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The Bradgate

Group Parish



April, once we've dodged the showers, is very clearly the month in which it begins to feel like Spring has sprung. Whether it's the blossom on the trees, the early flowers putting forth their beautiful petals, the return of the migratory birds or the washing of the cricket whites laid up over the winter, everything speaks of new life, fresh starts.

This April the entire month is part of the celebration of Easter, that feast which above all others reminds us of the reality of the triumph of life over death, love over fear, hope over despair. The realisation of God's promises that the darkness of all that grinds us down will be swept away in the light of resurrection.

One of the things we'll be reflecting on at Church is what Jesus' resurrection – and our promised resurrection – means for how we approach the world around us. Sometimes we've had a simplistic understanding of what the resurrection means – that life after death means the world will fade away and people will live on in heaven. Sometimes that has led to some disastrously wrong attitudes and thinking – not just the 'bring on the apocalypse' - type nihilism which leads some to support war in Israel/ Gaza, but also the 'it doesn't matter' approach to using up the world's resources and polluting what is left. It's all earmarked for destruction, so why bother taking care of it?

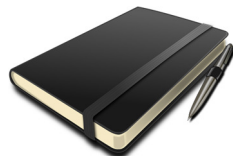
It is now four years since All Saints' achieved Bronze EcoChurch status – something which reflects our commitment to minimise our negative impact on the created world around us. It is work in progress – there are Silver and Gold levels to strive for – and one of the biggest issues we need to address is the heating system, something which will be part of the next stage of the re-ordering which began back in 2020.

Being resurrection-focussed does not mean caring less about the world God created – in fact it should lead us to be more concerned about a world which God intends to renew and restore. April, Spring, Easter, should lead us to enjoy that blossom, those birds, the bat on ball, and care about them more deeply

Richard Trethewey

**Rector of St Peter's, Glenfield, and All Saints', Newtown Linford
0116 287 1604**

VILLAGE DIARY



April

9th Tennis Club Tuesday Members nights resume
10th—28th Art Exhibition in Church
13th Village Ramblers
15th Deadline for Village Magazine
26th Gardening Club Celebrity Evening
26th Piano Recital—Markfield

May

21st Quiz Night—Bradgate Rotary Club

June

7-9th Choral Society

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 Exercise class, 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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April 2024

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- 11th Sue Morran, Sarah Brown, Teresa Calvert 07810 116641; 07811 166161; 07469 719018
- 18th Joe & Claire Costello with Bakers help 249613
- 25th Margaret Bloor, Sue Clarke, Sue Birkett, Julie Clark 07713 457414; 242000; 244317; 07765 032307

May 2024

- 2nd Bev Griffiths, Sue Dobby, Jennette, Lalita 01509 890264; 245366; 07930 955990; 07718 701614
- 9th Judy Rowe, Felicity Manning, Marilyn Upstone 243989; 245298; 242715
- 16th Glennis M, Mary Clarke, John Castle, Carolyn T 242897; 01163 190211; 249173
- 23rd Lesley Cook/Chris A/Ann Scrine with School 245208; 242432; 481928
- 30th Janet & David Brunton Angela & Adrian McNamee 242662; 07710 253231

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

RUMMAGE SALE THANK YOU

Thank you to all the Coffee & Cake attendees that made a cake, brought in Tombola prizes, helped on the day or sent us their rummage. It was a great success. A huge team effort

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Bradgate Rotary News

Bra Walk in Bradgate Park

We are absolutely delighted to advise that the Bra Walk in aid of the Glenfield Brest Care Centre held in January raised more than £15,000, which will pay for enhancements to the unit as well as much needed equipment.

Crocuses at the Village Hall

The Crocuses that were planted by Bradgate Rotary at the side of the Village Hall came out in a blaze of colour in March. The planting of purple Crocuses signifies Rotary



International's ongoing 'End Polio Now' campaign which started in 1985 to raise funds and awareness to help eradicate the disease Worldwide. Since then, over 2.5 billion children have been immunised against Polio and as a result cases have reduced by over 99%. However there are some countries where the disease is still prevalent.

Quiz Night

Finally calling all Quizzer's, a date for your diaries! Bradgate Rotary are holding a Quiz Night in The Linford on Tuesday 21st May. The price to enter being £17 per person including a Fish & Chip Supper with prizes going to the winning team and there will also be a raffle. All money raised on the night will be going to local Dementia charities.

Call Bradgate Rotary to get your team registered at what will be a popular event.



Bradgate Rotary Club

Quiz Night

£17pp

6:45pm
9:45pm

Tuesday 21st May
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RAFFLE

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Newtown Linford Art Group

Spring Exhibition 2024

We would like to invite you to an exhibition in All Saints' Church, Newtown Linford, of recent artworks created by members of the Art Group, which meets weekly in the Village Church.

The pieces on display showcase a variety of works relating to our recent project theme - **Charnwood Forest** - featuring a variety of individual interpretations and stories developing from the original concept.

All Saint's Church

Wednesday 10th April – Sunday 28th April 2024

Church Open 10-4

If you would like know more about the stories behind the project and activities of the group there will be a short presentation in the Church on Saturday 13th April at 12.00.

Kerry Walton

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Wildlife to look out for during April



- Spring should have properly arrived. The Spring migration is well under way – the first Osprey of the year was seen at Rutland Water on 12th March – and towards the end of the month the dawn chorus should be in full swing. It is well worth getting up early to listen to it.
- Look out for Orange Tip butterflies: the male is easily identified as the front wings are half white, half orange (females do not have the orange patch)
- Spring flowers are coming out. You will already have seen the black-thorn bushes in flower: easily identified as the white flowers come before the leaves (hawthorn does not come into flower until later, and the leaves come first). Identify where the bushes are, as they will have a good crop of Sloes in the Autumn. Go to Swithland Wood or Sheet Hedges Wood for the woodland flowers – anemones, violets, primroses etc.. Woodland flowers generally flower early in the year, making full use of the available light before they get shaded out by the leaves on the trees.
- Reptiles are awake: Bradgate Park has adders, grass snakes, slow worms and common lizards, while lizards can also occasionally be seen at the Altar Stones in Markfield. Choose a sunny day but prepare to be disappointed, as they are not easy to find.

Toby Manning

More about hedgehogs

Spring is the time when hedgehogs and other animals which hibernate to survive the winter start to come out of their hibernation, start to move around and feed in order to build up the energy to look for a mate.

The British Hedgehog Preservation Society (Tel. 01584 890 801; www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk) is a source of useful information and suggests the following in order to help hedgehogs during this critical period:

- Consider buying or making a hedgehog house and placing it in a sheltered corner of your garden.
- If possible, create a hedgehog highway by having a gap in the bottom of boundary walls and fences (13cm x 13cm at least).
- Put out shallow dishes of fresh water and kitten biscuits.
- Have wild corners and log piles in your garden where they might want to nest.
- Have plants in your garden that encourage the insects, beetles and worms that hedgehogs feed on.

- Ensure ponds have a sloping edge, ramp or half-submerged rock for hedgehogs to scramble out of.

Potential hazards to hedgehogs as they become more active and start to move from garden to garden are elastic bands and netting. Every year, the Royal Mail uses almost a billion elastic bands. These are biodegradable but still take many years to degrade, and in the meantime, can be a hazard to wildlife (and also to domestic pets, like cats). Hedgehogs can become entangled, the bands restrict movement and can also get embedded in the skin. The B.H.P.S. has produced a postcard about this which can be given to posties to raise their awareness of the dangers of elastic bands. It has also produced a sticker, letter-box size, which can be placed on letter boxes for posties to see. I asked my friendly postie about this and she said that she wouldn't use elastic bands around my post, and would also ask her colleagues not to drop them on the ground.

Hedgehogs can easily become entangled in netting and, in trying to become free, end up even more entangled. Sometimes, even when freed, there are pieces of netting still in the skin which becomes infected. A

hedgehog which has been entangled should be seen by a rehabilitator and the B.H.P.S. (see above for contact details) will advise about this.

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Finally, this year Hedgehog Awareness Week will run from the 5th to 11th May. More about this later.

Carole Longe

Tree and Wildlife observation walk Saturday 24th February Castle Hill Country Park

On a lovely sunny winter day, 10 of us started at Gorse Hill, Anstey, to visit the upper part of this well wooded Country Park. Here there are some surfaced paths, and we were away from recently flooded land. There is a very fine ancient 'Great Oak', also more recent woodlands of Ash, Field Maple, Cherry, Hazel, all of which we saw on our short walk.

There is much recent planting in the Country Park, dating from about 1980 we believe, including recent orchard planting. We also saw overgrown hedges, identifying Hawthorn, Blackthorn, Field Maple, Cherry, and woodland plants under them, such as 'Lords and Ladies', just starting to put out leaves. Trees which flower before coming into leaf, such as Blackthorn and Cherry, were seen all around us this February, with petals falling by the time we took our walk. Much more to explore on future visits, as leaves and flowers develop.

Felicity Manning

Newtown Linford Biodiversity

email: nlbiodiversity@gmail.com.

HELLO FOLKS

It's that time of year again when we look to start organising

SCARECROW FESTIVAL 2024!



Theme : Music

Our idea this year for fundraising is a village wide raffle open to our groups & organisations. If your organisation would like to participate, we just ask that **AT LEAST 2 good prizes** are donated. We will then give each of you tickets to sell and each organisation will be able to keep their own monies raised. (tickets will be returned to me for the prize draw on the Sunday)

We are also looking for village volunteers who might be able to give an hour or more of time either before or on the weekend of, to lend a hand in fundraising.

Should you wish to participate in raising funds or volunteer some time, please message Jacqui Marsh - forestfitstudio@gmail.com

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Dick Howard



What to send in

NEWTOWN LINFORD TENNIS CLUB NEWS. CLUB COURT & SPRING CLEAN

Many thanks to all the members, including children who helped with the Club spring clean. There were jobs for everyone resulting in the facilities being left spick and span ready for the new season. Bacon sandwiches and coffee were enjoyed by all as a thank you.

NEW SEASON - NEW MEMBERSHIP

New membership packages are now on line on the Clubs website - newtownlinfordtennisclubclubspark Early|Bird renewal before 1st April.



MEMBERS CLUBNIGHT - Starts Tuesday 9th April - from 6pm Will Wilson and Joey Ridley leaf clearing

All Adult and recommended Intermediates welcome - your chance to come and meet other members



Nick Ridley jet washing the tables.
Thank you to the Cricket Club for lending us the water and hosepipe

NEW CRICKET & TENNIS CLUB NOTICE BOARD FOR 2024 SEASON

The Notice Board is being made and will replace the old wooden one by the bridge. Keep an eye out as to what is on at both clubs



Gary Turner on leaf duty 12 bags later



The girls bottoming the club house

Bacon sandwiches and coffee
Made it all worth it



Newtown Linford Primary School

It's lovely to have lighter nights and spring is in the air with daffodils and crocuses flowering out and about. We have recently managed to restart our Gardening Club after a rest over winter. The children and our amazing volunteers have already got some exciting ideas for what we would like to grow. It will be fabulous if they grow produce they can cook and then eat!!! We will let you know how they get on.

We are very proud of the music opportunities that we provide for our children. Our Choir has performed in Birmingham and will be performing again at De Montfort Hall in April. We also have our hand bell band. The children have recently achieved their first badge in the Crescendo scheme where they had to prove they could demonstrate a variety of skills.



We have been working really hard on improving our library this year and have some new fabulous books the children are loving reading. I have now set the teachers a challenge of reading one of our new books so they can give a recommendation to the children. I have just read 'Aarti and the Blue Gods' by Jasbinder Bilan. It was a great read! We are looking forward to World Book day and seeing what amazing costumes the children come up with this year!!



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This term has already gone so fast with Easter quickly approaching. We hope you all have a good Easter break and the weather is kind and the Easter bunny brings some lovely treats.

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Markfield Methodist Church



We have 3 lovely spring gardens to visit during April in Leicestershire.

Opening on 7th April, from 2-5pm is Stoke Albany House, Desborough Road, Stoke Albany LE16 8PT- a wonderful

spring garden full of colourful bulbs and blossom. A 4 acre country house garden with trees, shrubs, wide herbaceous borders, parterre with box and roses. There is also a mediterranean garden, a heated greenhouse, potager with topiary, a water feature garden and sculptures.



Himalayan white birch, blossom and spring bulbs at Stoke Albany garden

It is Tulip time at Westbrooke House, 52 Scotland Road, Little



Tulip time at Westbrooke House

Bowden, LE16 8AX which opens on 28th April from 10-4.30pm. The walled garden features a wonderful show of over 10,000 tulips making a fantastic display. The spring garden features 'Sid the stag' with a woodland area to the front of the property which includes a large weeping willow and a river bridge leading to a folly. There is a slate water feature and rill, a secret garden with a fernery and water feature.

Also opening on 28th April from 11-6pm is Tresillian House, 67 Dalby Road, Melton Mowbray, LE13 0BQ. A quiet secluded garden with beautiful cedar trees, a pond, a natural bog area, many unusual plant species, hot and cold greenhouses, veg plot and pond experts, Wild Water Ponds, on hand to give advice. There is also a small art exhibition by local artists. Light refreshments and cream teas will be on sale.

There is free admission for children to all three gardens. Visiting one of our open gardens raises funds for many charities, including cancer and nursing charities. In 2023 the National Garden Scheme donated £3,403,960.00 to many charities. Full details of our beneficiary charities are on the website together with further details of our open gardens, accessibility, directions and admission fees and details, visit www.ngs.org.uk

Six year old Clara's delightful conversation when she had tea with the Queen....

Six-year-old Clara Webb, daughter of Elspeth and granddaughter of Andrew and Fiona of the Old Vicarage, (where Elspeth also works) went to Buckingham Palace in February to have tea with Queen Camilla because she was a finalist in the BBC 500 Words competition.

Clara wrote a story about a pony she used to see in a field on her way to Caroline and Claire's pre-school when travelling from Rothley to Newtown Linford. The pony had a coat on and stood under a tree. Clara used to tell her mummy that she thought he was making plans to solve crimes with his various animal friends, and that his coat had magical powers.

The story was entered into the BBC 500 words competition where Clara made the final 50 in a ceremony and tea party at Buckingham Palace. Clara and her Mum were astounded that Clara won second place out of 44,000 entries to become the Silver Winner of the BBC 500 words competition.



Here is the moment that Clara was announced as the winner with Clara's astonished look, which is just lovely!



Clara's favourite film and book are 'Matilda', and the wonderful BBC 500 words team got the actress who plays 'Matilda' Alisha Weir to announce Clara's success and read her story.

Clara had a wonderful day with her Mum at Buckingham Palace, talking to Queen Camilla about the favourite bear ears she was wearing ('borrowed' by Lenny Henry for some of the time as he took a liking to them). Queen Camilla was delighted and thought Clara needed to have a



set of pony ears to match her story.

Clara and her Mum then had a wonderful week appearing on The One Show, BBC Breakfast, in 'Hello' magazine, Newsround, various magazines and newspapers

including the 'Times'.

Radio Leicester even came to Clara's school to do their entire morning show from the school in celebration of her win.

BBC 500 words produced a book with all six winner's stories, gave Clara a hand painted and signed picture of her 'pony with a coat on solving crimes' surrounded by his animal friends and she received a silver medal.

Clara also won Queen Camilla's height in books which she shared with her school and an additional book voucher.

Clara's story 'Pony with a coat on solving Crimes' can be found on the BBC 500 words winners' website.



The second series is in hand... the pony loses his magic coat and his friends including Mavis the purrrrice cat help him find it..... (Mavis the cat lives at the Old Vicarage and is taking her newfound fame in her stride).

Fiona Bradley-Barlow



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/winners/zcb63qt#zb4s46f3>

SUNDAY SERVICES April 2024



DATE	GLENFIELD	NEWTOWN
7 April	8.30am Holy Communion	
Second Sunday of Easter	9.30am Breakfast Church	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
14 April	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Geoff Stokes</i>
Third Sunday of Easter	6pm Teaching Evening	
21 April	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Fourth Sunday of Easter		
28 April	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Prayer <i>Richard Trethewey</i>
Fifth Sunday of Easter	4pm Crumpet Church	

Midweek Holy Communion

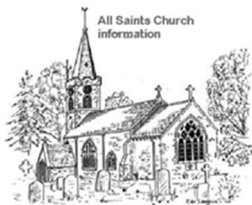
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<https://www.facebook.com/stpetersglenfield/live>

CHURCH REGISTERS



Weddings

None

Baptisms

25th February ~ Abel Elcock

We welcome them in to the church family



Funerals

None

Church Contact Details

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

Hayley Moore (Church Administrator)
0116 239 3768

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Church Warden: Michele Petty, m.petty@ulverscroft.co.uk,

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

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Church Flowers

During the year, and especially for Church festivals, a willing band of ladies keep the Church bedecked with lovely flowers. We look forward to flowers returning to our Church at Easter and really appreciate the work done by our loyal flower arrangers. We wondered if anyone would like to give to the flower fund this Easter so that we can have the lovely lilies in our Church again.

If you would like to give, donations can be handed to Sue Howard, 94a Main Street or Judy Rowe, 58a Main Street or if you prefer donations can be placed (in an envelope marked Easter Flowers) in the collection plate at Church.

If anyone is interested in joining the flower arranging team, you would be very welcome! Please contact Judy Rowe on 07803 045510.

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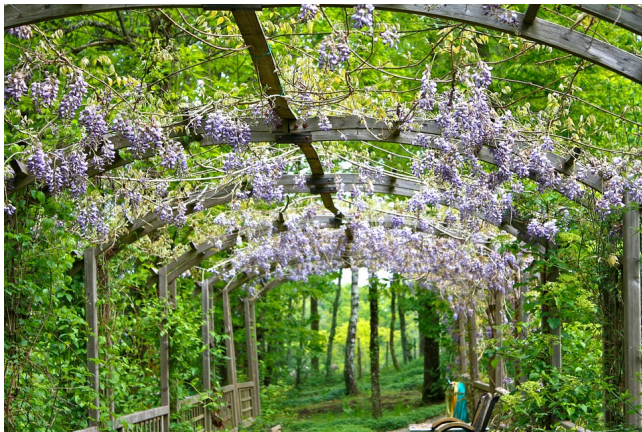
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Newtown Linford Gardening Club

(www.newtownlinford.org.uk/gardening-club.html)

We were wonderfully entertained by Samantha Hopes of Hopes Nurseries in Staffordshire at our February Meeting, when she regaled us with interesting stories about the plants and fruits we grow and buy. We learnt that wisteria is one of the most rampant plants on the planet and, if left unpruned, can spread over vast areas in a relatively short period of time.



We were also told that figs are pollinated by a small wasp which lays its eggs inside the pulp of the fruit and after these eggs are hatched and fertilised, many of the wasps die inside the fruit. Fortunately, by the time we come to eat figs, these wasps have all gone so we are, thank goodness, not eating their decaying carcasses.

We were able to secure a deal to provide our members with bags of sylvagrow peat-free compost at a very discounted rate. 150 bags were distributed, so we are able to continue with our gardening and play our part in preserving the planet at the same time.

We hold our AGM in April and are again able to demonstrate to our members the healthy state of our Club with a thriving membership, a sound financial position and a programme which continues to provide a wide variety of events, with speakers of national repute, interesting places to visit and lively social events.

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Village Ramblers

For the March ramble, seven of us met at the Village Hall and walked along Main Street to the public footpath which leads up to Bradgate Park. Inside the Park, we followed the perimeter wall to Hunts Hill, and then walked the short distance alongside Benscliffe Road to Rough Hill Woodlands, where we enjoyed a short amble around the permissive footpaths. Although primarily a plantation, rather than established woodland, there are a few stands of mature trees, vestiges of the time when it was an area of fields and copses. With all the winter rain, it was a tad soggy underfoot, but only in a few places. We then took the shortest route back into the village for tea and scones!

The next Village Ramble is on Saturday 13th April will be led by Toby Manning. Meet outside the Village Hall at 2pm. For more information, contact Toby (email: ptm@tobymanning.co.uk)
Claire Costello



Brownies

I have only just joined as a brownie at the start of the year, when I turned seven. And last month was really busy. For Mother's Day, we all went to Church and my sister Beatrix read a prayer. At the end we gave away flowers to all the mums and had biscuits. We also had a rummage sale in the village hall. I helped at the toy stand. We helped raise a lot of money. It was great fun. Also for thinking day my mum showed the Brownies traditional Bulgarian dancing. We all gave it a go. My mum said next time she will get Brown Owl dancing. I have really enjoyed my first few weeks with Newtown Linford Brownies And look forward to many more adventures in the years to come!

Hattie Phillips age 7

Note from Brown Owl

At the end of the evening when the Brownies did Bulgarian Dancing, Karina danced "Swan Lake" for them, (Kavina was a professional ballerina).

I have never seen the Brownies so quiet before—they were awestruck!!

Thank you Karina.

Rummage Sale

May we thank everyone who supported our Rummage Sale and made it such a great success. We had people queueing very early on to grab the bargains. A large amount of quality items were given to us, which boosted the takings.

We really do appreciate the interest shown by the Village. Thank you on behalf of :

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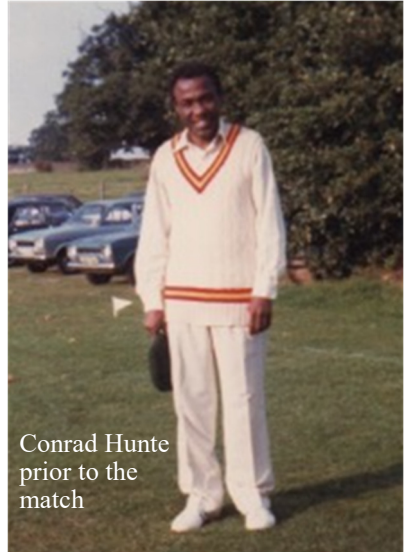


NEWTOWN LINFORD C. C. - SPORTSMAN'S SERVICE

As reported in last month's edition of the Village Magazine, it is hoped that NLCC will continue with the Sportsman's Dinner. Sadly, one of the events that has fallen by the wayside is the Sportsman's Church Service. This was a service held in All Saints Church at the end of the season whereby a retired or active sportsman, who was a practicing Christian, was invited to deliver the sermon. This event occurred in the seventies and early eighties under the auspices of the late Reverend Harry Fletcher.

Probably, the most famous speaker was Conrad Hunte, the West Indies batsman and vice-captain, who was the son of a sugar plantation worker and a committed Christian.

During this period, league cricket in Leicestershire was in its infancy and therefore some games were played on a friendly basis. As it was not a league game, we were permitted to select Conrad Hunte to represent the Club. In the match versus Leicester Veronique, he opened the innings and scored twenty-five runs. On the Sunday he placed his watch on the pulpit and stated that as he had



Conrad Hunte
prior to the
match

scored twenty-five runs on the Saturday, he would be afforded the opportunity to preach for twenty-five minutes. This, he duly adhered to.

Chris Scrine



Newtown Linford First X1 v. Leicester Veronique - 1978

Back Row: A. Swift (Umpire), B. Childs, B. Redstone, D. Bates, J. Lamb,

C. Scrine, B. Wright, H. Poole (Scorer).

Front Row: C. Hunte, L. Matts, K. Sammons (Capt), P. Mason, D. Jones.

A report for 70's evening in the Village Hall.

The Village Hall took a time machine back to the 1970s on Friday 8th March, to an era of high inflation, energy instability, industrial unrest and unstable government, but at least the music was different!

Thanks to the Village Hall Committee and the Event Committee, the Hall was transformed into a 1970s disco, with the star attraction, other than resident DJ Ian White, being the wonderful light-up dance floor. Following on from the great successes of the 80's and 90's nights, the 70's night had a lot to live up to and it certainly delivered. The age range of the 120 or so who put on their party gear was remarkable, from teenagers who barely knew a song right up to those who probably had their flares, big-collared shirts and boldly patterned dresses from the time when they were first worn. Featuring music from T Rex, Grease, Abba, Queen and much more, it was a hugely enjoyable evening and another reminder of what a great Village we live in.

As usual there are many people to thank for their help in putting on such an event for us all to enjoy. Huge appreciation to Hannah, Scott, Dan at Charnwood Vintners, Stuart (aka Scooby Doo), Martyn, Richard, Caroline, Beth & Matt, and everyone else who chipped in to help with setting up the event and clearing up afterwards. Big thanks to everyone who attended and put on some of the most garish and sartorially inelegant outfits as they boogied on down. And a special mention as ever to Ian White of Bradgate Events whose event-planning and DJing skills are second to none.

We hope to see you all at the next event in the Autumn.

Paddy Mulvihill







Over the next few months you may see a group of young ladies running through the village.

In May Beth, Anna, Megan Raynor and their cousin Robyn Harrison are running the gruelling half marathon in Leeds in support of the Alzheimer's Society. Many of you know that this is very close to our hearts as Sarah's mother Hazel has this condition. They have set up a just giving page. Any donations would be greatly appreciated to helping us get closer to fighting this awful disease.

Hi - A little message from Beth, Megan, Anna and I, We are embarking on this half marathon with a mission close to our hearts – to raise funds for Alzheimer's, a charity that holds deep significance for us. Having witnessed our beloved Grandma navigate the challenging journey of this disease, we are fuelled by a passion to make a difference. Our goal is not only to conquer the miles but also to contribute to Alzheimer's research and support. Every step we take is dedicated to creating awareness and honouring the strength and resilience of those, like our Grandma, who have faced Alzheimer's. Your support means the world to us as we strive to bring hope and make a positive impact in the fight against this debilitating condition.

We appreciate any donations gifted.

The link is below - you can copy and paste it from the online version on the Village website.

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Thank you so much,

Village Archive

When looking through the Village Archive I occasionally come across items of unknown origin. The following is a copy of such an item which I believe was probably written in the early 1980s. It is anonymous but very interesting and I thought I would share it with you.

“As you approach this charming village from Leicester via Anstey there is a fine view of Bradgate Park and Cropston Reservoir to your right. This Medieval Deer Park was formerly the property of the Grey family. It still contains the ruins of an early example of a brick, unfortified country house, the childhood home of Lady Jane Grey, who became Queen of England for nine days in 1553. When the estate was sold in the 1920s Charles Bennion of British United Shoe Machinery Company bought the Park and presented it to the people of Leicester and Leicestershire, who have continued to enjoy its spectacular scenery of old oaks and craggy outcrops of ancient rock. The Medieval Church by the Park Gates is dedicated to All Saints, it was restored in the 19th century but the tower and windows in the south wall appear much as they would have done in the time of Lady Jane. It is built of Charnwood Forest Stone and roofed in local Swithland slate, as are many of the village houses. This same slate marks the older graves. The gothic windowed Sunday school was built by the Earl of Stamford, Lord of the Manor, in 1822. It housed the village school before the present one was built almost a century later. Beyond the church lies the cricket field, one of the most attractive in the county and an animated scene throughout the summer months. Indeed Newtown Linford is an active community with a sustained and varied village life. For those interested in vernacular architecture, the village provides several examples of both timber framed and stone built dwellings, roofed in thatch or slate. Vine Cottage, 9 Main Street, is a thatched cottage and stands opposite the village pump. The single storey building adjoining number 15 was once the village smithy and more recently the village shop. Across the road is Gable Cottage, a fine example of timber framing. Some of the brick infill is said to have come from the ruins in the park. Like Vine Cottage and several of the other older properties, it was once three dwellings. The Board school next door built in 1907 still rings to the sound of children’s voices. Behind the 20th century facade of the Bradgate Hotel lies an older village inn, where carriers refreshed themselves and changed their horses. Until the Second World War many of the cottages provided teas for visitors, and the village still has a variety of places to eat. Opposite the Hotel, the group of buildings round the courtyard was a farm with a sheep dip. Now there are only two farms but there were ten at the breakup of the Bradgate estate in 1925. At that time the entire village was sold and happily many tenants were

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able to buy their own home. Sixty years on we find that there has been limited building in a linear fashion and today modern transport enables people to enjoy life in a thriving village community while working in the town. The thousands of visitors, who flock to the park in their cars and coaches, find the village store and post office occupying a row of cottages opposite the church. This most useful source of information has had several resting places, one is still called Post Office Row to this day and is found end on to the Main Street by the Club.

At the junction of Markfield Lane and Main Street was once a ford from which Newtown Linford derives its name "the new settlement by the ford where the lime trees grow". The footpath leading from

the stile just inside Markfield Lane passes through a field known as Townsend. Another footpath sets off down "The Bank" opposite Johnscliffe Hotel

(subsequently demolished)
and now it passes a group

of cottages and crosses the waterside meadows towards the remains of the Old Watermill. The River Lin rises beyond Ulverscroft and flows parallel to the main street before passing through Bradgate Park and into Cropston Reservoir "

Iris Sayer



The Johnscliffe Hotel

**Information from David Snartt.
Borough Councillor for Forest Bradgate.**

Changes to Planning Policy.

One of the main reasons why speculative development has been allowed in the Borough is because Charnwood Borough Council could not demonstrate a five year housing land supply. I am pleased that the recent Government changes to the National Planning Policy Framework have allowed Councils like Charnwood, which have done the right thing in producing a new Local Plan for examination, can now demonstrate a four-year housing land supply based on the forecast delivery in a five year period. Therefore, following the guidance issued by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities on 5th February 2024, it is now considered that a 4.49 housing land supply can be demonstrated by Charnwood Borough Council. In my view, this will be helpful when determining new applications, although I understand that other planning policies may affect the decision making process until the new Local Plan is in place.

Local Plan Update.

I attended the latest Local Plan Examination hearings taking place between 20th and 23rd February at the Town Hall, Loughborough. Hopefully, after the completion of these latest hearings the Council can move forward to consultation on the main modifications. The hearing sessions focused on each of the pieces of evidence that was consulted on in the Autumn 2023.

It is expected that the Council will receive a letter from the Inspectors in the coming few weeks setting out the next steps and the examination will then move towards a formal consultation on the main modifications which are required to make the Local Plan sound. However, it should be noted that the programme of the examination is in the hands of the Inspectors. It is anticipated that the Council will be able to consider the Local Plan for adoption towards the end of 2024.

Budget for the Year Ahead.

Charnwood Borough Council approved its budget for 2024/25 at a meeting of the Council on Monday 26th February 2024. The budget sets out the Council's spending plans for services in the coming year and includes the creation of a £100,000 grants pot to support Community Groups who help residents struggling with the cost of living and freezing the cost of the garden waste service.

The Council Tax increase means the annual charge for the element of Council Tax for an average Band D property will rise by £4.21p over 12 months (three per cent) from April 1st 2024. The Council has one of the

lowest Council Tax charges in the country. In my view, this is due to decisions the Council has made for many previous years, balancing good financial matters whilst providing excellent services.

The Council is responsible for a wide range of services including, collecting recycling and refuse from more than 70,000 homes in the Borough, supporting homeless people, managing open spaces including the Outwoods, emptying dog bins, litter bins, street cleaning, food safety inspections, licensing of pubs, clubs and taxis, operating Loughborough Markets and the annual four-day Loughborough Fair, handling planning applications and strategic planning.

Register to Vote.

People living in Charnwood have until midnight on Tuesday 16th April 2024 to register to vote in the Leicestershire Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) election. The next PCC elections will take place across England and Wales on 2nd May 2024.

Most residents are currently registered to vote with over 133,000 people on the Electoral Register in Charnwood. However, if you are not currently registered to vote, you can visit the Government's website to find out how to register. Please remember, photo ID will be required when voting at a polling station. This requirement was introduced by the UK Government last year and applies to most elections including the PCC election on 2nd May 2024.

Voting by Post.

If you know that you will not be able to get to the polling station on polling day, you can vote by post. You can apply for a postal vote if you are away on holiday or because your work schedule means you can't get to the polling station. You can also choose to vote by post simply because it would be more convenient for you.

You can apply to vote by post for a particular election, for a set time or a maximum of up to three years. You can apply for a postal vote in a number of ways: On line via www.gov.uk/apply-postal-vote: Download, print and complete a postal vote application form from the Electoral Commission: Contact Electoral Services at Charnwood Borough Council elections@charnwood.gov.uk or call 01509 634546. They will send you a postal vote application form to complete. Remember, you can choose to vote by post simply because it would be more convenient for you.

More information is available on the Charnwood Borough Council website www.charnwood.gov.uk/pages/voting_by_post.



A Bench in the Churchyard has been placed there in memory of Janet Neaverson. Above—Dick and Sue Howard trying it out.

Below is a picture of Janet on her retirement as vice-chair of the Parish Council in 2016. Janet was a very community minded person both with the Parish Council and the Church and is remembered with great fondness by many villagers





Newtown Linford Neighbourhood Watch - A member of the Parish Council



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

"After our recent covert speed checks, as promised we went out yesterday (12/03/24) to follow up with a bit of high visibility enforcement on Cropston Road, Anstey and Markfield Lane, Newtown Linford.

No tickets were handed out on this occasion (as all of the drivers stopped weren't above the threshold to receive them) but several were stopped, spoken to and given some strong advice.

These speeding operations will continue in different locations around Anstey, Thurcaston, Cropston and Newtown Linford and only take place in areas where we know that speeding is a problem. We don't do this to generate money (as any money from fines goes to the Government!) and this is purely about safety on our roads.

That said, enforcement will continue and will come from the Leicestershire Road Safety Partnership or ourselves as a beat team."

Upcoming Beat Surgeries

Sunday 28th April:- 1415 – 1545hrs – Newtown Linford (Bradgate Road / Police box)

Saturday 25th May:- 1530 – 1700hrs – Newtown Linford (Police Box, Bradgate Road)

Please put these dates in your diary and do please come along and see us. These are great opportunities to meet your beat team, but more importantly these are fantastic opportunities for you to help shape our future priorities, by letting us know about anything affecting you.

PC 330 Greg Moore and PCSO 6093 Mitch Jarvis

Crime figures (Newtown Linford)

The crime breakdown shows offences committed between 20th January to 22nd February 2024.

Theft from Motor Vehicle (inc Attempts) – 1

Theft Property (inc. Attempts) – 2

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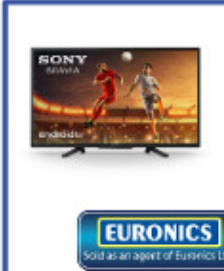
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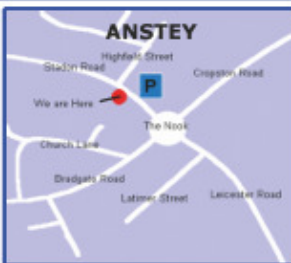
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Are there walls, bins or garden furniture that could be used to reach windows? For windows that are within reaching distance such as ground floors, see our tips below.

1. Laminated glass or security film is recommended for ground floor and accessible windows.
2. Sash stops prevent anyone opening the sash window enough to climb through.
3. Key operated locks are recommended for window types that open out, rather than up, and any ground floor or accessible windows. Remember, window locks are only effective if used, so check that you have locked them before you leave home or go to bed.
4. Window opening restrictors allow you to ventilate your home but make sure they can't be picked and

unlocked from outside.

Further advice

Burglars have been known to use ladders to access upper windows that appear to be unlocked. This is to avoid intruder alarm sensors on the lower floor. These ladders are either found in a garden or brought by the suspect. You should make sure windows on upper floors have locks or sash stops. You should also extend any alarm sensor coverage to upper rooms.

If you're replacing your windows, always consider a security accredited product as these windows are tested to British standards and are insurance approved.

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk,

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News from Newtown Linford Parish Council

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Hello everyone!

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in two huge Village events during March.

Firstly, the Annual Village Rummage Sale which was held on Saturday 2nd March in the Village Hall and raised over £1,900 for five village organisations; Brownies, Coffee and Cake, Village Hall, Preschool and Jolly Tots.

Secondly, the 70s themed Disco Inferno night, also held at the Village Hall and which boasted an impressive Saturday Night Fever style light up dancefloor! Numbers were lower this time but we still managed to raise an impressive £350 on ticket sales alone. The final total sum raised will be announced in due course.

Huge thanks go to resident, Ian White and his team at Bradgate Events, who support us in our fundraising. Without them, these events we all enjoy so much, would not be possible.

Watch this space for a future event in early November. We really hope you'll support us by joining in the fun and making it another sell-out night!

On with more news....

Bob Bown Memorial Field

Hopefully, the ground is now starting to dry out at the Bob Bown Memorial Field after all the wet weather we've experienced over the Winter and I hope the football pitch will again become useable throughout the Summer months.

I will be meeting with various playground equipment suppliers over the next few months to draw up a plan with regards to future playground equipment installations.

If anyone has a particular interest in the park and would like to join me in these discussions, you'd be very welcome. Please get in touch!

Cemetery and Churchyard

Work on a new ash plot area next to the Cemetery shed is now complete and looks absolutely wonderful. Thank you to our Grounds Maintenance Contractor, Michael Liggins of Firetree, who has done an

amazing job.

Following interment into an earthen grave, we allow the ground to settle for a period of at least 8 months before laying turf. We also recommend that memorial stones are not installed for a period of 12 months after interment, to allow for any possible ground movement.

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, so get in early to avoid any possible price increases.

60 mixed hedgerow saplings donated to us by the Woodland Trust, have been planted at the Churchyard recently and include dog rose, hawthorn, hazel, crab apple and dogwood. The saplings will make a natural screen and connect with existing hedgerows to create more natural habitats and help wildlife stay on the move. I look forward to seeing them grow.

Best wishes,

Hannah Shaw, Parish Council Clerk

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Can we have your contributions for the **May 2024** issue by **15th April 2024** please.

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