and details, visit www.ngs.org.uk

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Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



This month's NHW report comes from our Local Police Beat Officers:

"We're aware of a rise in vehicle crime and burglaries recently across the county and unfortunately our beat area of Anstey, Thurcaston, Cropston and Newtown Linford hasn't been an exception to this. Please know that Charnwood Police are working hard to bring these offenders to justice. We'd ask that should you be unfortunate enough to discover someone attempting to break into your vehicle or home, please call 999 immediately and don't confront them yourselves.



Please stay safe! PC 330 Greg Moore and PCSO 6093 Mitch Jarvis."

Welcome to 'Police Matters' for the Dedicated Neighbourhood Policing Team that cover Anstey, Thurcaston/Cropston and Newtown Linford. Your main two officers for the area are PC Greg Moore 330 and PCSO Mitch Jarvis 6093.

News

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and wishing you all a happy new year!

There has been a reduction in vehicle crime across the villages however there has been a couple of burglaries recently in Newtown Linford. We recommend that you take precautions with vehicles by making sure no valuables are left inside and when it comes to properties we recommend that doors are locked, you have appropriate security alarms and if possible CCTV cameras/doorbell cameras.

The crime breakdown shows offences committed between **20th of November to the 21st of December 2023.**

Crime figures (Anstey)

Criminal Damage (non Dwelling) (Business Premises, Shed, Garage etc)
– 6

Theft Property (inc. Attempts) – 4

Theft from Motor Vehicle (inc Attempts) – 4

Burglary Dwelling (inc. Attempts)– 1

Crime figures (Newtown Linford)

Theft of Motor Vehicle (inc Attempts) – 1

Burglary Dwelling (inc. Attempts)– 2

Criminal Damage (non Dwelling) (Business Premises, Shed, Garage etc)

– 1

Theft Property (inc. Attempts) – 1

Crime Prevention

Become a creature of habit

Try to get into the habit of following your own course of action when you lock up your home. This will ensure that you don't forget anything.

Here's what we recommend you do before you go out:

- Close and lock all your doors and windows, even if you're only going out for a few minutes
- Double-lock any door
- Make sure that any valuables are out of sight
- Keep handbags away from the letterbox or cat flap and hide all keys including car keys, as a thief could hook keys or valuables through even a small opening
- Never leave car documents or ID in obvious places such as kitchens or hallways
- In the evening, shut the curtains and leave lights on
- If you're out all day, then it's advisable to use a timer device to automatically turn lights and a radio on at night
- Set your burglar alarm
- Make sure the side gate is locked
- Lock your shed or garage, lock your bike inside a secure shed or garage, to a robust fitting bolted to the ground or wall, like a ground anchor

Going away?

Here are five tips to help you keep your home and belongings stay safe while you're away:

1. If you're off on holiday and wish to post anything on social media, make sure your posts aren't public and that they're only seen by your friends
2. Leave lights and a radio on a timer to make the property appear occupied
3. Get a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your property or join a Neighbourhood or resident Watch Scheme
4. Consider asking your neighbours to close curtains after dark and to park on your drive
5. Remember to cancel newspaper and milk deliveries

If anybody has any information about the recorded crimes then please speak with your local officers, or if you have any information at all about

crime please call **CRIMESTOPPERS**. Your call will always be free, we won't ask your name and you may even receive a cash reward. Just call – **0800 555 111**

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



Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a peaceful Christmas and enjoyed the break. Although it now seems like a long time ago, thank you to everyone who played a part in the organisation of the Village Advent Fayre and Christmas Tree Festival. Over £400 was raised for the Village Hall and the Year 6 Apprentices also raised over £400 for the School. Most importantly though, it was a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together in festive celebration. Thank you to everyone who came out in support of the event despite the pouring rain! We'll keep fingers crossed for better weather this year and hopefully, we will see Santa and his sleigh at the 2024 Advent Fayre.

Response to Flooding

Following Storm Babet in October 2023 and the depletion of the village flood defences, CBC informed us that they were no longer able to supply sandbags for the Parish.

At the November meeting of the Parish Council, Councillors resolved to purchase a new supply of 400 Hydrosnakes at a cost of £1700 plus VAT for emergency use by residents and village businesses/organisations. Fortunately, these were delivered late December, just prior to Storm Henk and thank goodness they did! On Tuesday 2nd January, 80 hydrosnakes were issued to residents whose homes were at immediate risk of flooding.

Due to the vast amount of rainfall, we saw a very different type of flooding to what we have experienced before and in places that haven't previously flooded.

In addition, an emergency decision was made to purchase two submersible water pumps, capable of pumping 233L of water per minute.

These will be kept at the Village Hall along with the flood defences for

emergency use only and I have asked the Village Hall Committee to consider installing a key safe (decision pending), so that access would be available to all residents at any time, day or night. All you would need to do would be to contact me for the access code.

If you have suffered any flooding or may be at risk of flooding and would like a supply of Hydrosnakes, please contact me on the details below. We can't change the weather but we can be prepared!

Residents are encouraged to report any flooding to their properties to Leicestershire County Council via the following link:

<https://www.leicestershire.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/flooding-and-drainage/report-a-flood>

Our thoughts are with those residents who suffered flooding and with neighbouring communities who continue clear up operations.

On with the news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Work continues on further improvements to the Bob Bown Memorial Field and play park.

With regards to additional foot supports that were suggested for the climbing wall, it is not possible to fit any further supports at this time. The wall is actually a Bouldering Wall and the idea is, the children clamber across the wall sideways, rather than up and down. Further supports would increase the amount of space required around the equipment and until such time a decision has been made regarding further new equipment installations, we don't know how much space we will have. However, I will bear this in mind for the future.

Also, a reminder that unauthorized rope swings are not permitted. CBC are now considering removal of the branches used to tie rope swings.

Cemetery and Churchyard

Work has commenced on a new ash plot area next to the Cemetery shed. Over the coming weeks, the area will be turfed and prepared for new interments.

If you would like further details regarding earthen and ash plot availability, please contact me at the email address below. As maintenance costs are increasing, plot prices may be reviewed this year, so get in early to avoid any possible price increases.

Village Hall

Just a reminder that now the Village Hall has become busier with regular bookings throughout the week, access to the Hall must be by arrangement only please. If you hold a Village Hall key, please do not assume it

is OK to access the Hall freely. Should you require access to the Hall, please contact me in the first instance and I can advise when the best time would be. Hirers pay up to £32 per hour to hire the Hall for group bookings and they expect privacy during the times they have reserved. It is not OK for keyholders to turn up unannounced when the hall is already in use, as this could cause unwelcome disruption to our hirers. Thank you.

Disco Inferno

Work is underway to organise yet another Village Hall event. The next event will be Disco Inferno, a 70s themed night, which will be held on Friday 8th March from 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Tickets are £15 and go on sale towards the end of January.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw

Parish Council Clerk,

Tel: 01530 249945

Email: clerk@newtownlinford.org.uk



Contributions to Village Magazine

Can we have your contributions for the **March 2024** issue by **15th February 2024** please.

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